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PRESIDENT ANSWER TO GERMANY

Unconditional Surrender To Every German Practice Demanded—Allies in Concert Must Agree Upon Demands—Autocracy Must Go.

Washington, Oct. 14.—President Wilson today informed Germany that the only condition upon which an armistice can be granted is that atrocities on land and sea must cease. He also gave notice that autocracy must go before final peace can come.

When the time to consider an armistice comes, the President said, the military advisers of the United States and the Allies will be consulted and no military advantage of the armies fighting the Central Powers will be lost.

The text of the President's answer follows:

"The unqualified acceptance by the present German Government and by a large majority of the Reichstag of the terms laid down by the President of the United States of America in his address to the Congress of the United States on the 8th of January, 1918, and in his subsequent addresses, justifies the President in making a frank and direct statement of his decision with regard to the communications of the German Government of the 8th and 12th of October, 1918.

"It must be clearly understood that the process of evacuation and the conditions of an armistice are matters which must be left to the judgment and advice of the military advisers of the Government of the United States and the Allied Governments, and the President feels it his duty to say that no arrangements can be accepted by the Government of the United States which does not provide absolutely satisfactory safeguards and guarantees of the maintenance of the present military supremacy of the Armies of the United States and the Allies in the field.

"He feels confident that he can safely assume that this will also be the judgment and decision of the Allied Governments. The President feels that it is also his duty to add that neither the Government of the United States nor, he is quite sure, the Governments with which the Government of the United States is associated as a belligerent will consent to consider an armistice so long as the armed forces of Germany continue the illegal and inhumane practices which they still persist in.

"At the very time that the German Government approaches the Government of the United States with proposals of peace, its submarines are engaged in sinking passenger ships at sea and not the ships alone, but the very boats in which their passengers and crews seek to make their way to safety; and in their present enforced withdrawal from Flanders and France, the German Armies are pursuing a course of wanton destruction which has always been regarded as indirect violation of the rules and practices of civilized warfare. Cities and villages, if not destroyed, are being stripped of all they contain, not only, but often of their very inhabitants.

"The nations associated against Germany cannot be expected to agree to a cessation of arms while acts of inhumanity, spoliation and desolation are being continued, which they justly look upon with horror and with burning hearts. It is necessary, also, in order that there may be no possibility of misunderstanding that the President should very solemnly call the attention of the Government of Germany to the language and plain intent of one of the terms of peace that

the German Government has now accepted. It is contained in the address of the President delivered at Mount Vernon on the Fourth of July last. It is as follows: "The destruction of every arbitrary power anywhere that can separately, secretly and of its single choice, disturb the peace of the world; or, if it cannot be presently destroyed, at least its reduction to virtual impotency."

"The power which has hitherto controlled the German nation is of the sort here described. It is within the choice of the German nation to alter it. The President's words just quoted naturally constitute a condition precedent to peace, if peace is to come by the action of the German people themselves. The President feels bound to say that the whole process of peace will, in his judgment, depend upon the definiteness and the satisfactory character of the guarantees which can be given in this fundamental matter. It is indispensable that the Governments associated against Germany should know beyond a peradventure with whom they are dealing.

"The President will make a separate reply to the Royal and Imperial Government of Austria-Hungary."

MERKEL SCHOOL TO OPEN MONDAY

If the influenza situation does grow worse it is the plan of the school authorities to open Monday. Every one will take notice and be on hand. We hope the closing will in no manner disturb the work of the school, and we trust that the disease will not cause another cessation of educational activities. The public school has been making splendid progress, and at the time it was closed was in fine running shape. We are particularly proud of our superintendent and corps of teachers and are glad to stand solidly behind them. They are doing efficient work and we count the pupils going right back to hard work to make up for lost time.

RED CROSS ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the rules of the American National Red Cross, an election of officers for the coming year must be held at once. Those to be elected are a chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer.

Every member of this branch is especially urged to be present at the Red Cross work rooms on Friday Oct. 18th, at 2:30 p.m.

Walter Jackson, chairman, W. A. McSpadden, Secretary, American Red Cross Branch, Merkel, Texas.

We want to list your vacant lots, your houses, in fact whatever you have to sell. The Merkel Realty Company.

MR FARMER THE FEDERAL LAND BANK

Will loan 50 per cent of the Appraised value of your land at 5 1/2 per cent on 35 years time, with the privilege of taking it up after 5 years. You can take up indebtedness on your land or buy land. If your land is in Taylor County you can get a loan here. You should put in your application now and have the loan ready by the time your notes are due.

This loan acts like life insurance on your home, and if you can get one you are doing yourself an injustice to not take one. Talk to your wife about it. Then see W. W. Wheeler of Merkel or R. E. L. Norwood of Abilene or W. C. Lasley of Buffalo Gap and do it now.—adv 114c.

DON'T DRINK SHIPS!



Are you shocked to see the lady drinking ships? You drink ships every time you use sugar unnecessarily, in a beverage. Seventy-five per cent of the sugar used in this country has to be brought here in ships. Every possible ship is needed for the transportation of troops and supplies to the other side. Eliminate sugar as a luxury, and you release many ships for war purposes. Teach your appetite to remember this—DON'T DRINK SHIPS.

CLASSIFIED ADS

1 cent a word for each insertion. No ad. taken for less than 15c.

SEWING WANTED—By Mrs. J. C. Carpenter at her home, Phone 70.

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS & CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

CAR WHEAT COMING

A car of wheat was ordered directly after the rain. Bill of Lading came in Wednesday. The car is expected on every train. It will surely be here Saturday. Those who have orders in had better call up the Commercial Club Saturday morning.

I will buy anything I can use or find a market for. So bring along what you have to sell. W. P. Duckett.

Go to the Rogers grocery and see how the spot cash saves you money.

FOR TRADE—Fine 6-passenger auto. Worth \$2165 to trade on farm worth the money. See The Merkel Mail.

FOR SALE—Typewriter ribbons at the Merkel Mail office.

NO CHURCH SERVICES

On account of the prevalence of influenza, there will be no church services in Merkel Sunday. It is urged that people avoid crowds if possible. There are many cases here now, but it is hoped that good common sense will stamp out the disease in a short time.

W. O. Boney is still making farm loans, better hurry.

AMERICANS UNAFRAID

Parish.—A news story of the American fighting man's reckless disregard for danger which it is one of the greatest problems of their officers to curb was brought to Parish recently by Wilbur M. Wilson, a Baptist clergyman from Colorado, who went all the way from Chateau-Thierry to Fismes with a Pennsylvania regiment in the drive which began in Pully.

"With my own eyes," said Mr. Wilson, "I have seen American boys steal out from the trenches to a frog pond in No Man's Land calmly remove their uniforms and dive into the cool waters with German snipers not a hundred years away in their trenches. The American boy appears to be absolutely unafraid. The greater the number of casualties in his own unit, the greater is his resolve to make the Germans pay the price. His moral increases noticeably every time a comrade falls with German bullets in his body.

Mr. Wilson was in the front lines for two months, serving in the uniform of the Y. M. C. A., one of the seven organizations in the United War Work Campaign. Many times, he says, he drove his truck ahead of the field kitchens and furnished hot drink to men who had had nothing to eat for two days except their iron ration.

GOOD RAIN COVERS MERKEL COUNTRY

The great Merkel Country was blessed by a fine rain the latter part of the past week. Thursday night and Friday night showers fell amounting to about one and three-fourths inches. Some places in this vicinity the rainfall was about two inches.

As a result of the rainfall a car of wheat was ordered out of Fort Worth Friday night for seed purposes. We predict a large acreage will be sown, and devoutly hope that the yield will be far greater than last year. This is the first rain we have had in quite a while. It will take more, however, to get the ground thoroughly soaked.

RED CROSS OVER TOP

The Merkel Red Cross went over the top the past week, as is usually the case. Never yet have our ladies fallen down on their Red Cross work. They were called upon to work Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday afternoons, and in that time they completed 300 influenza masks and 50 pneumonia jackets, which were sent to the Abilene Chapter Tuesday. They also distributed a sufficient quantity of wool for the making of forty jackets, which will be completed immediately. Indeed the Red Cross is playing on child's part in the great conflict.

Better see W. O. Boney and let him make you a loan on that farm while you can get it.

Plenty of corn and oats at G. M. Sharp's.

Spot cash saves you money at Rogers.

THE NEW ECONOMY

Money is daily becoming less valuable, hence we must practice economy with things. The proper cleansing of woolen garments means the same to them as proper lubrication means to an automobile, or proper cleansing to a watch. Yet millions of garments are discarded every year simply because the art of cleansing and caring for them is so little understood. I know how to clean your clothes properly, and it is economy for you to bring them in and let me do your work.—adv.

MRS. C. L. CASH.

4TH LIBERTY LOAN SUBSCRIPTION

The liberty loan quota for Merkel amounted to about \$43,000. As we go to press the amount of subscriptions has reached \$21,899. The campaign is to be closed Saturday night. If there are those who can, let them come forward now and make their argument against Kaiserism. Following is a list of subscriptions received up to noon, Thursday:

- Eva Williams \$50.
- J. S. Hutson 50.
- Lena M. Jones 50.
- L. P. Jones 50.
- Burton Lingo Co. 200.
- S. A. Douglass 50.
- L. B. Scott 50.
- R. O. Anderson 100.
- J. B. Shafer 50.
- J. G. Hale 50.
- (Name withheld) 500.
- E. L. Ash 50.
- J. C. Mason 50.
- R. L. Bland 300.
- T. J. Toombs 50.
- C. M. Largent 5,000.
- Merkel Lumber Co. 100.
- A. C. Rose 100.
- P. C. Jones 50.
- Amanda Curtis 100.
- Mary and Loring Rogers ... 150.
- Margarette and Mildred Turner 100.
- Total \$7,250.00
- J. R. Hester \$50.
- O. B. Boden 50.
- Jim Black 50.
- H. C. Williams 50.
- (Name withheld) 100.
- W. O. Boney 100.
- F. W. Jaeggli 50.
- W. L. Buchanan 50.
- J. C. Mason 100.
- Mrs. Eva Penn 100.
- Susie Penn 100.
- W. H. Laney 100.
- J. M. Jordan 50.
- Mrs. M. A. Sadler 50.
- Dr. F. N. Reynolds 50.
- Mrs. M. E. Sublett 50.
- C. W. Post 100.
- W. A. McSpadden 50.
- Mrs. Ella Hale 50.
- R. A. Hill 50.
- Mrs. Eargale Meador 50.
- Chas. Mershon 100.
- Brown Dry Goods Co. 100.
- Mrs. J. T. Browning 50.
- J. T. Browning 50.
- (Name withheld) 1000.
- Jas H. West 50.
- J. T. Warren 2900.
- Gulf Refining Co. 500.
- Thos Johnson 500.
- G. M. Sharp 1000.
- C. M. Largent 5000.
- J. A. Woodard 50.
- J. W. Grafford 500.
- G. W. Cox Sr. 100.
- Magnolia Petroleum Co. ... 1000.
- T. B. Kimmins 100.
- Mrs. J. H. Brown 50.
- Florence Hall 50.
- Total \$21,800

THE OIL SITUATION

Influenza has practically paralyzed every line of endeavor for the past two weeks. The oil men are jubilant over their prospects and claim operations only hinge upon getting their people together. They were expected here several days ago, but practically all have influenza in their homes and judged it imprudent to leave Mr. Boggs left Wednesday for his home, on account of some of his near relatives being very low with pneumonia.

Mr. Garrison and a geologist are here. The former states that the company hopes to be able to start drilling on each plot at the same time, and he intimates that they do not expect to delay for long.

Every one here is anxious to see "something doing," and so are the oil men.

Drilling outfit is being unloaded at Tye for the Morrison well. Activity is pressing hard upon us. Hurrah!

Cowfeed at G. M. Sharp's

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☛ You insure your Home and your Life; why not your Money?

☛ This Bank is a Guaranty Fund Bank and offers you the protection afforded by the State Guaranty Fund of Texas.

We Pay The Premium

Capital and Surplus Fund
\$65,000.00

WHY I GO TO CHURCH

It is sweet on a summer's morning, when the air is aquiver with the love songs of the birds and fragrant with the odor of roses blown, to hear the music of the church-going bells, an invitation to the world-weary to enter God's temple and find peace, because the instinct of worship is in the heart of man and the church is the temple of the living God.

I go to church because I find peace there, that peace which De Quincy described as a resting from human labors, a Sabbath of repose, a respite granted from the secret burdens of the heart, as if I stood at a distance and aloof from the uproar of life; as if the tumult and fever and strife were suspended; as if there brooded over me a dove-like and halcyon calm.

I go to church because I love the music that I hear there, the mighty roll of the great organ, mingled with the marvelous symphonies of that divine stringed instrument, the human voice untwisting all the chains that tie the hidden soul of harmony.

I go to church because I delight to hear the teachings of the preacher, whose soul is dedicated to God, whose field is as wide as God's universe, whose theme is the destiny of man, and whose words are the oracles of Fate. Marvelous is the spell of the preacher to whom God has given genius and consecration and the power of illustration drawn from the old, sacred, immortal book, and from the miracles of nature, no less revealed in the crimson tipped flower:

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surface. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Circulars free. All Druggists. F. J. CHENET & CO., Toledo, O.

turned up by the plowshare of Robert Burns upon the soil of the Ayr than in the long reaches of the star-girt skies.

I go to church because "the way is dark and I am far from home," and because the church is the polar star to light my pathway in the rayless night.

I go to church because the church ministers not only to the spiritual but also to the material needs of life, and because it is there that the charities that soothe and heal and bless are scattered at the feet of man like flowers.

I go to church because in that atmosphere vice and crime wither and die.

I go to church because I hear teachings of the philosophy of Jesus, the incomparable man; and if you say his teachings is philosophy and not religion and that he was a man and not a god, then the philosophy of that man has redeemed the world from savagery and blessed mankind with Christian civilization; and, to my mind, it is a thing worth while to hear.

I go to church because I find there consolation and hope because I see there the dawn and not the sunset; and it is better for man, if the hope is baseless and the vision but an elusive phantom, to cherish a dream so glorious and beautiful than to be weighted down and crushed with the quarried mountains of a world without hope and without God.

More Than Enough is Too Much

maintain health, a mature man or woman needs enough food to repair the waste and supply energy and body heat. The habitual consumption of more food than is necessary for these purposes is the prime cause of stomachtroubles, rheumatism and disorders of the kidneys. If troubled with indigestion, revise your diet, let reason and not appetite control and take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be all right again. For sale by all dealers.

Fourth Liberty Loan



☛ This campaign is now on. Every person should invest in these bonds to the limit of his ability. ☛ This Bank and its officials and clerical force is at your service in this matter and will give the same careful attention to subscriptions that it has in the past.

War Saving Stamps

for sale over the counter
at all times

☛ Your general Banking business invited and the limit of our service is only circumscribed by the rules of prudent banking.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

HOW TO SEND PRESENTS TO FRANCE

One parcel will be accepted by the War Department through the Red Cross for each soldier overseas.

Each soldier will be provided with one Christmas parcel label. This label will be forwarded by him to the person in the United States from whom he wishes to receive his Christmas package. Packages that do not bear this label will not be accepted by the Red Cross for delivery to the post office authorities. Labels that are lost will not be duplicated.

Christmas parcels must be in cardboard boxes 3 by 5 by 9 inches in size. These boxes will be provided to holders of labels, by the Red Cross.

With each box will be given complete instruction regarding the articles which may be sent, and a list of articles which are barred by the postal authorities. Study these instructions and avoid mistakes. No message or written material of any kind will be allowed to go in the boxes. When the boxes are packed, but unwrapped, they must not weigh more than 2 pounds 15 ounces.

Do not put perishable food, soft candy, liquids, or anything in glass containers in the package if you wish it to reach its destination with the other contents unspoiled.

Do not mail the box yourself. When packed, the box should be taken to the nearest collection station designated by the Red Cross, unsealed, and unwrapped, ready for inspection. Shippers will then affix sufficient postage on them to carry them to N. J.

No parcel will be accepted by the Red Cross for shipment after November 20. Keep this in mind when planning a Merry Christmas for the boys "Over There."

No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

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IT'S THE QUICK WAY FOR PEACE
and for you to keep a smile

We Have Many Things

that you can buy at big saving, as goods of a year ago make and price are better than ones produced now.

OUR PRICES ARE RIGHT

Styles are Very Practical

And Quality A1 for the Price

Yours to Serve

The Brown D. G. Company

Mrs. Cypert Dead.

The corpse of Mrs. Dug Cypert arrived in Merkel from Lubbock and was interred in Rose Hill cemetery last Saturday. She died the previous day. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ball of Truby. She is survived by her husband and two small children.

The funeral services were conducted by Elder Price Bankhead. To the friends and relatives go a full measure of sympathy, especially to the little children who will no longer know the sweet touch of a mother's love.

The Strong Withstand the Heat of Summer Better Than the Weak

Old people who are feeble and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by taking GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c.

Mexican Frank Dead.

Mexican Frank died from pneumonia which followed influenza last Saturday and was buried in Rose Hill cemetery on last Sunday. He worked on the section here. Services were conducted by a Mexican evangelist.

Can Now Eat and Sleep in Comfort

If troubled with indigestion or sleeplessness you should read what Miss Agnes Turner, Chicago, Ill., has to say: "Overwork, irregular meals and carelessness regarding the ordinary rules of health, gradually undermined it until last fall I became a wreck of my former self. I suffered from continual headache, was unable to digest my food, which seemed to lay as a dead weight on my stomach. I was very constipated and my complexion became dark, yellow and muddy as I felt. Sleeplessness was added to my misery, and I would awake as tired as when I went to sleep. I heard of Chamberlain's Tablets and found such relief after taking them that I kept up the treatment for nearly two months. They cleansed my stomach, invigorated my system, and since that time I can eat and sleep in comfort. I am today entirely well."



WILMAN E. ADAMS,
Executive Secretary, Army Y. M. C. A.,
Southern Department.

Direction of all Army Y. M. C. A. activities in the entire Southern Department is the large responsibility given to Wilman E. Adams, Executive Secretary, by the National War Work Council early in the development of the extensive program of the Y. M. C. A. in its efforts on behalf of the soldiers.

Mr. Adams is the administrative head of the territory made up of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Arizona, in which is located a large per cent of the army camps of the entire country. Under his administration the operations of the Army Y. M. C. A. have grown until there is now in operation, or in process of construction, one Y. M. C. A. building for every 3,500 soldiers located in these Southwestern states. When it is remembered that there are several hundred thousand soldiers in training in the Southern Department camps, including Camp Travis, Camp Pike, Camp Bowie, Camp McArthur, Camp Cody, Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Camp Beauregard, Kelly Field, and the other great flying fields of the department, it will be understood that Mr. Adams occupies a position of similar importance to that of a Major General.

In addition to the camp activities of the Army Y. M. C. A. directed by Mr. Adams and efficiently executed by his army of men in the uniform of the Red Triangle, the Southern Department executive secretary has under his supervision the Army Y. M. C. A. activities along the entire Mexican border, from Brownsville, Texas, to Yuma, Arizona, where many Y. M. C. A. stations are located, and where a fleet of eighteen auto trucks take to the soldiers in isolated places the comforts and pleasures of the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Adams is one of the pioneers of the Army Y. M. C. A. movement. He was actively identified with the Army "Y" work with the troops on the border and in Mexico.

HEARD IN MERKEL

How Bad Backs Have Been Made Strong—Kidney Ills Corrected.

All over Merkel you hear it. Doan's Kidney Pills are keeping up the good work. Merkel people are telling about it—telling of bad backs made sound again. You can believe the testimony of your own townspeople. They tell it for the benefit of you who are suffering. If your back aches, if you feel lame, sore and miserable if the kidneys act too frequently, or passages are painful scanty and off color, use Doan's Kidney Pills, the remedy that has helped so many of your friends and neighbors. Follow this Merkel citizen's advice and give Doan's a chance to do the same for you.

T. J. King, Kent St., says: "I didn't know my kidneys were causing my backache until a neighbor told me to use Doan's Kidney Pills, saying my kidneys were the cause of my complaint. My back ached nearly all the time; even when I was lying down it bothered me. I used Doan's Kidney Pills and the discomfort left. Two boxes of Doan's cured me."

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To Lend the Way they Fight —

To lend the way they fight, - for me,
What splendid lending that would be!
Such radiant strength of heart and hand
Lights up the waste of No Man's Land!
Such scorn of danger as they go
With smile and song to meet the foe,
Such zeal to know the Victory won
To know a soldier's duty done;
To lend the way they fight, - for me
What splendid lending that would be!

To lend the way they fight - for me,
What selfless lending that would be!
For ever through the battle's haze,
The bullets' hail, the field-guns' blaze,
They dream of home and love and life
Of child and mother, sweetheart, wife;
For these they fight and laugh at pain,
And blind with blood fight on again;
To lend the way they fight - for me,
What selfless lending that would be!

To lend the way they fight, - for me,
What glorious lending that would be!
For ever with them as they fight,
Flames out the great white sword of Right!
And up above the bursting shell
The pall of smoke, the war's red hell,
It writes some message in the sky,
That makes it even sweet to die;
To lend the way they fight, - for me,
What glorious lending that would be!

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PATRONS OF THE MAIL who do not receive their paper regularly will confer a favor upon the management by reporting the fact. You should also watch the label of your paper to ascertain when your time is out and renew before your name automatically leaves our list as all papers stop when the term of subscription expires.

As regular as we may count upon the clock striking every hour or as the sun rises and sets, we can count upon our great President doing the right thing at the right time. He don't go off half cocked. Germany asked for peace, and the reply of President Wilson is so logical, so true, so American, as to make every patriotic son and daughter of this great republic rise up and thank God that he gave us such a man at such a time. We publish his answer on the front page of this issue. He hits the nail on the head when he says, "At the very time that the German Government approaches the Government of the United States with proposals of peace, its submarines are engaged in sinking passenger ships at sea and not the ship alone, but the very boats in which their passengers and crews seek to make their way to safety; and in their present enforced withdrawal from Flanders and France, the German armies are pursuing a course of wanton destruction which has always been regarded as indirect violation of the rules and practices of civilized warfare. Cities and villages, if not destroyed, are being stripped of all they contain, not only, but of ten of their very inhabitants."

The very German mind itself seems dull and stupid. It was a foolish thing to force the U. S. into war on the part of Germany when in a short time she could have won and then fought the U. S. alone. It is now a foolish thing to destroy the cities and towns of Belgium and France when perhaps within thirty or sixty days our armies will be pouring into Germany and will have an opportunity to return her medicine. Does she think the allies are so stupid as to give her peace, now that our armies are nearly ready to repay her in her own coin? Yes, poor stupid wretches they are, they have made their bed and will have to take their medicine, thanks to our great President! They dropped bombs from their airplanes upon defenseless cities until the allies retaliated and then they suggested that this was not civilized warfare. What do they know about civilization, any way?

Wherever overcharging occurs in feed, the matter will be looked after by the government. Our merchants who handle feed are directed to look over the price-fixing list and be governed accordingly. It is reported that in some instances the prices have not been governed. We think surely that these instances arose from oversight. It is an important matter, as the price fixing committee has power to suggest and secure a ruling annulling the right of any merchant to handle any or all of the commodities enumerated in the list.

RED CROSS

STONE ROOT AND BUCHU COMPOUND Of unexcelled value for the treatment of kidney diseases. Pains in the back and burning sensations are symptoms of kidney troubles, which are quickly overcome by use of this remedy. This is more than one hundred other Red Cross Remedies sold and guaranteed only by

Grimes Drug Store

The German mind is brutalized. Everything with them is methodical. To show one of their strong characteristics it may be cited that when the German army overrun Belgium, they destroyed a great deal of property. In one city a large portion of the houses were burned. The city officials finally recovered to the extent of having plans drawn for the rebuilding of the ruined portion. German architects considered this a very legitimate field and submitted plans right along with the plans submitted by native architects. They considered this exactly right, notwithstanding the fact that their own armies had caused the destruction and should have done the rebuilding.

It is said that Germany is destroying Belgium and northern France in order that her own factories may run without competition when the war is over and that her own artisans may be called upon to rebuild the country. We expect that her artisans will do the rebuilding, but we further believe and trust that Germany will have to pay the bill to the very last farthing. And then a season of restriction should be made against her trade liberties. Here is where we believe in the principle of reparation. We don't believe our armies will burn German cities, but by the time they get through paying for their own hellishness they will think their cities have been burned, yea they will know that their souls have been scourged with the pitiless fire of righteousness, then they will have respect for a scrap of paper, then they will have a taste of civilization, then, maybe, there will be some hope of them winning and meriting a place in the world, and until then they can only be classed as savages worse than the Apaches of early America, more diabolical than the Turk. Then after this war will a league of nations keep the peace, and the hand of the Kaiser will be lowered forever and imperialism will cease from the face of the earth.

Influenza is scourging the land. In the past two weeks there has been ten times as many casualties in the United States as there has been among American boys at the front since the beginning of the war. If it was smallpox, yellow fever or some other disease of the kind, the authorities would immediately issue a strict quarantine and in no time the disease would be stamped out. All authority seems to stand impotent before the present scourge. The toll of life is daily growing to astounding proportions. Some physicians say it is contagious and some say it is infectious, but this we do know that nearly every case the past two weeks in Merkel was brought in from somewhere else, or the party suffering had been somewhere else. We further know that nearly every case down now caught it from parties down the past week. We see it running through families. As a precaution, our schools were closed, and following as a result the children have been allowed to play with other children from homes where parties had the disease. As a result it is spreading gradually. There are parties who even try to work, coming in daily contact with other people, when they have the disease and ought to be in bed. Except to relieve the school authorities of blame should the worst come to worst, we doubt the wisdom of closing the schools. We believe that if the buildings were properly ventilated, and all children sent home who had the disease in their families and all others sent home who had a cold or seemed at all ailing, a better purpose could have been served. On the other hand if the disease should spread, then the school authorities would be severely criticised. One doctor will call for ventilation; another will say close up the house. One will say that it is not contagious; another will advise isolation. Experience after all is the best physician, and experience tells us that where it is prevalent other cases break out quickly, and further that a victim of the disease upon recovery may take it again.

TEXAS COTTON PALACE EXPOSITION



THE GREATEST LIVE STOCK and AGRICULTURAL FAIR IN THE SOUTH

The United States Government has sent many carloads of Agricultural and Live Stock Exhibits to the

Cotton Palace Exposition

for this year's Fair, and have granted

Special Railroad Rates to you to attend

Realizing that the Texas Cotton Palace Exposition would be the only big Fair to be held in Texas this year the Government has centered all its exhibits in Waco on the Cotton Palace grounds in the many buildings.

"A Win the War Exhibition from Start to Finish."

The Government has also sent to Waco 14 car loads of Allied War Exhibits, taken from the battle fields of France, Italy, England and the United States.

Free Vaudeville and Plenty of Entertainment.



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We believe that the most drastic measures alone will stamp out the disease, and favor the strictest quarantine, else it may run all winter taking its toll of death.

We are feeling mighty fine just now. While trying to say something about everybody and endeavoring to leave out nothing, we actually forgot to eat dinner. Right in the midst of our activity, in walked Miss Ada Woodrum with just such a dinner as would tempt the appetite of any one. It is useless to say we enjoyed it, for there was not a scrap left of those good well seasoned eatables.

Bronchial Trouble.

Mrs. A. E. Sidenberder, Rockfield, Ind., states; "For an attack of bronchial trouble which usually assails me in the spring I find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the only thing that gives me relief. After using it for a few days all signs of bronchial trouble disappeared."

When New Year's Day rolls around in 1923 are you going to be well-off in self-respect and money? If you buy War Saving Stamps now the future will have no regrets for you. Every time you purchase a War Saving Stamp you are laying aside for the future.

List your property with the Merkel Realty Company, if you want it sold.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures Kidney and Bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

Card Of Thanks

We wish to express our heart felt thanks to the many good friends at Noodle and Merkel, who were so kind and sympathetic to us during the illness and death of our dear son and brother.

May God bless each one of you.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Wasson and children.

Publicity Department, Federal Reserve Bank, Dallas.

"Thought it might interest you to hear how the people in country districts regard the German peace offensive." writes the chairman of Sicily Island Parish Louisiana. (And his name, by the way, is Krause.) "Have talked with a large number from various parts of our parish. Everyone has said he did not believe in talking peace with Germany until she made an unconditional surrender. Some of our largest subscribers offered to double their subscriptions after hearing it. It will help put our parish over."

Sicily Island's answer to Germany should be the reply of every county and parish in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District. There must be no letting down of effort to put over the Loan simply because Germany whines for peace. It should be remembered that when ever she has gotten in a tight place and has been hard hit Germany has started her peace talk, for German peace.

The roar of cannons on the American front yesterday reflected the attitude of the American Army as regards Germany's announcement that she will accept President Wilson's peace terms. It is evident that the allies feel that their part in the great world tragedy still is to fight. And that should be the attitude of every man and woman in this Federal District; to fight until the Liberty Loan is fully subscribed and over subscribed. An inconclusive Loan is father to an inconclusive peace.

UNCLE SAM'S ADVICE ON FLU

U. S. Public Health Service Issues Official Health Bulletin on Influenza.

LATEST WORD ON SUBJECT.

Epidemic Probably Not Spanish in Origin—Germ Still Unknown—People Should Guard Against "Droplet Infection"—Surgeon General Blue Makes Authoritative Statement.

Washington, D. C.—(Special).—Although King Alfonso of Spain was one of the victims of the influenza epidemic in 1893 and again this summer, Spanish authorities repudiate any claim to influenza as a "Spanish" disease. If the people of this country do not take care the epidemic will become so widespread throughout the United States that soon we shall hear the disease called "American" influenza.

In response to a request for definite information concerning Spanish influenza, Surgeon General Rupert Blue of the U. S. Public Health Service has authorized the following official interview:

What is Spanish influenza? Is it something new? Does it come from Spain?

"The disease now occurring in this country and called 'Spanish influenza' resembles a very contagious kind of cold accompanied by fever, but

Coughs and Sneezes Spread Diseases



As Dangerous as Poison Gas Shells

to the head, eyes, ears, back or other parts of the body and a feeling of severe sickness. In most of the cases the symptoms disappear after three or four days, the patient then rapidly recovering. Some of the patients, however, develop pneumonia, or inflammation of the ear, or meningitis, and many of these complicated cases die. Whether this so-called 'Spanish' influenza is identical with the epidemics of influenza of earlier years is not yet known.

"Epidemics of influenza have visited this country since 1647. It is interesting to know that this first epidemic was brought here from Valencia, Spain. Since that time there have been numerous epidemics of the disease. In 1889 and 1890 an epidemic of influenza, starting somewhere in the Orient, spread first to Russia and thence over practically the entire civilized world. Three years later there was another flare-up of the disease. Both times the epidemic spread widely over the United States.

"Although the present epidemic is called 'Spanish influenza,' there is no reason to believe that it originated in Spain. Some writers who have studied the question believe that the epidemic came from the Orient and they call attention to the fact that the Germans mention the disease as occurring along the eastern front in the summer and fall of 1917.

How can "Spanish influenza" be recognized?

"There is as yet no certain way in which a single case of 'Spanish influenza' can be recognized. On the other hand, recognition is easy where there is a group of cases. In contrast to the outbreaks of ordinary coughs and colds, which usually occur in the cold months, epidemics of influenza may occur at any season of the year. Thus the present epidemic raged most intensely in Europe in May, June and July. Moreover, in the case of ordinary colds, the general symptoms (fever, pain, depression) are by no means as severe or as sudden in their onset as they are in influenza. Finally, ordinary colds do not spread through the community so rapidly or so extensively as does influenza.

"In most cases a person taken sick with influenza feels sick rather suddenly. He feels weak, has pains in the eyes, ears, head or back, and may be sore all over. Many patients feel dizzy, some vomit. Most of the patients complain of feeling chilly, and with this comes a fever in which the temperature rises to 100 to 104. In most cases the pulse remains relatively slow.

"In appearance one is struck by the fact that the patient looks sick. His eyes and the inner side of his eyelids may be slightly 'bloodshot,' or 'congested,' as the doctors say. There may be running from the nose, or there may be some cough. These signs of a cold may not be marked; nevertheless the patient looks and feels very sick.

"In addition to the appearance and the symptoms as already described, examination of the patient's blood may aid the physician in recognizing 'Spanish influenza,' for it has been found

that in this disease the number of white corpuscles shows little or no increase above the normal. It is possible that the laboratory investigations now being made through the National Research Council and the United States Hygienic Laboratory will furnish a more certain way in which individual cases of this disease can be recognized."

What is the course of the disease? Do people die of it?

"Ordinarily, the fever lasts from three to four days and the patient recovers. But while the proportion of deaths in the present epidemic has generally been low, in some places the outbreak has been severe and deaths have been numerous. When death occurs it is usually the result of a complication."

What causes the disease and how is it spread?

"Bacteriologists who have studied influenza epidemics in the past have found in many of the cases a very small rod-shaped germ called, after its discoverer, Pfeiffer's bacillus. In other cases of apparently the same kind of disease there were found pneumococci, the germs of lobar pneumonia. Still others have been caused by streptococci, and by others germs with long names.

"No matter what particular kind of germ causes the epidemic, it is now believed that influenza is always spread from person to person, the germs being carried with the air along with the very small droplets of mucus, expelled by coughing or sneezing, forceful talking, and the like by one who already has the germs of the disease. They may also be carried about in the air in the form of dust coming from dried mucus, from coughing and sneezing, or from careless people who spit on the floor and on the sidewalk. As in most other catching diseases, a person who has only a mild attack of the disease himself may give a very severe attack to others."

What should be done by those who catch the disease?

"It is very important that every person who becomes sick with influenza should go home at once and go to bed. This will help keep away dangerous complications and will, at the same time, keep the patient from scattering the disease far and wide. It is highly desirable that no one be allowed to sleep in the same room with the patient. In fact, no one but the nurse should be allowed in the room.

"If there is cough and sputum or running of the eyes and nose, care should be taken that all such discharges are collected on bits of gauze or rag or paper napkins and burned. If the patient complains of fever and headache, he should be given water to drink, a cold compress to the forehead and a light sponge. Only such medicine should be given as is prescribed by the doctor. It is foolish to ask the druggist to prescribe and may be dangerous to take the so-called 'safe, sure and harmless' remedies advertised by patent medicine manufacturers.

"If the patient is so situated that he can be attended only by some one who must also look after others in the family, it is advisable that such attendant wear a wrapper, apron or gown over the ordinary house clothes while in the sick room and slip this off when leaving to look after the others.

"Nurses and attendants will do well to guard against breathing in dangerous disease germs by wearing a simple fold of gauze or mask while near the patient."

Will a person who has had influenza before catch the disease again?

"It is well known that an attack of measles or scarlet fever or smallpox usually protects a person against another attack of the same disease. This appears not to be true of 'Spanish influenza.' According to newspaper reports the King of Spain suffered an attack of influenza during the epidemic thirty years ago, and was again stricken during the recent outbreak in Spain."

How can one guard against influenza?

"In guarding against disease of all kinds, it is important that the body be kept strong and able to fight off disease germs. This can be done by having a proper proportion of work, play and rest, by keeping the body well clothed, and by eating sufficient wholesome and properly selected food. In connection with diet, it is well to remember that milk is one of the best all-around foods obtainable for adults as well as children. So far as a disease like influenza is concerned, health authorities everywhere recognize the very close relation between its spread and overcrowded homes. While it is not always possible, especially in times like the present, to avoid such overcrowding, people should consider the health danger and make every effort to reduce the home overcrowding to a minimum. The value of fresh air through open windows cannot be over emphasized.

"When crowding is unavoidable, as in street cars, care should be taken to keep the face so turned as not to inhale directly the air breathed out by another person.

"It is especially important to beware of the person who coughs or sneezes without covering his mouth and nose. It also follows that one should keep out of crowds and stuffy places as much as possible, keep homes, offices and workshops well aired, spend some time out of doors each day, walk to work if at all practicable—in short, make every possible effort to breathe as much pure air as possible.

"In all health matters follow the advice of your doctor and obey the regulations of your local and state health officers."

"Cover up each cough and sneeze, if you don't you'll spread disease."

Big Reduction Sale Still Continues at The

ANCHOR MERCANTILE COMPANY

In the face of the two years drouth many changes have come over the country and we have made many plans to have them all fall down, and now after finding our shelves loaded down with many dollars worth of good seasonable merchandise we are going to reduce stock to the lowest possible degree.

We are offering bargains in Mens Clothing, Mens, Ladies and Childrens Shoes that actually astonish the customers, and many of them go out and bring their friends in to partake of these bargains, which they know they will never see again, even after the war closes.

Pre-war prices on 100 pairs mens high-grade kangaroo, gunmetal and vicid kid shoes ranging in price from \$5 to \$6.50, all go in at the extremely low price of per pair only.....\$3.98

100 pairs ladies shoes in button and lace ranging in price from \$3.50, to \$5.00 and \$6.00 all go in at the extremely low price of only.....\$2.48

100 pairs mens shoes ranging in price from \$3.50 to \$5.00, all go in at the extremely low price of per pair only.....\$2.98

100 pairs ladies and childrens shoes ranging in price from \$3 to \$3.50 and \$4 all go in at the extremely low price on per pair only.....\$1.98

Special in Hosiery

100 dozen ladies black hose, regular price 20c, reduction price per pair.....15c

100 dozen childrens ribbed hosiery regular price 20c, per pair only.....15c

A glimpse at our staple department will convince you that we are disregarding all mill prices and are actually selling many articles at from 10 to 25 per cent less than the mills are asking to replace them.

EXTRA SPECIAL

Good grade calico, in light colors only, suitable for boys shirts, blouses, women and childrens house dresses, etc., about 50 bolts to go at the extremely low price of per yard only.....7c

Good grade bleached domestic 36-in. wide, at the extremely low price of per yard.....16 2-3c

Best grade 9-4 sheeting at per yard only.....45c

Warning to Buy Your Blankets Early—The government this week has wired some of our neighboring towns to withhold sale of all blankets, and we do not know but what any day all our blankets will be taken over by the government. So better buy your blankets early.

SPECIAL IN OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT

1 doz. cans No. 2 standard corn.....\$1.50
1 doz. cans No. 2 standard Tomatoes.....1.50
1 doz. cans No. 3 Empons Kraut.....1.50
1 doz. cans No. 3 Hominy.....1.50

EXTRA SPECIAL

Best grade 10-4 bleached sheeting at per yard only.....50c

Best grade 8-oz. ACA standard feather ticking at per yard only.....37c

Good grade brown domestic 36-in. wide, at per yard only.....15c

Best grade 28-in. brown cotton flannels at per yard only.....25c

Dress Goods

Big Reduction in all Woolen and Silk Dress Goods

Extra Special in 50 pieces mixed woolen goods, all shades and colors, special price per yard.....89c

These goods are almost unobtainable today and we could ship them out to other merchants for more money today.

One special table of gingham at per yard for this week only.....20c

10 per cent reduction on all ladies and childrens Ready-to-Wear. Don't overlook this snap if you are going to need anything in ladies Coats, Coat Suits, Skirts, Waists, etc.

Mens Clothing Department

Extra Special — About 25 mens suits ranging in price from \$15 to \$25. All go at the extremely low price of.....\$13.95

Anchor Mercantile Company



T. L. GRIMES, Merkel, Texas

MISS BLANCH WALKER WRITES

Kaifeng, Honan China, Aug. 16, 1918.

Mrs. J. S. Swann, My Own Dear True Friend:

Just now, I went up to the top of our School building, where my trunks are stored, to get the measure of the pictures the dear children painted for me. I am going to have them framed now and I "vowed" when I got down stairs, I'd begin to put on paper this letter to you, that has been clamoring in my head all this Summer. Truly I have hungered to write you, but just could not get to it before now, it seemed.

I told them to send you my letters from Abilene and I wonder if you've been hearing from me in that way. I hope so, for I've so wanted you to know about the work and how happy I am. Only stayed in the City with Nancy for a month. So damp. I could not live in there. Nancy cried about it; so did I. She has a miserably narrow place to live in and she saved her sunniest room for me, but it was damp, three feet up from the ground. She has just finished building her a splendid dry brick room, but she is so wedged in, no yard at all. This summer she ran away to Korea to get some fresh air, and writes me she is "painfully fat and brown". She goes home next summer.

Miss Savage offered me a part of her room out here, two miles from the city, in the Girl's School building. It is dry and fine out here. Have had a most blessed summer. I go back into the City every day for my work, riding in "Jinric-Shas." It has been so hot and rainy this summer, that I have only gone in on Wednesdays and Sunday's. God has given me one "spiri-

tual child", this summer, Mrs. Yang, a dear blind woman. How I hope you have read the account. I wrote home of her, she is so triumphantly saved.

Last week, the dear Spirit was "poured out," in a remarkable way, in our Bible School. We had never seen it like that in China before. Mrs. Sallee and I had from 40 to 60 women every day studying God's word, singing, praying, and rejoicing. She told Old Testament stories and I talked on the Holy Spirit. On Friday of the week, we felt it was time to ask them to decide for the Lord and down on their knees they went and begged God for forgiveness until 7 were joyously saved. Oh!, but, your dear heart would have cried out for joy. I love to tell you, that it makes no difference down here about these deaf ears, God just gives me lots to do for Him, anyway. The language has come back to me remarkably, so the Chinese tell me, and I know it is the work of God.

Both of your tender letters I treasure still, and how I wish I had another from you, this very day. How I'd love to write Mrs. Teaff, Miss Hattie and the Sunday School's Supt's wife, that I promised a letter that last day, but both my nerves and my hands, have failed me and I just cannot write much. While coming over I wrote a good deal and the sea being so rough, I got "writer's cramp." Both hands and arms have given me a time. Then right away, after arriving, I went on a long hard trip to Tai Hu, to help with a meeting for the women. It was truly a time of joy, but the tax of it was terrific, added to what I had already had during the 5 years at home, so I just collapsed got depressed and fearfully undone. Didn't let my missionaries know,

but "cried mightily unto God and He saved me out of all my distresses." He drew me up close and now it is blessed to live; I tell you this for His glory.

How I should love to know if this has been a happy summer for you, and if the dear children are all doing well? How is it in the dear church home there? Sometimes, I do so want to see your faces and hear you talk, my dear "White Folks." Do let me hear from you.

With tender abiding love,
Blanche Rose Walker,
Kaileng, Honan, China, Nan Kuan

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER has been a household remedy all over the civilized world for more than half a century for constipation, intestinal troubles, torpid liver and the generally depressed feeling that accompanies such disorders. It is a most valuable remedy for indigestion or nervous dyspepsia and liver trouble, bringing on headache, coming up of food, palpitation of heart, and many other symptoms. A few doses of August Flower will relieve you. It is a gentle laxative. Sold by Grimes Drug Store. 30 and 90 cent bottles.

Lieut Haynes Dies. W. D. Haynes of French Pasture has just received a clipping from an Alabama paper announcing the death of his nephew, Sr. Lt. Andrew Pace Haynes, which took place recently at the naval training station at Chicago. He graduated from Annapolis last year. He was a native of Anniston, Ala. He was stricken with Spanish influenza. He was a very bright and accomplished young man, and his going proved a distinct loss to his community and brought sadness to the homes of relatives and friends.

For Chapped Skin Chapped skin whether on the hands of face may be cured in one night by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It is also unequalled for sore nipples, burns and scalds. For sale by all dealers.

Uncle Sam Wants Thousands of Stenographers.

Notwithstanding the fact that thousands of stenographers and typewriters have been appointed in the Government service in Washington, D. C., since our country entered the war, the United States Civil Service Commission announces that there is pressing need for several thousand more workers of this class. Women especially are urged to their services for this office work and thus help in a practical way in the nation's great undertaking.

A Beautiful Woman. Do you know that a beautiful woman always has a good digestion? If your digestion is faulty, eat lightly of meats, and take an occasional dose of Chamberlain's Tablets to strengthen your digestion. Price 25c.

Drouth Refugees Now Returning to West Texas.

Homeward the farmers of West Texas are taking their way. Scores of men and their families that left the Western section of the State in the Summer on account of the long continued drouth are now going back.

In July and August there was a constant stream of the refugees from the dry-land districts passing through every day. They were bound for different counties in Texas outside the drouth belt and many of them even traveled to other States.

Now they are returning home. A long line of covered wagons passed through the City Saturday.

Generous rains have fallen over certain sections of West Texas during the past few weeks and the men that fled before the Summer's blight are on their way again to take up the task of tilling the soil. Fall crops will be sown and later the ground will be made ready for the Spring planting.

There is a difference in the looks of the travelers that are now passing through, and the same persons that came through

two months ago. Despair is no longer written on their faces. In its place is hope.—Star-Telegram, Oct. 13th.

For Indigestion, Constipation or Biliousness

Just try one 50-cent bottle of **LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN.** A Liquid Digestive Laxative pleasant to take. Made and recommended to the public by Paris Medicine Co., manufacturers of Laxative Bromo Quinine and Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

Oran Edwards Dead.

Oran Edwards, son of Mrs. Mary T. Edwards, of Merkel, Texas, was born near Strawn Palo Pinto County, August 20, 1885. He moved with his parents to Midland Texas in 1893, and he resided there 13 years. After a lapse of time he entered the stock business with his brothers. Oran was a splendid young man. In early manhood he professed faith in Christ, though he never united with the church yet his life was measurably consistent with his profession. Oran was patriotic in his spirit. He entered the service of his country in May of this year as a volunteer, and was sent first to Paris Island, S. C., and from there was transferred to Va., At this point he contracted Influenza from which he died on Oct 5, at 11:20 o'clock. He is survived by his mother, two sisters, and three brothers, all of whom were present at the funeral.

May his ashes sleep in peaceful repose. We shall not see him on this side again, but we shall see him we trust in a land where there is no more war.

The remains were interred at Midland on Oct. 13 at 4 o'clock, services conducted by Rev. C. S. Cameron, Merkel, Texas.

Sincere Gratitude.

Mrs. William Bell, Logansport, Ind., writes: "I deem it my duty to express my gratitude for the good Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy did me when I had a severe attack of diarrhoea three years ago. It was the only medicine that relieved me."

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

Another Soldier Boy Claimed By Death.

The acquaintances and friends in fact the whole Merkel and Noodle communities were deeply pained when word came to home folks at Noodle announcing the death of James Coleman Wasson at Camp McArthur, Waco at 10 p.m., October 10th. He was stricken with influenza, which quickly developed pneumonia. His mother was present when death came. One by one our brave boys passed away even before arriving at the front. Just as brave are they as those who fall in the trenches, for fate has denied them the privilege. And then, we all must sorrow, for it was for us that he was there, that he was to brave all danger and offer his life as a sacrifice for the liberty that we all hold so dear.

Coleman was born in McLennan County, January 18, 1895. He was a devoted son and brother of high Christian character. Surviving him are his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Wasson, four brothers and three sisters.

Burial took place Sunday in Rose Hill cemetery, Rev. F. T. Johnston, pastor of the Methodist church at Trent, assisted by Rev. W. K. Horn, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist church, conducted the services. He was a member of the Methodist church at Noodle and lived a consecrated life.

The manner of the departure of this young life is doubly sad, and to the bereaved we extend our heartfelt sympathy. In the unexplainable depths of God's mysteries we can not fathom the cause of his going, but this we do know that God moves in mysterious ways his wonders to perform, and while we suffer loss, yet it is heaven's gain, and we humbly submit to the divine will of our all wise creator.

A Friend.

Why not look at that 160-acre farm 15 miles north of Merkel. It is a big bargain at \$26.50 per acre. See The Merkel Realty Company.

Life Was a Misery

Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes: "From the time I entered into womanhood . . . I looked with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery. I would think I could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. . . Nothing seemed to help me until, one day, . . . I decided to

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CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"I took four bottles," Mrs. Jones goes on to say, "and was not only greatly relieved, but can truthfully say that I have not a pain. . ."

"It has now been two years since I took Cardui, and I am still in good health. . . I would advise any woman or girl to use Cardui who is a sufferer from any female trouble."

If you suffer pain caused from womanly trouble, or if you feel the need of a good strengthening tonic to build up your run-down system, take the advice of Mrs. Jones. Try Cardui. It helped her. We believe it will help you.

All Druggists

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MOLLIE BAILEY PASSED AWAY

Mollie Bailey died in Houston last Wednesday, and another of the honored links that have bound present-day Texas to the open-hearted days of the open prairie is broken. Few Texans now grown to manhood and to womanhood do not recall with the name Mollie Bailey some of the keenest enjoyment of their childhood.

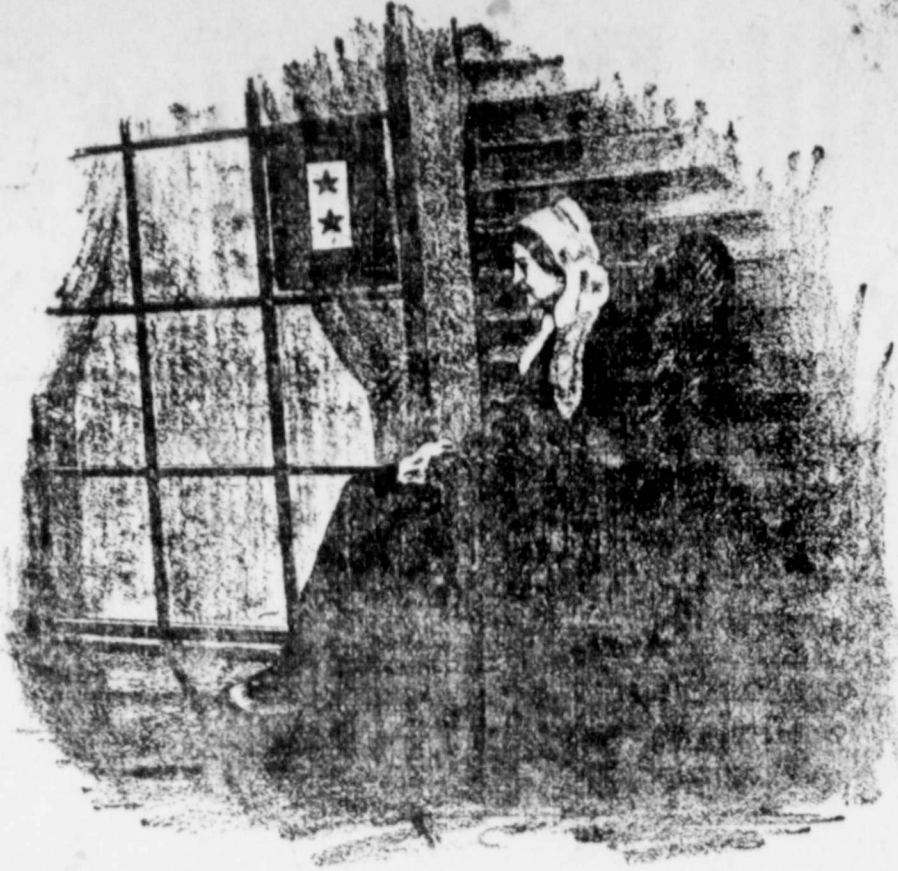
The days when the long train of dusty prairie schooners wound into town over the long road, disgorging from their musty interior trained animals, acrobats and all the paraphernalia and thrill of a real circus was a red letter day for all the country side. And when Mollie Bailey loaded her wagons again and left there always went with her the good wishes and real affection of the town. Everyone knew she would come again as she had come before, and Mollie Bailey intended to come again and again, therefore, she always gave a square deal.

The sordid commercial atmosphere of the greater and more modern circuses could not touch her show, although it survived many years after the big outfits followed the railroads into the Texas towns. Mollie Bailey's show was clean, for clean folks and she has left a clean memory throughout the breadth of the State.

Mollie Bailey was Mrs. A. H. Hardesty, and she was 82 years old at the time of her death. A useful life in an unusual sphere closed when she breathed her last.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

WOMAN'S STATEMENT WILL HELP.

"I hated cooking because whatever I ate gave me sour stomach and a bloated feeling. I drank hot water and olive oil by the gallon. Nothing helped until I tried simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-i-ka relieves any case sour stomach, gas or constipation and prevents appendicitis. The instant action is surprising. Sanders Drug Store. adv.4



FOR STRONG, BRAVE MEN ONLY

If you are a mother or a wife, please do not read this. There is no crisis stern enough to justify the harrowing of women's souls. This article is addressed to American men, in the confident belief that it will accomplish the end for which it has been prepared.

HAVE you ever seen an old, sad-faced woman sitting by the roadside, holding out palsied hands for pennies with which to buy scraps of food?

Have you ever thought that she is somebody's mother? That she once held a sweet baby to her breast, and the world looked like heaven to her?

Have you ever thought of the years she spent taking care of that baby, and of her other babies, guarding them, denying herself, giving of her strength and comfort that they might grow into strong, capable men and women?

This is the History of Millions of Mothers.

Not all of whom sit by the roadside with palsied hands, but millions of whom sit with palsied hearts and unpeakingly sad eyes, by firesides, on vine-veiled verandas, or in darkened rooms, waiting for God to take them home to the realm where the pangs of memory will no longer torture them. These women think of the babies they bore, babies that grew to maturity, and who are now no more on this earth.

In the years to come after this war there will be millions of such mothers—mothers whose sons have gone down to death in the full promise of youthful manhood. It is terrible to picture the desolation of these mothers—a desolation that will be theirs long after many of us have forgotten the horrors of this war.

But though millions of such mothers have already begun the long war by the side of the unceasing road, other millions can be saved from like fate.

The United States of America—YOUR COUNTRY—has gone into the war. It has gone in to stop the horrible slaughter of mothers' sons, and to bring an end to the tragic multiplication of human woe.

The manner in which the United States has taken hold means but one thing—the termination of the war as quickly as possible. For every day the war is shortened thousands of

Mothers Will be Spared Years of Agony.

In order that victory and peace may be realized in the shortest possible time it is the eternal duty of every one of us to help to the fullest extent of our capabilities.

The Fourth Liberty Loan presents an opportunity for such help. It gives each one of us a chance to do something definite to bring quick victory and save millions of women from sitting by the side of the road with palsied hands and pitiful eyes.

What is your life worth to you if you remain indifferent to such an opportunity for preventing human misery? Doubtless, if called, you would gladly go over the top and willingly die with a bullet through your heart. Yes, you would do that—and yet, so strange is human nature that millions of men who would willingly give their lives, hold back and hem and haw with their conscience when it comes to giving, or lending, their dollars.

What are dollars? The only use that dollars can be put to is to make this world a better place in which we all can live. Dollars can never weigh in the same scale with human hearts and souls.

One Mother Sitting by the Side of the Road

with palsied hands cannot buy back her dead children with all the dollars on earth. But a few of your dollars loaned to your Government now, can, by shortening the war, buy thousands of children's lives, and preserve them to comfort the old age of thousands of women who are now young and hopeful.

Powder and bullets to slay the Hun are in your purse. The merciful end for the Hun is a quick end. The merciful salvation of humanity demands the death of the thing that slays. It is within your power to hasten that slaying and thus save millions of human lives.

Will you do it?

DON'T BE FOOLED

Some thousands of people are being fooled today by oil and other stock peddlers selling stock which has not the approval of the Capital Issues Committee.

Frequently these people offer to accept Liberty Bonds in exchange for their pieces of worthless paper.

To exchange pledges of citizenship for a false promise of a fortune is the depth of foolishness and lack of patriotism.

When one of these "something for nothing men" comes to you tell him that if his stock is as good as he claims he would not have to peddle it from door to door.

If the oil stock peddler tells you that you are helping the country by buying his stock, because you are aiding in the production of oil, tell him that the big Oil Companies can be relied upon to keep up the country's oil supply while the war lasts—after that the small investor may be justified in entering the field.

Let there be no mistake—oil is being found and worked in Texas, BUT NOT BY THE FAKE COMPANIES THAT WANT LIBERTY BONDS IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR SCRAPS OF PAPER.

The next time they try the confidence trick on you show the fellow this message. Keep a copy by you.

"I NEED THE MONEY IN MY BUSINESS"

Have you ever said this as you considered a Liberty Bond purchase? You can buy bonds and use the money in your business as well. Liberty Bonds are the finest collateral Security in the world. Buy the Bonds, borrow on them and finance your business with the loan obtain from the Bank.

If it costs you anything—this is the price you pay for being an American citizen.

It is worth it.

GRAND OPERA FOR FT. WORTH

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMPILES AND PUBLISHES MUSICAL CENSUS.

Fort Worth, Texas.—Music-loving Texans will again be afforded an opportunity to hear the world's most famous grand opera stars and this wonderful musical treat has been made possible by the efforts of several public-spirited Fort Worth citizens, who have arranged for the Chicago Grand Opera Company to give two performances in this city Friday and Saturday nights, October 25th and 26th.

The opera will be under the able direction of Cleofonte Campanini, and assisted by other world renowned stars. The modern masterpiece "Tosca" will be presented Friday night, the 25th, and the delightful lyric "Barber of Seville" Saturday night, October 26th.

Invitations to the opera have been issued in pamphlet form by the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce and contain the following interesting information pertaining to the musical accomplishments of this city:

Fort Worth is the musical center of the Southwest.

More Texas girls study music in Fort Worth than in any other Texas city.

Fort Worth is the only city in Texas which supports two major colleges with fully equipped music facilities.

Some of the best qualified music instructors in the United States are in Fort Worth.

During one recent season 87 Texas counties and nine different States were represented in the student bodies of Fort Worth music schools.

Fort Worth has more nationally known musicians than any other Texas city.

Approximately a quarter of a million dollars are expended annually in Fort Worth for music tuition.

Fort Worth has produced a score of dramatic artists of national fame.

Fort Worth has the largest Greek string band in the United States.

Fort Worth musicians originated community singing in the Southwest.

Fort Worth churches have a nationwide reputation for their fine choirs and church music.

Four of the largest church organs in the Southwest are in Fort Worth.

There are twenty pipe organs in the churches of Fort Worth.

The Federal Census Bureau's latest report on professions classifies 153 Fort Worth citizens as musicians.

Eighty-five per cent of the homes of Fort Worth are equipped with musical instruments.

Fort Worth has the largest non-professional band in the United States.

The Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce auditorium is equipped with the only orchestra grand piano in the Southwest.

The headquarters of the Texas Musical Teachers' Association is in Fort Worth.

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"God Never Threw Me Down Yet"

A little woman, a seamstress, bought a hundred dollar Liberty Bond, paying ten dollars down. She inquired very carefully into the conditions of payments, when they would fall due, etc. "I haven't another cent in the world," she said, and her eyes shone with an inner light as she spoke, "and I don't know yet how I will meet the other payments. I am going it blind, but God never threw me down yet. I am not afraid."

The spirit of France transmitted to America; the sublime faith of a nation that has suffered, yet is undaunted after four long years of war; a nation that is not afraid.

The drought areas of Texas, too, imbued with the spirit of France and that of the little seamstress whom God never threw down, are "going it blind." In many sections where only one-tenth crop was raised last year, this year there is less. Yet these communities are subscribing their quotas. There are instances where depositors have drawn their last dollar from the bank to make their sacrifice for the cause of humanity. Some of them don't know how they will meet the payments. They do not question; they are going it blind and unafraid.

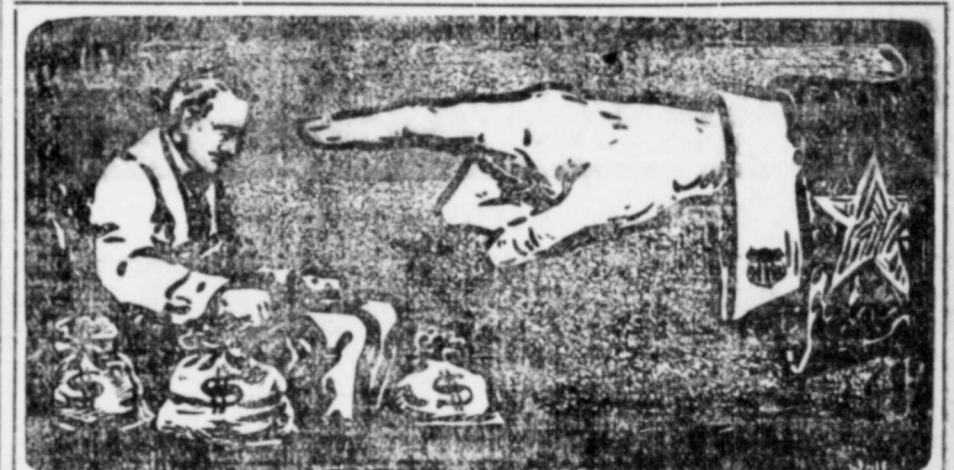
There are about 105,000,000 people in the United States. Over 3,000,000 of that number are under arms, and nearly 2,000,000 of these are overseas fighting for the principles they believe to be right.

And they are going it blind, willing to meet the payment, even though it be paid in the dearest coin in all the world—their legs and arms and health and happiness and life itself. They have given all that God will let them give to their country, and they are not afraid.

There were about 18,000,000 buyers of bonds in the last Loan. To make as complete a fighting unit at home as we have under arms, there must be 87,000,000 new bond holders of the Fourth Loan. These may include those who were afraid to buy; who hesitated to go it blind, because they didn't know how to meet the other payments, and because they looked no higher than an earthly faith to fulfill their pledge to the greatest ideal the world has ever known. They were afraid God would throw them down.

Are you one of those who hesitate to go it blind? Must it be left for them to teach you the true spirit of patriotism—the little seamstress, who hasn't another cent in the world? A country whose manhood, if not deprived of life itself is doomed to maimed and incomplete lives? And those whose livelihood has been denied them?

And what of the millions who are shedding their blood for you? How many of these have died and are going to die in vain because the people back home couldn't raise the money to crush the military power that forced this suffering upon a peace-loving world? They are going it blind and unafraid. They have died and are going to die for humanity. God will not throw them down. Will you?



"We'll All Go Broke if We Have To—But There's No One Busted Yet"

By WILLIAM HERSCHELL.

When I hear some folks complain'
'Bout the burden they must bear
Just to keep our soldiers fightin'
In the trenches "over there,"
Then I want to show a picture,
One I saw th' other day,
Of a little Belgian youn'un
An' her granny, old an' gray.
In each face was tears and terror,
Born of Teuton greed and lust,
An' I pledged my all to Freedom,
It to give my all I must.
Then a new song woke within me,
A refrain I can't forget,
"We'll all go broke if we haf t'
But there's no one busted yet!"

None of us is facin' hunger,
None need fear to seek his bed
Lest a demon in a Gotha
Hur' a bomb from overhead.
Here we go along a singin'
Only now and then we sigh,
An' we never see a soldier
Cept our own a-marchin' by.
Folks! we'd ought to be so grateful
To each fightin' Yankee boy
That th' sacrifice of giv'n
Should be measured as a joy.
So let's do our part—full-hearted—
Smile and say without regret:
"We'll all go broke if we haf t'
But there's no one busted yet!"

RED CROSS FAMILY REMEDIES

Many able Chemists and Doctors were called into service in perfecting this line of Red Cross Remedies.

This is an age of Specialists, and while one may have distinguished achievements to his credit in one particular line, another is excelling in something else. That very thing makes it possible for us to have a Red Cross Remedy for each ailment, and enables us to give the consumer more than we promise or charge for. Each formula is compounded with as much care and precision as if our entire success depended upon that one Remedy. That's why NEUROTONE repairs shattered nerves, and Red Cross STONE ROOT and BUCHU puts your kidneys in a normal and healthy condition.

Red Cross Remedies are not just Medicines. The formula is printed on each carton in plain English, so you know what they are composed of and what you are taking. More than one hundred Red Cross Remedies, and Toilet Preparations are sold and guaranteed only by Grimes Drug Store

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You Have Been Wanting to Sell

☐ Why halt between two opinions? Shrewd business men buy and sell on the moment. If you want to sell, list your property with a firm that has made more deals in the past three weeks than all other parties in and around Merkel and more than any other individual firm in Taylor county.

☐ If you want to buy, why not go to a firm that has the inside on bargain listings and who can deal with you squarely in the open. You know that now is the time to buy. The protracted drouth has kept prices on real estate down. There is land not one whit better than we have listed that is selling for \$200 an acre and up in counties not many hundred miles east of here. The very land that can now be bought at a bargain will bring twice the money after the first good crop.

☐ And then—OIL—just remember that, please.

☐ Suppose you had a little acreage in or adjacent to the oil property, wouldn't you go to bed with a sweeter dream, knowing that the possibilities of profit, success, riches were in your hands? Investigate some of our "Pots" in which the reputable citizens have taken shares. You can invest \$50, \$100, \$500, or any amount you wish, with us and we will place it in land worth the money for farm purposes, and then if oil is found you are on velvet. What other proposition will guarantee the return of your investment like this? We have land from \$25 an acre up to \$50. The minute the drill starts it will be worth \$100 an acre and up. Any party wishing to invest will please call or write. We wouldn't misrepresent any feature for the sake of the commission. We had rather have good will than the pittance of a commission. We are in business to stay, and openly and above board refer any one to any business man or other party in Merkel or surrounding country.

☐ We only show a few of our bargains here. Remember that oil prospects touch every one of the list given below, or come within a very few miles of leased territory. Why not get a few of your friends together and buy one of the farms listed below, or some other of our propositions, so that when the day dawns for an oil gusher to break forth, the only thing you will need is a doctor to hold down your financial pulse while you take stock to see what you are really worth.

☐ Procrastination will silently steal away the opportunity that is yours. Now is the accepted time. Be wise and conquer now the obstacles that will later stand between you and the coveted success that may be yours. Only a small investment may bring you fabulous returns.

No. 311

160-ACRE FARM—This land lies 15 miles north of Merkel. 100 acres are in cultivation; all good land, except a little rough land which is in pasture. Two good wells, plenty of wood, good 5-room house with hall and porch. Church and school within 1½ miles, and 11 miles of Sylvester and Trent, on Sweetwater creek. This land can be turned at \$26.50 per acre for quick sale.

No. 312

UNEQUALED BARGAIN—320 acres, 180 in cultivation; 6-room house, 3-room house and out buildings. \$1100 loan on place for 5 years. Three-quarters of a mile to good school and Methodist and Baptist churches; 16 miles north of Merkel, and about 11 miles of Sylvester on Sweetwater creek. There is some rough land, but this is an exceptional bargain, as the owner will take \$17.50 per acre for quick sale. This place must be turned within 60 days. This land is not many miles from the leased district, and just as soon as a derrick goes in, it will be worth double the price asked.

No. 313

A FINE FARM—190 acres, 15 miles north of Merkel, almost midway between Sylvester and Trent; 135 acres in cultivation, practically every acre the very best of farming land; 4-room house and 3-room house, good well, creek water, 3 separate fields, 3 pastures. \$35 per acre. There are many desirable advantages to this farm. Exceptionally easy terms. Must be sold at once.

No. 314

NICE SMALL PLACE—Must go at once. Fifty acres, 3-room boxed house and weatherboarded, near Blair. Within two miles of railroad station and only a few miles from Merkel. Price is \$2250, with little over half cash, and balance on reasonable terms.

No. 315

160 ACRES NEAR TRENT—Well improved farm

1¼ miles west of Trent. This is a good buy. In a well settled community of farm owners, adjacent to the very best school and churches in the country. Price is very reasonable. Lenient terms given. Same party also owns a couple of splendid residences in Merkel at reasonable prices. Royalty alone in 60 days may be worth twice the price of the farm.

No. 316

TWO FARMS—340 acres and 240 acres, owned by same party. Will sell either or both. Of the 340 acres, 120 are in cultivation, balance in pasture, of which about 100 acres are rough. Property fronts on rural route, has two sets of improvements. The price of this land is only \$17.50 an acre. Some trade will be considered. One third must be paid down and the balance will have terms at your own making. This property is 17 miles northwest of Merkel and 11 miles of Sylvester. Good schools and good churches near. The 240 acres can all be cultivated, except about 5 acres. 100 acres of this plot is in cultivation. The price of this plot is \$20 per acre, and a cash payment of \$2000 will be accepted, the balance to be paid at your own terms. Both these places make an exceptionally good buy. Possession can be given at any time.

No. 317

147½ ACRES NORTHEAST OF MERKEL—This farm is four miles northeast of Merkel. 100 acres are in a high state of cultivation, lying in a valley, and is one of the most productive farms in all this country. The place fronts on public road, where a nice elevated gravel plot forms a noll for the residence, a box house containing 7 rooms and two galleries. There is a good well and windmill, fine water, fair out buildings. This place is listed for quick sale at \$30 an acre and is well worth the money. See us at once.

No. 318

A HOME—324 acres in the best part of French Pasture, 136 acres in cultivation, balance in pasture. The soil is a dark sandy loam. lo-

cated on Route 4, 5 miles out of Merkel. All improvements are new. Cash payment required is \$3500, balance on easy terms at 6 per cent interest. Improvements include modern bungalow, smokehouse, blacksmith shop building, barn with cement floors, etc.

No. 321

HOUSE AND LOT—Modern 5-room house. Frontage about 133 feet on corner. Windmill, hydrants, shed. No better bargain in Merkel.

No. 323

MUST SELL QUICK—120 acres about 6 miles southeast of Merkel at \$25 an acre. 50 acres in cultivation, balance in pasture; all good land. Not leased but adjacent to leased territory. All cash.

No. 324

800-ACRE FARM & RANCH—Over 300 acres in cultivation, balance pasture; about 100 acres rough land. 5-room house, 4 good rent houses 1 windmill, 4 wells and hand pumps, fenced and cross fenced. Land very best in country, about 15 miles south of Merkel. Price \$25.00 an acre; cash payment of \$5000, with terms on balance to suit convenience of purchaser. On rural route, phone line and near church and school.

No. 325

WELL IMPROVED FARM—329 9-10 acres, 136 in cultivation and balance in pasture, all good tillable land, dark sandy soil, located on rural route about 2½ miles southeast of Merkel. 4-room bungalow, 2 porches, 2 small barns, concrete floor in barn, water piped into lot, 1 windmill, 2 wells, fine water, good new fences of 3 and 4 wires. All improvements made in 1916. Will take \$35 an acre, \$3500 cash and time on balance. Notes against place amount to \$4700, eight annual payments at 6 per cent interest. Will take second lien against place at 6 per cent interest. Improvements include wash house, smoke house, building for blacksmith shop, etc.

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MERKEL TEXAS

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Minnie Graham, principle of the High School, was called home Wednesday evening a week ago on account of the serious illness of her brother at Tuscola. Word reached Merkel Tuesday that he was dead. We greatly sympathize with Miss Graham in the loss of her brother.

Bring your fresh eggs and butter to E. L. Rogers. Best prices paid.

Mrs. West Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp and daughters, Misses Lula and Roxie, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cox and daughter, Mary Jane, and Rev. Cameron attended the funeral of Oran Edwards at Midland Sunday afternoon.

Don't forget the man that buys most everything. Go to see him when you have anything to sell. The first letter of his name is W. P. Duckett.

R. L. Proctor returned a few days ago from Orange, where he has been engaged in shipbuilding.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp and save enough to buy war saving stamps

Miss Mamie McNeese writes from Batson, inclosing her subscription to the Mail. She says her school is progressing nicely Batson is an oil town and she says she gets to smell oil all the time and hopes this privilege will soon come to the Merkel people.

Buy Michigan salt early. We have a good stock on hand. The Anchor Mercantile Company.

A. O. Hickman, formerly express agent here, but now of Burkburnett, was a visitor in the city this week. While here he placed a subscription with the Merkel Mail.

If you are going to want a loan on that farm you had better see W. O. Boney at once.

Mr. G. L. Browning of Amorrilla is here on a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning.

Rogers has everything you could want, fresh or canned. Come get our prices.

David M. Floyd has arrived safely overseas, as indicated by a card received by his parents

Michigan salt. Buy it early at The Anchor Mercantile Company.

Parker Sharp arrived safely overseas, according to information received by relatives.

Plenty of oats at Bob Martin's

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic destroys the malarial germs which are transmitted to the blood by the Malaria Mosquito. Price 60c.

Curt Tucker, who has been in Caddo for some time, was a home visitor the past week, returning Monday.

Buy it while we have it Michigan salt at The Anchor Mercantile Company.

Miss Ida Meeks is suffering from an attack of influenza.

If we haven't what you want we'll get it. The Merkel Realty Company.

Mrs. H. K. Sheppard has been sick the past few days.

W. O. Boney can get you a loan on that farm mighty quick. Better see him now.

Miss Lillian Fitzgerald of Jay ton is visiting Mrs. C. Melton.

Corn, chops and oats at Bob Martin's.

J. B. Hamblett visited relatives in Dallas and Italy the past week.

See that productive farm just a few miles northeast of Merkel. The Merkel Realty Company.

Alice Mae Boyce of Abilene visited Miss Elma Sheppard the forepart of the week.

Miss Ethel Scott of Abilene visited her brother, L. B. Scott, the forepart of this week.

Peanut oil at G. M. Sharps.

Death of Little Modelle Wright
A telegram, which came as a great shock to all, was received by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McCright, Sunday morning announcing the death of little Modelle Wright, at 4 o'clock Sunday morning.

She took influenza and her life was spared only a short time. Little Modelle was three years and seven months old at the time of her death, which occurred at the home of her parent's, in Nashville, Tenn., and her body was laid to rest in the Nashville Cemetery, Sunday afternoon.

She was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Wright, who formerly lived near Merkel, and the family has many friends here who will be grieved to hear of her death. Her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McCright, who are well known here are especially grieved at the news.

Her parents are both very low with influenza, and were unable to have the remains brought here for burial.

To the young father and mother we offer our tenderest sympathy.

A Friend.

Miss Jessie Mae Cox returned Wednesday from the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Minor Cox McKee, who is very low with pneumonia. She is slightly improved at last report. Her husband was stricken at Joshua and died a few days ago. Mrs. McKee was not informed of his death until a few days ago, physicians fearing she could not withstand the shock. This young couple was married in Merkel about two years ago and have a host of friends here, who sympathize with her in this sad hour.

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United States Smelting Works, Inc. 1084 Goldsmith Bldg., Opp. Post Office, Milwaukee, Wis. Aug 23rd 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Anard Dye and children at Ranger are reported down with influenza. The only one free of the disease in the family is little Rogene, who is now with her grandmother, Mrs. Woodrum.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

Miss Myra Jones of Nevada visited her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jones the past week, returning Thursday morning, accompanied by her grandmother, Mrs. Jordan, who will spend the winter there.

Lola Dennis is right sick with influenza.

There is always something new and fresh at Rogers. Come

Dr. Pue's family is just recovering from influenza.

W. O. Boney wants to make you that Loan on your farm.

Hollis Browning, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Browning, has diptheria, but is reported doing nicely.

A Remarkable Beet.

D. D. Coats brought in a beet Thursday that weighed 8 1/2 lbs. It grew in his garden and other plants are nearly as large as this one. This is just another instance of what moisture will do for plant life in the Great Merkel Country.

Quarterly Conference

The Quarterly Conference of the Methodist church will be held here on the 23rd. All our officials are expected to be present. The meeting hour is 8 p. m. The officials of the Tye Methodist church will meet the Presiding Elders in Merkel Methodist church at 2:30 October, 23, for their conference. Let all the Tye Methodist officials be on hand. This is the last round. Do not fail, brethren.

C. S. Cameron.

THE TROPHY TRAIN

The trophy train reached Merkel Tuesday morning, two days ahead of schedule, on account of the influenza epidemic in New Mexico, much of the trip was cancelled. There was not a large crowd present, but every one seemed to enjoy the exhibit immensely. It was far better than the former train. And, too, the speakers were more refined.

Judge Davis spoke his appreciation of the assembly and said that he knew if it had not been for the epidemic the crowd would have been much larger, because he witnessed the crowd at the other Liberty Loan train, and he knew the Merkel people was there in full force.

He then introduced Sergeant Guerin of the French army, who fought on the western front for four years, and was a party to the heroic defense of Verdun. Sergeant Guerin was one of a company of 200 infantry defending Verdun at the most critical time in the history of that awful struggle when the order was given to its heroic defenders that the Huns should not pass. As a result of that order 187 members of that company died on that battlefield, and Sergeant Guerin and most of the few survivors are now wearing scars from wounds they received.

He said: "Your boys came to France in her darkest days, and we love your boys more and more every day, for they are the sons of America, the land of the free and the home of the brave, for indeed they are brave; they fought like our best units; and if I was not a Frenchman, I would want to be accepted by you people and become an American."

Judge Davis next introduced Private Jolly of Alabama, one of Pershing's Rainbow Division, who was wounded in the battle of Chateau-Thierry. He said in the beginning of his speech that he would only tell things that he had actually experienced himself. At one time he said he dug a hole not over six inches deep, and hid in there until a big shell landed within about five feet of him, and covered him up and he had to get out and dig his hole again, only to be run out by another big shell falling within two feet of his hiding place. He said there were times when he was glad to get his head behind a tin can; he said that might look like a small thing to hide behind to us, but to them it was mighty fine sometimes. The first shell that burst close to him got his right hand and the second wound was in the left leg, but said that he was glad he was of the army that started the Huns toward Berlin, and wanted to be able to get back with his comrades and stay with them until they planted "Old Glory" over the Kaiser's palace in Berlin.

Our boys who are doing the fighting do not want any patched up peace and that while on the job they wanted to complete it. "Give the Huns a few doses of the medicine they have been handing out so freely to England, France and Belgium, and to the end that this war would not have to be fought over again at some time in the future."

The "Liberty Special" was in charge of Mr. Jaeggly, a banker of Cuero, and Judge John Davis of Dallas is one of the speakers who has made the complete itinerary. Sgt. Guerin of the French army, Private Jolly of the Rainbow Division and Sgt. Haley who was in the Byng drive against Cambrai, were the soldiers of experience. Other speakers were Hon. A. M. Frazier of Hillsboro and Judge Leon Sonfield of Beaumont.

The display of relics included almost everything used in this war by the allies and their enemies and among the most interesting were a couple of big German guns, one of them a German "77" captured at Chateau-Thierry, and an other the famous French "75" camouflage, and an American eight inch Howitzer. Many other guns, rifles uniforms, helmets, flags, breast-plates, pictures and numerous other things of much interest.

The train was beautifully decorated in red, white and blue, with Old Glory floating from many places, and for the headlight of

the locomotive was a photograph of President Wilson in the center of a great silver star. Even the engineer and fireman were dressed in uniforms of red white and blue jumpers and caps, which made the occasion even more impressive.

Little Shouse Child Dead.

The little two-year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Shouse died Saturday at the home of its grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Curb. Burial took place Sunday, Rev. Standifer, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiating.

It is tearing the heartstrings to give up a little one, and yet, parents must submit sometimes to the ordeal. Not long had the little one blessed the home, but long enough for the sunshine of its countenance to reach every recess of fond parents. It is gone to a brighter world where sorrow never enters.

We can but sympathize with the parents as we witness the inexorable decree of the Master of the Universe. While it is hard, we can not question the decree, believing that somehow it is best, and we must accept the departure of the little fellow as a binding tie to that land where all is love.

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The friends and acquaintances of Mrs. Carrie Palmer, wife of R. S. Palmer, were greatly shocked to learn of her death, which took place at her home in Merkel at noon Wednesday. She took down with influenza at Ranger last Sunday a week ago. She was brought home the following Thursday. Pneumonia developed and in spite of every thing the physicians and friends could do, she grew rapidly worse until the end.

Mrs. Palmer was Miss Carrie Shannon before her marriage, which took place about four years ago. She was 29 years of age. She is survived by her husband, father, W. J. Shannon, four brothers and two sisters.

Mrs. Palmer had been a consistent member of the Presbyterian church for the past ten or eleven years. Burial took place at Comper Thursday afternoon. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the young husband and family of this young wife, taken in her young womanhood.

Miss Minnie Houghton is just recovering from a severe attack of influenza.

Frank Woodrum has been on the sick list this week.

Ruth Dawson is suffering from influenza.

Mary Rogers is reported down with influenza.

Mrs. G. M. Sharp, Mrs. West Edwards, Wesley Edwards and Mrs. Frank Gillmore are to arrive this (Thursday) evening from Midland.

Rev and Mrs. Cameron were called to the home of their son, C. E., at Sweetwater a few days ago, on account of the entire family being down with "flu".

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