

STORM DEATH LIST NOW EXCEEDS 150; RAIN HAMPERS RELIEF WORK

POLICE CHIEF HANDS IN HIS RESIGNATION

Chief of Police G. G. Flournoy submitted his resignation at the meeting of the board of commissioners Tuesday afternoon and it was accepted with expressions of regret on the part of the mayor, City Manager Turner and members of the board.

The illness of his father in Stamford, and the difficulties attendant on bringing his family here were given by Captain Flournoy as reasons for his resignation. He will take over the management of oil interests held by his brother, in Stamford.

No attention has been paid, either by the board of commissioners, of the chief, according to his statement, to anonymous attacks made on him recently.

The fact that my relations with the city administration have been very pleasant is one reason why I regret handing in my resignation, but my personal affairs make it imperative for me to be in Stamford. I also regret the impression that may arise that I have quit under fire," said Captain Flournoy.

In considering his resignation, the commissioners expressed their appreciation of his work.

"If Captain Flournoy has his mind made up to resign," was M. R. Newham's gratification, when he made the motion to accept the resignation.

"You are sure you will not reconsider," asked Commissioner T. G. DeFech, before seconding it.

Embodied in the motion of acceptance was authorization for City Manager Turner to present Captain Flournoy with a letter of appreciation of his work in Ranger.

Residents of Ranger in the four months that Captain Flournoy was chief need not be told what he has done to improve the moral and law-abiding status of the city. An exodus of more than a thousand undesirable citizens followed the clean-up which he put into effect, and the change which he brought about is apparent.

The work to make Ranger "clean," against the handicaps which advocates of an open town put in the way, is a battle which Captain Flournoy has fought and which will take every effort of an able officer for many months.

The commission will use all care in selecting the man who is to succeed Captain Flournoy.

TWO AMERICANS KIDNAPED BY VILLA FREED

EL PASO, Sept. 17.—According to E. Monson, who was in Chihuahua City today after failing to get in touch with the Mexican bandits who demanded \$6,000 ransom for the release of himself and Dr. J. W. Smith, the kidnaping last Sunday was the work of Villa followers.

Dr. Smith, who was released at Ortiz, is supposed to be in Chihuahua City today.

EMBARGO MAY SOON INCLUDE ALL THE WEST

Traffic congestion in West Texas has become so serious that the West Texas Chamber of Commerce has called a meeting of the executive board for ten o'clock Thursday morning at Fort Worth.

In a telegram received locally Porter A. Whaley secretary of the West Texas organization declares that prospects of the embargo against Ranger will be extended to include most of West Texas.

Already, the telegram declares, an embargo has been instituted against Quanah and a number of smaller places on the Fort Worth and Denver railroad.

The telegram pointed out the importance of every interest in West Texas cooperating in the matter of opposing the proposed action of the railroad in declaring embargoes. A strong petition will be drafted at the meeting at Fort Worth and dispatched to Washington asking that relief be given and more equipment, both locomotives and rolling stock, be furnished to take care of the unprecedentedly heavy business which is moving to and from west Texas as a result of the development of the various oil fields and the bountiful crops of grain, maize and cotton which West Texas is this year harvesting.

The telegram enunciated the fact that traffic in the west this year is heavier than in any previous year. Many sidings are filled with loaded cars which cannot be moved because of the temporary embargoes at larger towns and at terminals, and because of the lack of motive power. The situation is pictured as very serious and demanding immediate consideration and action.

It was pointed out locally that the west is now beginning to see, more than ever, what can be accomplished through a great organization such as the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, which is working single-handed but feverishly for the prosperity of this entire section.

Ove Overson, recently appointed vice-president of the organization for Ranger and the oil fields, will leave tonight for Fort Worth to aid in the action to be taken by the executive committee.

PROBLEMS OF THE SOUTH ARE DISCUSSED

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 17.—Economic conditions in the south was the subject of discussions today at the meeting here of cotton producers, bankers, merchants and others, 600 in all, who were invited here by the American Cotton Association and the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

U. S. USES OVER BILLION POUNDS OF COFFEE YEAR

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 17.—The American people use more than one billion pounds of coffee a year and the amount has been increasing since war-time prohibition took effect, according to officials of the National Coffee association, in convention here today.

LITTLE ROCK, Sept. 17.—Governor Brough last night received a telegram from the mayor of Corpus Christi, appealing for financial assistance for the storm sufferers.

Mass Meeting for Good Roads At the Liberty Theater Tonight

Members of the Chamber of Commerce, every good roads booster in Ranger and everyone interested in the roads bond election Sept. 27, are expected to turn out tonight for the chamber's booster meeting at the Liberty theater, at 8:30 p. m.

"Ranger's Part in It." "The \$4,500,000 Question."

"County vs. District." "Can We Afford It?" "The Map."

These are questions that will be expounded by the speakers of the evening, whose talks will be short, snappy and full of punch. Judge Adrian Poole, said to be the man chiefly responsible for the excellent system of highways which connect El Paso with the territory it serves, is one.

C. S. Fowler, state highway commissioner, who has been present at the preliminary meetings of the precinct delegates, is another. Mayor Haganman will declare his stand, in no uncertain words.

It will be worth hearing. The map prepared by the Henry Exall Elrod Company shows the system as it covers the entire county, with the roads designated as "A," "B," "C" or "D," according to the type of road to be constructed.

The road from Ranger to Eastland and on to Cisco is \$35,000 concrete paving, the highest type of road. The same sort connects Gorman and Desdemona.

Every other road leading out from Ranger—four in all—is of the "bituminous macadam" construction, eighteen feet wide, and costing \$21,000 a mile. Such roads connect Ranger with Srawn and Thurber, and run north to the Stephens county line and south to Staff and on to Desdemona.

Another speaker of the evening will be W. E. SoRelle. He was the Arizona representative to the Bankhead Highway convention which was held in Mineral Wells in April, and presided at several of their meetings.

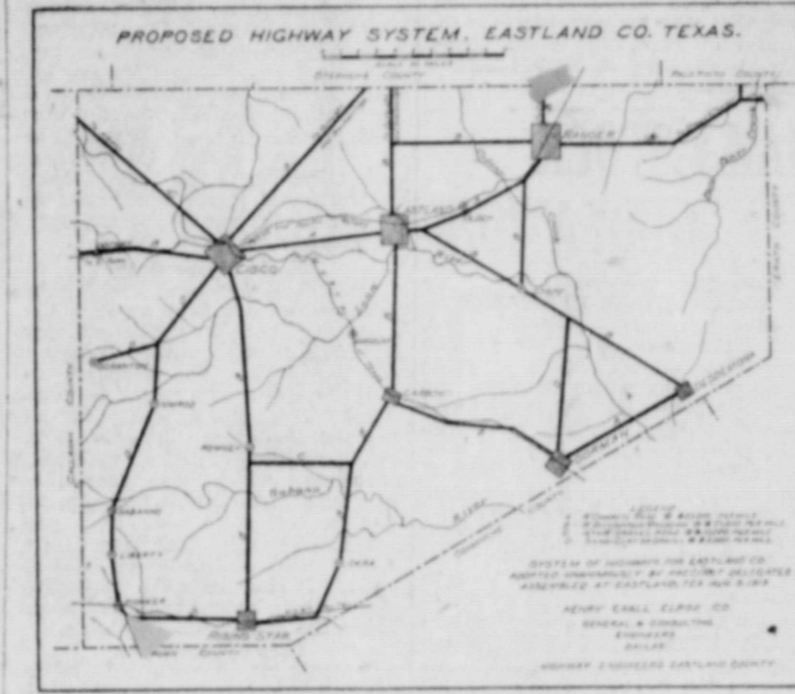
BULGARS TO GET TREATY FRIDAY A. M.

PARIS, Sept. 17.—The Supreme Council has definitely adopted the Bulgarian treaty, which will be delivered to the Bulgarian plenipotentiaries Friday morning.

BIG GASSER BROUGHT IN CLOSE TO CADDO

CADDO, Sept. 17.—At a depth of 2,035 feet a flow of gas of nearly 18,000,000 feet has been secured in the Holland well, situated on the Sarkey lease, about half a mile southeast of Caddo.

Drilling of the well has been suspended owing to the fact that it is located close to the Strawn road and is therefore dangerous to traffic. Efforts are being made to sink a second well in the same field.



Rockport is Under Water Storm Rages Until Today

AUSTIN, Sept. 17.—One appeal from A. R. Erice, mayor of Rockport, to Governor W. P. Hobby today, said:

"The city of Rockport is under three feet of water. Most of the business houses, the bank, and 75 per cent of the dwellings are completely wrecked. The city is under martial law with no provisions to feed the people. Three lives have been lost so far as known. It was the worst storm and the highest tide ever known. Please call on the state to aid."

Another message read: "The terrible tropical hurricane which has been raging since early Sunday only abated at daylight today. There is awful destruction. Four deaths are reported at Port Aransas harbor. The town is practically all destroyed. Aransas Pass is badly wrecked and more than half of the population is homeless."

STEEL MEN TO STRIKE IF DON'T GET DEMANDS MILLION-DOLLAR OIL CO. ENTERS RANGER FIELD

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Sept. 17.—John Fitzpatrick, chairman of the national committee for organizing steel and iron workers, told newspaper men today that unless a last minute telegram was received from Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, the strike of the iron and steel workers would go into effect September 22.

The national committee of the iron and steel workers went into session shortly before noon today to take definite action on the proposed strike. Fitzpatrick said the men were fully organized and are prepared to walk out next Monday.

NO CHANGE IN SITUATION AT FIUME PORT TWO OFFICIALS THOUGHT LOST AT ARANSAS

PARIS, Sept. 17.—Latest official advices report that the situation in Fiume is without material change.

Necessary measures, it is stated, have been taken to prevent all communication with the city from the outside.

British and American contingents in the city were jeered and hissed by the population as they marched to their workshops, advices here state, but they embarked safely on their vessels without further incident. The wreckage of the ship was found here today.

RELIEF TRAIN ARRIVES FEAR MANY DEAD MAY BE FOUND IN WRECKAGE

CORPUS CHRISTI, Sept. 17.—The known dead at Corpus Christi passing through the morgues up to this afternoon totaled sixty-two, with fifty dead at Portland, thirty at White Point and fourteen at Rockport.

The death list in Sunday's storm is known to exceed 150. Bodies which are being brought in are badly decomposed.

It is now feared that the death toll will reach far into the hundreds, possibly exceeding all previous estimates. Burial parties are scouring the country, burying bodies in the most expeditious manner, as all hope of ever identifying the victims has been abandoned.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Sept. 17.—Today more than seventy hours after the tropical storm and tidal wave tore huge rents in this city and its environs it is still impossible to estimate accurately the exact loss of life.

Great piles of wreckage my conceal numerous bodies, and hundreds of men are exploring the debris in an effort to locate any persons who may have lost their lives.

Unofficial estimates place the total of fatalities throughout the stricken area at 200 to 300 and the property damage at \$15,000,000. It is known that there are forty-seven persons dead at Corpus Christi and fifty-six bodies are reported recovered at Portland, eight miles west of Corpus Christi. Seventy-seven additional bodies were washed ashore last night on the northern side of Nueces Bay. It is possible that the latter figure includes the fifty-six killed at Portland.

Hundreds of volunteers are coming here to lend assistance, and relief supplies are arriving rapidly today. All of the homeless have been cared for through the generous aid of many cities of the state who have made contributions to the storm sufferers.

Having subsisted since Sunday on a limited quantity of food brought from Kingsville, 3,000 people, made destitute by the storm, were given an adequate supply of food today following the arrival last night of an emergency train sent from San Antonio by Major General Dickman, commanding the southern department. Lieut. Col. Joh A. Porter, who directed the Galveston storm relief in 1915 and who has been in charge of Belgian relief work recently, came in charge of the train and has assumed charge of the Corpus Christi district, which now is under military rule.

The train brought rations, tents, coats, medical supplies and other necessities. Military discipline was tightened today when the services of every available man were required in the organized work of clearing the streets, effecting sanitary relief and prosecuting the search for storm victims.

A drenching rain began falling at 9 o'clock this morning, handicapping the salvage parties and relief committees.

Downtown business houses have suffered a complete loss and all stocks have been destroyed or damaged to such an extent that they cannot be used. Business houses will not be able to reopen in less than two weeks, it is estimated.

Captain March was dispatched early today to Rockport, Aransas Pass and Portland to report conditions there with a view of extending relief work to every section where it is needed.

S. A OFFERS TO AID VICTIMS OF BIG STORM TWO ACCUSED OF ROBBERY AT TUXPAN, MEX.

END, Okla., Sept. 17.—Lieut. Col. George Wood, chief southwest divisional officer of the Salvation Army, left last night for Dallas to prefer the assistance of his organization to the flood victims in Corpus Christi.

He wired Governor Hobby yesterday putting the southwestern division of the Salvation Army at the disposal of the state.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Chief of Police Agapito Perez of Tuxpan, Mexico, and Lieut. Col. Rodriguez of the Mexican federal army, have been arrested upon orders of General Murguia, accused of complicity in the recent robbery at Tuxpan of the Pennsylvania-Mexican Oil company. He was arrested in a federal prison in Washington today.

UNION COPS AND FIREMEN FIRM AT MACON

MACON, Ga., Sept. 17.—Union policemen and firemen stood adamant today on their refusal to obey the order of the civil service commission that they dissolve their unions or resign.

GOVERNORS OF TWO STATES ASK AID FOR TEXAS

DALLAS, Sept. 17.—Assistance for the residents of Texas in the storm-stricken area was asked today by the governors of California and Washington.

Health Officer Is Chosen for Cisco

CISCO, Sept. 17.—At a meeting of the local board of health, composed of three physicians appointed by the city commission, held Monday, Dr. Joseph W. Gregory was elected by the board to act in the capacity of health officer. The doctor has been notified officially and an answer will be given the board within a few days.

A sanitary and health code is being drawn up by the board, with the assistance of the city attorney, which will be passed to the city commission for approval, when the code will be in effect.

Around the Field

Jackson Oil and Refining company, on its No. 1 Cadezay have given up the search for the deep oil pay and will make the well a fuel well, with a million feet of gas from the 3,277 to 3,315 feet. The well was drilled to 3,445 feet.

SIGAMOUS MARRIAGES INCREASE IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Sept. 17.—Increase in bigamous marriages throughout the United Kingdom, much more pronounced since the end of the war, is causing grave concern and there is a growing disposition to treat bigamy as a venial offense.

H. Y. Benedict, dean of the College of Arts of the University of Texas has prepared a handbook for students that contains an exposition of the honor system, complete rules of the University, as well as the social rules and all the information that a student should know to prevent getting into trouble.

WIDE SEARCH FOR TWO LITTLE OKLAHOMA TOTS

The Times has been requested to aid in the search for two little raising girls, daughters of J. E. Allen of Claremore, Okla.

The following story from the Daily Oklahoman explains the matter: Claremore, Okla., Sept. 11.—The mysterious disappearance of the two little daughters of J. E. Allen of this city is being investigated by officers, and a search which extends from Claremore to the Texas oil fields is being conducted by the father.

Motherless, the girls, Lela and Marie, 7 and 8 years old, were being cared for by a Mrs. Will Maddox who is said to have left with them for Burk Burnett, Texas. Since the arrival there, nothing has been heard of the girls or the woman, and all efforts to locate them have failed.

DAILY STOCK QUOTATIONS

Table with columns: Stock, Asked, Bid. Includes items like Burk Extension, Burk King, Rammer Central, etc.

FIGHT ANTI-TABACCO CRUSADE

COVINGTON, Ky., Sept. 17.—Tobacco growers and buyers of Northern Kentucky plan to combat the crusade against tobacco by the Anti-Tobacco league.

FIRST WELL HITS WATER ON HILLCREST ADDITION

The first of the six test wells to be drilled on the Hillcrest addition struck water and is estimated to have a capacity of around 150 barrels a day.

MORE GRIEVOUS EMBARGO HERE AVOIDABLE BY CO-OPERATION OF PATRONS, DECLARE OFFICIALS

Texas & Pacific railway officials conferred Monday with Secretary Hemmingson of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce with reference to the grievous traffic problem in Ranger and agreed to take whatever action possible toward amelioration of conditions.

Another Embargo?—The statement was made that unless consignees of shipments in Ranger be more expeditious in removing their less-than-carload shipments upon arrival it would be necessary to extend the railroad embargo now obtaining so as to include the less than carload lots, which would be one of the most serious obstacles to Ranger's growth that could be evolved.

Would Injure Both.—Agent C. B. Jones said Tuesday that consideration had been given a l. c. l. embargo, but that it was not practicable at this time without injury to both patrons and the company, and he believed a means would be found to circumvent the necessity for any such drastic action.

Large Warehouse.—One solution voiced at the meeting was that a large public warehouse be constructed somewhere adjacent to the freight station, privately owned, and charges made for storage, less than those allowed the railroads by the railroad commission.

Passengers Inconvenienced.—The passenger conditions here were reviewed. It was shown that Ranger was suffering considerably by reason of the inadequate seating capacity of the waiting rooms. Men

The Natatorium "Ranger's Paradise"

Wichita Great Western Plans To Extend to More States OVER \$5,000,000 BUSINESS DURING ITS OPENING YEAR

Wichita Falls' biggest insurance institution, the Wichita Great Western Underwriters, announced Saturday several plans to extend their field of operations to several new states.

John S. Mabry and R. E. Huff are managers and attorneys for the company. J. O. Powers is secretary-treasurer. The advisory board is composed of the following prominent Texans:

D. E. Waggoner, president Security National Bank, Dallas. R. E. Huff, president First National Bank, Wichita Falls, Texas. J. A. Kemp, president City National Bank, Wichita Falls, Texas. J. C. Hunt, wholesale grocer, Wichita Falls, Texas. W. H. Fuqua, president First National Bank, Amarillo, Texas. R. R. Darrah, manager Magnolia Petroleum Co., Fort Worth, Texas. P. P. Langford, vice president City National Bank, Wichita Falls, Texas. C. W. Reid, president National Bank of Commerce, Wichita Falls, Texas. Chas. C. Huff, general counsel M. K. & T. Ry. Co., also general counsel Federal Reserve Bank, Dallas, Texas. W. R. Ferguson, president Wichita State Bank, Wichita Falls, Texas. J. B. Mayfield, president Mayfield Co. wholesale grocers, Tyler, Texas. C. E. McCutchen, vice president First National Bank, Wichita Falls, Texas. Jno. S. Mabry, manager and attorney Wichita Great Western Underwriters, Wichita Falls, Texas. (Advertisement.)

THE Burger Addition

"THE IDEAL PLACE TO LIVE" (Miss) E. E. Burger, Owner W. W. Burger, Sales Manager OFFICE ON ADDITION

being used for switching purposes for Eastland, Cisco and Ranger. One night last week a train of 100 cars for Eastland and points west was made up in the Ranger yards and forwarded. It was said that with the removal of all loads for other points left in the Ranger yards considerably more freight could be handled here.

FUNERAL FOR ROY SPINDLE HELD FROM RESIDENCE

Funeral services for Roy Leon Spindle, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Spindle of Ranger, who died Monday, were held at the family residence near Eastland Hill at 4 o'clock Tuesday, Rev. W. H. Johnson officiating. Burial was in the Ranger cemetery.

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WOW! 500 QUARTS ON WAY TO RANGER

Seized at Fort Worth

With sort of a mournful look on a face wiser as well as sadder, he sat in the city jail and told fellow recipients of free beans and bread: "Well, I'm just a blankety-blank fool. Every blankety-blank I've met told me there wasn't a chance to get through Fort Worth."

"And I just went on tried it, anyway. I ain't nothin' but a fool—just a blankety-blank fool."

He received no disputing cheers. The mournful tones echoed and died down with no accompaniment save sighs.

For had he not allowed a carload of perishable potatoes—most perishable potatoes—to stay in the Fort Worth freight yards until when he claimed it, he had run into such small matters as an employee of the department of justice, examining trial before a United States commissioner, a deplorable lack of consideration on the part of city, county, state and federal officials? And does not the shadow of losing \$15,000 worth of whisky hang over it all?

The story runs thus: A carload from Galveston to the office of the local department of justice possessed Will C. Austin that cars of sweet potatoes in local freight yards might be investigated. They were. Since last Thursday night, one of the employees of the department has for weeks and sacks of potatoes were hard sacks of potatoes piled high in an ordinary freight car.

Monday morning a man claimed the car of potatoes, which had been billed through for Ranger. He used a bill of lading in everything which would put the car contents in his custody. But he showed without federal officials. They nabbed him. Now he reposes in the city jail.

The car did have sweet potatoes in it. There were 150 sacks of them all neatly piled in the car, clear up to the top of it. But—beneath the sacks and sacks of potatoes were barrels and barrels of "Kentucky," and "Early Times," and "Lee Brock," and "Yep; 500 quarts of it, all in quart bottles.

And the gentleman who waited for it with a bill of lading in his pocket may be charged with any of the following complaints:

"Defrauding the government of freight receipts, by shipping whisky, which has a high rate, as potatoes, which have a low rate.

Shipping whisky misbranded as sweet potatoes.

Violation of the Reed amendment, by shipping intoxicating liquors from one state to another.

Violation of the floor tax law.

And should the federal officials turn him out, the state might get on an any one of several other counts to the above, and if the state officials were too busy, the county might take it in hand.

Verily, it was a sad day when the folks in Ranger decided that they needed sweet potatoes; this fall. Witness the high regard the department of justice is held in by the above mentioned gentleman.

According to officials, the whisky was shipped from New Orleans by boat, and was billed from the seaport to Ranger. Charges will be filed in the court of United States Commissioner George Mitchell and the case will come before the November grand jury.—Fort Worth Record.

CISCO CLUB PLANS NEW LIBRARY SOON.

Special to The Times. CISCO, Sept. 17.—The Twentieth Century Club of this city is celebrating the twenty-second year of its history and are closing an details now for the erection of a public library to be built on the club's lot on the corner block of streets M. and Sixth streets. The club members purchased this lot several years ago and now the property has grown to be very valuable since the oil boom has come to this city.

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'Hard Luck John Timps' Has His Ambition Blasted

By Paul C. Yates. "I've had more ambitions blasted than any other man living," argued Hard Luck John Timps. "It ain't possible that misfortune won't ever let up on me. Just because I happen to get an invitation from Lucy Alene to go to the party at her house to-night ain't no reason why this big country feller callin' himself Zeke Brannon should write to me this way."

"Let me see the letter," asked Timp's friend, John Skiles. "Mebbe it's nothin' more than a joke."

"The joke's on me if it is. Here's the letter."

Mr. Skiles puffed his spectacles and examined the letter which was written on a piece of wrapping paper. There was only one sentence—"Timps if I see you at the dance tonite look out Zeke Brannon."

Mr. Skiles shook his head dubiously. "I believe he's got it in for you, Mr. Timps," he said. "Zeke Brannon is a badgerer. All the boys around here respect his peculiarities in regard to Lucy Alene. After all a party ain't much to go to. Suppose you stay at home with me and play forty two."

Hard Luck John drew himself up to his full five feet seven. "I ain't goin' to that party," he announced, with the air of one making a life or death decision. "If this Zeke Brannon gets in my way I low I'll teach him an object lesson he won't forget by the time his whiskers are as long as a goat's, which for hardheadedness he resembles that animal a good deal."

Having delivered this ultimatum Timps went into his room to dress for the party. In spite of his brave words he felt a secret trepidation at the prospect before him. He remembered many tales regarding the reckless disposition of the men of this region and his mind was torn between thoughts of Lucy Alene, questions that his pupils had asked at the school he was teaching—and these questions taxed the nimbleness of his wits to find answers—and gleomy forebodings concerning possible trouble with Zeke Brannon.

The moon was rising in the east when he started forth in his friend Skiles' buggy. He drove up a lonesome lane, with mosquito and shinnery on either side, and he started at every noise of the night. He had placed a large forty five revolver in the seat beside him, as a precaution against possible attack, and he hit every rock in the road while endeavoring to hold the gun with one hand and drive with the other.

When he reached the road that led directly to Alene's house, where the party was to be held, he reloaded his vigilante's hatch of the brush on either side of the road. All at once he detected a movement in the shadows to his right and caught a glimpse of a ghostly white object moving slowly in his direction. His horse snorted violently and he divined him that the phantom was not a creation of his own mind.

His hair rose on end and a succession of shivers chased up and down his spine. He was sure that this creature was in some way or other connected with Zeke Brannon and designated as a demonstration against him. He raised the forty five and fired. He had a glimpse of the white object falling and writhing in the grass but just then his horse ran away and he was hard pressed to keep his seat in the buggy.

He reached a cross road and turned to the left. The road led home and he did not attempt to slacken the horse, which had settled into a steady gallop.

He reached Skiles' house, where he was staying. Skiles ran out to see what the trouble was. "I killed something back there," cried Timps. "I don't know what it was but it was creepin' up towards me. 'Twas ten or fifteen feet high and it never looked like nothin' mortal."

"You're all upset, Mr. Timps," said Skiles kindly. "Come into the house and I'll take the horse out myself. We'll find out what it was in the mornin'."

The next day was Saturday. Skiles went down to the crossroads street, where a crowd was gathered. Hard Luck John was still in the seat beside him who he had killed and he stayed at home and meditated flight."

In about an hour Skiles returned. "Have you got seventy five dollars, Mr. Timps?" he asked.

"I had that much I'd put into a business," replied Timps.

"Well, you owe Zeke Brannon seventy five dollars for killin' his old white cow last night," declared Mr. Skiles.

To Discuss West Tex. Railroad Congestion

FORT WORTH, Sept. 17.—Members of the executive board of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will meet here Thursday morning at 10 o'clock with directors of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce to discuss measures for relief of railroad congestion in West Texas. The railroad congestion is spreading everywhere in that section, according to a telegram received by C. C. Gumm, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, from Porter A. Whaley, manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, at Stamford. The wire follows:

"Railroad traffic situation in West Texas now so serious congestion at most everywhere and spreading to even non-oil producing regions, instance of which is placing of embargo at Quanah. Believe strong representation should be made direct to Washington. Great crops getting ready to move, which will vastly add to congestion."

Promise of additional relief at Wichita Falls is contained in a memorandum to Ed P. Byars, manager of the Fort Worth freight bureau. Part of the memorandum follows:

"Missouri, Kansas & Texas advise that under present conditions most that can be handled into Wichita Falls and Burkburnett a minimum of 120 loads a day, which is the average number released daily for some time, and 125 loaded tanks out. Under this program the accumulation of loads held out of Wichita Falls and Burkburnett will be cleaned up within about thirty days."

This letter was from W. T. Tyler of the division of operation to Assistant Director of Railroads Edwin C. Niles, Washington, and a copy of the memorandum was mailed to Byars by Congressman Fritz G. Lanham.

Kaufman Bros. at Oak and Lamar Sts.

The Kaufman brothers, of El Paso who are soon to open a large furnishing store in the new brick building at the corner of Marston and Main streets, have leased a building on Oak and Lamar streets from Mr. Ratliff, which he used as a stock and sales room. The deal was made through the Sadler Realty company.

D. N. Harmon, of Fort Worth, has leased a building on Pine street for a term of three years, from Tom McNally. Mr. Harmon will remodel the building entirely and put in one of the most modern cafes in town. He expects to be open for business by the first of October.

Mr. Harmon has gone to Fort Worth to bring his family to Ranger, where he will make his home.

This deal also was made through the Sadler Realty company.

Atlas Company on Wright Farm

The Atlas Drilling company, a new firm composed of William H. Shannon, Jr. and W. E. Best, a well known driller of this field, has started to run on the Ranger Rock Island lease, Wright farm, No. 8 tower, six miles west of Ranger.

The company is erecting tank houses on the lease.

PERSONALS

John Moore, of Deming, N. M., was in Ranger Tuesday with a view of making a business location and taking up his residence in this city.

J. L. Brothers, a prominent oil operator of Strawn, Texas, was in Ranger Tuesday transacting business.

E. L. Darrow, D. W. Bolton, O. D. Jones and S. Alexander, bankers of Jacksonville, are in Ranger looking over the field and business situation here, with a view to making investments.

Desk Sergeant Reeves returned Tuesday night from A. J. Lane, where he is to appear before the Federal grand jury.

RANGER WILL MAKE BATTLE ON INFLUENZA

Ranger will make its battle to avoid a recrudescence of the influenza epidemic this year. The careful battle made last year by the oil town, then not incorporated, made Ranger's showing much better than that of larger cities, and the same care will be exercised this year.

Influenza has struck Fort Worth, and there are twenty-seven cases in Dallas, City Manager Turner pointed out to the board of commissioners, in asking authority for a thorough clean-up. Warning has been received from the United States health department that another epidemic may sweep the country this fall.

Last year Ranger was under the United States health service, but with the incorporation of the city and the end of the war the free vaccine and anti-typhoid serum have been discontinued.

The service, free to everyone, will be continued for the school children this year. The board of commissioners appropriated \$100 for anti-typhoid inoculations and \$50 for vaccine. The cost of the inoculations runs \$300 a thousand and the vaccine points are 12 1/2 cents each.

It is thought that only a small percentage of the school children will require the treatments, as all who were enrolled last year received the treatment, given by Mrs. Grace Harrington, public health nurse.

NEW CROSSING PROBLEM NOW CLEARING UP

The Mid-Kansas crossing and the "alley track" question, which has been puzzling city officials for months, is on the way toward solution.

The 25-foot right of way for the track which will serve the Fort Worth Packer company, the Oil Well Supply company and others, between Railroad avenue and Barker street, will be delivered to the Texas & Pacific railroad upon pro-ration of the price which the Fort Worth Packer company paid to Joe Barber—\$2,500.

The street—forty feet wide—through the Barber property from Railroad avenue to Barker street, which has been the stumbling block of the grade crossing, will be dedicated to the city.

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Tax assessor and collector E. A. Ringold is working on a book which is an innovation in Eastland county tax affairs. It is officially known as a "block book" and is designed to be of material assistance in connection with the tax roll.

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The service will be installed as early as possible. All the general news while its news will be featured in The Times, which is the paper of the people of the oil fields, its spokesman at all times and under all circumstances. There is nothing too good for Ranger and the patrons of The Times.

It is the impression of The Times that people in the oil fields are busier more so than anywhere else. They desire the gist of the important news transpiring over the nation, but they have not the time to read through a column or two to tell what the article is about. The telegraph service secured for The Times—a continuous twenty-four hour service—will be remarkable for its comprehensiveness and exceptionally good for giving the gist of the news without stalling the mind of the reader. The oil news will be handled right up to the minute. The Times has the distinction of leading all papers in the state for its oil news and for being first with the news of the fields. This service is to be extended and increased so that whenever and wherever the Times is read it may be taken as the "first and best."

Additional features are to be added from time to time. It wants to serve the people of the oil fields in an approved manner, giving them all that it is interest in local news. The paper strives to please, without offending, and it never stoops to assail any person. At times it is necessary for it to use the names of persons in connection which court cases and the like, but it is done for the benefit which it will leave. The Times stands foursquare for its patrons regardless of what arises. The people are entitled to the news unbiased, and they will receive it. In order that the service may be increased more efficiently the management would appreciate at any time "tips" on news sources which will help it to get in connection with such news and give it the prominence which it is due.

The Times will be found espousing the cause of right, justice and morality at every turn. It has certain convictions along lines of policy which it cannot conscientiously surrender but which it intends to assiduously support. It is never the intention of the paper to boast any person unduly unless he is entitled to it. It tries to steer clear in its columns of town strife and petty jealousies, working always for the betterment of humanity and Ranger.

The paper stands always ready to lend a helping hand to any enterprise of moment which is seeking honest application in the Ranger field. On questions of moment it takes sides without bias remembering that the other side has many good points of support.

Comments all. The Times will be found the case of paper. You may not always remember it. It may support a movement. You are opposed to it. CISCO CLUB PLs a little differently. NEWsee it, but the reader that it is the innate CISCO, Sept. 17, has taken. ing the twenty second he Times are already and are closing a utterance when far the execution of a intended to be of war block of avenue and have the street. The club membership taken out this lot several years ago. The property has grown better schools schools since the oil boom. cooperative in this city.

Food to all the people. Working on this basis, it seeks the support of all, promising that from time to time its service will be correspondingly improved. The Times could give thousands of good words that have been spoken for it since it entered the Ranger oil fields, but it manages to "speak by action" rather than by belaudant words of self commendation.

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ANOTHER EMBARGO.

An irreparable injury will be done Ranger if the Texas & Pacific railroad company is compelled by exigencies of traffic to institute an embargo on l. c. l. freight moving into this city. The damage accruing from such action can be warded off by the strictest cooperation of all recipients of freight. The practice of making the Texas & Pacific freight station a means of storage at commission rates will result to the injury of every citizen. The fact that it would be effective here would likewise cause prospective business men and residents to seek locations elsewhere. A person cannot conceive of the disruption that would be our lot.

The Times since it entered the publishing and publicity business in Ranger has sought to impress forcefully upon every person who has business with the railroad to act squarely and fairly under the emergencies which exist. When the recipient of freight clutters or helps to clutter up a limited freight warehouse with his shipments because the rate of storage is less than elsewhere and because he does not wish to cram his own business house until the wares are needed, he is openly injuring his own standing and the fruits of such practice will eventually overcome him. The Times again importunes all persons to get their freight from the station immediately upon being notified of its arrival. In this way room is made for incoming shipments, which should be as expeditiously moved. Freight must be kept on the move from the time it leaves the car till it arrives in the hands of the consignee. By following this practice the railroad cannot proffer any excuse or desiring to put on an embargo and it will then be up to the officials to do their part.

The carload embargo on freight and the express embargo are grievous. No one doubts that fact. Already it has seriously crippled the town. Shipments are moving in here irregularly. The town is losing—the railroad is not the chief loser. The yards should be cleared of cars as rapidly as they can be unloaded and such cars as are not consigned to Ranger should be moved to their destinations or left on sidings where they will not congest the local yards. One is surprised at the marvelous extent of the local railroad yards. To see them is to imagine one were in the great railway yards in Chicago. Hundred and hundreds of cars of casing, machinery hardware and perishables are to be encountered in one's ramblings about these yards.

A great number of cars have stood on small sidings in the outskirts of Ranger for weeks at a time. Observation is that cars have been run off the ends of blind sidings and left derelict for weeks at a time. Evidently some of these cars contain material which is not of much value, or are empty cars. They should be removed immediately to make room for other cars which are waiting in distant cities for their "turns." Every available space should be utilized for cars which contain materials and provisions most needed here.

But the railroads cannot shoulder the entire burden. While it may appear a little out of the usual to say it is nevertheless a well known fact that railroads are the most impor-

upon corporation on the face of the earth. Everybody seems to think that they belong to him. Their property is despised and care is not shown in the use of it. Much of it is appropriated to the use and benefit of individuals by unscrupulous persons. Yet the railroads pay the heaviest taxes and are the means of revolutionizing the country and bringing about a transformation of the nation. People impose upon them because they are public enterprises. Some of the things which they suffer would never for a minute be permitted by a private individual.

The Times has not gone to the trouble to ascertain the amount of demurrage which the local station collects monthly, but it surmises that it is extraordinarily large. Yet, much of the freight that comes into the yards cannot draw demurrage because the cars are not left a sufficient length of time in one spot for unloading. These are grievous questions and it is up to the railroad and the patrons of the company to cooperate to the limit in order that the present traffic situation may be relieved before the outlook becomes more acute.

With discrimination in placement of cars, by cooperation in eliminating the tipping fee, and cooperation in unloading and removing freight, a wonderful improvement can be quickly achieved in the local traffic situation. Unless it is done, this fall will find Ranger's shipping facilities worse than they were a year ago.

GIRL ABDUCTED ON EVE OF WEDDING; FREED LATER

MALESTER, Okla., Sept. 17.—Instead of being the bride of John Worthington, Miss Mae Herd, 18 years old, is at a local hospital where she is recovering from being drugged and abducted Sunday, presumably by parties hired to thwart the marriage.

Less than half an hour after

Worthington had left here to secure a marriage license, two strange men rode up in an auto and induced Miss Herd to accompany them by saying that a brother had been mortally injured in a railroad accident, and had sent for her.

After the door of the machine had been closed behind Miss Herd, a chloroformed handkerchief was placed against her nostrils. The next seen of Miss Herd she staggered into Crowder, fifteen miles north of here, in a stupor. She had walked four miles from the place where she had been ejected from the abductors' auto.

She went into hysterics upon recovering from her repeated swooning spells. Miss Herd was taken to McAlester, where she had recovered sufficiently today to relate her experiences.

During lucid spells, when not drugged or fainting, she heard her abductors quarreling about "the money for the job." Later she told herself being jolted along a road in a closed auto which was traveling at terrific speed.

Physicians who examined Miss

Herd declare she had not been attacked.

Sol Herd, the girl's father, is a guard in charge of a convict gang at Spavinaw, Okla., where Mrs. Herd had gone Saturday to spend the day with him.

Only a 9-year-old brother was at home at the time of the kidnaping. The parents are expected here today.

Worthing and Miss Herd declare they will be married as soon as the recoverers sufficient strength.

Carl Monk, county attorney, arraigned arrests soon. The girl gave a detailed description of two of her captors.

Real Estate Keeps Moving

A number of Ranger property owners are awakening to a realization that to induce a purchaser to buy, he must be convinced that property has the value placed on it.

That is why we keep property moving. Why not let us show you some of these bargains:

Much of the renewed activity in Real Estate transfers at present is due to the recent efforts to bring prices down to where property finds a ready sale. Here are a few bargains yet to be had:

50x140 on Main, opposite McCleskey; building to suit; long lease.

100x140, or part, on Main, near McCleskey; building to suit; 20-yr. lease.

25x85 on Austin street, opposite McCleskey; \$16,000, until Oct. 1st.

65x85 cor., near McCleskey; cheap.

25x90, on Walnut street; \$8,500.

25x90 on Walnut, cement block building, 3-yr. lease; \$1,250; rent cheap.

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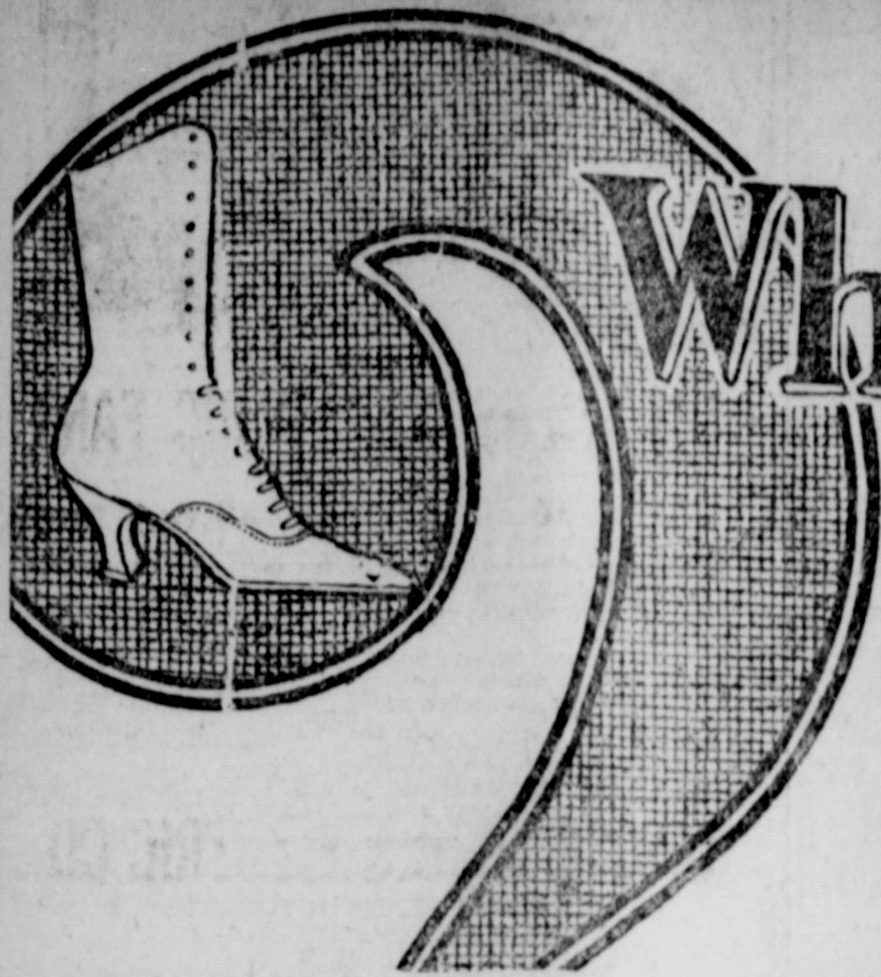
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Is the Manufacturer a Profiteer?

Naturally, you ask the question, as the manufacturer provides the next backward link in the chain. Decidedly, we tell you, No! He is no better off than the retailer. The advances in his prices hardly kept pace with the advance of materials and labor.

Is the Leather Tanner a Profiteer?

Again we say, No! He is no more a profiteer than any of the others. It is in the hides, however that we strike the real reason for the high cost of shoes. Hides have gone up, up, up in price, and it looks as if the limit has not yet been reached.

Why the Continued Increase in the Cost of Hides?

Because hides are a BY-PRODUCT, they are not subject to the law of supply and demand like any other commodity. The steer is not killed for his hide, but for his beef, and it is a fact that the consumption of beef has been DECREASING steadily while the use of hides has been INCREASING steadily.

The above table shows the great increase in the cost of steers from December, 1918, to July, 1919. This increase has been operative all down the line of the shoe industry, from the hides to the completed shoes.

COMPARISON OF HIDE PRICES

	Prices Maximum December, 1918	Sales Prices July, 1919		Prices Maximum December, 1918	Sales Prices July, 1919
Spready native steers.....	\$.30	\$.52	Colorado steers	\$.22	\$.46
Heavy native steers.....	.29	.52	Heavy native cows.....	.27	.50
Heavy Texas steers.....	.27	.46	Light native cows.....	.23	.52
Light Texas steers.....	.26	.45	Branded bulls18 1-2	.35 1-2
Butt-branded steers.....	.27	.46	Chicago city calfskins40	.80

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1,000,000 Barrels of Oil Blaze When Humble Field Was Wounded

By LARRY SMITS.

"Ranger—the oil field—has been lucky in the matter of fires."

The Gulf Production company's Perkins No. 5 was the cause of the discussion which came up for consideration of a few of the old-timers. Bad roads and a car break-down brought a pause in the business of scouting and the talk in one of the offices turned to fields and fires that were.

"Ranger hasn't had a fire that was a marker to fires of other oil fields. The Gulf's Perkins was the first well to burn, and that was out within less than two days. Not one of the big 'fifty-fives' which went in a bunch, burned down, and now and then a flow tank, but nothing to compare with some oil field fires," offered one of the veteran scouts. "At Humble, which was a banner field in its day, the biggest fire was a million-barrel dirt storage tank. A hundred and fifty yards long and 250 yards wide and about 30 feet deep, it held oil from several of the biggest wells of the Producers Oil company, which since has become the Texas company.

Like most oil fires, it caught from an electrical storm. Of course, there wasn't a Chinaman's chance of getting a fire of that size under control. The best that could be done was to save what oil could be taken out. Batteries of pumps were put at work, with four, six and eight-inch lines humming; but the blaze lasted eight days.

It lighted the country for miles. Ducks and geese, attracted by the light, flew from the Gulf toward the 'er and thousands were killed. If they didn't fly over the tank, but through the edge of the flames, they'd be outside and spectators picked them up, feathers burned away, but till mighty toothsome when cooked in the conventional way.

Spindletop, the wonder pool of almost seven years ago, which still is producing out enough oil to be called a producing field, saw its big fire, the Spindletop, in its prime, reached a production of 170,000 barrels daily, of the low gravity crude of the coast.

al fields. It held up to more than 100,000 around two years. Derricks almost overlapped each other in this pool and the entire territory of production could be covered by a section of ground. Burk or Desdemona have nothing on Spindletop for development.

The tank farms lay outside of the producing area, but they were close together. Dirt storage was largely used, as there was no loss from evaporation and seepage comparable with the Ranger pool. These tanks, sometimes roofed, but more often open to the sky, offered a mark for electrical bolts.

But the sensation fire was eleven 'fifty-fives' which went in a bunch. They were so close together that there was no chance to save any when one was struck and the entire series went up in black smoke.

While the fire was at its height there came a heavy rain and the water beating down through the clouds of smoke brought the heavy oil soot to the ground.

Baumont awoke next morning in need of a civic bath. It was in the black belt, sure. Houses, yards, sidewalks and streets were coated with the soot. Half of the town had to be repainted and refurbished.

Another hard luck focus of the coastal fields was El Vista, a Gulf pumping station. There was a farm here of between forty and fifty 'fifty-fives'—the big 35,000-barrel storage tanks. It handled the oil of the coastal fields; and every time a cloud blew over, letting out a few drops of rain, a finger of lightning reached down to El Vista and lifted out three, or four, or five 'fifty-fives.' The little station seemed to be a lightning attractor, which students of meteorology say exist, despite the old saying that "lightning never strikes twice in the same place." It struck so many times in El Vista it was monotonous.

With every little electrical storm several of the 55,000-barrel storage tanks went up. In one summer the tank farm was almost obliterated.

It was decided, finally, that El Vista was a Jonah station and it was abandoned.

Blames Texans for Mexican Trouble

DALLAS, Sept. 17.—Texans can blame themselves largely for the present unsettled conditions along the Mexican border because of their "indifferent attitude toward the Mexicans," according to Miss (Mrs.) D. Smith of Laredo, secretary of foreign community work in the southwestern field, Young Women's Christian Association, who recently attended the staff conference of secretaries held in Dallas.

Miss Smith said she has made a special study of the Mexican problem during a long residence in Laredo and in connection with her social service work with the International Institute at San Antonio. "American people residing near the border have a better understanding of the Mexican situation than persons living in the more northern sections of the state," Miss Smith said. "They also have a more whole-some respect for the Mexican race. This is due to the fact that the class of Mexicans one meets near the border is of a higher type morally and socially than those who migrate far into the state.

"The Mexicans as a whole are very sensitive and easily offended at the attitude of aloofness the Americans have toward them. To know the better type of Mexicans is to love them as friends. If the people of this state generally would adopt an attitude and policy of friendship and hospitality toward the Mexican, the Mexican problem which now harasses us would be greatly simplified. We should interest ourselves in the habits and welfare of our Mexican neighbors and we would find them very responsive to our solicitude.

Miss Smith declared this policy, in her opinion, was much preferable to armed intervention, and would be productive of wholesome results. She expressed the belief that a very small per cent of the Mexican population is responsible for the border troubles and declared her belief that the Mexicans are suffering far more from these border troubles than are the Texans. "The deprivations we read about," she said, "are largely the work of brigands who know no restraint of law or order."

Describing the work being accomplished by the International Institute at San Antonio, Miss Smith said efforts were being made to inculcate Mexican children with American ideals of education and proper living. The plan is not so much to Americanize the Mexicans as to enable them to Americanize themselves, she said.

Christians Are Meeting at Stamford

STAMFORD, Sept. 17.—The second district convention of the Christian church is in session here. The convention is represented by delegates from fifteen towns. The second district comprises practically all of West Texas.

The purpose of this convention is to devise ways and means for raising \$5,000.00 in the campaign for schools and colleges.

Some of the noted speakers are Dr. J. T. McKissick, president of Midland college at Midland; Rev. J. Lem Keaville, pastor at Wichita Falls; Rev. E. J. Bradley, pastor at Big Spring; and Judge D. T. Goss of Seymour.

The convention was entertained today by the Central Christian church with a luncheon. The meeting closes tomorrow.

Pipe Line Shortage Is Big Handicap

FORT WORTH, Sept. 17.—With an average monthly production of 30,000,000 barrels for the first seven months of the year it is reliably estimated that the United States will turn out at least 360,000,000 barrels of crude oil in 1919. While the average for the last two months has been far in excess of this figure and in view of the rapidly increasing output of the North Central Texas fields it is considered likely that the average for the year will run well above the average for the year will run well above the average for the first seven months.

It has been conservatively estimated that with adequate pipe line facilities at hand the output of the North Central Texas fields alone could be increased from 10 to 25 per cent within a short time. It is well known that there are scores of wells in that territory that are not producing to the maximum capacity because the pipe lines cannot carry the oil. This condition is especially true in the Burk Burnett and Desdemona districts. Late extensions to practically all the North Texas pools make the potential output look even larger than had been looked for. The western extension of the Ranger pool is proving to be one of the most productive areas in the north central part of the state and many operators confidently look for even further extensions to this producing area. The northwestern or Lewis extension of the Desdemona field has opened a vast territory and added much to the output of that field.

While the North Central Texas fields have been the big source of increase in the output of the country for several months, there is another field that is looming with wonderful possibilities, if the events of the last month can be taken as an indication of what is to come. This is the Homer field in Northern Louisiana. Within the last few weeks this field has brought in two of the biggest wells in the country, the Oakes No. 2 of the Standard Oil company and the Rowe Oil Corporation's well just west of the Standard well. These wells are of comparatively shallow depth, the sand being found at a little less than 2,100 feet, which makes for relative inexpensive drilling. In addition to this the wells are of large capacity, being estimated at between 10,000 and 20,000 daily. They have never been gauged, as there are no pipe line connections and only limited storage is available. The most conservative operators express the belief that the Standard and the Rowe wells likely will be good for around 8,000 to 10,000 barrels initial production. The Homer oil is a high grade product, testing more than 40 gravity. Operators declare that all of these features taken into consideration, the Homer field is in a way for extensive development and

Believe Ex-Kaiser Remains in Holland

AUSTIN, Sept. 17.—The actual cash in the state treasury, which in the past has climbed above \$5,000,000, was reduced to \$5,500 last week, according to State Treasurer J. W. Baker. All the rest of the state funds are drawing interest in state depositories. At present, he says, daily receipts are ample to meet daily demands and consequently he can operate on a narrow cash margin.

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ABILENE BANK REPORTS REFLECT PROSPERITY

ABILENE, Sept. 17.—Abilene banks made the best showing in the call of condition for September 12 in their history. The total combined deposits of the three Abilene banks exceed \$4,400,000. This is practically double the combined deposits of one year ago.

AMERONGEN, Sept. 17.—A few bicycling tourists occasionally stop and peer through the gates of the Bentinck estate in hope of catching a glimpse of the former German emperor, but were it not for them and guards who languidly pace up and down the road about the castle walls, Amerongen would seem to have completely forgotten that William Hohenzollern was in voluntary exile there.

The doings of the former ruler and his small "court" inside the castle have ceased even to be a topic of village gossip.

Once a week, perhaps, someone may mention him, wondering how long he will be in Holland, and then comes a series of weightily expressed judicial opinions, the gist of which is that Amerongen doesn't believe the allies will ever attempt to bring him to trial, and that William Hohenzollern will settle down and become a Dutch country gentleman. It is seldom that real information regarding his doings trickles out from the walls and moats of the estate.

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Detroit	36	53	.402
New York	37	44	.457
St. Louis	31	52	.373
Boston	27	48	.360
Philadelphia	34	46	.426

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Cincinnati	91	41	.690
New York	80	48	.621
Chicago	70	60	.538
Pittsburgh	68	54	.557
Brooklyn	63	58	.521
Boston	52	74	.408
St. Louis	50	78	.389
Philadelphia	45	84	.349

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
At Houston	3	9	.250
Fort Worth	100	200	0.333
Houston	400	000	0.111
Batteries	Whittaker, Pate and Harworth; Gudger and Noyes.		
Second Game	R. H. E.		
Ft. Worth	000 000 000 00-0	4 1	
Houston	000 000 000 00-0	4 1	
(Called in 11th, darkness.)			
Batteries	Whittaker and Woodall; Edmondson and Noyes.		
At San Antonio	R. H. E.		
Sport	000 000 000 00-0	7 3	
San Antonio	000 000 000 01-1	7 1	
Batteries	Black and Morris; Fincher and Wolgamot.		
At Beaumont	R. H. E.		
Dallas	200 000 010 001-4	12	
Beaumont	000 100 020 000-3	9	
Batteries	Collins and Robinson; Mosely and Kitchens.		

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
At Philadelphia	R. H. E.		
Cleveland	133 100 000-8	12 1	
Philadelphia	011 000 000-2	11 4	
Batteries	Coveleskie and O'Neill; Hardy and Perkins.		
Second Game	R. H. E.		
Cleveland	008 010 201-12	15 1	
Philadelphia	050 102 000-8	14 4	
Batteries	Uble and Thomas; Robert and Perkins.		
At Washington	R. H. E.		
St. Louis	010 101 000-3	6 3	
Washington	003 110 000-5	10 7	
Batteries	Leiffield and Severeid; Johnson and Gharry.		
Chicago at New York, rain.			
Detroit at Boston, rain.			

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
At Cincinnati	R. H. E.		
New York	200 100 000-3	12 2	
Cincinnati	300 000 01x-4	8 0	
Batteries	Toney and Gonzalez; Rafter and Raridon.		
At St. Louis	R. H. E.		
Boston	020 010 131-8	13 0	
St. Louis	000 010 000-4	8 1	
Batteries	Fillingim and O'Neill; Jacobs and Clemons.		
Second Game	R. H. E.		
Boston	100 000 000-2	7 0	
St. Louis	000 002 001-3	9 0	
Batteries	Scott and O'Neill; Sherdell and Dilhoefer.		
At Pittsburgh	R. H. E.		
Brooklyn	000 102 000 00-3	9 2	
Pittsburgh	010 002 000 01-4	8 3	
Batteries	Effer and M. Wheat; Miller and Blackwell.		
At Chicago	R. H. E.		
Philadelphia	000 000 011-2	10 0	
Chicago	000 121 30x-7	12 0	
Batteries	Ames and Clark; Alexander and Killfer.		

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Philadelphia	000 000 011-2	10 0	
Chicago	000 121 30x-7	12 0	
Batteries	Ames and Clark; Alexander and Killfer.		

CISCO SECTION IS VISITED BY RAIN.
Special to The Times.
CISCO, Sept. 17.—The Cisco section was visited by a generous fall of rain Monday and Tuesday which was badly needed for fall crops and getting the dust throughout the oil field section. On account of heavy traffic over un-paved streets and public highways the dust has gotten to be a serious problem. Physicians say that much of the acute colds and laryngitis seen in the oil fields were attributable to the dust menace.

JUDGE WARREN IS VISITOR TO CISCO
Special to The Times.
CISCO, Sept. 17.—District Judge James Warren of the seventh judicial district of Gilmer, Texas and formerly District Attorney of the Cisco district was a visitor in this city Saturday and Sunday attending to business matters. Judge Warren expressed his interest in the developments in this district and to the discovery of

TEXAS RANGER MOURNS LOSS OF 'UNIFORM'

AUSTIN, Sept. 17.—The big wool hat and boots are the nearest approach the Texas ranger has made to uniforms and he regrets to see them passing under new regulations which prohibit his wearing—while in towns—boots, spurs, big hats and belts, exposed pistols and similar "boisterous" equipment.

"When a man wears boots most of the time he feels partly undressed when he puts on shoes," one of them said.

There is much good-natured chaffing among them over their "Sunday suits" and clothes that make them look like "dressed up country gamblers," as one put it. A "Sunday suit" the uniformed should know, is a pistol that lends itself to concealment more readily than does the big .45 six-shooter which the ranger maintains is the only dependable side-arm.

Recently a lean and tanned ranger from a border company was assigned to the headquarters company in Austin. During a discussion of the new regulations he held out his new hat, which had well above the average "brim-spread, and remarked with a sheepish grin, "Look what I've got to wear."

"He's been wearing a hat he could water his horse in, another ranger explained, "and that's the first pair of shoes he's ever owned. He'll be all right when he forgets his boots."

Another member of the headquarters company is grieving over a \$25 handmade gun belt which has been excluded from public display by the new regulations. This belt is not a show affair and the cost was because it was made to measure and so fits the hips as to distribute the weight of a four-pound six-shooter. Worn on a narrow dress belt a big "gun rubs" "corns" on his side, this ranger complains.

The new regulations were made by the adjutant general as a result of complaint made during the recent legislative investigation of the ranger force. Several citizens objected that "he big hats, spurs, boots and swinging guns worn by rangers who ride the border are not in harmony with the civilization which has come to Texas and now the typical Texas ranger is going the way of the painted and feathered Indian.

TEXANS WOMAN'S PRESS ASSOCIATION TO MEET.
CISCO, Sept. 17.—Mrs. J. B. Alexander, president of Texas Women's Press Association of this city has issued a call for a meeting of this association in Dallas, Texas on Press Day at the Dallas Fair. Mrs. Alexander states that she will extend a most cordial invitation to the state association to meet in Cisco in next May.

Oil Struck at Abilene Well

Special to The Times.
ABILENE, Sept. 17.—New evidence that a great oil pool underlies the Abilene country was obtained Monday night when the Gillespie-Remick-Schaeffer well near Camp, nine miles southwest of Abilene, struck a good showing of oil at 1,760 feet.

There was no salt water in the sand, which was grayish in color and thirteen feet thick. Being after big game, the drillers kept on drilling and late Tuesday were in hard limestone below the oil sand.

This sand is the same as that found at about the same depth in A-4y Urban No. 1, which is nine miles northeast of the Gillespie-Remick test. The difference is that the Urban well is a regular ocean of salt water was struck, which subsequently ruined a well variously estimated at from fifteen to two hundred barrels a day. It is believed a good well will be brought in at Camp between 1,900 and 2,000 feet.

The Camp well is about seventeen miles southeast of the Sears well in the Merkel country, and shows that oil covers a wide region in the Abilene country.

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WHAT COULD YOU EXPECT

BY DORA MOLLAN

It occurred to Potter Lamb, as he rearranged his brand new furniture, that one more chair, making four instead of three, would bridge the chasm between penury and prosperity in the aspect of his law office.

Putting the telephone receiver to his ear, with the tumbler of the town's one famous champagne on the top of his tongue, the fledgling attorney heard a snarl voice ejaculate: "But what can you expect of a girl who was named after a pocket handkerchief? What—didn't you know? Yes, her mother picked it up at an auction—had been owned to a German countess, she said. The name was embroidered on it—and she went and wished it on the kid. Ever hear of such a thing?"

Realizing that he was listening in on a telephone visit, Lamb automatically hung up the receiver. Then he wished he hadn't—for he'd rather like to know what sort of thing it could be that you should expect of a girl who had been named after a pocket handkerchief. If he did, would she be square and substantially built, like a man's, dependable in emergencies? Or a mere froth of lace and filmy muslin, as much real use as a cobweb overcoat?

The clock in the town hall spire struck twelve. The girl, who had had spread over Lamb's countenance during his reminiscence faded. It wouldn't do to be late to one of Mrs. Noyes' excellent dinners.

He grabbed the receiver. This time the line was clear. He placed the order for the chair, sent his hat and rushed off to Mrs. Noyes' girls and handkerchiefs quite forgotten.

Potter put in the early part of the afternoon fitting the new chair into the equipment of the office. Then, when he had exhausted all possible combinations, and stood in the corner each time to "see how the effect looked," as the old lady said, and had finally decided upon one of the arrangements as beyond improvement, there was nothing left to do but sit down and await the coming of clients.

He traced that they might come soon: he had his living to get. "Living!" What an indefinite word. It might mean anything from a butler-sized establishment and a steam yacht to carrots the neighbors brought it. The briefless attorney stood a long time at the window watching the trickle of traffic in the street below and rolling innumerable cigarettes.

At dusk the happy thought came that a brisk walk before supper might add even more zest to his enjoyment of Mrs. Noyes' culinary achievements. He took his hat down—then hung it up again and flung himself down at his desk where a book of Ohio reports lay open.

There were steps on the stairway. Came a tap at his door. Potter Lamb opened it and a girl walked in. Momentarily she gazed about the room with a frank show of curiosity. Momentarily also the lawyer gazed at his caller. His first client!

A slim young girl, garbed in blue serge with a gray hat perched at a fetching angle. With a calm self-possession she finished her scrutiny of the room and turned her eyes upon him. They were unusually fine eyes, Potter thought.

"You are Attorney Lamb?"

"Guilty," admitted Potter, just the least frustrated; and it was not every girl who could upset Mr. Lamb's lawyerly poise, even a mere trifle.

"I have two thousand dollars here," the girl said, putting a bag "and I wish to put it in your hands to do with as you direct."

"I shall be most happy," said Lamb, and there was inquiry in his tone.

"You have been in town two days or you have probably heard how I acquired it."

The young man shook his head.

"Can it be possible? Well, I'll tell you. It's breach of promise money."

"You—that is—do I understand—Potter, from whom this information had come from this extremely interesting girl like a shrapnel shell out of a Christmas cornucopia, was floundering.

"Exactly, I deliberately snarred an honored and wealthy citizen of this town into proposing marriage to me—got it in writing. Then with malice aforethought I scared him off—brought a suit that netted me this by way of settlement." The girl drew from the bag a roll of bills and placed them on the table. "I've come to you because you're a stranger here—and nobody in this town must have the satisfaction of knowing what I do with it."

"How did you get rid of him? I don't see how any—" Potter, re-terminated to be utterly professional didn't mean to say that at all; but it popped out.

"Nagged him." The girl laughed suddenly and heartily. It was an infectious laugh and Potter joined in without the least knowing what at Still, a fellow could imagine—fatuously old fool, to think a young girl like this—

Instantly, almost, the girl was serious again. "There's an old man," she resumed. "He worked for this prosperous citizen for thirty-five years; gave all of himself to his work—and always for the meagerest wages. Then, when he grew too old to work any longer, his employer refused to pension him. And he's destitute. I got it for him—that's all. His name and address are written on the paper wrapped around the money. I want you to see that he gets it, in small amounts, as he needs it; and that he doesn't find out where it comes from. He'd tell, sure. And I just won't have these town busybodies know. Will you do it?"

"Certainly. I'll make out a receipt for the money. In what name, please?"

"Gustava Richmond."

As Potter wrote the receipt he stole several brief but highly gratifying glances at the girl. By the time he had signed and deliberately dried the document on the blotter he had come to the conclusion that Potter Lamb, the lawyer, would be servant to his obligations to Potter Lamb, the man, if he did not let the man part of him have something to say.

"Miss Richmond," he said as he handed over the receipt, "would you mind very much if I were to say that while what you have done might be called injudicious, I think it one of the most courageous things I ever heard of? And I should consider it a very great honor to be permitted to call myself your friend, quite aside from being your lawyer."

Potter Lamb wasn't handsome, but he had very honest brown eyes and there was something in them that brought the faintest added tinge of rose to the cheeks of his client as she replied, with a suspicion of a tremble in her voice: "That would be very nice indeed. I—I haven't many. I'm not conventional enough, I fancy."

It was fifteen minutes after that, what with one word and another, and at Mrs. Noyes's supper was growing cold, when Potter ushered his first client out.

"You don't know how glad I am that you made that old fox give up," he said. "Not only for the justice of it but because it gives me the opportunity to know you—to really know you. But what an amazing thing for a girl to do!"

"What can you expect," his departing visitor laughed back from the third step down, "from a girl who was named after a pocket handkerchief?"

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BAGGAGE DEPT. ADDS BOX CAR FOR OVERPLUS

Temporary relief from the baggage blockade at the local Texas & Pacific passenger station was afforded this week by the spurring out and use of a box car in which to store the overplus trunks, grips and other pieces of baggage which have cluttered the storage and baggage rooms of the company.

Agent C. B. Jones last week saw what he thought was a peak of the baggage rush. The baggage room was so crowded that it was impossible to stack any more trunks about the storage room. He had a gang of platform laborers and baggage helpers to stack the trunks temporarily along the freight platform for several yards many layers high. However, the inclement weather and the possibility of theft of some of them caused him to resort to the use of a box car. The car was spurred at the end of the "house track" and is now serving amply to cut down the serious congestion.

Almost all the stations on the Texas and Pacific report a heavy passenger and baggage traffic. Ticket Agent A. J. Leighty at Abilene reports that during last month he sold more than 340,000 worth of tickets. So heavy has traffic become there that No. 25 west-bound passenger, many mornings is delayed from 35 to 45 minutes unloading baggage and excess, which is increasing in volume from day to day. Movement of cotton pickers to the sunny West is large and increasing daily.

THREE BANDITS ROB W. A. WARD TUESDAY NIGHT

W. A. Ward, who runs a small store on the Eastland road, about two miles from town, was held up and robbed by three men Tuesday night, according to information furnished the police Wednesday morning. Mr. Ward was unable to give any description of the men, except to say that one of them appeared to be about twenty-five years old and wore a dark colored coat. The robbery is said to have been committed just as Mr. Ward was leaving the store for the night, and he said he could not see his assailants in the darkness. He did not know whether all the men had guns or not, but was sure that one of them, and possibly all three, were armed. He suffered the loss of about \$15. The police are inclined to believe that the men are the same who have committed a number of holdups in the outskirts of Ranger during the last few weeks. Members of the alleged gang are clever in picking a time and place for their purpose and so far one has been able to get much of a line on them. However, the police seem to be confident that they will be caught.

Keeling to Make \$6,000 Additions on Strawn Road

J. Keeling is making considerable alterations to his houses on the Strawn road, joining two residences and putting an addition of three sleeping rooms on the second floor. The alteration will represent an investment of between \$5,000 and \$6,000. The plans and specifications were prepared by Beahcetostean and Cobelli. The Wofford Construction has the contract.

He was on the plains of the Panhandle and with an Indian pony and saddle he set about the Master's business. Stammering, he would come upon a group at a small community and, after many futile attempts, would make them understand that he would preach at the small country school house. The young and the old alike wondered what church had let "some such a thing" upon them—let an uncouth lad, his knees projecting from his much-worn overalls; a lad who could neither read nor write, and, to cap all, was a stammerer. Many went to hear him out of curiosity and many because of their sympathy. The lad preached and did effective work, though at times it was necessary for the congregation to receive instruction through the broken thread of thought.

In time he appeared at the quarterly conference to make his report. All of the conference preachers had shown to the presiding elder their work for the quarter. The boy's mother had prepared his report to be tendered to the elder. While some of the other preachers were returning what appeared to be excellent reports of their quarters' work, the elder faltered when he began to read the lad's report, and broke into a hearty cry. During the ninety days that the displaced youth had been licensed he had visited and prayed in several hundred homes, had preached ninety sermons and had ninety conversions. None of the other preachers engaged in the work of soul-winning had done nearly so well, although none of them was handicapped by nature as was he.

"Thus," said the evangelist, "the Lord can choose from the low and the humble the wisest men on earth."

"How to win souls," the next division of the sermon, was straight from the shoulder. "When Christ told Peter and James and John to follow him from the life of a fisherman to that of a fisher of men they became soul winners," said the evangelist. "So it is with us who would win souls. We must follow Him. If we follow Him, there is a pas-

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