

# THE KERRVILLE ADVANCE

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## Ida May Utterback.

On Saturday morning, July 10th, at 10 o'clock, Ida May, the beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Utterback, the prominent proprietors of Lakeside Park, departed this life at the family residence after an illness of several weeks. She was born in Houston and in February attained her fourteenth year, and had lived at Kerrville three years. Though a sufferer from a weak heart she was of a cheerful disposition and one of the brightest students at the Tivy High School, always on the honor roll of her class. A loving and faithful daughter she was the idol of her parents; a lovable girl she enjoyed the affection and esteem of her companions.

The funeral took place from the family residence Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. J. B. Riddle, pastor of the Baptist church, and Rev. W. P. Dickey, pastor of the Presbyterian church, conducting the religious services. The deceased had professed faith in Him who said, "Come unto me, all ye who labor and are heavy-laden and I will give you rest." Beautiful tributes were paid to her memory and the bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathy of all our people.

## Liquor License.

County Clerk J. R. Leavelle issued license to the four saloons of Kerrville last Saturday which was the last day that license could be issued for the coming year. Those procuring license were as follows: Sid A. Rees, Weston & Schwethelm, Edgar Doebbler and O. C. Bulwer, M. C. Weston secured malt liquor license on July 2 to sell beer at the Fair grounds. The total revenue coming into the treasury of Kerr county from the four saloon license amounts to \$750, and to the city of Kerrville \$200.

## Prof. Edward Schmidt.

Kerr county lost one of its most prominent pioneer citizens in the death of Prof. Edward Schmidt of Turtle Creek, which occurred at Kerrville on June 29th, after an illness of several weeks. He was born in Germany in 1848 and came to the United States in 1866, and after serving in the U. S. army for three years he settled at Comfort, where in 1875 he was married to Mrs. Koch. He taught the public school for several years and then settled on his ranch on Turtle Creek.

Prof. Schmidt was a scholarly and cultured gentleman, and was a leader in all the German societies as well as prominent in all matters of public interest in the section. His funeral at the Real cemetery on Turtle Creek was one of the largest ever held in Kerr county, there being present prominent citizens of Kerrville, Comfort, and Fredericksburg. Deserving tributes to his splendid character were delivered at the grave by Mr. W. Wiedenfeld of Comfort and Judge James Spicer, friends of many years.

He leaves surviving, his widow, two step-daughters, Mrs. Julius Real and Mrs. Emil Habescher, and a son, Edward Schmidt, Jr.

Prof. Schmidt was a frequent visitor to Kerrville and was always greeted by hosts of friends, and he never had an enemy.

## Loss Carmichael Killed.

News comes from Sabinal that Loss L. Carmichael, formerly of Bandera, was killed Tuesday about 1 o'clock by the accidental discharge of a gun while out hunting. He was getting through a fence and the accident was exactly as the one in which Bud Wharton was killed a few days ago on the divide. Mr. Carmichael leaves a wife and three small children. His body was buried at Bandera yesterday.

## The Kerrville Summer Normal

The summer normal of 1915 is the ninth in annual succession held in Kerrville. Far and near those engaged in the profession of teaching have become interested in this summer gathering of teachers.

The attendance has never been large in proportion to that of the normals in the more populous section of the state. But they have always been characterized by three things: the unflinching loyalty of the people of Kerrville; the zeal and consecration of the faculty and the interest exhibited by those who have gathered for study.

The work has stood the test of examining board at Austin, a large proportion of the teachers, each year gaining their certificates. The conditions are peculiarly conducive to mental effort, a pleasant, responsive people to mingle with on the street, in the home, at church; an exceptionally well arranged and well ventilated school building, ample in capacity, pleasant in situation, and sufficient in equipment.

The locale of Kerrville is ideal. This picturesque valley of the foothills of the Guadalupe mountains, following the windings of the lovely river of the same name where, as Judge Wallace puts it, "the vision clears and thinking is easy," with the broken landscapes in their color schemes so refreshing to the eye of the blacklander of North Texas, to the redlander of East Texas, to the prairielander of Central Texas, to the marshman of South Texas, and to the sandlapper of the western plains. There, indeed, is the purest ozone, the spirited zephyrs of broad stretches, the altitude hanging midway between high and low. What, indeed, could nature do more to recuperate the tired bodies and refresh the flagging spirits of the long-tailing teacher who must perform labor far into the summer to prepare for another year's work?

This gathering of 1915 presents some interesting features. There are to be found about fifty teachers of varying ages, degrees of preparedness, and years of experience. They are distributed as follows: Fourteen from Kerrville, six from Junction, four from Vance in Real county, eighty miles across the country; three from Fredericksburg, three from Medina, two from Ingram, two from San Antonio, two from Utopia, and scattering representations from fourteen other postoffices, including Port Arthur, Laredo and Oklahoma. From this we see what an active, statewide advertising campaign would mean for the Kerrville Normal of 1916.

Questions submitted to the students show that all but three are church members; nearly two-thirds are high school graduates, nearly ninety per cent are democrats in political belief, nearly two to one are in favor of woman suffrage, one hundred per cent are opposed to war, and a large proportion know little or nothing of the initiative, referendum and recall or of the commission form of government. But it has been demonstrated that almost all know how to work and how to keep their work well in hand. It is further interesting to note that about twelve and one-half per cent are candidates for the permanent certificate, probably the largest percentage of any Normal in the state.

It may be assumed that this Normal has become a permanent institution of Kerrville. Hence, it may be well for those concerned in educational matters to have their attention called to certain features. The prestige of such a gathering means much to a community. Association with them is uplifting and refining. Their presence and assistance in church work is of considerable value to the local churches. Their stay means probably an average of more than \$40 per individual put into circulation in the community, aggregating from \$2,000 to \$5,000 for the summer.

With regard to the future summer normals, some suggestions may be in order. The faculty should be secured as early as possible. An energetic system of advertising should be begun at an early date, under direction of the conductor and the local committee. There should be in the public statements a strong endeavor to correct the false impression, more or less prevalent over the state, that Kerrville is the resort of tubercular victims. The peculiar local advantages for a Normal should be stressed. Twenty-five or more counties constitute the natural territory of this Normal; but, owing to the exceptional advantages of this point the real territory is the state at large.

Many teachers who would come here are attracted elsewhere because of information gained of the other schools and their ignorance of this. These would come as readily to Kerrville if they only knew! The compulsory law will soon be in effect, and this will place more children in schools. This will necessitate the employment of more teachers. For these teachers to make contracts they must have certificates, and they must secure these certificates in normals somewhere. Why not in Kerrville?

Some systematic method of handling the boarding question is necessary. This explains to some extent the success of the Normals located in school centers where the boarding problem has been solved, and board given at minimum rates. It may develop that in the case of this Normal the encampment grounds will furnish the solution. A man and his wife can be found who will take charge of the dining hall and also furnish transportation to and from school for a reasonable compensation. This open life has many things in its favor. There should also be some homes in town open to those who do not like camp life.

These three things, then, demand prompt consideration: The early selection of an able faculty with a strong executive at the head; a far-reaching and active advertising campaign; an arrangement for cheap boarding amidst satisfactory surroundings. Most of these arrangements can be made prior to, and of course subject to, the recognizing of this Normal by the State Superintendent. The risk of his not making this appointment is so slight that a delay is unnecessary.

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## District Court.

The Wellborn vs. Wellborn civil suit which was on trial as we went to press last week resulted in a verdict which was, in some respects, a compromise of the matters contested for, but more favorable to the plaintiffs.

The civil suit of Baldwin vs. Council was tried by a jury and a verdict given plaintiffs for \$60 damages to land and \$7.50 for rent of one and one-half acres of land for 1914, also that the water dam be cut down to level of old dam.

J. A. Smith vs. Ira Kuykendall, suit to recover \$500 commissions on sale of land. A jury gave Mr. Smith judgment for the amount sued for.

Bertie Ingram vs. W. W. Ingram, divorce. Tried by the court and divorce and custody of child granted plaintiff.

Lillie Durant vs. Lamar Durant, divorce. Judgment granted for divorce and custody of child.

Lena Moldenhaus vs. Henry Moldenhaus, divorce. Divorce granted, custody of child and maid; en name restored to plaintiff.

The grand jury adjourned Thursday after being in session four days and returned four bills of indictment, as follows:

Hy Baker, murder; L. W. Knox, aggravated assault; and one case of carrying pistol and one for theft of hogs in which the docket shows no arrests.

On Monday morning the case of the State vs. Jack Satterwhite, charged with the murder of Walter Dobson, was taken up for trial. On account of absence of witnesses for the state, a recess was taken until afternoon. At 1:30 p. m. the defense offered an application for a change of venue. All the afternoon and several hours Tuesday morning was taken up hearing testimony from various citizens as to the fact or likelihood of defendant securing a fair and impartial trial in the county. Judge Burney overruled the motion for a change of venue and the defense then made application for a continuance of the case, trial.

The taking of evidence in the case was begun with Jake Reinhardt on the stand late Tuesday afternoon. Attorneys in the case are District Attorney Brucks, John R. and Gilbert C. Storms for the state and H. C. Geddie and Lee Wallace for the defense. This is the second trial of this case, it having come back from the Court of Civil Appeals for a new trial.

## Sad Death of Horace Rambie.

Bandera, Tex., July 11.—Horace Rambie, aged 20 years, son of H. E. Rambie, a widely known farmer of this county, died this morning from injuries received Friday afternoon in a runaway. Rambie was hauling oats to a threshing machine on his father's farm when the horses frightened and ran away. Rambie was thrown from the wagon, his belt catching in a singletree and he was dragged several hundred feet before released. He suffered concussion of the brain and death ensued this morning. The funeral took place this afternoon and was attended by relatives from here and other points in Texas, and a large number of friends. Decedent was a native of this county.—Express.

E. S. Woolsey, representing Thos. Goggan Bros. Music House is here this week delivering some pianos which he sold. While here he closed a nice advertising contract with The Advance.

which was also overruled. The task of selecting a jury was then begun. Of the 110 veniremen summoned, nine were excused by the court on account of sickness and other legal reasons. Of the remaining 101, twenty were left on the list unchallenged when the jury of twelve was secured. The twelve jurors selected follow: R. S. Barrington, D. M. Painter, Albert Rees, of Center Point precinct; Chas. J. Johnston, Tom James, J. F. Mit-tanek, J. B. Hyde, Otto Pankratz, of Kerrville precinct, and Wm. Reeh, Edward Boerner, Max Below, Louis Stieler, of the Cypress Creek precinct.

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**COCA COLA**  
THE GENUINE

Why not have a case of this, the National Drink, in the home.  
Let us deliver you a case of 24 bottles, 75c  
Deposit on case and bottles, 25c  
Deposit refunded when bottles and case are returned.

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CAPITAL - - \$30,000.00  
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Prompt and Courteous attention to all customers and all business appreciated.

We handle large or small loans.

Call on us whenever we can serve you or further the interests of Kerr and surrounding counties.

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KERRVILLE, - - - TEXAS

**Clean Easy Soap**

Makes Washing Easy  
**SAVES**  
Work, Time and Clothes  
MAKE THIS YOUR WASH DAY CHAMPION

**C. C. Butt Grocery**  
"THE SATISFACTORY STORE."

**YOU**

Yes, YOU who are reading this ad. Candidly, we want your GROCERY trade, want it bad enough to give you the biggest dollar's worth for the money you have ever had in your life. There is nothing consistent with honorable merchandising that we will not do in our efforts to please and to satisfy your every desire.

That's enough for this ad. Now come and make us prove it.  
NEWMAN'S OLD STAND **E. A. WIED**

**Fire And Tornado Insurance**

Am representing Seven of the best and strongest companies doing business, in Texas.

**\$2,000,000 CAPITAL STOCK**

Protect your homes, business, automobiles, cotton, wool, etc. Country property also insured.

MAIN STREET, KERRVILLE, TEX. **GILBERT C. STORMS**

**Mary Jane Slippers**  
At a Big Discount.

We have on Sale all our Mary Jane Slippers for Ladies, Misses and Children, at the greatest discount ever known in Kerrville in order to close them out before the season closes. Lots of time yet to wear hot weather footwear and you can get your fit here.  
West Texas Supply Co.

**WANTED**

A live man to handle the Singer Sewing Machine Co. business in this section. We have splendid proposition for the right man. Team and wagon to be furnished by the salesman. Reference required. Don't apply unless you mean business.  
Singer Sewing Machine Co.  
112 W. Commerce St.,  
San Antonio, Texas.







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## BOMB EXPLOSION ON S. S. MINNEHAHA

Explosion of Terrific Force  
Throws Seamen High in Air  
and Is Followed by Suffo-  
cating Fumes.

Halifax, N. S.—A bomb placed aboard the Atlantic trans-  
port liner Minnehaha, probably  
while she lay at her pier in  
New York, caused the explosion  
and fire at sea, in the opinion  
of officers of the steamer which  
put in here for examination to-  
day. The explosion occurred in  
No. 3 hold and was of terrific  
force. Those of the crew who  
were forward at the time were  
stunned by the shock and two  
seamen were hurled into the  
air. Flames spread quickly and  
for two days and two nights  
the crew battled to save the  
ship.

There is no doubt in the  
minds of the officers that Erich  
Muentzer, alias Frank Holt, or  
confederates, were responsible  
for the explosion, which occur-  
red at 4:15 p. m., July 7, the  
date upon which Muentzer pre-  
dicted that some vessel would  
be destroyed.

Muentzer's plans were frus-  
trated by the fact that his wea-  
pon of destruction was placed  
with miscellaneous freight for-  
ward and was separated by  
stout bulkheads from an enor-  
mous cargo of munitions of war  
intended for the allies, which  
filled the after holds.

While the sailors fought the  
fire the captain headed his ship  
for Halifax and brought her  
safely, through a gale and fog,  
to anchorage in the lower har-  
bor this afternoon. By that  
time the flames had eaten their  
way into No. 4 hold, but late  
this afternoon it was announced  
that they had been extinguished.

The theory of spontaneous  
combustion was never entertain-  
ed, as the explosion was follow-  
ed by the issuance from the  
hatches of suffocating fumes  
which the officers insisted had  
been let loose by some infernal  
instrument.

Thrilling stories were told by  
the men who made up the crew  
of the freighter. A half hour  
after midnight Wednesday morn-  
ing Captain Claret upon re-  
ceipt of a wireless message of  
warning, ordered the small  
boats swung out in readiness if  
an explosion should occur. At  
4:30 that afternoon, when the  
ship was 575 miles east of Hal-  
ifax, something let go in the  
third compartment and the ship  
trembled violently. One of the  
hatch covers shot off, carrying  
two sailors with it. One was  
injured slightly. The crew re-  
moved enough of the freight to  
enable them to get within strik-  
ing distance of the flames.

A steam pipe was inserted  
and steam driven into the hold.  
Soon the fire appeared to be  
under control but Captain Cla-  
ret resolved not to take any  
chances and at 5 o'clock turned  
toward Halifax.

Tokio.—A threatened mini-  
sterial crisis, resulting from crit-  
icism directed from the elder  
statesmen against the policy of  
Baron Kato, the Japanese for-  
eign minister, is absorbing the  
country. Marquis Inouye and  
Marquis Matsukata, both elder  
statesmen, voicing the financial  
and business interests of the em-  
pire, held that the government's  
diplomacy was responsible for  
the Chinese boycott against the  
Japanese and for the misunder-  
standing current abroad of Jap-  
an's intentions.

It is reported that Katsu No-  
suke Inouye, the Japanese min-  
ister to England, who is a son  
of the elder statesman, Marquis  
Inouye, has tendered his resig-  
nation as a result of the contro-  
versy.

**BRITISH VESSELS SUNK.**  
London.—The British schooner  
L. C. Tower, which left  
Parrsboro, N. S., June 1, for  
Newport, England was sunk off  
Fastnet today by a German sub-  
marine. The undersea boat  
then sank a bark six miles  
away. The crew of the schooner,  
nine in all was landed at  
Queenstown. Three British  
steamers the Inglemoor, the  
Caucasian and the Welbury,  
were torpedoed and sunk by a  
German submarine. The crews  
of the Inglemoor and the Cau-  
casian were landed at Falmouth.  
The crew of the Welbury is  
safe.

## 100 SIGHTSEERS VICTIMS OF LONE HIGHWAYMAN

Twelve Coaches in Yellowstone  
Park Held Up and Money  
and Jewels Taken from  
Passengers.

Livingston, Mont.—Secure in  
the knowledge that no firearms  
are allowed to be brought into  
Yellowstone National Park, a  
highwayman, working alone,  
held up twelve coaches today  
and robbed their occupants,  
sightseers on the government  
reservation. More than one  
hundred persons were forced to  
give over their money and jew-  
elry.

A spot about twelve miles  
from Yellowstone was selected  
for the scene of the robberies.  
Colonel L. M. Brett, Park su-  
perintendent, said tonight it is  
impossible to estimate the value  
of the highwayman's booty.

Soldiers from all portions of  
the reservation were ordered to  
the scene of the robberies to-  
night and two suspects are un-  
der guard. The bandit after the  
holdups took to the woods.

The scene of the holdup is a  
heavily wooded strip. As the  
coaches came in sight the bandit  
stopped each in turn, re-  
lieved its occupants of their  
valuables and commanded the  
driver to proceed. It was im-  
possible for those in the rear  
to learn what was going on in  
the line ahead of them, and as  
far as each victim knew, his  
coach was the only one molest-  
ed.

When the coaches reached  
Fountain hotel, where luncheon  
was to be served, the extent of  
the crime became known and  
military officers were summon-  
ed. They did not reach here un-  
til four hours after the holdup.  
Many women were among the  
bandit's victims.

### IN AUTOMOBILE CIRCLES.

It is surprising how much in-  
terest is displayed by the gen-  
eral public in the plans of au-  
tomobile manufacturers relative to  
new models. This has been  
very noticeably emphasized the  
past week by the comment the  
Studebaker announcement for  
1916 has created in numerous  
cities. Word received from  
Studebaker branch house man-  
agers and dealers over the  
country is to one effect, that  
never before has such interest  
and enthusiasm been shown over  
new models. Indications are  
also said to point that the com-  
ing year will prove the great-  
est selling season in the history  
of the industry.

More than ever the automo-  
bile is being used for business  
purposes, for pleasure and re-  
creation. Horse delivery is re-  
garded as a luxury to a busi-  
ness of even ordinary size. The  
day seems to be approaching  
rapidly when every man, with  
what may be considered a com-  
fortable income will be the pos-  
sessor of a motor car. These  
conditions help toward creating  
a general public interest in  
what the manufacturers are do-  
ing. The effect of this interest  
is to develop the new buyers  
who make it possible for the  
quantity producer to lower his  
prices. A goodly portion of  
these readers of automobile an-  
nouncements may not be im-  
mediately concerned in the  
purchase of a car, but their inter-  
est indicates that the educa-  
tional effect may some time  
produce results.

Each succeeding year has  
brought more exacting demands  
from the buyers of cars in the  
way of greater serviceability.  
Recognizing the insistence for  
more pulling power, Studebaker  
has enlarged the bore of the  
motors in the new models, and  
made other changes that now  
produce fifty horsepower in the  
six cylinder motors and forty  
in the four cylinder.

Another effort on the part of  
manufacturers has been to  
lengthen the life of cars. This  
is a feature to which Stude-  
baker has also given close atten-  
tion in the new models. Vibra-  
tion has been greatly reduced  
and silence secured by increas-  
ing the rigidity of parts, follow-  
ing European engineering prac-  
tice. The crankshaft has been  
made stiffer, for one thing, and  
made to revolve on larger ball  
bearing are as while the motor  
bearing are bronze braced bab-

## U. S. WILL NOT DISCUSS GERMAN NOTE

No Negotiations or Comment to  
Follow Presentation of In-  
formation to Amsassabor  
Gerard.

Washington, D. C.—The Unit-  
ed States government will not  
engage informally in any dis-  
cussion or negotiation with Ger-  
many regarding the character  
of the forthcoming reply to the  
latest American note on subma-  
rine warfare.

Ambassador Gerard at Berlin  
has been informed that such is  
the President's decision and  
that the ambassador is to make  
no comment on the tentative  
draft given him by the German  
foreign office. If asked for an  
expression he is to say that the  
United States will await a formal  
reply before discussing the  
question further.

The outline of the German  
note, as cabled by Ambassador  
Gerard, is known to be far from  
satisfactory to officials. With  
respect to the sinking of the  
Lusitania no admission of liabil-  
ity is made. Whether in exten-  
sion or not, the view is ex-  
pressed in the draft that when  
torpedoed it was not believed  
the Lusitania would sink as rap-  
idly as she did. As for the fu-  
ture, citizens of the United  
would be permitted to travel  
with safety on high seas, if pas-  
sengers on American ships or  
on belligerent ships not carrying  
munitions of war.

Count von Bernstorff, the  
German ambassador, was in  
communication by wireless with  
his government during the day  
and is understood to have ad-  
vised the Berlin foreign office  
the form in which the proposals  
had been made did not appear  
to be acceptable to the United  
States.

The German ambassador, it  
is believed, is urging his gov-  
ernment to make a broad state-  
ment on the principles involved  
and reserve for later discussion  
arrangements concerning the  
separation of passenger and  
contraband traffic. The propos-  
als made by Germany that bel-  
ligerent passenger vessels which  
do not carry mention of war  
shall be immune from attack,  
provided they heed warnings of  
submarines and submit to visit  
and search is not regarded as of  
itself objectionable, providing  
England and Germany were to  
enter into such an agreement.

For the United States, of its  
own initiative, to make conces-  
sions, it is held would imperil  
the entire fabric of American  
rights with other belligerents.

The suggestion is contained in  
the German note as now draft-  
ed that a system of inspection  
to be begun whereby American  
officials and German consular  
officers would certify to the  
character of the vessels carry-  
ing departing Americans. This,  
it is asserted, would also be an  
unneutral act. It is considered  
improbable that owners of Brit-  
ish vessels would agree to any  
inspection by German officials  
or recognize the right of Amer-  
ican officers to do other than  
insure against violation of rules  
of neutrality.

As a whole, the German propo-  
sals are not regarded by well  
informed officials as bringing  
the questions at issue between  
the United States and Germany  
any nearer a settlement than  
they were several weeks ago.

President Wilson is expected  
to return here Monday or Tues-  
day and the formal German re-  
ply probably will reach here  
at about the same time.

There were many evidences  
in official circles today that the  
German controversy again is  
regarded as critical and that the  
reply, a outlined, is very dis-  
appointing. The concessions al-  
leged to have been made were  
referred to as a slight depart-  
ure from the illegal position  
held by Germany and it was  
pointed out that the United  
States, holding a strictly legal  
position, is unable to make any  
changes or surrender any point.

### TWO AMERICANS KILLED.

Washington, D. C.—Two Am-  
ericans, Richard Martin, either  
of Chelsea, Mass. or Providence,  
R. I., and John Mahoney,  
thought to have lived in New  
York, were killed by the shell  
fire of the German submarine  
which attacked the British ship  
Anglo-California.

## AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE SINKS ITALIAN CRUISER

Austrian Under-Water Craft  
Torpedoes Amalfi in Adriatic,  
Causing Loss of Part of  
Its Crew.

London.—The Italian navy  
has suffered its first serious  
loss, an Austrian submarine  
having successfully torpedoed  
the cruiser Amalfi, in the nar-  
row waters of the Adriatic.  
Most of the crew were saved.  
This is the second allied war-  
ship to fall a victim to an Aus-  
trian submarine, the French  
cruiser Leon Gambetta having  
been caught in the Ionian sea.

As an offset, it is claimed, a  
French warship has sunk a  
German submarine in the chan-  
nel, while the British admiralty  
announced that it was a British  
submarine which torpedoed a  
German warship in the Baltic  
recently, although no details  
are added to the brief statement  
made in the Russian official  
communication the day after the  
attack took place.

All the belligerent powers are  
building submarines rapidly and  
it is reported Austria has nine  
at Pola alone. The Italian ships  
will run serious risks in moving  
above the waters of the Adriatic  
which are well suited to the  
submarines.

So far as land battles are con-  
cerned, interest still centers in  
Southern Poland, where the  
Russians, strongly reinforced  
with both men and guns and  
with their railroads and the  
fortresses of Lvangorod and  
Brest-Litovsk to draw upon,  
have held up the Austro-Ger-  
man attempt to outflank War-  
saw from the southwest. The  
Austrians made the admission  
that before superior Russian  
force they have withdrawn to  
the hills to the north of Kras-  
nik.

Further heavy firing must  
take place in this region but the  
Russian military writers ex-  
press confidence that any effort  
by the Teutons to deliver a  
lightning blow has been discon-  
tinued and that the Grand  
Duke's army will be able to  
hold its positions and perhaps  
drive the invaders back.

While this is going on it is  
believed there is little probabili-  
ty of the Germans detaching  
any part of their eastern armies  
for a renewed offensive in  
the west and that, if such a  
move is made, it must be un-  
dertaken by fresh troops. Al-  
ready there is heavy fighting at  
several points in the west, not-  
ably in the Woevre district,  
where the French have regain-  
ed some of the ground they had  
lost to the southeast of St. Mi-  
chiel, and at Souchez where the  
French have made a further  
advance toward the village. But  
there is no evidence as yet of  
the arrival of any new armies,  
which Dutch reports persist-  
ently repeat are being moved  
through Belgium.

The Austrians and the Mon-  
tenegrins have resumed fight-  
ing and both sides claim suc-  
cesses.

"Merchant vessels of a belliger-  
ent power are entitled by estab-  
lished and uninterrupted  
usage of the sea to carry and  
use armament in self defense,"  
said Lord Robert Cecil, parlia-  
mentary under Secretary for  
Foreign Affairs, in reply to a  
question put by Commander  
Carlyon W. Bellairs in the  
House of Commons today.

"Several neutral govern-

### GERMANS GET HORSES

Fleringen, Netherlands.—  
Strict prohibition by the Dutch  
government of the export of  
horses from Holland has not by  
any means stopped the horse  
trade between Holland and Ger-  
many. Dozens of horses have  
been caught by the Dutch fron-  
tier guards as they were being  
led or driven over the German  
border. These, however, repre-  
sent only a small proportion in  
comparison with the large num-  
ber which have succeeded in  
evading the soldiers on duty.

The military authorities of  
Germany are so desirous of ob-  
taining good animals that they  
are willing to pay very high  
prices and the breeders and  
dealers on the Dutch side of the  
line do not hesitate to take the  
risk of being hit by a stray shot  
while trying to secure the al-  
luring profits.

One of the tricks often prac-  
ticed by the horse smugglers is  
to bring a troop of animals  
across country and through the  
smallest by-ways during the day.  
Then they tether them in a  
wood near the border line until  
nightfall. Meanwhile one or  
two of the smugglers hide them-  
selves in trees or thickets to act  
as scouts, and at a favorable  
moment, when perhaps two of  
the frontier sentries stand to-  
gether talking, the scouts give  
a signal, the horses are unteth-

ered and the animals are rushed  
across the line with the smug-  
glers in their midst. The men,  
after receiving their money, re-  
turn to Holland at another  
point. Sometimes, however,  
they are caught, and the pun-  
ishment meted out to them is se-  
vere, while the horses are con-  
fiscated by the government.

Commander Bellairs' question  
was whether, in view of unusual  
character of the German at-  
tacks on unarmed merchant ves-  
sels, the government would ask  
all neutral governments to al-  
low merchant vessels armed for  
purposes of defense only, with  
a gun in the stern, to trade with  
their ports in spite of the fact  
that they carried ammunition?"

## BIG NAVAL ENGAGEMENT HEARD OFF GOTHLAND

Observers at Ljugarn Harbor  
Witness Engagement of Ships  
of War and Later Cruisers  
Night Near Land.

London.—Reuter's Copenha-  
gen correspondent says a mes-  
sage from Gothland tells of a  
naval battle off the east coast of  
that island. Gunfire was heard  
last night and at 6:30 o'clock  
this morning a naval action was  
observed from Ljugarn harbor  
and later warships steamed  
north. At 10 o'clock four cru-  
isers were seen closely engaged  
near land. Later a German tor-  
pedo boat with many wounded  
arrived at Katthammersvik, on  
the east coast of Gothland.

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**The Panama Canal Tolls**

A total of \$4,000,000 in tolls was collected for the use of the Panama canal up to June 6 from the period of its opening less than a year ago. This is said to be more than enough to meet maintenance and operating expenses. With such a large proportion of the world's shipping tied up on account of the European war, this showing in tolls is not bad. It means that with the restoration of peace and the consequent revival of the shipping industry, the investment in the canal will speedily resolve itself into a paying one.—Houston Post.

Thomas A. Edison told a reporter some days ago that he could make a compound that would be more destructive in war than the German gases. When asked "Then, why don't you make it and sell it to the warring nations? It would make you immensely rich," he said: "It would, no doubt, but I shall not make it; and I shall not tell any one else how. I am ready to do what I can to help people to live, but I will not do anything to help to kill them." What a splendid sentiment is this, and what a noble character behind it.

From the report of liquor licenses issued in Kerr county it will be seen that this county gets \$750 in revenue a year out of the four saloons now running in Kerrville. We want to call attention to the fact from a financial standpoint the liquor business is a liability rather than an asset to the county, for the court records will show that in one case on the docket, in which liquor bought at a Kerrville saloon played a most important part, the cost to the county has been upwards of \$1500 in one year. This is just one case. There are others.

Mexico is still on the road to ruin and Mexicans are crowding Texas and depriving many worthy Texas workmen of means of livelihood by cheapening labor. "Watchful waiting" by our Government has served its time without any results of peace or stable government, and we are glad to note that President Wilson will change our policy to intervention if necessary. Peace and good government in Mexico would be a blessing to Texas as well as to Mexico, and if not soon obtained Texas must do something for its own protection.

The summer visitors continue to roll in on the train and by auto and fast our little city is being recognized as the most pleasant place in Texas to spend the summer outing.

**Where Responsibility Should Rest**

The Times-Review of North Chicago, Ill., has the story in a nutshell:

Anthony Moran, who lived near here and who had beaten his wife at their home outside the city limits of North Chicago on Twenty-second Street, on a Friday night in February, was arrested, indicted by the grand jury, tried, and convicted of assault with intent to kill, although he sticks to the statement that he "did not know what he was doing." He was sentenced to the penitentiary for fourteen years.

The month before, Mrs. Moran had written a pathetic letter to her husband's employer. Anthony was spending his money on drink when the family had to have coal and food. The company tried to get the saloons to stop his liquor, and, failing, held his wages for her. Then the husband beat her up. Why isn't the saloon liable for this? Here's a woman half killed, a family broken up, a man in prison for fourteen years, and all for a little money in the till, another remittance to the distiller. How long must the rest of us pay the damages for this dirty business?—Collier's Weekly.

**Billy Sunday's Style**

Billy Sunday is to be estimated by what he does, not by the proprieties of speech and manner. I do not believe in all his methods, but I do believe in his results. I like polished sermons, but I like polished souls better. I am very sorry for broken rules of grammar, but much more sorry for broken moral precepts. I like the proprieties of speech much, but I like the proprieties of right living more. I am willing for the preacher to break grammar, if he will in doing so break hearts. I hate buffoonery in the pulpit, but downright moral earnestness may convert what would otherwise be buffoonery into the desperate earnestness of a prophet. The "language of the street" seems out of place in the pulpit to the conventionally trained, prim, and proper piety of the day. But it is fine to see "the people of the street" crowding into religious services. If a preacher can induce the liar to quit lying, and the drunkard to quit drinking, and the thief to quit stealing, and the adulterer to come clean, and the grafter to reform, he is a fine asset for civilization, whatever be his manner of speech. At the judgment day I don't believe God will ask Billy Sunday to pass an examination on literary style or rhetorical correctness in the use of metaphors, but on his fidelity to the souls of men. I believe the great good God is far more interested in the man who converts men from sin in rough language than in the man who leaves sinners self-complacent with polished sermons.—Dr. E. Y. Mullins in Literary Digest.

**Wealth Morally Earned**

Dr. Scott Nearing of the University of Pennsylvania is under the ban of some trust magnates and monopolists for writing that "it is immoral to acquire wealth by winning it from another rather than by earning it by some sort of service to our fellow men." But surely wealth not fairly earned is not morally earned.

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Mrs. M. T. Davis and Miss Minnie Mae Boeckman have gone on a few days outing on the upper Guadalupe.

Culanders, fruit jars, extra caps and rubbers, fruit jar funnels at H. Noll Stock Co.

Mrs. Eunice Parker and two children, Esson and Jesse Barton of El Paso are here visiting Miss Mattie Barton for a week.

It will be to your interest to get your lumber bill from Hillyer-Deutsch Lumber Co.

Miss Mary T. Perez of San Antonio will spend about two months in Kerrville visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Surber at Woodlawn ranch.

For Sale—A gasoline range, almost new, and in perfect condition, for sale at on half original price. West Texas Supply Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Mosty and Mrs. L. A. Mosty left yesterday for Lampasas for a few days visit to relatives.

Have you seen the pretty new ladies' silk shirt waists in black and white, price \$2.50 at H. Noll Stock Co.

Mrs. H. Mansfield and two little sons of Bandera are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. Meadows at Ingram this week.

If you want to keep your hair dry buy a bathing cap at Kerrville Drug Co.

Lem Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Burney Ligon and Mrs. Stanley Wilson of Fort Stockton are in Kerrville this week attending court as witnesses.

Water wings, bathing caps and shoes, bathing suits for ladies, men and boys at H. Noll Stock Co.

Mrs. R. S. Newman left Monday morning for Corpus Christi where she was called on account of the illness of her son, Harris, who is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Cochran, down there.

Nothing cheers the heart of the housewife more than to adorn her table with beautiful white fluffy biscuits. The flour that never fails is White House and Our Pride. The price is right too. Ring 92 and let us send you a sack. West Texas Supply Co.

Rev. C. E. Kainter, pastor of the Upper Guadalupe Baptist church, was in town Monday. He announces that an arbor is being built and everything put in readiness for the protracted meeting to begin there on Friday before the first Sunday in August.

The Advance has a friend who wants to sell or exchange some fine business property which is now renting for \$500 cash rent. A good improved farm will be considered in exchange.

Misses Ida and Alice Holman, who have their studios in the Mayor Temple of Music, San Antonio, are spending their vacation at Oakhurst farm, the attractive summering place near Centre Point, which has just been opened by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rees.

Pure white paraffine wax for sealing jams and preserves at H. Noll Stock Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter and Rev. and Mrs. S. F. Marsh of Medina came over last Thursday to bring Miss Porter to the hospital for an operation. She is doing nicely, we are glad to say.

Misses Ethel and Blanche Moore left yesterday morning for Mason on a visit to relatives.

Jelly glasses, large size, 35c per dozen at H. Noll Stock Co.

Mrs. Lou Martin and Miss Ina Kellogg of Westhoff are visiting at Mrs. D. N. Hodges'.

Fishing may look better on the other side of the creek, but the place to get your fishing tackle is at the Rock Drug Store.

Mrs. J. E. Weir and daughter, Dorothyfay, and Mrs. Frank House and children of Kingsville, are guests of Mrs. Daisie Kent for the month of July.

David Robb left Monday morning for the Baptist Encampment at P. lacious as a representative of the local B. Y. P. U.

Four, six and eight ball croquet sets very cheap at H. Noll Stock Co.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Strackbein of Rock Springs are here on a visit to Mrs. Strackbein's father, B. F. Hicks.

If you want to enjoy a bath put a little Violet Amonia in the water. Buy it at Kerrville Drug Co.

Prof. Chapman, the new superintendent of the Kerrville Schools, has arrived from Oklahoma and is busy arranging for the next term of school.

Miss Hilda Rosenthol of Houston is visiting her old Kerrville home and will be a guest of her sister, Mrs. Felix Real of Turtle Creek, and Kerrville relatives during the vacation months.

District Judge R. H. Burney tried three divorce cases last Saturday, and granted divorces in each case, in which the prime cause was red liquor. The divorce courts will bear out the fact that at least 80 per cent of the divorce cases result directly from drunkenness.

The following visiting lawyers are here attending court: Clarence Martin, Fredericksburg; Dayton Moses, Burnett; Horace E. Wilson, M. E. Blackburn, Junction; John F. Storms, R. J. Boyle, H. P. Burney, Geo. Powell, San Antonio; R. F. Ellis, Centre Point.

John Roberts of Houston came up last week to visit his mother, Mrs. L. A. Taylor and sisters, Mrs. George Burnett and Mrs. C. H. Utterback, and was accompanied by his little boy. He attended the funeral of his niece, Ida May Utterback and returned on Sunday evening's train.

"Uncle Johnnie" Smith of Junction is among the large number here to attend court as a witness in the Kountz case. Mr. Smith is 98 years of age but as spry as many men not more than 60. He has been a resident of the South Llano for 35 years and a resident of Texas for 75 years, having located in Hunt county when first coming to this state and lived there about 40 years.

#### Base Ball.

An old time country game of base ball was played here last Sunday between the Athletics and the Bandera team. At the windup the score stood 17 to 8 in favor of Kerrville. Two balls were batted over the park fence, one by Rawson and the other by Felix Mosel.

#### Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to our neighbors and friends for their loving help, kindness and sympathy during the sickness and death of our only daughter, Ida May, and for the beautiful flowers and the helpful and strengthening words of Revs. Riddle and Dickey.

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T. H. Phillips and daughter, Miss Bessie, of Lima, were visitors to Kerrville Saturday. Prof. Clarence Britt and family went home with them and returned Sunday evening.

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Mrs. S. Pearson and children left last week for Portland, Ore., where they expect to make their home.

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# EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

July 5.  
Aside from their continuous advance by which the Austro-Germans hope to drive the Russians out of Galicia and put an iron band around Warsaw, the Polish capital, the most interesting feature of the European war is the return of the Germans to the offensive in Belgium and France.

For many days it was the French who were forcing the issue in that fiercely contested territory to the north of Arras; now the Germans have assumed the aggressive. Similarly in the Argonne the Germans have taken matters in hand and have captured 2556 officers and men, twenty-five machine guns and a large number of mine throwers. They have occupied a section of the forest north of Fey-en-Haye after having stormed the French positions along a front of over a third of a mile.

The Russian retreat in Galicia continues, steadily. General von Linsingen's forces are advancing toward the Zlota Lipa river in full pursuit. The latest German official statement says that under pressure of the Germans the Russians are evacuating their positions from Narajow to Namionka and farther north from Namionka, twenty-three miles northeast of Lemberg, to Krylow, just over the border in southern Russian Poland.

On the Bug river the situation is unchanged, but Field Marshal von Mackensen's armies are advancing to the attack with the object, in the opinion of military experts, of driving a wedge into the Russian center and dislodging the Russians from the Vistula, forcing them back over the Bug. This would split the Russian armies.

The effects of the Italian campaign against Austria are somewhat obscure, although an unofficial dispatch says that since July 1 the Italians have gained nearly ten miles to the east of Carnia and that they are pushing

ing the Austrians back along the entire front.

July 6.  
London—With the exception of certain sectors between the Vistula and the Bug, the Austro-German rush in the eastern war zone seems to be losing its momentum. The Russians have braced themselves and are holding almost all points along their line, although the Austrians claim continued progress to the northeast of Krasnik and further east along the river Vjeprz, in the neighborhood of Tarnograd.

This is a critical sector so far as a northward blow at Warsaw is concerned, but it is evident that the Russians are stiffening their resistance after their long retreat, and the British press for the first time in weeks takes a more cheerful view of the eastern situation.

It is noteworthy that today's Berlin official communication speaks only of a gain on the northern Poland front, leaving the southeastern field entirely to the Austrians, who in their official statement emphasize that an advance on the center, between the Vistula and the Bug, was made by "Austrians."

The quiet which had prevailed on the British front in Flanders so long has been broken by a British gain on German trenches to the north of Ypres. The advance was made after typical trench warfare tactics backed by French artillery.

The part of the western front still holds its reputation as a gas area; Field Marshal French again recounting how the Germans have been bombarding Ypres with gas shells.

The last twenty-four hours have brought many renewed rumors that the Germans are planning to launch a new offensive in the west, their aim being to duplicate their Galician acties and break through to Calais at all costs. Reports to this effect came almost simultaneously from Zurich, Brussels, Paris and Amsterdam. The London papers gave them prominence, although how much is guesswork and how much is based on facts it is impossible to determine. According to the Zurich report ten German army corps which have been recuperating in the interior from the rigors of the Galician campaign are now moving westward.

The latest advices from General Sir Ian Hamilton, commander at the Dardanelles, took the Anglo-French expedition no further forward, but made plain the gallantry of the British and French troops who are fighting under almost insurmountable difficulties.

July 7.  
Berlin—The German army headquarters staff today gave out the following statement:

Western theater: Two attacks by French troops at Les Eparges were repulsed last night.

"The booty taken after our success in the forest of Le Peetre has been increased by one field gun and three machine guns. A pioneers' supply station with a large amount of material also fell into our hands."

"Our aviators attacked the aviation ground at Corleux, east of Epinal, and a French camp on the Breiffirst, to the east of Krust, in the Vosges."

"Eastern theater: A strongly fortified wood east of Bialobora and west of the road between Suwalkie and Kalwarya was taken by storm early this morning. We took about 500 Russian prisoners."

"Southwestern theater: The situation with the German troops is unchanged."

Paris—The French war office gave out the following statement:

"Last night showed much activity at several points along the line. In Belgium the British troops, supported by our artillery, took some German trenches southwest of Pilliken. The railroad station of Souchez remains in our hands in spite of repeated efforts of the enemy to take it."

"Arras was bombarded all night long."

"In the Argonne there was incessant fighting last night

## GERMANS MAY BLOCKADE THE CANADIAN COAST

The Scheme Is to Blockade All Routes From Canada and Stop Munitions Supply.

New York.—Germany plans to carry her submarine warfare into American waters, according to a reserve officer of the German navy, who is understood to be cognizant of the intentions of Admiral von Tirpitz, chief of staff of the German admiralty. The plan, as outlined, provides for the establishment of submarine bases off the Canadian coast, with a view to sinking every vessel leaving Halifax and Quebec for British ports.

The scheme can be carried out, the Germans are sure, without any question arising as to the legality of the proceeding or the violation of the Monroe Doctrine. The latter cannot be affected, it is pointed out, because it can be shown that the establishment of such bases would be in the enemy's territory and would not be done with a view to territorial conquest. Also no question of the neutrality of the United States would be involved.

In well-informed German circles rumors of an important submarine campaign against contraband-laden ships have been rife. It has been known generally that Von Tirpitz has bent all his energies to devising methods by which his undersea fleet can prevent the great quantities of munitions shipped from Canada to England from reaching their destination. It is admitted freely also that Germany is loath to risk another controversy with the United States such as that brought about by the Lusitania affair.

That the German plan is not only feasible, but comparatively simple, is conceded by Simon Lake, president of the Lake Torpedo Boat Company of Bridgeport, Conn. Officers of the United States submarine service think it is the logical step for Germany to take.

Further, United States naval officers in command of war vessels say there is little that could be done to thwart the Germans. The only methods that could be employed, they say, are embracing in the use of destroyers and air craft, neither of which has proved highly effective.

with bombs and hand grenades. Our artillery on several occasions checked the attacks of the enemy.

"On the heights of the Meuse the Germans attacked on two occasions our positions on the south side of the ravine of Sonvaux. They were completely repulsed."

"Near Le Pretre forest the enemy also assumed the offensive. Two attacks were checked by our artillery and infantry, with very heavy losses on the enemy."

July 10.  
An advance of 700 yards along a narrow front in the Vosges in which the French captured 800 unarmored Germans and the surrender of the German forces in German Southwest Africa to General Botha are the latest important war developments. These successes and the stand being made by the Russians in Southern Poland are cited by British military critics as proof that the tide of war is turning.

The bombardment of Arras continues and violent artillery engagements are reported between the Oise and Aisne rivers. Along other sections of the western front, with the exception of an artillery action in the Forest of Apremont, the French official statement announces comparative quiet reigns.

In Russian Poland, in the vicinity of Krasnik, fighting continues, while the situation in the northeast of the Russian war theater is unchanged. West of the Vistula, the Austrians claim to have held Russian advanced positions recently captured by them.

On the Carinthian-Tyrolean frontier in the Italian war theater the Austrian official statement says there have been artillery duels and skirmishes.

## CONSULAR AGENTS URGE ACTION IN MEXICO

Washington, D. C.—Urgent suggestion that the United States wait no longer than another month before taking some decisive action to restore law and order in Mexico have been forwarded to the State Department by several American consular officials in the northern part of the Republic. All these reports, it was learned tonight, have been forwarded to President Wilson at Cornish, N. H., after being studied carefully by State Department officials here.

Threatened famine and the inability of the contending military factions to restore peace and establish a government that could be recognized by the United States are dwelt upon by the consular officers. Conditions more serious than ever troubled Mexico has seen before are predicted unless the United States lends a hand quickly. Recognition of some element which may set up a strong government with the moral support of the United States is the solution usually urged.

Meager dispatches that reached the State department from Vera Cruz said Carranza's army estimated at 25,000 men, had pressed its fight for possession of the City of Mexico within ten miles of the capital. Apparently the investing forces had advanced eleven miles against the Zapata defenders in two days, practically reaching the city's suburbs.

None of the department's advisers indicated whether the defenders, who are believed to number about 15,000, had been driven back during fierce fighting or had voluntarily withdrawn to lines closer to the city. The Brazilian minister in charge of American interests, has notified leaders of both forces that foreigners in the capital and its vicinity must be protected.

Reports of food shortage continued to reach the State department and the Red Cross today from various parts of Mexico. One dispatch from north-eastern Mexico stated that, with the railway cut again, supplies in that section would last only a few days. The message added:

"It will be but a few weeks before the northeast of Mexico will be dependent upon the United States for the lives of all noncombatants. They are actually in danger of starvation."

Admiral Howard reported to the Navy department that quiet prevails on the west Mexican coast.

### SEEK EXTENSION.

Munich—The King of Bavaria has just delivered a speech at the Bavarian Canal Society which is attracting attention as the first noteworthy expression from any of the rulers of Germany looking toward an extension of Germany's boundaries as the result of the war. After referring to what has been accomplished by German arms since the war began, the King expressed his special satisfaction over this, because "in the general settlement of accounts with our enemies we can at last hope to secure for south and west Germany more favorable connections with the ocean."

The king went on to say that the blood already shed in the war shall not have been shed in vain.

"The fruit of our victory shall consist in strengthening the German Empire and extending its borders so far as this may be necessary to guarantee us against future attacks."

These words have everywhere been accepted as meaning that Germany intends to retain either the whole of Belgium, or at least the northern part of it, so as to give Germany Antwerp and communication with it over wholly German territory. This is in line with a project that has already been considerably discussed in Western Germany, of building a ship canal between Antwerp and the Rhine, so as to give that stream a German outlet to the sea. The economic argument in favor of such a scheme—apart from the cheapness of canal transportation—is that nearly all of the iron and steel exports from the great lower Rhine region find their way to the high seas by way of Antwerp.

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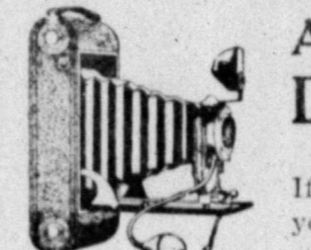
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rest before the canal society at the meeting in question was the construction of a large canal connecting the upper Main with the Danube, a project which has been under discussion for some years. The King in his speech assured the society that his government would do everything possible to carry through this project. As soon, he said, as the canal connecting the Danube with the Main at Bamberg should be completed the government would take steps to improve the Main and make it navigable between there and Aschaffenburg, the point to which large barges can at present ascend.

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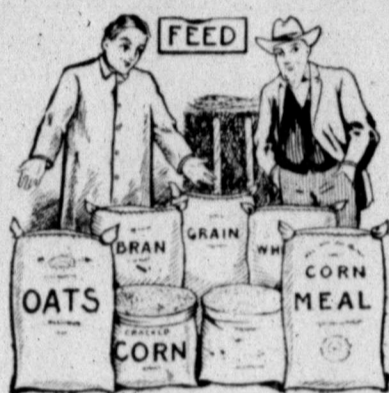
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### Medina Local Notes.

(Regular Correspondence)  
 Dr. Patterson made an auto trip to Kerrville Saturday.

J. R. Porter is spending some days in Kerrville with his daughter, Miss Allyne, who is in the Sanitarium for treatment.

Mr. Fabion Garison and Miss Alma attended the funeral of Horace Rambie of Mason Creek Sunday. We learn that the young man was thrown from a load of oats on Friday and injured before the team was stopped. He remained unconscious until Saturday night when he died. He had visited relatives in our community several times and all who had made his acquaintance here held him in high esteem.

Two automobile loads of men passed through our valley Friday viewing the route of the proposed railroad connecting San Angelo and San Antonio.

Mark McBryde and family and Mrs. Bud Keese left Monday for a visit with relatives at Mason.

A new baby girl is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Banta.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elvius Hicks, a fine boy.

The young people enjoyed a social at the Justice Hotel Saturday night.

Prof. Clarence Britt of the Kerrville Normal was a guest at the home of Tom Phillips of Lima the latter part of last week.

Mrs. O. P. Baker of Austin is visiting her daughter Mrs. Oscar King.

Miss Beatrice Tegart is attending the exposition at San Francisco.

The Misses Minnie and Maggie Seallorn were in Bandera Tuesday.

### Methodist Church Notes.

Presiding Elder J. H. Groseclose held Quarterly Conference with the church Saturday evening and delivered two able sermons Sunday.

The pastor is still in a meeting in San Antonio but there will be the regular preaching services Sunday.

### Baptist Church Notes.

This pastor was very glad to have Rev. J. W. Newbrough of Mexico preach for him at 11 o'clock last Sunday. His message was sad, but very informing about the Master's work out there. He has been preaching for the Mexican church here for more than one week, and last Sunday afternoon he buried with Christ in baptism seven Mexicans in the beautiful Guadalupe, above the city.

You are cordially invited to attend any or all of the following services at the Baptist church next Sunday: Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; preaching at 11 o'clock, then the "Sunbeams" will meet at 4 p. m.; the B. Y. P. U. at 7:15, then evangelistic services at 8:15. If you don't come it will not be my fault.

J. B. Riddle, pastor.

### Baptist Ladies' Aid.

Program for Missionary Day to be held at Mrs. W. H. Rawson's. Subject: Home Mission Schools. Leader—Mrs. Victor Hopkins. Hymn—"Blessed Be the Tie." Prayer—By Mrs. L. B. Clapp. The development of Paul, the missionary—Rev. J. B. Riddle. Bible Study—By members. Mountain Schools—Mrs. E. E. Bagwell.

Piano Solo—Miss Ferrol Rawson. Cuba—Mrs. A. P. Robb.

Mexico—Mrs. Nation Smith. Roll Call.

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### Baptist Young People Union Notes.

Last Sunday we had a very interesting contest on the life of Moses. As the literature has not arrived we have decided to have another contest; this time on the life of Jacob. Sides will be chosen as before and the leader, Miss Mable Deering, will ask the questions.

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