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## Hail Hits in Few Places; Fruit Not Hurt by Freeze

Considerable hail fell in the south portion of Runnels county and the adjoining border of Concho county Saturday afternoon between 6 o'clock and sundown. E. F. Krc, in a telephone interview with a Ledger reporter, said the hail on his place was sufficient to cover the top of the ground and there was also enough rain to fill small branches and draws, but due to the fact that crops have not advanced sufficiently except possibly early gardens, that no appreciable damage was done by the frozen pellets. Some snow fell in that section Sunday night and a hard freeze was experienced there as well as in other parts of the county.

Hail also was reported in about the same proportion in the vicinity of the Russell oil field and on Grape Creek.

Mrs. S. E. Ransbarger, who resides in the vicinity of the Concho postoffice, stated that the hail in that section was very light and was accompanied by about an inch of rain.

This is the season when sheep men are experiencing their heaviest lambing but it could not be ascertained whether any losses were sustained from this cause.

Farmers are greatly handicapped in their activities, reporting plowing impossible, and some state their teams bogged up to their knees Saturday afternoon after the deluge. Winter weeds are becoming rank and there is an unlimited amount of work to be done when the fields again become workable.

### Snow and Freeze Not Expected to Hurt Fruit

The freeze and snow here Sunday night is not expected to injure fruit or other vegetation according to C. W. Lehmburg, county agent, and other experts who Monday morning had examined growing shrubs and fruit trees. The light snow which fell early Sunday night filled the blossoms and furnished moisture enough to help greatly in withstanding the freeze which came later in the night.

A norther blew all day Sunday, sending citizens about in overcoats and closed cars. Few ventured out in the frigid atmosphere more than was necessary and little activity marked the day.

Rain Saturday left the ground wet and helped tender plants to withstand the cold. Most of the fruit trees in this vicinity are in full bloom and soon may be partially damaged, but most observers are of the opinion that none are hurt. It will take some time, however, before this determined definitely.

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## Many Veterans are Applying For Loans on Their Policies

Veterans of the World War filed applications for loans on their adjusted compensation certificates at Ballinger Saturday which will bring between \$4,000 and \$5,000 in cash here. Monday morning a large number of others were making applications. M. C. Atkins, service officer of Pat Williams post, receiving several hundred notes for veterans to sign. The local banks also have notes on hand and are ready to handle all applications.

The following information is necessary from those who have already secured loans on their certificates and desire to borrow more at this time: If the first loan was made through the veterans' business and the additional sum is desired by the same route it is necessary for the policyholder to bring with him the pink slip received after the first loan was made, identifying the policy now held at Washington. The pink slip will be pinned to the new note and sent to the nearest veterans' bureau. It will require from three weeks to 30 days to secure the cash on the new loan. If the first loan was made through a bank, the veteran must go to that bank and make arrangements for the additional loan or write the bank from which the loan was ob-

## Snow Blanket Over West Texas

(By Associated Press)  
DALLAS, Mar. 2.—The sun shone down today on the snow blanket covering the Texas Panhandle, and snow in the South Plains region was slowly melting this afternoon as the weather man forecast probable frost to the coast in East Texas and for the south portion of West Texas tonight.

Heavy, sticky snow plopped down here yesterday evening as theatre crowds pushed indoors. A dispatch from Abilene reported snow flurries. The Lubbock area reported seven to twelve inches of snow; Borger, ten inches; Bryan, Brady and Rowena, snow flurries.

Cold weather at Corsicana postponed the opening of the Dallas Steers' baseball training camp.

About an inch rain was recorded at Gainesville. San Antonio and Houston reported brisk northers.

No appreciable damage was reported in Texas after the weekend of snow and sleet.

Temperatures in Oklahoma were rising today. The minimum at Oklahoma City today was 22 degrees.

The greater portion of continental Europe and the British Isles was covered with snow today, and bitter cold prevails. Highways and railways are blocked in Sweden. Telephone and telegraph lines are down in Denmark.

## Fire at Bryan; Loss is \$50,000

(By Associated Press)  
BRYAN, Tex., Mar. 2.—Fire of unknown origin today destroyed the Stevenson machine shop here with an estimated loss of \$50,000. The business was established thirty-three years ago.

The best carbon paper for typewriters at Ledger office. dtf

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lankford and family of Abilene spent Sunday in Ballinger visiting relatives.

George R. Cole, Hastings, Mich., collects old motor car license plates. He has them from 35 countries as well as every state.

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## Lingle Case to Trial Tomorrow; Youth Accused as "Hired" Gunman

(By Associated Press)  
CHICAGO, Mar. 2.—Leo V. Brothers goes to trial tomorrow, March 3, for the murder of Alfred "Jake" Lingle, Tribune reporter. It promises to be the sort of court room "thriller" Chicago has not presented since William Darling Shepherd was acquitted of feloniously inoculating with typhoid germs the wealthy young William Nelson McClintock.

Lingle was shot to death last June 9 as he hurried through a crowded pedestrian subway under Michigan Avenue. He was en route to a racetrack. An investigation disclosed that the \$65-a-week "leg" man had wagered extensively on the horses.

Seven months later Brothers was arrested and accused of being the "hired" gunman. Only unsubstantiated rumors of police protection have hinted why Lingle's death was desired.

The reporter was an intimate friend of William F. Russell, then police commissioner. Russell resigned soon after the Lingle slaying.

The Shepherd case was the last of four notorious trials which in a few years fastened national attention on Chicago court rooms. The others were the Leopold-Loeb, Marty Durkin and Beulah Annan cases.

None who had a part in them will play a part in Brothers' day in court. Judge Joseph Sabath, famous for his divorce court procedure, will preside.

Instead of "Ropes" O'Brian and the fiery Bob Crowe, state's attorneys, demanding death for the accused, there will be the youthful C. Weyland Brooks, assistant state's attorney, and Charles F. Rathbun, of the Tribune's legal staff, a special prosecutor.

The trial will be in the new, bulky criminal courts building, far outside the "loop" district, instead of the grimy, compressed



Leo V. Brothers (upper right) goes to trial in Chicago before Judge Joseph Sabath (lower right) tomorrow for the murder of Alfred Lingle, Chicago Tribune reporter. Brothers' sweetheart, Betty Cook (left), is expected to testify.

## First Checks Received For Runnels Farmers

The first checks from the federal farm loan fund were received here Monday morning and as soon as rules are satisfied, they will be approved and will start arriving by almost every mail from now until all applications have been passed upon by the office issuing them.

Work in the local office has slowed down to some extent due to a number of farmers waiting until the food part of the loan is included. Twenty million dollars was appropriated for this part of the work but instructions for the granting of loans for food has been slow in getting information to the local office.

Checks to farmers are issued in instalments and the size of those received here Monday was not known until the individuals received and opened the individual envelopes.

To date something like 135 applications for loans have been mailed from the Ballinger office

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old court house.

In the trial of Richard Loeb and Nathan Leopold for the "thrill" murder of little Bobby Franks, the height of interest came when the shaggy-browed Clarence Darrow pleaded them guilty; in Marty Durkin's case it was when his sweetheart took the stand in his trial for murdering a policeman.

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Robt. Lusk, Wilburne Underwood, and Wallace Chastain students in Howard Payne College at Brownwood, were here for a visit the past week-end.

Stamp pads and pad ink, any color, at Ledger office. dtf

## Suspended Sentence to All Liquor Violators

### 10 Bodies Found In Theatre Ruins

(By Associated Press)  
MEXICO CITY, Mar. 2.—The 178-year-old Teatro Principal was burned to the ground here today at the end of the midnight performance.

A troupe of Mexican chorus girls, trapped behind the blazing curtain, with all exits blocked, believed themselves doomed until firemen fought their way through the flames to save most of them.

Ten bodies, however, were taken from the ruins today, replacing earlier reports that all were saved.

Police also reported sighting four additional bodies, and the search is continuing.

(By Associated Press)  
AUSTIN, Mar. 2.—After a bitter argument, the House today voted 78 to 28 to engross the bill introduced by Representative F. C. Weinert, of Seguin, proposing to extend the rights of suspended sentence to persons of all ages convicted of liquor law violations.

Weinert, father of the present suspended sentence law, said 95 per cent of the 6,000 persons so far granted suspended sentences had made good.

Representative B. J. Forbes, a minister, of Weatherford, decried the bill as one intended to loosen up the liquor laws, charging it was "soaking, dripping wet."

Jane Addams is to be the commencement speaker at Rockford College, Rockford, Ill., on the 50th anniversary of her graduation.

### Judge's Nomination Killed by Senate

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Senate judiciary committee today at its last meeting of this session of congress laid aside, without action, President Hoover's nomination of G. H. Nordbye for a federal judgeship in Minnesota, virtually killing the nomination.

Senator Thomas D. Schall, Republican progressive, of Minnesota, had fought Nordbye's nomination.

### Schooner Destroyed By Heavy Sea Waves

(By Associated Press)  
GENOVA, Italy, Mar. 2.—Heavy seas today lifted the Italian schooner Luisa Madre, and flung the vessel against the breakwater here.

It being impossible to launch the life boats on account of the high waves, the crew of six is believed to have been lost.

## Texas Cities Join Independence Fetes

(By Associated Press)  
HOUSTON, Mar. 2.—The namesake city of General Sam Houston today joined the state in observance of the ninety-fifth anniversary of the Texas declaration of independence.

Banks and other financial institutions were closed. Appropriate school and other programs were held.

### Frank Coker, student in Daniel Baker College, at Brownwood, was a week-end visitor with his parents Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Conda Wyle, of Fort Chadbourne, were Ballinger visitors Sunday, returning to the ranch Monday.

### WEATHER FORECAST

(By Associated Press)  
East Texas—Fair, probably frost to the coast tonight. Tuesday fair, somewhat warmer in the north portion.

West Texas—Fair, frost in the south portion tonight. Tuesday fair and warmer in the north portion.

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This year there are only 3,271 qualified voters in this county who hold poll tax receipts. The total number would slightly exceed this who are eligible to cast a ballot as there are over and unders, but the number is far lower than during any recent years in this county. Aside from the fact that many did not want to pay their poll tax, it being an off year in politics is another reason for the light vote. Ballinger has a total of 903 which is more than three hundred below the total votes cast in the last primary election.

Runnels county people feel grateful that the freeze of Sunday night has done little damage to growing vegetation and fruit. Those owning fruit trees are anxious to produce a crop this year. Practically all fruit was killed last year and it has been a number of years since a general crop was raised in this county. Some fruit may have been killed Sunday night, but the damage is slight and without another harder freeze, a bountiful crop should be made this year.

Roads leading south of Ballinger have been in bad condition part of the time during the past 20 weeks. A new dirt grade on highway No. 4 caught rains for each week during the last 20 and getting to Ballinger following rains was almost impossible at times. This will be eliminated before another fall and a hard surfaced road good for travel in all kinds of weather will be ready before next September, unless some hitch comes up to prevent work. The contract is let and with all money available and plans oked work should get under way within a very short time.

The ground hog story has not been true this year and Sunday another old saying regarding the weather was plainly seen. Some people believe that if March comes in like a lion it will go out like a lamb, and if such is the case there was no doubt to it representing a lion here Sunday. Monday started a day of pretty sunshine and a general thaw-up of the small amount of snow and according to the sign the latter part of the month should be pretty weather. This, however, is the month of the beginning of those dreaded west winds, commonly known as sandstorms and it is hoped that the long continued wet weather will have the effect of not allowing much sand to blow this spring.

Oscar Routh was in town Monday and stated that his wife, who has been ill for some time, following a stroke of paralysis, was slowly improving, being able to sit up some now, after being lifted into a chair.

Mr and Mrs. Harry Lynn spent Monday in San Angelo on business and seeing the screen offering, "Cimarron."

SUNDOWN STORIES



AIR FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Mary Graham Bonner

"Fire! Fire!" shouted the Little Black Clock.

John and Peggy looked all about them but they could not see any flames nor could they see any smoke.

"Where is the fire?" John asked. "I don't even smell any smoke," remarked Peggy.

"It's too far up for you to smell," said the Little Black Clock. "Here comes our plane."

Now the children noticed that there were many planes in the air, and that many people were leaning out looking all about them. The children and the Clock had got into their plane.

"Everyone is rushing to the fire," said the Little Black Clock, as they flew along. "I've turned the time ahead," he added.

Now they saw some flames coming from a plane, and rushing toward the plane were a number of other planes painted red.

"The air fire department will put out the fire quickly," the Little Black Clock said.

They saw the firemen with tall helmets and red suits leaning out of the planes which made up the air fire department, and now they were throwing a chemical substance upon the blazing plane.

"They've discovered some wonderful substance which puts out a fire in a plane almost at once," said the Little Black Clock as they saw the flames die down, "and which doesn't harm the plane at all."

The people who had come out to see the fire were now all going back home and the members of the fire department were leaving too.

"My! But they did that quickly!" exclaimed John.

"Oh, the air fire department is splendid!" said the Little Black Clock admiringly. "Would you like to see some of them?"

And you can guess John's answer!

(Continued—Air Firemen)

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Rev. T. E. Bowman is reported to be ill and confined to his bed. He was unable to fill the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday and also unable to go to Waco to the meeting of workers of this conference Monday.

Drew Dickson, student in Texas Tech at Lubbock, spent the week-end here visiting with his parents.

Mrs. Odie Barrington and mother, Mrs. Stephens, will leave tomorrow for DeKalb and New Boston, where they will visit for several weeks.

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HOW'S your HEALTH



STOPPING HICCUP

In discussing the treatment of simple hiccup, Dr. East refers to the passage in Plato's Symposium. Aristophanes was to make a speech "but either he had eaten too much, or from some other cause, he had the hiccup and was obliged to change turns with Eryximachus, the physician."

Said Eryximachus, "let us recommend you to hold your breath, and if the hiccup is no better, then gargle with a little water, and if it still continues, tickle your nose with something and sneeze, and if you sneeze once or twice, even the most violent hiccup is sure to go."

The treatment advised apparently was effective, for Aristophanes later said that by trying all of them including, finally, sneezing, the hiccup disappeared.

There are many simple remedies advised for ordinary hiccup. Drinking from the wrong side of a glass is one of them. This should be helpful, or at least entertaining.

Holding the arms above the head for a few minutes, or drawing the knees tight against the abdomen should be tried for a period of five or ten minutes. Firm pressure on the upper part of the abdomen may also help.

One method of treatment, easy to recommend but hard to apply, is to keep the sufferer's mind off the next hiccup. Gentle pressure on the eyeballs, or pulling the tongue for a minute or two may prove successful.

In the more persistent cases, a mustard plaster may be applied to the upper part of the abdomen for a period of from 10 to 15 minutes.

Those who are subject to hiccups of gastric origin should not eat too much at any one meal nor too rapidly. If simple measures do not succeed in stopping the hiccup, medical aid should be called.

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MOVIES

Massive Production is Pathe Film "Holiday"

Outstanding in every respect, a massive production with a story which for tenseness and human interest has seldom been told on the dialogue screen, and every character played by a thorough stage artist, the Pathe picture, "Holiday," which is showing at the Palace Theatre, is acclaimed as one of the finest comedy dramas of high society and wealth ever filmed.

Sophistication and smartness—these are the terms that truly describe the charming and scintillation that marks many scenes in "Holiday." Set in the background of a Fifth Avenue mansion of unlimited wealth, a most gripping story is developed with savoir faire. The brilliant dia-

logue of Philip Barry's stage success has been retained in the screen version almost in its entirety.

Five stage players of great prominence are featured—Ann Harding, Mary Astor, Edward Everett Horton, Robert Ames and Hedda Hopper. Others in the cast are Elizabeth Forrester, William Cooley, Monroe Owsley, William Holden, Creighton Hale and Mabel Forrest. The picture was directed by Edward H. Griffith.

Veteran Directors Produce Film Version of "The General"

George Cukor and Louis Gasnier divide directorial credit in bringing Lajos Zilahy's Russian drama, "The General," to the talking screen as a Paramount feature titled "The Virtuous Sin." It opens a two-day run at the Palace Theatre Wednesday.

Cukor was dialogue director on "All Quiet on the Western Front," and stage director of Ethel Barrymore, Jeanne Eagels, Laurette Taylor, Billie Burke and others. Gasnier was the first director for Pathe in France, and recently

completed the direction of the William Powell star vehicle, "Shadow of the Law."

Walter Huston and Kay Francis have the chief roles in "The Virtuous Sin," the story of a married woman whose romance with a war-battered Russian army officer forms the dramatic crux of a thrilling adventure.

POLL TAX PAYMENTS IN COLEMAN SLUMP

(By Associated Press)

COLEMAN, Mar. 2.—County tax payments in Coleman county are below normal this year and poll tax receipts will not compare with those issued in 1929. Tax rolls show \$398,330.93 taxes due and only \$242,725.21 paid. In 1929 there were 3,372 poll taxes paid, in 1930 there were 5,288 and this year only 2,200. Not a great many people took advantage of the law making taxes become delinquent October 15 instead of February 1. In the independent school district of Coleman and in the city payments of taxes were better than in the county.

"I've ridden the Western Plains" —says Chesterfield



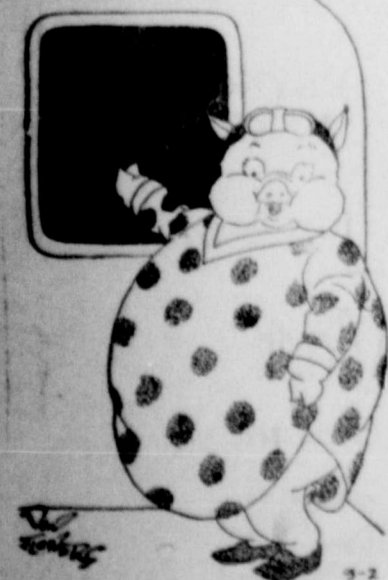
Yet you'll meet me in the thick of a Broadway crowd"

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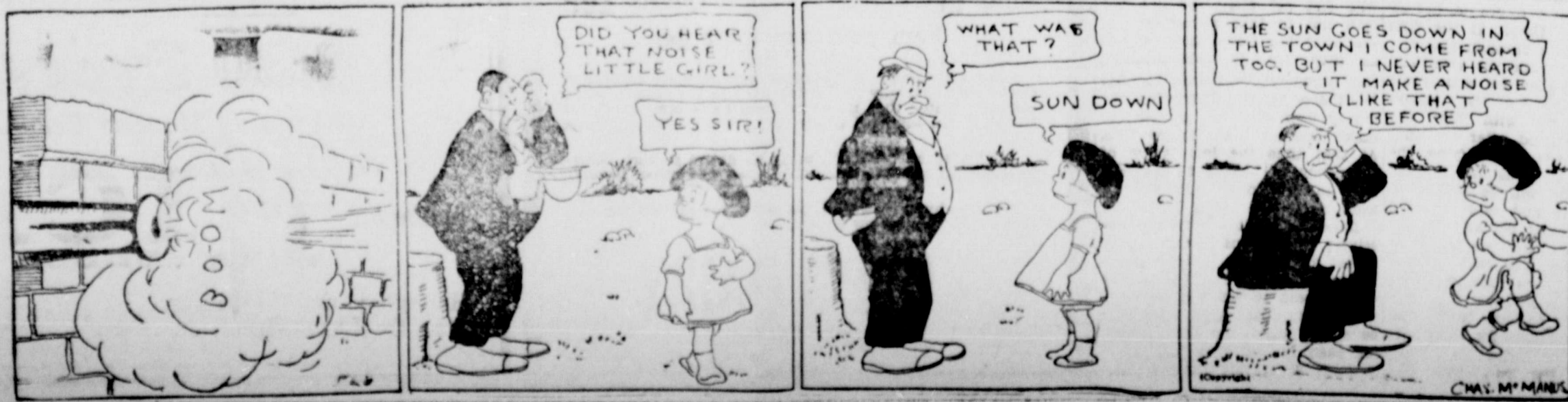
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DOROTHY DARNIT



By Percival Christopher Wren Author of MYSTERIOUS WAY BEAU GESTE BEAU IDEAL

Chapter 1 STRANGE ILLNESS



YELLOW afternoon sunlight flooded the beautiful yet austere consultation room. As the clock struck two, Dr. Charters, followed by his secretary, a young woman, entered. Seating himself in his own corner, the Doctor swiftly signed the letters placed before him, and then, with the words: "Miss Lauderdale in five minutes," dismissed the secretary.

getting better, and I hate that man at the door." Dr. Charters inhaled a short, sharp breath, the sound of which was as that of a contemptuous sniff. "You going or remaining in for your uncle to decide. Your changing from Dr. McAdoo to Dr. Studley is for me to decide. And you'll certainly not do it. What you have got to do is to get well. And you'll best do that by helping instead of hindering us. "However," continued the Doctor, "I'll tell your uncle what you say. He's probably here now. That was why I sent for you." "I should like to see him." "I'll bring them to your room at 2:30." "Is my aunt coming?" "Do you want to see her if she's here?" "Very well, I'll see you again on Thursday at three o'clock." Dr. Charters touched a bell button and a tall, powerful woman, dressed as a nurse, entered the room. The girl glanced at the nurse with her too rose-pink complexion and too coral lips, and quickly

For an appreciable number of seconds, the gaze of Dr. Charters met that of Mrs. Lauderdale, as the blade of one fencer holds that of another in silence and stillness, as each watches and waits. The silence was broken by the woman. "Is she getting better, Doctor?" "I wouldn't say that." "But she's going to, Doctor?" There was a clear note of anxiety in Mrs. Lauderdale's voice. "A difficult question. It depends on so much." "On very much, Doctor?" Dr. Charters slowly nodded his head. Without speaking she opened her handbag, and from it took a memorandum-case. She scribbled on one of its little leaves, and handed it to the Doctor. Dr. Charters glanced at the paper, smiled and dropped it, a crumpled pellet, into the waste-paper basket. "A thousand thanks," he said. "Ten thousand," smiled Mrs. Lauderdale. "She's a dear girl." "Yes, she's a dear girl," agreed Dr. Charters, rising. "When is her



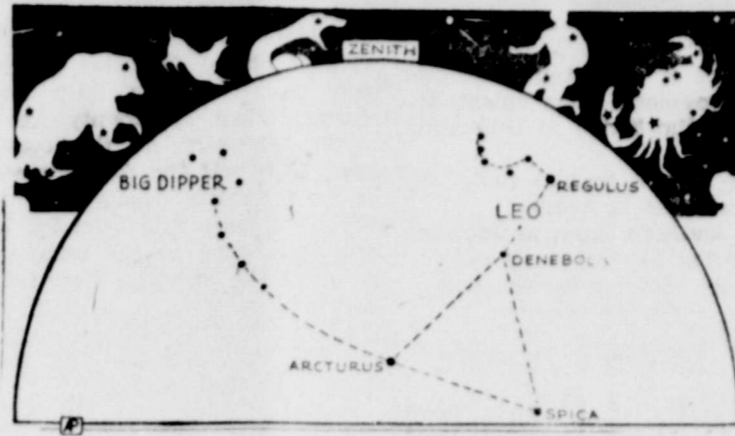
"Uncle," said Marjorie, "I want to come away from here."

A tall, well-built and well-dressed man he wore mustache whiskers and beard in addition to luxurious locks. Nor were the doctor's hands of the type usually associated with physicians, for they were hairy and heavy, the fingers short and blunt. The doctor touched a button on the side of his desk, the door, or to be exact, two doors opened, and a beautiful girl, accompanied by the secretary, entered the room. "Miss Lauderdale," said the secretary, and departed closing the heavy doors silently behind her. As she did so it could be seen that a quietly dressed man sat on a heavy oak seat, under a monkey stall, beside the outer door which opened into a stone-flagged hall. "Good afternoon, Dr. Charters," said the girl, seating herself. The doctor studied the young face framed in curling hair, noting the healthy pallor of its complexion and the look of grave intelligence and sweetness. "How are you feeling today?" "A little better, I think." "Evidently the medicine is agreeing with you." "Yes, and the other was not. I felt worse every time I took it." "How are you sleeping?" "Much better again since we change the medicine and since—she hesitated—since I refused to have anything more to do with Dr. MacAdoo and his treatment, I wasn't doing me any good doctor." "Well, you're in my hands now and we're going to be all right now, eh? And you'd do whatever I tell you, and take whatever I give you with implicit obedience and faith, eh?" "Yes, Doctor," replied the girl after an almost unresponsive pause. "I can't understand it. I was never ill in my life. Until I had to go and live with my uncle and aunt. It began then suddenly."

looked away again as her mouth set mutinously. "Miss Lauderdale will go to her room now, Nurse Jones. Her guardian will see her in a few minutes, and then I think perhaps she'd best get to bed." "Yes, Doctor. Come along, dear, and smiling effectively, the nurse waited the girl away. The doctor touched another bell push and the secretary appeared. "When does Sister Weidon return? Tomorrow, isn't it?" "Yes, Sir. In the morning." "Mr. and Mrs. Lauderdale, here?" "Yes, Sir." "I'll see them in three minutes. Summoned by Charters, Mr. James entered, leaving his seat in the hall. This was he of whom Marjorie Lauderdale had blantly expressed her hatred. As he carefully closed both doors, it was evident that he was something more than passing grateful to Dr. Charters, whose face beamed in a genuine smile. Not so that o, Mr. James. "Stand by for oozy old Lauderdale, Jimmie," said the doctor. "Take him for a walk in the grounds ten minutes from the time he comes out from here." With an imperceptible nod, Mr. James retired, reappearing a minute later to announce Mr. and Mrs. Lauderdale. Mr. Lauderdale, a weak feeble minded country gentleman stupid heavy and handsome, greeted Dr. Charters. "Well, Doctor, how's my little Marjorie going?" "Home wasn't built in a day—and Marjorie won't be rebuilt in a day—or a week or a month, I'm afraid." "What the devil is the matter with her?" Lauderdale asked suddenly. "There may be deep-seated and obscure nervous lesion, difficult to explain. I'll have a quiet talk with your wife in a minute," nodded the doctor, and incontinently Mr. Lauderdale sprang to his feet. At the door Mr. Lauderdale was received by a James, and shepherded to the beautiful grounds which surrounded the Monastery on all sides. At first sight, Mrs. Lauderdale appeared an ordinary, rather attrac-

tive, pretty and well-dressed gentle woman. For an appreciable number of seconds, the gaze of Dr. Charters met that of Mrs. Lauderdale, as the blade of one fencer holds that of another in silence and stillness, as each watches and waits. The silence was broken by the woman. "Is she getting better, Doctor?" "I wouldn't say that." "But she's going to, Doctor?" There was a clear note of anxiety in Mrs. Lauderdale's voice. "A difficult question. It depends on so much." "On very much, Doctor?" Dr. Charters slowly nodded his head. Without speaking she opened her handbag, and from it took a memorandum-case. She scribbled on one of its little leaves, and handed it to the Doctor. Dr. Charters glanced at the paper, smiled and dropped it, a crumpled pellet, into the waste-paper basket. "A thousand thanks," he said. "Ten thousand," smiled Mrs. Lauderdale. "She's a dear girl." "Yes, she's a dear girl," agreed Dr. Charters, rising. "When is her birthday, or the way?" We must have a little celebration." "Oh, how nice of you! The first of September. An easy date to remember. Twenty-one, on the first of September." "September the first," nodded the doctor, and added, "Partridge shooting begins." "Yes," smiled Mrs. Lauderdale, as her husband, accompanied by Mr. James, approached. Up a flight of stairs the doctor led his visitors, while Mr. James again seated himself in the chair by the consulting room door. Marjorie admitted them to her room. "Hello, Uncle," she said, going to Mr. Lauderdale and returning his kiss. "I'm so glad you've come." "Good afternoon, Aunt Maud," she added, without offering her hand. "How are you, darling child?" replied Mrs. Lauderdale, kissing her. "Uncle," she replied, "I want to come away from here." "Oh, how splendid!" cried Mrs. Lauderdale with obvious relief. Then you must be better, Marjorie. But we mustn't be hasty." "No, no, Marjorie," agreed Mr. Lauderdale, pinching her cheek. But Marjorie remained rebellious, and the slightest cloud cooled their usual friendly regard as, almost tearfully, she kissed her uncle good-bye and less affectionately bade his wife farewell. Entering his consulting room and closing both doors, Dr. Charters proceeded to make upon the case-card of Miss Marjorie Lauderdale entries showing a swift downhill progress accompanied by marked mental deterioration. Suddenly raising his eyes, he realized that a tall, broad-shouldered, gray-haired man stood between himself and the open window. On his face was a look of menace and hatred. In utter amazement the doctor stared at the intruder exclaimed: "Half-hung Simon!" (Copyright, 1919, by Frederick A. Stokes Co.) Threatening death, averted by a broken limb! This memory—and more—surges against Dr. Charters tomorrow as his visitor continues.

March Sky Presents Six Stars as "Sickle"



In the March sky about mid-evening Leo appears in the east, slightly southeast of the zenith. How stars of this group form a sickle is shown.

By Robert H. Baker (Professor of Astronomy, University of Illinois) URBANA, Ill., Mar. 2.—(P)—About 9 o'clock on a March night one finds in the eastern sky, just rising, the constellation of Bootes, marked by the bright star Arcturus. A little southeast of the zenith is Leo. This is a brilliant group of stars, six of which are arranged in the form of a sickle, with the bright star Regulus at the base or handle. The top of the sickle is to the north and the blade opens toward the west. The constellation extends from the sickle eastward to Denebola, which is half way on a line drawn from Regulus to Arcturus. The ancients saw in this group of stars, Leo, the lion. The sickle formed his head and mane and Denebola was at the end of the tail. A spectacular and entertaining sight through an ordinary pair of field glasses is the star cluster Praesepe, or the Beehive, in Cancer. About 9 o'clock on a night in the middle of March it is

on the meridian, south of the zenith. A convenient way of locating this object is to imagine a straight line drawn from the red planet Mars to the star Regulus. The Beehive is one quarter of the way along this line from Mars. To the naked eye, this object appears as a small hazy patch of light in the center of a small triangle of three relatively faint stars. With field glasses, the component stars of this cluster are easily distinguished and form a truly interesting sight. This type of object is known as an open cluster and is made up of thousands of stars, all traveling together in a compact group. Such groups are fairly common in the sky and are all in our galaxy. In the early evening, the planet Jupiter is seen in the southwestern sky. It is the brightest object in the heavens at this time, except for the moon, and shines out with a steady yellow light. The winter constellations also are still visible in the western sky in March.

Park Meeting Called Tuesday

Thirty-six people are being called to a meeting at the Ballinger city hall Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a municipal park association and to start work on that place and have it ready for the public by picnic season. The plan adopted and being carried asks for three representatives from each organization in Ballinger to attend the meeting. These people will serve both in the association and as a park committee from their organization. At the session Tuesday officers will be elected in the new association and the needs for the park outlined and each organization asked to take some part in getting the initial work under way. The organizations expected to be present with three representatives are the two P. T. A.'s, American Legion and Auxiliary, fire department, National Guard, Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, Rotary and Lions clubs, Shakespear club and chamber of commerce. The meeting will be called to order at 3 o'clock and every one is requested to be present on time. If the representatives of the various organizations have time they may visit the park site and see the improvement already accomplished there and plan the location for play equipment and other improvements. Aside from the ones named as official delegates to the meeting for the twelve organizations, any one interested in the local pro-

District Court Starts 4th Week

District court convened here for the last week of this session Monday morning at 10 o'clock and a jury was sworn in for the week. The case of the state vs. B. U. McQueen, charged with prohibition law violation, was called and attorneys began selection of the jurors to hear evidence in the case. Effort will be made to hear all criminal and civil cases on the docket this week, and clear the schedule for the fall term of the court. In addition to civil cases awaiting trial several criminal cases are set for the week. The nine indictments returned by the grand jury at this term may be heard before the term is closed. BUILDING NEW CHURCH (By Associated Press) PAMPA, Mar. 2.—Construction of a new home for the First Christian church is under way. The total cost, including an educational building, is estimated at \$100,000. J. K. Baker of Coleman is here attending district court this week.

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der technique to the beer and blood story that begins with the assassination of Big Jim Colosimo. The story is fast and graphic, as the modern bad men bite the pavement.

Mr. Burns alleges specific deeds. He names men still living, among them Al Capone, and charges them with putting certain victims on the spot. Hereafter I should, if I were Mr. Burns, decline with thanks all offers to go riding in Chicago.

Brevities Robert Gessner, a New York university professor, went to the Black Hills of Dakota to collect Indian folklore. He stayed to write instead about the sad condition of the starving First Americans he found there in a book called "Massacre."

Wolcott Gibbs, a New York satirist, has parodied Admiral Byrd's "Little America" in a thin volume, entitled "Bird Life at the Pole, by Commander Christopher Robin."

Notice I have sold my bus line from Ballinger to Junction and will open the Ballinger Taxicab Company here. I will have transportation at all times for any place in the city at reasonable rates. Telephone City Cafe, 185, or Central Hotel, 570. Geo. W. Allen, 26-3rd-eod.

DALE HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

Mrs. Lon Carville was hostess to the home demonstration club of Dale community Thursday afternoon, Feb. 26, with ten members present, and one visitor, Mrs. W. A. Daniels. The program was on "The Type of Picture I Like Best."

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Chicago's Bad Men Chicago's own particular war of gangsters also is written up again, this time by Walter Noble Burns in "The One-Way Ride." The author of "Billy the Kid," has brought his blood and thun-

Scanning NEW BOOKS

By Richard Massock NEW YORK, Mar. 2.—(P)—The war now has been written about, a little late, as it cruelly touched a woman in the comparative safety of the home fireside. "Mrs. Fischer's War," by Henrietta Leslie, is a novel of mixed marriage and offers a variation of the family dividend. Here the father fights for his native Germany, the son for his native England, and they meet by

coincidence in a hospital behind the front. Both emerge physical wrecks, the father blind and minus a leg. But it is Janet Fischer, the wife and mother, who suffers most. From their ideally happy English home the Fischers go to Germany for a holiday just when the war breaks. The husband is seized for the army service he has avoided and taken off a train, leaving the distracted wife ignorant of his fate. Eventually she learns that he is in the German army from a sense of duty. Meanwhile the son has enlisted with the British from the same sense. He turns against his father, becoming a smug little fool. His mother tactlessly makes her own lot worse

by spreading her family affairs among her neighbors, who ostracize her because she is, by marriage, an enemy alien. John Galsworthy, in a jacket testimonial, says the novel "makes you think." Maybe it does. As for any novel being effective peace propaganda I have my doubts. But Miss Leslie does achieve moving moments in her climax and the hurts of war suffered by the innocent are indelible.

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