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J. C. Dial To Leave

Atty. J. C. Dial informs us that he has formed a partnership with H. E. Hoover of Canadian. He has rented a house there and will move this week to his new location. The new law firm, one of the strongest in the Panhandle will be Hoover and Dial, Canadian, Texas.

We are indeed very sorry to lose Mr. Dial and family from our midst, he is a very prominent man in our town, an active worker for everything good and a leader in many enterprises. He is a very enthusiastic Odd Fellow, President of the Panhandle Association, and has been active toward our Lyceum Courses. We can heartily recommend him to the good people of Canadian, but being well known there, he needs no introduction. While we regret to see him leave, we are glad to know that he has a good strong partner at Canadian and are sure that the new firm he has entered will aid and be aided.

Jess is a good 'en, he agrees with everyone on something and some one on everything except combing his hair. He did like to fight a gray-headed barber of Miami for attempting to comb his hair, that is where he draws the line, but we guess he is tender-headed.

Speaks At Institute

Prof. Hill of the West Texas State Normal at Canyon spoke at the teachers institute Monday evening on, "The development and enlargement of Texas schools." A good number of visitors were present and the lecture was good. He gave many good reasons why our school systems should be bettered, why we should use more co-operation why the teachers should be better qualified than they are. Nothing that the laws of the state require a lawyer to have three and four years in a training school before they could practice, while its school teachers could get a certificate by answering a few questions.

Prof. Hill was very much right too when he said that the greatest responsibility of any profession was that of a school teacher.

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A boy raised on the Texas plains On food produced from Texas Grains Is destined in the walks of men To goodness, greatness and soundest ken.

The Doodle bugs mysterious ways May astonish and vex his childsn plays The sand bur and mesquite thorn May tear his pants both night and morn.

The bed bug in his midnight climb May make a nightmare seem sublime. The jaunty flea may make his leg Quite speckled like a turkey egg

But "Bahn in Gillead" this Texas Air With which none other can compare Inflates the boy, his thoughts inspire To achievements grand, to actions higher

He surmounts at the ills of life, His ideals high above sordid strife, With purest motives, highest aim, He plants his name in the Halls of Fame.

Blot is the boy whose lot is cast. On Texas prairies, plains so vast, His horiscope is grand and rare; Thus it appears to— Old Man Heare.

PRIMARY PROGRAM

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| 1 The Doll's Lesson | 12 Girls |
| 2 Tho Picnic | Louise Johnston |
| 3 Telling santa | Aline George |
| 4 Beauty and Beasts Dramatized | |
| 5 The City Boy | Willie George |
| 6 Ghosts Dance | 6 Boys |
| 7 Evening Before | |
| 8 Cupids Querries | Ina Lard |
| 9 Grandma's Knitting Song | |
| 10 Moo-Cow-Moo | Elvira Kinney |
| 11 Santa Clause and Mother Goose Reception | |

New Parsonage

The Local Presbyterian church are preparing to build a parsonage for their preacher who will be here soon. They have a nice building place near the church and have now over \$800. subscribed to the fund.

The solicitors inform us that if there are any Presbyterians around Miami hiding under a chip, that they want them to come out and help a little on the new parsonage, and in the church, they need him.

Teachers Institute

The teachers instituts of Roberts county is in session this week. All the teachers in the county are present and they all show much interest in the work. A number of prominent men have been here this week from different places and lectured.

A peculiar incident in this county are that there are only two men teachers in the county.

Christmas Trees

Miami will be well supplied on Christmas trees this year, there will be one at each of the following churches. The Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian.

Funds are being solicited for the necessary expenses and all are invited to participate in any of the trees they wish.

Miami Market Yesterday

The Chief 1 yr.	\$1.00
Wheat No. 2	1.04
Oats	.42
Corn	.57
Maize per dwt	.76
Heads	9 50
Hay	9 to 13.00
Alfafa	15.00
Butter	.18
Eggs	.25
Hens	.07 to .08
Turkeys	.10

Over The Plains

The farmers near McLean are holding their feed stuffs for a better price which they think is coming this winter.

Higgins will have a union Christmas tree, all the churches have united and will have a big one.

Will Edwards of Ochiltree died at Canadian last week. He had recently moved there from Chikasha, Okla.

The Lipscomb School has closed on account of Dytheria. The cases are reported very light.

R B Cousins of Canyon has been in Austin this week where the contract for the new Normal building is to be let.

Recital

The music pupils of Mrs Dan Rees cordially invite everyone to their recital to be given at the auditorium on Friday evening, December 18, at 8 O'clock.

DIVERSIFICATION IS UP TO THE BANKER

MISSIONARY WORK NEEDED AMONG BANKERS AND MERCHANTS.

Co-Operation, Not Dictation, Need of Farmers.

At a meeting of the representatives of the Texas Bankers' Association and the Farmers' Union in Dallas recently, co-operative plans were adopted whereby the men who grow the cotton and the men who finance it will renew their efforts to hold the present crop for better prices and to diversify the planting next year. Mr. W. D. Lewis, President of the Farmers' Union, who represented that body at the meeting, gave out the following interview: "The Farmers' Union renews its entreaties to all farmers to hold cotton and recommends that the farmers who must have money avail themselves of the co-operation of the banker in securing cotton loans. The Union is sending out a large corps of lecturers to urge holding cotton and diversifying next year's crop.

Too Much Free Advice.

"The banker in lending money is giving practical co-operation to the farmer in holding his crop after it is harvested and I want to suggest that the banker and the credit merchant extend the same character of co-operation to the farmer in producing the crop and then the problem of diversification is solved. Let the banker and the money lender announce that they will lend as much money on corn, wheat, oats and other crops as they will advance on cotton at the time of planting and we will have an era of diversification that will astonish all of us. In Texas, according to the most reliable data obtainable, at least two-thirds of the crop is mortgaged before it is planted and the farmer must take dictation from the banker and the merchant as to what he plants. There is little use to send lecturers to tell the farmer what to plant when he has no control over the crop. The banker and the merchant need lecturers sent to them as badly as the farmer and we think the lecture force should be divided equally between the city man and the farmer. We suggest it is unfair for the banker to coerce the farmer to diversify by the power of a loan. Let him agree to finance the diversified crop while in process of production. It is co-operation, not dictation, the farmer needs. Agriculture is already bed-ridden with free advice and if the city man will come back to the soil and co-operate direct with the man who plows instead of basing his action upon type-written reports of book farmers, we will understand each other better and the south will blossom like a rose."

Statement Issued.

The following statement was issued from the joint meeting and signed by Mr. Lewis, Peter Radford and J. A. Kemp, Chairman Bankers' Committee:

"The farmers and bankers of Texas, through their representatives, being united in the determination to work and stand together in the matter of holding this year's crop and reducing the average of the 1915 crop at least 50 per cent, urge all who have cotton to sell none for less than 10c a pound and we urge the co-operation of all farmers, bankers and business men in this campaign, with absolute confidence that the price of 10c a pound can and will be reached in the near future."

Candidates may enter race for Baby Range Eternal anytime or withdraw, but no votes will be transferred.

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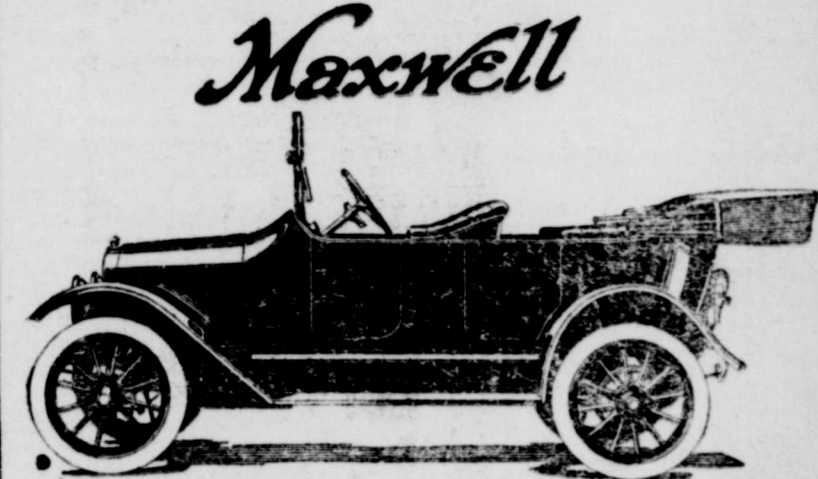
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The Last Shot

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SYNOPSIS.

At their home on the frontier between the Browns and Grays, Marta Galloway and her mother, entertaining Colonel Westering of the Grays, see Captain Lanstron of the Browns injured by a fall in his aeroplane. Ten years later, Westering, nominal vice chief of staff, renews his forces South La Tir and meditates on war. He calls on Marta, who is visiting in the Gray capital. She tells him of her teaching children the foibles of war and martial patriotism, and begs him to prevent war while he is chief of staff. On the march, with the aid of the Browns, Private Stransky, anarchist, is placed under arrest. Colonel Lanstron begs him off. Lanstron calls on Marta at her home. He talks with Feller, the gardener. Marta tells Lanstron that she believes Feller to be a spy. Lanstron confesses it is true. Lanstron shows Marta a telephone which Feller has concealed in a secret passage under the tower for use to benefit the Browns in war emergencies. Lanstron declares his love for Marta. Westering and the Gray premier plan to use a trivial international affair to foment warlike patriotism in army and people and strike before declaring war. Feller, Brown chief of staff, and Lanstron, made vice, discuss the trouble, and the Browns defenses. Partow reveals his plans to Lanstron. The Gray army crosses the border line and attacks. The Browns check them. Artillery, infantry, aeroplanes and dirigibles engage. Stransky, rising to make the automatic speech of his life, draws the Gray artillery fire. Nicked by a shell splinter he goes berserk and fights—"all a man." Marta has her first glimpse of war in its modern, cold, scientific, murderous brutality. The Browns fall back to the Galloway house. Stransky forages. Marta sees a night attack. The Grays attack in force.

CHAPTER XII—Continued.

But she hurried on, impelled by the knew not what, through the dining-room, and, coming to the veranda, stopped short, with dilating eyes and a cry of grievous shock. Two of his men were carrying Dellarme back from the breastwork, where they had caught him in their arms as he fell. They laid him gently on the sword with a knapsack under his head. His face grew whiter with the flow of blood from the red hole in the right breast of his blouse. Then he opened his lips and whispered to the doctor: "How is it?" Something in his eyes, in the tone of that faint question, required the grace of a soldier's truth in answer.

"Bad!" said the doctor. "Then, good-by!" And his head fell to one side, his lips set in his cheery smile. His company was a company with his smile out of his heart and in its place blank despair. Many of the men had stopped firing. Some had even run back to look at him and stood, caps off, backs to the enemy, miscable in their grief. Others leaned against the parapet, rifles out of hand, staring and dazed.

"They have killed our captain!" "They've killed our captain!"—still a captain to them. A general's stars could not have raised him a cubit in their estimation.

"And once we called him 'Baby Dellarme,' he was so young and bashful! Him a baby? He was a king!"

"Men, get to your places!" cried the surviving lieutenant rather hopelessly, with no Dellarme to show him what to do; and Marta saw that few paid any attention to him.

In that minute of demoralization the Grays had their chance, but only for a minute. A voice that seemed to speak some uncontrollable thought of her own broke in, and it rang with the authority and leadership of a mature officer's command, even though coming from a gardener in blue blouse and crownless straw hat.

"Your rifles, your rifles, quick!" called Feller. "We're only beginning to fight!"

And then another voice in a bull roar, Stransky's:

"Avenge his death! They've got to kill the last man of us for killing him! Revenge! Revenge!"

That cry brought back to the company all the fighting spirit of the cheery smile and with it another spirit—for Dellarme's sake!—which he had never taught them.

Stransky picked up one of several cylindrical objects that were lying at his feet.

"He wouldn't use this—he was too soft-hearted—but I will!" he cried, and fung a hand-grenade, and then a second, over the breastwork. The explosions were followed by agonized groans from the Grays hugging the lower side of the terrace. For this they had crawled across the road in the night—to find themselves unable to move either way and directly under the flashes of the Browns' rifles.

Feller's and Stransky's shouts rose together in a peculiar unity of direction and full of the fellowship they had found in their first exchange of glances.

"You engineers, make ready!" "Hand-grenades to the men under the tree! That's where they're going to try for it—no wall to climb over there!"

"You engineers, take your rifles—and bayonet into anything that wears gray!"

"Get back, you men by the tree, to avoid their hand-grenades! Form up behind them, everybody!"

"No matter if they do get in at first! Back, you men, from under the tree!"

There was not a single rifle-shot. In a silence like that before the word to fire in a duel, all orders were heard

and the more readily obeyed because Dellarme's foresight had impressed their sense upon the men in his quiet way.

The sand-bags by the tree were blown up by the Grays. Then, before the dust had hardly settled, came a half score of hand-grenades thrown by the first men of a Gray wedge, scrambling as they were pushed through the breach by the pressure of the mass behind. In that final struggle of one set of men to gain and another to hold a position, guns or automatics or long-range bullets played no part. It was the grapple of cold steel with cold steel and muscle with muscle, in the billowing, twisting mob of wrestlers, with no sound from throats but straining breaths; with no quarter, no distinction of person, and bloodshot eyes and faces hot with the effort of brute strength striving, in primitive desperation, to kill in order not to be killed. The cloud of rocking, writhing arms and shoulders was neither going forward nor backward. Its movement was that of a vortex, while the gray stream kept on pouring through the breach as if it were only the first flood from some gray lake on the other side of the breastwork.

Marta had come to the edge of the veranda, at once drawn and repelled, feeling the fearful suspense of the combat, the savage horror of it, and herself uttering sounds like the straining breaths of the men. What a place for her to be! But she did not think of that. She was there. The dreadful alchemy of war had made her a stranger to herself. She was mad; they were mad; all the world was mad!

One minute—two, perhaps—not three—and the thing was over. She saw the Grays being crushed back and realized that the Browns had won, while the last details of the lessening tumult fixed her attention with their gladiatorial simplicity. Here, indeed, it was a case of man to man with the weapons nature gave him.

"I thought so!" cried Feller. "Attacks on frontal positions by daylight are going out of fashion!"

It was he who mercifully arrested the shower of hand-grenades that followed the exit of the enemy. Two of the guns of the castle batteries, having changed their position, were making havoc enough at pointblank range, with a choice of targets between the Grays huddled on the other side of the breastwork and those in retreat.

One of the Grays, his cheek bearing the mark of a boot heel, raised himself, and, in defiance and the satisfac-



"You, There, in Your Straw Hat and Blue Blouse."

tion of the thought to his bruises and humiliation, pointing his finger at Feller, Marta heard him say:

"You there, in your straw hat and blue blouse, they've seen you—a man fighting and not in uniform! If they catch you it will be a drumhead and a firing squad at dawn!"

"That's so!" replied Feller gravely. "But they'll have to make a better job of it than you fellows did if they're going to—"

He turned away abruptly but did not move far. His shoulders relaxed into the gardener's stoop, and he pulled his hat down over his eyes and lowered his head as if to hide his face. He was thus standing, inert, when a division staff-officer galloped into the grounds.

"Where is Major Dellarme?"

When he saw Dellarme's still body he dismounted and in a tide of feeling which, for the moment, submerged all thought of the machine, stood, head bowed and cap off, looking down at Dellarme's face.

"I was very fond of him! He was at school when I was teaching there. But a good death—a soldier's death!" he said. "I'll write to his mother myself." Then the voice of the machine spoke. "Who is in command?"

"I am, sir!" said the callow lieutenant, coming up. But the men of the company spoke.

"Bert Stransky!" they roared. It was not according to military etiquette, but military etiquette meant nothing to them now. They were above it in veteran superiority.

"Where's Stransky?" demanded the staff-officer.

"You're looking at him!" replied Stransky with a benign grin.

Seeing that Stransky was only a private, the officer frowned at the anomaly when a lieutenant was present, then smiled in a way that accorded the company parliamentary rights, which he thought that they had fully earned.

"Yes, and he gets one of those iron crosses!" put in Tom Fraglin.

"Yes—the first cross for Bert of the Reds!"

"And we'll let him make a dozen anarchist speeches a day!"

"Yes, yes!" roared the company. "The eyes have it!" the other announced cheerfully. He lifted his cap to Marta. With tender regard and grave reverence for that company, he took extreme care with his next remark lest a set of men of such dynamic spirit might repulse him as an invader. The lieutenant is in command for the present, according to regulations," he proceeded. "You will retire immediately to positions 48 and 49 A—J by the castle road. You have done your part. Tonight you sleep and tomorrow you rest."

Sleep! Rest! Where had they heard those words before? Oh, yes, in a distant day before they went to war! Sleep and rest! Better far than an iron cross for every man in the company! They could go now with something warmer in their hearts than consciousness of duty well done; but this time they need not go until their dead as well as their wounded were removed.

Feller started to pass around the corner of the house; he was confronted by Marta, who had come to the end of the veranda. There, within hearing of the soldiers, the dialogue that followed was low-toned, and it was swift and palpitant with repressed emotion.

"Mr. Feller, I saw you at the automatic. I heard what the wounded private of the Grays said to you and realized how true it was."

"He is a prisoner. He cannot tell."

"I feel that I have no right to let you go to your death by a firing squad," she interrupted hurriedly, "and I shall not! For I decide now not to allow the telephone to remain!"

"It—be looked around at the automatic ravenously and fearfully—" "It is all simply arranged. There is time for me to use the telephone before the Grays arrive. I shall tell Lanny why you took charge of the gun."

"I've changed my mind! Exit gardener! Enter gunner! I'm going with you!" he cried in a jubilant voice that arrested the attention of every one on the grounds.

CHAPTER XIII.

From Brown to Gray.

"You, Marta—you are still there!" Lanstron exclaimed in alarm when he heard her voice over the tunnel telephone. "But safe!" he added in relief. "Thank God for that! It's a mighty load off my mind. And your mother?"

"Safe, too."

"Well, you're through the worst of it. There won't be any more fighting around the house, and certainly Westering will be courteous. But where is Gustave?"

"Gone!"

"Gone!" he repeated dismally. "Wait until you hear how he went," Marta said. With all the vividness of her impressions, a partisan for the moment of Feller and Dellarme, she sketched Feller's part with the automatic.

"As he listened, Lanstron's spirit was twenty again."

"I can see him," he said. "It was a full breath of fresh air to the lungs of a suffocating man. I—"

Marta was off in interruption in the full tide of an appeal.

"You must—I promised—you must let him have the uniform again!" she begged. "You must let him keep his automatic. To take it away would be like separating mother and child; like separating Minna from Clarissa Eileen."

"Better than an automatic—a battery of guns!" replied Lanstron. "This is where I will use any influence I have with Partow for all it is worth. Yes, and he shall have the iron cross. It is for such deeds as his that the iron cross was meant."

"Thank you," she said. "It's worth something to make a man as happy as you will make him. Yes, you are real flesh and blood to do this, Lanny."

Her point won with surprising ease, when she had feared that military form and law could not be circumvented, she leaned against the wall in reaction. For twenty-four hours she had been without sleep. The interest of her appeal for Feller had kept up her strength after the excitement of the fight for the redoubt was over. Now there seemed nothing left to do.

"That's fine of you, Lanny!" she said. "You've taken it like a good stoic, this loss of your thousandth chance. You really believed in it, didn't you?"

"Forgotten already, like the many other thousandth chances that have failed," he replied cheerfully. "One of the virtues of Partow's steel automatons is that, being fearless as well as passionless, they never cry over spilt milk. And now," he went on soberly, "we must be saying good-by."

"Good-by, Lanny? Why, what do you mean?" She was startled.

"Till the war is over," he said, "and longer than that, perhaps, if La Tir remains in Gray territory."

"You speak as if you thought you were going to lose!"

"Not while many of our soldiers are alive, if they continue to show the spirit that they have shown so far; not unless two men can crush one man in the automatic-gun-recoil age. But La Tir is in a tangent and already in the Grays' possession, while we act on the defensive. So I should hardly be flying over your garden again."

"But there's the telephone, Lanny, and here we are talking over it this very minute!" she expostulated.

"You must remove it," he said. "If the Grays should discover it they might form a suspicion that would put you in an unpleasant position."

The telephone had become almost a familiar institution in her thoughts. Its secret had something of the fascination for her of magic.

"Nonsense!" she exclaimed. "I am going to be very lonely. I want to learn how Feller is doing—I want to chat with you. So I decide not to let it be taken out. And, you see, I have the tactical situation, as you soldiers call it, all in my favor. The work of removal must be done at my end of the line. You're quite helpless to enforce your wishes. And, Lanny, if I ring the bell you'll answer, won't you?"

"I couldn't help it!" he replied. "Until then! You've been fine about everything today!"

"Until then!"

When Marta left the tower she knew only that she was weary with the mind-weariness, the body-weariness, the nerve-weariness of a spectator who has shared the emotion of every actor in a drama of death and finds the excitement that has kept her tense no longer a sustaining force.

As she went along the path, steps uncertain from sheer fatigue, her sensibilities lived again at the sight of a picture. War, personal war, in the form of the giant Stransky, was knocking at the kitchen door. His two-days-old beard was matted with dust and there were dried red spatters on his cheek. War's furnace flames seemed to have tanned him; war seemed to be breathing from his deep chest; his big nose was war's promontory. But the unexposed space of his forehead seemed singularly white when he took off his cap as Minna came in answer to his knock. Her yielding lips were parted, her eyes were bright with inquiry and suspicion, her chin was firmly set.

"I came to see if you would let me kiss your hand again," said Stransky, squinting through his brows wistfully. "I see your nose has been broken once. You don't want it broken a second time. I'm stronger than you think!" Minna retorted, and held out her hand carelessly as if it pleased her to humor him.

He was rather graceful, despite his size, as he touched his lips to her fingers. Just as he raised his head a burst of cheering rose from the yard. "So you've found that we have gone, you brilliant intellects!" he shouted, and glared at the wall of the house in the direction of the cheers.

"Quick! You have no time to lose!" Minna warned him.

"Quick! quick!" cried Marta. Stransky paid no attention to the urgings. He had something more to say to Minna.

"I'm going to keep thinking of you and seeing your face—the face of a good woman—while I fight. And when the war is over, may I come to call?" he asked.

His feet were so resolutely planted on the flags that apparently the only way to move them was to consent.

"Yes, yes!" said Minna. "Now, hurry!"

"Say, but you make me happy! Watch me poke it into the Grays for you!" he cried and bolted.

Within the kitchen Mrs. Galloway was already slumbering soundly in her chair. Overhead Marta heard the exclamations of male voices and the tread of what was literally the heel of the conqueror—guests that had come without asking! Intruders that had entered without any process of law! Would they overrun the house, her mother's room, her own room?

Indignation brought fresh strength as she started up the stairs. The head of the fight gave on to a dark part of the hall. There she paused, held by the scene that a score or more Gray soldiers, who had riotously crowded into the dining-room, were enacting. They were members of Fracasse's company of the Grays whom Marta had seen from her window the night before rushing across the road into the garden.

When, finally, they burst into the redoubt after it was found that the Browns had gone, all, even the judge's son, were the war demon's own. The veneer had been warped and twisted and burned off down to the raw animal flesh. Their brains had the fever itch of callouses forming. Not a sign of brown there in the yard; not a sign of any tribute after all they had endured! They had not been able to lay hands on the murderous throwers of hand-grenades. Far away now was barrack-room geniality; in oblivion were the ethics of an inherited civilization taught by mothers, teachers and church.

But here was a house—a house of the Browns; a big, fine house! They would see what they had won—this was the privilege of baffled victory. What they had won was theirs! To the victor the spoils! Pell-mell they crowded into the dining-room, Hugo with the red, feeling himself a straw on the crest of a wave, and Pilzer, most bitter, most ugly of all, his short, strong teeth and gums showing and his liver patch red, lumpy, and trembling. In crossing the threshold of privacy they committed the act that leaves the deepest wound of war's inheritance, to go on from generation to generation in the history of families.

"A swell dining-room! I like the chandeliers!" roared Pilzer.

With his bayonet he smashed the only globe left intact by the shell fire. There was a laugh as a shower of glass fell on the floor. Even the judge's son, the son of the tribune of

Washington, Dec. 14.—Colonel Goethals has requested that destroyers be sent to the canal zone immediately, it was learned last night, but no specific explanation of the need for available vessels there was included in the message. A reply asking for this explanation was sent at once, but no answer had been received at a late hour.

Officials believe the canal governor has experienced difficulty in preserving the complete neutrality of the zone and its territorial waters. Many ships belonging to belligerent nations are in the vicinity and it is thought possible Mr. Goethals has found himself unable to check use of their wireless plants within the three mile limit to convey information to warships at sea. With swift naval vessels to aid it would be an easier matter to regulate use of wireless; and it was thought probable that the necessary destroyers would be sent as soon as soon as Colonel Goethals' explanation is received.

Recent activity by British and Japanese warships in the vicinity of the canal zone, which followed the recent disaster to the British fleet under Admiral Tadoek, has given rise to some concern here although no specific reports of violations of neutrality have been previously received, so far as known. Reports of wireless interruption from Panama have led to the belief that colliers and warships were exchanging messages.

In view of Colonel Goethals' message it is believed code messages have been picked up which disclosed that to some extent the waters of the zone had been made a base of operations by one or both of the allied fleets, and that the governor wishes to establish a patrol which will prevent further violations of neutrality.

An official report was in circulation last night that the Collier Lena of the British auxiliary fleet, had made improper use of her wireless equipment by sending British navy code messages while within the three mile limit.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The issues of national prohibition and woman suffrage will be placed squarely before the house of representatives as a result of the action taken by the house rules committee when it decided to report special rules for the consideration of constitutional amendments on both subjects. Incidentally the committee puts an end to all hope of an extended holiday recess.

Representative Henry, chairman of the rules committee, asserted the rule on the Hobson prohibition resolution would be presented December 22, and that the resolution after eight hours of debate, would be pressed to a vote on that date. The suffrage resolution, he said, will follow immediately.

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Officials Believe That Trouble Has Been Experienced in Preserving Strict Neutrality of the Zone and Territorial Waters.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Colonel Goethals has requested that destroyers be sent to the canal zone immediately, it was learned last night, but no specific explanation of the need for available vessels there was included in the message. A reply asking for this explanation was sent at once, but no answer had been received at a late hour.

Officials believe the canal governor has experienced difficulty in preserving the complete neutrality of the zone and its territorial waters. Many ships belonging to belligerent nations are in the vicinity and it is thought possible Mr. Goethals has found himself unable to check use of their wireless plants within the three mile limit to convey information to warships at sea. With swift naval vessels to aid it would be an easier matter to regulate use of wireless; and it was thought probable that the necessary destroyers would be sent as soon as soon as Colonel Goethals' explanation is received.

Recent activity by British and Japanese warships in the vicinity of the canal zone, which followed the recent disaster to the British fleet under Admiral Tadoek, has given rise to some concern here although no specific reports of violations of neutrality have been previously received, so far as known. Reports of wireless interruption from Panama have led to the belief that colliers and warships were exchanging messages.

In view of Colonel Goethals' message it is believed code messages have been picked up which disclosed that to some extent the waters of the zone had been made a base of operations by one or both of the allied fleets, and that the governor wishes to establish a patrol which will prevent further violations of neutrality.

An official report was in circulation last night that the Collier Lena of the British auxiliary fleet, had made improper use of her wireless equipment by sending British navy code messages while within the three mile limit.

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SEVEN KILLED IN GAS EXPLOSION

During Cold Wave at Cleveland Natural Gas Explodes, Shattering Windows for Block Around Wrecked Apartments—Exact Cause of Explosion is Not Known.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 15.—A natural gas explosion in a two-story apartment house in Madison avenue last night killed seven persons, seriously injured eight, and wrecked the two-story building. Windows for a block around were broken and persons in a drug store across the street were thrown off their feet and injured by broken glass.

The exact cause of the explosion has not been ascertained. A strong odor of gas had been noticed in the vicinity. A photograph studio occupied the first floor of the apartment, and it is supposed the escaping gas became ignited there.

The explosion blew out the walls of the building and the wreckage at once caught fire. Firemen dragged the dead and dying from the blazing mass at the risk of their lives. Most of the injured were horribly mangled, having had arms or legs blown off. Several of the dead were children who lived in the apartments above the photograph studio.

Owing to the cold wave here today the gas pressure was high.

Brief Bits of News.

Havana.—Major General Jose J. Montenegro, commanding the armed forces of Cuba, died today.

Little Rock, Ark.—The state of Arkansas lost a suit for approximately \$300,000 which it alleges to be due in back taxes.

Washington.—Quarantine in Iowa over hoof and mouth disease was modified today to permit cattle shipments to some parts of the state.

Warship Dresden Cornered.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 15.—The minister of marine has been informed that two British warships have entered the Straits of Magellan in pursuit of the German cruiser Dresden, which has taken refuge at Punta Arenas.

Put Across Cotton Loan.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The \$135,000,000 cotton loan fund plan to finance the surplus cotton crop was approved unanimously tonight by representatives of committees which are to aid in handling the fund in the Southern states. After an all-day conference with the cotton loan committee, which has final supervision of the fund, the representatives of the committees pledged themselves to give their best efforts to the successful operation of the fund.

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CANAL FORTS ARE THOUGHT AMPLE

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SO BELIEVE WASHINGTON OFFICIALS

Government Slow in Acting on Hurry Call—Secretary of War Learns Nations at War May Use Neutral Panama Route For Supply Base.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Colonel Goethals' reiterated request for destroyers to use in enforcing neutrality laws in the Panama canal zone was the subject of conferences today between Secretary of War Garrison, Counsellor Lansing of the state department and Admiral Fisk, chief of the navy's bureau of operations.

No decision was reached and it was indicated tonight that because of the delicacy of the question involved and the scant information furnished by Colonel Goethals it might be several days before any action was taken.

Secretary Garrison early in the day received a cablegram from Colonel Goethals in reply to his request for details concerning the call for destroyers. This message was not made public on account of its confidential nature, but Mr. Garrison said in Colonel Goethals' judgment, misuse of radio communication within canal waters and the necessity of preventing misuse of the zone as a base of supply by belligerents, required the presence of swift-moving war vessels.

Before any step is determined upon, it is understood that officials of the administration will go deeply into the question of the powers and obligations of the government in controlling activities in the waters adjacent to the canal zone. An agreement will have to be reached too, as to which department of the government should deal with the situation.

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A fashionable woman, coming from the opera, in the rosy nest of a limousine, passed a group of laborers at midnight. Machines, like terrible animals, were burrowing into the earth. Steam was hissing, as if from the mouths of a million serpents. Rocks fell in every direction. Torchlights danced. There was the thunder of labor. The night shift was in full swing.

And the woman, glancing from the window, at a certain workman, for an instant thought: "How I wish I had that brawny laborer's strength and joy of life! How I envy him his power, his physical perfection, the wonder of his manhood, his freedom from the shackles that bind me. He is his own master, while I am a slave—the slave of a man I despise!"

At that moment the laborer paused long enough by the deep chasm where his engine roared, to glance into the motor as it sped by him. And he thought: "Oh, to be like her! To know leisure and wealth and rest! To be free from drudgery and toil, to come and go as I pleased! To throw off the chains of debt and worry, and have the days and nights stretch ahead of me like a field of flowers!"

But in another instant the motor was gone. The torchlights flared brighter than ever. And each had forgotten the other.—Judge.

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MANITOBA'S AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY

REMARKABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THAT PROVINCE DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS.

The past year has shown that the Province of Manitoba, the Premier Province of Western Canada, stands out prominently in point of wealth in her agricultural productions. Manitoba had an excellent yield of wheat in 1914, the oat crop was not so good, and with the high price received, every farmer was placed in a good financial position.

For some years, as is probably the case in all new countries, Manitoba went largely into the growing of grain, and while this paid well for a time, it was found that having to purchase his meat, his milk and a number of other daily requisites, the farmer did not pay as it should. Now, there is another side to it. Fodder crops are grown, cattle are being raised, cheese factories and creameries are established, and the result is that the financial position of the farmers of Manitoba is as strong as that of those in any other portion of the continent. Scarcely a farmer today but has realized that the growing of grains alone has a precarious side, and that positive security can only be assured by diversified farming, and securing the latest modern and most economic methods. Therefore timothy, clover, alfalfa, rye grass and fodder corn are universal crops. Most wonderful success meets the efforts of the farmers in the cultivation of these grasses, and the yields compare favorably with those of many older countries, while in many cases they exceed them.

It is worth while recording the acreage of these crops this season as compared with last, because the figures reflect the remarkable progress that is being made in dairying and in the beef and pork industry. In 1913 bromegrass was sown on 24,912 acres, rye grass, on 21,917 acres, timothy on 118,712 acres, clover on 5,328 acres, alfalfa on 4,709 acres and fodder corn on 20,223 acres. In 1914 the respective acreage under those crops were 25,444 acres, 27,109 acres, 165,990 acres, 7,212 acres, and 10,250 acres and 30,430 acres. Alfalfa particularly is coming into its own, the acreage having been more than doubled last year.

It is simply the natural process of evolution from the purely grain farming which Manitoba knew as the only method twenty years ago to the more diversified forms of agriculture that is responsible for the development along these other lines in this Province. Alberta is coming to it at an earlier stage than did Manitoba. Saskatchewan, too, is following rapidly in the same direction.

Then, as her fodder crop and root crop acreage indicate, there have been increases in the holdings of all kinds of live stock during the past twelve months, according to the correspondent for the Toronto Globe. Beef cattle number 42,000 head this year, as against 37,000 last year; milch cows are 160,474 head, as against 157,962 head; pigs number 325,000 as against 248,000; sheep number 75,000, as against 52,000; and there are 325,000 horses, as compared with 300,000 at this time last year. These are the latest Provincial figures, and they show that despite the great exodus of live stock to the United States since the opening of that market to Canada, the capital amount of live animals has increased instead of having decreased through the extra demand.

Dairying is the principal industry. Dairying is the industry, however, which is making dollars for the Manitoba farmer. It is developing at a rapid rate in this Province for that particular reason. The output of creamery butter last year was 4,000,000 pounds, at an average price of 27.5 cents per pound, which was an increase over the previous year of a million pounds. The output of dairy butter was recorded last year at 4,288,276 pounds. The Government department says that again this year a substantial increase in the dairy output will be shown from this Province. From this same source of information one finds that through the splendid growth in winter dairying, Winnipeg now, for the first time in years, is able to obtain a sufficient supply of milk and sweet cream from its city dairies to satisfy its demand throughout the year without having to import large quantities of these products from the United States as was done not longer than two years ago.—Advertisement.

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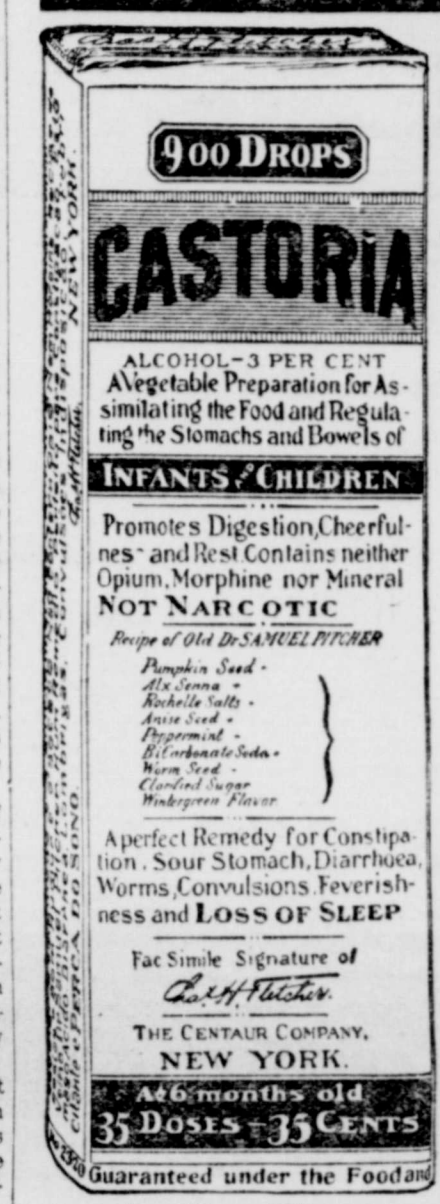
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The building with its tower is in the quaint ancient Spanish style of architecture and is constructed entirely of poured concrete. The tower is 125 feet high. In the center is the geometrical stairway, consisting of 160 steps, circling around an open space only 24 inches in diameter and mounting to a height of 120 feet. Unlike most geometrical staircases, including the one in St. Paul's cathedral in London, this staircase occupies only a small part of the tower, space being left for rooms of fairly large size on each of the seven floors.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

How It Happened. "How did the cashier of your bank get into jail?" "Left the 's' off speculation."

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"And what did you get out of him?" "Not very much. His mother is evidently an exceedingly strict censor."—Judge.

The Right One. "Jim's in the fan-making business." "Then he ought to be able to raise the wind."

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—Quannah Tribune Chief.

Harry Koch never uttered more logical words. While the people of the Panhandle are ready always to relieve immediate want if it is in their power to do so, the land owners of the cotton belt know that they must go farther from home to arouse sympathy, because the Panhandle is near enough to look on and see how things are run—Glazier Review.

Ten percent of the population of the town of Miami are music students. We doubt if there is another town in the state with half the record. If there is one thing we like about Miami, it is the musical talent we have, it is great and is very much appreciated by our citizens. We see only one place for improvement, and that is a little more co-operation in the study of vocal music. At times some of us get a little prejudice against some of our churches and refuse to help sing when the opportunity offers. To sing with a spiritual and understanding worshiping God is divine and we should not let prejudice keep us from meeting together and singing.

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—Quannah Observer.
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There is nothing more interesting than the home paper when you are away from home. Does not matter if half a dozen friends write you they will not tell half as much news as the home paper. They might if they knew it, but not making it their business to find out they may be as ignorant of things happening around home as you would be away. It is a good idea to always have the home paper follow you.

Begin now to think what you are going to send your dear old mother for a Christmas present. Not only send her a nice present but write her a nice long letter, that will make her happier than the present.

Some of our Congressmen seem to think that it would be only a breakfast spell for the European powers to conquer the United States in war, that we practically have no navy nor army. If they attempt it we would recommend that they bring more than one week's rations.

Christmas is so near now that one can already feel the Christmas spirit of associates. Nothing is hardly said of hard times or troubles and everyone seems happy and thankful for their being alive and living where they are. If we would only be that way all the time it would be better and we could if we would.

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Osborne's big sale will be continued until the holidays, Dec. 25.

Dial-Bradley

Mr. Leslie Dial and Miss Lelia Bradley were married Sunday morning at the home of the brides parents in Hughe Springs. They came in last evening and will make their home on the Dial Ranch north of town. The Chief joins in wishing them many happy days.

The entire high school owes a debt of gratitude to Miss Easley for the delightful party given in their honor last Tuesday evening at the J. D. Lard home. Despite the weather most of the honored were present to participate in the pleasant games provided by the hostess and later on to enjoy the delicious cocoa and other "goodies" she served to them. Miss Easley has the most delightful Xmas, and happiest of New Year is the wish of all her pupils.

(LAST WEEK)

Mrs. Harry Newman entertained the Womens Study club Friday afternoon. Thirteen members were present each taking part and being entertained in the club work. Essay on Thomas Page by Mrs. Kinney and Review of Red Rock by Mrs. Tolbert, were much appreciated. Dainty refreshments were served which were enjoyed by all.

The Supreme Court yesterday ruled that liquor could be shipped from wet territories in Texas to dry territories.

Rev. P. G. Huffman returned this week from Sweetwater where he went to attend the Methodist conference. He was appointed to the Miami and Pampa churches for the coming year.

The Canyon State Normal contract was let this week for the erection of the new building.

Grandpa and Grandma Davis left today for the southern part of the state where they will spend the winter. They will be back again in the spring.

Dr. Gunn reports the arrival of a boy at the Lee Smith home Dec. 12.

J. R. Webster and wife returned yesterday evening from St. Joe.

Lee Vansant of Canyon was in our city Tuesday and Thursday.

The usual services will be held at the Baptist church next Lord's day Sunday School 10:00. Sunbeams at 3:00. The pastor will preach a Christmas sermon Sunday morning. All are invited to worship God with us, be on time. The choir will render special music on that date.

To whom it may concern; I have postponed my afternoon appointments till the winter will be past. Dan Rees.

LOST STRAYED OR STOLEN A 2 yr. old heifer, red mottle face branded H M A on right side. Disappeared Nov. 20 from Gossett place.

19-14. H. M. Anderson.

FOR SALE

Some nice Big Type Poland China Hogs, see or write, H. A. Nelson, Miami, Texas.

PUBLIC SALE

I will sell at auction on Saturday the 19th. One gray mare in fold. 15 1-2 hands high, 1 sorrel mare in fold 15 hands high, 1 mule 14 hands high, 1 set buggy harness and other small things. At the Wagon yard at 1 o'clock.

J. P. Wright, CHURCH DIRECTORY.

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My new big line of Christmas goods have arrived and I just have a splendid line. Anything you will want for your friends, no matter what age. Lots of toys and a lot of real presents. Be sure to come and look. My Prices are 25 per cent lower than anywhere else.

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PUBLIC Sale

Tuesday Dec. 22.

I will sell at Public auction all of my livestock and Implements. Sale will be held at the Noah McCuistian place beginning at 10 a. m.

TERMS: Nine months time on approved notes.

Ten Per cent Interest Charged

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Miami Lodge No 805 A F & A M, meets night of First Friday of each month. H. E. Baird W. M. M. M. Craig, Sec.

Royal Arch Chapter, 265, meet night of Third Friday in each month. J. A. meade H. P. H. E. Baird, Sec.

Trey O' Hearts

Starts at the Cap Rock, Saturday evening. Matinee and night Three Reels, admission 19 and 15 cents. Increase of Admission owing to our having to pay extra for this great feature.

We are in the market for broom-corn as well as grain and feed. And are able to furnish any thing in the feed line and now selling mill run brand at \$1.50 other feeds in proportion. The price is right for the money. Philpott Elevator.

The Toggery changed hands this morning. Grover Fitzgerald purchasing it from Milus Gunn. Leo Fitzgerald will run the place for him. Milus Gunn and Clarice Wren left this morning to look for another location.

Geo. Gerlach was in our city a short time this morning on business. Be sure to see the first installment of the Trey O' Hearts at the Cap Rock Saturday. Greatest serial story ever produced.

your Christmas goods at the Miami Merc. Co.

Elva Jones is in from Lake. This week attending teachers institute.

Myrtle Mathis is spending vacation with home folks and attending the institute.

E. Gething and son Edward in the city Tuesday trading. Koehn returned home with his family to spend the week.

O. C. Walker, Mrs. Hooker and Miss Bama Luttrell of Mobeetie were in the city Tuesday doing some shopping.

Elva Burchard of Mobeetie in Monday night in the city with her mother, Mrs. W. L. Mathers.

H. J. Newman left Saturday for Kansas City to spend the holidays.

Allen left yesterday morning for Ashboro, N. C. where he will spend the holidays.

M. Collier was over from Mobeetie last week and had us add his name to the Chief list.

Blair of Mobeetie was among the Mobeetie freighters who came to Miami Friday after coal.

C. Tarver and family of Mobeetie are here this week visiting at the Johnston and Russell homes. Relatives had a meeting at the place with a big turkey dinner about 40 people present.

Shelton reports the arrival of a new boy at the Uel Warren home. Some work is being done on Main street this week in front of the grocery.

Greaver returned Monday attending the Grand Chapter meeting. He reports a splendid time.

Waldens staged the fourth number of the Lyceum course Saturday night to a medium sized audience. We certainly give Walden credit for being an artist in his line. It is a very mysterious kind of a show.

C. H. Lockhart and I. C. Kelley left the city Thursday evening for Roberts County, where they will hunt the wild and wicked game that is incident to that part of the great Panhandle. They expect to return with trophies of the chase consisting of at least one or two wolves each, and a bear or two between them. If they only get far enough, it is possible that they may get on the trail of a Kangaroo and if they do, we may live yet to enjoy a mess of Kangaroo tail soup. —Higgins News.

Dr. Lowry of Lowry Philips School lectured at the M. E. Church Tuesday evening to a nice audience. His subject was well handled and enjoyed.

Last week we mentioned that B. F. Talley had shipped in 450 head of steers to feed, it was B. F. Jackson instead of Talley who shipped in the feeders.

J. R. Webster received a message Friday from St. Joe Texas stating that his grand daughter was very low and he and wife left at once for the place. They will return this week if the child improves.

The First State Bank have some nice safety deposit boxes to rent. Ask about them, new lot just in.

J. W. Philpott, son and a little Tilman boy started hunting Tuesday morning in Mr. Philpott's car and were eight miles out in the country when one of the front wheels came off and the sudden stop gave them quite a jar. No one hurt.

Rubbers—We have the exclusive agency for the famous Ball Brand rubbers. Prices restricted, but they are better. At Osbornes.

Standard grade corn at \$1.90 per case at Miami Merc. Co.

NOTICE

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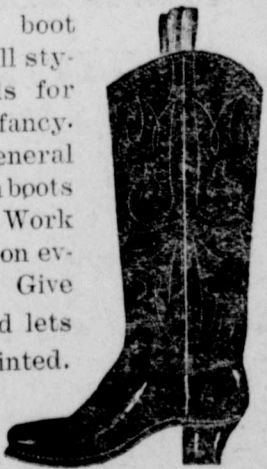
Baby Range Eternal

To be given away FREE Xmas Eve by John A. Newman. This little Range cooks and bakes perfectly and is built like the family size. It is a magnificent Xmas gift for the little girl that wins the race. Conditions of contest—For each one cent cash purchase, one vote will be given and for each dollar paid on account, twenty votes will be given customers. Customers may vote for any little girl under 14 yrs. of age. The one receiving most votes will be given Baby Range Eternal on Xmas Eve.

Car load of fresh Colorado potatoes at \$1.50 per hundred up to Christmas at Miami Merc. Co.

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RUSSIANS CHECK GERMAN ADVANCE AGAINST WARSAW

The Kaiser Sends Five Columns Toward Polish Capital and Slavs are Hard Pressed Now.

ALLIES CLAIM GAIN

The French Say They Have Captured Two Important Points Along Western Battle Line—British Navy Wins.

(Summary of Events.)

Of the five Austro-German columns which for some days appeared to be making steady progress in their invasion of Poland, three have suffered checks, according to the official report from Russian headquarters. The column which was making a downward stroke from Mlawa, on the east Prussian frontier, and which was reported in one dispatch from Petrograd to be within fifteen miles of Warsaw, was repulsed after an energetic offensive, and under counter attacks from the Russians, was compelled to retire at some points.

German Repulsed.
The attacks of the main German column which had its front on the line between Lodz and Lowicz, and which came down diagonally from Thorn, were delivered with great force, but, according to the Russian account, were repulsed with heavy losses to the invaders. That the Germans attached great importance to the success of their attack here is shown by the fact that in the two days they faced the Russian trenches seven times and were driven back by a murderous fire.

Didn't Relieve Cracow.
The other column which has suffered is that composed of German and Austrian troops which has been trying to outflank the Russian left south of Cracow. In this case it was the Russian who assumed the offensive, and they claim that after a tenacious resistance they defeated the Germans, taking several guns and 2,000 prisoners.

Pursuing the Russians.
The Germans declare they are pursuing the Russians to the south and southeast of Lodz. Several American correspondents were with the Russian army when the battle of Lodz broke, but nothing has been heard from them for several days. Evidently they are under the hand of a strict censorship.

British military experts say that three-quarters of the best material of the German army has been held in the western theater of war throughout the campaign and that the troops opposed to the Russians consist principally of second line organizations.

Importance of Capture.
For weeks military critics have called Lodz "the vital point of the Polish campaign." To the Germans it meant everything, according to Major Morath, a German war expert. To prevent an invasion by the Russians the Kaiser's troops had to check their enemy at the city and their campaign in doing so undoubtedly brought out the greatest generalship the war has seen.

Allies Claim Gains.
The Allies are reported from Paris and London to be making slow but steady gains along the entire battle

COUNT BERCHTOLD



Count Berchtold is prime minister of Austria and, next to Emperor Francis Joseph, is the most important figure in Austrian affairs.

line in northern France and in Belgium. This advance has been proceeding for the last six days, according to the information. The Allies have captured Roulers, in Belgium, and Armentieres, in northern France. Both are strategic points.

Germany Move Headquarters.
The German divisional headquarters was removed from Roulers when shells began to fall in the town after the British had recaptured Iaschedaede, eleven miles northeast of Ypres. Despite the vigorous attack being made by the allied forces, reports today indicate that the Germans have not abandoned their offensive at all points. Heavy firing is reported along the coast, with the Germans bombarding East Dunkirk, west of Neuport. The allied warships also are reported to have been able to get back into action and have shelled the German positions.

Heavy Fighting in Alsace.
Heavy fighting is reported in Alsace. In the Arzonne the German trenches are being assailed vigorously by French artillery and through mining operations. All new positions taken by the allied troops along the Yser have been held and the advantage is being followed with determination, according to London reports.

Evacuate a French Town.
The evacuation by the Germans of Vernelles, southeast of Bethune, was officially announced in a statement issued in Berlin. Bethune is near the Belgian border.

British Win at Sea.
The British have retaliated for the recent German naval victory in the southern Pacific by sinking four of the German warships which sank the *Moanmouth* and the *Good Hope*. The German cruisers *Scharnhorst*, *Gneisenau* and *Leipzig* were destroyed east of the Falkland Islands, in the south Atlantic, in a battle December 8.

Two other German cruisers, the *Nurnberg* and *Dresden*, escaped. They were pursued five hundred miles. The *Nurnberg* was finally sunk. The *Dresden*, badly crippled, got into the Straits of Magellan. The British squadron was composed of nine battleships, some of them the largest and newest in the navy. This avenging fleet was about twice the strength of the German group.

Two colliers were captured. At the same time a squadron of British and Japanese warships sank three German merchantmen off the coast of Terra del Fuego. Announcement of these sea activities have just been made by the British admiralty.

Serbs Win Big Victory.
An important Austrian defeat in Bosnia is now an established fact. The Serbians drove a wedge into the center of the Austrian forces, shattering four army corps, which are now in flight. The mass of prisoners and captured material is so great that it cannot be tabulated.

The Serbians are pushing the pursuit vigorously and successfully. The roads in the rear of the Serbian army are blocked with incoming prisoners who appear satisfied that their ordeal is over. Entire battalions are seen marching under guard of a handful of Serbians, while many groups of prisoners come in unattended, says a Serbian official report.

Italian Troops to Africa.
Eight battalions of Italian troops have been ordered to Libya to reinforce the troops there, and, according to the announcement, "to be ready for any emergency." Libya is the Italian name for Tripoli and Cyrenaica, the part of Africa over which it has control. Tripoli is in Northern Africa, directly opposite Italy.

Sweden's Ire is Rising.
A press dispatch from Copenhagen says that it is stated from Stockholm that twenty-five floating mines have been observed on the trade routes in the Baltic near the Finnish coast. The mines are believed to have been laid by Germans. Great indignation is expressed in Stockholm, as in the last few days three Swedish shipping disasters have occurred at the cost of fifty lives.

Kaiser Has Pneumonia.
Kaiser Wilhelm is seriously ill. Messages received from Berlin say the Kaiser is suffering from pneumonia and that his condition is aggravated by nervous depression caused by his extreme exertion in remaining with his troops in the field almost constantly since the war began.

Heavy Battle Losses.
Reports from the French war office state that the losses of the French army in killed, seriously wounded and captured up to November 19, were slightly more than 590,000. Of this number nearly 100,000 have been killed in battle. Press dispatches from Berlin say the German official list of dead, published from time to time, now amounts to about 180,000. The British list of dead to the middle of November is reported at 20,000. The Russian list, 60,000.

France has had more men in the field than either of her allies and her army suffered the earliest losses. Statements of Austrian, Belgian and Serbian casualties are unavailable. It is needless to say they are very heavy. Austria has put a million and a half men in the field and they have been fighting constantly and desperately in both western, eastern and southern areas. Belgium's little army, originally about 180,000 strong, has sworn in blood almost constantly. Servia has reported to Petrograd, London and Paris the loss of about one-third of her forces. They were originally about 100,000.

VILLA ENTERS CAPITAL SUBURBS WITH TROOPS

THERE HE IS AWAITING ARRIVAL OF PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT GUTIERREZ.

WILL RESTORE ORDER FIRST

Says in Statement to Associated Press He is Acting as Subordinate of Convention.

Mexico City, via Eagle Pass, Texas.—General Villa entered the capital Monday at the head of about 25,000 troops. He arrived during the afternoon in the suburbs, where he remained during the evening receiving delegations and foreign consuls. Villa will not enter the capital part of the city until the arrival of Provisional President Gutierrez.

General Villa issued the following statement to the Associated Press: "My only mission is to restore order in Mexico and not to take personal revenge on any one. I promise that order will be restored at once. I am acting as the subordinate of Provisional President Gutierrez and the national convention.

"The provisional president is now the supreme power in Mexico, and I am merely acting as field commander of the armies. All foreigners and foreign property will be protected."

VILLA DON'T WANT PRESIDENCY

"No one Knows Better Than I That I Am Unfitted," He Declares.

El Paso, Texas.—"Time alone can prove, as it has proved so far, that I have had no ambitions regarding the presidency of my republic," General Francisco Villa says in his first official statement issued since he went south from Aguas Calientes.

"My one ambition is that my people shall be free, and that no tyrant, under whatever name or at the head of whatever party, may oppress them because they cannot protect themselves. No one knows better than I that I am unfitted for the presidency. I do not have any aims or desires upon it.

"When peace is re-established upon a permanent basis I intend to retire to my home at San Andreas and there enjoy the companionship of my wife. That is all I wish."

State Still on Cash Basis.

Austin, Texas.—State Treasurer Edwards expressed himself as being confident that the state will be able to go through this year without a deficiency. Nov. 30 was pay day at the capitol and warrants aggregating about \$30,000 were paid. Then there was \$500,000 in the treasury to the credit of general revenue. The school apportionment for December will be about 40c per capita, as there is available for that purpose \$400,000.

Receives 360 Cars of Grain.

Galveston, Texas.—Three hundred and sixty cars of grain were received in Galveston in a day, a record for several weeks. The heavy number of arrivals was due to the fact that many cars that had been held up by the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe embargo reached their destination. The elevators are working day and night to keep up with the movements. The wheat cars arriving were transported by the following lines: I. & G. N., 7, M. K. & T., 38, Santa Fe 229, and Galveston, Houston & San Antonio, 86; total, 360.

November Land Sales \$388,574.

Austin, Texas.—The total amount paid into the state treasury during the month of November from land sales and leases for the benefit of the school fund was \$388,574, according to the report made by the state treasurer. Of this amount \$353,815 is to the credit of the available fund and \$34,759 to the permanent fund.

Allows \$22,500 Deficiency.

Austin, Texas.—The governor has allowed a deficiency of \$22,500 for maintenance at the state blind institute, made necessary by an error in the enrollment of the last general appropriation bill. It should have read \$25,000, but the clerk inserted \$2,500 instead. The same error occurred in both years. It is but another instance of the mistakes which occur in the hurried enrollment of bills at the close of legislative sessions. Efforts have been made to energe the system.

J. M. Pearson Killed at McKinney.

McKinney, Texas.—In attempting to turn on an electric light at the home of his parents J. Matt Pearson was instantly killed. Mr. Pearson's mother had just been injured and he had gone to a room to aid her.

Fireman Killed by Falling Wall.

Athens, Texas.—Fire destroyed the Rierson building, on the west side of the square, which was occupied by Black & Weckley, gents' furnisiers. G. W. McPherson, who was assisting the firemen, was fatally hurt by a falling wall and died. He leave a widow and one child. The losses were Jack Rierson, building, \$7,000; insurance \$3,000; Black & Weckley, stock \$6,000; insurance \$4,200; A. I. Windle, jeweler, \$600; no insurance; Brown & Allen, shoe shop, \$800.

WAR TO ADD \$500,000,000

E. E. Pratt Estimates Trade Will Be Increased This Sum in One Year.

Washington.—That one year of war in Europe will add \$500,000,000 to the foreign commerce of the United States is the estimate of Edward E. Pratt, chief of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Mr. Pratt has just completed a study of the reports of American consuls and commercial representatives abroad, of agents of his bureau in this country and of the new orders for American manufacturers and products reported in commercial periodicals.

If the ratio of increase recorded since August, when the war began, is maintained until next August, he estimates that new orders placed on the books of American firms will total half a billion dollars.

As specific data upon which to base his estimates, Mr. Pratt has the report of J. Massel, special commercial agent now en route to South America to study the machine tool market there and prepare a review of the needs of South American countries, which will be made available to American manufacturers. In preparation for his trip he visited virtually every large manufacturing plant in the United States and estimated that the machine tool manufacturing companies alone have from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 in new orders from European countries now on their books.

Masonic Grand Lodge Elects Officers

Waco, Texas.—Practically all the time of the Grand Lodge of Texas Wednesday was devoted to the discussion and defeat of a proposed new constitution and to the election of officers. Grand lodge officers elect are the following: Grand master, Jewell P. Lightfoot, Austin; deputy grand master, D. S. McMillin, White; grand senior warden, Frank G. Jones, Houston; grand junior warden, John R. Arnold, Henderson; grand secretary, W. B. Pearson, Waco; grand treasurer, W. W. Peavy, Brownwood.

Rear Admiral Mahan Dies.

Washington.—Rear Admiral Alfred T. Mahan, United States navy, retired, acclaimed in naval circles as the "greatest modern writer on naval strategy," died at the naval hospital here, aged 74 years. Death was due to heart trouble. Admiral Mahan had greatly overtaxed his strength in study of the present great European conflict, and it is thought that the many long hours he devoted to following the naval operations of the belligerents probably caused the breakdown which hastened his end.

Lamar Gets 2 Years in U. S. Prison.

New York.—David Lamar was found guilty of impersonating Representative A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of defrauding J. P. Morgan & company and the United States Steel corporation. He was immediately sentenced to serve two years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. Lamar was convicted on two counts of the second of the three indictments against him. His counsel announced that an appeal would be taken to the United States supreme court.

Big Grain Elevator Burns at Galveston

Galveston, Texas.—Property worth \$50,000 was destroyed Tuesday when the Wisroot Grain company elevator 50,000 bushels capacity, was burned to the ground. Damage was covered by insurance. Thirty-five thousand bushels of oats comprised the major portion of the elevator's contents most due for delivery on United States army contracts to Galveston and Texas City troops. Lightning is credited with starting the blaze.

Woman Victim of Hydrophobia.

La Grange, Texas.—Mrs. Frank Hauser died here from hydrophobia the result of a dog's bite six months ago. The dog bit Mrs. Hauser and her four small children. They were all carried to Austin to the Pasteur Institute, but the tiny scratch on the woman's hand was not considered serious and she did not receive the treatment.

\$40,000,000 for Rivers and Harbors.

Washington.—Upwards of forty million dollars for river and harbors improvement is asked for in estimates which the war department will present to congress at the coming session. Approximately half of this total is for the Mississippi river and its tributaries.

Funeral Instead of Wedding.

San Antonio, Texas.—Guests who had gathered for his son's wedding attended the funeral of A. Voges, a ranchman of Marion, Texas. Mr. Voges fell dead in his wagon while hauling decorations for the house and provisions for the wedding feast. The wedding has been postponed indefinitely.

State's Cash Fund Totals \$1,310,017.

Austin, Texas.—According to the quarterly balance sheet of the state treasurer, the cash fund on Nov. 30 totaled \$1,310,017 and bonds \$29,755,529. Disbursements during the quarter aggregated \$2,775,128. Of the latter, general revenue spent \$1,887,467. Confederate pensions \$374,751, available school fund \$232,011, available university fund \$95,953, and permanent school fund \$80,935. The remainder disbursed was widely scattered.

TEXAS NEWS CONDENSED

Leases on over 2000 acres of land for oil and gas were filed at Denton last week.

Fire in the cotton yard at Chillicothe last week destroyed 33 bales which were partially insured.

Students of the Agricultural and Mechanical college will be released for the holidays Saturday, Dec. 19.

An election was held at Higgins Nov. 28, on the pool hall election. Pool halls were voted out by a vote of 75 to 50.

The secretary of state has granted a charter to the Alfalfa cattle company, capitalized for \$50,000, with headquarters at Plainview.

Fire in the Kirby Lumber Company's dry kiln at Bronson, partially destroyed 40,000 feet of lumber. The estimated loss is \$5,000, amount of insurance unknown.

The Fort Worth postal fund receipts for November were \$32,914.89, a gain of about 8 per cent over November 1913, when the receipts were \$30,369.62.

The Texas Power and Light company has been given until Jan. 1, 1915, by the city commission of Waco to have their big new power plant erected and equipped in East Waco at a cost of over \$500,000, in operation.

The commissioners' court on petition of citizens of Brazos county has ordered a good roads bond election for the sum of \$600,000. Dec. 30 was set as the date for holding the election.

The General association of the Baptist churches of America, better known as Landmark Baptists, met in annual session in the West Side city hall at Texarkana, Tuesday, Dec. 8, and continued three days.

According to Ike N. Heartzell, liquor permit clerk in the comptroller's department at Austin, 3,100 permits have been issued. Under the scholastic census recently taken, Texas is entitled to 3,350 saloons.

Permits granted at Galveston during November show the value of new buildings to be \$70,800, of about \$25,000 more than the valuation of buildings erected the previous month. The total value of buildings erected in the first 11 months of 1914 is more than \$1,600,000.

The big new power-house at the Texas Tuberculosis sanitarium at Carlsbad, has been completed and is now being used. The plant will furnish electricity to the entire institution as well as doing the washing for the inmates and heat all the buildings.

The good roads commissioners of Bonham district have advertised for bids for the construction of a part of the good roads to be built from the \$250,000 bond issue voted several months ago. About 30 miles will be constructed in this contract, the bids for which will be opened Dec. 25.

Plans for the construction of an addition to cost \$50,000 to the Santa Fe railway employes' general hospital at Temple have been approved by the board of directors, and bids for construction will be advertised for at an early date. The construction of a hospital car to be a veritable surgery on wheels has also been authorized at a cost of \$15,000 on the theory of bringing the hospital to the patient, where the reverse is impracticable for any reason.

Southern hotel men, from El Paso on the west to Jacksonville, Fla., on the east, to the number of about 80, gathered in Houston as delegates to the joint convention of the Texas Hotelkeepers' association and the Southern Interstate Hotel association.

More than twenty million dollars worth of live stock products have been ordered by the European nations at war, according to a list compiled by A. C. Williams, assistant secretary of the Cattle Raisers' association.

Work on the new plant at Paris of the Texas Power and Light company, which was suspended shortly after the outbreak of the war in Europe, will be resumed right away.

The directors of the Tyler commercial club have undertaken the matter of the establishment of a syrup refinery there. Ribbon cane is grown extensively in the county and yields from 450 to 500 gallons of syrup per acre, which finds a ready market at from 60c to 75c per gallon.

Estimates of appropriations for the Southwestern Insane asylum at San Antonio filed with the comptroller are for \$344,840 for the first year and \$304,840 for the second year.

Stock sales handled through two Carlsbad, N. M. banks since the first of the year total \$1,050,000. This includes cattle, sheep and horses; the greater part from the range. During November about 10,000 head of cattle were shipped from Carlsbad and Artesia.

CREATING DUST MULCH

Do Not Attempt Anything With Clods in the Fall.

Rain and Melted Snow Permitted to Run Down and Water Can Be Conserved by a Proper Dust Mulch—Soils Not All Alike.

It is possible in the semiarid section of the country, and on light soils in any section, to form such a dust mulch as will favor blowing, especially in dry time, and more particularly on lands that are somewhat worn and somewhat deficient in soil moisture.

It is utterly impossible for any person to make suggestions on the management of land that will apply infallibly to all kinds of land under all sorts of weather conditions and in all sections. We would not attempt to do anything with clods in the fall, says Wallace's Farmer. We would not harrow ground in the fall, but would leave it rough; for the subsequent freezing and thawing will break up the clods, while the roughness of the land will give the frost a better chance to get in its work as well as catch snow and rain.

Where land is light, where it is exposed to high winds, where experience teaches that it is liable to blow, we would keep the prevention of blowing always in mind. It is difficult to know just how to handle these lands. If they are harrowed till the surface is a fine dust, there is every opportunity for the soil itself to blow away. If they are rolled with a flat roller, they are more likely to blow than if left loose. The disk roller, or a packer, while compacting the soil, leaves it somewhat rough and prevents blowing.

We saw one year in the state of Iowa an entire crop of wheat from ten acres of land blown out into the roads. The danger is much greater in the semiarid country. Clod formation can be prevented by first disking, then plowing and harrowing directly afterwards, so that clods have no chance to form.

No matter what agricultural papers a man may read, or how many books, or how great their general value, the farmer must study his own farm and his own conditions, and feel free to go directly contrary to advice, no matter how good it may be under widely differing conditions from his.

You cannot treat sandy soils the same way you do clay; nor can you treat the light soils the same way you do the heavy soils in that same section; nor can you treat either of them as you would gumbo soil in the valleys of the humid section. In the semiarid section the soil cleavage is entirely different from that of the humid section. In the humid section, the strata are, so to speak, horizontal; in the semiarid section, perpendicular.

Professor Ten Eyck, who had long experience in the Kansas dry belt experiment station, once said to us that he had the best results by listing the soil deep late in the fall and leaving it rough so that the rain and melted snow could run down and the water could be conserved by a proper dust mulch.

In any section where land is liable to blow, we would be careful about using the harrow more than is necessary, and would under no circumstances use a smooth roller. The more vegetable matter you get into that soil, and, therefore, the more root fiber, the less it is likely to blow. There are soils that are now considered good, which, if they are kept growing corn for a few years, until the vegetable fiber is decomposed, cannot be well held even by a warranty deed.

FALL-PLANTED FRUIT TREES

Missouri Station Reports Big Increase in Growth Over Those Set Out During Spring Season.

This is the third year comparative measurements have been made by the Missouri station between growth of fall planted and spring planted trees. These measurements show that during the year the fall planted trees produced 33 per cent more growth than spring planted trees. Comparing this result with the previous year, fall planted trees made 50 per cent more growth than spring planted, and during the first year the same set of trees lacked only one-half of one per cent of producing 100 per cent more growth than the spring planted. It will be observed that in the same set of trees the difference in the amount of annual growth is decreasing each year as the tree develops.

Grain Hay.

Grain hay is hard to handle, for it is slippery and slides down about as fast as piled up. In the mountains, where poles and posts are handy, it can be held together, and in the plains woven wire works well.

Either there the season is short or there is a lack of moisture, grain hay is valuable for wintering or for work stock, as the milk is extremely nutritious.

Oats, barley or wheat can be used, the latter being perhaps the most satisfactory in droughty locations, though barley will do best. With but light showers either will get very dry seasons. In the mountains oats flourish so well that they are the most general crop. A little wheat mixed in the seed is not objectionable, furnishing variety.

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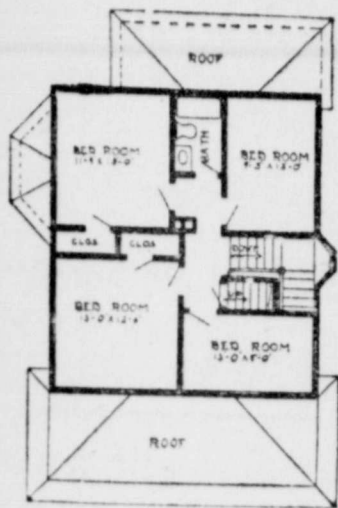
Sometimes four bedrooms are needed, and in order to get four good bedrooms it is necessary to build a good sized house. It is very desirable that children should have bedrooms of their own for their exclusive use as soon as they are old enough to sleep by themselves. You can get four little boxes of rooms in a small house, but it is never very satisfactory. Little bedrooms too often lack light and ventilation, and these are two very important requisites.

One reason why I like square houses and recommend them is the fact that you can put a bedroom in each corner upstairs and have two windows in each room that are diagonally opposite to each other, as they may be left open to create a current of air that will come and go continually. Since the prevalence of contagious diseases has been traced to de-

ously well lighted by the little stair bay, which may be fitted with fancy glass, if so desired. Although the house it quite large it is not a very expensive house to build because it is so plain. Plainness is a strong recommendation for a dwelling provided it is not carried to excess. The plainness of this design is relieved by a rather wide projection of cornice, the dormer windows, the large bay window, the stair bay and the one-story projection at the rear, besides a splendid front porch.

By extending the kitchen porch part way across the dining room and enclosing this part of it we get room for a pantry and a storeroom without cutting into the dining room or kitchen. This is an advantage that does not cost a great deal, and it is a very good arrangement.

Opinions differ in regard to the value of an attic. Some housekeepers couldn't manage without one, while others would not be bothered with



cleaning and taking care of it, claiming that it is just a catchall for old trash and dust. It depends a good deal on the family and the way they live. Some families want a great deal of storeroom, while others use every thing they have until it is used up then throw it away.

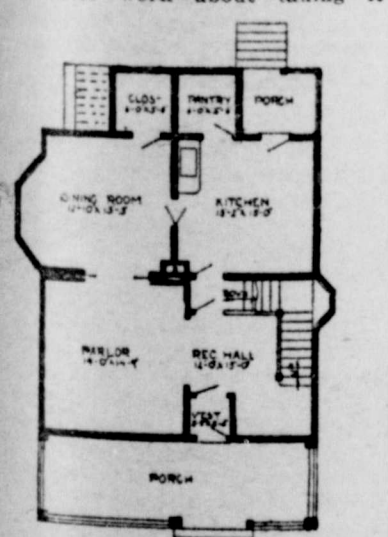
There is an old saying, "keep a thing for seven years and you will



fective ventilation people are paying more attention to this feature of building.

Sunshine is the best disinfectant we have, so it behooves us to provide large windows and plenty of them. Time was when we covered our windows with outside blinds. Some people had wooden blinds outside and wooden (venetian) blinds inside. In addition to these microbes collect and sunshine banishers I have often seen two pairs of curtains over a window, besides a dark shade which was kept down a good deal of the time because too much light was likely to fade the carpets.

One of the best signs of the times is the fact that carpets have gone out of fashion. It is impossible to keep a carpet clean. There is so much hard, disagreeable work about taking it



up and putting it down again that nobody likes to tackle the job, so it is put off as long as possible. The fashion of using a little better flooring so the wood may be varnished or polished, then partially covered with rugs, is the most sensible and most healthful fashion in house finishing we have had since the old pioneer log house days, when the pine boards were left bare and scrubbed until they looked white enough and clean enough to eat your dinner from.

The size of this house is 30 feet 6 inches in width by 34 feet in length, which might be called a medium-sized square-built house, as square houses are built today. There are more square-built houses under 30 feet in width than ever, but they generally range from 30 to 36 feet in length. In this plan we get a very good stairway nicely arranged both for looks and convenience. It is thor-

PROPER SELECTION OF DIET

Reason Must Guide the Appetite if the Best Results Are to Be Attained.

The eminent American physiologist Lusk says that nature, through the device of appetite, usually provides against the use of improper food, but that reason must play a part in food selections. A glass of milk and a piece of pie are poor materials for the brain of an active business man whose sedentary life requires 2,500 heat units or calories to maintain his body machinery.

We need also water, salts, proteins and certain newly discovered substances called vitamins. All these materials are to be found in milk, beans, bread and other great fundamentals of nutrition. Solutions of cane sugar or of glucose are not the exclusive mainstays of life, and yet glu- cose taken alone yields 2,500 calories at a cost of 41 1/2 cents, and 2,500 calories in the form of cane sugar cost 81 1/2 cents.

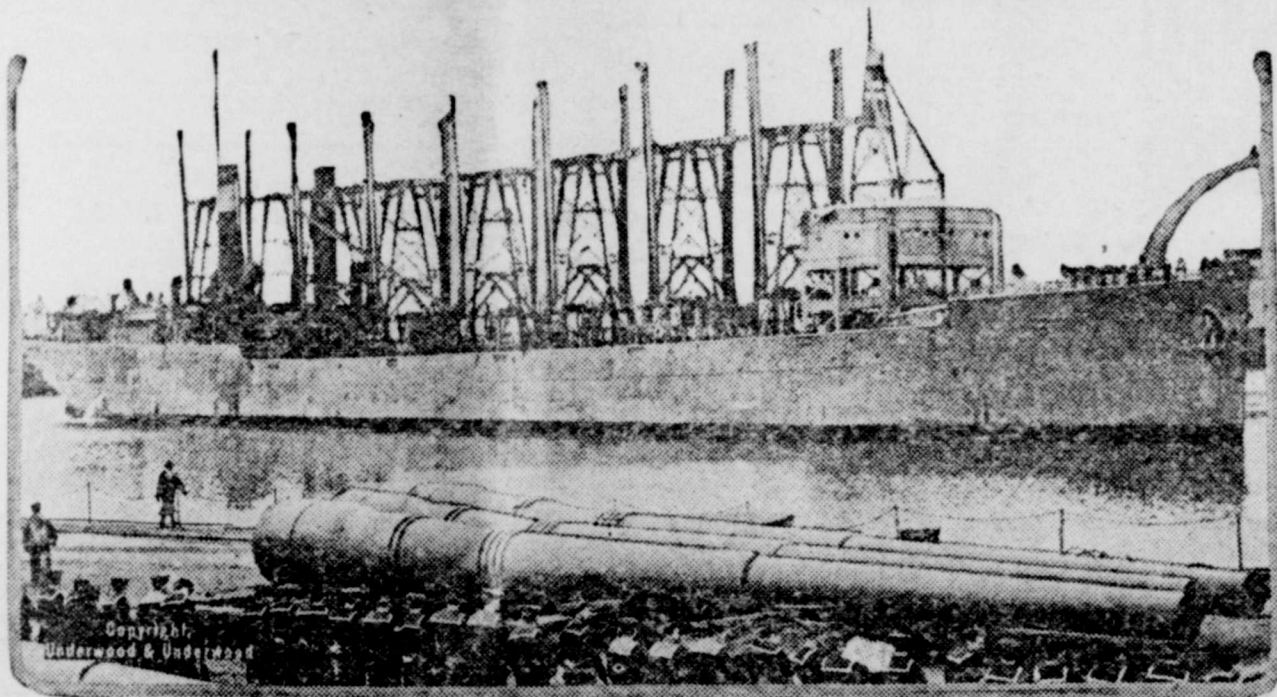
Glucose is the cheapest food fuel known, but, like cane sugar or butter fat is not a complete food, in that it does not contain everything necessary for life. Commercial glucose is absolutely harmless. A man must have sufficient calories in his diet if he is to live properly and perform labor satisfactorily.

KAISER WILHELM DIRECTING MOVEMENT OF TROOPS



Kaiser Wilhelm, with hands behind his back, is here photographed while directing the movement of a body of troops at the front. General von Falkenhayn, the minister of war, stands at the emperor's left.

SANTA CLAUS SHIP AT PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND



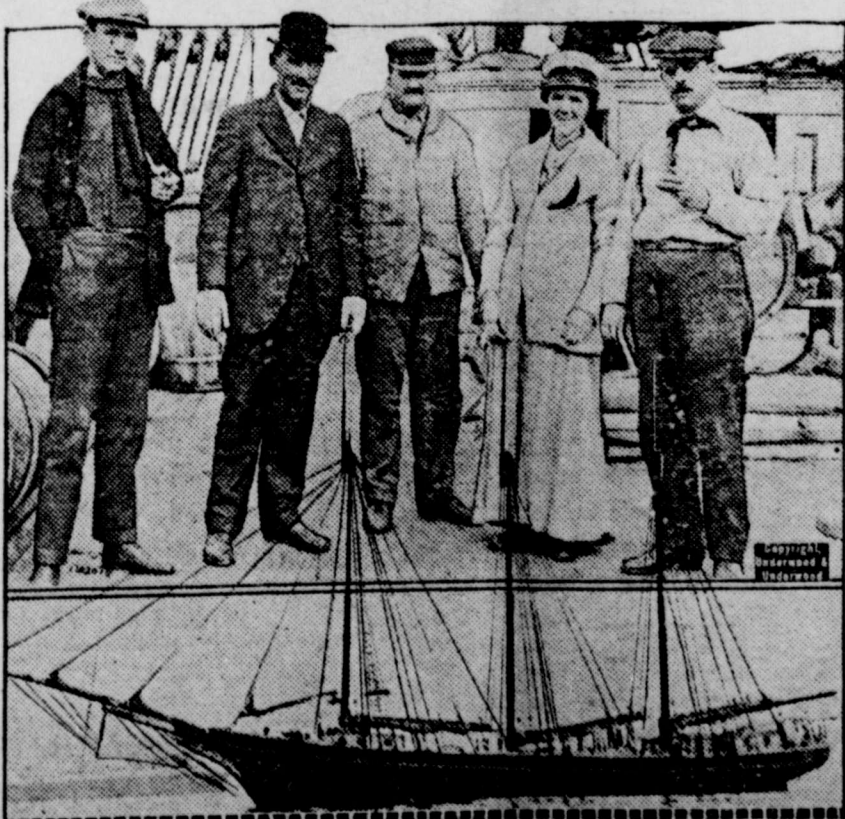
The American Santa Claus ship Jason, loaded with millions of gifts for the war orphans of Europe, as she appeared when she dropped anchor at Plymouth, England. In the immediate foreground are some of the immense guns which Great Britain is mounting on her battleships.

HOW THE DUTCH GUARD THEIR NEUTRALITY



Dutch troopers examining passports at the frontier of Holland.

OFF ON A REAL TRIP OF ADVENTURE



For the first time in a quarter of a century an American sailing vessel has cleared for a trading trip to the coast of Africa. It is the schooner Adelle T. Carleton, shown in the illustration, which left New York a few days ago with a miscellaneous cargo, which is to be exchanged for ivory, coffee, etc. She has three captains aboard. Above, left to right, are J. J. Moran, who is going to Liberia; Capt. D. S. Kent, Capt. F. E. Lowry, Mrs. Lowry, official photographer, and Capt. N. W. Brown.

DR. HENRY VAN DYKE



Dr. Henry Van Dyke, American minister to the Netherlands, photographed as he was about to call at the White House for the purpose of conferring with President Wilson as to war conditions and possible peace proposals. He has just sailed again for Holland.

Home Town Helps

SHOULD INTEREST ALL CITIES

Expert's Report on Conditions in Springfield, Ill., Worth a Lot of Consideration.

In the first part of his housing survey of Springfield, Ill., for the Sage foundation John Hilder of the National Housing association highly commended the prevailing type of house in Springfield. In the third part he finds some features concerning which his comments are not so favorable.

"If Springfield is to remain what it now is, a city of homes, it must take other measures than merely discouraging barracks construction," reads the report. "We have reached a degree of civilization in America where an abundant and convenient supply of pure water and convenient sanitary water closets inside the house are considered necessities in any progressive community. Springfield's ideals are up to the standard. It has done a good deal to bring these twin necessities to the homes of its people. But it has not done enough to get the result actually aimed at."

The difficulties in the way of getting this result are admitted, "but in the case of a city, as of an individual, to give up because of difficulties argues weakness of character." Instances are quoted in the report wherein these difficulties have been overcome and the opinion is confidently expressed that Springfield can overcome them in the other districts. But this calls for determined effort and it is suggested that it is not enough to lay sewers and water mains in the streets. Houses must also be connected.

Just what the situation is now and what progress the city has made in the last few years will be learned through another division of the survey which, with the co-operation of the city department of health, is just completing an inspection of all premises in the city. But, though its complete results are not yet available, it is already seen that many houses are still not connected, although the opportunity to do so has been at hand for years.

The housing report says that the city authorities should take more vigorous action and that they should forbid the erection of multiple dwellings on streets without mains and sewers.

FIRST OF SOCIAL REFORMS

Doctor Elliot Points Out Necessity for Proper Housing of Inhabitants of Any Community.

Dr. Charles W. Elliot, president emeritus of Harvard university, is an old man, but his scent for the basic evils of our civilization is much keener than that of many younger reformers who seem to be turning in a circle instead of getting at the center of things. One of the chief problems of our present-day civilization, according to Doctor Elliot, is the "dirty, filthy back alley flat."

Boston, New York, Chicago, he asserts, no longer permit great sections of their population to "live normally." The housing of workmen in these cities must undergo drastic changes or, as a nation, we will run the risk of drifting toward "a country-wide tendency to degeneracy." The ex-president could have strengthened his charge against defective housing conditions of the United States by citing not merely the largest cities, but also many of the smaller industrial towns. It has been pretty definitely established that slums grow up wherever large industries locate, and that an industrial town of 15,000 can have fully as bad, if not worse, housing conditions as an industrial city of 2,000,000 or more.

The reminder from the Cambridge savant that the home, or lack of a home, is at the root of many of the social ills which distress the country should serve to bring the subject of housing to the forefront of all social reform progress, where it belongs.

Individual and Communal Health.

The health of the community depends upon the health of the citizens, but the health of each individual also depends in some measure—often in large measure—upon that of other members of the community. Health of the individual is, therefore, a condition that, generally speaking, can be maintained only by a combination of individual and community effort, and its importance is such that in the activities of the city and of the state it should hold a prominent place.—John W. Traak, Assistant Surgeon General United States Public Health Service.

Older Cities More Beautiful.

The prevalence of artistic ideas in the city planning of past ages and in the much less successful efforts of the last generation can be explained by the fact that the city-planning work was done by either architects or landscape architects, both of whom were mainly trained to see aesthetic values. But during the nineteenth century these artists have often been supplanted by surveyors or civil engineers. This is one of the reasons to explain the much greater success of artistic city planning in the past compared with the newer efforts.

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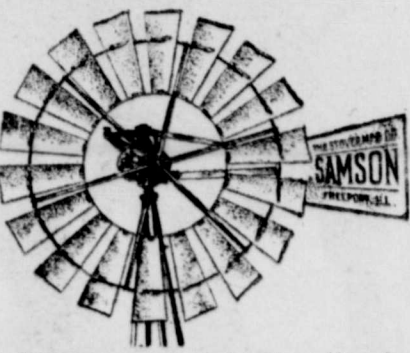
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