

SAYS POSTOFFICES SELF SUSTAINING

BURLESON SUBMITS HIS SECOND ANNUAL DEPARTMENT REPORT

HAS MANY RECOMMENDATIONS

Again Urges Early Action Toward Taking Over of Telegraph and Telephone Lines

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 14.—Asserting that for the first time since its organization by Benjamin Franklin, the post office department is on a self-sustaining basis, Postmaster General Burleson has submitted to President Wilson his annual report. It records enormous growth in the department's business because of the parcels post and postal savings bank divisions and recommends a program of postal legislation to increase the scope of the department's activities.

Mr. Burleson features his report with an estimate that a surplus of \$3,569,545, the second of his administration, will be shown for the fiscal year of 1914 when all claims and charges have been met. On that showing he bases his declaration that the department "has been securely placed upon a self-sustaining basis."

"It is safe to say," the report adds, "that unless unusual conditions should arise, resulting in abnormal depression of business, there is no danger of recurring deficiencies."

The legislative program recommended is as follows as to its most important features:

Early action toward government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines and immediate taking over of these systems in Hawaii, Alaska and Porto Rico. Transfer of the Alaska cable from war to postoffice department control.

Substitution of contract "star route" system for salaried rural carrier service to eliminate \$40,000,000 annual loss on rural delivery.

Postoffice co-operation with state governments in road building where improvements insure better postal service.

Raising maximum balance acceptable at postal banks from \$500 to \$2,000, interest payments to be limited to \$1,000. Removal of monthly deposit limit restriction.

Aerial mail service, where topography warrants and extension of motor truck and automobile service in view of recent successful experiments.

Passage by senator of pending bill providing space basis of compensation for railroads on mail carried instead of weight basis.

Pending change in rural delivery system, computation of carriers salaries on basis of services performed, dependent on bulk of mail carried to stimulate business.

Readjustment of postmaster salaries on basis of changes in business handled due to parcel post development.

Raising of second class rates on publications other than newspapers issued once a week from one to two cents a pound.

Granting the department legal jurisdiction over selection of sites and designs for postal buildings.

Of the parcel post during the last year the report says:

"Rapid growth of the parcel post vastly increased postal business during the year. The department's field of service has expanded at a phenomenal rate; it is still expanding. Notwithstanding the decreases of parcel post rates authorized January 1, 1914, economics of administration have kept expenses within the revenues."

"The postal revenues for 1914 amounted to \$287,934,565.67, an increase over the preceding year of slightly less than 8 per cent, as compared with a corresponding increase of slightly more than eight per cent for 1913. The actual expenditures for the year amounted to \$283,545,769.16 and the adjusted losses due to fire, burglary, etc., to \$14,333.46. The excess of audited revenues over audited expenses and losses is, therefore \$4,376,463.05.

"This audited surplus does not, however, represent the actual financial results for the year. It involves comparison of amounts that are not properly comparable. It does not include obligations which were incurred but not paid within the year while it does include some payments on account of obligations incurred in prior years."

SUCCESS IN CAUCASUS IS CLAIMED BY RUSSIA

Petrograd Report Says Turks Were Driven Back All Along Fighting Line There

By Associated Press. Petrograd, Dec. 14.—An official communication issued by the Russian army staff of the Caucasus says:

"All day, Friday fighting occurred on the front extending through the villages of Prynsk, Asmer and Tutak (southeast of Erzerum). The enemy everywhere was repulsed and pursued beyond the Euphrates with severe losses."

SUBMARINE SINKS WARSHIP OF TURKEY

DIVES UNDER MINE FIELD AND TORPEDOES BOAT IN DARDANELLES

RETURNS SAFE AFTER EXPLOIT

Is Submerged For Nine Hours and Has Much Trouble With Difficult Current

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 14.—The official press bureau announced today that the submarine B-11 in charge of Lieutenant Commander Norman B. Holbrook of the royal navy entered the Dardanelles and in spite of the difficult current dived under five rows of mines, torpedoed the Turkish battleship Messudieh which was guarding the mine field. Although pursued by gun fire and torpedo boats the B-11 returned safely after being submerged on the occasion for nine hours. When last seen the Messudieh was sinking by the stern.

The Messudieh was built at Backwell, Eng., in 1874 and reconstructed at Genoa in 1903. She was 322 feet long, 59 feet beam and of about 10,000 ton burden. She had a speed of 17½ knots and her main battery consisted of two 9.2 inch guns in turrets and twelve 6 inch guns in battery in the war with Greece in 1910 the Messudieh was reported badly damaged in a naval battle in the Dardanelles. She carried a crew of 600 men.

Lieutenant Commander Holbrook of the submarine B-11 one of five brothers, all serving with the colors, the sons of Col. Arthur Holbrook, a newspaper owner at Portsmouth.

TWO AMERICANS KILLED IN SONORA

STATE DEPARTMENT AT WASHINGTON ORDERS AN INVESTIGATION

HUERTA RELATIVE EXECUTED

Son-in-Law Is Put to Death in Mexico City But Reason Is Not Stated

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 14.—Thomas Francis and another American whose name has not been determined have been killed in Sonora, Mexico, according to a report today from the American consular agent at Cananea. Secretary Bryan directed an investigation. No details were given in today's dispatch except that the killing took place between Agua Prieta and Nacozari.

General Suenes an old Huerta follower whose son is the husband of one of Huerta's daughters, was executed in Mexico City, with four minor officers the night of December 9, according to a report today from Consul Silliman. The acts for which these officers paid the penalty was not disclosed in Mr. Silliman's dispatch.

The Spanish embassy was informed today by the state department that the Spaniard threatened with execution at Tampico as a Villa supporter had been released as a result of representations by the United States. Two other Spaniards arrested on the same charge were put to death several days ago.

RECORD-BREAKING COLD IN RIO GRANDE COUNTRY

By Associated Press. Brownsville, Texas, Dec. 14.—With a minimum temperature of 38 degrees the coldest weather of the year was recorded in the lower Rio Grande valley last night; sleet fell before daylight, the first in two years.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HOLDING MONTHLY SESSION

Bonds of Several Officials Are Approved—Bond Buyer to Be Here Wednesday.

The county commissioners are holding their regular monthly session today at this morning's session the bond of John Robertson as county tax assessor was received and approved. Mr. Robertson has just returned from Colorado Springs, where he went before the election for his health. Other bonds approved were: H. Beach, public weigher, precinct No. 5; G. W. Chapman, constable precinct No. 2; A. D. Butcher, weigher, precinct No. 2.

Most of the session was taken up with the allowance of bills.

At noon Judge Harris received a long distance telephone call from a man in Kansas City saying that he was in the market for bonds and that he would come here Wednesday if there was a prospect that he could get the bonds. Judge Harris told him to come ahead. The man said he would also want the city's hospital bonds.

CARRANZA MAKES FORMAL STATEMENT

WILL CONSIDER USE OF FORCE AT NACO AS AN HOSTILE ACT

STATE DEPARTMENT ADVISED

Statement Agrees With That Attributed to General at Vera Cruz Saturday

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 14.—General Carranza through Consul Cananea at Vera Cruz today formally advised the state department that any use of force by the American troops at Naco, Ariz., in their efforts to keep Mexican bullets from American soil "will be considered an act of hostility, however, well disposed the government may be."

This agrees with the general's statement in Vera Cruz on Saturday Carranza says Gen. Hill has controlled his fire and that he is sending instructions anew to the Sonora commander to avoid any firing that would endanger those across the border.

He deprecates that Americans have been killed and wounded but suggests these accidents may have been due to carelessness on the part of Americans or "imprudent curiosity."

BALL CARTRIDGES USED IN SHAM BATTLE RECENTLY

Unique Maneuver Is Executed by General in Charge of Fort at El Paso

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 14.—A sham battle with real battle cartridges in place of the usual blanks was staged by Brigadier General Pershing in Texas last month with remarkable instructive results. The battle was on a large scale participated in by the Sixth, Sixteenth and Twentieth Cavalry, one squadron of the Fifteenth Cavalry, and a company of the signal corps, out on the prairie near El Paso.

These forces attacked the enemy, supposed to consist of two regiments of artillery and two battalions of field artillery, but the position of this force was outlined by a great number of targets, more than 800 bouffette figures, representing soldiers and electrically controlled ball cartridges. The impact of about 10,000 ball cartridges.

Certain important defects in organization and equipment were developed and altogether the exercise is said to have been of incalculable value in an educational way.

1052 BALES OF COTTON HAVE REACHED GERMANY

Enormous Decrease in Shipments since War Began Is Shown by the Census Report

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 14.—Germany in the last four months received only 1052 bales of American cotton, 1000 bales of which was sent last month as shown by the census bureau statistics. November's total cotton exports were slightly more than half as much as November a year ago while the shipments abroad showed the last four months decreased 2,801,000 bales.

NIGHT WATCHMAN TAKES TWO YEGGEMEN, UNAIDED

By Associated Press. Terrell, Texas, Dec. 14.—Single handed, W. N. McCaw at 1 o'clock this morning captured two alleged yeggmens in the rear of a furniture establishment here. They were in the recess of a building preparing to begin operations when discovered by the night watchman who ordered them to throw up their hands. He then marched down Main street firing his pistol twice to arouse help to disarm them.

LITTLE CHANGE SHOWN BY BERLIN OFFICIAL REPORT

Light Attacks by French Between the Meuse and Vosges Easily Repulsed, It Says

By Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 14.—An official communication issued today by the German army headquarters says:

"Light attacks by the French on parts of our positions between the River Meuse and the Vosges mountains were easily repulsed. Otherwise nothing of importance remains to be reported from the western theatre of the war."

"From East Prussia and Southern Poland there is nothing to report. In Northern Poland, our operations are taking their normal course."

RUSSIAN VICTORY NORTH OF WARSAW

PETROGRAD CLAIMS SUCCESS IN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENT THERE

EFFECT DECLARED EXTENSIVE

Said to Relieve Defenders of Much Pressure Following Their Defeat at Lodz.

By Associated Press. Petrograd, Dec. 14.—Reports today from the front state that the Russian operations north of Warsaw have secured partial successes of which was announced last week now have resulted in a decisive victory. After having pierced the German front beyond Ciechanow and Przanysz, the Russian successes on this front, according to this report, have been clinched by a wide swinging movement of the advancing Russian left on the main highway from Plock to Mlawa concluding in a heavy engagement at Jurumietins seven miles southeast of Mlawa.

Russian successes of this nature would have three important results; the immediate pressure north of Warsaw would be relieved; the German threat against the railroad lines leading east from the city would be answered; Russian troops on the right of the Vistula river would be freed to seek a more advantageous position of the left wing of the German army in the region of Lodz. It is said here that the Russians will be able to straighten their entire front running to the Mazurian Lakes.

GOETHALS REITERATES HIS REQUEST FOR BOATS

Wants Two Torpedo Boat Destroyers to Prevent Violation of Canal's Neutrality

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 14.—Col. Goethals, governor of the Panama Canal zone today reiterated his request that two torpedo boat destroyers be sent to canal zone waters to prevent violation of neutrality through the misuse of wireless and the taking on of supplies by belligerent vessels.

Because of the confidential nature of Colonel Goethals' dispatch, Secretary Garrison declined to make it public. Colonel Goethals was impelled to suggest to the government at Washington that two swift American torpedo boat destroyers be stationed at the Panama Canal, one at each end, by the recent activity of belligerent warships and colliers in the vicinity of the isthmian waterway.

The action of the Australian collier Mallina, which left Balboa without clearance papers, and the fact that this and other colliers have shown a disposition to disregard the Canal Zone shipping laws, actuated Colonel Goethals to take a decisive measure to preserve in every way the neutrality of the canal.

Nearly all the colliers which have gathered in canal waters arrived without health certificates and in several instances the ships sailed without clearance papers. It is presumed that the steamers met and coaled the Australian and English fleet, which concentrated recently in the vicinity of the Pearl Islands, which lie sixty miles southeast of Panama City.

The United States torpedo boat destroyers requested by the governor are expected to do patrol duty and to promptly overhaul any belligerent craft attempting to disregard the canal regulations.

Alleged violations of the canal shipping laws have, it is said, been the subject of complaint to Sir Claude C. Mallet, British minister to Panama, and also have resulted in causing orders to be given to colliers remaining in ports of the Canal Zone in disregard of the orders of the canal zone authorities.

GERMAN FIELD MARSHAL INTERVIEWED IN SOFIA

By Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 14.—The correspondent of the Tagheblat in Sofia, Bulgaria, telegraphed an interview he had with Field Marshal Baron von der Goltz while the latter was on his way to Constantinople. Regarding Belgium Baron von der Goltz said:

"The situation is normal, the population being convinced themselves that the Germans are not barbarians. Life continues as if in peace times and commerce and transportation are getting better. The Belgians fought bravely for their Fatherland; such operations should be esteemed as a virtue. We don't underestimate our opponent," he said, "the French and English fight with utter contempt for death but we are gradually winning ground and are convinced that some day the enemy's resistance will be broken. Germany is prepared to wage the war for years and the side which is able to stand the most and has the best discipline is bound to win. The enthusiasm and morals of German soldier, fostered by a good supply of arms, we are sure ultimately will make us victorious."

CONTINUED GAINS CLAIMED BY FRENCH

OFFICIAL REPORT TELLS OF PROGRESS AT NUMEROUS POINTS

ALSACE LINES MOVE FORWARD

French Claim Success Over Enemy in Several Artillery Engagements

By Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 14.—The French official communication given out in Paris this afternoon reads:

"There has been nothing of importance to report between the sea and the Oise. In the region of the Aisne to the northwest of Souper the enemy bombarded violently our entrenchments; we replied and demolished their positions. There were no infantry attacks from one side or the other. Our artillery destroyed an important field work of the enemy in the vicinity of Ailles.

"In the Argonne in the forest of Gurie we have made slight progress by the use of mines. There were no attacks from the enemy. On the heights of the Meuse there has been violent cannonading. Batteries of the enemy would appear to have moved to positions further north. In the Woivre district after having occupied a line of entrenchments along a front of 500 yards in the forest of Montmare, our troops repulsed two violent counter attacks.

"In Alsace our advance has brought our front to a line that passes 425 yards to the north of Steinbach, then to Pont d'Aspach and then to Pont de Brinchoesen, 1300 yards to the west of Eglingen."

ZERO WEATHER AT MANY POINTS TODAY

COLD WAVE COVERS MOST OF EASTERN PART OF COUNTRY

CHICAGO HAS 31 DEGREE DROP

Many Demands Are Made Upon Charitable Organizations By Homeless

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 14.—Colder weather throughout the east is forecast by the weather bureau for tonight and Tuesday; all through the southern states, the great central valleys and the lake region today the thermometers were tumbling.

In the upper Mississippi Valley and the north plains region the mercury was below the zero mark. All the South Atlantic States except Florida may expect freezing temperature to night.

MERCURY BELOW ZERO AT MANY KANSAS POINTS

By Associated Press. Topeka, Kan., Dec. 14.—Kansas today experienced the coldest weather of the season, with below zero temperature at many points. In the northwest section the mercury dropped to ten and fifteen below.

COLD WAVE HITS CHICAGO; MANY APPEALS FOR AID

By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 14.—Charitable organizations were swamped here today with appeals for aid as a result of a cold wave which last night swept the Great Lakes region. The temperature dropped 21 degrees to zero in twelve hours and municipal lodging houses were packed with homeless men.

28 IS TEMPERATURE RECORDED AT GALVESTON

By Associated Press. Galveston, Texas, Dec. 14.—The coldest weather of the present winter was experienced here early today when the temperature dropped to 28 degrees at 7 o'clock.

PROMINENT POLE WANTS AUSTRIA TO ASK FOR PEACE

Would Have Her Cesse Hostilities With Russia Regardless of German Attitude.

By Associated Press. Limberg, Galicia, Dec. 14.—M. Morcnovitch an influential member of the Polish delegation to the Austrian parliament has caused to be published in a Polish paper at Limberg a request to Poles in court, diplomatic and government circles to extend all their influence toward obtaining an immediate conclusion of a separate peace agreement between Austria and Russia without reference to Germany.

UNKNOWN BOAT ASHORE NEAR HATTERAS INLET

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., Dec. 14.—An unknown steamer is ashore two miles south of Hatteras Inlet. She stranded during last night's storm. Life savers have gone out to her.

LITTLE CHANGE IN WEST SHOWN IN TODAY'S REPORTS

Allies Believed To Be Preparing For General Advance On German Positions

BOLD MARINE EXPLOIT IN DARDANELLES

Austria Declared To Have Met With Reverses At Hands Of Serbians And Montenegrins

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 14.—Vigorous thrusts at the German line in France were made again yesterday by the allies but the reports of successes in today's official statement from Paris are not borne out by the Berlin communication. The French war office states that the German positions along the Aisne were demolished but the German announcement says that nothing of importance has occurred in the west with the exception of a few French attacks along the Meuse in the Vosges which were repulsed easily.

English and French newspapers unite in declaring that the time is drawing near for the much discussed general advance of the allies through France and Belgium and some unofficial reports say this move is about to be undertaken if it has not actually begun. Progress necessarily would be inch by inch and even the most optimistic of the British observers assuming that a general forward movement of the allies is to be essayed concede that it would be spring before any appreciable eastern progress could be made.

The feat of Lieutenant Commander Holbrook in diving under five rows of mines in the Dardanelles and torpedoing the Turkish battleship is described here as perhaps the boldest marine exploit of the war. The submarine escaped in a manner truly remarkable as it was necessary for her crew to endure the ordeal of remaining under water for nine hours on a stretch. Russian guns have from time to time inflicted some damage on Turkish warships bombarding Russian ports but the disaster reported today robs the Porte of his first big ship. If the Messudieh was manned as other Turkish ships have been there were a number of German officers on board.

The Russian war office announces that in Serbia further successes have been made against the Austrians and that in the Montenegrin campaign which has almost been lost sight of recently the Austrians have suffered a reverse.

MAY OPERATE ON GERMAN EMPEROR

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 14.—Telegraphing from Berne, Switzerland a Central News correspondent says: "A telegram received here from Munich says it has been decided to operate on Emperor William's throat but the operation has been postponed on account of the patient's fever."

GENERAL ELECTION VOTES BEING CANVASSED TODAY

By Associated Press. Austin, Texas, Dec. 14.—Votes cast in the general election Nov. 3, were to be canvassed today by the Board of Canvass. This board is composed of the governor, attorney general and the secretary of state.

BELL COUNTY WOODMEN MEET TODAY AT ROGERS

By Associated Press. Temple, Texas, Dec. 14.—The Bell County Log Rollers' Association composed of representatives of the various Modern Woodmen lodges of Bell county, are holding a big log rolling at Rogers today. Among prominent speakers expected to be present, were Pat M. Neff of Waco and Judge John D. Robinson of Belton.

HOUSTON EXPERIENCES UNUSUALLY COLD WEATHER

By Associated Press. Houston, Texas, Dec. 14.—One of the heaviest freezes in the history of the local weather bureau for December was in evidence this morning. Ice was visible everywhere and temperatures were around 27.

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SIN COMPARED TO LEPROSY IN SERMON

ITS LIKENESS TO DREADED DISEASE IS EXPLAINED BY PASTOR

SUBJECT OF SUNDAY SERMON

Rev. C. C. Smith Preaches Along This Line at First M. E. Church in Evening

That sin is to the soul what the dread disease leprosy is to the body, was the message in an interesting sermon Sunday evening at the First M. E. Church, by the pastor, Rev. C. C. Smith. The text was from the passage in the first chapter of Mark, telling of the healing of the leper by Christ. The pastor said in part: "Leprosy is often referred to as a

type of sin. It seizes well as an illustration of the way sin works on the soul. The body is exceedingly material and we can see what takes place especially on the surface. The soul is not visible to the eye and we are inclined to think that it is free from the great laws that govern in other parts of God's universe. So to compare leprosy of body to sin perhaps makes the erosions of sin more plain. It is doubtful whether any Scripture passage may be cited which makes this analogy directly though it is not out of harmony with many suggestions of the Sacred Word. The comparison so often made sprang up with the defenders of the faith in the second and third centuries but the fact is none the less striking though not coming from apostolic days. Leprosy is a disease known in very early ages. As early as 1400 B. C. it was clearly defined in India. A little later than this, possibly something less than 1200 B. C. we have references to leprosy in connection with the work and legislation of Moses. From the character of the references and the legislation we would naturally infer that leprosy was well known to the Semitic peoples long before the days of

Moses. It is a peculiarly human parasite. Unlike many of the other diseases it works on man alone. It is a slow working disease, particularly in the earlier stages and runs usually from eight to forty years. The causes of the disease are not well known and it offers one of the greatest problems to men of medical skill today. Medical science has made equal if not greater advance than any other science and yet the greatest physicians sit helpless before this dread disease. It may well be taken therefore as an illustration of the cancer of sin eating at the souls of men throughout all of God's kingdom. "Attack is insidious. "Let us consider some points in which there is an analogy between the cancer of leprosy which eats up the body and the cancer of sin which destroys the soul. Sin is like leprosy in that when one is infected by it his manly deeds all human power. Men have been grappling with this soul infection throughout all the ages and no one has found a remedy apart from divine intervention. The wise men of earth, theologians, philosophers, scientists have all grappled with the problem of getting rid of sin and while occasionally some one comes

forward with a solution his remedy does not appeal to many and soon vanishes from the earth. The verdict of all the thoughtful world today is that there is only one physician who can heal the sin cankered soul. Leprosy is insidious in its approach. It does not herald its coming. One may have been infected for months and perhaps years without suspecting what his malady was. This disease works very slowly and cautiously in its earlier stages. How like sin this is. Here is a splendid young man walking very close to the danger line in sin and some one older than he says something to him about exposing himself to the dangers of sin. He hoots at the idea. Presently those who know him well discover that his infection has fixed itself upon him somewhat and yet he will deny it. He sees no disagreeable infection. But finally the cancer breaks forth in all its disagreeableness and he is forced to admit that sin has a grip upon him. He has refused to look squarely at the matter has resented suggestion to that effect, has perhaps been inclined to be angered and those who saw his danger and sought to shield him from it. But it has come. The disease asserts itself and he is the victim. Now how likely it is that the disease will spread quickly over his whole soul. When one is forced to admit himself the victim of sin there is likely to come a letting loose in sin and the cancer that was subdued becomes extensive. We will deny the approach of sin upon our lives and are slow to admit that we are contaminated but when we can no longer conceal the fact we are disposed either to seek the Great Healer or else plunge precipitately into gross forms of sin and unless the Great Physician speaks to our soul we are overwhelmed with an incurable disease. "Stunned By Fellowship. "Let us notice also the leper's appeal. He had been separated from mankind for many months. He was isolated in the very midst of people. He was not allowed to come near friend or loved one. His condition was miserable indeed. Here too is the picture of sin. Sin works toward isolating one from his fellows. Some one may say that such is not the case. That what some call sin brings one into association with the jolly and the friendly. Wait till the pleasure seeker spends his money and gets down and then see where his friends are. Wait till the man of sin becomes known and then count the doors

that are closed against him. There is seeming companionship in sin but it is only in seeming. How many a poor fellow is isolated amongst those with whom he once associated. How many a poor girl has sought the gaities of sin to find that very soon she is an outcast. When the disease of sin becomes well defined the doors begin to close more quickly if the victim be a woman than a man but very soon in any case. It is often necessary that one shall close the door and cry unclean, unclean for the protection of his own home. You can not bring soul leprosy within the sacred precincts of home without a contaminating effect. Homes must be protected. Would to God that there were a quarantine as effective against the moral leper as against the physical. This leper of the Bible story could not help seeing his need. He had heard the good news of one who could heal. He had heard only a little but his case was desperate and he struggled to the Christ. How the mob shouted and protested but he saw only the Christ and pressed forward. Can you conceive how he must have felt when Christ laid his hand upon his head? This was the first touch of human fellowship he had known for years. Here was one who did not spurn him and shout at him with curses commanding him to get out of the way. Here was one who did not consider him accursed of God but who was interested in him and who actually dared to lay his hand upon his head. Here was compassion and healing. Here was the man of all the universe that could do anything for him. That was indeed a great hour for this man who had known the uttermost depths of anguish. Such is a great hour for the man in sin who knows the act of divine pardon. "The Great Physician. "Christ was moved by his afflicted man's condition and by the earnestness and simplicity of his appeal. He was such a Christ as could be moved under this condition. We have the same Christ today. No matter what stage of the disease of sin we may be in if we come to the Christ in earnestness and simplicity we shall be heard. His method of work is different but the spirit of it is the same. We will feel the hand of fellowship as surely as did the leper of old. There can be very little distinction made as to lepers. We do not know how far advanced this man's case was. When the doctors study a case and pronounce it leprosy that settles it. The victim is a leper. One case may be more advanced than another but the disease is the same and the treatment must be the same. This is true also of sin. Sin is sin in whatever form and it requires the attention of the Great Physician. This truth we must take home to our selves. That sin which we committed yesterday is evidence of leprosy spots on the soul and demands our attention. We must press this truth home to ourselves. We can not hide behind the thought that we are not so bad as some one else. The leper is a leper and the sinner a sinner. It is not a question of degree but of infection. The leprosy spot on the soul needs to be placed before Him who only can cleanse from sin. It is the death disease and He only can heal. "Christ's healing of the leper was instantaneous, because all power is His. His healing of the soul is likewise instantaneous. The leper threw himself in perfect abandon at the feet of the Christ and therefore Christ could heal. So often we do not throw ourselves unreservedly at His feet and because of our reserve He can not heal as He would. But when He has His way He makes short work of healing the leprosy soul. His healing is complete. No leprosy remains. He identifies Himself with the soul and where He is no sin abides. His healing is personal. He deals with us only as individuals. It will not cure the leper to mingle with crowds of healthy people. No more will it cure sin if we attach ourselves to a good crowd. The spots are upon the soul and we must allow the Physician to heal us personally. How eagerly would we go even over a long way to find a physician who could heal our bodies of leprosy. Why do we not as eagerly come to the Christ who is not far away that we may have that healing of soul that means saving from eternal death."

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OPIUM COOKING CHARGE AGAINST WICHITA WOMAN

Is Taken To Fort Worth By Federal Authorities Following Arrest Here

Lulu Reed, alias Lulu Slaven, a woman of the flat district, was taken to Fort Worth last night by Deputy U. S. Marshal Campbell where in the federal court she will answer a charge of opium cooking. The woman was arrested last Wednesday night by Sheriff George Hawkins and Deputy Sheriff Ed Carnes and an opium pipe and a quantity of cooked and uncooked opium seized at her place. She admitted yesterday before Mr. Campbell and U. S. Revenue Officer Busick that she had cooked opium and that the same had been smoked on her premises.

The federal law prescribes no penalty for smoking opium but there is a heavy penalty for selling opium and operating a cooking joint. Several opium smokers have been seized in raids here within the last year but this is the first time any of those arrested have been taken into the federal court. Roy Shriley who was arrested last week after he had passed a raised bill, was also taken down to Fort Worth by the federal officers last night. Sheriff Hawkins and Deputy Carnes left this morning for Fort Worth as witnesses in these two cases.

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IN THE SPHER WOMA

The Muni Above the bustle Of a city's life is The Yule tree sta hands. A symbol of love And great and low call Of the belfry e all Forsake the shop For the Christ ing "Come, Oh, come, for my And Love is hosi tree!"

They gather—the one— Parent and chil ions, For the heart of t night In a chorus of light, And the Christ C fair, That illumined th bare, Is born again in t —Jean Dwight P Dispatch.

Christmas Cookies By Mrs. Three pounds of fourth pound of pound of cotoleto cloves, one teasp quart of pecan water. Boil these stand over night, three and one-h sifted with two a of baking powder with plain or far moderate oven. (Recipes are s or send to the T

ENTRE NOUS SATU The Entre No afternoon with M Sarda as joint sewing was eng

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IN THE SPHERE OF WOMANKIND

The Municipal Tree Above the bustle and wear and tear of a city's life in a busy square...

They gather—the rich and poor are one—Parent and child and the stranger lone...

Christmas Cookies, a German Recipe By Mrs. R. T. Bolyn. Three pounds of brown sugar, one-fourth pound of butter...

ENTRE NOUS CLUB MEETS SATURDAY AFTERNOON The Entre Nous Club met Saturday afternoon with Misses Mabel and Ethel Sands as joint hostesses...

ing very busy in the preparation of the Christmas box for the Juliet Fowler Orphan Home in Dallas...

YOUNG WOMAN'S GUILD MEETS AT THE RECTORY SATURDAY The Young Woman's Guild of the Episcopal Church met Saturday afternoon...

RECEPTION IN HONOR OF NEF METHODIST PASTOR An open house will be held in honor of the new pastor, Dr. Andrews and family...

REGULAR SESSION OF THE U. D. C. SATURDAY AFTERNOON The U. D. C. Chapter W. R. Scurry met in regular monthly session Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. W. Lee...

Ferguson Hands Out One of His Berths to Wichita Falls Man Wichitans do not often occupy seats at the political pie counter in Texas...

As was expected when Frank Burns, deputized as a messenger to deliver V. M. Cook into the custody of sheriff of Bayliff county and did so...

Mr. Cousins is a member of the state board of pharmacy, the chief functions of which are to meet once in every so often, draw mileage and per diem and then come home...

1,000,000 BIBLES ARE DISTRIBUTED TO SOLDIERS By Associated Press. London, Dec. 14.—Since the war began, the British and Foreign Bible Society has distributed more than a million copies of the Bible among soldiers...

INDIANA SHERIFF SECURES PRISONER

COOK IS NOW ON HIS WAY BACK HOME TO STAND TRIAL

TAKEN IN AUTO TO BENJAMIN

From There Orient Train Transports Him Into Oklahoma, Out of Jurisdiction

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SIXTEEN ABOVE ZERO IS TEMPERATURE EARLY TODAY

Weather Becomes Warmer, However, During Day—Milder Weather Predicted

To make the weather seasonable for Santa Claus Boreas visited Wichita Falls Sunday and Sunday night departing today for Medicine Hat...

NEW METHODIST PASTOR PREACHES FIRST SERMON

Dr. A. L. Andrews Takes Charge at Church—Is Heard by Large Congregation

A large congregation greeted Dr. A. L. Andrews, new pastor of the M. E. Church, South, at the church yesterday morning and heard what was declared to be a most excellent sermon...

LONDON STILL ALARMED OVER PRESENCE OF SPIES

German and Austrian Members of Women's Clubs Have Been Asked to Resign

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 14.—Women's clubs in England have been enlisted in the movement to head off the activities of possible German spies and Austrian and German women have been asked to resign or discontinue their attendance at many clubs which formerly welcomed them...

RUSSIA HAS MADE GREAT STRIDES DURING DECADE

By Associated Press. Petrograd, Dec. 14.—"What I saw at the headquarters of the Russian Commander-in-Chief, the Grand Duke Nicholas, would convince a blind man that Russia has made great strides in ten years," writes a correspondent of the Ruskoe Slovo...

SHORTAGE OF TURKEYS IS PROMISED IN LONDON

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 14.—Most of London's Christmas turkeys come in ordinary times from Serbia, Hungary, Russia, Italy and Southern France...

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Mack Taylor RED CROSS DRUG STORE Phone 184-832 820 Ohio Ave. Read our ads on page 5, 7 and 8

CO-OPERATIVE COTTON COMPANY TO BE CHARTERED By Associated Press. Austin, Texas, Dec. 14.—Harrie Jordan of Atlanta, Ga., president of the Southern Cotton Association, and a committee representing Texas farmers and the Texas division of the Southern Cotton Association, were to meet in Austin today with the Attorney General to draw up a charter for the Texas Co-operative Cotton Company...

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 first conceived a familiar interest in
 its existence, Heligoland has been
 dedicated to war. In 1890 Great Brit-
 ain and Germany entered into a
 treaty defining the spheres of their
 influence in East, West and South-
 west Africa, and in return for the
 German recognition of the protector-
 ate of Great Britain over Zanzibar
 Lord Salisbury, in behalf of his gov-
 ernment, ceded Heligoland to Ger-
 many. Since that time it has been
 snatched by the German vacationists
 for a summer playground. Its inter-
 ests are three fold; military, tourist
 and industrial. Its industrial inter-
 ests are its least concern, being of
 importance only to the few hundred
 fisher folk who have faith enough in
 their little rock to pass their lives
 away upon it.

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In order to complete the work laid
 out for it by March 4th, the Sixty-
 Third Congress will hold night ses-
 sions from this time on. This is in
 accordance with the suggestion of
 President Wilson.

From the way some of our congress-
 men talk, the U. S. navy is nothing but
 a scrap heap. Some of these same fel-
 lows who are now making so much
 noise about the deficiency of our navy
 have been in congress for many years,
 and they should tell us what was done
 with the more than one billion of dol-
 lars that has been appropriated by con-
 gress during the past ten years. Had
 this great amount of money been ex-
 pended like it should have been, per-
 haps there would now be little or no
 excuse for this talk about our small
 navy.

It might not be out of place to re-
 mind those who have taxes to pay
 that the penalty for not paying them
 before February 1st, 1915, is 10 per
 cent on the whole amount, and inter-
 est at six per cent after that date. It
 is also well to remember that if you
 want to participate in the city and
 county elections to be held during the
 year 1915, you must pay your county
 and state poll tax. Heretofore, those
 residing within the corporate limits
 of the city have been required to pay
 a city poll tax in addition to the
 county poll tax, but the new city char-
 ter does not provide for any such tax.
 However, before you can qualify as a
 voter in city elections it is necessary
 to have a county poll tax receipt.

The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco com-
 pany sends The Times, with compli-
 ments of the season, a glass humidifier
 filled with smoking tobacco of a well
 known and popular brand, which, by
 the way, happens to be just the kind
 used by those persons connected with
 The Times who have formed and cul-
 tivated the filthy habit of smoking.
 We accept the gift with thanks; will
 do with it as the donor suggests, and
 when "30" comes over the wire, we
 shall put "Prince Albert" on the cen-
 ter table, together with the Missouri
 mershams sent along with it, and in-
 vite the boys to fill their pipes with a
 tobacco that newspaper advertising
 has helped to make famous, and enjoy
 a real smoke.

Governor Goethals, governor of the
 Canal Zone, explains that his reason
 for wanting torpedo boat destroyers
 located at each end of the canal was
 for the protection of belligerent war
 ships that have quite recently shown
 a disposition to disregard the Canal
 Zone shipping laws, and mentions es-
 pecially the Australian collier, Mallina,
 which left Balboa with clearance pa-
 pers. He further adds that it is pre-
 sumed the steamers that left without
 clearance papers met and coaled the
 Australian fleet which concentrated re-
 cently in the vicinity of the Pearl Is-
 lands, sixty miles east of Panama City.
 The torpedo boat destroyers are ex-
 pected to capture and sink such ves-
 sels as attempt to violate the neutral-
 ity laws.

Many papers are estimating Mr.
 Ferguson's worth as a governor in ad-
 vance, and while the Democrat has no
 just cause for suspicion in advance,
 we much prefer to take the cold facts
 from his record after it is made. His
 remedy for the evils of landlordism
 will be as futile as the law against
 usury, namely, because it begins at
 the wrong end of the subject. That
 might we venture in advance.—Corpus
 Christi Democrat.

It will be a marvel if Mr. Ferguson's
 recommendations covering the tenant
 plank in his platform ever reaches the
 dignity of a statute; if it does, there
 is little doubt about its fate when it
 reaches the Supreme court. But that
 should not detract from his adminis-
 tration, while we in common with all
 Texas, hope will be successful.—Den-
 ron Herald.

The tenant plank in Mr. Ferguson's
 campaign platform was deemed suffi-
 ciently sound and sane to be adopted
 into the State Democratic platform at
 the El Paso convention. Also, there

can be no mistake but that at least
 75 per cent of the tenant farmers
 voted for Mr. Ferguson, influenced
 largely by what he stood for in the
 way of regulating by law farm rentals.
 That being true, it is the plain duty
 of the next legislature to enact that
 plank into law. The Supreme court
 can then determine whether it is con-
 stitutional or not. Our idea is that it
 was intended only as a vote-catcher
 and it caught 'em by the thousands,
 and Mr. Ferguson was elected.

GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY'S WAR
PRIMER

The National Geographic Society
 has given out the following statement
 with reference to the importance of
 the port of Rotterdam in international
 trade and concerning Heligoland,
 which Great Britain traded to Ger-
 many in 1890 in return for the Ger-
 man recognition of the British pro-
 tectorate over Zanzibar:

When the American tourist of
 former summers, whose mind was
 filled with a preconceived notion of
 Europe made up a wealth of statisti-
 cal and historical information, ap-
 proached the port of Rotterdam on
 his maiden voyage, he usually suf-
 fered his first great European disap-
 pointment. The most reliable of re-
 ference books had prepared him for
 the fifth largest port in the world.
 According to these works, New York
 came first upon the list of the world's
 greatest seaports, followed by Ant-
 werp, Hamburg, Hong Kong and Rot-
 terdam. Rotterdam led London. The
 measure of greatness, of course, was
 the grand total of tons of freight, en-
 tered and cleared by each port.

With this information about Rotter-
 dam in mind, many an American has
 strained his eyesight from the for-
 ward deck just off the coast of Hol-
 land, vainly trying to pick up a sky-
 line like that of New York. All that
 was rewarded his effort has been a
 low, barren, desolate stretch of sandy
 shore, lonely to a point of sadness.
 This dreary outlook is the Hook of
 Holland, relieved on nearer inspec-
 tion by rambling sheds, a combina-
 tion of baggage and customs house.
 There are a few scraggy bushes and
 dwarf trees in the picture. Prob-
 ably in nine chances out of ten, the
 tourist has reached the Hook after
 the turn of the tide, in which case
 he has had to land there.

In July an unmerciful sun beats
 down on this tongue of land, which,
 together with the pigmy brain waiting
 upon the smoky sands to carry the
 passengers to Rotterdam, makes the
 traveler almost feel that he has been
 landed in sleepy Africa by mistake.
 There is nothing about the Hook of
 Holland or the narrow, shallow rib-
 bon of water, which leads to Rotter-
 dam to aid him in realizing the mag-
 nitude of the port but an hour's ride
 away.

Rotterdam is today Europe's great-
 est neutral seaport. The vast busi-
 ness of Antwerp and Hamburg has
 ceased. London is an object for the
 enterprise of war. The shipping to
 western Europe can alone real-
 isticly secure in the harbor of Rot-
 terdam and this port city has become
 one of the busiest of places for the
 purchases of all Central Europe will
 pour through its spiral streets.

Ideally situated for handling the
 overseas commerce of central Europe
 peopled by a race of skillful mer-
 chants and traditional sailors, con-
 nected with all the principal markets
 of the hinterland by the wonderful
 system of railways which branch out
 from here and reach Germany, France
 and Austria, Rotterdam has always
 been a remarkable shipping despite
 keenest competition. This city has
 earned a great part of its wealth dur-
 ing last score of years through the
 handling of German imports and the
 vast exports to every corner of the
 world from the Rhine manufacturing
 district. These goods have been
 neatly sent down the Rhine to Rot-
 terdam and by the Dutch reshipped
 to their destinations. It was in or-
 der to preserve this business in Ger-
 man hands, that the Empire under-
 took the construction of the Dort-
 mund-Ems Canal, at \$20,000,000, con-
 necting the industrial Rhine country
 with a German port on the North
 Sea.

Its wonderful shipping has made
 Rotterdam the leading commercial
 city of Holland. There are some in-
 dustries scattered among its straight
 front, five and six story, sharp gabled
 houses, such as rope and cigar man-
 ufacture, but they are unimportant.

As an excursionist from Hamburg,
 one comes upon the solitary little
 island of Heligoland, far out in the
 open North Sea, some 30 miles from
 the nearest point of land, a defiantly
 isolated macron brown crag, project-
 ing itself ruggedly against the hori-
 zon. This tiny land is the vortex
 around which the ambitions of two
 of the proudest navies of the world
 are swirling.

Approached in the heat of a late

Heligoland properly consists of
 two islands, one of a high rock
 plateau, of military significance and
 the other, a great drifting pile of
 sand, protected by engineering works
 against water erosion which serves
 chiefly as a bathing beach for the
 summer visitors. Duinen Insel, or
 sand dune island, the small, spark-
 ling greenish yellow sand pile of the
 summer guest, was split off from the
 main island by a violent disturbance
 in 1720. The main island is a high
 table of rock, in its highest point
 rising some about two hundred feet
 from the water, about a mile from
 tip to tip on its roughly triangular
 surface, and a little more than
 third of a mile wide at the widest
 points. The stormy winter seas
 have fretted its exposed coast in a
 wealth of caves, and rotund pillars,
 arches and needles of rock.

Much of the tableland is forbidd-
 er to the tourist. The inquisitive
 stranger is not encouraged to roam
 at will, nor to photograph whatever
 might strike his fancy. For the rock
 is strategic ground; its surface is
 studded with turret fortifications
 hidden big gun pits and upon one
 part of the island there is an im-
 portant Zeppelin point is a sandy cle-
 in the rock upon which the lower
 town is constructed and where Hel-
 goland steamers moor. In this shel-
 tering cliff is where the native fisher
 folk huddle through the bitter, stormy,
 grey blood congealing North Sea win-
 ter. Almost continual ice blasts chop
 and churn these waters during win-
 ter time.

NEGRO IS SPIRITED AWAY
BY FORT WORTH OFFICERS

Five Are Under Arrest Following Kill-
 ing of Messenger Boy Whose
 Body Was Found.

By Associated Press.
 Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 14.—Offi-
 cers have carefully hidden the five
 negroes arrested Saturday and Sunday
 in connection with the murder of
 Oscar Scroggins, 17 year old mes-
 senger boy who was lured to a lonely
 spot in the country and killed. His
 body was found in a well last night
 at midnight. It is believed he was
 killed in order to rob him of his ma-
 chine.

Yesterday under strong pressure,
 Clint Williams, an 18 year old negro
 boy, who had served a term at the
 state reformatory, made a disconnected
 statement to County Attorney Mar-
 shall Spoons in which he described
 the killing of the white boy Friday
 night. He said that the body had
 been hidden in an old well in a lone-
 ly grove near the Bowman Springs
 road, about two miles southeast of
 the Masonic Home. The prisoner, who
 accompanied the officers, was unable
 to locate the well which he describ-
 ed. The officers searched every well
 and culvert in that locality. One
 well, thought to answer the descrip-
 tion, was found about midnight, but
 it was then too late for the search-
 ers to probe its depths, and on ac-
 count of the intense cold and dark-
 ness they decided to discontinue fur-
 ther work until morning.

Market Reports

New York Cotton.
 By Associated Press.
 New York, Dec. 14.—Cotton's stead-
 er tone which developed Saturday
 was in evidence again early today.
 The local market sold about 8 to 10
 points higher. Reports of steadier
 southern spot markets helped to sus-
 tain prices during the afternoon, with
 active months 7 to 8 points net high-
 er. Cotton futures closed steady. Jan.
 7.10; March 7.31; May 7.49; July
 7.64; Oct. 7.92.

New Orleans Cotton.
 By Associated Press.
 New Orleans, Dec. 14.—Cotton quiet
 sales on spot 750. To arrive 1005
 Middling 7 cents.

Chicago Futures.
 By Associated Press.
 Chicago, Dec. 14.—Wheat developed
 fresh strength today on account of an
 unexpected upturn in prices at Liver-
 pool where supplies were said to be
 insufficient. After opening 1/4 to 7-8
 higher quotations rose still further
 especially in the December option.
 Corn ascended with wheat. The open-
 ing which was 1-4 to 3-8 up was fol-
 lowed by other grains. Firmness
 spread into the oats market. Wheat
 closed steady. Corn closed weak.
 Closing: Wheat, Dec. 1.18; May
 1.21 3-4; July 1.18. Corn Dec. 63;
 May 69 1-4; July 69 3-4. Oats, Dec.
 47 3-8; May 51 7-8.

Fort Worth Livestock.
 By Associated Press.
 Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 14.—Cattle
 receipts 6500, steady; hives \$6
 to \$8.50. Hog receipts 1700, steady.
 Bulk \$6.65 to \$7. Sheep receipts 300,
 steady. Lambs \$7 to \$8.

Kansas City Grain.
 By Associated Press.
 Kansas City, Dec. 14.—Cash wheat
 No. 2 hard 1.12 to 1.13; No. 2 red
 1.12 to 1.13. Corn No. 2 mixed 63
 Oats No. 2 white 67.

DEBTS INCURRED IN 1870
NOT YET PAID BY FRANCE

Obligations of Former War With Ger-
 many Have Not Yet Been
 Fully Met

By Associated Press.
 Paris, Dec. 12.—It is recalled that
 some cities and towns of seven de-
 partments of France that were oc-
 cupied by the Germans in 1870-71 are
 still under the burden of debt in-
 curred to satisfy the requisitions of
 the Germans.

The same departments and many
 of the same towns occupied by Ger-
 mans during the present war have
 incurred further burdens. Since the
 war is waged for the protection of all
 the territory, a project is under con-
 sideration to relieve them in part by
 distributing the charges over the
 whole territory.

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 ness they decided to discontinue fur-
 ther work until morning.

In his statement the negro boy im-
 plicated another negro, who was ar-
 rested by the police. Williams' moth-
 er was also detained by the officers,
 but she is not believed to have been
 implicated. The suspects are hidden
 away at different police substations
 to guard against any demonstration
 that might be made should the body
 of the white boy be found. If de-
 velopments justify it the two negro
 men will be taken to another county
 without loss of time.

Oscar Scroggins was last seen Fri-
 day night. He had been on a deal
 with the negro Clint Williams to sell
 him his motorcycle for \$100. The
 negro told him that if he would go
 with him to a house in the country,
 two miles beyond Polytechnic, he
 would take the machine and pay the
 money. The boy left Covey & Mar-
 tin's drug store, where he was em-
 ployed, about 7 o'clock Friday even-
 ing and took the negro behind him
 on the motorcycle. They were last
 seen going east by passengers on a
 street car near Glenwood Park. The
 negro's cap had blown off and Scrog-
 gins stopped the machine to let him
 go back and get it. Next day, Satur-
 day, the negro and the motorcycle
 were found at a farm house one and
 a half miles beyond the Masonic
 Home. The white boy had not then
 returned or been heard of, and is
 still missing. Farmers of the neigh-
 borhood told the officers that they
 heard the cough of a motorcycle Fri-
 day night, followed by the report of
 a pistol. Then they heard screams
 and groans. It was quite dark at that
 hour and although they investigated
 they were unable to trace the noises
 to their source.

NEW NAMES PROVIDED FOR
DOGS AND CATS IN FRANCE

By Associated Press.
 Paris, Dec. 14.—The generation of
 cats and dogs of 1914 in France will
 be recognized as long as they live by
 their war names. Turco, Tommy-At-
 kins, Goumpe, Ghurka, Guerrier, Chas-
 seur, Dragon, Troufion, Flamand, and
 Belle are among the most popular of
 the many names derived from pass-
 ing events which food owners give
 to their four-footed pets.

FRENCH STEAMER OVERDUE
ON HER TRIP FROM HAVRE

By Associated Press.
 New York, Dec. 14.—The French
 line steamer Florida, six days overdue
 on her trip from Havre to New York
 has not been heard of since she sailed
 December 22, according to a cable
 message today from the line's agents
 in France. Each day adds to the ap-
 prehension felt for the vessel's safety.
 The Florida, 3238 tons has borne 24
 cabin passengers and 15 in the steer-
 age. Heavy gales have swept the
 Atlantic recently and the line believes
 the storm weather has delayed her.

THREE UNUSUAL DIAMOND SPECIALS

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Reut that spare bed room while the times are hard. A Times Class Ad will find you a reliable person at once. Phone 167 and we will be glad to write the ad for you. 83 tf c

Important meeting Tuesday night of Pioneer Lodge No. 49 K. of P. Initiation in rank of Knight. T. A. Bradley, C. C. 83 2t c

The B. O. P. Girls will be among the Christmas hostesses, having issued invitations as follows: "The B. O. P. Girls at home with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hardy, 1100 Travis, December 25th. Eight o'clock." 83 tf c

You can hear Van Voy, Wright, Hill and Murchison sing every Friday night at the Empress. 83 tf c

Autogenous Welding. We have installed an Autogenous Welding plant and are prepared to do all kinds of welding. Cylinders, crank cases, transmission cases, springs and in fact anything in the metal line, large or small. If too large to move we can go to it. Work done by us is guaranteed to hold. An expert in charge. Shuler & Wallace. Phone 621, 707 Scott. 81 6t c

Father Campbell has gone to Electra to assist Father Webber of the Catholic church there in conducting the forty hour devotional service. This service was held here. After returning from Electra, Father Campbell will go to Dallas to confer with Bishop Lynch relative to the contract for the new church here.

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Associated Press News. Read the latest war news in The Times. We are members of the Associated Press, the biggest news gatherer in the world. Everything of importance that happens, they are the first to get it. You can be up to date on everything if you read The Times. Only 50 cents a month or \$1.25 for three months. Phone 167 and give us your order. 83 tf c

You can always get your money's worth at the Empress. But you can hear that Wichita Quartette on Friday night and no advance in prices. \$3 1t c

Roy Steed and Ed Eckert have been indicted by the grand jury on a charge of rape. Their bonds were set at \$1,500 each this morning.

The Times Want Ads are the very best medium and cheapest way of getting quick results. Don't delay; try one today. Phone 167. 83 tf c

Buy a Icy-Hot bottle it keeps hot things hot and cold things cold at Wichita Hardware Co., is where they are sold. 81 3t c

The L. A. to B. R. T. will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 in regular session at the old I. O. O. F. hall. All members and visiting members are urged to attend.

Buy your Christmas presents from Stokes Electrical Co. Everything electrical. 78 tf c

Stockholders Meeting. Wichita Falls, Texas, Dec. 11, 1914. Stockholders of the First National Bank, Wichita Falls, Texas: You are hereby notified that the regular annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank will be held at its banking house in Wichita Falls, Texas, Tuesday, January the 12th, 1915, for the purpose of electing directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. 83 6t c

The Wichita Mill and Elevator Co. filed a petition for injunction by Judge Seury in the district court this afternoon against W. W. Allen et al. to prevent a levy being made against property of the plaintiff on a writ of execution from a justice of the peace in Foard county.

Pioneer Lodge No. 49 K. of P. meets Tuesday night at new hall, Henderson building. Initiation in rank of Knight. T. A. Bradley, C. C. 83 2t c

We thoroughly clean all carbon from auto cylinders. Safe, harmless and efficient. 75c per cylinder. Shuler & Wallace. Phone 621, 707 Scott avenue. 81 6t c

The two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Baker, 1508 Bluff, died Sunday night and was buried this afternoon in Riverside cemetery.

Steam Vulcanizing. Have your vulcanizing done while the prices are down. Quick service, good work. Guaranteed for life of tire. Open day and night. Shuler & Wallace. Phone 621, 707 Scott avenue. 81 6t c

The suit of L. N. Lockridge against the Coricanna Petroleum Co. for damages for personal injuries is on trial before a jury in the district court this afternoon.

For rent, one store building, Maer building, 812 Scott avenue. Be vacant December 1st, 1914. Price \$50 per month. See W. N. Maer, care Cravens, Maer & Walker. 66 tf c

For fat hens, phone City Feed and Produce Co. Phone 1778. 82 tf c

Real Estate Transfers. W. W. Craig to W. R. Little, lot 11, block 4, K. and J. subdivision; \$2,000.

Stockholders Meeting. Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of stockholders of The Times Publishing Company will be held at its office, corner Seventh street and Scott avenue, Wichita Falls, Texas, on Friday, January 1st, at 4 p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors and the transaction of such other business as might properly be brought before them.

ED HOWARD, President. G. D. ANDERSON, Secretary. 83 tf c

Dr. R. A. Waller, dentist, room 207, K. & K. Bldg. Phone 334. 28 tf c

Marriage licenses have been issued as follows: New Ransome to Roberta Hunt; Lee Chandler, Meigsport, to Mattie Hearing, Dundee.

For health and beauty, try Arnold's Vibrator. Stokes Electric Co., agents. 78 tf c

Notice. I wish to state to my friends and former patrons that I have taken back my horse-shoeing, carriage shop and general blacksmith shop at 607 Indiana, and will appreciate their patronage. Joe Setts. Phone 1790. 83 2t c

Notice. We have eight second-hand cars for sale or trade; all in good shape. See Schnell & Weaver. Phone 740. 83 3t c

All kinds of feed. City Produce Co. Phone 1778. 82 tf c

Read The Times ads and make money. You will find many bargains, both in real estate and household goods. If you have a lot or house you want to sell, phone 167 and have a Want Ad inserted in The Times. They get results. 83 tf c

"AMERICA" TO BE FEATURED AT EMPRESS TOMORROW

The New York critics have found only praise for the great Hippodrome attraction, "America." This picture contains numerous attractions and pictures, events famous in American history, also scenes that are peculiar to our own country. The great Mardi Gras and other Southern festivities, the passage of the first ship through the Panama canal, the famous diving beauty chorus of the Hippodrome natatorium, scenes from north, south, east and west are all shown in six thousand feet of motion pictures at the Empress Tuesday. The praise of the New York critics will be heartily echoed by those who see it here.

TURNING CATTLE ON COTTON IN COTTON COUNTY

Paducah, Texas, Dec. 14.—It is reported that some of the farmers and large cotton growers of this county are turning their cattle in on their fields, due to the fact that the price of cotton has been going down for the past several weeks. Cold waves have also been the cause of turning quite a few of the colored cotton pickers out of the county that were brought in last fall to help take care of the crop. It is estimated that from five to ten thousand bales in this county will never be gathered. Up to this date there has been about 15,000 bales ginned this year.

Doctors Hartsook & Stripling EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT 202 Kemp & Kell Bldg.

GERMANS IN RETREAT AT MLAWA, RUSSIANS CLAIM

No Change of Importance Mentioned. Australian Forces Have Crossed Carpathians.

By Associated Press. Petrograd, Dec. 14.—The general staff of the Russian army has given out the following under date of Sunday, December 13:

"There has been no engagements of importance on any part of the front. In the region of Mlawa we continue to force back the German troops who are in retreat. On the left bank of the River Vistula there has been no change. In the region of Mount Bulka Austrian columns are coming down the northern slopes of the Carpathians."

YOUNG FARMERS MAKE NEARLY TWO BALES TO ACRE

Excellent Yield of Cotton is Reported By Government Demonstrator, J. W. Campbell.

A cotton yield of one and five-sixths bales to the acre by Wichita county youths in the demonstration work of the U. S. department of agriculture during the past season was reported by the county commissioners by J. W. Campbell, demonstration agent this afternoon in his monthly report to that body. The rules of the department do not permit Mr. Campbell to make public the names of the contestants making this record.

He reported also that demonstrators had harvested yields of from 20 to 50 bushels of corn per acre from their plots, from one to two tons of feterita heads. Milo maize, he reported, had yielded from one to one and half tons to the acre.

"I have gathered several box reports where they used pasture in connection with a small amount of grain," his report reads, "that made good net profits. Starting last January with from two to four broad acres, the profits above all expenses run from \$284.65 to \$555.80."

Mr. Campbell says that he will finish gathering his reports this week and will commence reorganizing the boys and girls clubs on January 5th, and will also start revising his demonstrators list at the same time.

MANY ENGLISH OFFICERS NAMES ON CASUALTY LIST

Total of 996 Killed Since Beginning of War—582 Have Been Reported as Missing.

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 14.—The official officers casualty list for the week ending November 30 shows that in the seven days the British forces on the continent lost 79 officers killed and 147 wounded; 23 are reported missing. This gives a total of 253 for the week. Added to the previous totals the last report showed that since the outbreak of hostilities Great Britain has had 996 officers killed and 1998 wounded while 582 had been reported as missing.

ANTI-SEMITIC PAPER SUPPRESSED IN BERLIN

By Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 14.—The military authorities have suppressed for the duration of the war the Staatsburger Zeitung of Berlin an anti-Semitic organ which failed to follow the admonition to discontinue all anti-Semitic propaganda.

FORT WORTH INFANT IS BURNED TO DEATH SUNDAY

By Associated Press. Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 14.—Benjamin Neal, 13 months old, was burned to death Sunday at his parents' home in the suburbs. The parents went to the barn to milk leaving the child in the house. He caught fire from a pipe splinter.

TO SPEND \$1,000,000 ON FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 14.—An emergency appropriation of \$1,000,000 for fighting the foot and mouth disease was passed today by the Senate.

OCEAN RATES ON COTTON AGAIN ADVANCE SHARPLY

Now Higher Than Ever Before—Three Dollars Per 100 Pounds to Bremen.

By Associated Press. Galveston, Texas, Dec. 14.—Ocean freight rates on cotton from Galveston for European ports have again advanced sharply and are now quoted at figures higher than ever before recorded. Some of the rates quoted today are: To Liverpool \$1 per 100 pounds; Gothenburg, \$2.25; Havre, \$1.15; Barcelona and Genoa, \$1.10; Bremen, \$3. Three copies of cotton for Bremen have been booked for shipment between now and January 10.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH PASTOR RECALLED FOR TWO YEARS

Rev. F. F. Walters to Remain Here in Spite of Calls From Other Cities.

At a meeting of the executive board of the First Christian Church yesterday Rev. F. F. Walters, present pastor, was unanimously called for the two coming years, the action of the church board being seconded by the hearty and unanimous vote of the congregation. It has been the habit of the church to issue a call for one year at a time but recent events have made the two years call seem advisable in view of the efficiency of Rev. Walters and the fact that in the past three months he has had calls from large churches in this State also Missouri and the Pacific coast. Rev. Walters did not see fit to accept any of these calls even at a considerable advance in salary but the fame of his successful efforts in the church building has resulted so that the local church to insure a continuance of his pastorate stepped aside from the usual policy of the church.

In addition to issuing this call the annual election of church officers was held and the following officers elected to serve for the ensuing year: Church treasurer, W. J. Bullock; church clerk, Dr. A. R. Prothro; Sunday school superintendent, W. J. Bullock; Sunday school treasurer, A. S. Love; Sunday school secretary, W. R. Stone. Five new deacons were also elected to serve in addition to about twenty of the church members serving in that capacity, these being: Dr. W. B. Farris, Sam P. Spoles, W. S. Willis, J. B. Webb and H. H. May.

INADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SHELLS FOR BATTLESHIPS

Daniels Wants Appropriation So That United States Can Make Its Own Projectiles.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 14.—Secretary Daniels told the House naval affairs committee today that while all the battleships in reserve were not supplied with shells, every dreadnought and every other battleship on the active list were equipped but did not have an adequate supply.

"That," said the secretary, "is no naval secret." He declared the navy was making torpedoes at Newport for \$5000 each, more than \$1000 less than the price at which private concern supply them. He asked the committee to authorize more than six new destroyers. He said the navy was making tests of a new shell promising great results, for attacking submarines and urged an appropriation of \$500,000 for a government projectile plant.

PLENTY OF PROMOTION IS OPEN TO SOLDIERS

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 14.—The soldier in the ranks of the British army is finding plenty of chance for promotion in the present war, the dearth of officers being one of the most difficult problems of the War Office. During the first three months of the fighting, it is announced there have been 438 officers promoted from the ranks, excluding a number of quartermaster commissions.

THREE DAY HOLIDAY ON COTTON EXCHANGE

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 14.—The New York cotton exchange will have a three day holiday Christmas, remaining closed on December 26, December 27 is Sunday.

Four Above at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—Temperature here today were four above zero.

21 Below in Nebraska.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 14.—Norfolk, Nebraska reported 21 degrees below zero; seven below was the minimum here.

BRITISH STEAMER IS ASHORE NEAR NORFOLK

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Dec. 14.—Hurled ashore by the gale last night the British steamer Isle of Iona was stranded today two miles south of Hatteras Light with eight feet of water in her engine room.

BEFORE YOU BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

see what we have suitable for presents. Our list of timely and acceptable goods includes stationery, fountain pens, toilet articles, etc. As a suggestion, a bottle of fine perfume is always appreciated by the ladies. You can do all your shopping here conveniently and economically.

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Additional Personals

J. L. Powell went up to Electra on business this afternoon.

Attorney L. W. Parrish of Henrietta was in the city on business today.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Ward returned to their home at Beaumont this afternoon, after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Larkin.

Drew Young returned today from a short business trip to Seymour.

W. C. Barren of Byers was in the city on business today.

J. E. Wright of Byers was in the city today en route to Henrietta.

J. W. Roberts of Byers was a visitor here today.

A. T. Holt of Quanah was a business visitor here today.

Thurmond Ledbetter of Byers was in the city on business today.

W. D. Gaunt, head of the grocery department of the Farmers Supply Co., is quite sick with the grip, having been confined to his room for a week.

J. L. McConkey is able to be out again after an attack of grip.

S. L. Silbert, second miller for the Wichita Mill and Elevator Co., who has been confined to his home more than three weeks with typhoid fever, is reported much improved.

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- Compound, 5 lb pail 50c
- Cottolene, large size \$1 25
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- Crisco, large size 90c
- Crisco, medium size 45c
- Crisco, small size 25c
- Irish potatoes, bushel \$1 00
- Oranges, per dozen 20c

The Model Grocery
811 Ohio Avenue
Phones 1551-1531

Personal Mention

Mrs. E. T. Anderson returned today from a business trip to Chicago.

C. C. Knight returned today from a visit of several days at Dallas and Fort Worth.

E. G. Hill and Gus Wilfong returned Saturday from a hunting trip in the vicinity of Matador.

Mrs. B. Cassett, who was called here by the death of her son about a month ago, left this afternoon for her home at Ramano, South Dakota.

C. B. McConnell, district deputy for the Modern Woodmen, left this afternoon for Gainesville to do some work for the lodge there.

Miss Opal Armstrong of Ada, Okla., arrived last night to spend the holidays with her cousin, Miss Margaret Robertson, 1510 Eleventh street.

W. G. (Bill) Long blew in with the northern from Oklahoma last night on a short business trip. Bill is secretary for an independent oil producers' association in Oklahoma. The association has its headquarters at Bartlesville, but Mr. Long continues his residence at Tulsa.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Orr left today for Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., where they will be temporarily located. Mr. Orr has been employed with the Wichita Falls Motor Manufacturing Co.

J. W. Walkup returned Saturday from Waco, where he has been for several weeks attending the Masonic Grand Lodge. Mr. Walkup was honored with an appointment by the grand lodge.

Mrs. W. D. Bentley arrived this morning from Yukon, Oklahoma, to visit her son, M. R. Bentley, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Amazon-Hargrave sanitarium. She found her son doing nicely.

County Tax Assessor John Robertson, who has been in Colorado for the past three or four months, has returned home and will remain here for a few weeks before going back for further treatment. His health is improved greatly.

O. E. Lillard of Bowie is in the city on business.

J. M. Martin of Randlett, Oklahoma, was a visitor here yesterday.

County Commissioner E. A. McCleskey came down from Iowa Park today.

A. E. Cullen and wife of Childress are among the out of town visitors here today.

W. H. Swinney, examiner of auditors for the Interstate Commerce Commission, spent Sunday here with his sister, Mrs. T. F. Wright, leaving for Fort Worth this afternoon. Mrs. Wright and children accompanied him to Fort Worth, where they will be the guests of relatives this week.

M. G. Robb, representing the Good-year Tire and Rubber Co. was here from Dallas on business today.

George Baker, general storekeeper for the Fort Worth and Denver, was down from Childress this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Sweeton and baby left this afternoon for Dallas, where they will make their home.

Mrs. T. W. Stahl returned to her home at Bowie this afternoon, after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Jack Gotcher.

T. A. Helm, general freight agent for the Missouri Pacific at Dallas, spent Sunday here with his brother, B. C. Helm, of Dundee.

Mrs. A. D. Anderson returned from Lawton today, where she has been visiting her sister.

G. F. Mahon, first vice president of the National Supply Co. of Kansas City, and W. M. Banks, general attorney for that company, are here from Independence, Kansas.

B. E. Byrne, an official of the National Supply Co. is here from Houston on business.

Rev. J. W. Morgan was here today on his way home to Iowa Park, after holding meeting at Lake Creek yesterday.

B. P. Boyer went up to Grandfield this afternoon, where he is directing a band.

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Simplicity Is Keynote Of Hats In Styles For Early Winter Wear

New York, Dec. 12.—A gown may be charming, but if the trimming is not of the proper kind or is not properly applied, it is spoiled. This season buttons play a most important part in the ornamentation of dresses and suits. They may be cloth covered, crocheted, braid covered or of bone. The bone buttons are, perhaps, the newest and smartest. They are generally plain and round with visible holes. Buttons are used on the underside of a sleeve, quite close together from wrist to elbow and down the front of a waist giving a very military effect. A great deal of braiding is being used on coats and suits. Not fancy braiding especially, but edges are being finished with braid, or bound with a new sort of satin braid which comes in all widths. Frogs, a trim-



these bodices are long over the shoulders exposing the tips of them in the fashion one sees in daguerreotypes. Others, where they are not wanted so low are finished with a fichu of the same material which is draped around the shoulders giving the long line of the shoulders but showing only the V of the neck.

Another crinoline type is the dress with a many flounced or ruffled skirt. This last with wreaths of tiny roses woven among the ruffles and possibly carelessly catching one up is a most fascinating style for an evening frock, especially for the girl of lithe and slender lines. The trim short basque buttoning straight up the front and ending at the waistline, except for two short points below, is very smart when worn with the full skirt. The illustration is a model which shows an idea of an American designer. The yoke and front panel of the skirt are in one while the fullness is placed at the side in wide side pleats, thus giving the smart outline of the winter, a flatness front and back and a flaring at the sides. Fur is used extensively as trimming on the winter frocks. It is put around the bottoms of tunics and skirts at the lower edge of cuffs and around the necks of suits, dresses and separate coats. Fur is soft, but scarcely becoming to the average face and requires something to give a bit of color, so the artificial flower was placed, usually at the neck and lo! it made the fur vastly becoming. The flower, whether artificial or natural, is a most important accessory of a woman's toilette this season. The corsage bouquets of violets are always good, but the very smartest and newest thing in the way of natural flowers is the way they are made into a tiny stiff bouquet, like those picked in the days of our grandmothers. Stiffly packed together, rising in the center and surrounded by a stiff frill of paper lace. In the artificial flowers this same thing is carried out, only the leaves are used to simulate the frill of lace. One charming bouquet had three frosted pink leaves placed together in such a way as to form a triangle. In the center of this triangle was a stiff little bunch of berries of a deeper pink than the leaves. A half blown rose is among the newest of the flowers, in pinks and deep reds. Another flower which is having a great popularity is the water lily in white or pink with a large yellow center. These are shown with long stems which are often looped up gracefully underneath the flower. A combination of small fruits and their blossoms is very attractive against the dark coat or frock. An illustration has the new close fitting sleeves and the fashionable yoked tunic. The lower section of the tunic is side pleated and falls over the closer fitting lower skirt section. A new wide hat which is a late example of some of the later winter styles is worn with this dress. A wide velvet sailor, it flares up at one side and is trimmed with a single large red rose. The hats of the winter are exquisite in their simplicity and blending of colors. A tiny high trimmed tunic with a crown of plum colored velvet is wreathed in berries and soft toned velvet roses. It is a model which is charming when worn with either tailored suit or frock of silk. One cunning toque made of mulberry colored velvet has a high crown and velvet ribbon falls in two streamers down the back. The whole effect is distinctly of the 1840 period. Some of the hats have streamers not only on the small sizes but even upon the larger sized models. A tan sailor hat is trimmed with five blue velvet ribbon streamers which fall off the brim and are continuations of ribbon that makes the crown, running around it from brim to top.

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Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14.—Miss Bettie H. Hackney has been re-elected secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of this city.
Chicago, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Potter Palmer, famous society woman, has contributed \$1,000 toward a fund to aid unemployed girls in Chicago.
Mrs. Carter H. Harrison, wife of the mayor, is to put her novels into moving pictures. She has written several fairy stories and two novels. A second "firt proof" jury will be drawn today for the second trial of Louis Weigle, a wealthy stockbroker, on a charge of flirting with Miss Mary McKinney. The jury disagreed at

the first trial. Chicago club women induced the pushing of the case to wait other annoyances.
Miss Alice P. Norton, county dietitian of Cook county, took courses in several colleges to prepare herself for her chosen field—that of household administration and dietetics.
St. Louis, Dec. 14.—Ten homeless and friendless women from 67 to 94 years of age, who had paid sums of \$200 to \$400 to obtain a home for the rest of their lives, have learned that "The Sunshine Home for the Aged" is bankrupt. Many of them are facing the poor house.
New York, Dec. 14.—Tomorrow is election day at the suffrage school conducted by the Equal Franchise League. The young lady students will have their first experience casting ballots.
Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 14.—While viewing moving pictures, Mrs. Fritz Thomas, wife of a Racine, Wis., hotel man, recognized her sister among the fleeing refugees on the screen. She has set about to relieve her destitute sister.
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Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—The Woman's Single Tax Club will hold its first open meeting tonight. Mrs. Jessie L. Lane, the president, has mapped out propaganda work for the coming winter.
Cincinnati, Dec. 14.—Friends of the Countess de Chambrun have received letters telling of her activities in the European war zone. The countess was formerly Miss Clara Longworth, younger sister of Congressman Longworth. She was at St. Mihiel with the army when the war broke out. He was ordered to an outpost, and his daring American wife rode out on horseback each day to see him. When he returned to Paris, where she is now staying with her children and her mother, she has on one or two occasions been able to take advantage of some military automobiles to get a quick trip to the front to see her husband.
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Rosie's Santy Man

By IRVING BEACH

"OH DEAR! I wish he'd come," sighed Rosie Perone.

"Maybe he is sick," said the brother, as he dusted carefully the array of fruit arranged with such a holiday air in the narrow window of his shop. "He come if he not sick. You wait, Santy man no forget."

But Rosie in spite of her brother's encouraging words became very impatient. Finally she started in search of the kind friend, who was none other than the Santy of her street. Not the real Santy of Christmas eve, but a man who just pretended he was the same joyful friend of holly and cheer and wore a cloak and hat of red, faced with fur, and carried instead of a long whip to urge tired reindeer, a sign which told of a wonderful toyshop just around the corner.

A week before Pietro had seen from his little shop windows this same Santy man stagger and fall. Then both he and Rosie had helped the stranger into the fruit shop, where food and sympathy had been generously given. Now, it was the day before Christmas and the stranger who each day had stopped at Pietro's little shop had failed to appear.

"Maybe—he up the street somewhere," the brother had called to Rosie. "When you see heem, tell heem, tomorrow we look for him to eat with us."

Rosie nodded and went on down the long avenue. There was a gentle snow falling, just enough to add to the street the touch of Christmas. But nowhere



could Rosie see the kind Santy man of her street, who had told her such wonderful tales of toys, fairies and of the real country of deep hills and red sunsets.

Suddenly she thought of something, a something so different that it made her heart go thumpy-thump. She would go to the wonderful toyshop, just around the corner and see for herself, if her friend was there.

But not a tired, hurried clerk of the shop had time to answer Rosie's questions. Finally she approached a tall gray-haired man standing in the center of the long aisle. She felt certain he would know something about the Santy of her street.

"Please, do you know our Santy man?"

"Who?" asked the man.

"The Santy man, who wore a red coat, cap and carried a sign?"

"No, I don't. What is it you want to buy, little girl?"

"I don't want to buy nothin'. I'm just lookin' for the Santy man of my street. He—" Then Rosie could say no more. The lumps would stick in her throat, no matter how hard she swallowed.

Just what might have happened is hard to say, if a lady standing near hadn't heard what Rosie said and wanted to help her. She knew exactly what to do.

An hour later, after seeing Pietro at his little shop, Rosie rode away with the lady, who was very beautiful, by the way, in her big automobile, to the hospital, where the poor Santy had been taken the night before.

It was a wondering, curious little Rosie, who followed her friend down the long, cool hall to the ward where the sick Santy man lay. Timidly she walked to the man's bedside. He saw her. He held out his hand. Rosie grabbed it and held it close and fast in her own little hands.

"Oh—I'm so glad you're found. Me and Pietro love you so much. I never



would have found you if the beautiful lady hadn't—"

But Rosie didn't finish the sentence, for Santy hadn't heard a word she was saying. He was staring with deep, strange eyes at the lady, who had drawn nearer the sick man's bed.

"Sis," she whispered.

"Bob," she answered.

There Rosie sat with shining eyes and a little heart thumping and listened to the wonderful story of her Santy man and the lady. Santy was none other than the lady's brother, whom she hadn't seen since the day, years and years ago, he ran away to sea. And the lady? She was the beautiful fairy of the toyshop.

"And did you know all the time she owned it?"

"Yes."

"Why didn't you go and see her?"

"Because I was too poor, sick and proud."

Now, of course, like all stories where fairies and Santy hold forth, everybody was glad and lived happy ever afterward. It was a wonderful day for Rosie and Pietro.

And up and down Rosie's street, too, there was gladness; for the good news had spread to the children, Rosie and the sparrows told, that the Santy-man of their street had found a sister.

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"SPIRIT CHILD" CASE IN CINCINNATI COURT TODAY

Unique Contentions Are Made in Trial Which Involves Guardianship of Boy

Cincinnati, Dec. 14.—Today is set for the trial in the famous "spirit child" case which has excited much interest in Ohio. The court will endeavor to settle the question as to who is the mother of Lew Kraft Jr., recognized as the son of the late Lew Kraft, politician and financier of Cincinnati. Mrs. Flora House-Guion charges that the boy was born to her and not Mrs. Plymouth Weeks, a medium, who is known as the "spirit mother" since the unique contention was brought.

There is still another son involved in the charges brought by Mrs. Guion, but the court has ruled that all reference to him will be eliminated in the present hearing, and the will of the late Lew Kraft will also be barred from the trial which is to determine motherhood of the elder boy.

It has been established that Lew Kraft, worldly and wise, shrewd and firm in the business world, was a devotee of the occult and believed in spirits. Mrs. Weeks, with whom he studied, claims to have been the natural mother of the two sons, who have been in her custody and who are provided for under the will of Kraft. Mrs. Guion, wife of a farmer near Washington Courthouse, Ohio, charges that Lew Kraft Jr., is her son, adopted by the medium to deceive Lew Kraft by presenting the boy as the son.

Mrs. Lew Kraft, widow of the late politician, acknowledges that her husband recognizes the sons as his, and that he considered them "spirit" children. The hearing which begins today will therefore show a sordid plot or a remarkable story of the supernatural.

At The Theaters

The Lydia Margaret The new bill opening today contains two diversified acts, Dirty Dicks and Flo Bennett's "Just Nuts" and the Howard Sisters in songs and dances. The pictures include a Mary Pickford subject, "The Stronger Love" and a two part story of the prize ring, "The Yellow Streak."

The Gem

"The Dancer" a two part Kalem, featuring Mile. Verna Mercereau is showing today, also an Edison comedy, "Buster Brown's Uncle." Buster, the incorrigible, lately related over announcement of his Uncle Buster's early visit, and immediately his fertile brain began to scheming ways and means to derive the greatest amount of fun out of the event.

Uncle Buster arrived, tired out from a long journey and begged to be excused from meeting the guests who were to arrive that evening, pleading his extreme fatigue.

The old gentleman had been installed in the library for an after-dinner cigar, and had fallen asleep. Then Buster, Mary Jane and Tige found him. Like a flash, Buster had a scheme, and as the old gentleman slept, he and Mary Jane fastened a pair of skates on his feet. This was no sooner done than both of the little scamps united their voices in cries of "Fire! Fire!" while Tige added to the uproar. Springing to his feet, Uncle Buster proceeded to perform a number of rather complicated contortions, much to the children's delight, and Mr. and Mrs. Brown rushed in to ascertain the cause of the uproar.

The children were packed off to bed and Uncle Buster released from his embarrassing situation. Temptation for more mischief was still strong in Buster, and so he contrived another plan to scare his uncle. Sending Mary Jane for the servant girl's alarm clock he set it, together with that of the nursery; and the two children accompanied by the faithful Tige, crept into the guest's room and slipped the two clocks under the uncle's pillow.

The guests had arrived in the meantime, and Mr. and Mrs. Brown were busy entertaining them when suddenly they heard an awful row, and Uncle Buster, clad in pajamas, rushed into their midst, followed by the children and Tige.

Pandemonium reigned for a moment and Uncle Buster beat a hasty retreat. Buster was saved from a well-merited spanking by the intercession of the

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Many Times a Hero

By Joe Busche



HE'S the beautifullest, truest girl that ever stood by Rockboro Harbor waitin' for the boats to come in. What are you lookin' so glummy for, Arthur? Your face is enough to give a chap the creeps.

"I was thinkin'," answered Arthur, "who was the boatswain."

"Then don't if it's such a drag on your brain. But what were you thinkin' about?" The skipper spoke with gruff kindness. He was a prosperous man, and pitted the unsuccessful.

"I was wonderin'," the boatswain said him, "whether it wouldn't be more for someboddy to tell you with a fish-trunk an' lay you out nor to let you go an' put the noose round your neck, as you thirsd to do. I remember the time when I used to sting an' rave like this, but I'd rather dodge about on the Cemetery in a real smart breeze for go 'ome." "I'm one of 'em 'at believes in the good old sprin' o' fustin', when a man thought he was lucky, if he got a month a year at home."

"Yes," observed the skipper, "you made a bit of a mistake. It was a sad error to take a woman on when you practiced knottin' an' splicin' between his neck an' the bough of a tree."

"It was a odd thing," sighed the boatswain, "at before her could untie the knot he had to tie another. You mustn't mind if I laugh a bit, but I'm that upset when I see a man deliberately runnin' into slavery 'at I can't help it. I dare say this dear young creature o' yours is all you cheer she in; but there's one thing 'at awers me by your account, an' it's this—Eather Foster mayn't have you. It's one thing to see your heart on a woman, an' another for that woman to think you're worth takin'. Remember, Eather's a bit of a gilded pill, an' there's lots o' likely chaps ready to swaller 'er. Look at Mr. Lesell Wanke, for instance. I know you pretend never to remember his name, an' 'at if shoken you to try an' get it out, but he's got as nice a shop as you could wish to buy frills in, an' plays the organ in the very chapel where Eather sings in the choir. An' they say 'at he's a mighty beautiful about angel."

"Heather Foster's got to be mine," vowed the skipper. "An' I pity the man 'at tries to steal her from me. Mind you, I'm talkin' about men, an' not boats. When I love, I love; and

when I hate, I hate. I hate the sight of that counter-jumpin' whipper-snapper of a thing whose name you've mentioned; an' as for him marryin' a fine, big, spirited girl like this, why, it's as if a sand donkey wanted to get spliced to a tigress. Heather's mine, an' I want you to understand 'at I'm goin' to win her and make her say she'll have me. I only wish I could do something to clinch it. She's often sworn she'd marry a hero—an' I haven't even been in the South African war. I can't shut my eyes to the fact 'at her heart isn't quite melted. It's a desperate thing when a woman wobbles between a hero an' a swell, an' surprisin' how she can be got round by a chap 'at makes up in cheek for what he's short of in inches. I'm not too proud to take a bit of help from you. If you can give me a lift in makin' 'at girl Mrs. Willin', I'll see you don't regret it."

"The unwillin' made willin', eh, old skip?" said the boatswain; then he laughed, but 'at was such an' appalled silence. "I've recognized his indiscretion and stealthily withdrew to the forepeak, where he pretended to be busy sorting some gear."

"He's got the nastiest twist in his mind of any man I ever met," murmured the skipper, "an' yet, often enough, it's from people with such fibbered wits 'at inspiration comes."

The skipper walked forward and shouted into the forepeak to the boatswain. "Come on deck," he said, putting his head down the little hatch. "I won't hurt you, honor bright. What did you bolt for?" he asked when the boatswain reappeared, keeping cautiously out of reach.

"'Becoss I wanted to think—an' that's the only quiet place in the steamboat," answered Cox, "I was wonderin', skip, how I could be of service to you."

"Then I can tell you, Arthur, an' that's by heartin' a hand in shootin' the gear an' gettin' a good haul to fill them fish trunks, which at present are as empty as your skull-pan. We'll talk about this inspiration of yours later on—that is, if you've got one; but all the years I've known you, I've never had any evidence 'at you'd got more sense nor a Sandside rafter."

They shot the travel and later, when the boatswain was at the wheel and the deck was deserted, the skipper joined him, handing him a pot of tea, which he had personally conveyed from the galley.

"Look here, old Arthur," began the skipper, "I've been rebuffin' on them queer remarks o' yours about womankind."

"There's nothin' odd in 'em," answered the boatswain. "I don't claim any originality for 'em. I'm only repeatin' what men 'at have been bitten have said ever since the world began. I'm built that way—allus feelin' for a man in trouble."

"An' you're sorry for me, you say?" pursued the skipper.

"I am," the boatswain candidly admitted.

"Why?" inquired Willing.

"'Becoss, old skip, you don't know when you're sellin' off. 'Ere you are, master of a fine steamboat, owned by your father. You're able to come an' go where you like, free as a bird, an' yet you aren't satisfied. You want to run your neck into a harness collar, an' pull your soul out for the rest of your days."

"You've got no poetry in your nature," the skipper told him. "You don't know what it is to have the fire of love consuming you."

"O, yes, I do," replied the boatswain. "I've had a scorchin' fine time that way. You see, I was one of them 'at romped in an' sort of stole a woman. There was three of us after the missis."

"Ah," said the skipper. "You must have been a bold an' daashin' chap to knock them other two out."

"An' yet," said the boatswain, sighing heavily, "it's been but a mockery of a victory. Many's the gibe them two victors roustabouta have had at me; many's the time they've shut their eyes an' pretended to pray when me an' the missis have walked past 'em. She hangs on so."

"Talkin' about hangin' on," said the skipper, "what does this Winkle, or whatever they call him, mean by annoyin' Heather?"

"Annoyin'?" repeated the boatswain. "Annoyin'? Why, that's the last thing in the world you'd call it if you saw 'em walkin' away together from chapel, as I've seen 'em. You should use his dromedary ring flash on his little finger, an' his coat of arms on another ring, an' Eather little finger. He has a way o' carryin' his paws 'at shows both rings." An' then that big pearl in his necktie."

"I never go to chapel, so I don't see these money things," said the skipper. His eyes were blazing, and he was thumping his mug on the rail of the bridge.

"I shall go into that man's shop next time I'm ashore, an' ask him plump what he means. If he was a man I shouldn't as much mind, but he's only a thing. Why, Heather's soul for a fisherman's wife, just as

much as this steamboat's built for trawlin'. Her father's a skipper, an' brother's a mate, an' her uncle's a coxswain of the lifeboat. Besides, she'd make two such snippets as Winkle!"

"It's marvelous what a power of attraction, dress an' position have for a woman," remarked the boatswain. "He's boasted that he'll carry all before him in the field of amour. That's his word for love."

"I'll tell you two things he'll carry before him," said the skipper, "if he comes between me and what I reckon mine—an' that's his feet!"

"Go an' tell him so—just like that," said the boatswain, "an' he'll no more dare ever look at Eather Foster again nor he dare stare at the sun on a hot summer day."

"No," said the skipper, "I won't use violence. I feel terribly harsh about it, but after all, the law's the law, an' it's a powerful sight stronger nor me. No, no, Arthur, what we want's a bit o' genius, or skill, or better still, a bit o' luck. Now, if only I could be a hero! If only I could get my name in the paper—and above all, my picture! If only I could win that girl by the arts of peace and not the sufferin' of war!"

"So you can, if you set the right way about it," Cox declared. "What 'od you be disposed to do if I managed a scheme for you? Mind you, I haven't got one; but if I'd summat to look forward to, over-an' above the missis' naggin', I might become a perfect genius."

The skipper reflected, then he said: "Look here, old Arthur, if you really an' truly help me to win Heather, an' tramp on that worn Winkle, I'll see that you go as skipper in the new steamboat my father's goin' to build. She'll be ready in a year."

Now, the truth was that the skipper was a hero many times over; so was every member of his crew. They had rescued men in bad weather who had been upset in boarding fish in the fleets; they had taken crews off sinking smacks and steam-trawlers; and once, quite lately, they had fought in a pile for many hours to save the crew of a corvette timbered, only to see, at the end of their labor, the rotten craft founder with all hands. But these were the things that were done and forgotten, that were never mentioned in the newspapers, and never recognized by even so much as the presentation of binoculars.

"Eather!" the boatswain muttered sulkily. "An' yet they give medals an' portraits an' addresses on vellum an' god-damn knows what to men 'at crew

through a canal or pond! Only an hour or two since I was ackshally feelin' sorry for that Winkle, an' rayther wishin' 'at he'd get Eather Foster; an' I feel so mad I could shove him under a steam roller! An' as for Lucy—well, I'm sorry I've spoken about 'er so harsh. After all, she pulled me through that bad attack o' fever; an' if she does nag at me when I'm ashore it's only becoss she's ambitious only to take her proper place in society as a captain's wife."

The skipper understood Cox's remark twice he asked with affected levity, when he and Arthur were alone. "Got a special idea about anything in particular?"

The boatswain did not make any direct reply until they were within sight of Rockboro on the Sunday morning, then he said mysteriously, "If I could only get a sight o' that Winkle I feel 'at 'at 'ud inspire me; but at present I haven't a glimmerin' of a notion of how you're goin' to be made a hero."

The Glory anchored in the South bay, waiting for the tide. It was not high water till afternoon, but she got in and was made fast at the Lighthouse pier when most people were taking their noonday meal.

As a rule, the people of Rockboro did not visit the harbor. No person of quality would go to the piers on Sunday, and Heather Foster herself, who watched the coming of the steamboat, felt vaguely ashamed of her presence. She was just a little uneasy, too, because at her side was Lesell Wanke, splendidly arrayed in his Sunday garments.

Heather was tall, and a beauty. Her hat was six inches higher than the crown of her companion's silk head-dress, and although she was proud of her association with a man who carried a silver-topped stick and gloves in his hands, so that the rings could be seen to advantage, still she was comparing him unfavorably with the superb fellow who was directing the making fast of his steamboat and pretending that he did not see her.

Perhaps it was her fancy, but did the skipper really look with recognition at Winkle—the sort of glance that a caged tiger might direct upon its dinner before it sets to work with teeth and claws? And was it fancy, or did the boatswain gaze with singular malice at the spruce young patron of the pier? It was undeniable that Winkle attracted attention.

"Fine fellows, these, in a rough neighborhood o' way," said Winkle. He turned his mustache as he spoke. It

was not much of an adornment, but the set made his jewel flash in the sunshine.

"D'you know, Miss Foster, I've never been down to this harbor before, although I've seen it, of course, from the Spit. It isn't in it with Southend or Southsea."

"I don't know Southend, and I don't know Southsea," snapped Heather; "but I didn't ask you to come. Southend's only a mudbank, isn't it? And as for Southsea, it's only on a sort of river. Anyway, you don't get the smashing seas there that we get here."

"And if you came down to the harbor oftener," added Heather, who was in an exceedingly bad temper, "you would know that it's a silly thing to stand on a rope like that!"

"I'll stand on the thing if I like," retorted Winkle, hotly. He had deliberately planted his feet on the after-ropes by which the steamboat was moored to a post on the quay. It was the easiest way he knew of adding to his stature.

Heather stepped quickly from his side, because she saw that the boatswain was hurrying ashore from the vessel with amazing speed.

The boatswain breathed heavily as he rushed past her to the post, and the skipper was watching with a puzzled air.

"Then Heather gave a little scream, for the boatswain had tautened the mooring-rope; he had pulled upon it with all his vast strength, and Lesell Wanke had been shot into the harbor precisely as a bow is shot from an arrow only he did not make quite so long or swift or graceful a flight. He simply tumbled head over heels into the water, and as it was the top of the flood, he disappeared.

The last that was seen of Lesell Wanke was his dainty patent boots; the first that was observed when he reappeared on the surface of the water was his terror-stricken face. He could not swim, and he struggled fiercely. He also screamed, and that hardened Heather's heart against him. It had never been particularly soft, inasmuch as, being what Nature had made her, she loved a man.

"At last she did make a sound, but it was a cry of joy, for the skipper, who had thrown his hat and coat upon the deck of his steamboat, had sprung over the taffrail, and was already swimming towards his drowning rival. He cautiously waited until Winkle, exhausted and despairing, was throwing up his hands and sinking finally; then with a few strong strokes he was at the back of him. He seized him by

the hair with his left hand and with his right he caught a rope which the boatswain had thrown out.

"Get this chap up," commanded the skipper, "an' fetch him round. I don't think there's much wrong with him except funk."

The boatswain bent over the edge of the pier and lifted Winkle out of the skipper's arms. He carried the limp form into the middle of the roadway and instantly returned to help the skipper; but Willing was swimming away again. He rounded the steamboat's stern, and, having reached the offside, he drew himself up over the low rail amidstships and shook himself on deck.

"Why, bless my soul—or dash my buttons!—what's this?" he demanded. "Come, come, there's people watchin', an' they'll snigger!" He struggled feebly; but a pair of white and strong arms were round his neck, and a head, which was surmounted by a crumpled hat, was seeking a resting place on his shoulder.

"Let them watch!" sobbed Heather. "I'm only comin' into my real own! I always said I'd marry a hero—and I will!"

"The way she put it helped me out of a lot of trouble," said the skipper to the boatswain, late in the evening, in the cabin of the steamboat. "But it was beautiful to feel that I'd really got her. And you say that Waffles, or whatever they call him, is all right and out of danger?"

"He was never in it," replied the boatswain. "I've told the missis 'at I shall be a skipper in a year, and she's already been writin' 'Mrs. Capt. Cox' on an envelope, an' talkin' about the friends she'll have to choke off."

"It's a bit previous, old Arthur," said the skipper, who was putting a finishing touch to his dress and hair-pomment, as he was supping with the Foster family; "but still, the end's the same as if you'd really worked it, an' no done the trick by accident."

"Accident!" exclaimed the boatswain in a low voice. He looked warily round the cabin; but they were the only two men left on board. "There was no accident in it, I can tell you. The thing came like a flash o' poetry—Jim on the warp—in that silly way, with his feet; me dashin' ashore, just as the Glory was rangin' an' pretendin' to cast the rope off, to 'aul in the slack, when, as a matter of fact, I was jerkin' that Winkle into the harbor! I knew you'd take your chance to be a 'erp—an' you did!"

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