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## Elmo Staudt Writes from "Over There."

Following we give some extracts from three letters received at once by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Staudt from their son Elmo, who recently went to Europe with the 148th Aero Squadron. These letters were dated March 8th, 10th, 13th.

Dear Home Folks:  
We got here yesterday. Never had time to write but I cabled. I thought that would help some, at least to let you know that I was safe across.

My letter will be short as I cannot give descriptions or much about what we are doing. This is a pretty country. I went to a Y. M. C. A. last night here in camp and saw a picture show. It was certainly fine.

Say, Henry Ford is well advertised over on this side. The very first thing I saw when we marched off the boat was a Ford car. There is nearly as many here as in the U.S.A.

The trains over here are nothing like ours over there. You get in by doors at the sides and they have three or four apartments in them and each apartment carries eight people.

I have certainly seen some fine buildings and green fields. I saw a building here that I never knew was in existence. It is a great Cathedral and was built three hundred years before America was discovered.

I have been to three different camps here but have seen no one that I ever knew.

I am feeling fine and getting fat. Write me a letter as soon as you can. I want you to send me some of the home papers. I don't know whether I will get them but if I do they will sure look good.

Tell everybody hello for me and tell Alfred and Annie to write.

With lots of love to all,  
Your son,  
ELMO.

## More Realty Deals.

John H. Ward last week bought Chas. Mosel's property on Water and Tchoupitoulas streets and will move his undertakers business there about the first of May. The price paid was \$4,500.

Dick Eastland bought of the Chas. Schreiner Trustees the pretty cottage now occupied by Bishop Johnston on the corner of Main and "A" streets. The price paid was \$3,000.

## Money Received.

County Treasurer, A. B. Williamson, has received from the State Highway Commission the allotment of taxes due from the automobile license fund which amounts to \$870.86. This goes to our county road fund.

## America for Americans.

Theodore Roosevelt in a speech last week said:

"If there is an American in this country at this time not bearing some part of the common burden then he is not fit to be in the country at all," the former President declared.

"This is the peoples' war. It is a war for our children and our children's children. If we do not win now, fighting abroad beside our allies, then sooner or later our sons or our grandsons will have to fight here at home without allies."

"The American who is not heart and soul against Germany and heart and soul in favor of fighting the war through to a victorious conclusion, to the peace of overwhelming victory, is a traitor to this country and a traitor to mankind. He is unfit to live in America, he is unfit to be a free man for his soul is the soul of a slave."

The colonel called for the dissolution of the German-American alliance, declaring: "No man can serve two masters in this country at this time; there can be no such thing as a fifty-fifty allegiance here."

As for conscientious objectors, the colonel recommended that "take out their consciences and look at them and see if they are in good working order."

## Fine Rains in this Section.

On last Thursday night a rain of about one half inch fell over Kerr County and on Friday afternoon a big cloud came up from the West and the thunder rolled until about 2 o'clock when an old-time gully washer and ground soaker visited this county and section. At Kerrville the precipitation was about 1.60 inches and at some other points much heavier. The river rose here to about five or six feet. As far as has been reported the rain was general but was much lighter at Junction and Rock Springs. East and South heavy rains fell as far as Sabinal and San Antonio.

The extent of good this rain will do is too great to estimate. The farmers will at once plant their crops of corn, cotton, sorghum, maize, feterita, etc. Old Kerrville looks different and the long faces are back to their normal shape again.

## Live Stock Notes.

Pete Hagens of Center Point bought last week of Ben Massey of Ingram 350 sheep at figures close around \$12 per head.

W. R. Edwards and son, Urbane, were down from their Big Paint ranch Monday for a Ford load of supplies. They reported fine rains.

## Red Cross Column

(By Mrs. J. W. Burney)

We can almost hear the cannon booming. The comparative inactivity of the past few months has ceased and millions of men, among them thousands of our own flesh and blood, are engaged in a life and death struggle. Germany has launched her long heralded attack and is hurling unheard of masses against the Western line. The Italian reverses last fall and the collapse of Russia have enabled our enemy to concentrate his full force and to strike a terrific blow at the line which the defenders of Liberty have stretched from the North Sea to Switzerland. Our armies are facing the most serious crisis since the Germans were turned back at the Marne.

The news from the battle front calls for all the fortitude and resolution we can muster. German guns speak louder than words. German duplicity and intrigue have accomplished what German force was powerless to attain and we see clearly in the flash of the firing the peril which we stand. As we pray that the line may not break, we must stand firm ourselves and gird ourselves for new and bitter trials. There can be no shirking here at home. We must execute our orders with efficiency and dispatch. It is becoming more and more evident that the duration of the war and its successful consummation will depend on the steadfastness of the civilian population.

Our Red Cross abroad is facing the emergency with the utmost skill and heroism. The strain on the Red Cross army behind the front is scarcely less severe than the pressure on the lines themselves.

Everything that can be done to comfort the suffering and heal the wounded is being done. We at home, however, must assure an unceasing flow of hospital material. Let there be no break in the line as far as the Red Cross is concerned.

We have received at the local Chapter Headquarters, a large box of knitted articles from the Center Point Branch, for "Our Boys" at the front. The box contained 8 helmets, 5 mufflers, 27 pr. socks, and 26 sweaters. These articles are beautifully made and they spell comfort for some of the boys in the service. The Center Point women are doing their full quota of work in hospital garments, surgical supplies and knitted articles.

Received from N. B. Smith \$1.00, Jno. Williams \$1.00, and J. L. Pampell \$2.05.

On Saturday a large attendance, thirty-five girls, the youngest being only eight years of age, did a fine lot of work, making hundreds of dressings. These girls, under the very able leadership of Mrs. J. L. Pampell, are doing wonderful work. Within the last few weeks they have almost completed a full case of surgical dressings.

## Raaz-Gray Wedding.

Miss Pearl Raaz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Raaz of this vicinity, was united in marriage to Mr. Jas. Gray of Camp Stanley on last Friday evening. The marriage took place at Comfort after which the happy couple went on to San Antonio where we understand they will make their home. They are both worthy and popular young people and come of excellent families. Our best wishes follow them.

## Loyalty League Meeting Changed

The meeting of the Kerr County Loyalty League which was to have been held yesterday was postponed until a week from next Saturday on account of the farmers being so busy planting their crops. At that time there will be a big mass meeting at which Mayor H. C. Geddie will speak as well as some outside speakers of prominence.

## Service Flag Presented to Tivy High School

At the regular weekly chapel meeting of Tivy High School Monday morning the Parent-Teacher's Club, through its president, Mrs. G. M. Doyle, presented to the school a beautiful war service flag containing seventy-eight stars representing the seventy-eight young men who have gone out from the school to the service of their country in the great struggle in which we are now engaged for liberty and freedom. In presenting the flag Mrs. Doyle made a beautiful little speech which warmed the hearts of all present.

Mr. T. C. Johnston, president of the school board, made the speech of acceptance for the school and his patriotic remarks brought forth a most hearty applause from the audience of pupils and citizens. Mr. Johnston's speech would make good reading if published and if possible it will be run in these columns this week or next.

Besides the presentation of the flag a splendid program was carried out. Rev. D. B. South of the Baptist Church gave the Scripture reading and opening prayer, after which Superintendent Jones gave a splendid address on the subject: "Why we are in the War." This was a most appropriate and patriotic address and by all means should be published, but which on account of lack of facilities we cannot do.

The High School Chorus sang beautifully two patriotic songs.

The program was closed after Mrs. Doyle and Miss Garrett responded to a request to sing "Keep the Home Fires Burning," which was greatly enjoyed.

It is indeed gratifying to see the enthusiasm that characterizes all meetings held with the school. There is a feeling that the most cordial relations exists between the faculty, headed by the Superintendent, and the pupils, and a determination upon the part of all to put the greatest effort into the success of the school, and at the same time to propagate those ideals that make for most in maintaining and defending our government. It is no wonder that the boys, from the eighth grade on up, go into the army and navy as fast as they will be accepted. They receive every day an inspiration of what it really means to be an American and each is striving to be as big an American and as useful an American as is possible to be.

## To Build \$10,000 Garage.

Will Beckman and Mack Weston last week bought all the property of the Chas. Schreiner Trustees fronting on Tchoupitoulas Street, including the building occupied by the Ward Undertaking Co., the Beckman Garage, the Airdome and the old sample room, and will at once begin the erection of a new brick garage and automobile storage room on the corner lot. The new building will have full glass fronts and will be 50 by 150 feet in dimensions and one story high. The price paid for this property was \$12,000.

## Kerr County Purchases Liberty Loan Bonds.

At a special session of the Commissioners Court Monday an order was passed to purchase for Kerr County \$2700 worth of the third Liberty Loan Bonds and Road Pre. No. 3 bought \$500 worth of War Saving Certificates.

This is truly a worthy move by the commissioners and which will have the approval of every citizen of the county.

A feature of this bond purchase which we take the liberty to mention is that County Treasurer Williamson donated his commissions on the entire sum which he would have been privileged to charge under the law.

## PERSHING SAID

"Every dollar subscribed to the Liberty Loan is a dollar invested in American manhood. Every dollar subscribed as the result of self-denial means partnership in the hardships and risks of our men in the trenches. Every dollar subscribed will confirm the determination of our people at home to stand by its army to a victorious end.

"An overwhelming subscription to the third Liberty Loan will be a patriotic expression of confidence in our ability as a nation to maintain all that we hold dear in civilization."

We will gladly give you any information regarding the third Liberty Loan bonds and be pleased to take your application for their purchase.  
Bonds in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000 and up.

## CHAS. SCHREINER BANK

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KERRVILLE, TEXAS

## Subscribe Liberally to Y. M. C. A. Notice of Hearing to Appropriate Public Waters

The citizens of Kerrville went over the top in great shape in subscriptions to the State Work of the Young Men's Christian Association. General Secretary Geo. Wheeler, of San Antonio Young Men's Christian Association, was the solicitor authorized by the state to collect the funds, and a total of one hundred and fourteen dollars and fifty cents was subscribed by Kerrville citizens.

Mr. Wheeler wishes to thank the citizens and Mr. Compartment through the newspapers of Kerrville for their splendid help and this is only one part of what the loyal people of Kerr County are doing to help win the great world war for Democracy. The list of contributors are as follows: Dr. E. Galbraith, D. H. Compartment, Dr. E. E. Palmer, J. L. Pampell, L. A. Schreiner, A. C. Schreiner Sr., A. C. Schreiner Jr., Mrs. C. C. Butt and son, Mrs. J. S. Wheeler, Judge Lee Wallace, Mrs. W. A. Coleman, Mrs. Geo. Morris, Lee Mason, W. A. Fawcett, W. G. Carpenter, J. M. Thompson, John S. Butler, J. S. Fitzsimmons, H. C. Geddie, E. C. Fisk, Dick Eastland, P. W. Berry, R. S. Newman, J. D. Bowden, N. Herzog, E. W. Speckles, T. C. Johnston, Mrs. Arthur Real, L. D. Garrett, Rudolph Stehling, M. T. Davis, M. Wilkinson, J. D. Motley, J. R. Leavell, Elmer Ruff, A. E. Self, C. C. Butt, Miss Starkey, Miss Mary Johnston, Bietel Lumber Co., J. T. Moore, E. H. Prescott, Rock Drug Store, A. W. Henke, Theo. Dietz, Martin Moos, N. C. Hagens, A. T. Adkins, Dr. S. E. Thompson, S. P. Benton, T. A. Buckner, Miss Katherine King, A. J. Smith, Mrs. W. A. Simmons, Miss Galbraith, R. A. Holland, John Greer, Miss S. Huntington, and Miss I. Huntington.

A hearing on the said application of the said C. R. Eddins will be held by the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at its office, in the City of Austin, County of Travis, said State, on Monday, the 22nd day of April, 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.

## Junior Red Cross

The Junior Red Cross sewing classes met on their respective work days of last week, Monday and Thursday, under the supervision of Miss Krause, and Tuesday under the direction of Miss Smith. The pupils continued their work on refugee garments and bags.

The Junior Red Cross respectfully asks if the merchants of Kerrville will donate to the organization the tapes and ribbons, either silk or linen, that come around handkerchiefs and bolts of drygoods. The colors desired are pink, blue and white, to be used for binding baby caps.

This mark of generosity will be greatly appreciated.  
Press Reporter.

## THE STATE OF TEXAS.

No. 300

Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that C. R. Eddins, whose postoffice address is Ingram, Texas, did on the 23rd day of March, A. D., 1918, 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 the ordinary flow of Johnson Creek, a tributary of the Guadalupe River, in Kerr County, Texas, for which he now claims a right under a declaration of intention filed with the County Clerk of Kerr County in 1914, by a Diversion Plant on Survey 420, J. S. Lester, in Kerr County, distant in a Northwesterly direction from Kerrville, 15 miles.

You are hereby further notified that the said C. R. Eddins proposes to irrigate fourteen acres out of the J. S. Lester Survey No. 420, this acreage being in addition to the 18 acres set out in his declaration filed with the County Clerk, using only the amount of water claimed under his original declaration.

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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 23rd day of March, A. D., 1918.

W. T. Potter,  
Rollen J. Windrow,  
C. S. Clark,  
Board,  
Secretary.

Nice little farm of 31 acres right at Camp Verde store, postoffice and school. Has 20 acres in cultivation, nice house of four rooms, cistern and outhouses. Finest chicken ranch and truck farm in this section. Apply at this office for price and terms.

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KERRVILLE, TEXAS

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Listen To Me! Guarantee Dodson's Liver Tone

Your druggist gives back your money if it doesn't... Ugh! Calomel makes you sick. It's horrible! Take a dose of the dangerous drug tonight and tomorrow you may lose a day's work.

How's This? We offer \$100.00 for any case of catarrh that is cured by HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE.

People with real troubles never advertise them. Spartan Women Suffered Untold Torments but who wants to be a Spartan? Take "Femenina" for all female disorders.

Good people who fail to die young usually die poor. A single dose of Dr. Deary's "Dead Shot" will speed Nature's process.

Had To Quit Work Gave Up Hope of Recovery, But Doan's Restored His Health. Has Been Well Since.

Advertisement for Doan's Kidney Pills, featuring a portrait of Mr. Ragles and text describing his recovery from kidney issues.

Advertisement for Wintersmith's Gill Tonic, claiming to be sold for 50 years for malaria, chills, and fever.

Advertisement for Nature's Remedy for Rheumatism, promising relief for 25c.

Advertisement for Nature's Remedy NR-Tablets, describing its benefits for rheumatism and liver ailments.

FIRST YEAR OF WAR REVIEWED

Achievements of United States Recounted in Official Statements.

GREAT ARMY IN TRAINING

Land Forces Now Aggregate 123,824 Officers and 1,528,924 Enlisted Men—Navy Personnel is Tripled.

The United States is now entering upon its second year of war. On the first anniversary of the beginning of hostilities between this country and Germany, the people are interested in knowing what has been done by the United States in waging and preparing to wage war upon the forces of Prussian autocracy.

A statement of the regular army which in April, 1917, comprised 57,911 officers and 1,217,707 men, now is made up of 100,828 officers and 1,528,924 enlisted men.

A substantial standard military expeditionary publication of actual numbers of this army is being compiled. It is estimated that the army today is equipped with 16 armaments and 16 camps and on numerous aviation fields and in a variety of other schools in all parts of the United States.

Behind the activities of this vast force lies a great industry organized to produce an adequate supply of munitions, equipment, and provisions, and to provide transportation to the firing line.

Behind the fighting line in France the American forces have scientifically prepared a groundwork of camps, communications, supply bases, and works in anticipation of operations by the force of the army.

All the while there has been a fairly even flow of men and materials from the United States to France. The men in the trenches, back of the lines, on the construction projects, and in the hospitals have been steadily supplied.

Shell-Cap Cigar Lighter. Capt. John Corrigan of the traffic squad of the police department has received a souvenir from his son, V. R. Corrigan, who is in France as a member of base hospital No. 22.

February 5, when the British ship Tusculana was torpedoed and sunk. The bodies of 144 soldiers, en route to France, have been found and 55 others were still missing on March 16.

To secure an adequate number of competent officers to lead the new armies various plans were devised. Two classes at West Point were graduated in advance of the usual graduation dates and special examinations were held in various parts of the country for appointments from civil life.

At the beginning of the war the engineer troops consisted of three regiments of pioneer engineers, with train, one mounted company, one engineer detachment at West Point. The aggregate strength was approximately 4,125 officers and enlisted men.

Of the special engineer units recruited for service on railways and in the maintenance of lines of communication, many are already in France and others are awaiting recruitment to full strength in order to be ready for overseas service.

Since the outbreak of war the ordnance department has expanded from 97 officers, operating with yearly appropriations of about \$1,000,000 and with manufacture largely confined to government arsenals, to 5,000 officers in this country and abroad.

While building the foundation for greater production, the ordnance department has provided 1,400,000 rifles; has brought the rate of rifle production up to 35,000 per week, sufficient to equip these army divisions; secured deliveries on more than 17,000 machine guns; brought the rate of production of machine guns from 20,000 to 225,000 per year; increased the rate of production of 34-inch to 9-inch caliber guns from 1,500 to 15,000 per year.

One billion rounds of ammunition has been purchased for the training of troops in the armaments alone. An idea of the extent of the ordnance program may be gained from the following few items of purchase: Twenty-three million hand grenades; 725,000 automatic pistols; 250,000 revolvers; 2,000,000 projectiles for all calibers of heavy artillery; 427,245,000 pounds of explosives; 240,000 machine guns; and 2,484,000 rifles.

The magnitude of the work of the quartermaster corps is indicated by the operation of the subsistence division, which is charged with the responsibility of seeing that food supplies for the army are available at all stations from the Philippines to Lorraine. Purchases recently made included 40,000,000 pounds dried beans; 110,000,000 cans baked beans of the 1917 crop; 65,184,475 cans of tomatoes; 91,000,000 cans of condensed milk; and 20,287,000 pounds of prunes.

The establishment of the subsistence division centralized the purchases of foodstuffs for the army, previous to which such products were distributed through the depot quartermaster. Effective January 1, the central control system has resulted in greater efficiency and a big saving. In January for instance, \$100,000 was saved under this system as compared with the prices obtained by depot quartermasters, and in February a saving of \$30,740 was made on potatoes alone.

The air service has been called upon in the past 12 months to build an enormous structure of the most highly trained personnel and the most intricate equipment with practically no foundation to start from.

A large number stepped out; and now nearly all the thermometers for use in France are made by these German prisoners. Their workshop is one of the old dismantled forges near Paris.

No Longer "Made in Germany." Clinical thermometers have, in the past, been a feature of Germany's trade; and so, when the German prisoners in France were sorted out last year, they were asked if any of them would they care to work at their trade.

Three large appropriations, including the \$600,000,000 act passed without a roll call, made a total of \$850,000,000 available for the first year. All of this has since been obligated.

Today the personnel is over 100 times that of a year ago, practically every member a skilled man who has gone through an intensive course of training. Schools of 11 different kinds have been instituted, courses of instruction laid out, and instructors secured, including foreign experts in a score of lines.

Development of Navy. The development of the navy during the first year of war has given the greatest satisfaction. Its growth and achievements during this period may be epitomized in the following paragraphs:

Strength of the navy today is nearly 21,000 officers and 230,000 enlisted men; strength a year ago was 4,792 officers and 77,940 enlisted men. Estimated total expenditures of the navy during first year of war: Disbursements and outstanding obligations, \$1,881,000,000.

American destroyers arrived at a British port to assist in patrolling European waters 28 days after the declaration of war. There are now four times as many vessels in the naval service as a year ago.

Nearly 73,000 mechanics and other civilian employees are working at navy yards and stations. When war was declared, 123 naval vessels were building or authorized, and contracts have been placed since that time for 99 vessels.

More than 700 privately owned vessels have been purchased or chartered by the navy. Six new authorized battleships are destined to be of 41,500 tons, the largest battleships in the world. Our 35,000-ton cruisers, 35 knots, will be the fastest in the world, their speed equalling the fastest destroyers.

During the year the latest type of naval 16-inch gun was completed for our new battleships. It throws a projectile weighing 2,100 pounds. Navy has in its possession now a stock of supplies sufficient for the average requirements for at least one year.

Shipping Board's Progress. Up to date congress has authorized \$2,084,000,000, of which \$1,155,000,000 has been appropriated for the United States Shipping board and Emergency Fleet corporation. On March 1, \$352,247,953.37 of this sum had been expended.

The Emergency Fleet corporation had requisitioned March 1, 425 steel vessels and contracted for 720 steel vessels, making a total of 1,145 steel ships, of an aggregate dead-weight tonnage of 8,164,508 tons; it had let contracts for 450 wooden vessels, aggregating approximately 1,715,000 dead-weight tons; it had repaired and put in operation 78,000 dead-weight tonnage seized from Germany and Austria.

These are days when it is not need for man to live by wheat alone. A large number stepped out; and now nearly all the thermometers for use in France are made by these German prisoners.

Texas Items

A movement is on foot at Coleman for an oil refinery. Improvements are under way on the court house at Hempstead.

Gold and silver deposits have been found by prospectors near Munday, Texas. The contract for building the dry dock on Pelican Island near Galveston was awarded to a Missouri firm.

The cause of the leaks in the great dam at Austin has been determined and repairs are to be made at once. The forty-fifth annual tournament of the Texas State Sportsmen's Association will be held in Houston June 3 to 6.

The annual convention of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas will be held in San Antonio April 19 to 21, inclusive. The county judge of Gonzales county has received \$2,895.73 from the state highway department for road maintenance.

The state board of education has granted State aid to approximately 1,900 county school districts, the amount allotted ranging from \$200 to \$500. The money apportioned is provided for under the \$2,000,000 rural school law.

A drought of several weeks which was becoming serious has been broken by heavy rains over almost all North and Northwest Texas. The rain extended northward into Oklahoma, and almost the entire state of Oklahoma received good precipitation.

Cast San Arnelm of the Royal Flying Corps, who was killed by a fall of 400 feet near Hicks Field, Fort Worth, Texas, on March 21, left an estate valued at \$500,000. He was president and a stockholder of a clothing company in New York City.

Plans are being made by State Treasurer J. M. Edwards to buy not less than \$2,000,000 additional United States war certificates and securities. The state, acting under an act passed at the last special session of the legislature, purchased \$5,000,000 of short term securities which will mature on May 28, and the interest will yield the state \$56,000.

The attorney general of Texas has approved the following bond issues for registration: Panola County common school district No. 11, \$3,000; ten-twentieths, \$8; \$30,000 of Bellville independent school district school house, five-forties, 10, and two \$1,800 each of Wilbarger county bridge repair bonds, being ten-twentieths, \$15.

Certificates of authority to do business have been issued by Commissioner of Insurance and Banking Charles O. Austin to the following new banks: First State bank of Post, Garza county; capital stock, \$25,000. First State bank of Plainerville, Grimes county; capital stock, \$10,000. Both banks adopted the guaranty fund plan for the protection of depositors.

Rhodes county for the lower Texas gulf coast country has the endorsement of experienced farmers and live stock raisers. It has proved itself one of the most prolific crop areas ever grown in the South. Large profits have been made in counties south of a line composed of Victoria, Matagorda, Wharton, Jackson, Victoria and Goliad, and due south to the county to the Rio Grande Valley.

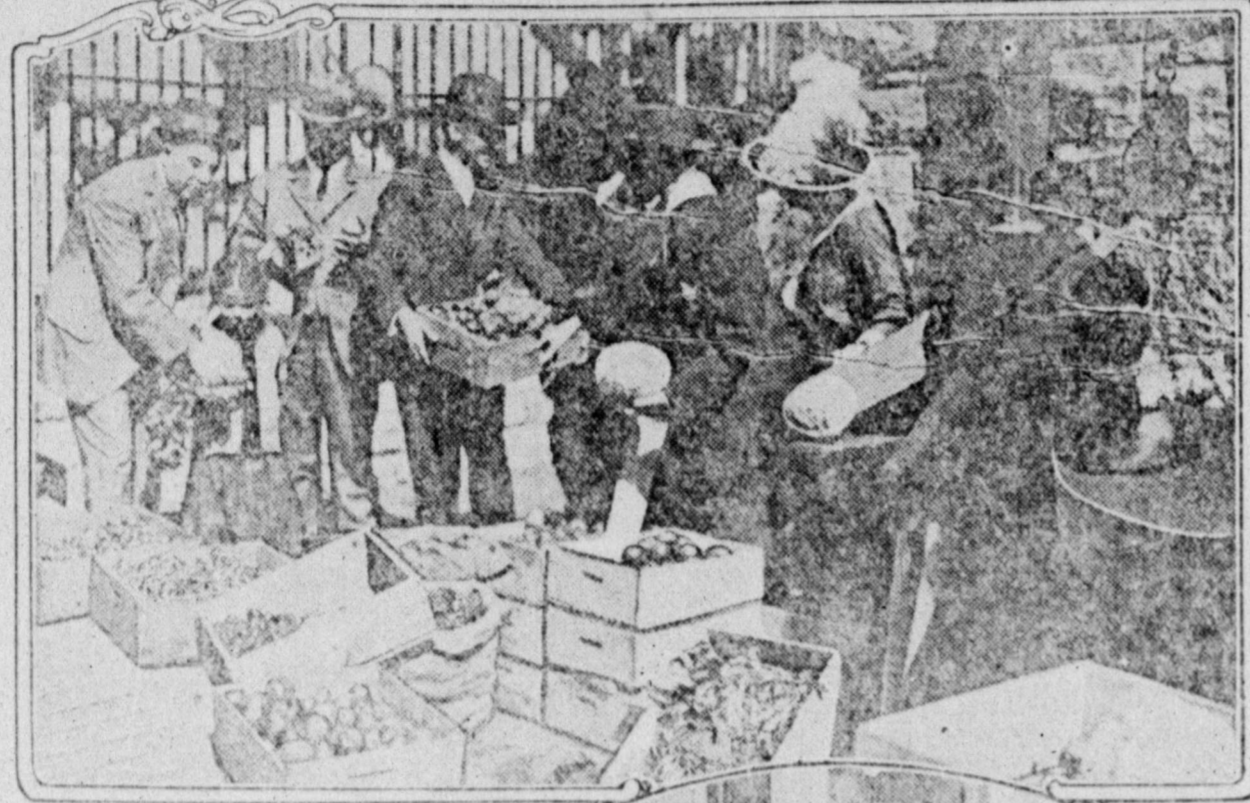
The \$20,000 bonds issued by the city of Bryan for the erection of a new high school building some months ago have been sold. The bonds brought par and accrued interest. Cattlemen and ranchers of the Big Bend country of Texas at a recent meeting voted unanimously to create a cowboy constabulary to patrol the Mexican border, to act as scouts for United States cavalry patrols and cooperate with the army in preventing further raids and depredations on American ranches in the Big Bend, which has been raided frequently by organized bands of armed Mexicans.

As a part of the movement of the federal department of agriculture to restock the allied countries with pure bred animals for food production after the close of the war, Professor L. B. Burk, associate professor of animal husbandry in A. and M. College of Texas, and seine expert of the experiment station, has been called to Washington, effective June 1, to work on plans for the distribution of the live stock.

The case of the State of Texas against the East Texas railroad and other Texas lines growing out of the Shreveport rate case will be heard by the supreme court on April 15 on an appeal by the state from the United States court from the western district of Texas. The court has postponed the motion to dismiss the appeal pending argument of the case. The state filed suit in the state court, the result of which was to compel observance of the Texas commission tariffs on interstate transportation.

# UNCLE SAM TAKES STOCK OF HIS LARDER

Robert H. Moulton



UNCLE SAM TAKES STOCK OF HIS LARDER

UNCLE SAM for the first time in the history of the United States has taken stock of the national larder. A month-long inventory has been made of all food resources in the United States, and now Uncle Sam is a fair way to know what food stocks he has on hand to last over the next season's crisis.

Under an act of congress approved by the president August 10, 1917, the secretary of agriculture was authorized to investigate and ascertain the demand for, the supply, consumption, and price of, and the basic facts relating to the ownership, production, transportation, manufacture, storage and distribution of foods, food quantities and any articles required in connection with the production, distribution or utilization of food.

The survey work in cities was done by the bureau of chemistry through its food and drug inspectors and state and local health officials and inspectors. These representatives went from store to store and left with proprietor or manager schedules of all possible staples, with the papers that they filled out in 48 hours.

The survey covered the stocks on hand in the 22,000,000 households of the United States. The bureau of crop estimates, with its existing army of crop reporters, attended to the farm stocks. The total number of returns exceeded 200,000.

The aim of the household survey was to get a fairly accurate idea of the food stocks in individual households, supplementary to certain data sent in from cold storage concerns and making complete returns as to the quantity of preserved meats, eggs, fruits and vegetables in the country.

A vital phase of the household survey was the inquiry into milk production and the various ways in which this valuable food product is utilized. The schedule to be filled out by householders was divided into four sections: Section 1. Meats preserved for home use this winter and last. Section 2. Fruits, vegetables and eggs preserved for home use for 1917 and 1916. Section 3. Total quantity of milk produced, consumed and sold under the following items: per average week during the last year: 1. whole milk; 2. cream; 3. skimmed milk.



EMPLOYEES OF BUREAU OF MARKETS AT WORK ON FOOD SURVEY

Section 4 covered the total quantity of 34 leading foods consumed during the calendar year 1917 and the estimated consumption of certain of these 34 leading foods during 1916 in order to see to what extent families have been able to use substitute foods in the present emergency.

Household Inventory Made. To reach in the net for 1918 information on the 22,000,000 households in the United States is a stupendous task. As it was impossible to approach each one of these households, 44,000 families, representative of the entire population as to place of residence, family income and occupation were studied in detail and estimates derived from these figures covered with a fair degree of accuracy the entire country.

The most important part of Uncle Sam's stock taking job was done by correspondence with food dealers and inventors. But it was not possible to inventory all food stocks by mail. There were 105,000 small retail grocers who, through inability to read or understand English, were unable to carry out the instructions of the schedule. It would have been quite impossible to inventory each one of these small concerns by personal canvass.

Philadelphia mint is to produce 3,000,000 pennies daily for awhile. A parachute for aviators that has been invented in England is compact enough to be worn in a helmet, ready for instant use. A Californian is the inventor of a registering device to be attached to a hen's back to record the number of eggs she lays.

A method has been invented in Europe for treating old hops so that they can be used as an acceptable substitute for tobacco. Philadelphia may bar German language teaching in public schools. A member of the English Parliament has started a movement to prohibit smoking by girls under twenty-one years of age.

## GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER

Has been used for all ailments that are caused by a disordered stomach and inactive liver, such as sick headache, constipation, sour stomach, nervous indigestion, fermentation of food, palpitation of the heart caused by gases in the stomach. August Flower is a gentle laxative, regulates digestion both in stomach and intestines, cleans and sweetens the stomach and alimentary canal, stimulates the liver to secrete the bile and purifies the blood. Sold in all civilized countries. Give it a trial.—Adv.

Lenorence may not be bliss, but it generates a lot of contentment.

SAVE A DOCTOR'S BILL by keeping Mississippi Diarrhea Cordial handy for all stomach complaints. Price 25c and 50c.—Adv.

Quite the Part. "What did that young fellow do when his mother called him her lamb?" "He looked sheepish!"

Dr. Pierce's Pellets are best for liver, bowels and stomach. One little Pellet for a laxative, three for a cathartic. Ad.

Her Opinion. He—My love is like the rose in your hair—it is— She—Artificial.

HEADACHES. This distressing ailment should be relieved at once and save strain on Nervous System. CAPEDINE gives quick relief. It's a liquid—Pleasant to take.—Adv.

Gene. Mrs. A.—"I thought your cook was a jewel." Mrs. B.—"So she was, but she has been 'kissed'."

Lemons Whiten and Beautify the Skin! Make Cheap Lotion

The juice of two fresh lemons, strained into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white makes a whole quart pint of the most remarkable lemon skin beautifier at about the cost one must pay for a small jar of the ordinary cold cream. Care should be taken to strain the lemon juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan and is the ideal skin softener, smoothening and beautifier.

Just try it! Make up a quarter pint of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands. It should naturally help to whiten, soften, freshen and bring out the hidden roses and beauty of any skin. It is wonderful for rough, red hands.

Your druggist will sell three ounces of orchard white at little cost, and any grocer will supply the lemons. Adv.

How easy it is to forgive an enemy when he is in a position to do you a favor!

Kill the Flies Now and Prevent disease. A BAITED FLY KILLER will do it. Kills thousands. Lasts all season. All dealers of six cent express paid for. H. SOMERS, 150 So. Main Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. Adv.

A fringed blanket out of a job is of about as much use to the world as a last year's bird's nest.

To Dig Out Malaria and Build Up the System. The only Malaria Cure that is guaranteed to cure every case. It is Quinine and Iron in a Tasty Form. See.

The man who foots the bills always has a kick coming.

# LUCKY STRIKE CIGARETTE

EVERY month we make enough Lucky Strike Cigarettes to reach, end to end, from New York to China, the long way around. That's

15,000,000 A DAY

Regular men like the Lucky Strike Cigarette—good, solid Kentucky Burley tobacco, fine for a cigarette because—

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Carter's Little Liver Pills. You Cannot be Constipated and Happy. A Remedy That Makes Life Worth Living. Genuine bears signature. *Wm. D. Carter*

ABSENCE of Iron in the Blood is the reason for many colorless faces but CARTER'S IRON PILLS will greatly help most pale-faced people.

Holderless Pen. A European inventor has devised a metal blank with four clamps which carries a pen at the end. This device clamped around the forefinger is said to make writing much easier than when a penholder is used. If a little knowledge is dangerous, where is the man who has so much as to be out of danger? Another the epistle with Roman Eye Balm at night, and in the morning observe the refreshed and strengthened sensation in your eyes. Adv. "What kind of a coach did you get for your examinations?" "An old college hack." Important to Mothers. Examine carefully every bottle of CASTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Carter* in Use for Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria. Omelets and whisky form a combination calculated to put almost any happy home out of commission.

## Middle Aged Women

Are Here Told the Best Remedy for Their Troubles.

Freemont, O.—"I was passing through the critical period of life, being forty-six years of age and had all the symptoms incident to that change—heat flashes, nervousness, and was in a general run down condition, so it was hard for me to do my work. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended to me as the best remedy for my troubles, which it surely proved to be. I feel better and stronger in every way since taking it, and the annoying symptoms have disappeared."—Mrs. M. GODDIE, 925 Napoleon St., Fremont, Ohio.

North Haven, Conn.—"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound restored my health after everything else had failed when passing through change of life. There is nothing like it to overcome the trying symptoms."—Mrs. FLORENCE ISLELLA, Box 107, North Haven, Conn.



In Such Cases LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND has the greatest record for the greatest good. LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO. LYNN, MASS.

WOODLAND (Cal.) jail is empty. Los Angeles' birth rate is one an hour. Joe Costa, thirty-seven, native of California, recently visited San Francisco. First visit in many years. Isaac Miller of Myerstown, Pa., has continuously taught Sunday school for 40 years. Since the war the number of Jews in Palestine has been reduced two-thirds by hunger, sickness and distress.

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Mrs. Hallie Buckner, Associate Editor

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Entered as second class matter at the postoffice at Kerrville, Texas.



**Third Liberty Loan.**

The drive for the third Liberty Loan in Kerr County is on in earnest. Our allotment is \$115,200 and from the start made this week it appears we shall go "over the top" nicely. It is true it takes men to win the war but it takes money to equip and supply the men and get them onto the battle line.

The boys are watching to see what the folks back home are doing to help win the war and let us not allow our subscription be so low as to humiliate them and ourselves. Both of our banks are authorized to take your subscription for whatever amount you wish to invest in this great cause that means so much to America and to the world.

**Misplaced Sympathy.**

The mothers of America who are giving their boys to the great task of winning the war for human liberty and freedom do not need sympathy of any one in consequence of their sacrifice. If an innocent and helpless child was drowning in a torrential stream and your boy was selected or volunteered to save it and made the heroic effort, even if he succumbed in the effort, wouldn't you feel that you

were to be congratulated, rather than sympathized with, that you had willingly given your boy for such a noble task? Just so do we feel in giving our boys to the task of rescuing the many millions that are being worse than drowned in the far East. Then, do not offer a tear of sympathy but rather give us the warm handshake of congratulation that we have the boys to give and are cheerfully giving them to the great and noble cause of winning the world war for democracy and for righteousness, and for humanity, not only in Europe but in America as well.

I am learning that success is a matter of habitual concentration upon higher ideals. I am what I set out to be. The things I read and talk about today and the thoughts I think today are a forecast of what I shall become. I have learned that I am a composite of the things I have said, the thoughts I have nurtured, the company I have kept and the habits I have pursued. I am learning that success lies within myself—in my brain, my ambition and my determination—and that difficulties and hard experiences are not to be dodged, but met with courage, that they may be turned into future capital.—Selected.

The Advance suggests as one of the very first acts of the Kerr County Loyalty League that it erect a substantial flag pole and hoist a large American Flag in the Court Yard. At present there is not a single public flag waving over our city to show to the world that we are Americans. Of course we are giving abundant evidence of our loyalty in a hundred different ways, but that flag we love has an inspiring effect wherever it is looked upon by Americans. Our soldiers are marching under it, and let us live under it.

Dried peeled peaches.  
C. C. Butt Grocery.

**Notice of Hearing to Appropriate Public Waters**

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
No. 291.

Notice is hereby given to whom concerned, that W. H. Furr, whose postoffice address is Japonica, Texas, did on the 16th day of March, A. D., 1918, file an application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, in which he applies for a permit to appropriate for the purpose of irrigation, a sufficient amount of water from the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, to be diverted from the North Fork of the Guadalupe river, by means of a dam located on Sur. No. 1561, J. W. Brazel, on the North Fork of Guadalupe river in Kerr County, Texas, distant in a Northwest direction from Kerrville, Texas, 16 miles.

You are hereby further notified that the lands proposed to be irrigated are out of Survey No. 1561, J. W. Brazel, consisting of 21 acres. A hearing on the said application of the said W. H. Furr will be held by the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at its office in the city of Austin, County of Travis, said State, on Monday, the 22nd day of April, 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 16th day of March, A. D., 1918.  
W. T. Potter,  
Rollin J. Windrow,  
C. S. Clark,  
James H. Quarles, Board,  
Secretary.

**NOTICE.**

The public is hereby notified that the firm of Word & Ruff have dissolved partnership and Homer Ruff will continue buying sacks and junk in his own name.  
Homer Ruff.



**Still in the Saddle and Harness Business**

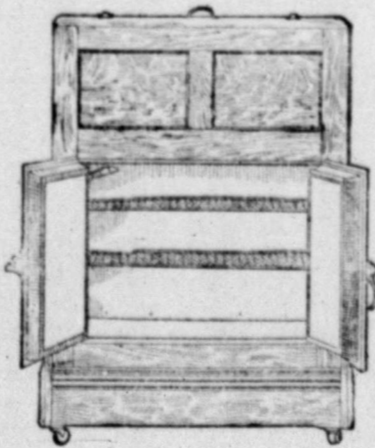
We have not quit the Saddle and Harness business because we have been advertising Stoves. We are still carrying a line of Garland Stoves and Ranges. We also have a complete line of high grade Stock Saddles, Bridles, Blankets and quilts. See our line of Navaho blankets. We can supply your every need in all kinds of leather goods and stoves. Inspect our stock before buying.

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**Catholic Church Notes**

(By Father Kemper)

The feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin was observed in St. Mary's Church on Monday because it had to be transferred from Holy Week. Likewise the feast of St. Joseph, which fell during the Lenten season, will be solemnized next Wednesday at 7:15 a. m. Sunday services will continue at 10:15 a. m. until the fourth Sunday when the monthly engagements at Comfort will be filled.

Last Saturday the funeral of Lorenzo Medrano was held from the Guadalupe Church. A baby boy was born to Mr. M. V. Stephens care taker of St. Mary's Park. His wife is staying for the present with her mother, Mrs. Lott, in Fredericksburg.

Miss Earl Newton discontinued the commercial course at Notre Dame Institute in order to accept a position with Mrs. Alice Schofner. Miss Annie Mosel will move her millinery establishment to Mountain St. on account of the sale of her father's corner property to Messrs. Ward and Smith. On Sunday Miss Annie Mosel went to San Antonio to attend the funeral of Mr. Alois Farrillion.

**City Treasurer's Report**

Following is a recapitulation of the report of the treasurer of the City of Kerrville for quarter ending March 30, 1918:

General Fund,	\$302.41
Road & Bridge Fund,	
(overdrawn)	\$151.66
Sinking Fund,	5495.04
Maintenance "	50.00
Balance on hand,	5695.79
Totals,	\$5847.45 \$5847.45

The city finance ledger containing an itemized report of all moneys collected and paid-out is at all times open for inspection by the public at the City Treasurer's office.

W. A. FAWCETT,  
Treasurer City of Kerrville

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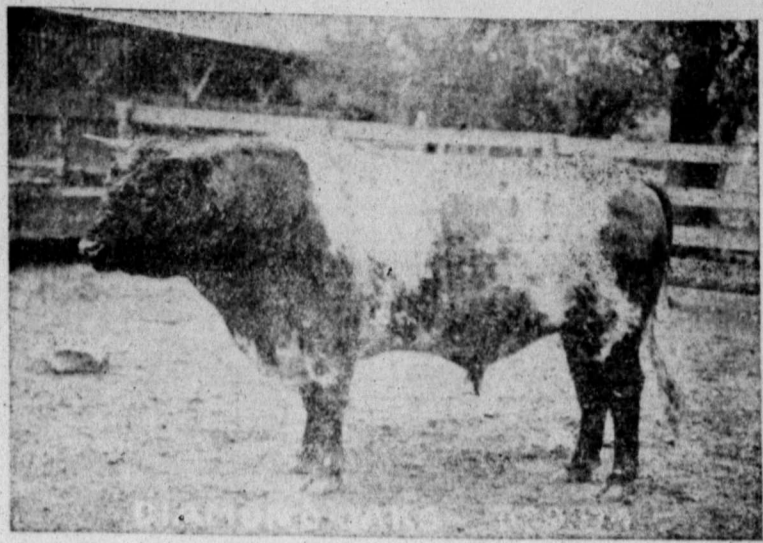
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J. T. S. GAMMON,  
KERRVILLE, TEXAS

### Local Notes

Eyes tested, glasses fitted. Self.

Mr. and Mrs. Ally Bettel spent several days last week visiting in San Antonio.

Hay-by the bale, the ton, or car load. Give us your order.  
Mosel, Saenger & Co.

Mrs. P. W. Berry is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. H. Ridgway, in San Antonio.

New stock Spring Shoes for men, women and children.  
Mosel, Saenger & Co.

Judge H. C. Gaddie went to Cypress Creek Monday to attend to some matters in Justice Court.

For Sale—My home on Mountain Street, Kerrville. Apply to me at residence or write Mrs. T. B. Hamlyn.

Armadillo baskets bought at Chaney's, Highest market prices.

Capt. Charles Schreiner was up from San Antonio and spent Monday in this city attending to business affairs and visiting his sons.

Fresh garden seeds and bulk turnip seed at BERRY'S.

Joe North and son of Sohona spent several days here last week visiting R. F. Hunt and family.

Big line of drummers' sample shirts on sale this week at bargain prices.  
Watters Variety Store.

Highest market prices for armadillo baskets at R. H. Chaney's.

J. R. Hodges of camp Verde was in town Monday and dropped in to square up for another year with the Advance. He says the rain amounted to over three inches out there.

Wanted to buy—Old sacks of all kinds, oat, wheat, bran, etc. Bring to Adkins Barber Shop. Better prices than ever.  
W. C. Word.

Lux-Soap Chips for washing woollens, muslins, laces etc.  
C. C. Butt Grocery.

Vice President A. B. Burton of the First State Bank and his mother went to Brownwood Saturday on a short visit to relatives.

Indexed pocket maps of Texas showing auto roads, at BENTON'S.

Bring your armadillo to R. H. Chaney's.

Oscar Nowlin, John and Jack Rees and Preston McFarland from the Center Point community were in this city Saturday.

Try our Heinz Bulk relish.  
C. C. Butt Grocery.

Dr. E. Galbraith left on Wednesday to attend the State Dental Association in San Antonio and will return to office Tuesday morning next.

Tennis shoes, the kind that wear.  
Watters Variety Store.

Bishop J. S. Johnston left last Thursday for Junction and other points West of Kerrville. He expects to be away two weeks in all.

WANTED—One or two good fresh cows cheap for cash.  
Arnold Dairy.

See our New Spring Goods in the latest styles.  
Mosel, Saenger & Co.

Lost—Ladies' purse between the Newman and Galbraith residences. Finder will please return to Advance office or Mrs. R. A. Cochran and get reward.

New lot of Ladies Waists, Skirts, and house dresses this week.  
Watters Variety Store.

Washington Crisps at BERRY'S, Phone 182.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Hagens returned Saturday from a ten-day visit to Galveston where Mr. Hagens went for special treatment for his eyes. We are glad to report that he received some benefit from the treatment.

Heinz Tomato Catsup, Baked Beans, canned Spaghetti just received.  
C. C. Butt Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ellis, formerly of Houston but recently of Alpine, are recent arrivals in Kerrville and expect to make this their home. They have rented the Biehler property across Quinian creek.

With a War Map you can locate our boys over there. Get the map at Benton's.

Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Kemmerer went to San Antonio Monday on a short visit.

Pimento Pickles and Horse Radish at BERRY'S, Phone 182.

### Dr. Werblun in Kerrville.

Dr. Werblun, optician of San Antonio who makes regular visits here, will be in Kerrville, at Rawson's Drug Store, April 11, 12 and 13. Examination of eyes free.

FOR SALE.  
Mebane Cotton Seed at the Miller Ranch, Bandera, Texas.

Ford Car for Sale.  
One good 1917 model Ford car for sale. Apply to T. J. Adams, Kerrville, Texas, next door to Mrs. L. E. King's.

George Fordtran was down from the ranch Saturday and was joyfully watching the clouds when we last saw him. We suppose with the fine rain that was so much needed his cup of joy ran over, for the rain extended to his ranch and beyond.

New Mackerel at BERRY'S, Phone 182.

Mrs. J. P. Freeman has returned home after an extensive visit in San Antonio.

Get a fly swatter free at Watters Variety Store.

Bob Stevens over from Bandera Tuesday said they had a three-inch rain and everything is moving off nicely since.

For Sale—Disc plow, riding plow, set of harness and garden plow, very cheap.  
M. S. Osborne, Phone 57.

An excellent assortment of cakes of all kinds.  
C. C. Butt Grocery.

Latest War Maps at BENTON'S.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Coker and Claude Presley of Center Point passed through Monday enroute to Junction to visit J. N. Hodges and family.

Garden seed, the kind that come up and grow.  
Watters Variety Store.

J. S. Pierce was in town Monday from his farm on Spring Creek and reported a three-inch rain.

For Rent—My 5-room modern cottage now occupied by Mr. Eastland on South Main St.  
Mrs. E. B. Williams  
Box 304

Miss Mary Brambilla has returned from an extensive visit in San Antonio.

With a War Map and daily paper you can follow the battle lines. New maps just in at Benton's.

Buy Home Grown vegetables from Charley's garden at Butt's Grocery Store.

Mrs. Will Garrett and little daughter have gone on a visit to Lieut. Garrett of the Aviation division now in New York State.

Home grown vegetables now on sale at C. C. Butt's Grocery.

Cattle shipments this week from Kerrville were: Two cars beef cattle by Hanson Byrd to Fort Worth, and one car stock cattle by L. C. Duderstadt to Sample, Texas.

For sale—Some fine White Leghorn hens.  
M. S. Osborne, Phone 57.

Private James K. Osburn, of the 111th Supply Train, Truck Co. F, Camp Bowie, is spending the week here visiting homefolks.

Miss Helen Dietert, who is attending a business college in San Antonio, visited homefolks here the first of the week.

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### Baptist Church Notes

Sunday Services will be held as follows:

Sunday School opens at 9:45 a. m. At the 11 o'clock hour the Missionary Program and an address by the pastor will be given.

The Sunbeams will meet at 4 p. m. The Baptist Young People's Union will meet at 7 p. m.

There will be preaching by the Pastor at 8 p. m.

The entire membership of the Church is requested to be present at the Sunday School hour.

The thanks of the Church are due to the B. Y. P. U. for preparing and placing in the auditorium of the Church a service flag containing twelve stars, representing those who have gone from the church into the service of their Country.

Our Wednesday night prayer meetings are proving very interesting as we study, "What Baptist Believe." The entire membership should get the benefit of the study.  
D. B. SOUTH, Pastor.  
Phone No. 100.

### AUTOMOBILE OWNERS.

The following License Plates for 1917 are undelivered. Those having corresponding numbers please call for the same:

87553, 87554, 87555, 87556, 87602, 87603, 87616, 87625, 87632, 87641, 87651, 87653, 87656, 87657, 87658, 87666, 87672, 87674, 87694, 87703, 87711, 87712, 87715, 87718, 87723, 87726, 87728, 87732, 87757, 87768, 87771, 87777, 87975.

LEE MASON & SON.

Mrs. J. D. Faulkner has just returned from a visit to relatives in New Orleans.

Gerald Walther passed the examination successfully last Saturday for entrance in the Aviation division of the Army and is now wearing the khaki at Kelly Field. He hopes to be assigned in the Medical Department.

### STUDENTS DON'T PAY

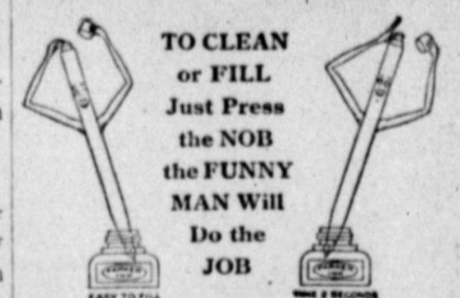
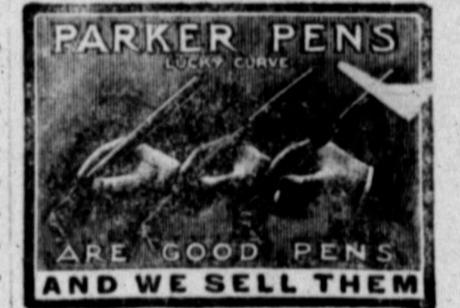
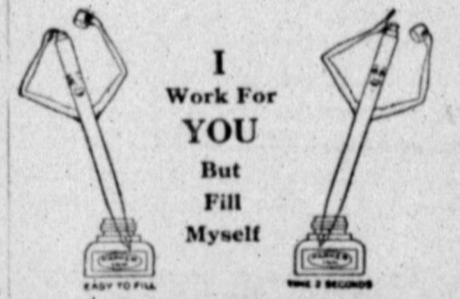
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### ASK FATHER KEMPER

for further information or assistance. Phones: Office 195, Rectory 200, Convent 235.

The latest news from Mr. J. E. Grinstead states that his son, Doyle, is able to sit up several hours a day and will be able to come home in two weeks. Mr. Grinstead is now with his brother at the John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, who is also recovering from a serious operation. They all expect to be home in about two weeks.



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## BANISH SELFISH RULE

Declares He Accepts Teutons' Challenge and It Shall Appear in Utter Sacrifice of People to Redeem the World.

Baltimore, Md.—President Wilson, at a great liberty loan celebration in Baltimore Saturday night, gave America's answer to the German drive on the western battle front; to the renewed propaganda for a German-made peace, to all proposals to end the war before Germany is awakened from her dream of world dominion.

"Force, force to the utmost, force without stint or limit, the righteous and triumphant force which shall make right the law of the world and cast every selfish dominion down in the dust."

"I accept challenge. I know that you accept it. All the world shall know you accept it. It shall appear in the utter sacrifice and self-forgetfulness with which we shall give all that we love and all that we have to redeem the world and make it fit for free men like ourselves to live in."

"Germany has once more said that force and force alone shall decide whether justice and peace shall reign in the affairs of men, whether right as America conceives it, or dominion as she conceives it, shall determine the destinies of mankind."

"They are enjoying in Russia," the president declared, "a cheap triumph in which no brave or gallant nation can long take pride. A great people, helpless by their own act, lies for the time at their mercy. Their fair professions are forgotten. They nowhere set up justice, but everywhere impose their power and exploit everything for their own use and aggrandizement; and the peoples of conquered provinces are invited to be free under their dominion."

**Ship Nacogdoches Launched.**  
Houston, Tex.—Saturday Miss Nina Cullinan, daughter of J. S. Cullinan of Houston, broke a bottle of champagne on the bow of the first Emergency Fleet Corporation vessel to be launched at a Houston shipyard. It glided into the waters of the channel at the shipyard. In simple words Miss Cullinan christened the vessel Nacogdoches, the selection having been made by the wife of President Woodrow Wilson.

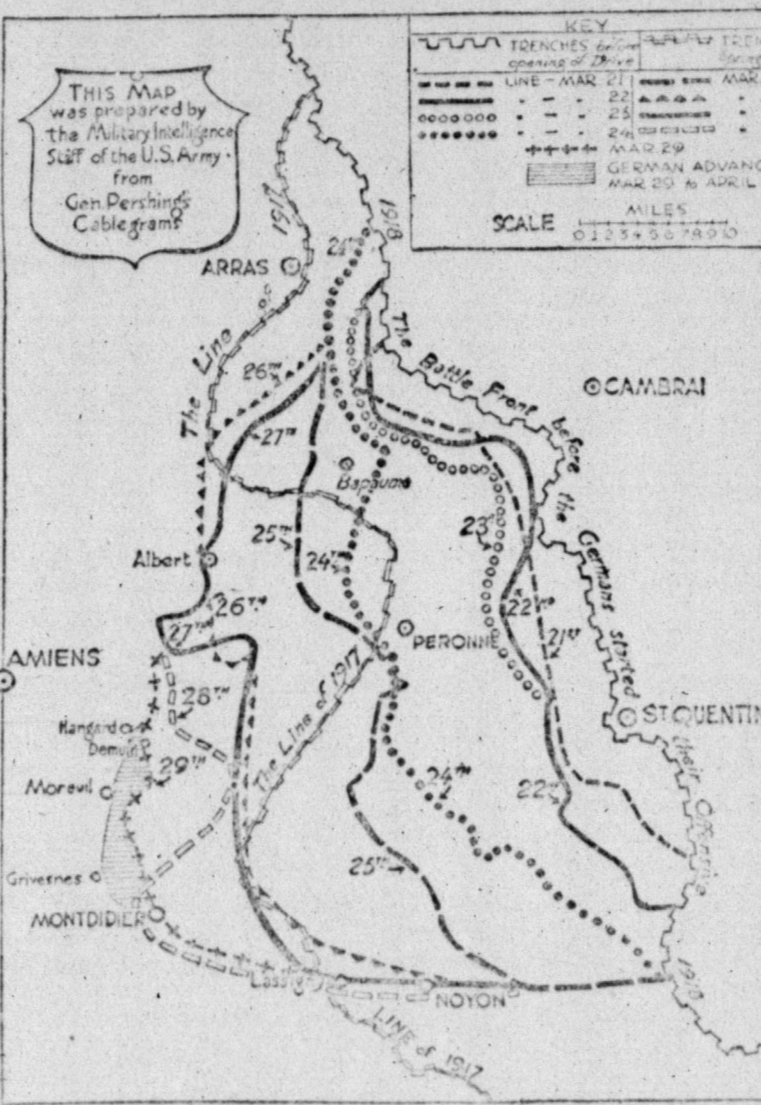
## GOVERNOR SIGNS MANY BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

By Signature of Governor Hobby Many New Acts of Legislature Are Made Laws.

Austin, Tex.—Governor Hobby Thursday signed a number of bills and resolutions, thereby making inroads on the number of bills that had accumulated on his desk during the last few days of the session. The measures signed are as follows:

- Senate bills:
  - Outlining the procedure for the formation of levee districts and the issuance of bonds by such districts, strengthening the present statute.
  - Permitting co-operative loans societies to invest their funds in liberty bonds.
  - Authorizing the state board of nurse examiners to send lecturers over the state to create interest in nursing.
  - Establishing a new court in Jefferson county.
  - Raising age of consent from 15 to 17 years.
  - Extending the benefits of the delinquency statute to all children under 17 and applying its penalties to all persons contributing to delinquency.
  - Providing for the appointment of tax assessors and collectors in water improvement districts.
  - Providing for the election of delinquent district commissioners instead of appointment.
  - Making additional appropriations for the support of the Orphans' Home.
  - Authorizing the formation of corporations to prevent the pollution of fresh water streams from oil wells.
  - Providing that only the secretary and assistant secretary of the state council of defense shall receive salaries.
  - Making additional appropriations for the establishment of the neuro lipase asylum at Rusk penitentiary.
  - Increasing the salary of the state superintendent of public buildings and grounds from \$1,750 to \$2,400 per annum.
  - Increasing the pay of Dallas court stenographers from \$1,500 to \$1,800.
  - Making emergency appropriations for the support of the State Juvenile Training School at Gatesville.
  - Providing additional compensation for county and district attorneys in counties where army camps are situated.
  - Authorizing the investment of public sinking funds in war securities.
  - Requiring the return of milk cans and bottles and ice cream containers and forbidding their mutilation.
  - Requiring land patents to be delivered through the county clerk of the county wherein the land is situated, and providing that they be recorded before delivery.
  - Waiving actual settlement requirements on land held by persons called into the military service.
  - House bills:
    - Providing that no person shall vote in the party primaries in Texas unless he be an American citizen.
    - Permitting the taking of juries by agreement.
    - Improving the working conditions of women in factories and industrial establishments of all kinds.
    - Providing that where persons are dissatisfied with water rates for irrigation they may appeal to the district court, which shall have power to fix the rates.
    - Requiring standard packs for fruits and vegetables.
    - Authorizing the state superintendent of public instruction to extend teachers' certificates under conditions.
    - Validating certain sales of school land.
    - Requiring the prison system to pay its debts out of its own funds and to repay general revenue \$362,423 which was used for paying prison accounts.
    - Increasing pay of convict guards and establishing graded system of from \$40 to \$60 monthly.
    - Validating charters of towns with home rule which had less than 5,000 population in 1910 census, but increased since then.
    - Providing for the redemption of city lots sold for taxes.
    - Making it the duty of peace officers to assist federal officers in protecting stores of explosives.
    - Clarifying clause of highway act imposing fees on commercial vehicles and allowing state highway commission to build as many as ten miles of road in any one county in any year, if county increases its proportion.
    - Making September the open season for shooting doves in North Texas and December and January in South Texas.
    - Providing that only the English language shall be used in conducting the work in elementary grades in the public schools.
- Resolutions:
  - Senate concurrent resolution No. 10, authorizing the sale of the iron plant at Rusk without Governor Hobby's participation.
  - Senate concurrent resolution No. 11, providing for the printing of 1,000 copies of the investigating committee's report.
  - Senate concurrent resolution No. 12, authorizing the use of Camp Mabry by the university for a school of military aeronautics at a probable cost of \$250,000, so that the present school may be used for training mechanics for the army.
  - House concurrent resolution No. 9, authorizing the prison commission to sell the box factory at Rusk and lease the ground on which it is situated.

## RESULTS OF GERMAN DRIVE TO APRIL 1



This map, prepared by the war department, shows the progress of the German drive in France from March 21, when it began, to April 1, when it was stopped by the allies.

## ALLIED LINE IN FRANCE IS SOLID

SECOND PHASE OF GREAT BATTLE IN FRANCE ENDS AFTER A THREE DAYS' FIGHT.

## SITUATION IN RUSSIA

Germany Still Sends Troops Into Finland—Americans With British and French on the Western Front.

The second phase of the great battle along the Somme in France which the Germans began on Thursday last has died down. It lasted less than three days and the fighting has resolved itself into more or less isolated engagements in which the French and British allies have more than held their own.

The attention of the Germans for the present is mainly directed at the lower end of the battle zone, which apparently they are attempting to enlarge for the purpose of getting elbow room in which to move their masses of troops.

Meanwhile, General Foch, the commander in chief of the allies, is biding his time meeting the German assaults with powerful resistance and here and there conforming his lines to the necessities of the battle. It is confidently stated at Paris that Foch will not be drawn into any false move—where each move is of such vital importance—that will strike with his reserves at the moment chosen by him.

There may be some significance in the report that the German emperor after a conference on the western front on Saturday with his chiefs, Von Hindenburg and Vor Ludendorff, intends to proceed to Roumania. At the outset of the great German offensive when it was sweeping the allied forces before it, notwithstanding their tenacious resistance, Emperor William, it was announced officially from Berlin, was in supreme command. This announcement was regarded at the time as evidence that the emperor expected a complete and decisive victory.

The British on Sunday engaged in sharp local fighting at various points and repulsed German counter attacks. They also drove off by artillery fire two German attacks launched in the neighborhood of Juqueoy.

This sector and have pushed down south from Chauny and Beris, capturing the villages of Peronne and Cambrai, the latter being on the southern outskirts of the lower Compy wood. They report also the capture of 1,400 prisoners and many French losses.

German troops still are being poured into Finland and although the Russian authorities have made no formal protest, they have notified the German government that exception is taken to the violation by Germany of provisions of the Brest-Litovsk treaty.

Polish soldiers have been interned in Hungary, their legions having been dissolved by the Teutonic military authorities because of "wholesale treason in the ranks."

President Wilson's acceptance of the challenge of the central powers and his declaration of "force, force to the utmost, force without stint or limit, the righteous and triumphant force which shall make right the law of the world and cast every selfish dominion down in the dust," has had a responsive echo from the capitals of the entente allied powers, where the press gives high praise to the president for "putting his actions into agreement with his words."

The masses in Austria are showing signs that they consider that their war aims have been attained through the signing of peace with Ukraine and with Roumania. Not only the labor element, but also the bourgeois, have expressed their desire for immediate peace.

Austria-Hungary was recently "at most on the point of beginning peace negotiations with the entente," Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, declared Tuesday, in an address to the Vienna municipal council. The wind "suddenly veered," he added, the entente deciding to await developments in his country, which caused it to hope that the dual monarchy "would soon be defenseless."

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## LOYAL AMERICANS MUST CONTRIBUTE

CRUSHING OF GERMANY CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED ONLY BY OUR FINANCIAL AID.

## RESPOND TO LIBERTY LOAN

Appeal to All True Citizens to Help Eliminate the Diseased Tree Lying Across the Path of True Democracy.

(By WINSTON CHURCHILL, Who Recently Returned From the War Zone.)

Germany may be likened to a great tree that has fallen across the path of democracy. The trunk is being chopped through by two axes, the military and the propagandist. If the trunk is to be severed and the obstruction removed, neither axe must be spared. Americans must contribute willingly to help their allies, to support their army and navy, which will be the deciding military factor in the struggle.

Our American president was the first world statesman to make clear that while a military victory is essential, it is not in itself adequate. The great significance of this war lies not in the battle-lines, but behind them. It is a war for human liberty and that which restricts human liberty, not only in the German empire, but also in America and England and France and Italy and Russia and elsewhere.

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Germany has entered the war in order to establish a world empire. It is a war for the peoples of the earth—open for those deluded portions of the German population which, because of a false system of education, have been set up to uphold the hands of the worst enemies of liberty, the Junkers. Until quite recently, one of the most disgusting symptoms from the point of view of the allies was a "discontented sigh" if not an actual opposition to the war of large elements among the working classes of the allied peoples. In Russia, where democracy was most cruelly suppressed, where conditions for the peasant and the workingman were hardest, a revolution actually took place—a revolution that has sounded the keynote of our times. The world service which our president is doing is that of enlisting the allegiance of those masses for the war. He is convincing them that it is their war. And these are they upon whom the evils of an outward economic system have pressed hardest, and who hitherto have seen little hope that victory over the Germans meant their own deliverance. Mr. Wilson has issued a world proclamation of emancipation from economic slavery.

Make Their Own Treaties. He not only declares that powerful nations shall cease to exploit little nations, but that powerful individuals shall cease to exploit their fellow men. He declares that henceforth no war shall be fought for domination and that to this end secret treaties shall be abolished. The peoples through their representatives shall make their own treaties. And just as national democracy inspires to the individual the greatest amount of self-determination, of self-realization, world democracy shall inspire self-determination to the individual nations of the earth, in order that each may be free to make its own contribution to world democracy.

Fighting for Oppressed. This is the spirit in which America has entered the war. We are fighting for the oppressed everywhere. And we are equally determined that in our own government, the false standards of worth, the materialism, the luxury and waste shall be purged from our midst. We shall seize this opportunity to finish up the cleaning of our own household. To sustain our army and navy in the struggle for such a cause, to uphold our president, to aid our allies who have fought so long and so bravely, these are worthy of our sacrifices. I am confident that the response of the American people to the third Liberty Loan will be generous.

Bonds Feed the Boys. Every farmer knows how his boys like to eat. Mother's fried chicken and apple dumplings and pumpkin pies haven't a chance in the world when the boys sit down at table. Lots of farmers' boys are in France and the farmer doesn't want them to go hungry over there. Liberty Bonds buy food for them.

Don't Bury Your Bond. When you and your neighbor have bought your Liberty Bonds, don't take them home and hide them in the cupboard. Take them to your country banker and have him give you certificates of deposit for the bonds. Your banker can take these bonds to a Federal Reserve bank and borrow money for your use in case you suddenly find yourself in need of funds. Hiding a bond is as bad as hoarding money. Keep the bonds and the money in circulation and the country will pull through this crisis all right.

## Spring Colds Are the Worst

They lead to catarrh and pneumonia. They weaken the entire system and leave it unable to resist the sudden changes. They interfere with your digestion and lessen your activity. Neglected they soon become that dread disease known as systemic catarrh. Don't neglect them. It's costly as well as dangerous.

## PERUNA Will Safeguard You

Have a box of Peruna Tablets with you for the sudden cold or exposure. Tame your system up with a regular course of the liquid Peruna, fortify it against colds, get your digestion up to normal, take care of yourself, and avoid danger. If you are suffering now begin the treatment at once. Give Nature the help she needs to throw off the catarrhal inflammation, and again become well.

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Time Changes. "We no longer have the solemnity on the stage." "No," the telephone conversation has taken its place.

## DON'T GAMBLE

that your heart's all right. Make sure. Take "Restoration" a heart and nerve tonic. Price 50c and \$1.00—Adv.

It is a sin to steal a pin, especially if it has a diamond attached to it.

Building up for the Spring Attack at the Front is a good deal like putting the body in condition for an invasion of the terms of crisp pneumonia or "Spring Fever" lies at home.

At this time of the year most people suffer from a condition often called Spring Fever. They feel tired, worn out, before the day is half run. They may have frequent headaches and sometimes "rimpy" or pale skin and white lips. The reason for this is that during the winter time, shut up within doors, eating too much meat and too little green vegetables, one becomes out of the system which is not burned up and the cinders remain to poison the system—a clogging up of the circulation—with inactive liver and kidneys. Time to put your house in order.

For an invigorating tonic which will clarify the blood, put new life in the body, sparkle the eyes, and a wholesome skin, nothing does so well as a glyceric herb extract made from Golden Seal root, Blood and Stone root, Oregon grape root and Wild Cherry bark. This can be had in convenient, ready-to-use tablet form at all drug stores, sixty cents, and has been sold for the past fifty years as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. By reason of the nerves feeding on the blood, when the blood is pure the nerves feel the effect, and neuralgia or other nerve pains disappear because such pain is the cry of the starved nerves for food. When suffering from backache, frequent or scanty urine, rheumatic pains here or there, or that constant tired feeling, the simple way to overcome these disorders is merely to obtain Dr. Pierce's Aurifer from your druggist. In tablets, sixty cents.

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Wanted Young Man. Automobile mechanic, 45 or 50 years old, new, improved vaporizer for Ford cars in your town and county. Saves 25 to 50 per cent. of gasoline. Greatest seller on earth; no drilling or tapping; can be installed in 10 minutes. Make big and easy money working for yourself. Money back guarantee. One sample free. Write now for the position. P. COOK, 614 Elgin Ave., Houston, Texas.

# North of Fifty-Three

By BERTRAND W. SINCLAIR

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### CHAPTER XIV—Continued.

"If money meant that we would be compelled to lead the sort of existence most of these people do," he retorted, "I'd take measures to be broke as soon as possible."

"You're awful," Hazel commented. Bill snorted again.

"Tomorrow, you advise our hosts that we're traveling," he instructed. "When we come back we'll make headquarters at a hotel until we locate a place of our own—if you are sure you want to winter here."

Her mind was quite made up to spend the winter there, and she frankly said so—provided he had no other choice. They had to winter somewhere.

"Oh, yes, I suppose so. All right; we'll winter here," Bill acquiesced. "That's settled."

And, as was his habit when he had come to a similar conclusion, he refused to talk further on that subject, but fell to speculating idly on New York. In which he was presently aided and abetted by Hazel, who had never invaded Manhattan, nor, for that matter, any of the big Atlantic cities.

New York, she was constrained to admit, rather overwhelmed her. She traversed Broadway and other world-known arteries, and felt a trifle dubious amid the unceasing crush. Bill piloted her to famous cafes, and to equally famous theaters. She made sundry purchases in magnificent shops. The huge conglomeration of sights and sounds made an unforgettable impression upon her. She sensed keenly the colossal magnitude of it all. But she felt a distinct wave of relief when they were Granville bound once more.

In a week they were settled comfortably in a number of their own five rooms in an up-to-date apartment house. And since the social demands on Mrs. William Wagstaff's time grew apace, a certain maid and a cook were added to the Wagstaff establishment.

This she was relieved of the onus of housework. Her time was wholly her own, at her own disposal or Bill's, as she desired.

But by imperceptible degrees they came to take diverse roads in the swirl of life which had caught them up. There were so many little womanly affairs where a man was superfluous. There were others which Bill flatly refused to attend. "I'm busy," he dubbed them. More and more he remained at home with his books.

Sometimes Hazel caught herself wondering, if they were getting as much out of the holiday as they should have gotten; as they had planned to get when they were struggling through that interminable winter. She was, but not Bill. If she ventured to give a tea, he fled the house as if from the plague. He made no pretense of his own, men from God only knew where, individuals who occasionally filled the dining apartment with melodious tobacco fumes, and who would cheerfully sit up all night discussing earnestly on any subject under the sun. But so long as Bill found Granville habitable she did not mind.

She wished fervently that Bill would take up some business that would keep him out of the house.

"What's all the clerical work about?" She inquired.

He hit in touch with civilization. He had the capital, she considered, and there was no question of his ability. Her faith in his power to encompass whatever he set about was strong. Other men, less gifted, had acquired wealth, power, even a measure of fame, from a less auspicious beginning. Why not he?

But she could never quite bring herself to put it in so many words to Bill.

The cycle of weeks brought them to January. They had dropped into something of a routine in their daily lives. Bill's interest and participation in social affairs became negligible. When he was not absorbed in a book or magazine, he spent his time in some downtown haunt, having acquired membership in a club as a concession of a member of life. Once he came home, he brushed face and overbright eyes, and in the evening he drank to excess. She was never seen him drink to excess. She was never seen him drink to excess. She was never seen him drink to excess.

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"Promote a mining company?" she repeated. "That sounds extremely businesslike. How—when—where?"

"Now—here in Granville," he replied. "You see," he continued, rambling up a bit to the subject, "when I was prospecting that creek where we made the clean-up last summer, I ran across a well-defined quartz lead. I packed out a few samples in my pockets, and I happened to show them as well as one or two of the nuggets to some of these fellows at the club a while back. Lorimer took a piece of the quartz and had it assayed. It turns up as something pretty big. So he and Brooks and a couple of other fellows want me to go ahead and organize and locate a group of claims in there. Twenty or thirty thousand dollars capital might make 'em all rich. Of course, the placer end of it will be the big thing while the lode is being developed. Getting the start is easy. These fellows I've talked to are dead anxious to get in."

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She came over and stood by him, playfully ruffling his brown hair with her fingers.

"I'm glad you've found something to loose that pent-up energy of yours on, Billy-boy," she said. "You'll make a success of it, I know. I don't see why you shouldn't make a success of any kind of business. But I didn't think you'd ever tackle business. You have such peculiar views about business and business practice."

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In the spring? That brief phrase set Hazel to sober thinking. With April or May Bill would spread his wings for the North. There would be no more staying him than the flight of the wild goose to the reedy nesting grounds could be stayed. Well, a summer in the North would not be so bad, she reflected. But she hated to think of the isolation. It grieved her to contemplate exchanging her beautiful furnished apartment for a log cabin in the woods.

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"You don't need to look so horrified," he drawled. "I'm going straight to bed, little person. Scold not, nor fret. William will be himself again ere yet the morrow's sun shall clear the horizon. Let us avoid recrimination. Good night."

A week or so later he became suddenly and unexpectedly active. He left the house as soon as his breakfast was eaten, and he did not come home to luncheon—a circumstance which irritated Hazel, since it was one of those rare days when she herself lunched at home. Late in the afternoon he telephoned briefly that he would dine downtown. And when he did return, at nine or thereabouts in the evening, he clamped a cigar between his teeth, and fell to work covering a sheet of paper with interminable rows of figures.

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Still she had hopes. If he plunged into business associations with Jim-

mie Brooks and Paul Lorimer and others of that group, there was no telling what might happen. His interests might become permanently identified with Granville.

Bill informed her from time to time as to the progress of his venture. The company was duly incorporated, with an authorized capital of one hundred thousand dollars, five thousand dollars' worth of stock being taken out by each of the five thousand lying in the company treasury, to be held or sold for development purposes as the five saw fit when work began to show what the claims were capable of producing.

In early March came a telegram from Whitey Lewis saying that he had staked the claims, both placer and lode; that he was bound out by the Telegraph Trail to file at Hazelton. Bill showed her the message—wired from Station Six.

"I wish I could have been in on that—was some trip," he said—and there was a trace of discontent in his tone. "I don't fancy somebody else paying my chestnuts out of the coals for me. It was sure a man's job to cross the Klappan in the dead of winter."

The filing completed, there was ample work in the way of getting out and whipsawing timber to keep the five men busy till spring—the five who were on the ground. Lewis sent word that thirty feet of snow lay in the gold-bearing branch. And that was the last they heard from him. He was a performer, Bill said, not a correspondent.

So in Granville the affairs of the Free Gold Mining company remained at a standstill until the spring floods should peel off the winter blanket of the North.

Ultimately, spring overtook the eastern provinces. And when the snows of winter successively gave way to muddy streets and then to clean pavements in the city of Granville, a new gilt sign was lettered across the windows of the brokerage office in which Paul Lorimer was housed.

FREE GOLD MINING COMPANY  
P. H. Lorimer, P. J. L. Brooks, Sec.-Treas.  
William Wagstaff, Manager.

So it ran. Bill was commissioned in the army of business at last.

### CHAPTER XV.

A Business Journey. "I have to go to the Klappan," Bill apprised his wife one evening. "Want to come along?"

Hazel hesitated. Her first instinctive feeling was one of reluctance to retrace the nerve-racking trail. But neither did she wish to be separated from him.

"I see you don't," he observed dryly. "Well, I can't say that I blame you. It's a stiff trip."

"I'm sorry I can't feel any enthusiasm for such a journey," she remarked candidly. "I could go as far as the coast with you, and meet you there when you come out. How long do you expect to be in there?"

"I don't know exactly," he replied. "I'm not going in from the coast, though. I'm taking the Ashcroft-Fort George Trail. I have to take in a pack train and more men and get work started on a decent scale."

"But you won't have to stay there all summer and oversee the work, will you?" she inquired anxiously.

"I should," he said.

For a second or two he drummed on the table top.

"But is there any real necessity for you to stay on the ground?" She pursued her own line of thought. "I should think an undertaking of this size would justify hiring an expert to take charge of the actual mining operations. Won't you have this end of it to look after?"

"Lorimer and Brooks are eminently capable of upholding the dignity and importance of that sign they've got tacked across the windows downtown," he observed curtly. "The chief labor of the office they've set up will be to divide the proceeds. The work will be done and the money made in the Klappan Range. You see that, don't you?"

"I'm not stupid," she pointed.

"I'm going tomorrow," he said. "I think on the whole, it'll be just as well if you don't go. Stay here and enjoy yourself. I'll transfer some more money to your account. I think I'll drop down to the club."

She followed him out into the hall, and as he wriggled into his coat, she had an impulse to throw her arms around his neck and declare, in all sincerity, that she would go to any place on earth with him, if he wanted her. But by some peculiar feminine reasoning she reflected in the same instant that if Bill were away from her in a few weeks he would be all the more glad to get back. That closed her mouth. It was not wise to be too meek or obedient where a husband was concerned. That was another mite of wisdom she had garnered from the wives of her circle.

So she kissed Bill good-by at the station next day with perfect good humor and no parting emotion of any

particular keenness. And if he were a truly sober he showed no sign of resentment, nor uttered any futile wishes that she could accompany him.

"So long," he said from the car steps. "I'll keep in touch—all I can."

Then he was gone. Somehow, his absence made less difference than Hazel had anticipated. She had secretly expected to be very lonely at first. And she was not. Even when in her hand she held a telegram dated at a point five hundred or a thousand miles or double that distance away she did not experience the feeling of complete bodily absence. She always felt as if he were near. Only at night, when there was no long arm to pillow her head, no good-night kiss as she dozed into slumber, she missed him, realized that he was far away.

Early in June came a brief wire from Station Six. Three weeks later the Free Gold Mining company set up a mild ripple of excitement along Broad street by exhibiting in their office window a forty-pound heap of coarse gold; raw, yellow gold, just as it had come from the sluice. Every day knots of men stood gazing at the treasure. Bill had forwarded the first clean-up.

And close on the heels of this—ten days later, to be exact—came home.

"You great bear," Hazel laughed, in the shelter of his encircling arms. "My, it's good to see you again."

She pushed herself back a little and surveyed him admiringly, with a gratified sense of proprietorship. The cheeks of him were tanned to a healthy brown, his eyes clear and shining. The offending flesh had fallen away on the strenuous paths of the Klappan. He radiated boundless vitality, strength, alertness, that perfect co-ordination of mind and body that is bred of facing resolutely along rule ways. She thrilled at the touch of his hand, was content to lay her head on his shoulder and forget everything in the joy of his physical nearness.

They elected to spend the evening quietly at home, as they used to do. To Hazel it seemed quite like old times. Bill told her of the Klappan country, and their prospects at the mine.

"It's going to be a mighty big thing," he declared.

"I'm so glad," said Hazel. "We've got a group of ten claims. Whitey Lewis and the original stakers hold an interest in their claims. I, acting as agent for those other fellows in the company, staked five more. I took in eight more men—and, believe me, things were humming when I left. And, say, I went in by the ranch. Old Jake has a fine garden. He's still pegging away with the mule and Gretchen, her cow. I offered him a chance to make a fat little stake at the mine, but he didn't want to leave the ranch. Great old fellow, Jake. Something of a philosopher in his way. Pretty wise old head. He'll make good, all right."

In the morning, Bill ate his breakfast and started downtown.

"That's the dickens of being a business man," he complained to Hazel, in the hallway. "It rules a man, once it gets hold of him. Aches, little piece, I'll get out for lunch, business or no business."

Eleven-thirty brought him home, preoccupied and frowning. And he carried his brow and his preoccupation to the table.

"Whatever is the matter, Bill?" Hazel anxiously inquired.

"Oh, I've got a nasty hunch that there's a bigger in the woodpile," he replied.

And that was all he vouchsafed. He finished his luncheon and left the house. He was scarcely out of sight when Jimmie Brooks' runabout drew up at the curb. A half minute later he was ushered into the living room.

"Bill!" was his first query.

"No, he left just a few minutes ago," Hazel told him.

Mr. Brooks, a short, heavy-set, neatly dressed gentleman, whose rather weak blue eyes loomed preternaturally large and protuberant behind pince-nez that straddled an insignificant snub nose, took off his glasses and twiddled them in his white, well-kept fingers.

"Ah, too bad!" he murmured. "Thought I'd catch him."

"By the way," he continued, after a pause; "you—ah—well, frankly, I have reason to believe that you have a good deal of influence with your husband in business matters, Mrs. Wagstaff."

"Well, I don't know; perhaps I have. Why?"

"Well—ah—you see," he began rather lamely. "The fact is—I hope you'll regard this as strictly confidential, Mrs. Wagstaff. I wouldn't want Bill to think I or any of us, was trying to bring pressure on him. But the fact is, Bill's got a mistaken impression about the way we're conducting the financial end of this mining proposition. You understand? Very able man, your husband, but headstrong as the deuce. I'm afraid—to speak frankly—he'll create a lot of unpleasantness. Might disrupt the company, in fact, if he sticks to the position he took this morning. Thought I'd run in and talk it over with him. Fellow's generally in a good humor, you know,

when he's lunched comfortably at home."

"I'm quite in the dark," Hazel confessed. "Bill seemed a trifle put out about something. He didn't say what it was about."

"Shall I explain?" Mr. Brooks suggested. "You'd understand—and you might be able to help. I don't as a rule believe in bringing business into the home, but this bothers me. I hate to see a good thing go wrong."

"Explain, by all means," Hazel promptly replied. "If I can help, I'll be glad to."

"Thank you," Mr. Brooks polished his glasses industriously for a second and replaced them with painstaking exactitude. "Now—ah—this is the situation: When the company was formed, five of us, including your husband, took up enough stock to finance the preliminary work of the undertaking. The remaining stock, seventy-five thousand dollars in amount, was left in the treasury, to be held or put on the market as the situation warranted. With the first clean-up, Bill forwarded facts and figures to show that we had a property far beyond our greatest expectations. And, of course, we saw at once that the thing was ridiculously undercapitalized."

"So we held a meeting and authorized the secretary to sell stock. Naturally, your husband wasn't cognizant of this move, for the simple reason that there was no way of reaching him—and his interests were thoroughly protected, anyway. The stock was

listed on Change. A good bit was disposed of privately. We now have a large fund in the treasury. It's a cinch. We've got the property, and it's rich enough to pay dividends on a million. The decision of the stockholders is unanimously for enlargement of the capital stock. You understand? You follow me?"

"Certainly," Hazel answered. "But what is the difficulty, Bill?"

"Bill is opposed to the whole plan," he said, pursing up his lips with evident disapproval of Bill Wagstaff and all his works. "He seems to feel that we should not have taken this step. He declares that no more stock must be sold; that there must be no enlargement of capital. In fact, that we must peg along in the little one-horse way we started. And that would be a shame. We could make the Free Gold Mining company the biggest thing on the map, and put ourselves on Easy Street."

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"Bill's a fine fellow," he said, "and one of my best friends. But he's a hard man to do business with. He takes a very peculiar view of the matter. I'm afraid he'll queer the company if he stirs up trouble over this. That's why I hope you'll use whatever influence you have, to induce him to withdraw his opposition."

"But," Hazel murmured, in some perplexity, "from what little I know of corporations, I don't see how he can set up any difficulty. How can he stop you from taking any line of action whatever?"

"Oh, not that at all," Brooks hastily assured. "Of course, we can outvote him, and put it through. But we want him with us, don't you see? We've a high opinion of his ability. He's a sort of man who gets results; practical, you know; knows mining to a T. Only he shies at our financial method. And if he began any foolish litigation, or silly rumors got started about trouble among the company officers, it's bound to hurt the stock. It's all right, I assure you. We're not fostering a wildcat on the market. We've got the goods. Bill admits that. It's the regular method, not only legitimate, but good finance. Every dollar's worth of stock sold has the value behind it. Distributes the risk a little more, that's all, and gives the company a fund to operate successfully."

"If Bill mentions it, you might suggest that he look into the matter a little more fully before he takes any definite action," Brooks concluded, rising. "I must get down to the office. It's his own interests I'm thinking of, as much as my own. Of course, he couldn't block a reorganization—but we want to satisfy him in every particular, and, at the same time, carry out these plans. It's a big thing for all of us. A big thing, I assure you."

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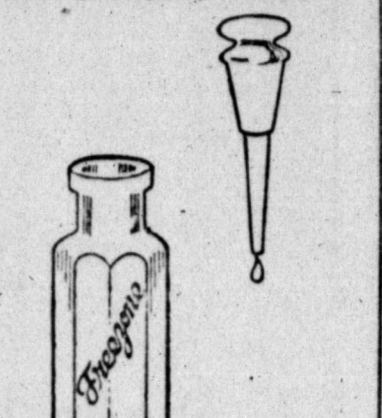
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**Card of Thanks.**

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Crowfoot of Mason City, Iowa, wish to return their grateful thanks for many kindnesses received during their stay in Kerrville and for the sympathy shown them during the illness and death of their son.

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**Federal Land Bank Loans**

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Loans in the State to date to members of chartered Farm Loan Associations, \$6,000,000.00.

Loans to members of Kerr County Association, total, \$18,685. Other loans pending will run this amount much higher.

**Notice of Hearing to Appropriate Public Waters**

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
No. 294.

Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that H. G. Edens, whose postoffice address is Kerrville, Texas, did on the 16th day of March, A. D., 1918, file an application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, in which he applies for a permit to appropriate for the purpose of irrigation a sufficient amount of water from the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, to be diverted from Guadalupe River by means of a dam and pumping plant located on Survey No. 61, W. I. Crook on the Guadalupe River in Kerr County, Texas, a distant in a S. E. direction from Kerrville, Texas, 5 miles.

You are hereby further notified that the lands proposed to be irrigated are out of Surveys No. 60 and 61, W. I. Crook, and Survey No. 109, F. A. Sawyer, consisting of 60 acres.

A hearing on the said application of the said H. G. Edens will be held by the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at its office, in the City of Austin, County of Travis, said State, on Monday, the 22nd day of April, 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 16th day of March, A. D., 1918.

W. T. Potter,  
Rollins J. Windrow,  
C. S. Clark,

Board.

James Hays Quarles,  
Secretary.

**Notice by Publication in Probate.**

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Kerr County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published (in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been published continuously and regularly for a period of not less than one year in your County) at least once a week for two consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, copies of the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all persons interested in the estate of Mary Ann Morris, deceased, Joseph Byas, has filed an application in the County Court of Kerr County, on the 12th day of March, A. D., 1918, for probate of the Last Will and testament of said Mary Ann Morris, deceased, and for letters testamentary, which said application will be heard by said court on the 6th day of May A. D., 1918, at the Court House of said County, in Kerrville, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and answer said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Kerrville, Texas, this 12th day of March, A. D., 1918.

J. R. Leavell, Clerk  
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