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State Union

Registration of the University of the South at Kerrville following studies of Joel Rankin and Victor Earl G. Strackheim. According to reports received from the University of the South, the registration of students at the present time is increasing. This year's registration is larger than any other year since the school was opened. The school is now in its fourth year and is well established. The school is now in its fourth year and is well established. The school is now in its fourth year and is well established.

Mountain Home Notes.

Mr. Walter Wilson began shearing goats the first of the week. Byrl Kane and sister Miss Agnes visited their sister, Mrs. C. R. Edkins, the latter part of last week. Mr. Cook and family from Arkansas City, Kansas, spent ten days visiting J. R. McVicker, returning home Sunday. M. Henderson was visiting relatives near Ingram Sunday. W. T. Calvin made a business trip to Kerrville the first of the week. J. R. McVicker has his hydraulic ram throwing the water. P. L. Nelson from the Divide was down for a few days. F. H. Nelson is spending a few days on the Divide. Farmers are getting ready to plant corn.

Episcopal Church Notes

Lenten services will be held as follows: SUNDAYS—Holy Communion 1st Sunday, 10:30 a. m. Evening prayer and address, 4 p. m. Morning prayer and sermon 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays, 10:30 a. m. WEEK DAYS—Wednesdays, Liturgy 5 p. m. Friday evening prayer and address, 8 p. m. HOLY WEEK—Liturgy daily (except Friday and Saturday) 5 p. m. Good Friday—Morning prayer and Holy Communion, 10:30. Penitential Office address, 8 p. m. EASTER SUNDAY—Morning prayer and Holy Communion 10:30. Sunday School Festival, 4 p. m. BISHOP J. S. JOHNSTON, In Charge.

Subscription Payments.

We acknowledge with thanks the following subscription payments since our last issue: E. B. Holt, Bandera. E. W. Miller, Lima. J. A. McVicker, Center Point. S. G. Wray.

A Fine Attraction Coming to the Pampell Opera House

"Barriers Burned Away", under the management of the Gilson-Bradfield Stock Company, which comes to the Opera House for one night only Wednesday March 3rd, is one of the season's most successful book plays. The story tells of a country lad who goes to Chicago to earn a living for his mother and himself. He secures employment in an art store and the artistic ability of the hero is there discovered by the daughter of the proprietor. They fall in love with one another, but their positions socially were so far apart it formed barriers that seemed impossible to overcome. These barriers of differences in their social life were swept away by the great fire that swept Chicago in 1871. The play is given with most careful regard to every stage detail. The scenic effects being exceptionally fine.

Methodist Church Notes

Our crowd at the Methodist Church last Sunday was up to the average, and some improvement made on the part of the men, there being a greater number of men out than we have had in quite a while. We are well pleased at this and we trust they will keep coming. Our subject at the morning hour was: "Adoption and Sonship," at the evening hour: "Why refuse the Call?" If the Lord wills we shall preach next Sabbath on the following subjects, respectively, morning and evening: "Laying the foundation of Character," text, James 1:22. Evening, "The ground and compass of the Christian Religion," text, Matt. 7: 21. These subjects are closely related, the texts are very similar. We cheerfully invite all who wish to attend, both Catholics and Protestants and we assure you a hearty welcome. We especially desire the unsaved to attend any and all of our services. S. C. Dunn, pastor.

Ingredicals

(Regular Correspondence) T. J. Moore and family returned last week from a trip to Uvalde and Rock Springs and points. Bro. Roger Watzom Reservation will preach at the White school house Sunday and Monday night. Drs. Secor and Eber were called to see the little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Fowler here a week. The child was seriously ill but is better at this writing. Mrs. Childs has been sick the past week with la grippe. S. J. Kendall returned last week from Rock Springs. Miss Lizzie Nichols was today from the Divide to visit her sister, Mrs. Homer Rudasill. Mr. and Mrs. Blevins returned the young people Monday night with a rook party. A nice time reported. Misses Edna and Cena Kall visited in Kerrville last week at the home of Miss Anna Petmecky.

Notice of Hearing to Approve Public Waters.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that G. O. Beasley, whose postoffice address is Kerrville, Texas, did on the 4th day of February, A. D., 1915, file an application in the office of the BOARD OF WATER ENGINEERS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, in which he applies for a permit to appropriate 33 cubic feet of water per second of time for the purpose of creating water power to run a pump for diverting water for the purpose of irrigation from the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, to be diverted from the Guadalupe River by means of a dam located on Survey No. 146 on the Guadalupe River about one mile south of the Town of Kerrville in Kerr County, the power to be generated by gravity flow from the reservoir through a vertical turbine with bevel gear and horizontal shaft to connect to a double stage centrifugal pump. You are hereby further notified that the land proposed to be irrigated is described as follows: All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in Kerr County, Texas, on West bank of the Guadalupe River, out of original survey No. 146. Beginning at a point on W-bank of the Guadalupe River, being the S. E. corner of a parcel of said No. 146 now owned by Robt. M. Watson; Thence S. 83 1/2 W. 107 vs; Thence N. 32 1/5 W. 374 vs; Thence S. 66 W. 215 vs. Thence S. 39 W. 290 vs; Thence S. 43 E. 720 vs. Thence N. 45 E. 359 vs. corner on bank of said river; Thence up bank of said river, to the point of beginning, containing 60 acres, and situated in Kerr County, Texas. A hearing on the said application of the said G. O. Beasley will be held by the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at its office, in the City of Austin, County of Travis, said State, on Monday, the 8th day of March, A. D., 1915, beginning at 10:00 o'clock, a. m., at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the said Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper. Given under, and by virtue of, an order of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at the office of said Board, in Austin, Texas, this 4th day of Feb., A. D., 1915. J. C. Nagle, John Wilson, Board.

Attest: W. T. POTTER, Secretary. Call on J. E. Palmer for Fire Insurance.

Center Point Letter.

(Regular Correspondence) P. D. Hill, F. C. Nelson and Geo. P. Walker returned Wednesday of last week from their fishing trip. They brought home 83 pounds of bass, each weighing from 1 to 5 pounds. Ed Moore returned from El Paso last Thursday. The Arcadian Trio gave their entertainment at the School Auditorium Monday night. This was one of the classic entertainments of the Lyceum Course. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Gulley Feb. 18th a fine boy. Editor Wilkinson visited Kerrville Tuesday. The basket ball games between the Kerrville teams and C. P. teams resulted in a victory for both Kerrville teams, the score being 6 to 10 in favor of Kv. boys and 6 to 1 in the girls game. Mr. and Mrs. Claud Pressley of Bandera spent Sunday here. D. Hill went to El Paso Saturday for a few days visit. Mrs. Delia Fuller of the Avenue Hotel went to Kerrville Monday to a plumber about having a bath in her hotel painted and a new roof on.

rs. Ed. Moore and two children returned from an extended visit to El Paso Monday night. Wellington England, an old-time childhood friend and schoolmate of V. L. Bonnell came in to visit Mr. Bonnell at Camp Verde.

For Monday, Feb. 28: Subject—A good servant but a bad master. Opening song 177. Reading—Scripture Lesson, James 1: 19-27. Song, at Standing, No. 86. Prayer and Kneeling. Helpful speech, Col. 4: 1-6. Mattie Traud. The Tongue, a ready instrument, James 3: 5-16. Mary Horne. Guarding the tongue, Psa. 34: 1-3.—Lillian S. Ton. Song, No. 4. Paper, A contracted tongue. Miss Johnnie Co. Special Music—Eva Reinartz, Alta McDaniel, Ethel McKiddy, Maggie Lowrance Pfayer. Closing song, No. 96. Leader.—Mrs. S. C. Dunn. Benediction.

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From The Divide.

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Baptist Church Notes.

Come all you that teach in the Sunday School and hear this announcement again, for we are to have with us Rev. Harvey Beauchamp, of Dallas, in a four days Sunday School Institute, beginning next Sunday February 28, and continuing until March 3. Now remember Rev. Mr. Beauchamp, is an expert in this line and if you miss hearing him you will miss some messages you need to hear. We are hoping to have several out of town people to attend these meetings which will be arranged as to the hours after this teacher comes. You will be welcome to all these services if you will. The sermons next Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night will be very helpful to Sunday School people as to all others. The Lord gave us a good day of it last Sunday and we hope for still greater things next Sunday. Don't go visiting but COME to these meetings. J. B. Riddle, pastor.

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CANCER CAY

F. T. Bullen

There is a tiny islet on the outskirts of the Solomon Archipelago that to all such casual wanderers as stray far presents not a single feature of interest. Like scores of others in those latitudes, it has not yet attained to the dignity of a single coco-nut tree, although derelict nuts have found a lodgment upon it, and begun to grow, only to be wiped out of existence at the next spring-tide. Viewed from a balloon it would look like a silly-season mushroom, but with a fringe of snowy foam around it marking the protecting barrier to which it owes its existence, to say nothing of its growth. Yet of all places in the world which I have been privileged to visit, this barren little mound of sand clings most tenaciously to my memory, for reasons which will presently appear.

One of those devastating cyclones that at long intervals sweep across the Pacific, leaving a long swath of destruction in their wake, had overtaken the peddling schooner of which I was mate.

For twenty-four hours we fled before it, we knew not whither, not daring to heave-to. The only compass we possessed had been destroyed by the first sea that broke on board. Whether it was night or day we had no notion, except by watch, and even then we were doubtful, so appalling was the darkness. Hope was beginning to revive that, as the Papanangi had proved herself so staunch, she might yet "run it out," unless she hit something, but the tiny rag-rigged forrard to keep her before it suddenly flew into threads; the curl of the sea caught her under the counter and spun her up into the wind like a teetotum. The next vast comber took her broadside-on, rolled her over, and swallowed her up. We went "down quick into the pit."

Although always reckoned a powerful swimmer, even among such amphibians as the Kanakas, I don't remember making a stroke. But after a horrible, choking struggle in the black uproar I got my breath again finding myself clinging, as a drowning man will to something big and seaworthy. It was an ordinary ship's heicoop that the skipper had bought cheap from a passenger vessel in Auckland. As good a raft as one could wish, it bore me on over the mad sea, half dead as I was, until I felt it rise high as if climbing a cataract and descend amidst a furious boiling of surf into calm, smooth water. A few minutes later I touched a sandy beach. Utterly done up, I slept where I lay, at the water's edge, though the shrieking hurricane raged overhead as if it would tear the land up by the roots.

When I awoke it was fine weather, though to the leeward the infernal reek of the departing meteor still disfigured a huge seg-

ment of the sky. I looked around, and my jaw dropped. Often I had wondered what a poor devil would do who happened to be cast away on such a spot as this. Apparently I was about to learn. A painful pinch at my bare foot startled me, and I saw an ugly beast of a crab going for me. He was nearly a foot across, his blue back covered with long spikes, and his wicked little eyes seemed to have an expression of diabolical malignity. I snatched at a handful of his legs and swung him round my head, dashing him against the side of my coop with such vigor that his armour flew to flinders around me. I never have liked crab, even when dressed, but I found the raw flesh of that one tasty enough—it quite smartened me up. Having eaten heartily, I took a saunter up the smooth knoll of sand, aimlessly, I suppose, for it was as bare as a plate, without a stone or shell. From its highest point, I looked around, but my horizon was completely bounded by the ring of breakers aforesaid. I felt like the scorpion within the fiery circle, and almost as disposed to sting myself to death had I possessed the proper weapon.

As I stood gazing vacantly at the foaming barrier and solemn enclosing dome of fleckless blue, I was again surprised by the vicious nip at my foot. There was another huge crab boldly attacking me—me, a vigorous man, and not a sodden corpse, as yet. I felt a grue of horror run all down my back, but I grabbed at the vile thing and hurled it from me half across the island. Then I became aware of others arriving, converging upon me from all around, and I thought I was panic-stricken. For one mad moment I thought of plunging into the sea again; but reason reasserted itself in time, reminding me that, while I had certain disadvantages on my side where I was, in the water I should fall a helpless victim at once, if, as might naturally be expected, these ghouls were swarming there. Not a weapon of any kind could I see, neither stick nor stone. My feelings of disgust deepened into despair. But I got little time for thought. Such a multitude of the eerie things were about me that I was kept most actively employed seizing them and flinging them from me. They got bolder, feinting and dodging around me, but happily without any definite plan of campaign among them. Once I staggered forward, having trodden unaware upon a spiky back as I sprang aside, wounding my foot badly. I fell into a group of at least twenty, crushing some of them, but after a painful struggle among those needle-like spines regained my feet with several clinging to my body. A kind of frenzy seized me, and, regardless of pain, I clutched at them right and left, dashing them to fragments one against the other, until quite a pile of writhing, dismem-

bered enemies lay around me, while my hands and arms were streaming from numberless wounds. Very soon I became exhausted by the violent exertions and the intense heat, but, to my unfathomable thankfulness, the heap of broken crabs afforded me a long respite, the sound ones finding congenial occupation in devouring them. While I watched the busy cannibals swarming over the yet writhing heap, I became violently ill, for imagination vividly depicted them, rioting in my viscera. Vertigo seized me, I reeled and fell prone, oblivious to all things for a time.

When sense returned it was night. The broad moon was commencing her triumphal march among the stars, which glowed in the blue-black concave like globules of incandescent steel. My body was drenched with dew, blessed relief, for my tongue was leathery and my lips were split with drouth. I tore off my shirt and sucked it eagerly, the moisture it held, though brackish, mitigating my tortures of thirst. Suddenly I bethought me of my foes, and looked fearfully around. There was not one to be seen, and nothing near but the heap of clean-picked shells of those devoured. As the moon rose higher, I saw a cluster of white objects at a little distance, soon recognizable as boobies. They permitted me to snatch a couple of them easily, and wringing off their heads I got such a draught as new life into me. Hope returned, even quelling the cruel thought of daylight bringing again ravaging hordes of crawling taeca. Yet my position was almost as hopeless as one could imagine. Unless, as I much doubted, this was a known spot, there was but the remotest chance of my rescue, while, with my little thing floatable but not a barrier hen coop, passing the breakers was impossible. Fortunately I have always tried to avoid meeting trouble half-way, and with a thankful feeling of present wants supplied, though stiff and sore from heat.

At daybreak I awoke again to a repetition of the agonies of the previous day, although I was better fortified to meet them. There were greater hideous assailants, numbers of more than doubled as far as I could judge. The whole patch of sand seemed alive with the voracious vermin. So much so that when I saw the approach of those horrible things, my heart sank, my flesh shrank, and I clutched my throat. But I could not struggle myself, though I possessed a knife I should certainly have chosen a swift exit from this unutterable horror of the position. I clung to life, devouring piecemeal, retaining every faculty till the last—I could not bear the thought. There was no time for reflection, however, the struggle began at once, and continued with a pertinacity on the part of the crabs that promised a speedy end to it for me. How long it lasted I have no idea—my tortured mind it was an eternity. At last, overborne, exhausted, surrounded by mounds of those I had destroyed, over which fresh legions poured in ever increasing numbers, earth and sky whirled around me, and I fell backwards. As I went, with many of the vile things already clinging to me, I heard a yell—a human voice that revived my dulling senses like a galvanic shock. With one last flash of vigor I sprang to my feet, seeing as I did so a canoe with four Kanakas in it, not fifty yards away, in the smooth water between the beach and barrier. Bounding like a buck, heedless of

WAR DEPARTMENT PLANS MILIA DIVISIONS

WAR DEPARTMENT'S PROVISION FOR FIELD ARMS DISCLOSED.

Washington, C. — Details of the War Department plan for organizing a regular army and the militia into field arms, ready to respond to a call for emergency service, are given in a circular issued by the militia division of the War Department.

Creation of twelve militia divisions and headquarters in each district is contemplated. Each State is to be furnished with four troops of 316,340 enlisted men in addition to some thousands who would be employed in time of actual operation.

A circular shows that most of the men as will be needed in the future are already maintained as regulars in coast artillery, cavalry and light artillery branches. States consequently are urged to transfer their unorganized militia units to other branches of the service to complete their share of the divisional organization.

ITALIAN TOWN DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKE SHOCK

Rome. — Renewed earthquake shocks occurred in parts of the district in Central Italy visited by seismic disturbances several weeks ago. One person was killed and six injured in the collapse of a house at Nazhano. At Rocca Sinibaldi the belfry of the convent of Santa Maria fell on several houses, burying ten persons. Cittaducale was wrecked, and at Veroli several houses were rendered uninhabitable.

Since the recent disaster the district almost daily has been shaken by earthquake shocks.

The population of Cittaducale is camping in the open air despite the torrential rain that is falling. There are about two thousand people in the town, which is in the province of Aquila, five miles east of Rieta.

GUESTS BRING BREAD TO RESTAURANTS

Berlin. — Restaurant guests must bring their bread with them, and the price of beer has gone up. Now the pleasure of Berliners again has been diminished by the news that hereafter all restaurants and cafes and night cabarets and cafe chantants must close at 10 o'clock.

This order was issued by the military authorities who found that, despite the war, night life in Berlin again was coming into bloom and displaying certain characteristics "incompatible with the serious spirit of the times."

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POULTRY NOTES

GOVERNMENT SEES BIG POSSIBILITIES IN TEXAS

The United States Department of Agriculture has proved to its own satisfaction that Southwest Texas holds forth great possibilities as a poultry raising section and has issued many bulletins bearing on the subject. A valuable feeding formula is contained in a special pamphlet entitled "Suggestions on Poultry Raising for the Southern Farmer." It says, in part:

"It takes a healthy, well-fed flock to produce eggs. Poultry must not be allowed to become too fat, as but few eggs will be laid by hens in such condition. To prevent their getting over-fat, it is best to make them work for most of their feed by scratching in a litter composed of about four inches of dry straw, leaves or chaff."

A few instructions are included regarding the testing of eggs. "Many of the eggs that are laid are infertile," the Bulletin states. "For this reason it is advisable to set several hens at the same time. After the eggs have been under the hen for seven days they should be tested to see whether they are fertile or infertile. Infertile eggs should be removed and used at home in cooking or for omelets, and the fertile eggs should be put back under the hen. In this way it is often possible to put all the eggs that three hens originally started to sit on under two hens and reset the other hen again. A good home-made egg tester or candler can be made from a large shoe box, or any box that is large enough to go over a lamp, by removing an end cutting a hole a little larger than the size of a quarter in the bottom of the box, so that when it is set over a common kerosene lamp the hole in the bottom will be opposite the blaze. A hole the size of a silver dollar should be cut in the top of the box to allow the heat to escape. An infertile egg, when held before the small hole with a lamp lighted inside the box, will look perfectly clear, the same as a fresh one, while a fertile egg will show a small dark spot, known as the embryo, with a mass of little blood veins extending in all directions if the embryo is living. The testing should be done in a dark room."

VALUABLE FEEDING HINTS.

Feeding and cleanliness are the two great essentials to prolific egg production. Without proper and abundant food a hen is unable to keep in good health. A sick hen does not lay, except in rare instances, and it is a good thing that she does not. Texas poultrymen should make a study of feeding their fowls profitably.

There are two systems in use for the feeding of fowls, in one of which all of the food is given dry and in the other of which one or more of the daily feeds consists of a moistened mash. For convenience they may be termed the "dry-feed" and the "mash" systems, although in the dry-feed system a dry mash is often fed. Dry feeding is used by many where it is not convenient to make and feed a moistened mash. The great advantages to be derived from the dry system are the saving of labor and the lessened danger of bowel trouble resulting from sloppy or soured mashes.

In the dry-feed system for laying hens, as successfully practiced on a celebrated New York poultry farm, the whole grains are fed as follows: Cracked corn, 200 pounds; wheat, 360 pounds; oats, 130 pounds. This mixture is scattered in the litter early in the morning and again at about 11:30 a. m., and this induces abundant exercise.

UNITED STATES POWERLESS TO CAUSE INJURY.

German Paper Reported to Have Reticuled Note to Kaiser.

Amsterdam. — The Montag Zeitung of Berlin, according to a dispatch from the German capital, in an article referring to the stand of the United States, asks what harm America can do to Germany. "She has no army," this paper says, "and her fleet would not dare to approach nearer our shores than does the English. The expulsion of Germans from America would mean her ruin. America's threats are simply ridiculous and it is more than ridiculous for us to take them in earnest."

OAT SUPPLY IN GERMANY IS EXPROPRIATED

Berlin. — The Bundesrat decided to expropriate all the estate stocks of oats with the exception of seed oats and the necessary for fodder for the army. The order became effective February 16.

The Bundesrat also raised the maximum price of oats to 125 marks (\$12.50) per metric ton.

SERBIAN FRONTIER, CLOSED BY ALBANIANS

London. — A large force of Albanians has crossed the Serbian frontier into the department of Prizrend, forcing the Serbian troops and local authorities to withdraw, according to a dispatch from Nish, Serbia, to Reuters Telegram Company. The message adds, are to advance.

RIO GRANDE RESOLUTIONS REPORTED

Washington. — A report was made on Sunday by the Rio Grande Reclamation Committee on its joint resolution and distribution of funds. The committee on the Rio Grande Reclamation of Arizona

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FOOD SUPPLY PLENTIFUL IN UNITED STATES

Department of Agriculture Shows
Export of Million Bushels
Daily Could Do Nothing
to Cause Worry.

Washington, D. C.—Assurance that the United States is in no danger of a shortage of food despite enormous exports to Europe, was given by the Department of Agriculture in a statement to the public. The surplus of wheat, above domestic needs on hand, the statement said, would permit the exportation of nearly 1,000,000 bushels daily—about the recent average—until the new crop is available. Moreover, there were larger supplies of corn and other grains, meat animals, dairy products, potatoes and fruit at the opening of 1915 than for many years.

Incidental it was pointed out that the average price of meat animals was 7 per cent lower in January than a year ago; butter 2 per cent; potatoes 35 per cent; and chickens slightly lower.

"The 1914 wheat crop of the United States was estimated to be 891,000,000 bushels," the statement said.

"The estimated surplus carried over from the 1913 crop was about 76,000,000 bushels making a total available supply of 967,000,000 bushels. As the normal annual per capita consumption of wheat in the United States is about 5.3 bushels, 520,000,000 bushels should meet the normal domestic requirements for food; 90,000,000 bushels are required annually for seeding. Therefore 610,000,000 bushels should supply the normal domestic demand. This would leave a surplus of 357,000,000 bushels.

"Of this surplus about 210,000,000 bushels were exported by January 30. This left 147,000,000 bushels, or 40,000,000 bushels more than our annual export for the past five years, for export between February 1 and the appearance of the new crop, or for carrying over into the next crop year.

"The new American crop will begin to appear before July. The surplus crop is coming on the market. It is estimated that from that source there will be available 100,000,000 bushels. A surplus of 75,000,000 bushels, or more, from India will be available in May and June. The increase in the fall sown wheat acreage of the United States in 1914 was 11.1 per cent, of over 4,000,000 acres."

The statement added that the acreage of winter wheat sown in Denmark, Italy, Switzerland, United Kingdom, India and Canada shows an increase of from 3 to 33 per cent.

"But suppose a shortage in wheat should develop in the next three months, what would be the

ALLIED POWERS HAVE MEN AND MONEY

Churchill Declares All Power of Great Britain Will Be Used to Prevent Supplies Reaching Germany.

London.—The countries fighting against Germany, Austria and Turkey up to the present time have thrown only a third of their strength into the field. To maintain this force and to bring the remaining two-thirds into action will cost £2,000,000 (\$10,000,000) during the current year. This announcement was made in the House of Commons by David Lloyd George, Chancellor of Exchequer, who, with Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, gave the British public perhaps a closer view of the machinery behind the great struggle than any that has been afforded since the outbreak of the war.

Mr. Churchill declared during cheering that Great Britain finally had decided to clamp every ounce of sea pressure to choke off Germany's food supply in retaliation for the German submarine policy, while Mr. Lloyd George drew additional cheering by a reference to loans to countries which he said expected to throw in their lot with the allies. These countries, the Chancellor did not name. It was the first time that a reference was made in Parliament of such expectations.

ITALIAN VILLAGES ARE COVERED BY SNOWFALL

Rome.—Many villages in the Friuli region of the Italian Alps have disappeared under a snowfall of almost unprecedented extent for that locality. All of the mountain roads are impassable. On the high plateau of Fugazze, on the Austrian frontier, the snow is more than seven feet deep.

The blocking of the road from Schio into the famous Dolomites district has isolated a number of towns much frequented by tourists during the summer months. Alpine troops are being employed to open the roads and render assistance to the villages cut off.

It doesn't take a woman long to get wise to a man's actions after marrying him—then she proceeds to call his bluff.

"There is a great surplus in other food crops in the United States, a number of which can be used as substitutes. The most important competing products are corn and potatoes. Normally only about 3 per cent of the corn is consumed as food. The potato production of the United States averages 3.8 bushels per capita. This year the available supply is 4.1 bushels.

"It would seem that the United States is not likely to be threatened with a shortage of foodstuffs.

PANAMA POLICE WOUNDS AMERICAN SOLDIERS

Unarmed Americans Are Targets For Native Policemen And Mob Hurling Rocks.

Washington, D. C.—Details of the Panama carnival riot in which a Panama policeman was killed and twenty-five persons—twenty-three American soldiers and civilians—were wounded Saturday, came to the War Department in a report from Brigadier General Clarence Edwards, commanding the Canal Zone garrison. All the wounded are expected to recover, the general said, and no further trouble is expected. He explained that the Americans, all unarmed, were fired upon by police and a mob after individual altercations had precipitated a general row. The report follows:

"The row started in the red light district, with two or three small personal altercations between the Panama police and American soldiers and civilians. The soldiers were without arms of any kind, animated by carnival spirit entirely, and there was clearly no animus on the part of the soldiers at any time. The town was more heavily provoked than customary, but the disturbance started at 1 o'clock and spread like wild fire, though the American patrol did everything possible.

"Americans, both soldiers and civilians; were fired on by the Panama police and mob with Remington rifles, with bayonets fixed and high-powered cartridges and pistols. A few soldiers took small 22-calibre target rifles from a nearby shooting gallery in the tenderloin and fired a few shots.

"They were immediately disarmed by Lieutenant Ederger, who turned them over to the police and then summoned all non-commissioned officers and with a small provost guard locked arms and pushed all soldiers and Americans back.

"The police and mob moved the other way, but continued firing and throwing rocks, though there were no answering shots from the unarmed Americans. The Panama National officials as soon as they arrived aided in every way as well as the local officials.

"An investigation was at once instituted, at which were present the Panama Foreign Minister, Governor of the province and other officials and the American Minister. This continued all day Sunday.

"I believe the death of the Panama policeman was caused by police bullets, but our medical officers will be present at the autopsy to determine the questions. I have forbidden soldiers during the remaining days of the carnival to visit Panama.

"The feeling is one of surprise rather than anger. Fifteen wounded soldiers remain at Ancon Hospital; two only doubtful; seriously, two; all gunshot wounds; the rest contusions, some bruising. Probably all will get well. Do not anticipate further trouble."

QUAKERS FILE PROTEST

Washington.—A protest against members of Congress making "thoughtless utterance" about the European war, and a commendation of President Wilson's efforts for peace, were delivered to the President today by a committee from the Society of Friends of Swarthmore, Pa.

No great success was ever achieved by kicking.
The mother tongue has the father tongue beaten.
Self-conceit is a good thing not to let run loose.

FLOOD AND EARTHQUAKE MENACE ITALIANS

No Formal Statement, But Action Through Ambassador.

Rome.—Italy made virtually the same representations to Germany as did the United States concerning neutral shipping in the sea war zone created by the recent German proclamation, it was made known today.

Italy, however, did not send a note to Berlin, nor did she take any formal step limiting her action to friendly observance through the Italian ambassador to Germany.

Italy merely asked that her position as a neutral power be maintained according to the rules of international law, taking as a basis the right of her ships to proceed without molestation further than the ascertaining of the nationality of the people on board and the quality of the cargoes, unless Germany should be able to make the blockade effective.

American Consul's Correspondence Refused

GERMANS WILL NOT PERMIT SEALED DOCUMENTS ADDRESSED TO WASHINGTON TO PASS.

Luxemburg.—The German military authorities here have refused to transmit a package containing the American consular agent's accounts because it was sealed in an envelope addressed to the State Department at Washington. The package, under instructions from the commander, was returned unopened to the agent.

Interference by the German authorities with American official correspondence already has elicited a protest from the State Department at Washington. Based on an appeal that was contained in a cablegram forwarded by Dr. Henry Van Dyke, the American minister to The Netherlands and Luxemburg, who complained that the German military commander at Treves refused to allow official letters to pass from the minister to the government of the Grand Duchy, Secretary Bryan, Friday sent a note of protest to Ambassador Gerard at Berlin, for delivery to the German foreign office.

The German government was reminded of the fact that Dr. Van Dyke is minister to Luxemburg as well to The Netherlands that he had been rendered incommunicado so far as his relations with Luxemburg are concerned, and the note expressed confidence that the action of the military commander at Treves was not sanctioned by the imperial German government.

MORE APPOINTMENTS MADE

Austin, Texas.—Governor Ferguson announced the following appointments and sent them to the Senate for confirmation:

Members Board of Managers State Institution for Training of Juveniles, at Gatesville: Frank P. West, Johnson County; W. L. Blanton, Cooke County.

Members Board of Regents, College of Industrial Arts, at Denton: Sam P. Harben, Richardson; Walter D. Adams, Forney.

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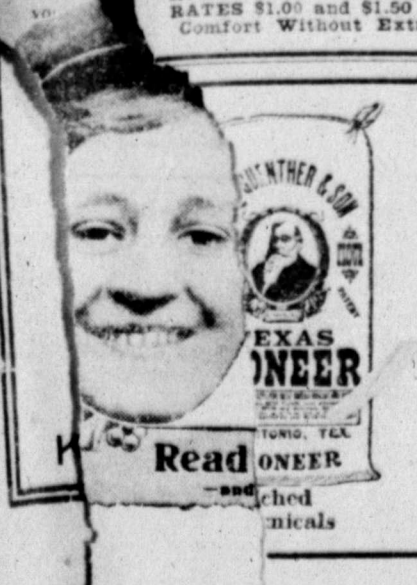
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The War in Europe.

When bitter passions are aroused, especially among neighbors as well as neighboring nations, civilization is abandoned, but there comes an end in exhaustion and sometimes by the outraged feelings of lookers on. Germany has blockaded the English ports as far as it can by submarine boats and mines which destroy all vessels coming within the territory, and England is using its power on the seas to starve Germany by seizing all food destined for it. Germany blames the United States for not preventing arms and ammunition being shipped to England and England blames the United States for allowing wheat and other food products to be shipped to Germany. Over half the world are running slaughter mills and

fathers, husbands and sons are supplying the grist. The mills are red with human blood.

Our country so far has kept out of the terrible war, but if the warring nations should go so far as to make the high seas dangerous for neutral nations to use them for legitimate traffic, there is danger of neutrals being involved in the war, for the high seas belong to all nations alike. But our wise and alert President and cabinet will continue to use all honorable means to promote peace, not only among ourselves but also with the nations at war, and in these noble efforts our people without regard to party wish them God speed.

Crop prospects are fine and the ranches never looked finer for cattle, horses, sheep and goats. We had a splendid rain Saturday last and Monday morning.

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Off to Layman's Meeting.

Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Dickey, and daughter, Miss Anabel and Miss Veda Burney and Mrs. Geo. Doyle are attending the Laymen's missionary convention of the Presbyterian church at Dallas this week.

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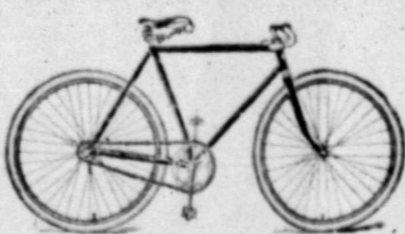
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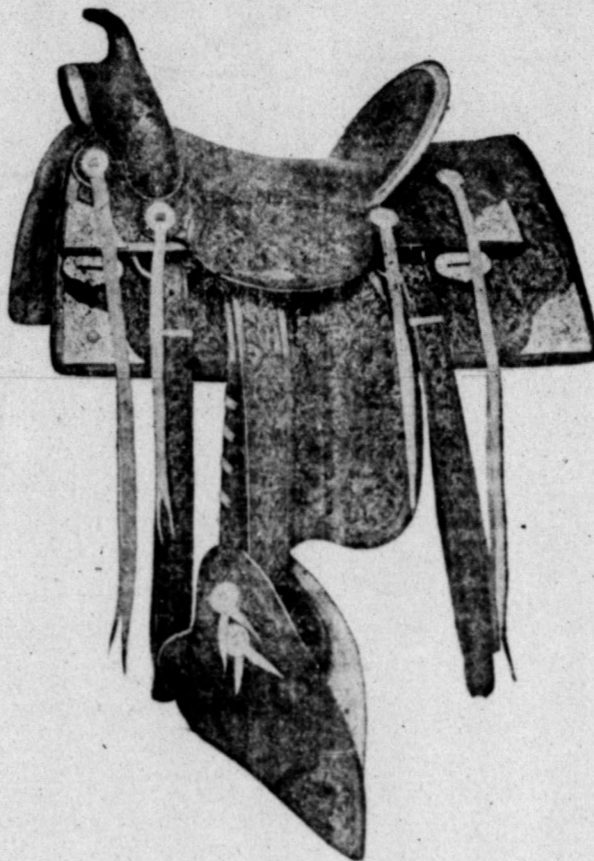
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EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

WEEKLY REVIEW

February 14th.
The German people look upon the retreat of Russians in East Prussia as great victory for the German army.

Regarding East Prussia, the Russians have little to say, but behind them are strongly fortified positions to which they may withdraw, with a possibility of checking the German advance. In Poland and the Carpathians nothing of vital importance has been announced by either side.

Belgium and France are playing a secondary part. There have been spasmodic engagements and artillery actions, but nothing to modify positions of opposing forces.

German East Africa is completely cleared of British troops, according to a German official statement. German troops have entered Uganda, British East Africa.

Since the war with Turkey began 49,000 Turkish prisoners have been passed through Ciscaucasia on the way to the interior, according to a Petrograd dispatch.

February 15th.
The latest official statements disclose few details of the progress of the battles in the eastern war zone, presumably for the reason that the Russians, who have been retiring from East Prussia, have not yet made ready to meet the advance of the reinforced German army. In Poland the opposing forces are in alignment to the south of Warsaw, while the Austro-German troops are making advances in Bukovina and have captured important positions not only there, but in the Carpathians in the neighborhood of Dukla Pass. In the western arena activity has increased along the entire front, particularly on the part of the artillery.

More than a million Germans are being assembled and formidable entrenchments are being prepared along the Rhine.

The Servian fortress of Semernia is said to have been blown up by a detonation of its powder magazine after a bombardment by Austro-Hungarian artillery.

Socialists of the allied powers, at meeting in London, held for the purpose of discussing the international situation, adopted resolutions declaring that, while the allied Socialists had resolved to fight until victory was achieved, they had also resolved to "resist any attempt to transfer this defensive war into a war of conquest."

February 16th.
In Belgium and northern France but few actions were reported. Northeast of Ypres a German battery was silenced. South of Arras several German trenches were taken. Artillery engagements in the neighborhood of Soissons and near Perthes occurred.

In Russian Poland and western Galicia no noteworthy incident has been reported excepting the Austrian occupation of Nadworna sixty-seven mile northeast of Czernowitz.

February 17th.
An important success for the French is chronicled in the latest official communications issued at Paris which announces the capture of nearly two miles of German trenches in the Champagne region near Perthes.

In the eastern zone, particularly in East Prussia, the Germans are carrying on successful offensive operations.

The Russians are working on several lines of railways radiating in Warsaw to Eastern and Western Galicia by means of

which it is hoped to give more mobility to their troops in forestalling the quick changes of Austrian and German forces.

While the Russians report the situation in the Carpathians as virtually unchanged, unofficial reports by way of Budapest and Vienna declare that the Austrians have been everywhere successful in their offensive movement in the Dukla Pass. According to this statement the total losses of the Russians in this particular section in the past few days number 50,000 men.

February 18th.
Renewed activity along the western battle front is reported. Numerous attacks and counter attacks have been made in many places. To the north of Arras the allies have taken two lines of trenches.

Nothing new is reported concerning the general situation in Poland and Galicia.

February 19th.
Continued activity marks the progress of the campaign in Belgium and France. In that arena the allies apparently have made considerable progress at various points. The artillery on both sides keep on battering the opposing lines, while there have been hand-to-hand encounters for the possession of the trenches at numerous strategic points.

In the east, except in the Carpathians and possibly in a section of Poland, the Russians continue to withdraw before the German advance, although it is reported they are bringing up strong reinforcements to check the onslaughts of the Germans and Austrians.

The blockade of the waters around the British Isles is theoretically now in full swing, but no event has occurred, so far as the public knows, to make the beginning of German activities with mines and submarines against the vessels entering those waters which have been proclaimed a war zone.

An indication that British ships are not likely to make use of neutral flags to any great extent is found in the fact that the White Star Liner Adriatic completed her voyage from New York flying the Union Jack.

In her operations in the South Atlantic in January and February the German auxiliary cruiser Kron Prinz Wilhelm sank a number of British steamers and sailing vessels.

February 20th.
The fighting in the West has consisted largely of attacks by the Germans in efforts to recover trenches which they lost during the allies' offensive maneuvers last Tuesday and Wednesday. The Germans claim that their attacks were successful, whereas, the British and French reports say all the ground they gained has been consolidated by them.

The German army which drove the Russians out of East Prussia has occupied the Russian town of Tauruggen, on the East Prussian frontier, north of the Niemizers River, but elsewhere in this region the Germans apparently have been halted by Russian reinforcements.

The German Iron Cross which has been given by the German Emperor for special acts of bravery, reports have referred to the taking place in the Augustowo district and in the vicinity of Plock and Sierpeck, right bank of the lower Vistula.

NUECES CAUSEWAY
Corpus Christi, Tex.—The official start on the construction of the Nueces County Causeway, made, when County J

GERMANY WILLING TO COMPROMISE

Recession From Announced Plan of Destroying all Enemy Merchant Ships May Be Had If Britain Will Change Policy.

Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, delivered a note to the United States which was transmitted to Great Britain promptly, in which Germany offered to recede from her plan of destroying enemy merchant ships if restrictions placed by the allies on shipments of conditional contraband and foodstuffs destined to the civilian population of many were removed.

Otherwise, the note announced, Germany proposes to put in effect the original proclamation, including also the stranding of ships in waters surrounding Great Britain and Ireland.

DANISH VIEW OF GERMAN POLICY

London.—The Political Correspondent of the States and Germany, is quoted in a dispatch from the Danish capital as saying that "America might be expected and here a grave warning, given that war between Germany and the United States can be regarded as an impossibility."

"President Wilson's Secretary of State Bryan says, 'are living men, but public opinion may drive anti-German sentiment further.'"

The newspaper says: "America might win a lot merely by closing the German-ships not in American harbors, everything to lose, both in the future, and it is a warning will not be with desired effect in Berlin."

Further changes in the Exchange Company say that caused a feeling of anxiety in Scandinavia. The British shipping under is said, discussed the States and Scandinavian positions are so that a combination was

SYMPATHIZERS
SEE GOLD FOR IRON.
being exchanged for German-American citizens. The German Relief fund for wounded soldiers. Old gold is from among the German and sent to an agent in New York, who in return sends the German Iron Cross which has been given by the German Emperor for special acts of bravery, reports have referred to the taking place in the Augustowo district and in the vicinity of Plock and Sierpeck, right bank of the lower Vistula.

Timon poured the first set of concrete. The ceremony was witnessed by county officials of Nueces and San Patricio counties, city officials of Corpus Christi and Portland and several thousand residents of the two

JAPANESE DEMANDS BRING CONTESTED

BARON KATO SAYS TOTAL WILL BE REQUIRED OF CHINA

Peking.—The Chinese minister at the Japanese Foreign Ministry, Baron Kato, had declared that Japan must insist on the acceptance of the total demands recently made in the Japanese note to China.

At the Chinese Foreign Office, however, it was said to be the intention of the Peking government to continue in its refusal to acquiesce in the Japanese demands.

Weih Sein, Shantung, China.—Wooden barracks are being constructed by the Japanese at every railway station except the smallest along the line between Weih Sein and Tsinan. Many of the buildings are nearing completion.

Tsinan is the capital of the Chinese province of Shantung, and is connected by rail through Weih Sein with Tsing Tau, the port of Kiao Chow concession recently surrendered by the Germans to the Japanese troops. The distance by rail between Tsing Tau and Tsinan is approximately 225 miles.

WIVES AND CHILDREN SOLD IN CHINA

Distress Caused by War Leads to Traffic That Is Heartrending

Pekin.—The ordinary suffering in China has been so intensified by loss of trade with Europe that in some provinces the sale of wives and children is being carried on extensively.

The Manchus of Shansi province have resorted to this practice so generally that President Yuan Shi-Kai has a mandate in which he speaks of the conditions as "heartrending."

"In former days," according to the mandate, "the bannermen (followers of the Manchu Banners) of Shansi were supported by the Ta-ying granary. But since the revolution they have been dealt with in accordance with the common rule, namely, all support has been withdrawn. The factories of the Banner men have also been suspended on account of lack of funds. Therefore, means of livelihood have been greatly reduced. The winter will set in very soon, and it is expected that the prices of food stuffs will rise. The aged and the young will be starved to death, while the stronger ones will wander from their homes.

"Therefore, we are very anxious about them, and it is hereby ordered that 2,000 shih (a shih is 100 liters) of rice from the Ta-ying granary of the Shansi province be delivered over to the major of the garrison to be distributed to the genuine sufferers."

BRITAIN TO HOLD ENEMY'S SUBJECTS

England Notifies United States She May Take Them From Ships.

Washington, D. C.—Great Britain notified the United States through the embassy here that subjects of her enemies, whether crews or passengers of vessels entering the principle British colonial ports, would be liable in the future to removal and detention.

He is a dangerous man who thinks he deserves credit for keeping out of jail.

The law of gravity is never to laugh at your own jokes.

TEXAS LAND OWNERS THANKED BY BELGIUM

BELGIUM IS NOT READY TO LET HER STALWART SONS GO TO TEXAS, MINISTER TELLS SLAYDEN

Washington D. C.—Numerous land owners of Southwest Texas, recently have written Representative Slayden with regard to attracting to that section Belgian immigrants, some of the land-owners offering land rent free for two years to people from that country. Last week Mr. Slayden took the matter up with the Minister from Belgium, E. Havenith, and has received from him a letter stating that the Belgian government does not look with favor on the efforts to induce his countrymen to come to the United States. Minister Havenith's letter says:

"I beg to let you know that the Belgian government, although appreciating very much the kind and generous proposition of the American land owners to facilitate the immigration and settlement of Belgians in this country, does not, for the time being, favor the exodus of my countrymen.

"Indeed, Belgium will need all her able-bodied people to help to rebuild after the war the ruins and devastation which occurred during the present events."

ANGORA GOATS TO CLEAR LAND

San Angelo, Texas.—T. P. Bartholomew of this city has purchased of Baggett Brothers of Crockett County a thousand head of Angora goats at \$3.25 per head. The goats are to be used to clear a lot of brush off of some land. They are said to be excellent for this work.

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SAILING VESSELS USE PANAMA CANAL

ISTHMIAN OFFICIALS ARE SURPRISED AT UNEXPECTED TRAFFIC

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It has been reckoned that using the canal a sailing vessel can make the trip from New York to San Francisco in sixty days, while it would require 140 days to make the voyage by way of Cape Horn. Calculating the trade winds and general weather conditions, the round trip by way of Cape Horn occupies about 250 days.

It is figured that, under average conditions, a vessel would save about eighty days by using the canal, which would mean an approximate saving of \$3300 allowing \$2700 for cost of passing through the canal.

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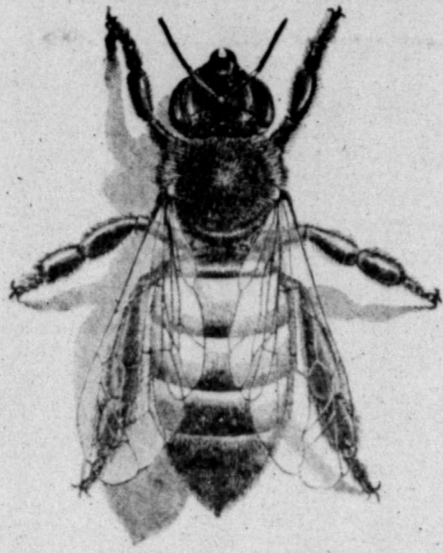
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VALUE OF BEES

There is no doubt that every farmer should be a beekeeper. There is no farmer so situated that he can not maintain a few colonies of bees, and if they are given the just degree of attention they will amply repay their owner for giving them a home. While they are storing sweets for the use of their family, and adding an item to the cash income of the farm, they will at the same time assist in fertilizing the fruit crop and make more prolific the vegetables and other products of the farm. The influence of the bees upon the fertilization of flowers is one of the most important functions of this interesting insect.

Government statistics show that bees are kept on one farm out of five in the United States. The ratio would be exactly the reverse. At present, nine farmers' families consume, while only one farmer beekeeper produces.

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We trust that the readers of this paper who have found difficulty in keeping bees and who desire information on this subject, will write us, and all ques-

tions will be gladly answered through these columns.

INTENSIVE FARMING

They used to have a farming rule of forty acres and a mule. Twenty were won by later men. With forty square feet and a hen. And nowadays success we see with forty inches and a wasp.

Our witty contemporary has proven that there must be a grain of truth in the wit of exaggeration to make it effective. One bee and her forty inches may not seem to be much, but the fact does remain that more profit can be produced from the "forty inches" of the farm site that is devoted to bees than from any other one thing that might occupy the same ground. Come again, friend Wasp.—(Ed.)

MIXING NECTAR

It has been asserted by some contemporaries that the worker bees visit only one kind of blossom at one time and do not go from blossom to blossom indiscriminately. This is true only in part. Probably the best statement is that made by Dr. Miller in *Gleanings in Europe*. "I suspect that bees do not give a button for relationship, but have preferences, and when there are enough flowers of their choice they will work on no others and that's nearly always the case when there is a surplus; but when flowers are scarce enough they have no scruples about mixing."—C. P. Dadant in *American Bee Journal*.

We find that several folks do not seem to agree with us on our assertion that bees will not visit more than one kind of bloom on each trip. As a matter of fact what both of these authorities say really confirms our belief because both of them admit that the bees will work on flowers of their choice as long as they last. No one doubts that in times of dearth a bee will get food wherever it can, just as a starving man will waive his little cultivated and inherited niceties. We repeat that the natural function of the bee is to fertilize flowers, not to cross breed them. Our dissenting friends will have to show more logical argument or convincing proof to change our views.—(Ed.)

AL MEN'S LIEN LAW IS PASSED

Austin, Texas.—The Senate today Senator McNealus' pending material men's liens law. The measure, it is said, becomes a law will save men of Texas over a million dollars a year that they are losing through unreliable and dishonest contractors. It is provided in the bill that individuals and corporations are being engaged in such construction must furnish bond for the protection of the men furnishing material used in such construction for the better protection of the men.

GENERAL STAFF CAPTURED

According to the Buda newspaper, Azest, the Russian troops entered the district in Bukovina and that all the members of the Russian general staff

SALAD CONTROVERSY NOT YET SETTLED

Austin, Texas.—Comptroller Terrell, when asked if he would take the advice of Attorney General Looney in the injunction proceedings brought against him to prevent the issuance of warrants for the broken salad and punch items in the deficiency appropriation, said he had not yet reached a decision.

"I have the matter under advisement," said Mr. Terrell. Mr. Terrell said he had not discussed the subject with any member of the Attorney General's Department since he received Attorney General Looney's communication.

The final hearing of the petition to make the temporary injunction permanent is to come up at the March term of the Fifty-third District Court.

If a man has the right kind of material in his make-up it doesn't matter whether he was born with a silver spoon or wooden ladle in his mouth.

MEXICAN SITUATION CONSIDERED CRITICAL

SPAIN TO FORCE THE MEXICAN ISSUE; U. S. MAY BE INVOLVED

Vera Cruz.—Unless Venustiano Carranza, who styles Vera Cruz the capital of Mexico, while diplomatic representatives of foreign nations remain in their anomalous and almost useless position in the City of Mexico, alters his high-handed manner of dealing with them, an embarrassing and perhaps serious situation may be created by European powers, especially Great Britain, France and Spain. These three are reported to have agreed on a program in which the United States is to have an important if unwilling part.

When Carranza evacuated the City of Mexico in November he invited the diplomats to accompany him, first to Orizaba, his first capital, and then to Vera Cruz. The diplomats were not authorized by their governments to accept his invitation. After the occupation of the abandoned capital by the position, they continued their functions as diplomats.

When Carranza's forces re-entered the City of Mexico the invitation to come to Vera Cruz was not renewed formally, but the diplomats were reminded by General Obregon that the capital is at Vera Cruz, and that they should go there if they wished to treat on affairs of state.

To come to Vera Cruz was regarded as out of the question by the foreign representatives, inasmuch as it would be extending a recognition of Carranza greater than that accorded any of the other heads of self-styled governments in Mexico. To remain in the City of Mexico, officially no more than any other city or village in the country, appeared absurd to Carranza. The diplomats, however, began a correspondence at long range with Carranza, who recently has been ignoring their messages, and even instructed the cable office to delay the transmission to their governments of messages which have to pass through the local office of the cable company.

It has become known that the United States has transmitted to Carranza a note of protest against his treatment of the diplomats. This note is said to be a particularly curt request for correction.

The current gossip is that Great Britain and France have induced Spain to force the issue in Mexico, agreeing to support her, but it is said that a withdrawal of all diplomats in the City of Mexico, and a formal notification to Washington that other foreign countries will look to the United States for redress of wrongs in Mexico is more probable. That three more American battleships will arrive here soon is an unconfirmed rumor.

That a new revolution headed in the South by Ignacio De La Torre, son-in-law of General Porfirio Diaz, has been begun, is the report that reached here. It was not confirmed at Carranza headquarters. De La Torre is said to have taken Toluca, capital of the State of Mexico, and to have announced to his followers that he has \$10,000,000, United States currency, to put in the new venture. It has been suggested this movement is part of that said to have been planned by General Felix Diaz.

Men talk to amuse others, but women talk to amuse themselves. In after years love's young dream occasionally develops nightmare.

WHEAT EMBARGO URGED ON GOVERNMENT

MAYOR MITCHELL'S COMMITTEE DECLARES SERIOUS SHORTAGE TO BE IMMINENT

New York.—An immediate embargo on the exportation of wheat as a preventive of further increase in the price of bread is recommended for consideration by the federal government in the report Mayor Mitchell's food committee, submitted by George W. Perkins, the chairman.

The opinion is expressed in the report that if wheat continues to be exported at the present abnormal rate the price of bread will be much higher.

Mayor Mitchell has forwarded the report to President Wilson, with a withholding of wheat by farmers for higher prices and a restriction on the basis of continuing export are given by Mr. Perkins as the causes of the high price.

The six months since the war began," declares the report, "we exported many million bushels more than we exported in the preceding thirty months, and the session is abroad in the land these large shipments to Europe have more than consumed our surplus and that our present supplies below our actual needs. It is doubtful whether we will be able to stop the export of wheat and that we are going to go on indefinitely selling large scale at advanced prices.

In judgment of this committee is causing farmers to hold their wheat, thus all classes of speculation will be very confident of the present situation and the outlook are both so serious that time has arrived for our government to state what it is in favor of immediately, and, if not, what course in its opinion would have to justify such action.

If the government is not in favor of an embargo under any conditions, the committee believe that the wheat will hold their price and our people will be prepared to pay a still higher price for bread. "If on the other hand the government is in favor of an embargo, the mere announcement of that effect by the government would undoubtedly bring grain at present or low prices being withheld."

TEXAS POSTS NAMED

Washington.—Postmasters nominated by Lloyd E. Lockhart, Van Wert, Ohio, and George B. Welch, Corpus Christi, Texas.

The following postmasters were appointed: Charles S. Royder, Cawthron, Texas; Moore, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Thomas, Clay, Texas; Deanville, Guss, Texas; Alfred A. Harp, Texas; Allford G. Smith, Texas; Harris Griffin, Texas; Fuchs, Pitt Bridge, Texas; Wildorado, Texas.

QUARTERS FOR DEPARTMENT

Austin, Texas.—The State Cotton Department are being housed in the corridor near the Capitol. The quarters which now is quarters of the Department of Insurance, will move its quarters within a week.

Army Emergency Ration Selected By Scientists

The experts of the Department of Agriculture, who have been engaged for some months on the composition of a new emergency ration which shall be palatable and nutritious and possess the requisite keeping qualities, have devised an article which they believe will meet the conditions of the service. It is composed of bean flour, finely divided lean beef of good quality, finely chopped, raisins and a small percentage of wheat flour to permit the baking of this biscuit.

The article tastes something like an unsweetened graham biscuit, which it resembles in appearance. It is of a character which may be readily produced in large quantities, and, therefore, obtained on short notice. Some difficulty was at first encountered in the matter of cooking the emergency biscuit, but this was overcome by investigation and trial under the observation of the scientists of the Department of Agriculture.

This new ration is intended to take the place of the chocolate emergency ration which has been in use for years, and which was a year or more ago discovered as harmful, or, at least, undesirable. The experiments in the development of a substitute ration have included more or less practical tests and the experts who have the matter in charge are now desirous that there shall be a trial of the ration by the army, using in that connection troops in the field.

There is more or less disinclination on the part of the military authorities to sanction such an experiment largely on account of the difficulty and inconvenience of subjecting soldiers for specified periods to the exclusive dependence upon this diet. In such experiments hitherto it has been far from easy to get troops to deny themselves all other food than the emergency ration which was being tried out in this fashion.

So far as the investigations have gone, the scientists who have had this subject in charge are confident they have found an emergency ration which will be eminently satisfactory in all particulars, although it may not possess the keeping qualities of a chocolate ration, which has been found to retain its virtues after seven or eight years of storing.

CAPTAIN MITCHELL MUST EXPLAIN

Washington.—Secretary Garrison instructed Brigadier General Scott, chief of staff of the army, to call on Captain William Mitchell of the general staff to explain public remarks attributed to him, Captain Mitchell was quoted as having said that "it would take the United States about three years to put an army of 1,000,000 trained men in the field, and in that time an enemy could take and hold our seaboard."

Secretary Garrison said he considered such utterances, if made in public at present, injudicious and improper.

GERMANY SUGGEST AMERICAN CONVOY

Berlin.—The American Ambassador, James Gerard, conferred with the German Foreign Secretary, Herr von Jagow, regarding the American note, at the latter's request. Nothing has been made public regarding the conference, but it is

Holland Protests To Germany And Britain

The Hague.—The Netherlands has maintained the strictest neutrality by presenting notes of protest at the same moment to Germany and Great Britain regarding the acts of these governments in respectively declaring a war zone of the waters around the British Isles and in using neutral flags.

Diplomats here have been awaiting action of this kind, and their expectations were fulfilled this evening when it was announced that the Dutch minister at Berlin had been instructed to hand the note to the German Foreign Office, the other note being communicated to England at the same time. There has been much discussion of the dangers to be encountered in the North Sea and Dutch shipping is menaced more than that of any one neutral nation, owing to the large number of Dutch vessels passing through the English Channel on the voyage to the Dutch Indies. Dutch shippers appear determined not to change their schedules and the ships will proceed over the usual routes, although with precaution in order to make their nationality clear. As The Netherlands government protested against the British declaration of the North Sea war zone, so it now protests against the German declaration of an enormous stretch of water surrounding the British Isles as a theater of war which peaceful neutral vessels may not safely enter or cross.

The Netherlands government declares that the possible hoisting of a neutral flag by an enemy merchantman would not excuse German warships in sinking merchantmen on suspicion, without arrest or search. Such an act would be in direct contravention of international law. In case a Dutch ship were thus attacked and sunk The Netherlands would hold Germany responsible.

In its note to Great Britain The Netherlands government says that, while the use of a neutral flag by a merchant ship of a belligerent in order to escape imminent danger of capture or destruction by an enemy war vessel has been tolerated in individual cases as an excusable ruse, if it were practiced on a large scale and by the direct sanction of a belligerent government it would certainly be an abuse of a neutral flag.

HOMES TO BE INVESTIGATED

Austin, Texas.—The House adopted a resolution introduced by Dove and other members of the committee recently appointed to visit the Confederate Home and the Confederate Woman's Home, giving the committee full powers to summon witnesses and administer oaths in order to make a thorough investigation of the latter. The conditions at the Confederate Woman's Home were found unsatisfactory, members of the committee state, and a complete investigation will be made.

One little taste of defeat is difficult to swallow.

I learned that the foreign office is preparing an answer to the American note, and an idea is entertained in certain quarters that Germany may suggest that the United States send an American warship to convoy American merchantmen through the danger zone, thus guaranteeing the neutrality of the vessel.

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