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Registration Notes

The Kerr County Exemption Board under the selective-draft law, composed of J. E. Grinstead, J. M. Hamilton and Dr. E. E. Palmer, with Clerk A. C. Skwartz, are now about finishing up their duties of classifying the registrants. They have certified 242 for class one in this county and out of these there have been 65 claims for exemption on agricultural grounds, and in each of these cases an appeal has been made to the district board. The local board did not recommend any of these exemption claims and we understand only two have been granted by the district board. There have been about sixty appeals from class one for other causes. There were 117 who accepted their classification.

Of the 494 originally registered, six have died and sixty have entered the army, navy or aviation as volunteers.

The record shows that 17 registrants failed to send in the questionnaires, as follows: Walter Mohrhoff, Jackson Lewis Nugent, Willis Fleming Crider, Arthur Moses Terry, Allen Thornton Griffin, Roman Joseph Kalogy, Henry Burton (col.), and ten Mexicans, viz: Pedro Ramarez, Martin Salazar, Margil Garcia, Fasilvial Ayala, Felix Ayala, Jesus Ayala, Bruno Ayala, Jesus Espinosa, Nicolas Ayala.

The board has received order to begin the examination of all Class I registrants and expect to begin such examinations in a few days.

It looks like now that Class I will be called about the 15th of next month.

Red Cross Column

(By Mrs. J. W. Barney)

An office has been opened at Red Cross Headquarters and the Secretary, Mrs. John Barney, will be on duty from 1 o'clock until 3 every day. All business with the Secretary should be transacted at that time.

Twenty-two million soldiers of the Red Cross now stand ready to obey the commands of their leaders. Men, unable, for one cause and another, to fight in the trenches, may fight as effectively at home. Women, and even children, though they may not carry arms, may cheer and keep steadfast the heroes who are offering themselves on the Altar of Liberty. The ends for which we all hope and struggle may be the sooner attained if we do our share. There is work and much work for all. For the men there are financial and administrative duties, duties in the fields of Military and Civilian Relief. For the women there can be no pause. Bandages, dressings, garments are needed in staggering quantities and millions of hands must fold and roll and stitch and hem; millions of fingers must deftly knit the warm articles without which the dread foe of disease will thin our ranks. If we are fully equipped with dressings by the time our draft army reaches the front we can save untold suffering. But it is not work that can be done only in spare moments. We want to give a very considerable portion of our time to it. We want to realize that it is serious, life-saving work and that if we do not do it then it will not be done. It is not a duty we can shirk. Let us ask ourselves: Are we thinking and working in terms of the individual or community, or in terms of our National Life, which calls for united service and unbroken ranks in the great volunteer Red Cross Army? A

keen observer of world conditions at this time, whose opinions are regarded as expert testimony, says: "The unity of the people at home is one of the most important factors in bringing this war to a close." Let us be good soldiers and follow our leaders in organization who have given their best thought to this question, convinced that work to be most effective must be harnessed to organization.

Mrs. Pampell's class meeting last Saturday afternoon should be an example and an inspiration, not only to the young people of Kerrville, but to the older ones as well. Thirty-two young girls were on duty and during the afternoon they made thirty-six dozen compresses. Those present were: Misses Kemper, May Carpenter, Tyler Wilkinson, Ruth Garrett, Marguerite Henke, Minnie Deitert, May Belle Roberts, Norma Walther, Margaret Thorburn, Jewell Paue, Lonnie Benson, Laura Henke, Dora Johnston, Ellen Mason, Mae Louise Schreiner, Bessie Grinstead, Beatrice Ridgeway, Nellie Horn, Lillian Sutton, Mary Horne, Wilhelmina Mosel, Dorothy Taquard, Marie Williams, Helena Brown, Clara Tarver, Ruth Taquard, Mabel Thorburn, Mildred Sautier, Graves Dewees, Clara Herzog, Elsie Johnston, and Mesdames L. A. Schreiner, John Butler and Earle Nichols.

The Presbyterian Class for making Surgical Supplies will meet at the residence of Mrs. Gold on Thursday afternoons. This class will furnish all material used and donate the finished articles to the local Chapter. The ladies present last week were: Mesdames Fisk, Simmons, E. E. Palmer, Holdsworth, A. C. Schreiner, E. E. Deitert, Doyle, Gold, H. E. Williams, A. C. Schreiner Jr., and the Misses Garrett and Williams.

Mrs. L. A. Schreiner announced that a class for making surgical supplies will be conducted every afternoon, and every woman in the community is not only invited, but earnestly urged to attend these classes. Mrs. A. C. Schreiner Jr. will be in charge on Monday afternoons, Mrs. John Butler on Tuesday, Mrs. King on Wednesday, Mrs. G. F. Schreiner on Thursday and Friday, and Mrs. J. L. Pampell on Saturday. Mrs. Butler reports an unusually good meeting last week. Fourteen oranges were present: Mesdames Abbott, Gold, K. G. Baker, E. E. Palmer, Holdsworth, W. A. Coleman, Simmons, Ed Deitert, Otto Schuetzheim, L. A. Schreiner, Bunbury and Butler, and the Misses Janie Clark and Mabel Moos. Six hundred and thirty-seven sponges were made. Received for the general fund: Uncle Bill Wharton, \$1.00; Boy Smith, \$2.00.

Mrs. E. E. Palmer donated a roll of gauze to the Chapter. This material made four hundred compresses.

The Kerr County Chapter is indebted to Mr. Felix Allen for carpenter work in the Red Cross dooms. The report of the Catholic Circle was received too late for publication. It will appear in these columns next week.

Mrs. Bunbury, Mrs. Otto Schwetheim and Miss Irene Bulwer worked in the Surgical Dressings Department on Friday.

Mrs. Weiss reports seven members present at the last meeting: Miss Clara Herzog, and Mesdames A. C. Schreiner Jr., E. E. Palmer, Fisk, L. A. Schreiner, Butler and Doyle.

Miss Bulwer was in charge of the Surgical Dressings class on Thursday. Five workers were on duty as follows: Mesdames Otto Schuetzheim, Bunbury, Abbott, Pampell and Compagnette. Fifteen dozen compresses were made.

Miss Fannie Huntington reports nine members present last week as follows: Misses Johnston, Galbraith, F. Huntington, S. Huntington, and Mesdames Walther, Wheelers, Roberts, Brandigan and Young. Misses S. Huntington and Galbraith worked in the Surgical Dressings Department.

The Ingram Sewing Circle is now thoroughly organized with Mrs. S. J. Williams as chairman. The members are: Mesdames O. Garland, Doc Archer, Ed Smith, John Leinweber, A. Bittle and the Misses Colvin, L. A. Nichols and Pearl Nichols. These ladies have made twelve hospital shirts.

Those present at Mrs. King's Class last Wednesday were: Mesdames Wheelers, Christiana, Bunbury, E. E. Palmer, Sautier, Roberts, King, L. A. Schreiner, and the Misses Mae Davey, F. Huntington, S. Huntington and Galbraith. Two hundred and eighty compresses were made.

War Savings and Thrift Week.

Uncle Sam is fighting to save the honor, homes and liberty of every man woman and child in America. But "Uncle Sam" is just a short name for "United States" and that means all of us.

Uncle Sam can fight just as hard and long as All Of Us back him up with men and money.

We are proud that we have subscribed two Liberty Loans and millions for Red Cross and Y. M. C. A., but much more will be needed.

Another thing, most of these amounts have been given by people who could give a lot at once. The smallest Liberty Bond was fifty dollars. Many of us could not get in on that because we could not pay fifty dollars at once or even promise it. The War Savings plan is intended to make it so that the millions of men, women, children, who are just as patriotic as those who can give in hundreds and thousands but haven't that much to give, can get in and do their part to keep America safe.

So instead of saying you will have at least fifty dollars to buy a bond, the government has said you can start with a quarter. You can go to the Post Office or a bank and buy a war savings stamp for twenty five cents. To make it easy to take care of you will be given a card with spaces on it for sixteen stamps.

When you have put a stamp on each of the spaces, you take your card to the Post Office and pay twelve cents if it is in January or another cent additional for each month after January, and get a War Savings Certificate for five dollars. That means that you get a United States Bond that is just as safe as if it was gold for five dollars by paying in four dollars and twelve cents with the additional cents for each month until maturity in 1923, when the government will take them up at five dollars each.

If you don't want to start with a quarter you can get a War Savings certificate for five dollars to start with by paying down four dollars and twelve cents and so on, but you can't buy more than a hundred dollars worth at once or more than a thousand all together, for this plan is intended for people who have not much money at one time.

Why should we buy these certificates?

The main reason is that we are each one a part of the United States and we are fighting to save every thing that our free country and free government means for ourselves and the rest of the world. If we lose each one of us will suffer terribly.

We want to and must do our very best to help. If every one in the country buys one twenty five cent stamp it will make twenty five million dollars and that will help a lot in winning the war.

The next reason is that this is the best chance to start saving something that American people have ever had.

We never have had any really good investments that we could start with at less than about a thousand dollars. This means that a boy who has a quarter that he might spend for chewing gum and a picture show can help his country and at the same time start a savings account that is absolutely safe and drawing good interest while he sleeps or goes fishing.

The week beginning February the fourth will be "Thrift Week" in Kerr County. This plan will be explained in all the schools and in other ways and we expect Kerr county to do like it has done in everything else so far, go over the top.

Mr. Prescott is chairman of the War Savings Committee for the county and Mrs. Geo. M. Doyle is chairman of the Woman's Committee. They will give you any information about it and will welcome your help in making this a big success.



Wool and Mohair Commission Merchant

If you are anxious to get ahead in the world, begin by saving a part of your regular earnings, for money paves the way to the desirable things of life.

Start an account with us this week and add to it every pay day. Soon you will have enough to buy property, take a desired trip, send your son to college or make profitable investments.

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Center Point Letter

Regular Correspondence: Misses Alice and Gladys Corder from near Rock Springs were the week-end guests at the home of Mr. John McFryde.

Rev. J. H. Meredith has resigned as pastor of the Methodist church and has accepted a position in the Y. M. C. A. in a San Antonio training camp, and will move his family there about Feb. 1. We regret to lose Bro. Meredith and his good family.

Mr. Beard, a student at Camp Stanley, spent the week end here the guest of friends.

Jay Cowden, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Cowden of this place, died of pneumonia at Camp Bowie, Ft. Worth, Jan. 17. The body accompanied by two of his brothers, members also of Co. E. 141 Inf. U. S. N. G. arrived Saturday night. Funeral services were conducted at 11 o'clock Sunday by Rev. J. H. Meredith. Jay was about twenty two years of age. Surviving him are his parents, four sisters and seven brothers, all of whom were present at the funeral except two brothers who are ill with pneumonia at Camp Bowie.

Rev. Harold W. Bennett, Y. M. C. A. worker at Camp Stanley spent the week-end here with his wife Hill Goss and Leona McDonald went to Sonora last week to meet Mrs. Julia McDonald. They were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wharton and family and Mr. R. J. Ridley of Sonora.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Meeks visited Kerrville Friday.

Mr. Harvey Mosty is busy improving his farm he purchased recently from Tom Hagens. Mr. White has the contract for building his house.

Wm. McBryde and Sam Hodges made a "flying" trip to Rock Springs Sunday. Rather a cold day for ordinary people to be "flying" but under the circumstances they declare it was warm. Oh, but we don't think it was warm!

Civic League of Kerr Co.

The Civic League will hold a regular meeting on Saturday, Jan. 26 at 3.30 in the Business Men's Club rooms. Important matters concerning Red Cross work will be discussed and voted upon. All members of the League please try to attend.

Press Committee.

Select stock of onion sets at Berry's Store—red, white and yellow. Free trial to you.

Bandera Items.

From the New Era. Cpl T. H. Hammond formerly of Medina, Texas, has been temporarily assigned as chief of the ninth section of Btry D 343rd F. A. In a recent examination for non-commissioned officers and privates, Hammond made a grade of ninety four, being the best made by any man of his battery.

Andy Mansfield and Frank Montague made a flying trip to Kerrville last Sunday.

W. J. Davenport Sr. has had his Bank building repaired and fixtures placed. We understand Bandera is to have another Bank in the near future.

Black hankerchief ties for middy blouses, at West Texas Supply Co.

Special Features

THE ADVANCE goes back to its old 8-page form this week. We got tired of the little flimsy 4-page sheet and are sure our readers did. The high price of paper was the cause of our adopting it and may force us back to it, but we hope with the splendid news service we are now giving to infuse new life in the paper and gain enough new patronage to justify us in keeping it up.

The War News feature, the fine serial story, "North of Fifty Three," Texas News, Washington News, Stock and farm news, and many other strong features will make the Advance worth a great deal more than the price asked.

All the news about the Army Draft, War Saving Certificates, Red Cross, and everything pertaining to the great war will be given each week. We hope you will appreciate the new service and help us to boost for the Advance. If you are behind with us, this would be a fine time to pay up. Help us in our effort to give you a better paper.

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PEACE PARLEYS AGAIN HALTED

ASSEMBLY IS DISSOLVED BY THE BOLSHEVIKI AFTER SEEING POWER WAVING.

TWO BIG CRUISERS SUNK

Two German Cruisers, Famous as Raiders, Meet Fate in Dardanelles at Hands of the British.

The Russian constituents assembly was short-lived. Convening Friday in the Tauride Palace in Petrograd during street fighting, it was dissolved early Saturday morning by the bolsheviks after a vote had shown conclusively that the government headed by Lenin and Trotsky was greatly in the minority.

Thus, for the moment at least, has passed away at its inception the legislative body through which it had been thought order would be brought out of the anomalous situation that has existed in Russia since the revolution which resulted in the imperial family and the bureaucrats being thrown out of power.

Likewise, the delegates to the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk again are at sixes and sevens and the pourparlers have ended. As on the other occasions when they ceased, the stumbling block is the German demands and their refusal to withdraw their troops from the occupied portions of Russia.

After an adventurous career of nearly three and a half years in fighting and raiding operations in the Black Sea, the famous former German cruisers Goeben and Breslau have met their fate at the hands of British warships in a fight at the entrance to the Dardanelles.

The Breslau, renamed Midullu, was sunk, and the Goeben, rechristened Sultan Yawuz Selim, was beached. The two cruisers escaped into Turkish waters shortly after the outbreak of the war and were purchased by the Turks.

Fresh troubles are reported to have broken out throughout Austria. General strikes have taken place, and in Vienna and Neustadt all the war manufacturing plants are reported to have been closed. In these towns 100,000 men are said to have quit their jobs. The movement is political and economic and has as its basis the desire for peace. Anti-Germanism is declared to be especially prevalent throughout the country.

On the western front in France and Belgium the military operations apparently are increasing all along the line. If compared with those of the last few weeks, when little or no fighting, except artillery duels and minor raids, was carried out.

Entente allied warships have bombarded Germany's submarine base at Ostend, on the Northern Belgian coast, while around Ypres, between Lens and St. Quentin, on the Chemin des Dames, on the St. Mihiel sector and north of the Rhine-Marne canal, there has been a notable increase in the operations by the infantry. The probabilities are that with the return of good weather the expected big battles may take place.

One indication of the probably early commencement of fighting is the resumption of aerial activity on a large scale, especially on the French front. Saturday the French airmen had a good day operating against the Teutons, sending down eight enemy machines in fights in the air.

On the Italian front the fighting again has turned to the artillery wings of each side, the infantry keeping to its trenches except for small patrol engagements. All along the northern front the artillery duels are of a violent character, and at several points along the Piave river like conditions prevail.

The authorities at Smolny Institute have sent a note to the Japanese and British embassies at Petrograd asking information concerning the entrance of British and Japanese cruisers into Vladivostok harbor.

Hancock Is Reappointed.

Austin, Tex.—Curtis Hancock of Dallas has been reappointed chairman of the state highway commission to succeed himself. Announcement to this effect came Sunday from Governor Hobby, who also authorized the statement that he had appointed J. G. Fowler of San Antonio a member of the highway commission to succeed H. C. Odle of Bosque County.

Determined to Continue War.

London.—The first month of 1918 has been one of the most trying of the whole war for the British people. Now the nations seem to have weathered its doubts and disagreements and accepted the watchword, "We must go on or go under."

Fruit Jobbers' Convention.

Houston, Tex.—At the closing session Saturday of the Western Fruit Jobbers' Association of America, after a three-day session in Houston, Louis A. Kinney of Hastings, Neb., was elected president to serve the ensuing year and the delegates voted to hold the next annual meeting in Chicago. The result of the convention showed the fruit jobbers of the country were with President Wilson in winning the war and Herbert Hoover came in for much praise.

MANUFACTURING PLANTS OBEY GARFIELD'S ORDER

Compliance With Order Released Ships and Cars Loaded With Necessities That Were Standing Still.

Washington.—The nation's manufacturing industry in the twenty-eight states east of the Mississippi river was virtually suspended Friday in obedience to the government's order forbidding the use of fuel.

Most of the plants engaged on war contracts were exempted from the order's operation in telegrams sent out, but few of them learned of it in time and a great majority of them closed down with the factories.

Opposition to the order in congress apparently spent itself in debate in both houses. Friday Dr. Garfield replied to the senate's request that the order be suspended for five days, disclaiming any purpose to be discouraging, declining to comply and again pointing out the necessity for enforcement of his order.

Food Administrator Hoover in a statement interpreted the order to mean that no check would be put on the operations of any sort of food handling, manufacturing or distributing.

The plants exempted from a list prepared by Secretaries Baker and Daniels are those manufacturing gas masks, explosives for the government, rifles, pistols, machine guns and small arms ammunition, forgings for the government, electrical supplies and tool steel for war purposes, destroyers and destroyer parts, seamless tubes and condenser tubes, aircraft and aircraft parts, signal corps equipment, locomotives, equipment for ships, white goods for the army and navy, woolen goods and tenting for the government and optical supplies.

All shipyards, although not included in the exempted list, will continue operation under a special ruling, as will hundreds of plants turning out materials which enter directly into the manufacture of army and navy supplies.

Most of the big steel plants and a large number of the country's automobile factories are included in the list.

Among the collateral industries which will be classed as not coming within provisions of the order will be virtually all mines producing ores.

In his statement supporting Dr. Garfield's issuance of the closing order, President Wilson says he was consulted and fully agreed with the fuel administrator as to its necessity. If the action had not been taken, he declared, immediate relief could not have been found for the fuel and transportation shortage.

"This war," he said, "calls for many sacrifices and sacrifices of the sort called for by this order are infinitely less than sacrifices of life which otherwise might be involved."

Dr. Garfield's statement emphasizes the railroad congestion which he declares is threatening the food supply, points to the necessity for moving ships to Europe and carries an appeal to capital to bear its share of the burden brought by the closing order by paying employes for the time they are idle.

Convention of Live Stock Men.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—Affirming its confidence in President Wilson and pledging the president the wholehearted support of the live stock men of the nation to win this war, the American National Live Stock Association brought its twenty-first annual convention to a close Wednesday. The convention went on record as approving the concentration of power by the government in the hands of efficient agencies for the developing and mobilizing of the strength of the nation. The national association raised, by popular subscription on the floor of the convention, nearly \$30,000 with which to maintain a special delegation at Washington to confer and cooperate with the federal food administration, the federal trade commission and all other agencies of the government. The convention chose Denver, Colo., as the place for holding the 1919 convention.

Governor Promises Fair Consideration

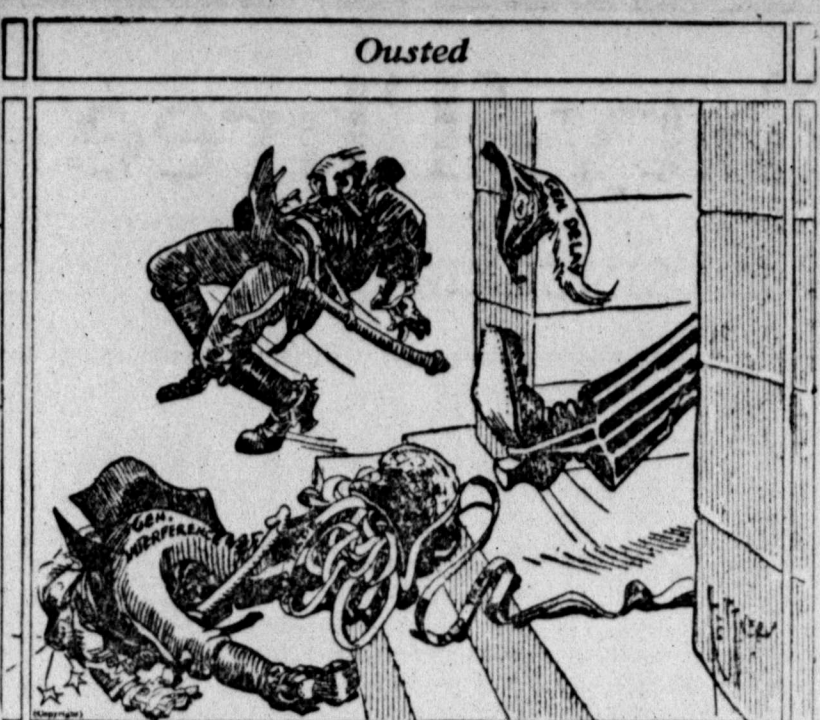
Houston, Tex.—"I am glad to have an opportunity of hearing both sides of the question and will take the matter under advisement and do what I think best for the agricultural interests of the state," Governor William P. Hobby told representatives of the seven Texas counties who conferred with him in Houston Thursday and protested against the proposed plan of creating a nonconforming zone on account of the pink boll worm. The meeting developed the fact that both federal and state agricultural workers and the growers in the section were in close harmony in the matter of prevention.

State Banks May Buy Loans.

Austin, Tex.—The attorney general's department Friday, in an opinion to Governor W. P. Hobby, advised that state banks have authority to invest in farm loan bonds of the federal land bank at Houston. Funds invested in such bonds have the same immunity from taxation as United States government bonds, the opinion held.

Need of Fast Shipbuilding.

Washington.—Senator McCumber of North Dakota Wednesday gave the senate a gloomy picture of the position of the United States and her allies in emphasizing his plea for radical speeding up of the shipbuilding program. He declared England was now bearing the brunt of the war, and asked, "How long can she stand this strain?" The United States must send 5,000,000 troops to balance the man power of the central powers, he said, and 7,000,000 would be needed to make the Germans retreat.



COMMISSION ON WAGES AND LABOR IS NAMED

Will Supervise All Transportation Problems and Guard Welfare of Employes.

Washington.—Director General McAdoo announced Friday the appointment of a railroad wage commission of four public men to analyze and recommend action on all wage and labor questions pending before the government railroad administration, including the railway brotherhoods' demands.

At the same time the director general put into effect a new system of government railroad administration by dividing the country into three operating regions—east, south and west—and placed a railroad executive at the head of each as his representative.

The wage commission consists of Secretary Lane, Interstate Commerce Commissioner C. C. McChord, Judge Harry Covington, chief justice of the District of Columbia supreme court, and William R. Wilcox, who Friday announced his resignation as chairman of the republican national committee.

It was planned originally to pass on only the four brotherhoods' wage demands, but so many other labor questions have been submitted to the director general since then that he determined to refer them all to the board. It will hear all labor complaints or petitions, make careful investigations and recommend a course of action to Mr. McAdoo.

The commission's inquiry will deal with general questions affecting railway employes regardless of whether any specific request or complaint has been made to the director general or to railroad managements before the government assumed control.

Cause of Train Wreck Found.

Houston, Tex.—The falling of a freight car brake beam which bent the switch rod and sprung the switch at Hammond was responsible for the accident to the Owl passenger train of the Houston & Texas Central recently near that place. This is the opinion of the board of inquiry which was presided over by W. E. Costello, superintendent of the first division, which was received by the general manager's office Friday. According to the findings of the board, the beam dropped from the car in an extra east-bound freight which had passed earlier in the night and that when the Owl came along the forward trucks of the chair car took the switch and crashed into an engine and a caboose on the siding, killing seventeen and injuring a number of others.

Food Conservation to Be Obligatory.

Washington.—Stricter economy of food is to be required of the American people by new laws put in the making Tuesday by congress. Wheatless and wheatless days and other economies that America can help sustain her co-belligerents would become mandatory by law instead of voluntary, as at present. Such new laws, the food administration holds, are necessary to protect the millions of loyal Americans co-operating in food saving against the wastefulness of a few individuals and of public eating houses which are said to handle probably 50 per cent of the food supply.

Two Louisiana Boys Lose Lives.

Washington.—General Pershing Friday reported the following deaths in the overseas force: Private Benny Boylston, labor company, January 12, pneumonia, mother lives at Saline, La.; Private Marshall Bell, labor company, January 14, pneumonia, sister Rena Wilkins, Washington, La.

Superdreadnaughts of Air.

Washington.—Experts under the aircraft production board are at work upon an engine that is expected to surpass the Liberty motor in power while retaining all the qualities for quantity production. While the original Liberty motor includes no mechanical innovations or experiments, the designers have been given full latitude in the new machine, and it probably will mark distinct progress in the art of airplane engine designing.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN TO COME IN MARCH

Certificates of Indebtedness Provided for Banks to Take Subscriptions. \$400,000,000 Treasury Certificates.

Washington.—As the first financial step in preparation for the third liberty loan, Secretary McAdoo Thursday announced a new issue of \$400,000,000 treasury certificates of indebtedness bearing 4 per cent from January 22 and payable April 22. Subscriptions will be received by federal reserve banks at par and accrued interest until January 29 and payment must be made by that date. The certificates will be received in payment of third liberty loan subscriptions.

This arrangement indicates that the first payment on the third liberty loan will be on or about April 22, and that if the same plan of installment payments is maintained for the third as for the second loan the bond selling campaign will be in March. For the second loan the first payment was made two weeks after the close of the month's campaign.

For the first time since the United States started its big war financing movement subscriptions will be received simultaneously for two current issues of certificates, since an issue of so-called tax certificates is still open. The interest rate is the same as on other recent issues.

On the latest issue Secretary McAdoo reserved the right to reject any subscription, to allot less than the amount applied for, to close the subscription books at any time and redeem the certificates before their maturity date. The certificates will be in denominations of \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. They are exempt from all federal, state and local taxes except estate and inheritance taxes, income surtaxes and excess profits taxes. Interest on \$5,000 worth of certificates owned by one person or interest is also exempt from income surtaxes and excess profits taxes.

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ESTABLISH GRAIN AND HAY MARKET REPORTING SERVICE

Purpose is to Furnish Information as to Location, and Prices of Feedstuffs to Feed Buyers.

The United States Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, is operating a temporary grain and hay market reporting service in Fort Worth for the purpose of furnishing information of the location and prices of feedstuffs to the feed buyers of the drought district. Offices are maintained in Room 215A Livestock Exchange, where there is published daily a market bulletin containing general market information and prices of grain and hay in primary market centers, such as, for instance, as Kansas City, Omaha and Little Rock. The most important feature of the service, however, is that wherein are listed the location and prices of definite lots of feedstuffs which are offered for sale.

Mr. K. B. Seeds of Washington, chief of the Grain and Hay Market Reporting Service, spent some weeks in the Southwest in the interest of this work and at the present time Mr. Louie D. Todd and Mr. F. R. Milburn of the Federal Bureau of Markets are stationed in the Fort Worth office while Mr. W. F. Craddock of the Extension Service of the Texas A. and M. College is representing that institution in the work. The New Mexico College is actively co-operating and the agricultural colleges and extension services of the neighboring states are rendering every possible assistance.

The plan of operation in detail is explained by Mr. Todd in the following interview. Mr. Todd said: "The protracted dry period, extending over a considerable portion of the State of Texas and over a lesser portion of the States of Oklahoma, New Mexico and Colorado, necessitated the movement of feedstuffs into the affected territory in much greater volume than usual. This sudden and increased demand for grains and forage constituted an emergency which impelled the Department of Agriculture to take action."

"In the states surrounding the feed consuming territory to which attention has just been made, and in some portions of the affected states themselves, there was produced a surplus of feedstuffs of various kinds. Information as to the location and character of these commodities was already in possession of the Department of Agriculture through the activities of the Grain and Hay Market Reporting Service, a project conducted by the Federal Bureau of Markets. The two colleges above referred to, through the work of their extension services, were maintaining organizations of county agricultural agents, sensitive to the needs of every community in these two states. The idea of combining the forces of the United States Department of Agriculture and the State Extension Services of these two states has been carried out, making available for the present emergency a large working force of market men having knowledge of the location of feedstuffs and the demand for them."

"The Federal government, following its accustomed policy of extending aid in times of special necessity, is bearing the entire expense of this work. Besides the office in Fort Worth, branch offices are maintained in Memphis, Tennessee, Montgomery, Alabama, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Kansas City, Mo.; St. Joseph, Mo., and at other points. From these various sources definite orders of all kinds are located and listed for sale for the owner, whether he be a farmer or a dealer. This information is then circulated broadcast through out the consuming territory. Anyone, whether a consumer or a dealer, interested in purchasing any listed commodity is expected to have his bank wire this office a definite order accompanied with the bank's guarantee of payment of draft when presented. The order will then be transmitted by this office to the party listing that commodity."

"It is not intended, in any sense," Mr. Todd continued, "to usurp or interfere with the regular channels of business. Rather is it intended to facilitate the movement of feeds through the accustomed channels. Although the work has barely gotten under way, already a considerable volume of business has been directed to grain dealers and farmers who had listed their goods in our bulletin."

Cause of Train Wreck Found.

Houston, Tex.—The falling of a freight car brake beam which bent the switch rod and sprung the switch at Hammond was responsible for the accident to the Owl passenger train of the Houston & Texas Central recently near that place. This is the opinion of the board of inquiry which was presided over by W. E. Costello, superintendent of the first division, which was received by the general manager's office Friday. According to the findings of the board, the beam dropped from the car in an extra east-bound freight which had passed earlier in the night and that when the Owl came along the forward trucks of the chair car took the switch and crashed into an engine and a caboose on the siding, killing seventeen and injuring a number of others.

Food Conservation to Be Obligatory.

Washington.—Stricter economy of food is to be required of the American people by new laws put in the making Tuesday by congress. Wheatless and wheatless days and other economies that America can help sustain her co-belligerents would become mandatory by law instead of voluntary, as at present. Such new laws, the food administration holds, are necessary to protect the millions of loyal Americans co-operating in food saving against the wastefulness of a few individuals and of public eating houses which are said to handle probably 50 per cent of the food supply.

Two Louisiana Boys Lose Lives.

Washington.—General Pershing Friday reported the following deaths in the overseas force: Private Benny Boylston, labor company, January 12, pneumonia, mother lives at Saline, La.; Private Marshall Bell, labor company, January 14, pneumonia, sister Rena Wilkins, Washington, La.

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Washington.—Experts under the aircraft production board are at work upon an engine that is expected to surpass the Liberty motor in power while retaining all the qualities for quantity production. While the original Liberty motor includes no mechanical innovations or experiments, the designers have been given full latitude in the new machine, and it probably will mark distinct progress in the art of airplane engine designing.

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BUSH'S THREATS TO MAKE HAZEL SUFFER FOR HER REJECTION OF HIS PROPOSAL ARE FOUND NOT TO HAVE BEEN IDLY MADE

Synopsis.—Miss Hazel Weir is employed as a stenographer in the office of Harrington & Bush at Granville, Ontario. She is engaged to Jack Barrow, a young real estate agent. Mr. Bush, Hazel's employer, suddenly notices her attractiveness and at once makes her his private stenographer. After three months Bush proposes marriage. Hazel refuses, and after a stormy scene, in which Bush warns her he will make her sorry for her action, Hazel leaves the office, never to return.

CHAPTER II—Continued

Hazel stared, aghast, astounded. She was not at all sorry; she was perhaps a trifle ashamed. But the humor of the thing appealed to her most strongly of all. In spite of herself, she smiled as she reached once more for her hat. And this time Mr. Bush did not attempt to restrain her.

She breathed a sigh of relief when she had gained the street, and she did not in the least care if her departure during business hours excited any curiosity in the main office. Moreover, she was doubly glad to be away from Bush.

"He looked perfectly devilish," she told herself. "My, I loathe that man! He is dangerous. Marry him? The idea!"

She knew that she must have cut him deeply in a man's tenderest spot—his self-esteem. But just how well she had gauged the look and possibilities of Mr. Andrew Bush, Hazel scarcely realized.

"I won't tell Jack," she reflected. "He'd probably want to thrash him. And that would stir up a lot of horrid talk. Dear me, that's one experience I don't want repeated. I wonder if he made court to his first wife in that high-handed, love-me-or-I'll-beat-you-to-death fashion?"

She laughed when she caught herself scrubbing vigorously with her handkerchief at the place where his lips had touched her cheek. She was primitive enough in her instincts to feel a trifle glad of having retaliated in what her training compelled her to consider a "perfectly hygienic" manner. But she could not deny that it had proved wonderfully effective.

CHAPTER III.

"I Do Give and Bequeath." When Jack Barrow called again, which happened to be that very evening, Hazel told him simply that she had left Harrington & Bush, without entering into any explanation except the general one that she had found it impossible to get on with Mr. Bush in her new position. And Jack, being more concerned with her than with her work, gave the matter scant consideration.

This was on a Friday. The next forenoon Hazel went downtown. When she returned, a little before eleven, the maid of all work was putting the last touches to her room. The girl pointed to an oblong package on a chair.

"That came for you a little while ago, Miss Weir," she said. "Mr. Bush's carriage brought it."

"Mr. Bush's carriage!" Hazel echoed. "You're regular swell turnout, with a footman in brown livery. My, you could see the girls peeling all along the square when it stopped at our door. It quite flustered the missus."

The girl lingered a second, curiosity writ large on her countenance. Plainly she wished to discover what Miss Hazel Weir would be getting in a package that was delivered in so aristocratic a manner. But Hazel was in no mood to gratify anyone's curiosity. She was angry at the presumption of Mr. Andrew Bush. It was an excellent way of subjecting her to remark.

She drew off her gloves, and, laying aside her hat, picked up a newspaper, and began to read. The girl, with no excuse for lingering, reluctantly gathered up her broom and dustpan, and departed. When she was gone, and not till then, Miss Weir investigated the parcel.

Roses—two dozen long-stemmed La Frances—filled the room with their delicate odor when she removed the pasteboard cover. And set edgewise among the stems she found his card. Miss Weir turned up her small nose.

"I wonder if he sends these as a sort of peace offering?" she snorted. "I wonder if a few hours of reflection has made him realize just how exceedingly oddish he acted? Well, Mr. Bush, I'll return your unwelcome gift—though they are beautiful flowers." And she did forthwith, squandering 40 cents on a messenger boy to deliver them to Mr. Bush at his office. She wished him to labor under no misapprehension as to her attitude.

The next day—Sunday—she spent with Jack Barrow on a visit to his cousin in a nearby town. They parted, as was their custom, at the door. It was still early in the evening—eight-thirty, or thereabouts—and Hazel went into the parlor on the first floor. Mrs. Stout and one of her boarders sat there chatting, and at Hazel's entrance the landlady greeted her with a startling bit of news:

"Evenin', Miss Weir. 'Ave you 'eard about Mr. Bush, pore gentleman?" Mrs. Stout was very English.

"Mr. Bush? No. What about him?" "E was 'urt shockin' bad this aft'noon," Mrs. Stout related. "Out 'orse-back ridin', and 'is 'orse ran away with 'im, and fell on 'im. Fell all of a 'cap, they say. Terrible—terrible! The pore man isn't expected to live. 'Is back's broke, they say. Wat a pity! Shockin' accident, indeed."

Miss Weir voiced perfunctory sympathy, as was expected of her, seeing that she was an employee of the firm—or had been lately. But close upon that she escaped to her own room. She did not relish sitting there discussing Mr. Andrew Bush.

Nevertheless she kept thinking of him long after she went to bed. She was not at all vindictive, and his misfortune, the fact—if the report were true—that he was facing his end, stirred her pity.

The report of his injury was verified in the morning papers. By evening it had pretty well passed out of Hazel's mind. She had more pleasant concerns. Jack Barrow dropped in about six-thirty to ask if she wanted to go with him to a concert during the week. They were sitting in the parlor, by a front window, chattering to each other, but not so engrossed that they failed to notice a carriage drawn by two splendid grays pull up at the front gate. The footman, in brown livery, got down and came to the door. Hazel knew the carriage. She had seen Mr. Andrew Bush abroad in it many a time. She wondered if there was some further annoyance in store for her, and frowned at the prospect.

She heard Mrs. Stout answer the bell in person. There was a low mumble of voices. Then the landlady appeared in the parlor doorway, the footman behind her.

"This is the lady," Mrs. Stout intimated Hazel. "A message for you, Miss Weir."

The liveried person bowed and extended an envelope. "I was instructed to deliver this to you personally," he said, and lingered as if he looked for further instructions.

Hazel looked at the envelope. She could not understand why, under the circumstances, any message should come to her through such a medium. But there was her name inscribed. She glanced up. Mrs. Stout gazed past the footman with an air of frank anticipation. Jack also was looking. But the landlady caught Hazel's glance and backed out the door, and Hazel opened the letter.

The note was brief and to the point: Miss Weir: Mr. Bush, being seriously injured and unable to write, bids me say that he is very anxious to see you. He sends his carriage to convey you here. His physicians fear that he will not survive the night, hence he begs of you to come. Very truly,
ETHEL B. WATSON,
Nurse in Waiting.

"The idea! Of course I won't! I wouldn't think of such a thing!" Hazel exclaimed.

"Just a second," she said to the footman.

Over on the parlor mantel lay some sheets of paper and envelopes. She borrowed a pencil from Barrow and



Barrow Glanced Over the Missive and Frowned.

scribbled a brief refusal. The footman departed with her answer. Hazel turned to find Jack staring his puzzlement.

"What did he want?" Barrow asked bluntly. "That was the Bush turnout, wasn't it?"

"You heard about Mr. Bush getting hurt, didn't you?" she inquired.

"Saw it in the paper. Why?" "Nothing, except that he is supposed to be dying—and he wanted to see me. At least—well, read the note," Hazel answered.

Barrow glanced over the missive and frowned.

"What do you suppose he wanted you for?" he asked.

"How should I know?" Hazel evaded. "Seems funny," he remarked slowly. "Oh, let's forget it." Hazel came and sat down on the couch by him. "I don't know of any reason why he should want to see me. It was certainly a peculiar request for him to make. But that's no reason why we should let it bother us. If he's really so badly hurt, the chances are he's out of his head. Don't scowl at that bit of paper so, Johnnie-boy."

Barrow laughed and kissed her, and the subject was dropped forthwith. Later they went out for a short walk. In an hour or so Barrow left for home, promising to have the concert tickets for Thursday night.

Hazel took the note out of her belt and read it again when she reached her room. Why should he want to see her? She wondered at the man's persistence. He had insulted her, according to her view of it—doubly insulted her with threats and an enforced "caress." Perhaps he merely wanted to beg her pardon; she had heard of men doing such things in their last moments. But she could not conceive of Mr. Andrew Bush being sorry for anything he did. And so she could not grasp the reason for that eleventh-hour summons. But she could see that a repetition of such incidents might put her in a queer light. Other folk might begin to wonder and inquire why Mr. Andrew Bush took such an "interest" in her—a mere stenographer. Well, she told herself, she did not care—so long as Jack Barrow's ears were not assailed by talk. She smiled at that, for she could picture the reception any scandal peddler would get from him.

The next day's papers contained the obituary of Mr. Andrew Bush. He had died shortly after midnight. And despite the fact that she held no grudge, Hazel felt a sense of relief. He was powerless to annoy or persecute her, and she could not escape the conviction that he would have attempted both had he lived.

She had now been idle a matter of days. Nearly three months were yet to elapse before her wedding.

It seemed scarcely worth while to look for another position. She had enough money saved to do everything she wanted to do. It was not so much lack of money, the need to earn, as the monotony of idleness that irked her. She had acquired the habit of work, and that is a thing not lightly shaken off. But during that day she gathered together the different Granville papers, and went carefully over the "want" columns. Knowing the town as she did, she was enabled to eliminate the unlikely, undesirable places. Thus by evening she was armed with a list of firms and individuals requiring a stenographer. And in the morning she sallied forth.

Her quest ended with the first place she sought. The fact of two years' service with the biggest firm in Granville was ample recommendation; in addition to which the office manager, who developed in their conversation, had known her father in years gone by. So before ten o'clock Miss Hazel Weir was entered on the payroll of a furniture-manufacturing house. It was not a permanent position; one of their girls had been taken ill and was likely to take up her duties again in six weeks or two months. But that suited Hazel all the better. She could put in the time usefully, and have a breathing spell before her wedding.

Three days went by. Hazel attended the concert with Jack the evening of the day Mr. Andrew Bush received ostentatious burial. At ten the next morning the telephone girl called her.

"Someone wants you on the phone, Miss Weir," she said.

Hazel took up the dangling receiver.

"Hello!"

"That you, Hazel?"

She recognized the voice, half guessing it would be, since no one but Jack Barrow would be likely to ring her up.

"Surely. Doesn't it sound like me?" "Have you seen the morning papers?"

"No. What?"

"Look 'em over. Particularly the Gazette."

The harsh rattle of a receiver slammed back on its hook without even a "good-by" from him struck her like a slap in the face. She hung up slowly, and went back to her work. Never since their first meeting, and they had not been exempt from lovers' quarrels, had Jack Barrow ever spoken to her like that. Even through the telephone the resentful note in his voice grated on her and mystified her.

She was chained to her work—which, despite her agitation, she managed to wade through without any radical errors—until noon. The twelve-to-one intermission gave her opportunity to hurry up the street and buy a Gazette. Then, instead of going home to her luncheon, she entered the nearest res-

taurant. She wanted a chance to read, more than food. She did not unfold the paper until she was seated.

A column heading on the front page caught her eye. The caption read: "Andrew Bush Leaves Money to Stenographer." And under it the sub-head: "Wealthy Manufacturer Makes Peculiar Bequest to Miss Hazel Weir."

The story ran a full column, and had to do with his inheritance. There was a great deal of matter about the principal beneficiaries. But that which formed the basis of the heading was a codicil appended to the will a few hours before his death, in which he did "give and bequeath to Hazel Weir, until lately in my employ, the sum of five thousand dollars in reparation for any wrong I may have done her."

Hazel stared at the sheet, and her face burned. She could understand now why Jack Barrow had hung up his receiver with a slam. She could picture him reading that article and



Watched for Jack From a Window That Commanded the Street.

gritting his teeth. Her hands clenched till the knuckles stood white under the smooth skin, and then quite abruptly she got up and left the restaurant even while a waiter hurried to take her order. If she had been a man, and versed in profanity, she could have cursed Andrew Bush till his soul shuddered on its journey through infinite space. Being a woman, she wished only a quiet place to cry.

CHAPTER III.

An Explanation Demanded.

Hazel's pride came to her rescue before she was half-way home. Instinctively she had turned to that refuge, where she could look herself in her own room and cry her protest against it all. But she had done no wrong, nothing of which to be ashamed, and when the first shock of the news article wore off, she threw up her head and refused to consider what the world at large might think. So she went back to the office at one o'clock and took up her work. Long before evening she sensed that others had read the Gazette. Not that anyone mentioned it, but sundry curious glances made her painfully aware of the fact.

She had just reached the first landing of her boarding house when she heard the telephone bell, and a second or two later the landlady called.

"Oh, Miss Weir! Telephone."

Barrow's voice hailed her over the line.

"I'll be out by seven," said he. "We had better take a walk. We can't talk in the parlor; there'll probably be a lot of old tabbies there out of sheer curiosity."

"All right," Hazel agreed, and hung up.

She dressed herself. Unconsciously the truly feminine asserted its dominance—the woman anxious to please and propitiate her lover. She put on a dainty summer dress, rearranged her hair, powdered away all trace of the tears that insisted on coming as soon as she reached the sanctuaries of her own room. And then she watched for Jack from a window that commanded the street.

Barrow appeared at last. She went down to meet him before he rang the bell. Just behind him came a tall man in a gray suit. This individual turned in at the gate, bestowing a nod upon Barrow and a keen glance at her as he passed.

"That's Grinnell, from the Times," Barrow muttered sourly. "Come on; let's get away from here. I suppose he's after you for an interview."

Hazel turned in beside him silently. Right at the start she found herself resenting Barrow's tone, his manner. She had done nothing to warrant suspicion from him. But she loved him, and she hoped she could convince him that it was no more than a passing unpleasantness, for which she was no wise to blame.

"Hang it!" Barrow growled, before they had traversed the first block. "Here comes Grinnell! I suppose that old cat of a landlady pointed us out. No dodging him now."

"There's no earthly reason why I should dodge him, as you put it," Hazel replied stiffly. "I'm not an escaped criminal."

Barrow shrugged his shoulders in a way that made Hazel bring her teeth together and want to shake him. Grinnell by then was hurrying up with long strides. Hat in hand, he bowed to her. "Miss Hazel Weir, I believe?" he interrogated.

"Yes," she confirmed. "I'm on the Times, Miss Weir." Grinnell went straight to the business in hand. "You are aware, I presume, that Mr. Andrew Bush willed you a sum of money under rather peculiar conditions—that is, the bequest was worded in a peculiar way. Probably you have seen a reference to it in the papers. It has caused a great deal of interest. The Times would be pleased to have a statement from you which will tend to set at rest the curiosity of the public. Some of the other papers have indulged in unpleasant innuendo. We would be pleased to publish your side of the matter."

"I have no statement to make," Hazel said coolly. "I am not in the least concerned with what the papers print or what the people say. I absolutely refuse to discuss the matter."

Grinnell continued to point out—with the persistence and persuasive logic of a good newspaper man bent on learning what his paper wants to know—the desirability of her giving forth a statement. And in the midst of his argument Hazel bade him a curt "good evening" and walked on. Barrow kept step with her. Grinnell gave it up for a bad job, evidently, for he turned back.

They walked five blocks without a word. Hazel glanced at Barrow now and then, and observed with an uncomfortable sinking of the heart that he was sullen, openly resentful, suspicious.

"Johnnie-boy," she said suddenly, "don't look so cross. Surely you don't blame me because Mr. Bush wills me a sum of money in a way that makes people wonder?"

"I can't understand it at all," he said slowly. "It's very peculiar—and decidedly unpleasant. Why should he leave you money at all? And why should he word the will as he did? What wrong did he ever do you?"

"None," Hazel answered shortly. His tone wounded her, cut her deep, so eloquent was it of distrust. "The only wrong he has done me lies in willing me that money as he did."

"But there's an explanation for that," Barrow declared moodily. "There's a key to the mystery, and if anybody has it you have. What is it?"

"Jack," Hazel pleaded, "don't take that tone with me. I can't stand it—I won't. I'm not a little child to be scolded and browbeaten. This morning when you telephoned you were almost insulting, and it hurt me dreadfully. You're angry now, and suspicious. You seem to think I must have done some dreadful thing. I know what you're thinking. The Gazette hinted at some 'affair' between me and Mr. Bush; that possibly that was a sort of left-handed reparation for ruining me. If that didn't make me angry, it would amuse me—it's so absurd. Haven't you any faith in me at all? I haven't done anything to be ashamed of. I've got nothing to conceal."

"Don't conceal it, then," Barrow muttered sulkily. "I've got a right to know whatever there is to know if I'm going to marry you. You don't seem to have any idea what this sort of talk that's going around means to a man."

Hazel stopped short and faced him. Her heart pounded sickeningly, and her pride and rising anger choked her for an instant. But she managed to speak calmly, perhaps with added calmness by reason of the struggle she was compelled to make for self-control.

"If you are going to marry me," she repeated, "you have got a right to know all there is to know. Have I refused to explain? I haven't had much chance to explain yet. Have I refused to tell you anything? Would any reasonable explanation make an impression on you in your present frame of mind. I don't want to marry you if you can't trust me. Why, I couldn't—I wouldn't—marry you any time, or any place, under those conditions, no matter how much I may foolishly care for you."

"There's just one thing, Hazel," Barrow persisted stubbornly. "There must have been something between you and Bush. You're not helping yourself by getting on your dignity and talking about my not trusting you, instead of explaining these things."

"A short time ago," Hazel told him quietly. "Mr. Bush asked me to marry him. I refused, of course. He—"

"You refused!" Barrow interrupted cynically. "Most girls would have jumped at the chance."

"Jack!" she protested.

"Well," Barrow defended, "he was almost a millionaire, and I've got nothing but my hands and my brain. But suppose you did refuse him. How does that account for the five thousand dollars?"

"I think," Hazel flung back passionately, "I'll let you find that out for yourself. You've said enough now to make me hate you almost. Your very manner's an insult."

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Austin Goes Dry.

In the election Monday prohibition carried in the city of Austin by 105 votes. Thus after three trials within thirteen months old John Barleycorn has been outlawed in our State Capitol. Our National capitol and our State capitol both dry! It sounds mighty good, until we think of Kerrville—still one of the few black spots on the map.

One peace officer stated to us that there is no doubt but that gambling is going on in Kerrville. It ought to be stopped, for General Ruckman said in his address to the people of San Antonio that the three greatest evils to cope with to day are the drink evil, gambling and houses of ill fame. He placed drink and gambling first. Without these two he said the other could not exist.

Have you paid your poll tax? This is general election year and there will be many vital questions of government to be settled. Get ready to perform your duty as a citizen when the elections come.

Help the government now and yourself later by buying thrift stamps.

Glad to Publish.

A man named Carl Bollweg lives in Emporia, Kan. He was born in Germany, but came to this country thirty years ago. Following is the Christmas card he sent out to his friends:

I speak from the view-point of the foreign-born. I, and millions of others like me, came to this country alone, without friends. We sponged on all America had, her free lands, her free schools, and above all, her spirit of openhearted comradeship. She owed us nothing, but she gave us all. We swore allegiance to her flag, her constitution and her laws. We would be recreants, ingrates, perjurers and curs, if in the hour of her need, we counseled with her enemies and were disloyal to her cause.

One of Bollweg's friends sent a copy of the card to the Topeka Capital, suggesting it was worthy of that paper's wide circulation. The Capital thought so, too, and printed it. The Oklahoman is glad to pass it along.—Daily Oklahoman.

And the Advance is glad to help keep it going.

Attorney General Looney is out with his announcement for Governor and as we expected, his platform is along progressive democratic lines. He stands for the prompt and full eradication of the liquor traffic by whatever legal means it can be stamped out the quickest. Of course Ben Looney is our choice for Governor. He is a big enough, brave enough and honest enough man for the job.

Wish we could say for a fact that there are no slackers in Kerr County.

Many of the Edwards county stockmen are reporting that they can winter with practically no shipped in feed. The indications are that far less feed will be hauled in this winter than was hauled in last winter.—Edwards County Leader.

Notice of Hearing to Appropriate Public Waters

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
No. 254.

Notice is hereby given to whom concerned, that Lee Mosty and Harvey Mosty, the postoffice address of each of whom is Center Point, Texas, did on the 7th day of January, A.D., 1918, file an application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, in which they apply for a permit to divert and appropriate a sufficient amount of water for the purpose of irrigating certain lands hereinafter described, from the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, to be diverted from the Guadalupe river, by means of a pumping plant located on Survey No. 66, on the South bank of the Guadalupe river, in Kerr County, 3 1-2 miles in a south-easterly direction from Kerrville, Texas.

You are hereby further notified that the lands proposed to be irrigated consist of 80 acres out of Survey No. 66, in name of Wm. Watt, and situated in Kerr County, Texas.

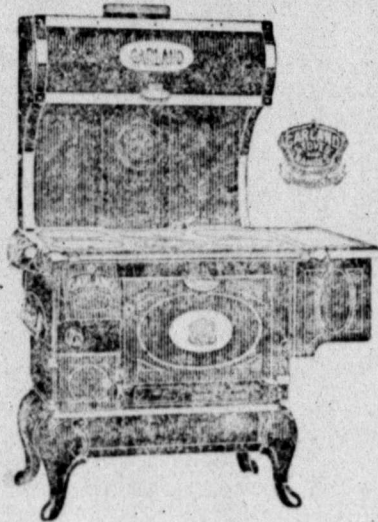
A hearing on the said application of the said Lee Mosty and Harvey Mosty will be held by the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at its office in the City of Austin, Travis County, said State, on Friday, February 1st, A.D., 1918, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time and place all 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 7th day of January, A.D. 1918.

W. T. Potter,
Rollin J. Windrow,
Board.

Attest:
James Hays Quarles,
Secretary.

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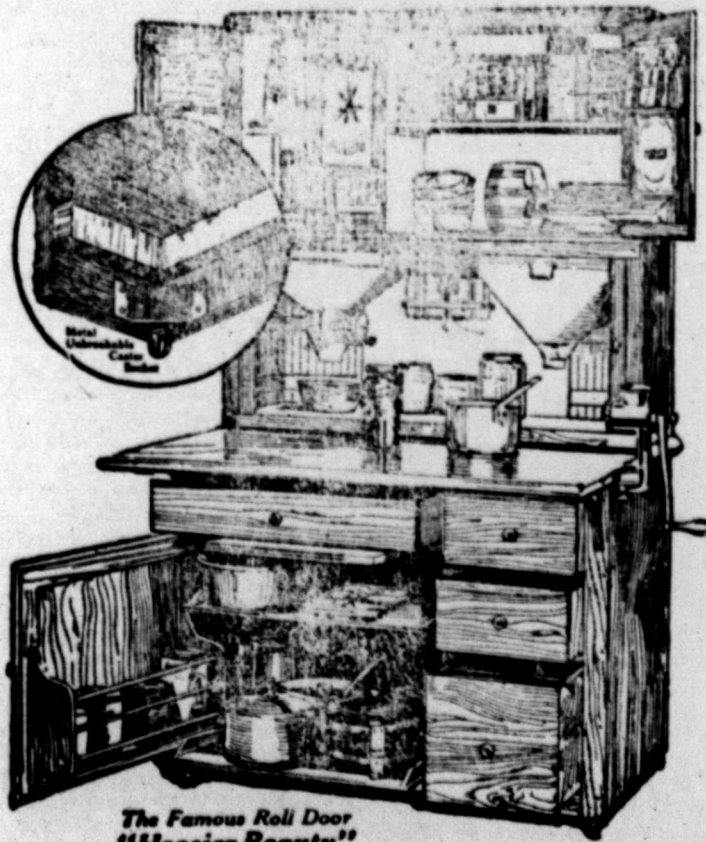


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Catholic Church Notes

A double death occurred in our Mexican settlement last week when Mrs. Manuela Ayala and her brother died in the same night. A few days later Mr. A. Bartley Fischer, an invalid from Larson, N. Dak. was found dead in his room. Last Sunday night Father Kemper baptized Fabian Leon at Comfort.

Services this Sunday will be held in Harper at ten o'clock. Mass will be offered in St. Mary's at 7:00 A. M.

Rudolph Stehling motored to San Antonio last week to visit his soldier brothers, Joseph and Benno, both of whom are sick at Camp Travis. Owing to their illness they could not come home to celebrate Joe's birthday. Rudolph continued his auto trip to Austin where he was the guest of Rev. Dr. J. Elliott Ross C. S. P., an instructor at the State University and a lineal descendant of Betsey Ross, who designed the American flag.

Misses Fannie and Sara Gleese came from McAlester Okla. to visit their brother at the military campment in the Alamogordo. While here they enjoyed the hospitality of their fellow-townsmen, Mr. Ward of the Tivy Wood Yard.

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BY BERTRAND W. SINCLAIR

Beginning in this issue and to be run to its completion in THE ADVANCE.

Note--We have read the entire story and consider it one of the very best we have published.--Editor.

Local Notes

Eyes tested, glasses fitted. Self.

Robt. L. Bennett made a business trip to Austin last week.

Walnuts, Almonds, Brazil nuts and Pecans.
C. C. Butt Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wharton of Sonora are spending the week in this vicinity visiting relatives.

Standard grade canned vegetables at 15c at BERRY'S.

M. D. Henderson was down from Johnson creek Tuesday.

Bargains in Dress Goods, bargains in Shoes for the whole family at H. Noll Stock Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baxter of Camp Verde were visitors to this city Saturday.

Bulk peanut butter, at C. C. Butt Grocery.

Blackberry jam, grape jelly, pine apple butter, at BERRY'S, Phone 182.

Lost--On the streets of Kerrville, a bill holder with a five-dollar bill. Finder please return to this office and get reward.

Snap beans, sugar corn, sugar peas. Your choice 15c per can, H. Noll Stock Co.

Mrs. H. Wedge and daughter, Miss Alma, returned home the first of the week from a two weeks visit in the Alamogordo City.

Pettyjohns' breakfast food. Try it C. C. Butt Grocery Co.

Mrs. Henry Henke, Mrs. August Henke and little daughter, Elsa Beatrice, and Corporal Chester Henke made a visit to relatives in Frederickburg yesterday.

Full stock high grade pickles at BERRY'S--Dill, sour, sweet, mixed or plain.

Barrington Hall Coffee always satisfies C. C. Butt Grocery.

J. M. Hamilton made a business trip to Dallas, returning Sunday.

Fancy large grape fruit at BERRY'S.

Prof. G. C. Jones went to Center Point last Thursday afternoon on business.

Full line of Feed--
Cotton Seed Meal and Cake
Cotton Seed Hulls
Rice Bran
Shorts, Chons,
Corn and Oats, at
West Texas Supply Co.

Frank Watters of the Watters Variety Store made a business trip to San Antonio Thursday.

"Old Mammy" hominy, 2 cans 25c H. Noll Stock Co.

R. G. Bierschwale of Reservator was a visitor to Kerrville Tuesday.

Vegetables always fresh at Berry's.

House for Rent--Four rooms and a hall. Water furnished. Electric lights. Apply to West Texas Supply Co.

Miss Ferrol Rawson was in the city from her school at Hunt to spend the week end with homefolks.

Everything that can be gotten C. C. Butt Grocery.

Frank Surber of Camp Travis visited his aunt, Mrs. J. T. Moore, here over Sunday on his way to visit his homefolks at Roosevelt.

Hay by the ton or bale. Clover, John's grass, Cane, Alfalfa and Rice straw at West Texas Supply Co.

J. D. Motley, manager of the Mountain Sun, took his family to San Antonio Saturday for a visit. He returned Sunday but left his family down there for a few days.

Bargains in Men's and Boy's Pants at the big store of H. Noll Stock Co.

Miss Reba Burnett went to San Antonio today to help nurse her little niece who is critically ill.

E. S. Pierce was in the city Tuesday from his farm on Spring Creek.

We are in the market for all kinds of furs, and pay the highest market prices,
West Texas Supply Co.

Robert H. Renschel went to San Antonio last Wednesday and was accepted in the non flying division of the Aviation Corps and will report at Atlanta, Ga., for training about the 4th of February.

George Russel, another of our patriotic boys who wants to help Uncle Sam lick the Kaiser, has enlisted in the Navy. He went to Houston a few days ago and passed the final examination.

Full assortment of J. & P. Coats thread--crochet cotton and silkatene at the popular low-price store,
H. Noll Stock Co.

Frank Cloudt, Sr. of Rocksprings, sold a ranch consisting of 6100 acres, 19 miles east of Bracket, known as the W. B. Lane ranch, to W. B. Miller, a prominent citizen of Junction. The consideration amounted to around \$40,000.--Edwards County Leader.

A. L. Mansfield and Frank Montague of Bandera spent Sunday here. Mr. Montague is the Food Administrator for Bandera county and is shipping in a lot of feed to relieve the situation over there.

Several of our soldier boys are at home on a ten days furlough to visit relatives. Those who came are Jop. Chester Henke, Sidney Shuford Bruce Tarver and Ivy and Sidney Baker of Company I, 141st Infantry, Camp Bowie. The boys all look well and are enthusiastic soldiers.

W. P. Cowden was in this city yesterday. Mr. Cowden has the sympathy of a host of friends here in the loss of his son, Private Jay Cowden, who died at Camp Bowie last Sunday. He has four more boys in the training camp there who volunteered from this county.

J. N. Hodges, manager of the Schreiner-Hodges Company at Junction, was in Kerrville Tuesday and Wednesday on business. Mr. Hodges and this editor are friends of many years standing and of course Jim's visit to this office was greatly enjoyed and appreciated. He still wears that optimistic smile that has seen his biggest asset in business and in winning such a large number of friends.

Benton Buys Magazine Business

I wish to announce to my patrons that I have disposed of my Magazine business to Mr. S. P. Benton, who will appreciate your continued patronage. I wish also to thank you for past favors and ask that you continue with Mr. Benton.

Say, You!



How about that printing job you're in need of?

Come in and see us about it at your first opportunity. Don't wait until the very last moment but give us a little time and we'll show you what high grade work we can turn out.

This Is Our Winter of Test

SERVING food is a local problem for each community. Prices and definite rules for every one cannot be formulated. It is a duty for each one to eat only so much as is necessary to maintain the human body healthy and strong. This winter of 1918 is the period when it is to be tested here in America whether our people are capable of voluntary individual sacrifice to save the world. That is the purpose of the organization of the United States Food Administration--by voluntary effort to provide the food that the world needs.

NEED BIG HERDS

Europe's Meat Supply Must Come From America.

Warring Nations Have Depleted Live Stock at Enormous Rate, Even Killing Dairy Cattle For Food.

American stock breeders are being asked to conserve their flocks and herds in order to meet Europe's tremendous demands for meats during the war and probably for many years afterward.

The United States food administration reports that American stock raisers have shown a disposition to cooperate with the government in increasing the nation's supply of live stock.

Germany today is probably better supplied with live stock than any other European nation. When the German armies made their big advance into France and then retreated virtually all the cattle in the invaded territory--approximately 1,800,000 head--were driven behind the German lines.

But in England, where 2,400,000 acres of pasture lands have been turned into grain fields, the cattle herds are decreasing rapidly. One of the reasons, apparently is the declining minimum price scale adopted by the English as follows: For September, \$17.75 per 100 pounds; October, \$17.25; November and December, \$16.05; January, \$14.90. The effect of these prices was to drive beef animals on the market as soon as possible.

In France the number of cattle as well as the quality have shown an enormous decline during the war. Where France had 14,807,000 head of cattle in 1913, she now has only 12,341,000, a decrease of 16.6 per cent. And France is today producing only one gallon of milk compared to two and one-half gallons before the war.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT HELPS PAY FOR BREAD

There has been much misunderstanding about the bread program in England. It is true that the Englishman buys a loaf of bread for less than an American can, but it is poorer bread, and the British government is paying \$200,000,000 a year toward the cost of it.

All the grain grown in Great Britain is taken over by the government at an arbitrary price and the imported wheat purchased on the markets at the prevailing market price. This is turned over to the mills by the government at a price that allows the adulterated war bread loaf of four pounds to sell at 18 cents, the two pound loaf at 9 cents and the one pound loaf at 5 cents.

In France, under conditions somewhat similar, but with a larger extraction, the four pound loaf sells for 16 cents.

MAKING MEATLESS DAYS PERMANENT.

In the meatless menu there is a fertile field for developing new and nourishing dishes, according to E. H. Niles, writing in the Hotel Gazette, who believes that the present shortage of meat and fats will not end with the coming of peace, but may grow more acute and continue for five or six years, thus making it worth while to develop menus of grain, vegetables and fish on a more or less permanent basis. Meat can be replaced by cereals and other protein foods, or may be served in very small portions as a flavoring for other food. In making up meatless menus this author finds our American people and southern cuisine a broad field for investigation.

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WHEATLESS BISCUITS.



Parched cornmeal is the feature of these excellent wheatless biscuits. First, the cornmeal--one-half a cup--is put in a shallow pan placed in the oven and stirred frequently until it is a delicate brown. The other ingredients are a teaspoon of salt, a cup of peanut butter and one and a half cups of water. Mix the peanut butter, water and salt and heat. While this mixture is hot stir in the meal which should also be hot. Beat thoroughly. The dough should be of such consistency that it can be dropped from a spoon. Bake in small cakes in an ungreased pan. This makes 16 biscuits, each of which contains one-sixth of an ounce of protein.

DELICIOUS CORN MUFFINS.



Here's an old fashioned recipe for corn muffins that has recently been revived and used with unusual success in several of the larger New York hotels: To make three and a half dozen muffins take one quart milk, six ounces butter substitute, twelve ounces of light syrup or honey, four eggs, pinch of salt, two ounces baking powder, one and a half pounds cornmeal and one and a half pounds rye flour. The butter and syrup should be thoroughly mixed; then add the eggs gradually. Pour in the milk and add the rye flour mixed with cornmeal and baking powder.

Card of Thanks

We want to extend to the good people, one and all, our heartfelt thanks for the kindness and sympathy shown us in the hour of our sad trial, the parting of our beloved son and brother, Private Jay L. Cowden W. P. Cowden and Family.

North of Fifty Three

We are due our readers an apology in failing to give the first installment of this splendid story, but our first shipment of paper was lost in transit and we are forced to start with the second installment. But by reading the synopsis you can get the run of the story.

Notice of Hearing to Appropriate Public Waters

THE STATE OF TEXAS, No. 251.

Notice is hereby given to whom concerned, that A. Enms, whose postoffice address is Kerrville, Texas, did on the 20th day of Dec., A. D., 1917, 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 divert and appropriate a sufficient amount of water for the purpose of irrigating certain lands hereinafter described, from the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, to be diverted from the Guadalupe river, by means of a pumping plant, located on Survey No. 67, in name of C. D. Chauchard, on the bank of the Guadalupe river, three miles in a southeasterly direction from the town of Kerrville, in Kerr County, Texas.

You are hereby further notified that the lands proposed to be irrigated consist of 25 acres out of Survey No. 67, in name of C. D. Chauchard, and situated in Kerr County, Texas.

A hearing on the said application of the said A. Enms 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 Friday, the 1st day of February, A. D. 1918, beginning at ten 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 the 31st day of December, A. D., 1917.

W. T. Potter,
Rollin J. Windrow,
C. S. Clark,
James H. Quarles, Board Secretary.

Baptist Church Notes

Services for next Sunday: Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. W. N. Flanders, after which the regular conference will be held. This will be the regular time for election of all church officers and a full representation of the church should be present. The pulpit committee may have some recommendations by this time, also.

At night Rev. J. P. King, Missionary, will preach.

All other services as usual.

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TEXAS ITEMS

The iron furnaces at Rusk are soon to be in operation again.

Southern entomologists met at Houston last week and discussed the pink boll worm.

The latest government report of the cotton crop of San Augustine county for 1917 is 8,246 bales.

Cattle in North and West Texas suffered considerably during the recent cold spell, but the loss was not great.

Governor Hobby welcomed the Western Fruit Jobbers in convention at Houston last week in the name of the state.

The attorney general has approved the record authorizing the city of Austin to issue \$50,000 of school house bonds.

Two road districts in Van Zandt county have voted bond issues aggregating \$550,000 for permanent highways.

Platonia is assured of a place on highway No. 3 between Houston and San Antonio by the result of a recent election.

The Texas Swine Breeders' Association convention announced to be held at Cold Springs this month has been called off.

In an election held to amend the city charter to increase bond limit of Hillsboro, the proposition carried by a large majority.

State Superintendent Doughty has appointed W. S. Fleming of Ballinger to be assistant state superintendent of public instruction.

The Gulf, Freeport & Northern railroad, a branch of the Southern Pacific, has been completed to Needville. Service will begin about February 1.

The organization of a home guard and the appropriation of \$1,200 for equipment is the work accomplished by the Wharton county commissioners.

There will be more wheat raised in East Texas the coming year than ever before. The recent snow and freeze has greatly benefited the crop and assured a fine stand.

The attorney general's department of Texas has added State rangers to the list of State officers as being exempt from the provisions of the selective service draft law.

Governor Hobby has issued a proclamation calling a special election in the 11th representative district to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Wallace E. Hawkins.

The Bell county commissioners, upon opening bids for the sale of an issue of \$1,900,000 good road bonds recently voted, were dissatisfied with the offers submitted and rejected all bids.

What is thought to be hog cholera was discovered near Waelder this week in a bunch of hogs. Out of about 120 hogs nearly half of them are affected, several of which have already died.

The following schools in Jim Wells county are to receive state aid for rural schools: McLaugherty, \$500; Ben Bolt, \$400; Alfred, \$300; Lara, \$350; Bentonville, \$300, and Orange Grove, \$200.

Architects are preparing plans to be submitted on February 18 for the buildings to constitute the new insane asylum to be located at Wichita Falls and to be known as the Northwest Texas insane asylum.

The Texas baseball league meeting which was to be held at Fort Worth last week was postponed indefinitely by President Morris because of the drowning of Captain Dillon, vice president of the Shreveport club.

The second large shipment of velvet beans was received at Ballinger from Alabama and is being distributed to the stockmen for cattle feed. The beans have proven satisfactory for feed for both cattle and horses.

Wilhelm Wehe, former cotton expert in the Texas department of agriculture, who has been in the county jail at Austin several weeks on a federal charge, has been taken to San Antonio and delivered to the authorities at Fort Sam Houston.

An opinion has been rendered by the attorney general's department that the members of the State highway commission who resigned recently and whose resignations were accepted by Governor Hobby, are to hold office until their successors are appointed and qualified.

Governor Hobby has called by proclamations special elections to fill vacancies in the Sixty-ninth and Seventy-ninth representative districts, the same to be held on February 15.

Public weighers' receipts for the cotton season just closed show that Luling's crop was just about 50 per cent of a normal crop, the total receipts at the weighers' platform showing 6,100 bales, as compared with 12,000 bales for the two preceding seasons.

QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS AGAINST PINK BOLL WORM

Regulations Described in Plans Laid Before Governor—Many Counties Affected.

Austin, Tex.—Assistant Attorney General W. J. Townsend is assisting Commissioner of Agriculture Fred W. Davis in the preparation of the quarantine restrictions against the pink boll worm to be presented to Governor Hobby for issuance in proclamation form. Three whole counties are to be quarantined, if the commissioner's plans go through, to-wit: Galveston, Chambers and Jefferson, and parts of Brazoria, Harris, Liberty, Hardin and a special zone near Hearne. This is to be done under the pink boll worm act of the last legislature, which did not become effective until December 28. The quarantine regulations are described as follows:

All of Galveston, Chambers and Jefferson counties and that portion of Brazoria county between the Galveston county line and a line running from the mouth of Chocolate bayou, up the bayou to where the east branch crosses the Santa Fe railroad, a little west of Manvel, from there straight across to where Clear creek crosses the Santa Fe, between Pearland and Mykawa, and that portion of Harris county south of a line from Clear Creek on the Santa Fe, between Pearland and Mykawa, to the Lynchburg ferry at the San Jacinto battle-grounds; also that portion of Harris county between the San Jacinto river and Cedar bayou below the Texas & New Orleans railroad, including an area of two and one-half-mile radius around the north of Crosby. Also that portion of Liberty county south of a straight line from where the Texas & New Orleans railroad crosses Cedar bayou near Walley to the Jefferson county line on the Texas & New Orleans railroad, between Felicia and Nome. Also that portion of Hardin county east of a line running from where the Jefferson, Liberty and Hardin county lines intersect, straight to Kountze, and thence to the Neches river, eight miles north of Silashe and down the Neches river to the Jefferson county line down to Sabine bay. A special quarantine zone is all the area within two and one-half miles from the infested fields at Hearne, with the exception of the southwest and western directions, where the line should follow the Little Brazos river.

Three Men Swept Overboard. Washington.—Three men were reported lost overboard from battleships during the recent gales in dispatches received Saturday by the navy department. Their names follow: John W. Johnson, seaman U. S. S. Texas, R. I. Stockdale, Texas; W. M. E. Mackey, fireman U. S. S. North Dakota, Sherman, Texas; Edward John Mattheson, seaman U. S. S. North Dakota, Eveleth, Minn.

Chairman Industrial Board Resigns. Washington.—With the announcement Wednesday of the resignation of Daniel Willard as chairman of the war industries board, it was intimated that there would be no appointment of a new chairman pending action in congress on proposals for the creation of a war supply department or administration that would take over the work of bureaus of the war and navy departments.

Aviator Killed at Ellington. Houston, Tex.—Within a few hours after he had passed his reserve military aviator (R.M.A.) test and had been commissioned first lieutenant, Gerald V. Carroll of the 2nd provisional cadet squadron, Ellington Field, was instantly killed Wednesday when his lost control of his machine and fell 5,000 feet to the ground.

Negro Burned at Stake. Hazelhurst, Miss.—A mob of several hundred citizens of Hazelhurst, headed, it is said, by the father of Miss Vera Willis, who was murdered Wednesday, took Sim Edwards, a negro, from the county jail and burned him. The lynching took place about a mile and a half west of Hazelhurst near the scene of the girl's murder.

Newspaper Plant Wrecked. Brownsville, Tex.—The plant of the Daily Light at San Benito, Texas, was entered Thursday night, the typesetting machinery wrecked and type scattered over the floor. Publishers of the Light declared they had evidence to indicate that pro-German propagandists had been responsible for the attack because of recent publications favoring the Red Cross.

Weekly Record Ship Losses. London.—Another marked decrease in the sinkings of British merchantmen by mine or submarine in the past week is noted in the report of the admiralty issued Thursday. In this period only six merchantmen of 1,600 tons or over were sunk.

Stefansson Discovers New Land. Fairbanks, Alaska.—Several new large Arctic lands were discovered northwest of Banks Land in the spring of 1916 by Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, according to Captain A. Lane, who arrived at Fairbanks this week from the Arctic ocean, bringing direct news from the explorer, who, he says, is spending the 1917-1918 winter in the northern seas at Bartel Island. The explorer claimed the new lands for Canada.

DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

MARY GRAHAM BONNER

THE CUCKOO CLOCK.

Julius was very sleepy and he could hardly keep his eyes open. The whole trouble was that he hated to do things on time. He did not like to go to bed at the house he was supposed to and he never, never wanted to get up in the morning when his mother said, "Time to get up Julius. You'll be late for school."

And now he was sleepy, now in the middle of the afternoon. It was raining hard outside and in the big library where he was sitting a large open fire was burning merrily. Near the fireplace was a cuckoo clock and Julius always loved to watch the little cuckoo come out and tell anyone who happened to be listening just what time it was.

"It's almost time for the cuckoo to come out," said Julius. "But oh gracious, how sleepy I am. I know I was late in going to bed last night but I don't see why I should be so dreadfully sleepy. I do hope I will stay awake until the cuckoo says five o'clock. It is so much nicer to hear him on the hour than at other times, because he only says 'cuckoo' once when the hand is at the half hour."

"Cuckoo," said the cuckoo bird in the clock. And then he said it four times more. Each time he made a little bow as he spoke and when he had said "cuckoo" for the fifth time, Julius was waiting to watch the little door close.

The cuckoo in the clock always lives behind a little door over the face of the clock, and when he is not telling the time he is in there.

But this time the door did not close. And the cuckoo stayed out of his little home bobbing and saying "cuckoo" many times over, until at last it sounded like "Julius, Julius, Julius."

"Yes," said Julius, "you are calling me by my right name. How are you, Mr. Cuckoo Bird of the clock?"

The little bird was made of wood, to be sure, but he seemed so certain of himself and so well satisfied that Julius felt he must be alive.

"I am well, I thank you kindly," said the cuckoo bird. "But I don't have to ask you."

"Why not?" asked Julius.

"Because I know," said the cuckoo bird. "You are sleepy. And it's not the time to sleep. His, ha, ha. Whatever would you do if you were a clock, or if your home was at the top of one?"

"Well, I am not in a clock," said Julius, "and I am jolly glad of it."

"Tut, tut," said the cuckoo bird. "You are getting quite cross, Master Julius. Too little sleep. Well, well, I suppose I must forgive you. But it's a shame you couldn't live in a clock for a time."

"What do you mean?" asked Julius, who was quite frightened now. He felt the little cuckoo bird would hop down and pick him right up and put him in the clock.

"If you could live in a clock and take my place you would have to be on time. Six o'clock would mean six o'clock and not half-past! Seven-thirty in the morning would mean a quarter past eight! Ah no, in the clock we keep good time. We live on the moment and on the hours and half-hours we come out to tell people to remember that the time is going by and they mustn't waste it for it is so extremely precious."

"Don't you believe in people sleeping?" asked Julius.

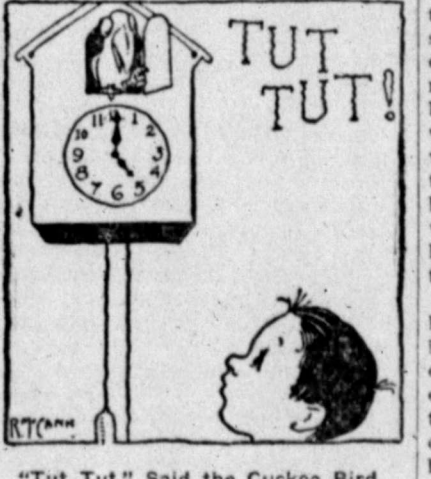
"To be sure, to be sure," said the cuckoo, "but I believe they should sleep at the right time. They should not choose another time for it, such as the middle of the afternoon, because they sat up too late the night before."

Julius was very much ashamed. He felt the cuckoo bird knew that he had been doing all that and he wished the cuckoo bird would go back in his little home and shut the door. He was getting more afraid every second that he would be taken back there. And oh dear, how he would hate to live in a clock!

"Just suppose," said the cuckoo bird, "that I did things at the wrong time. Suppose I should come out at six o'clock and tell everyone it was eight? You can't imagine it, can you? And why not? Because I have had the training of a clock. I have been an assistant in keeping the time and if I don't notice that you think more of the time I will put you back of the clock."

The cuckoo bird banged his little door, and Julius, awaking with a start, rubbed his sleepy eyes, and said,

"I shall always do things on time from now on for how dreadful it must be to live back of a clock and have the hours depend so much on you."



"Tut Tut," Said the Cuckoo Bird.

FIRST HALL MARKS

Hieroglyphs Stamped on Gold and Silver in 1300.

Guild Formed in Early Days to Protect the Buyer in the Matter of Purity of Metal.

What are the strange hieroglyphics stamped on the back of silver articles in England, and what do these marks signify? This is a question which has often puzzled the inquisitive. A tedious and technical subject, you say. On the contrary, a most absorbing and appealing one. Read here what an expert in the matter of these markings has to say, and be convinced.

"The first hall mark was used in Paris in 1300. It was employed for both gold and silver, principally the former. Some goldsmiths had been underselling others and as there was no difference in labor or perfection of detail, it was obvious that much inferior metal was being used. So a guild was founded to protect the buyer in the matter of purity of metal. The guild specified the 'Paris touch,' which meant that a certain standard of metal was to be maintained.

"About 1327 a stir took place in England for a slightly different reason. Privateering off the coast was frequent, the result being that silver vessels were brought back and made either into coins or other vessels. As the product was of a lower grade than the English standard, a goldsmith's guild was established there also, with the rather awe-inspiring title of 'Origin and Mystery of the Fellowship of Goldsmiths.' The guild specified that standard metal must contain 925 parts of silver and 75 parts of copper. Its members had authority to travel through the provinces of the United Kingdom assaying silver vessels, and if any specimen was not up to standard it was confiscated or a fine of double its value was imposed on the maker.

"When a piece was made it was the custom to send it to the guildhall. There it was assayed and if found to be of the proper proportion it was stamped with the English hall mark, or as it was then called, the 'guildhall mark' commonly referred to as 'the king's touch.'

"A leopard's head was the first mark employed in England and the maker also was privileged to place his own stamp upon it, which generally consisted of the first two letters of his surname. As so few people were able to read, most of the tradesmen had signs which they placed of their productions, hence the modern trade mark. In 1450 the guildhall added a letter marking the year that a piece was made, but as the full alphabet was not used, the date is very difficult to determine. Later the leopard's head was changed to a lion passant, which in turn gave way to a lion's head crested with a figure of Britannia.

"The collector of old silver must look out for the method of 'glorifying' used by unscrupulous dealers who cut the hall marks out of old spoons or forks and fit them into a big piece to mislead the unwary. It is extraordinary that so much good old English silver has survived, considering the vicissitudes through which it has passed. In the Wars of the Roses, for instance, much plate was confiscated and melted into coins for carrying on the strife."

Stones in Form of Cross. Staurolite is a curious mineral, or stone, found only in Virginia and North Carolina, not very valuable but interesting on account of a legend that attaches to it. The name is from the Greek stauros, a cross. The stone is found in the form of a cross, or sometimes a double cross. Another name for the stone is the "fairy stone," and this also relates to the legend that the fairies living in the caves of the mountains, on hearing the sad tidings of the death of Christ fashioned these crosses as mementos of him. There has always been some commercial demand for the stones as curious and they are worn as watch charms or on chains with locket.

Wouldn't Be Slighted. The principal of a school once had occasion to lick a very refractory pupil. It was very meager punishment, but the child complained to his father when he went home that day. The next day the father paid the principal a visit.

"I understand," said the father parent, "that you licked my boy yesterday."

"I did," was the reply, "but not severely."

"Well," said the father, "I want you to know that I am one of the largest taxpayers in this place and my boy is entitled to as good a licking as any other boy gets. If you slight him again, you'll hear from me in no uncertain terms."

Rope Making. The rope industry is largely dependent upon Russian, Italian, American and Manila hemp, the latter being far more used than any other. With the exception of Manila, all these hems are of the best fiber—that is, they are obtained from the bark of the plant. The hemp is cut, dried, and then stacked in bundles. Later, it is again spread out and exposed to dew, frost and sun, a process that rots the gums binding the filaments. The dry inner woody part of the stem then falls off and leaves the fibrous strips in condition to be cleaned and baled for transportation.

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Professional Bias. The conductor was looking for one of his passengers in order to return her ticket. She was not in the Pullman, and the big dusky porter suggested that she might be on the observation car.

"How'd I know her when I see her?" asked the conductor sharply.

"Ah! Jes d'scribe, huh, huh. Ah! d'scribe huh tu yuh."

"Go ahead," said the conductor. The porter scratched his head. "Wal, huh," he began, "wal, sur, she's got on a black dress wid a w'ite collar, sub—an' Ah! Jes done shine huh shoes, huh."

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She'd Used Them. "Haven't you any calendars this year?" asked the small boy.

"No, we have not, my boy," replied the rotund man in his office.

"Well, I'm sorry, and I know mother will be sorry, too."

"Why will your mother be sorry?"

"Cause she's had a lot every year from you, and she says they're the cruelest things for starting fires in burnings with!"

Misplaced Prayers. Little Margaret lives on an army post, across the road from the company mess. The mess cook is prone to swearing when the bread is overdone.

One morning, as she rushed into the room, the expression on the little girl's face was one of puzzlement.

"Mother," she said, "that cook is an awful queer man. He says his prayers in the daytime."

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PLANTING SUDAN GRASS WITH LEGUMES



HARVESTING SUDAN GRASS AT ROBSTOWN, TEXAS.

(By H. C. BEARD, Assistant Agronomist, Arizona Experiment Station.)

A great deal of interest has been manifested of late in the desirability of planting Sudan grass with legumes, since it is hoped thereby to obtain greater yields and to furnish a better balanced and more nutritious hay than either crop alone would give. To obtain definite information upon this subject preliminary work has been done on the Salt River Valley farm at Mesa, Ariz.

Sudan was planted in an old field of hairy Peruvian alfalfa in plots where the stand of alfalfa was almost perfect, and in other places where the alfalfa was thin and interspersed with weeds. Since Sudan is not very resistant to frost its planting had to be deferred until the alfalfa was growing most rapidly.

Sudan With Alfalfa.

Sudan disked into alfalfa immediately after the first cutting failed to show up strongly until after the next cutting of alfalfa had been removed. At this time the Sudan was able to compete where the alfalfa was thin, and its growth during the remainder of the season has been quite vigorous and well marked. Where there was a perfect stand of alfalfa, however, the Sudan was unable to compete, and its growth was later smothered out. The increase in tonnage where the alfalfa was thin has been quite marked, but

the competition of Sudan during the hotter parts of the summer has proved quite detrimental to the future growth of the alfalfa. Therefore, we conclude that small amounts of Sudan grass seed (six to eight pounds per acre) may be profitably disked into an old run-down field of alfalfa, but if the latter is very vigorous the former will be unable to compete.

Two Vigorous Crops.

Furthermore, it would appear desirable to plant Sudan only in alfalfa which should be plowed up at the end of the current season anyway. These two crops are so vigorous in the irrigated sections of southern Arizona that they cannot be grown together without injury to one or the other, but Sudan may be used to supplement alfalfa where the latter is unsatisfactory.

A mixture of soy beans and Sudan grass seeded at the same time proved ruinous to the former in a very short while. This happened in spite of the fact that the soy beans were seeded quite thickly and that the germination and vigor of the plants for the first two or three weeks was as good as could be expected. Some time before the first cutting of hay was ready all trace of the soy beans had been lost. The same results were obtained when a mixture of cowpeas and Sudan grass was used.

Bowser Starts For War But Returns Again

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Mr. Bowser was half an hour late in coming up to dinner and Mrs. Bowser had begun to worry for fear of accident, when he arrived. He came along in a brisk, excited sort of way, and he had not yet entered the door when he called out:

"Is that dinner ready? I have only ten minutes to spare."

"What is it?" she asked, as she followed him down to the dining room.

"It has come, Mrs. Bowser. I have held myself back long as possible on your account, but it has come now."

"What do you mean, Mr. Bowser?"

"I mean that I am going to war. Yes, sir, five of us in the office enlisted this afternoon. We are going to take the train in about an hour and I haven't got a minute to spare. I shall have just time to pack a few things and kiss you good-by and, the

In an awful way and, of course, you want handkerchiefs."

Mr. Bowser sat down on the steps and, when she had brought the handkerchiefs, he seemed in no hurry about going. The cat came up to him and he stroked her back in an affectionate way and said:

"Of course I must uphold the honor of my country, but I do love you and the cat. She seems to realize that I am going away to fodder for gunpowder."

"Yes, you may be killed," replied Mrs. Bowser, "but other men will be killed, too. It isn't so very dreadful to be a war widow."

Mr. Bowser stood up. He looked all around. He looked up and down. He looked to the left and to the right. He looked at Mrs. Bowser, who was sitting on the steps and recovering his suitcase and went marching. He marched about 50 feet and then came to a halt and leaned against the fence. Half a dozen men who knew him came along and stopped and asked him if he was going on a journey, and his reply to each was:

"I have started for the war."

And their exclamation in each case was:

"Good for you, old man! You are the stuff. I have been expecting to see you go for the last year. Let yourself loose when you get there. Remember Lexington and Bunker Hill. Don't let your heart have any pity. Slay and kill—kill and slay. Durn my



"Other Men Will Be Killed, Too."

next thing you hear of me, I shall be on the bloody field and, perhaps, have fallen with the others."

If Mr. Bowser expected Mrs. Bowser to faint away, or burst into sobs and tears, he was disappointed. She took the news very calmly. Indeed, she rather smiled than grieved as she said:

"I have been wondering for some time why you didn't go to war. You are an able-bodied man and it is really your duty. When the honor of your country is at stake, you should be one of the first to uphold it. I will gladly help you get ready."

"Yes, I am going to war and shall do my best to rout the enemy," said Mr. Bowser, in less enthusiastic tones. "It's one chance in a thousand that I ever return, for I shall ask to be sent right into the first battle which takes place."

"Of course you will," replied Mrs. Bowser. "There will be no such thing as keeping you out of battle. As for your being killed, you must run the risk of that. Won't it surprise the neighbors around here, I can boast that my husband has gone to war and that he will kill a terrible number of the enemy. Are you through with your dinner? If so, I will help you pack."

"Yes, I've got to pack," said Mr. Bowser, but he was rather slow about it. Indeed, he did not get up from the table for about five minutes, and then he did not rush upstairs.

"About my writing you?" said Mr. Bowser, as he scratched his head. "Of course, I want to write you as often as I can, but you mustn't expect a letter every day."

"Oh, no, no, no. If you write me once in two weeks, I shall try and be patient about it. You will be in battle every day, probably, and, of course, you won't have much time to write. Tell me in every letter how many of the enemy you have killed that day. Now you can be off as soon as you like."

"But I was going to say something important, and it has gone out of my mind."

"Never mind. It will probably come back to you after your first battle, and you can write it. You have only a little time to get to the depot. I wouldn't have you miss the train for anything."

Bowser was not enthusiastic. He followed Mrs. Bowser downstairs and gave her a formal kiss, and picked up the suitcase and walked down to the gate. When he reached the corner, he left his suitcase against a telegraph pole and returned to the house. Mrs. Bowser was still on the front steps, and she halted him with:

"You will miss your train if you don't walk faster than that. What brought you back?"

"Say, did you put in a couple of clean handkerchiefs?" he asked.

"I don't think I did, but I will run right up and get two or three for you. They say that men in battle perspire

but if I don't wish I was going with you! I have got kidney trouble or I'd have enlisted long ago. Well, good-by, old man. If you never return we will hold you in memory as a gallant man."

Mr. Bowser's butcher came running over, as he stood there, to say:

"Mr. Bowser, are you going to war?"

"Yes."

"There is a little bill of fifty cents against you, but, if you are killed, I shall not ask Mrs. Bowser for it. I like brave men and you are certainly mighty brave."

Mr. Bowser had thoughts as he leaned against that fence. He thought of Mrs. Bowser and the cat. He thought of the good dinners he was getting every week. He thought of the grave. He thought of having his two short legs carried off by a cannon ball. Slowly—very slowly—he assumed an erect position. Slowly—very slowly—he walked down to the corner, from where he could see his front steps. Mrs. Bowser was not out there. Slowly—very slowly—he walked down to his gate and entered. He heard Mrs. Bowser singing, and the cook laughing, while the cat was in the back yard looking for trouble. Mrs. Bowser heard his step, and called out:

"Is that you, Mr. Bowser?"

"Yes."

"I was expecting you back. Take your things right upstairs, and put them back in your dresser."

And Mr. Bowser went upstairs with his suitcase knocking against his leg at every step and climbed up into the garret, and sat down on an old trunk, and thought and thought and thought. It was eight o'clock at night and the whippoorwill was telling its lonesome tale when the warrior came softly downstairs and lighted his cigar and told the sent he had always occupied in peaceful days, and Mrs. Bowser—good woman that she was, never spoke of war during the whole evening.

Where Mistletoe Grows.

In addition to all the many kinds of oak trees and the maples, mistletoe grows with persistency and fondness on the paper mulberry, the persimmon, locust, ash, gum, sassafras, elm, osage, orange, pecan, hickory, cherry, pear and apple trees. In the far west it takes hold of the cedar and the pine trees, especially the yellow pine lodgepole pine and Douglas fir. The plant is widely distributed by birds, which eat the whitish-green, semitransparent berries, those birds being mostly mockingbirds, cardinals, cedar waxwings and sparrows. The robins have something to do with the distribution of the seed. The pulp of the berries is very sticky, and when they become overripe they fall from the parent sprig and stick to some other part of the tree, thus developing another sprig of mistletoe. The department of agriculture considers the mistletoe a pest and has inveighed against it, but the mistletoe still flourishes.

BIG WASTE OF COTTON SEED

Avoidable Loss Due to Careless Handling, Particularly at Mills, Says a County Agent.

There is no greater avoidable waste in the South than that of cotton seed rotting at gins and oil mills, according to W. C. Hudson of Alexandria, La., a former county agent, who says this waste is due to careless handling, particularly at the oil mills.

He then tells how the waste may be avoided by having the cotton dry when it is ginned and by having driers at the mills to dry the seed, or by having it spread out carefully. Ordinarily this seed yields about 40 gallons of oil to the ton of seed, but if the seed is allowed to rot the oil is inferior and fit only for soapmaking. The oil meal is also of low grade, and this means a great waste of the good foodstuff in cotton seed—40 gallons of oil to the ton and over 1,000 pounds of meal.

ROTATION REDUCES ROOT ROT

Disease of Cotton Reduced at San Antonio Experiment Farm by Altering Crops.

Root rot in cotton has been reduced by rotation of crops at the experiment farm near San Antonio, Tex. A publication of the United States Department of Agriculture.

HOW TO RAISE GOOD, THRIFTY CALVES

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) Feeding the cow well before calving insures a strong, healthy calf. The best time to wean the calf is after it takes the first milk. Early weaning makes it easier to teach the calf to drink.

Everything about the calf should be scrupulously clean. Calves should be fed regularly; very young calves should be fed three times a day.

At first the calf is fed whole milk, the quantity being gradually increased. Skim milk is substituted as soon as practicable, and if cheap is continued until the calf is six months old. Ordinarily the maximum quantity of skim milk that can be fed economically is 20 pounds a day. When the calf is two weeks old, grain and bright, clean hay should be offered; the quantity fed should be increased as the calf's appetite demands. Milk substitutes are not equal to milk; but give fair results when used with care.

Quarters must be clean and dry, with plenty of bedding. Stanchions save milk and prevent the calves from sucking one another.

Horns are more easily prevented than removed. Water is necessary for calves.

Marks for identification should be plain without disfiguring the animal.

Calf diseases are largely the result of filth and carelessness. Prevention is cheapest and best.

Young dairy stock should have all the hay they will eat, and grain in proportion to weight.

The heifer should be bred to freshen when about two years old. Handling before freshening prevents shyness.

Full calving usually gives best results.

The young bull should have an abundance of feed, plenty of exercise, and not be allowed too heavy service.

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Harper Items.

From The Herald.
Mrs. L. A. Russel who has been in an asylum in San Antonio for a number of years died last Tuesday and was brought here for burial on Thursday.

Miss Audrey Harper came in on the mail car from Bandera Saturday for a visit with friends and relatives here.

Judge Kneese informed the school board the first of the week that the \$500 State appropriation has been set aside for the Harper school.

Note from Bro. Riddle

Oiney, January 17.

DEAR ADVANCE:
We arrived in Oiney yesterday at 6 p. m. Found a crowd of friends at the depot to give us a hearty welcome. They escorted us to the pastor's home where we found the heartiest welcome and everything needed to make us very comfortable until our household goods shall come in. All well pleased. Three stoves were up and fires booming. Three beds ready for tired people. A big "pounding" and warm supper. Kindest regards to all Kerrville friends. J. B. RIDDLE.

Lutheran Church News

Services next Sunday, Jan. 27. The annual meeting will take place at 2 p. m. Many important matters will be on the program so every member should consider it their duty to be present. All of our meetings are open to non-members, too.
B. Schleifer, Pastor.

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Homer Ruff.

Trespass Notice

The Mountain Park Sanatorium property, formerly known as My Ranch, is posted. Parties hunting or in any way trespassing on said property will be prosecuted.
E. E. Thompson, Supt.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Holy Communion 1st Sunday
Morning prayer 2nd, 3rd and 4th
Sundays 10:30 a. m.
Sunday School 9:30 a. m.
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