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AMERICAN ATTACK WON THE WAR

Details of Brilliant Exploit of Seneraal Pershing's Men Now Made Known

ion and daze of the crowning litary events on the western tle line since late in Septem-, when battle followed battle til from Flanders to Verdun ere was ceaseless action, it is ertain extent the part played by certain extent the part played by the American armies in the final decisive battle of the war, which ended with the armistice of last Monday.

Military reasons heretofore ed that twenty-one American di-000 American combat troops,pa: ticipated in the action beginning Sept. 26, known variously as the battle of the Argonne and the battle of the Meuse, but which history may call Sedan-the battle that brought Germany to her knees and as far as human foresight goes, ended the world's bloodiest and costliest war. Dear Sirs:-

. In order to understand the eitary situation which made V€ Argonne operations the crux the war, it is necessary to go dck to the reduction of the St. Thiel salient in the middle of eptember. This brilliant American accomplishment is still fresh in history. It cut off at one stroke a menacing enemy projection toward Verdun and weak ened the enemy's defensive sys tem by threatening advance rail way centers for distributing Corner of Nolan County, in Blocks 19 and 20 T. & P. R. R. Co, surtroops and supplies along the Iontmedy-Sedan line.

Metz was also the pivot or which the enemy swung through Belgium into France, and therefore obviously it was the pivot on which his retirement must hinge The Argonne, the next step below here, threatened the great railway arteries running westward from Metz

With the conclusion of the St. Mihiel action, the steady inflow of American forces caused a displacement of power as between the allied and German armies. Thus it no longer was necessary to pursue a policy of reducing a salient or nibbling at it The American troops had shown what they could do.

A broader policy of general atalong the entire line was en adopted and the high command called upon General Pershing to take the Argonne, ad mittedly one of the most, if not entirely the most, difficult of the whole front. The broken terrain, the topography and the lack of roads made a problem difficult to describe. Germany had in four years fortified it to the last degree of military skill, with superb roads, both rail and motor, connecting up to the rear positions and bases.

viciously strong, the enemy pos- made in this district for oil and gas. The elevation above sea level essed innumerable flanking posi ons. But beyond this difficult region lay the Montmedy-Sedan It meant death if cut.

the success of which would give untold results. This quick move ment of an enormous body of It was at daybreak of Sept. 26 sions. men, the establishment of a new when the Americans went in. The original nine American his stronges and most vital po- my threw in fourteen fresh diviline of supply and all the compli- Using nine divisions for the pre- divisions in some cases were kept sitions; though one defense sys- sions, but all in vain. eated military preparation, was liminary attack and under vigor- in the line over three consecutive tem after another, using his fin- Fighting every foot of the way day of Nov. A. D. 1918.

OIL SITE HAS BEEN LOCATED

Paris, Nov.17.—Out of the con After Weeks of Anxious Waiting Derrick Timbers Arrive--Hauled out Near Ranch House of John Sears

OPERATIONS WERE STARTED

At last operations have begun, down the well. The oil men state standpoint that the existence of finds herself in the center of con cans, except in a most general mediately. Tuesday ground was John Sears ranch house.

as follows, to-wit:

Blair extending West.

manner. But it now may be stat- broken for the placement of the There has been a great deal of rig. No time is to be lost in put- misgivings about the starting of From now on the oil situation us. Perhaps they will finally lovisions, totaling more than 750,- ting up the derrick and putting development, arising from the will begin to warm up. Merkel cate right in Merkel.

JNO. D. KENNARD

ENGINEER AND GEOLOGIST

LAWTON, OKLA

"Middle Block" in Taylor County, mostly located in Blocks 18

and the Grimes County School Land Surveys, Blocks 145 and 148,

tending nearly East and West for 150 miles, or more. These moun-

tains do not show any Igneous Rock except at "Blow Out Moun-

tain," I made an examination of the mountain and at the top of it.

it is of volcanic origin and that it may be 4000 feet to the granite.

miles North of this Mountain Range, also I find a great Minor An-

ticline extending about North 16 miles from Blow Out Mt, to the

The "North Block" is situated on the minor and major anti-

The "Trent Block" is situated on the Minor and the North

slope of the Geo-Anticline and the lands extend from one mile East

have been exposed by erosion undisputable evidence of oil and gas

to 5 milesWest of Trent and 4 miles South and 2 miles North.

which lays from Blair 4 miles South and 6 miles East and West.

4 miles South and 2 miles North of Trent, Texas.

the surface of the Geological Structures.

Blow Out Mt, and the Major Anticline.

lays between Merkel and Blair and extends West.

is on the Major Anticline.

tend 6 miles East and West.

is 1900 feet.

"South Block" in Taylor County, located in Blocks 18 and 19,

Taylor, Jones and Nolan Co's Oil Association, Merkel Texas.

Bright and early Monday morn- that only recently was the loca- oil beneath our feet would be too siderable activity. The Morrison

ing the derrick timbers were un- tion settled upon. The well is good to be true. In the face of a well is eight or nine miles east, accomplishments of the Ameri- loaded and hauling started im- only a short distance from the two years drouth the geologist the Sears location is about sevstates that indications are such en miles northwest and the Billas to suggest that we are over berry ranch well is about twenty the greatest oil field in the world miles south. They are crowding

Topography

This district is drained by Mulberry Creek on the South and East and by Noodle and Sweetwater creeks on the west and north which drain north into the west prongs of the Brazos river and the More mountains lay to the south.

Geology

The surface of the district is made up of the Permian and I beg leave to report to you at the request of Mr. Boogs, I Red Bed formations, with the geological planes being lime on top have gone over and examined carefully four blocks of acreage, of the mountains or the geo-anticline, sandstone 2nd and a lime 3rd which has been leased by your Association for oil and gas, situated underlaid with red bed or deep sea deposit, which may be 4000 feet in Taylor, Jones and Nolan Counties, Texas. The Blocks designated thick overlaying the Pennsylvanian formation.

Structure

and 19, T & P RR Co, survey, which lays between Merkel and The prevailing dip is about 20 to 30 feet to the north per mile This was caused by the More Mountain uplift which produced a folding to the North, forming the Major Anticline, in general, and T & P R.R. Co, surveys, and Plock Nine (9) S. P. R. R. Co, survey the Minor Anticline was forced to form from the mountains South and connect to the Major Anticline. This structure also slopes to the East and West from its Axis along which the town of Merkel, "Trent Block" in the N. W. Corner of Taylor Co, and the N. E. Texas is situated and the town of Trent is on the Western slope and the town of Blair is on the S. E. slope.

vey, extending from 1 mile East and 5 miles West of Trent and These slopes are about 20 feet to the mile. The Geological plane East of Merkel has been removed by erosion, and can be I will state that on the 27th of July (also 28th and 29th) 1918. traced only by thin statas which occur in the red bed, noticeable in company with Mr. Boggs, I carefully examined and surveyed along the East bank of Mulberry creek on the South and East and the entire surrounding country to observe the nonconformities of the Noodle and Sweetwater Creeks on the North and West, reaching into the West prong of Brazos River which completes a perfect I found that the More Mts Range is a great Geo-Anticline ex- structure for the accumulation of oil and gas.

The Pennsylvanian formation, which is the probable source of I find a small amount of quartz and some iron which denotes that Oil underlies the Permian perhaps not deeper than 400 to 600 feet in this district. There are no logs of any wells near except one south I find evidences which tend to show that the uplift of these of Abilene, Texas, that I might make estimates from and I can mountains caused a Major Anticline to be formed from 12 to 20 only ascertain from it that it had a showing of oil at 1900 feet deep.

Conclusion

Major Anticline which parallels the More Mountains. The town of So from all observations and the information relative to the Merkel is situated upon this minor anticline about midway between above well, and the evidences of the seapage of oil and gas which s shown upon the surface of the ground and in the Geological plane of the district it is my conclusion and conviction that you will cline and the lands extend about 9 miles North of Merkel. And I get oil or gas upon these structures of commercial value first about have selected for the first test well to be made about 1/4 miles S. E. 850 to 1000 feet next 1350 to 1500 feet, next at 2000 to 2200 feet, of John Sears Ranch House in Jones County, Texas. This location next 2600 to 2800 and I am sure that you will get 500 to 1000 barrel's production at 3200 to 3500 feet, the same that they get in the The "Middle Block" is situated on the Minor Anticline which Ranger Oil field.

It is my judgment that you will get shallow oil nearer the Mts. The "South Block" is situated on the Minor Anticline and up you may drill, about 850 feet. The deep sands are really the source to the Apexes of said Anticline which is known as Castle Peak and of all the shallower sands, so if you should fail to get oil in the up-Blow Out Mt's, and the lands lay 4 miles South from Blair and ex- per sands, you should not stop your drilling under 3500 feet.

These lands are situated upon and travesed by the T & P. R. R. and the G. C. & S. Fe. R. R. which add to the economy of the Loans and Dis., personal or collateral \$244,252.86

seapage and in general everything necessary to prove that the traversed by splendid good wagon roads which will stand the haullands heretofore described are excellent oil lands, and I am sure ing of heavy tonage over them. Water can be had by building ponds From the edge of the Argonns that the location of all 4 test wells, which I have selected will prove or digging wells, in which plenty of water can be found at 60 to

Very respectfully submitted.

I find in many places upon the Geological planes where they development of same.

The country is of low undulating plains or valleys which are forest, where the resistance was to be producers, as they are very favorable for the first tests to be 100 feet deep for drilling purposes.

John Kennard, Engineer and Geologist.

A German order rescribed it as this was no second St. Mihiel, but ond day he threw into the line to action. "our line to victory." It repre- an enterprise at which other five counter-attack divisions he It is a fact commented upon spring could not be brought to sented one-half of the German armies had balked for four years had held in close reserve. They with pride by the American com- Europe, and if so, would not fight rail supply on the western front. They knew that here was to be were his best troops, but they manders and complimented by and even if he tried to fight The high command told Per- first battle of the Marne, with the Somme and shock the gradual advance of the through this hand a character way The attack delivered the morn individual Beposits sub. to check 178,339.59 shing to cut it. The American Verdun, with the Somme and check the gradual advance of the through this hard action never ing of Nov. 1, which began the Time Certificates of Deposits sub. to First Army was put in motion the Chemin des Dames, and they Americans over the difficult ter- before had been in an active sec- second phase of the Argonne bat Certificates from St. Mihiel. In nine days it knew that on them depended the rain. was on the Argonne line, ready fate of the great attack on the The first phase of the action from home, were poured in as German Army. Between Sept.26 for an attempt, the failure of rest of the front. If forced back ended Oct. 31, during which the replacements. which might mean disaster and here, the enemy must give to the Americans gains were not large, The Associated Press dispatch the number of thirty-six were state of Texas, County of Taylor:

line, which was recently captured fronted them. They realized that en wholly by surprise. The sec- part of the line had been put in- line, in an effort to hold an enefought a fight to rank with the failed, not only to push the Am- the allies that seven of these di- would not know how to do so.

my which he dirisively said last

tor, while green troops, fresh tle, was the death blow to the and Oct. 31 enemy divisions to west. If he held, he could hold but they compelled 'the enemy es from day to day told what identified as being opposed to to use a large number of divi- these men did; how the enemy the Americans in this sector. Be- solemnly swear that the above statement is true was slowly pushed back from tween Nov. 1 and Nov 6 the ene- to the best of our knowledge and belief.

garded with pride by the A- ous artillery support they ad- weeks. The American reserves est selected troops, which had the Americans advance averaged vanced five kilometers the first then were thrown in until every been withdrawn in many instanc- five kilometers daily over tere Americans knew what con day. But the enemy was not tak- division not engaged on another es from other portions of the rain constantly growing more

DRAFT BOARD TO MAKE NO **EXAMINATIONS**

The Taylor Draft Board receiv ed instructions Monday from Major John C. Townes Supervisor of the selective service laws for Texas ordering that all physical examinations of registerants shall cease and that no more appeals be forwarded to the Distric Board as General Crowder has instructed District Boards to discontinue classifications.

County Boards are to complete the classification of all registrants between the ages of 18 to 36 both inclusive but are instructed to make no physical examinations.

Members of the Board declared Monday that the work of the Taylor county Board will be prac tically empleted within two weeksThe office will be kept open and continued, however, subject to the orders of the Provest Mar-

E. L. Rogers has plenty of corn chops, oats, barley chops and corn. Figure with him for your feed bill.

difficult, with the lines of communication and supply daily lengthening and attenuating. while road makers for the transport and other supply organizations worked day and night at their tasks.

Day by Day the official communications and the telephones even to the farthest advance line told the Americans that of every mile the Germans gave way before them they were yielding another mile to the British and French on the left; that the American pressure was like an electric current through the

On the morning of Nov. 2 the German official communication told the Americans they had won because for the first time in the war the enemy officially admitted that the American attack had effected a break through The Americans knew then that what finally happened on the morning of Nov. 11 when the armistice was signed, was only a question of days.

Last Monday morning the Gen eral con narding a certain division was called to the telephone in a far advanced position and asked if he had understood that hostilities were to have ceased at 11 o'clock in the mo nmg.

"Yes," replied the General, "I did. But at 10:58 we were going like hell!"

NO. 366

The Farmers State Bank at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of busine

on the 1st day of Nov., 1918, published in the Markel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 22nd day RESOURCES

	Boards, roar country	
	Overdrafts	
į	Bonds and Stocks, W.S. Stamps	256.51
	Real Estate (banking house)	8,650.00
•	Other Real Estate	
ĕ	Furniture and Fixtures	3,950.00
	Due from other Banks and Bankers,	
	subject to check, net	7,393.18
	Cash Items	8,653,54
	Currency	3,915.00
	Specie	1,255.68
	Int. and Asst. Dep.Guaranty Fund	2,996.93
	Other Resources	
	Expense account \$ 3,372.79	
d	Bills of ExCotton 45,599.24-	48,972.03
	Total	37,795,71
	LIABILITIES	
	Capital Stock paid in	35,000.00

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82,673.67 Bills Payable and Rediscounts

J. S. Swann, president

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SHILOH NEWS

There was so much rejoicing over the great news which came very good at this time. over the wires last week, that every one was shouting Peace.

School is progressing nicely. folks a singing, Sunday night. Miss Mattie Jones was able to take her place in School Monday, relatives here at present.

A. M. McCright returned from

Miss., Monday.

Miss Abertine Winter left at the Horn School house.

J. W. Green left for Caddo the past week.

Ernest McCright and wife visi there. ted in Merkel Monday.

ing Simmons College visited his a party Friday night. brother, J. W. Tiner, on Saturday

Mrs. Phebe Green and daugh-

Singing at Rob Condors was reached his home. enjoyed by a large crowd last Sunday evening.

People are all coming back to our country to farm next year. We all are hoping this will be a good crop year.

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic estores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. Price 60c.

UNITED WAR WORK CARDS

The United War Work pledge cards are at Sanders Drug Store and those who want to pay at anytime may call and do so. The school children will pay at the school building.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was sup-posed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing o cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional congreatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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NOODLE NEWS.

Health of the community is

Rev. F. T. Johnson preached Shiloh was wild with joy, and at the Methodist church Sunday. T. E. Goode gave the young Mrs. H. T. Goode is visiting

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Herring in entended trip to Jackson, have moved to their new home north of Noodle.

Mrs. W. J. Bicknell returned this week, to begin her School home from Ala., last Tuesday, where she was called to the bedside of her father, T. A. Robertson. He died before she arrived

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee en Grover Tiner, who is attend-tertained the young people with

C. P. Hendrix was called to Arkansas last Wednesday on account of the illness of his brothter attended the funeral of Har-ler. He was accompanied by his old Winters at Merkel Wednes- sister, Selma Hendrix, or Roscoe. Their brother died before they

> Mrs. Rice is visiting Mrs. C.P. Hendrix.

RED CROSS

STONE ROOT AND BUCHU COMPOUNA 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 and more than one hundred other Red Cross Remedies sold and guaranteed

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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.

STATEMENT

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

As Made to Comptroller of Currency at Close of Business November 1, 1918

RESOURCES

Time Loans\$	149,549.04	
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	1,500.00	
Furniture and Fixture's	3,600.00	
Other Real Estate	3,132.00	

CASH RESOURCES

On hand and in other
Banks\$82,508.33
Cotton Exchange _ 13.263.33
Demand Loans 12,282.65
War Saving Stamps 503.61
U. S. Cert. of Ind. 27,000.00
Liberty Bonds 7,295.54
Other U. S. Bonds 9,750.00
With U. S. Treas 312.50
Total Cash Resources 152,91
Total \$310.69

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	35,148.88
Circulation	6,250.00
Rediscounts	None
Bills Payable	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	244,298.12
Total	\$310,697.00

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

LOCAL NEWS

Sam Butman, agent for the Star-Telegram, wants your subscription and will see you at once

Reefer's Tonic "MORE EGGS" Makes Lay-ers out of leafers Sanders Drug Store

Mr. Stamps of Sweetwater spent Monday in Merkel.

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

I have ordered one car of Mebane Triumph cotton seed. If you need seed you had better call at once and give me your order, as this is the only car I will order this season. Price \$2.75 per bush el. This car will be here January 1st. R. O. Anderson at Farmers State Bank.

J. J. White and family have purchased a residence in the southern part of town and mov-

Keep your clothes new by having them cleaned and pressed. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

C. M. Largent and sons, Willie Joe and Tom are showing their herd's in Kansas City, Mo.

rens' winter underwear at A.L. Jobes. Save half. Mrs. C. Melton visited relativ-

es at Blair severai days this

Hooverize, and get your child-

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.

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Good yard-wide Bleaching 22%c 29c, 331/3c and 35c Good line of outings Our Percale at 19c is a big value

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett re ceived a message from Mrs Clyde Garrett, stating that her husband was very low with pneu monia. Clyde is in the army avi ation service in New York.

His parents are consideralby vorried over his condition. W hope for him a speedy recovery.

See the Star Store for corn. corn chops, oats and barley fee

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

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bullock of Arizona are visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs.

For Sunday dinner, get cherry and pumpkin pies with other good assortments of pies and cakes and doughnuts. Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Mrs. C. L. Cash is down with

Cold-weather is coming. Better bring in your clothers and have, them cleaned up. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Miss Alma Wells returned a few days since from Brownwood, where she went to visit her brother before entering the service. While there she took the "flu."

Miss Jess Sutphen has the

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Do not imagine that because other cough medicines failed to give you relief that it will be the same with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Bear in mind that from a small beginning this remedy has gained a world wide reputation and nmmense sale. A medicine must have exceptional r. it to win esteem wherever it comes known.

Mr. Marion Holcomb, of Nancy, Ky., says: "For quite a long while I suffered with stomach trouble. I would have pains and a heavy feeling after my meals, a most disagreeable taste in my mouth. If I ate anything with butter, oil or grease, I would spit it up. I began to have regular sick headache. I had used pills and tablets, but after a course of these, I would be constipated. It just seemed to tear my stomach all up. I found they were no good at all for my trouble. I heard

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recommended very highly, so began to use it. It cured me. I keep it in the house all the time. It is the best liver medicine made. I do not have sick headache or stomach trouble any more." Black-Draught acts on the jaded liver and helps it to do its important work of throwing out waste materials and poisons from the system. This medicine should be in every household for use in time of need. Get a package today. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c a package. All druggists.

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out and paste in your scrap book. Carrollton. rung for the proclamation of the more, Lafayette was dead. declaration of independence.

out for the surrender of Corn- John Marshall, a crack was de-

the proclamation of peace.

versary of the Republic.

death of Thomas Jefferson. ed ringing of this famous bell to shall last.

er ad

rate the birth of Washington. Here are some things about death of the last survivor of the the bell it would be well to cut Declaration, Charles Carroll, of

July 8, 1835, while being tolled October 24, 1781, the bell rang for the death of Chief Justice veloped, starting from the rim April 16, 1783, it rang out for and inclining in a right hand will quiet your cough, soothe in every walk of life. direction toward the crown.

September 29, 1824, it rang to Another attempt was made to and lungs, stop irritation in the and lasting results. welcome Lafayette to the Hall of ring it on Washington's birth- bronchial tuber, insuring a day February 22, 1843, but the good night's rest, free from fellow sufferers. July 4, 1826 it ushered in the fracture was so much increased coughing and with easy expecear of jubilee, the fiftieth anni- that no attempt has ever been toration in the morning. Made made to ring it since. Its voice and sold in America for fifty-July 24, 1826, it tolled for the is now silent, and yet it will ring two years. A wonderful prein the hearts of all patriotic peo- scription, assisting nature in July 4, 1831, is the last record- ple so long as the name of liberty building up your general health of merit?

recorded ringing to commemo- world. Yet when it was rung on Store.

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SAM BUTMAN,

July 4, 1776, it proclaimed the Thomas Harold Winters Dead stars fell, the year 1918 will be cally grew up in the Merkel counlove, that will never be hushed sisters. as long as the growing brotherhigher civilization.

Greatly Benefited by Chamber-lain's Tablets.

years ago when I began taking place at 2:00 o'clock, Wednesday them I was suffering a great afternoon. deal from distress after eating, and from headache and a tired, the bereaved in this hour of languid feeling due to indiges- their gloom. tion and a torpid liver. Chamberlain's Tablets corrected these dis orders in a short time, and since taking two bottles of them my A Remarkable Chain of Home health, has been good" writes Testimony. Aand Merkel Adds In the same year it tolled the Mrs M.P.Harwood, Auburn, N.Y. Its Voice to the Grand Chorus

E. L. Rogers has plenty of corn chops, oats, barley chops east to west; July 4, 1776, the bell was July 2, 1834, it tolled once and corn. Figure with him for your feed bill.

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

Boschee's German Syrup.

the inflamating of a sore throat and throwing off the disease. commemorate the day of inde- Would that its voice could be Especially useful in lung trouaroused. Sweeter than ever, ble, asthma, croup, bronchitis, February 22, 1832, is its last would its tones ring out to the etc. For sale by Grimes Drug their being congested. The kid-

very liberty that has now been | Word reached Merkel Monday won. It took 142 years for its that death had claimed Thomas tones of liberty to be heard a- Harold Winters, son of Billie round the world. The year 1832 Winters, one of Merkel's old citiis memorable as the year the zens, at Mercedes. Harold practimemorable in history as the year try, leaving here for south Texas the crowns fell. Yea, it is a veri- about five years ago. He was a table deluge. More republics are splendid young man, standing being born this year than in the for the best in all things. He has past 100 years. Old Liberty Bell, been married only a few years your sides are cracked, but echo- and leaves a devoted wife and ing around the world we hear two small children, besides his the golden tones of liberty and father and several brothers and

The remains reached Merkel hood of man rises in the scale of Tuesday-evening and were taken in charge by the Masons. They were carried to the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst, the latter being a first cousin of the deceas "I am thankful for the good ed, where the funeral was held. I have received by using Cham- Elder W. G. Cypert conducted berlain's Tablets. About two the funeral, interment taking

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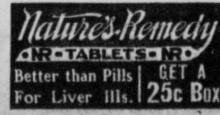
Marshal Joffre in thanking General Pershing said he was You shall suffer for this proud of the great distinction You infamous old FOOL and served to draw him still closer to the American army and

people. He added: I am proud to have been the godfather of the noble determining cause of our victory I love the American soldiers as though they were mine."

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little babes too St Peter will say: "Bill this wont

But for satan a tool.

Now away from here go To climes down below American army which was the For such as you belong, Bill Where they dont shovel snow. Hello friend Bill, the devil will ed in peace for all time to come."

for to stay. something to do

your God. Somethings not a few.

So away from here go and pray to your God That he may forgive you Then call here again If you find your God just It will be hard for me "Bill" Such a demon to trust But if God will forgive you I can then let you in With the devils of --- a life to begin

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Red Cross Duties Increase.

St. Louis, Nov. 18-George in by O. W. Walker of Blair: W. Simmons, manager of the Farewell Mr. Kaiser your fate American Red Cross for the Southwestern Division, pointed Dethroned and forsaken you ever out today how the ending of hostilities will increase the work of Your race has been run you the Red Cross. He told of the thousands of civilians who must Go hide in the jungle of some be cared for and the work among the soldiers.

"Armistice and peace does not mean a cessation of Red Cross work," said Simmons, "Our obligations as a nation have been in-Marshal Joffre, the hero of the Make peace with your God before creased rather than decreased by our victory. The peoples of our allies have suffered indescribably during the war, while we have suffered and sacrificed comparatively little. No other power in the world can aid in physical and human reconstruction as can the American Red Cross. We would be unworthy of the high ideals in which the world holds us if we

"It has been our war all along and now is our opportunity as civilians to do our big share for those who have been fighting our fight for us until we could get in to it ourselves. We have shown the world that we are a nation united in war. We will show the world that we are a nation unit-

While the Red Cross must You have come down here awhile have large sums of money to relieve the war sufferers it has not But you and your pals have announced a date for a campaign to raise funds, but subscriptions sults from a disordered condition You must straighten up with may be asked in the spring. From December 16 to 23 the organization will have a membership campaign, when it is hoped that all Americans in the world will join the American Red Cross.

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- - This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war-----

INTERESTING SCHOOL PRO-GRAM

In honor of the fact that the school went "Over the top" in the War Work Campaign, a celebration was held Tuesday afternoon. The pupils formed in line at the school building and march ed down on Main Street, accompanied by the entire faculty. It was a long string of young Amer icans that drew up in front of The First State Bank with colors flying and spirits high.

Superintendent Parker mounted an auto and made a few introductory remarks. Referring to the War Work Drive he said the pupils had raised nearly \$1 varied transport of a battling army- starting promptly at 7 o'clock, for each member in the public amounttion trains, supply trucks, Thanksgiving evening. The folschool. He further said that they which appetizing aromas apread on all have been and are standing behind our soldier boys.

T. A. Johnson spoke eloquently to the young folks. He said that men never got too old but that they make mistakes. You have got to choose that which is good and learn to depend upon your own judgment as you go along. You have accomplished your work with credit, but as we go along we must remember in an endless train were bringing in that the teachers deserve credit the as well. It is one of the proudest things of my life to say that the town in which I live has never failed in any of the heroic campaigns put on for the nelp of our brave boys at the front.

Iris McClary of the Sixth grade gave a reading: "Oh What a Wonderful Flag You Are." Ruth Wells in Eighth grade

gave a reading:"U.S. Spells Us." Judge Mahaffy, in an eloquent address, said in part: "You have gone over the top. Nations will be taught to live up to the same high ideals expected of individuals. The weak nations must be respected. We are living in the light of a new era. The ideals of the trip for water, heedless of the right have been exemplified by our great and matchless president. His greatness lies not in his natural ability, but that he believes in the rule of right. In the perfection of your lives it will be well for you to remember what made Woodrow Wilson great, and better your own lives

engaged in preparing for peace. "Here is the Sixth grade, the victory room. It will always be a sweet remembrance to you to know that you " 'Went over the with cheers. top.

accordingly. Nations before that

have spent their time and en-

ergy preparing for war are now

After the speaking the pupils disbursed and left for their respective homes. All present seem ed to enjoy the occasion profoundly.

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The Merkel Mail COLD LEMONADE

MANY LIVES SAVED BECAUSE SALVATION ARMY FURNISHED COOL DRINKS TO SOLDIERS.

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Crates of Oranges Broken Open and Strewn Along Road for Soldiers Marching Into Battle.

BY CAPT. HAROLD MILLS.

heart swell with pride, and-so did the Salvation Army. I have just come from that sector. Everywhere I heard stories of the intrepid courage with which the "Amex" soldiers bore the brunt of the attack. Every where, also. I heard stories of the Salvation Army girls, their calm indifference to danger, their unending untiring work among the wounded. These stories came mostly from the soldiers themselves.

The call came suddenly. There had been an unusual amount of troop movement preceding the drive. Salvation Army huts and supplies were for the most part packed and ready for instant dispatch to any point where the troops might finally Among men, and among officers of lesser grade, there was a feeling of uncertainty and much discussion as to where they would be sent, but there was always to be heard the hope that it would be to hold the German advance.

"If you go, we shall go also," said the girls. Then, one night, the divirion disappeared-vanished as though into thin air.

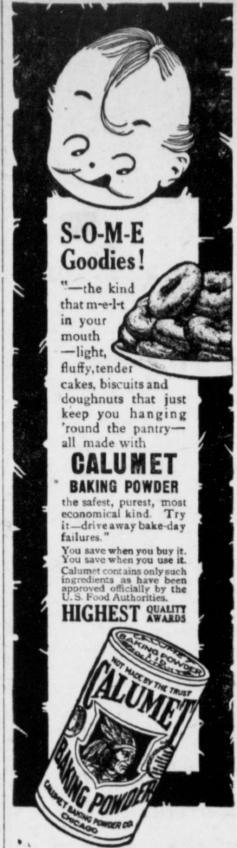
A few days later word came to that the - Division, together with other French and American forces, had smashed its way into the German lines and forced the enemy to retreat. At noon Capt. Violet McAllister and her sister, Alice; Adjt. "BHI" Hale and Capt. Howard Margetts took to the road in Staff Capt. Coe's Ford, others followsupply trucks. All through the night and until half past 1 the following afternoon they traveled toward the scene of action. At sunrise the auto canpeted with mortars hauled by Missouri mules, companies of marching men, all

traveling toward the front At 2:30 p .m. the machine drew up at an improvised evacuation hospitain a small town from which the enemy had been driven only a few hours before. While the men were unloading a crate of lemons and a sack of sugar, the lassies reported to the doctor in charge and asked what they could do. Ambulances wounded-American, French and German alike and as rapidly as their wounds were cleansed and re-dressed they were loaded into other ambulances and shipped to the rail-head, to be carried to base hospitals in splendidly equipped American hospital trains. Doctors, the men of the Hospital Corps, were all working against time to keep apace

with the ambulances. "For God's sake get them something cold to drink-something cold," snapped the doctor. So while the giris squeezed lemons into bucket Billy Hale commandeered a gallon tank at the wheel of his Ford and went out to look for water. Some kilometers distant Hale found a spring as clear and cold as Within less time than the telling takes lemonade was ready to serve. Time after time he made gunfire and of bombs dropped from enemy planes. Between times he loaded the Ford with food, which he carried to the trench and distrib uted among men actually engaged in fighting.

The trucks arrived shortly afterward, loaded with tons of oranges and lemons, the lemons being used in the hospitals while the oranges were piled up at points passed by troops just before going into action after a long march from the rear. The fruit was handed out by Salvation Army lassies and no gift could have been more appreciated. great was the hurry of one company that they could not stop, and so a whole crate was flung at them as they passed. It was pounced upon

loads the Salvation Army trucks ship of the church actively idenwere placed at the disposal of the Hospital Corps and for four long days and four sleepless nights these men drove continually between field is given by the Sunday School dressing stations and the evacua- Board. Help us reach a worthy tion hospital. The lassies tell of these trucks going, trip after trip, pale faces looking out over the tailboards, but always quick to smile in spite of pain.



CHURCH NEWS

ing as rapidly as possible in big THANKSGIVING SERVICES

It is fitting that the good people of our city are to come togeth rolled over the brow of a hill and er in the common cause of there, before them, by a wide fertile thanksgiving. Every one in Merripening kel ought to be interested in this Three roads climbed gently along its meeting. The services will be slopes and over them moved all the held at the Methodist church, guns, wheeled cook stoves-from lowing program has been arrang

T. A. Johnson, chairman. Invocation, Elder W.G. Cypert Song. Talk, Henry West. Talk, Rev. Murrel. Special Music. Address, Rev. E. E. Dawson. Our Poor, J. T. Browning. Benediction, Rev. Standefer.

Missionary Program of L. A. and M. S. of Baptist Church

The following program will be

endered on Monday Nov. 25. Subject, Latin America. Leader, Mrs. Causseaux Song, Where He Leads Me. Bible Study, Leader. Fact about, S. A., Mrs. Warren Prayer for S. A. Mrs. Hamm. Messages from our Missionaies in S. America, Mrs. Campbell Some New Friends Mrs. Ragan Song, Christ for the World. Mexico To-day, Mrs. Swann. Current Events, Rev. Dawson Closing Prayer.

At The Baptist Church

Our Associational Missionary, the Rev. J. M. Haygood, will preach at the eleven o'clock hour Let's get acquainted with him and give him the right hand of fellowship as he begins the year's work.

The pastor will preach at night The theme will be, "A Merkel Old Rounder.'

Sunday school temperature is rising. As the weather gets colder we are going to get our Sunday school heat up to 104 in the shade. We lack just one point being able to register as A-1. It re-When they had desposed of their quires 75 per cent of the member tified with the Sunday school in youorder to get the award, which goal, won't you?

Keep this in mind: Sunday, December 1, is to be Boy Scouts Day. Special program for the Scouts. They will be invited to

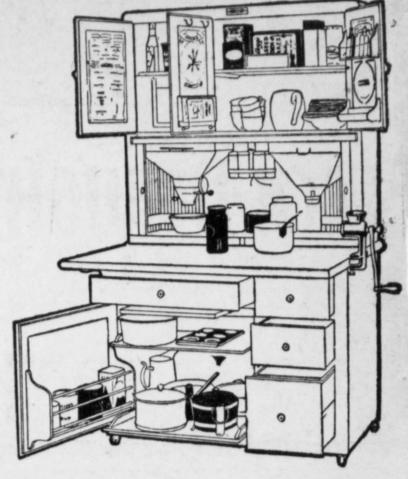
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E. E. Dawson, pastor.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject, South American and outhern Baptist Missions. Leader, Dixie Howard.

Introduction. Our Chief Problems in Brazill Argentina, Chili, Rev. Dawson.

Odds, Willie Swann. Ida Meeks.

Toombs. Living Conditions in South

America, Gyrlie Howard. Benediction. Song.

League Program for Sunday. Song. We Praise Thee O God. Song, Glory To His Name. Devotional, Wallace Bragg. Thanksgiving, Rev. Murrel. Quartette, Miss Lorena Dry, Mrs. Perminter, Messrs Conner, and Henson.

Something We Should Thankful For, Rev. Murrel. Solo, Anna Mae Costephens. Story, I Ort to be Thankful, Miss Vivian Hutcheson.

Solo, Mrs. Sanders. President Wilson's Proclamation, Howard Laney. Song, All Hail the Power of

Jesus' name.

Doxology, Benediction.

The people of Blair gathered An antiseptic refreshing paste, that eaves a delightful after-taste. Cleanat the school house last Firday ies the teeth without injuring the and had an enjoyable program in mamel. The antiseptic properties aid honor of going over the top in a keeping the teeth and gums in a the War Fund Drive. Several adne hundred other Red Cross Remedies dresses were made. Recitations and Toilet Preparations sold and guarant songs were rendered by the and songs were rendered by the school children. They went over the top.

About Croup.

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ough to buy war saving stamps Why not take a business edu-

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J. L. LANCASTER,

Federal Manager.

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STEADIER HOG MARKETS PLANNED

Hog Producers and Packers Confer With Representatives of the Food Administration and Agricultural Department and Adopt New Plan of Regulation.

In accordance with the policy of the Food Administration since its founda tion to consult representative men in the agricultural industry on occasions of importance to special branches of the industry, on October 24 there was convened in Washington a meeting of the Live Stock Subcommittee of the Agricultural Advisory Board and the special members representing the swine industry to consider the situation in the hog market.

The conference lasted for three days, and during this time met with the executive committee of the fifty packing firms participating in foreign orders for pork products and with the members of the Food Administration directing foreign pork purchases.

The conclusions of the conférence were as follows:

The entire marketing situation has producer and the insurance of an ade so changed since the September joint quate future supply. conference as to necessitate an entire alteration in the plans of price stabi- upon the basis of cost of hogs to the lization. The current peace talk has packers. alarmed the holders of corn, and there has been a price decline of from 25 Committee, representing the 45 to 50 cents to 40 cents per bushel. The fact packers participating in foreign orthat the accumulations of low priced ders, together with the Allied buyers, ca would, upon the advent of peace Food Administration, the following unand liberated shipping, become avail- dertaking has been given by the packable to the European market has created a great deal of apprehension on the part of corn holders. This decline has spread fear among swine growers of pork products, covered in the atthat a similar reduction in the prices inched, it is agreed that the packers of hogs would naturally follow. More- participating in these orders will unover, the lower range of corn prices dertake not to purchase hogs for less would, if incorporated in a 18-to-1 ra- than the following agreed minimums tio, obviously result in a continuously for the month of November, that is falling price for live hogs. In view of these changed conditions many swine producers anticipated lower prices and as a result rushed their hogs to market in large numbers, and skips. Further, that no hogs of any

The information of the Department of Agriculture indicates that the supply of hogs has increased about 8 per cent., while the highest unofficial estimate does not exceed 15 per cent. increased production over last year. On the other hand, the arrival of hogs to check the daily operations in the during the last three weeks in the various markets with a view to superseven great markets has been 27 per vision and demonstration of the carrycent. more than last year, during the ing out of the above. corresponding period, demonstrating the unusually heavy marketing of the available supply. In the face of the excessive receipts some packers have crease over the receipts of last year. not maintained the price agreed last The increase in production appears to month. On the other hand, many of the packers have paid over the and we can handle such an increase. price offered to them in an endeavor If the producers of hogs should, as to maintain the agreed price. The re- they have in the past few weeks, preto maintain the October price basis ing numbers over the above it is endetermined upon at the September con- tirely beyond the ability of the packthe break in prices during the month tion of the producer himself to mainhas been the influenza epidemic; it has sharply curtailed consumption of pork products and temporarily de- packing houses to handle a similar monia. creased the labor staff of the packers over-flood of hogs and to find a market about 25 per cent.

aggravated the decline.

of pork products for October com- in maintaining a stabilization of price in October a year ago, and the price for their products. export orders placeable by the Food Administration for November, amount to 170,000,000 pounds as contrastwith the lesser exports of ed by the conference. 98,000,000 for November, 1917. The supply and demand.

asmuch as no considerable reservoir of the plan. of hog producers as to the effect of close to \$18 average.

peace is unwarranted by the outlook, conference that in substitution of the eting in as normal a way as possible. previous plans of stabilization the cultural Advisory Board, together with assurance from the conferees reprethe specially invited swine representa- sented-namely, that every possible tives, should accept the invitation of effort will be made to maintain a live the Food Administration to join with hog price commensurate with swine the Administration and the packers in production costs and reasonable selldetermining the prices at which con- ing values in execution of the declared trolled export orders are to be placed. policy of the Food Administration This will be regularly done. The in- to use every agency in its control to fluence of these orders will be directed secure justice to the farmer. to the maintenance of the common object-namely, the stabilization of the for November represent the best efprice of live hogs so as to secure as far forts of the conference, concurred in

These foreign orders are placed

As the result of long negotiations be ween this body and the Packers' corn in the Argentine and South Afri- all under the Chairmanship of the

In view of the undertakings on the part of the Food Administration with regard to the co-ordinated purchases daily minimum of \$17.50 per hundred pounds on average of packers' droves. excluding throw-outs. "Throw-outs" to be defined as pigs under 130 pounds, stags, boars, thin sows and this overshipment has added to and kind shall be bought, except throw outs, at less than \$16.50 per hundred The average of packers pounds. droves to be construed as the average of the total sales in the market of al hogs for a given day. All the above to be based on Chicago.

> We agree that a committee shall be appointed by the Food Administration

The ability of the packers to carry out this arrangement will depend on there being a normal marketing o hogs based upon the proportionate inbe a maximum of about 15 per cent.

tain these results. It is a physical impossibility for the capacity of the for the output. The packers are anx-The exports of 130,000,000 pounds lous to co-operate with the producers

> (Signed) THOS. E. WILSON, Chairman Packers' Committee. The plan embodied above was adopt-

The Food Administrator has appoint-Increased demands of the allies are ed a committee, comprising Mr. Thomas continuing, and are in themselves E. Wilson, chairman of the Packproof of the necessity for the large ers' Committee; Mr. Everett Brown, production for which the Food Admin- president of the Chicago Livestock Ex- and faithful friend. Istration asked. The increase in ex- change; Major Roy of the Food Adport demands appears to be amply ministration, Mr. Louis D. Hall of the sufficient to take up the increase in Bureau of Markets, to undertake the hog production, but unfavorable mar- supervision of the execution of the ford no fair index of the aggregate sion men are asked to co-operate in carrying out the plan embedied in the It must be evident that the enor- packers' agreement. It must be evimous shortage in fats in the Central dent that offers by commission men to Empires and neutral countries would sell hogs below the minimum estab- darkest hour of their lives. Immediately upon peace result in ad- lished above is not fair, either to the ditional demands for pork products producer or the participating packers. which, on top of the heavy shipments Mr. Brown has undertaken on behalf to the Allies, would tend materially of the commission men in the United to increase the American exports, in- States that they will loyally support

supplies exists outside of the United | It is believed by the conference that States. It seems probable that the this new plan, based as it is upon a present prospective supplies would be positive minimum basis, will bring bet-Inadequate to meet this world demand ter results to the producer than averwith the return to peace. So far as it age prices for the month. It does not is possible to interpret this fact, it ap- limit top prices and should narrow pears that there should be even a the margins necessary to country buystronger demand for pork products ers in more variable markets. It is after the war, and therefore any alarm believed that the plan should work out

Swine producers of the country will In the light of these circumstances contribute to their own interest by It is the conclusion of the conference not flooding the market, for it must be that attempts to hold the price of hogs evident that if an excessive over perto the price of corn may work out to centage of hogs is marketed in any the disadvantage of pork producers, one month price stabilization and con-It is the conclusion that any interpre- trol cannot succeed, and it is certain tation of the formula should be a that producers themselves can contribroad gauged policy applied over a bute materially to the efforts of the long period. It is the opinion of the conferences if they will do their mark-

The whole situation as existing at Live Stock Subcommittee of the Agri- present demands a frank and explicit

The stabilization methods adopted as it is possible fair returns to the by the Food Administration and the

WRIGLEYS

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Mrs. Chas Hughes Dead.

bons at the Merkel Mail office.

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The friends and acquaintances sult in any event has been a failure maturely market hogs in such increas of Mrs. Chas Hughes were exceedingly pained to learn of her death, which occured at 5 o'clock last Wednesday morning. She took the "Flu" about a month ago, which developed into pneu-

Surviving are her husband and three children, two girls and one boy, aged 10, 8 and 3, her father pared with about 52,000.000 pounds and to see that producers receive a fair and mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway, and several brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Hughes was a Christian woman and one of her dearest ambitions was to raise her family right. She was a dutiful wife, a good mother, a true neighbor

Her mother and sisters, being in California, could not attend the funeral, which took place at ket conditions existing in October af- plan in the various markets. Commis- 2: o'clock Thursday in Rose Hill

> To the bereaved ones we offer a heart of sympathy in this the

Grandma Mason Dead.

Death came to end the long and eventful life of Grandma Mason, who resided near Trent, last Monday. She was 87 years of age and resided with her son, Mr. Lester. This yenerable lady has been a member of the Baptist church since she was twelve years of age. Her deceased husband was a minister of the gos-

Burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery at one o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Tatum offi-

Her life was long and useful, and full of hope she passed on to the great beyond, leaving behind a host of relatives and friends to emulate her blessed example and to follow her to that place of abode to which we all aspire.

Sleep and Rest.

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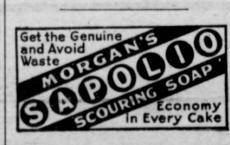
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Following is a list of our boys who are in Uncle Sam's service.

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Geo. Ferrier. Will Cox. Sydney Cox. John Kyle Blair. Wm. A. Bond. John Clyde Bond. Luna W. Tittle, Jr. Jas W. Mayfield. Ora L. Mayfield. Birt Mayfield. Paul McMurray. Ulric Forrester. Andrew Archer. Roy Adams. Britt Baker. Edgar Breeze. W. B. Brown. Arthur Derrington. Frank J. Ferrier. De Gorcus. Wm. R. Green. James F. Holloway. B. Jobe. Pete Meek. F. O'Brient. Herbert Ricker. Paul Stamford. Bill Sheppard. Paul Turner. George White. L. B. Wells. Riley White.

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No. 326

160-ACRE FARM - About 6 miles southeast of Merkel, 30 acres in cultivation, 80 per cent good tillable land, 5-room frame bungalow and new small out building. Price \$27.50 per acre. Good terms.

No. 327

1120 ACRES-The very best big farm proposition in all the country. 640 acres in one body, all prairie, with about 350 acres in cultivation, only about 60 acres not tillable. Black hog-wallow land. Four ordinary box rent houses and numerous out buildings, well and good windmill, fine water, concrete tank holding about 500 barrels with trough in connection and float valves. Another tract contains 320 acres, 176 in cultivation, with good house and first-class improvements. Two other tracts of 80 acres each. Any of these tracts are for sale, with exception of the 320 acre tract, which is for sale provided the balance is sold. Price of this land is \$22.50 an acre with the most liberal terms. If entire tract is purchased, less price will be considered. Land is owned by early settlers who picked it years ago. Hardly a better place can be found. It lies about 14 miles southwest of Merkel.

No. 325

WELL IMPROVED FARM-328 9-10 acres, 136 in cultivation and balance in pasture, all good tillable land, dark sandy soil, located on rural route about 22 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. Improvments include wash house, smoke house, building for blacksmith shop, etc.

No. 312

UNEQUALED BARCAIN-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 14 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 1472 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, located 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 abjacent 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. 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 11 miles, and 11 miles of Sylvester and Trent, on Sweetwater creek. This land can be turned at \$27,50 per acre for quick sale.

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C. L. Gass of Quanah visited in Merkel the past week. Mr. Jobe's. Prices the lowest. Don't Gass owns a farm on Sweetwater pass this up. creek and is figuring on moving to Merkel.

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Do your Christmas shopping early and get'em at the postoffice -W S. S., you know.

Buy groceries at A. L. Jobes, and save money. Come around.

Trent is an exceptional bargain Jackson. at \$35 per acre. See The Merkel Realty Company.

The sale is still on at Jobe's Mr. Grafford to be shipped to me Store. Doing well. Better get has arrived. Come quick as oats the dead letter office your part, come and see.

How's the W.S. S crop on your card? Be sure you keep it grow-

ed loose to the demons of the once and give me your order, as sand. No matter which way one this is the only car I will order might turn his eyes were filled this season. Price \$2.75 per bush with grit. The wind b.cw all day, el. This car will be here January but right at night it cleared up 1st. R. O. Anderson at Farmers beautifully. Some is mage is re- State Bank. ported to wheat.

for the time to come when they we are catching the symptoms. can sail the briny deep. Both are in fine physical shape.

"MORE EGGS" The Tonic that makes hens lay Sold by Sander's Drug Store

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Her many friends here greatly sympathize with her in her great hour of grief.

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Fine Stalk of Cotton.

A. L. Jobe brought us a stalk of cotton out of his wife's garif he devoted all of his time to ceptance of the armistice terms. Mrs. Elmer Lowe returned a this one stalk it was an achieve- The first words the plenipotened this one.

W. O. Boney is still making need seed you had better call at man collapse was the fact that this is the only car I will order brink of disaster. Less than two monhs now this season. Price \$2.75 per bush left. Get busy on your War Sav- el. This car will be here January 1st. R. O. Anderson at Farmers State Bank.

> Plenty of oats and cowfeed at I will treat you right. Bob Martin's

A. L. Jobe.

Troops To Remain in Russia.

ter heavy bombardment from soldier, it will not be used. their gunboats and barges in the river the Bolshevil infantry pires on November 30. Highest prices paid for good stormed the Allied barbed wire fressh eggs. Metropolitan Bak- entanglements and succeeded in reaching the gun emplacements of the Canadian artillery.

severe losses.

Reefer's More Egg Tonic Sander's Drug Store

guests Friday and Saturday: 14. We challenge any country to acclaim, "Come this way, Judge, the Mesdames W. H. Stmpes Free- beat that. man Rogers and Mrs. Childress, Expecting car of flour and and daughter, Leilane. They also FOR SALE-Household and kitvisited in Abilene on Saturday chen furniture, pictures and afternoon.

To Collect Taxes.

Chas. Russell is reporte right Snyder visited relatives in Mer- United States Government has the finest lot of fried cakes I ever kel the past week.

Just received car cow feed and FOR SALE—Three big bone S. pledge. cotton seed meal. Bob Martin. | male Poland China pigs nine weeks old. Subject to registera-That 190-acre farm near tion. Price \$10 each. See Walter

OATS ARRIVED

Car of oats, ordered through will have to be out by 3 o'clock December 4th.

A. B. Cranston. 1t

I have ordered one car of Mebane Triumph cotton seed. If you we'll get it. The Merkel Realty Last Saturday was a day turn- need seed you had better call at Company.

Henry Rose made a trip around Lewis Swann and Will Merritt the oil world the past week, takcame in on a furlough a few days ing Burkburnett, Fort Worth, ago from San Pedro. They report Ranger and other points. He rea delightful time in the naval turns with a well developed case training station with plenty of of the oil fever. We hate to see a work, plenty to eat and plenty of good man go wrong, but his fun. They expect to remain here case seems hopeless. And while a few days. They think the navy we sympathize with him very is the only life and are longing much, we feel it in our blood that

J. T. Browning, J. G. Jones Md C. T. Mershon made a trip to Burkburnett in an auto the past week. They thought they might go up and join something big. Now they say they are per-Mr. and Mrs. V Martin receiv- feetly satisfied to try their hands ed a message from their daugh- here. They say they will have to ter, Mrs. Fred Blair (nee Ida Mar study arithmetic for some time tin) stating that her husband to tell how to count money in the died on Nov 10th, at their home denominations it is counted up there.

Be in position to back up that New Year's resolution for 1919 by having bought all of the War Cotton seed meal at G. M. Savings Stamps you pledge for

Better see W. O. Boney and List your property with the let him make you a loan on that Merkel Realty Company, if you want it sold.

ARMY WAS READY TO QUIT

Paris, Nov. 16.—Field Marshal den that had 150 bolls. We don"t von Hindenburg in a message to Star Store is expecting a car know whether his cotton patch the German army said the threat had another stalk or not. Even of famine caused Germany's ac-

few days ago from a visit to her ment, to say the least. Now tiaries said to Marshal Foch were Uncle Joe Harris has to spoil in substance: "Germany's army things by butting in and say ing is at your mercy, Marshal. Our Plenty corn and corn chops if he had only raised one stalk reserves of men and munitions he believes he could have match- are completly exhausted, making it impossible for us to continue the war."

> I have ordered one car of Me- Although food difficulties playbane Triumph cotton seed. If you ed a part in the defeat of Geronce and give me your order, as the enemy's army was on the

Notice To Merkel People I am running a city delivery. 22t2c and will appreciate any thing you can do for me. W. P. Duckett.

Guaranteed flour at A. L. Will Furnish Label For Soldiers Boxes

The nearest relative of a soldier overseas may go before the thing. committee and make a statement Archangel, Wednesday, Nov. in the presence of two witnesses W. O. Boney wants to make 1 3 (Delayed) .- Bolsheviki forc- to the effect that no lable has es have resumed their attacks a been received from the soldier in that seemed to be so much better gainst the American and British question. Thereupon the commitpositions at Tulgas on the Dvina. tee will furnish the lable, provid-They have been repulsed with ed the nearest relative will make And when it seemed so wonderful to an oath that should a label be re-On the morning of Nov.11 af. ceived subsequently from the

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BOYS PROFAMELY EARNEST

"When You See What These Ladies Are Doing, How the Hell Can a Kid Keep from Being Good?"

BY JUDGE BEN LINDSEY.

A good expression for American enthusiasm is "I am crazy aboutthis, that or the other thing that excites our admiration." Well, "I am crazy about the Salvation Army" the Salvasion Army as I saw it and mingled with it and the doughboys in the trenches. And when I hap pened to be passing through Chicago today and saw an appeal in The Tribune for the Salvation Army I remembered what our boys so often shouted out to me as I passed them in the trenches and back of the lines. "Judge, when you get back home tel! the folks not to forget the Salvation Army. They are the real

Has Eaten Their Doughnuts.

And I know they are the real thing. than any other doughnuts or coffee or chocolate I ever tasted before. me after just a mild sort of experience down a shell swept road, through the damp and cold of a French winter day, what must it be to those boys after trench raids or redhot scraps down rain soaked trenches or under the wet mists of No Man's land?

How well I remember after the W. F. Jones of Truby raised "Battle of Sheisprey," as our boys two acres of June corn, making called it, following with one of them about 50 bushels. It was planted an exciting chase around dead man's June 1 and before it came up it curve down from the heights of got about 3/4 of an inch rain. No Beaumont, to draw up breathlessly in a shell torn village, to be welmore rain fell until it matured. comed by "de gang," as if it might Mrs. E. L. Rogers, had as her He got roasting ears by August seem at home, with the wild joyful old Salvation Army is sticking with us like a brother-sinkers and chocolate, coffee and all.'

Visited Them in Cellar.

And down around the broken books at my residence within buildings, with shells whizzing overnext two weeks. Mrs. Annis. 1tp. | nead, I was rushed by a group of cheery doughboys to meet Miss So I will be in Merkel to collect TYPEWRITER RIBBONS & and So, and Miss So and So (their taxes on Saturday Nov. 23 1918. CARBON PAPER—At Merkel down an old cellar, cleared of de-

> of them-however good-would have put me out of business-but two. three, four, and five only served to whet my appetite, to the delight of one of the boys-who was just a good natured little rascal in my this for a sedentary judge, what must it have meant to those boys? Do you wonder they love the Salvation Army?

Listen to some of the stories they old Salvation Army is the real thing. They don't put on no airs. There ain't no flub dub, about 'em and you don't see their mugs in the fancy magazines much. Why, you would never know they existed. Judge, unless you came right up here as close to the front lines as the colonel will

"Why, Judge," said an enthusiastic urchin yes, he seemed just that, so boyish in his enthusiasm-"after the battle yesterday we couldn't get those women out of the village till they'd seen every fellow had at least a dozen fried cakes and all the coffee or chocolate he could pile in. We just had to drag 'em out, for the boys love 'em-we weren't goin' to Ealvation ladies."

Boys Help the Workers.

lassies with their work-one preparing a great half barrel like a tin tub for the roasting fire, another sneaking out under shell fire bringing in the wood, as he never did for mother back home in all his life, so joy ful at the task, eyes beaming with ant.cipation, as the fried cakes crackled and sizzled with each new panful piled into the boiling grease.

more than those boys, can I ever forget that cheery fireside beyond War Savings Stamps. shell torn Seicheprey, down in that old cellar as the sparks flew up, no brighter than those boys' eyes as they seemed glued to the sizzling pots, when not munching doughnuts Mrs. C. L. Cash. and guiping down their hot coffee as they never did before. O, it was

"And say, Judge," chirped a ruddy faced, stomach joyed kid, "these guys don't preach to us, neither. They just feed us up that's what they And when you see what those ladies are doing, how the hell can fore the peaceful, lovely firelights of the Salvation Army in France.

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TO THE PUBLIC

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks Almacourt seven years before. And if all nac for 1919 will be ready Nov- Paris, Nov. 19 .- In order to Word and Works, one year with isolation.

> Plenty of cowfeed and cotton "To avoid difficulties and to seed meal. Crown Hardware Com put an end to the mourning and

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

We are going to place our extake no chances. Not much, for our clusive listings in book form and send agents to the moneyed centers "where there is something And there in the old cellars the doing." If you really want to boys crowded around helping the sell list with us quick. The Merkel Realty Company, at the Merkel Mail office.

> Cakes suitable to send your soldier boy in France. Metropoli tan Bakery and Cafe.

Further more, the best Chirst-I felt like a kid myself, and no mas gift you can give this year is a package of those little green

> We try always to please. Bring your old clothes to me.

To Collect Taxes. I will be in Merkel to collect taxes on Saturday Nov. 23 1918.

a kid keep from being good." That's high salaries for competent sten take shorthand and typewriting just a faint glimpse of our boys be ographers and typists. Take a at home by an experienced teach course now at the Merkel Busi- er and at a nominal cost? See ness College.

Kaiser's Abdication Note Made Known.

ember 20th, finer, better than end the discussion as to whether ever. A beautiful, valuable weath William Hohenzollern has really er book with weather forecasts abdicated as German Emperor. for every day of 1919, written by it is understood the German Govtell me. "You see, Judge, the good Irl R. Hicks, Jr. and Rev. J. B. ernment intends to publish his Noves, the same as last year, decree of abdication. This con-35 cents by mail, 30 on news sists of an attempt to justify the stands. Our monthly magazine, war on the ground of Germany's

never see one of them in Paris one Almanac, \$1. The Hicks Al- The abdication decree accordaround the hotels Good Lord, you'd manac and Publishing Co., 3401 ing to the correspondent at Zu-Franklin Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. rich of L'Information, concludes with these words:

> suffering of my people I renounce the throne and leave my faithful subjects free to choose a government which seems to them most compatible with honor and to their interest."

> > No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with worms have an un-healthy 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, im-prove the digestion, and act as a General Strengthin perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

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