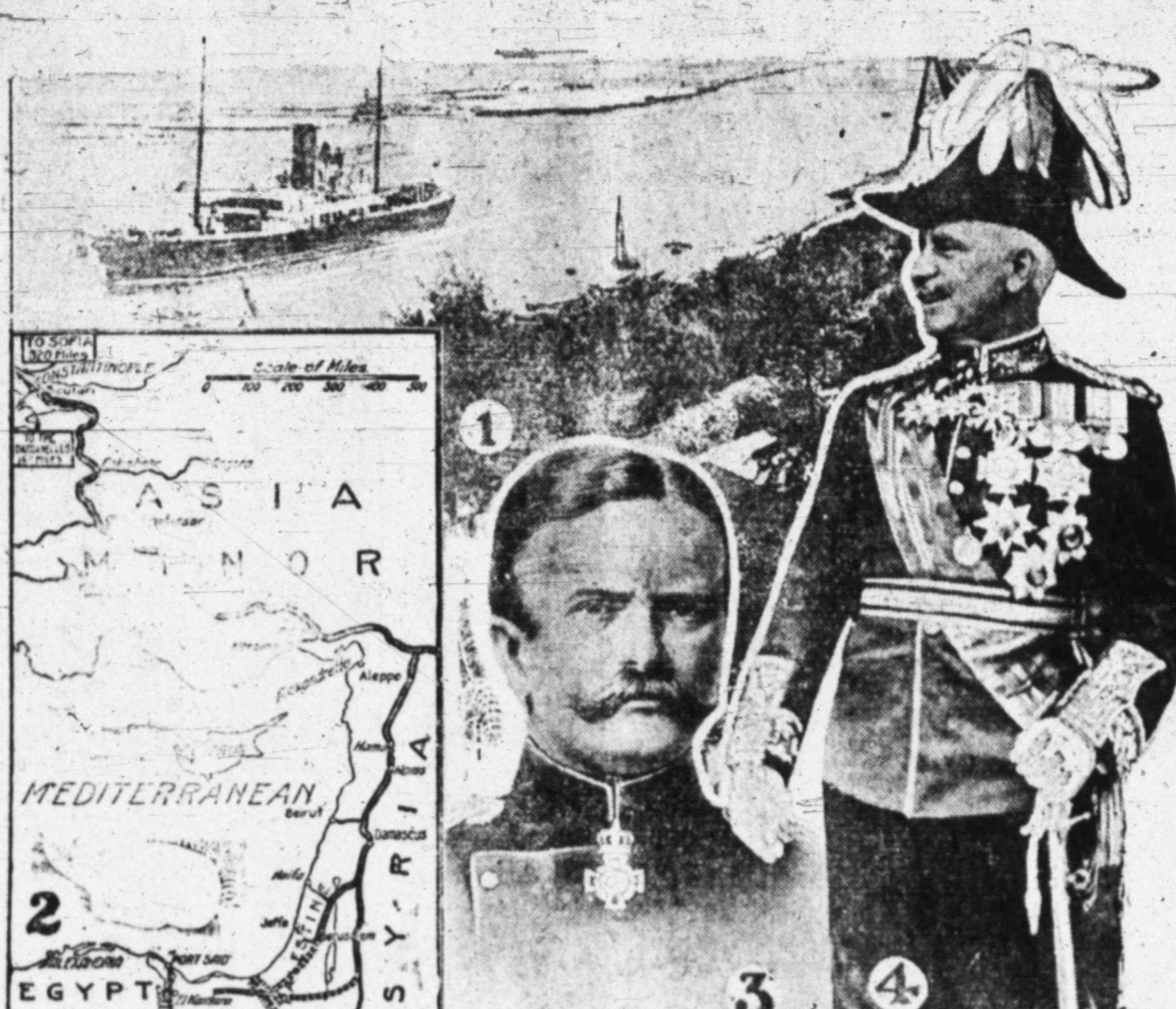


Austria's Own Admissions Sufficient, Further Debate Unnecessary, Declares Lansing's Second Note On Ancona

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 22.—The reply of the United States to Austria on the destruction of the Italian liner Ancona declares that the official admission of the Austrian admiralty that the liner was torpedoed after she had stopped and while passengers still were aboard, alone is sufficient for the American demand for satisfaction, reparation and punishment of the submarine commander.

Suez Canal. Vital Link In British Empire To Be Made Objective Of German Attack



Information which has been received in official circles in Rome leads to the belief that the reports of a projected great drive by combined Turkish and German forces, led by General Von Mackensen, on the Suez canal are well founded.

INVENTORS OFFER MANY SUGGESTIONS

BOARD OF ORDNANCE HAS EXAMINED VARIETY OF APPLIANCES.

NEW TORPEDO PATENT FAVORED

Congress Will Be Asked for Appropriation to Buy It—Numerous Tests Made.

MILLION INCREASE IN BRITISH FORCES AUTHORIZED TODAY

BRINGS PAPER STRENGTH OF ARMY TO 4,000,000—CHANGES IN HIGH COMMAND ARE ANNOUNCED IN LONDON

VARNA REPORT UNCONFIRMED

Russians Said to Have Landed Troops But Official News is Lacking—Germany Takes Full Advantage of Dardanelles Withdrawal

EMPEROR WILLIAM IS ILL, TROUBLE MAY BE SERIOUS

Is Confined With Affection That is Sometimes Dangerous—Postpones Trip West

VILLA WILL COME TO UNITED STATES

WILL NOT PASS THROUGH EL PASO, HOWEVER, IT IS ANNOUNCED TODAY

ALL QUIET TODAY AT JUAREZ

Arrangements For Surrender of Town Completed Tuesday—American Killed in Rioting

HOUSE WILL SOUND EUROPEAN OPINION

PEACE QUESTION MERELY INCIDENTAL TO HIS TRIP, IT IS SAID

TO DISPENSE AMERICAN VIEW

Will Go at Request of Wilson and Lansing to Make Exchange of Ideas Possible

VON PAPEN SAILS FOR HOME; SAYS HE BEARS NO ILL WILL

Attache is Bade Farewell by Large Number of Friends—Is Glad To Go Home

GENERAL WHO LED GERMAN TROOPS AT LIEGE IS DEAD

Von Emmich Was One of Conspicuous Figures in Early Days of the European War.

UNCENSORED WAR NEWS IS FURNISHED BLIND READERS

Helen Keller Says Newspapers Printed in Raised Type Tell of Intolerable Conditions.

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PITTSBURGH BANK FAILS; CHRISTMAS SAVINGS LOST

30,000 School Children Among the Depositors Whose Funds Are In the Bank.

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Personals

City, was here today. J. L. Lemond of Young county was a visitor here today. John Grundy, editor of the Byers Herald, was a visitor here today. Hon. L. W. Parrish of Henrietta was here today attending the 30th district court.

WAUGH-WALSH BOUT IS CONSIDERED DRAW

SOUTHERN CHAMPION FAILS TO GAIN ANY DECIDED ADVANTAGE

GOOD PRELIMINARIES STAGED

Furnish Considerably More Entertainment For Large Crowd Than Main Bout Does

From Wednesday's Daily. Bobby Waugh and Harry Walsh clinched ten rounds to a draw at the Business Men's Athletic Club Tuesday night in a bout that was considerably disappointing to a big crowd of fight fans.

OLD SETTLERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP ROLL IS OPEN

Those Who Have Resided in This County 20 Years or More Are Eligible

From Wednesday's Daily.

The membership roll of the Old Settlers Association of Wichita county is now open at the office at Attorney E. W. Napier in the Ward building over the National Bank of Commerce.

Koeves Led Austrians Victorious in Serbia



General Koeves, one of the leaders of the Austro-Hungarian troops in their victorious onslaught on Serbia, and of Germany.

DEATH COMES SUDDENLY TO L. W. PERHAM TUESDAY

Well Known Business Man is Victim of Apoplectic Stroke—Burial to Be in Iowa. Death came to L. W. Perham Tuesday evening at his home, 810 Bluff almost exactly 24 hours after a stroke of apoplexy suffered Monday evening.

THEY ALL DEMAND IT

Wichita Falls, Like Every City and Town in the Union, Receives it. People with kidney pills want to be cured. When one suffers the tortures of an aching back, relief is eagerly sought for.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTORS HOLD SESSION

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce this morning gave their approval to a tentative proposal submitted by the manufacturing committee for the removal of a cotton twine manufacturing plant here from another city.

JUDGE SCURRY IS SEEKING JUDGESHIP APPOINTMENT

From Wednesday's Daily. Judge Edgar Scurry's name has been added to the list of applicants for appointment to the district judgeship in the 30th judicial district.

NAVAL RECRUITING STATION HERE AGAIN LEADS STATE

The Wichita Falls naval recruiting station is again leading the cities of Texas and Oklahoma district in the number of naval recruits enlisted for the month. Last week Wichita Falls and Muskogee were tied with seven enlistments each.

Of Course You Want the Very Best for Your Christmas Dinner-- Then Serve WALDORF Coffee. It creates a feeling of Peace on Earth, Good Will to Man--Drink It Kid WE ROAST COFFEE EVERY DAY Bert Bean Coffee House Telephone 35 824 Indiana

A Merry Christmas to You!

TO Our Many Friends and Customers, who by Their continued patronage and valued assistance have caused the Year 1915 to be the Greatest in the History of the Great Kahn's Store—We wish You One and All a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.



Local News Brevities

Dr. Prothro, Dentist, Ward Building, 60-tfc
Wichita Falls Undertaking Co., 512 Scott avenue. Phone 202. Prompt ambulance service. Command us. 18-tfc
Let us make your old suit or top coat into a new style. Now is the time to have your coats reined. Home Tailoring Co., phone 1231, 709 Seventh street. 70-tfc

Dr. Scharff, Osteopath, K. & E. Bldg., 714 Wall Street, rear of Palace Drug store, where all kinds of battery work and auto repairing is done. Phone 2165. Wall Street Auto Machine Co., Shuler & Wallace, Props. 84-tfc

All persons are hereby warned that the discharge of fireworks within the fire limits of the city is prohibited by ordinance. Those who violate this ordinance will be prosecuted. I ask also that care be taken in handling fireworks in other sections of the city to avoid accidents and fires.
J. B. NAIL, Chief of Police.

Girls' Band and Boys' Band Offer. All students who begin their studies in any branch at the Wichita Falls College of Music and Art will receive free instruction in the Girls' and Boys' Bands until June 1st. This is an excellent opportunity to learn to play a wind instrument without extra cost. Phone 1376. 189-12tc.

Furniture upholstering, repairing and refinishing. Reliable shop. James and Clark, 703 Tenth street. Phone 2178. 67-tfc

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gardner are the parents of a baby girl who arrived Thursday night.

We make a specialty of padding and retrimming furs. Home Tailoring Co., phone 1231, 109 Seventh street. 70-tfc

A beautiful pearl or sterling silver handled pocket knife from Wichita Hardware Co. would serve very well. 84-tfc

The Wichita Buick Sales agency today delivered a Buick seven passenger car to C. H. Clark of Iowa Park.

Ladies: We are turning out some lovely new suits, top coats, and tailored skirts. Have us call out and take your measure. We guarantee to please you. Phone 1231, Home Tailoring Co., 709 Seventh street. 70-tfc

Five licenses for Christmas weddings were issued this morning at the county clerk's office. Those to whom license were issued were: Carl Carington and Miss Gladys Reed; Walter Kinkel and Miss Freda Huebner; C. H. Thompson and Miss Louisa Cordell; J. L. Sullivan and Dorothy Frey; J. A. Braddock and Miss Mary A. Stoneberry.

Doctors Hartsook & Stripling EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT Suites 308, 309 and 310 Kemp and Kell Building.

Let'er Rain!

If you've a man's work to do, wear Tower's Fish Brand Reflex Slicker \$3.00
The coat that keeps out all the rain. Reflex Edges stop every drop from running in at the front.
Protector Hat, 75 cents
Satisfaction Guaranteed
Send for free catalog
A.J. TOWER CO. FISH BRAND BOSTON

MAY THIS CHRISTMAS BE TO EACH AND EVERYONE A MOST JOYOUS AND HAPPY TIME, IS OUR EARNEST WISH.

FELL'S

722 Indiana Avenue. Telephone 626.

Quick Service

Quick Service and Special Delivery enables you to get your Prescriptions and other drug emergency needs, as well as other goods in all departments with the least possible delay, and many valuable minutes usually lost are here put to service in accomplishing results for both physician and patient.
When required, Prescriptions will be sent for, filled and delivered immediately. All orders for emergency needs, sick room supplies and hospital goods have prompt and personal attention.

Richardson-Taylor Drug Co.

THE DRUG STORE THAT GIVES BETTER SERVICE
J. L. RICHARDSON, BURKE TAYLOR.
Telephones 65 and 1792 Corner Ohio and Seventh

OUR YARD WILL BE CLOSED

ALL DAY SATURDAY.

J. S. Mayfield Lumber Co.

Telephone 26

Just Old Fashioned Christmas Greetings

from



The Miller Drug Store

Phones 193 or 925. We deliver.

DELINQUENT TAX ROLLS ARE FILED AT AUSTIN.

By Associated Press. Austin, Tex., Dec. 24.—According to the requirements of the Delinquent Tax Law of the Thirty-Fourth legislature, there have been filed in the state comptroller's department delinquent tax rolls of about 150 counties. Under the law counties with a population of less than 50,000 or less must file their rolls before May 1, 1916, while counties having a population in excess of 50,000 have until May 1, 1917 for similar filing. There is now due the state in delinquent taxes about \$26,000,000 not including delinquent county taxes, which are said to be approximately \$16,000,000. It is mandatory upon the county tax collectors to enforce payment of these taxes.

MAY COMFORT, GOOD CHEER AND SUNSHINE BE YOURS TODAY AND THROUGH THE NEW YEAR.



WITH BEST WISHES TO THE MANY FRIENDS WHO HAVE BEEN SO LOYAL IN THEIR PATRONAGE DURING THE PAST YEAR, I WISH TO EXTEND MY BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

OLIVE A. CHILD

To Our Friends and Customers: We wish to thank each of you for your part in making this a successful year. We wish you all a very Merry Xmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. We will be closed all day Saturday. 190-4tc
MORGAN FEED CO. 1100 Ohio Ave. Phone 1793

Doris, the three months old infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lingo died this morning at the family home, 1009 Indiana. The funeral was held this afternoon, burial taking place in Riverside.

A needlework display has been held at the Academy of Mary Immaculate during the week preceding the holidays. Prizes were awarded for the best specimens to Misses Helen Stone and Helen Hund of this city and Miss Rossie Watson of Petrolia. Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Delaney and Miss Campbell acted as judges.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, CORNER FIFTH AND BLUFF

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. There will be some special music at the evening service. We also expect to continue the meetings throughout the coming week. A cordial invitation to all who see this notice to be present at these services. Come and let us have a good time together.
JAS. N. COOPER, Pastor.

K. & L. OF H. DISTRICT DEPUTY OPENS HEADQUARTERS HERE

J. R. McCollough, district deputy of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, has come to Wichita Falls to open his headquarters. Mr. McCollough comes to Wichita Falls from Dallas. He has been connected with the organization for so long that he hesitates to tell it, as he is a widower. Under the leadership of Mr. McCollough the Knights and Ladies of Security will soon begin a membership campaign here to bring the membership well above the hundred mark.

MRS. WILSON IN CHARGE OF PRESIDENTS PRESENTS

By Associated Press. Hot Springs, Va., December 24.—All Christmas presents addressed to President Wilson here passed today into the safe keeping of Mrs. Wilson, to be kept by her until tonight when the big accumulation of packages will be opened. The packages addressed to Mrs. Wilson were taken in charge by the president.
An automobile trip and a game of golf were on the president's program for today.

NEW COMMANDER CONTROLS SURRENDERED TERRITORY

By Associated Press. El Paso, Texas, December 24.—Sylvester Terrazas, former secretary of state for Chihuahua, under the Villa government, today was in nominal charge of territory recently surrendered to the de facto government by Villa followers. He succeeded Colonel Flavio Paliza as commander at Juarez when Paliza fled across the border after a demonstration by soldiers last night when they failed to receive their wages in silver and were offered currency of the de facto government instead. Terrazas is the third former Villa leader to assume charge at Juarez within 24 hours. In Carranza circles, it was said today that the former Villa general, Manuel Ichoa, who deserted his post at the head of the surrendered Villa forces in Chihuahua, is believed to have gone to San Diego. Juarez is quiet.

LOW TEMPERATURE FOR NORTH TEXAS TOMORROW

By Associated Press. Dallas, Texas, December 24.—Temperatures of from 20 to 24 degrees above zero for North Texas tomorrow were predicted at the United States weather bureau today.

WACO BRIDE IS VICTIM OF PTOMAINE POISONING

By Associated Press. Waco, Texas, December 24.—Ptomaine poisoning which resulted from something she ate Wednesday night last week, the evening of her marriage, caused the death of Mrs. Hallie Williams, aged 21. She is survived by her husband, mother, and a brother and sister.

Money to Loan

On improved property in Wichita Falls and on land, improved and unimproved, any where in Texas.

Penn Land Company
Offices: Houston and Wichita Falls. First National Bank Building, Wichita Falls, Texas.

WICHITA THEATRE TONIGHT

St. Elmo

A new version of this ever popular play. Evelyne Kincaid as Edna Earl—Jack Carrington as St. Elmo.
Matinee tomorrow at 2:30. "Don't Tell My Wife" a Christmas scream in three-acts tomorrow night.

"The Strike"

A great labor play in four-acts. Benefit plays for the theatrical stage hands union of Wichita Falls. Buy tickets of them or at Rexall Drug Store—Phone 233.

TO ALL THE GOOD PEOPLE OF WICHITA FALLS WE EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

North Texas Gas Co.

MY WISHES FOR YOU

That you may have all the good things in 1916 that you may have missed this year.

That you may be able to see a golden lining in every cloud.

That you may enjoy increasing happiness and prosperity and—

That you may enjoy this Holiday season as never before.

C. H. Hardeman

Phones 232 and 432

710 Ninth Street

WICHITA Theatre DEC. 30

RONALD & CLIFFORD LA SALLE OPERA HOUSE CHICAGO
BIG SUCCESSFUL FUN
NEW COMPANY'S



A WORLD OF TANGO DELIGHT

BRILLIANTLY ATTIRED CHORUS

It's a Red and a Green and a Pink Pippiny Song and Dance with Ruffles on it. It's a Ramping Musical Comedy.—Dallas News, November 27th.
PRICES 50c, 75c \$1.00 and \$1.50—Seat Sale Opens Tuesday, Dec. 28th, at REXALL DRUG STORE.

CRANE WILBUR

The Blood of Our Brothers

A picturesque drama presenting the strongest argument against war ever advanced in motion pictures. Besides the strength of the moral of the story, the picture carries a picture-ness because of its symbolic treatment. The principal characters are Kindheart, a shepherd, played by Crane Wilbur; Devotion, his wife, Celia Stanton; Infidelity, her father, Ed Collins; Valor, her brother, Carl Von Schiller; Loot a soldier, Victor Rottman, and Lust, another soldier, Harry De Roy. The charm coming from this sort of handling may be imagined. One good comedy number in addition to the above CHRISTMAS SPECIAL will be on the program.

EMPRESS

... THEATRE ...

Five and Ten Cents

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

KRUGER BROS.

HEAVY CHRISTMAS TRADE REPORTED BY MERCHANTS

Many Stores Report Holiday Business Far Ahead of Any Former Season

The heaviest Christmas business in history is reported by many Wichita Falls merchants this year, while others who were too busy to talk about the business were giving visual evidence of the amount of trade on hand. In many stores it has been almost impossible to handle the trade even with extra help.

The rush is continuing today and eleventh hour shoppers are thronging the stores in spite of the unpleasant weather. Practically all the stores will remain open until a late hour tonight to take care of the late trade, as there are many folks who wait until the last few hours to make their purchases. Delivery wagons are kept going until late every night, distributing purchases, and this task will not be finished by many stores tonight, making it necessary to continue deliveries tomorrow.

The stores will close tonight until Monday morning, giving the employees a double holiday.

TURKEY DINNER PROMISED PRISONERS IN COUNTY JAIL

Thirty-Four Inmates Will Have As Much Christmas as Possible Under Circumstances

The 34 unfortunates who are confined in the county jail at this time will enjoy a turkey dinner tomorrow, the birds being provided by Sheriff Hawkins. Churches and other organizations have made provisions for the prisoners, who will receive variety of good things to make the day gladder than it would otherwise be. The number of prisoners is larger than usual at present, and it will take about half a dozen turkeys to see that all get their share of light and dark meat.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY TEACHERS INSTITUTE.

The following resolutions were adopted Thursday at the closing session of the teachers' institute:

- I.—To thank the Wichita Falls School Board for the use of the high school building; and Superintendent Clark and his teachers for their helpful suggestions and courteous treatment.
- II.—To thank the public speakers and ministers of the city for their inspiring talks.
- III.—To thank the following for the interesting numbers rendered: Miss Jessie Mae Agnew, the Wichita Falls College of Music and Art, Mr. J. W. Bradley, Mrs. E. L. Fulton, Mrs. Clark and daughters, the High School Orchestra, Miss Nell Musgraves and Miss Mary Conquist.
- IV.—To thank the Chamber of Commerce for the courtesy extended to the teachers of the county.
- V.—To thank the editors of the papers for their interviews.
- VI.—To thank Superintendent Johnson and Mrs. Lewis for their energetic efforts in making this institute a success.

Committee on Resolutions: "NELL MUSGRAVES," "E. L. BRADFORD," "IVY LITTLE."

BOLD AUTOMOBILE THIEF GETS DR. JONES' CAR

steals it From in Front of Kemp Kort and Gets Away—Officers are Searching.

Dr. Everett Jones came in from a call at about midnight last night and left his car standing in front of his apartments at Kemp Kort. He went up to his apartment and had started to undress when he heard the sound of the car starting on his machine. He ran to the balcony and looked out in time to see his car started and run south on Travis street to Eleventh where gathering speed, it turned west. This is the last trace that has been seen of the car.

Dr. Jones immediately notified the sheriff's department and police headquarters. Early this morning the roads leading from town were patrolled, but no further trace of the automobile was seen.

The car was a 1914 Hupmobile Roadster painted black. It had smooth tires. The gasoline tank had been filled early last night and it was well equipped for a run of a hundred miles or more. Dr. Jones carried insurance against theft on the car.

Car Found Undamaged. Early this afternoon the car was returned to Dr. Jones, having been found on the Henrietta road near Joe Legois' place. Messrs. Aufrecht and Scruggs of the oil mill discovered the abandoned car which was undamaged in any way. Only half a gallon of gasoline had been used since the car was taken. There is no clue as to the identity of the person or persons who took the car.

DENSE FOG IN CHICAGO, STREET LIGHTS TURNED ON

By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 24.—Chicago was blanketed today in fog so dense that street lights were turned on, locomotives and street car headlights were necessary and office buildings were aglaze with lights. At 8:30 o'clock in the morning the darkness was particularly noticeable.

At The Churches

St. John's Baptist Church will hold services Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. R. C. Miller will preach. Ada Williams of Pittsburg, Texas, will sing. Chorus of jubilee singers will aid with the music. Special arrangements for seating white people will be made.

First Presbyterian Church. The pastor will be in his pulpit both morning and evening. At the morning hour the theme will be "The Fulness of Time." There will be no prayer meeting next Wednesday night. The Session and Trustees are to have a joint meeting at the close of the evening service.

First Baptist Church. Sunday school at 9:30. If you appreciate your Sunday school and what old Santa did for you be sure and come Sunday morning and thank him for it. Preaching by the pastor at 11. This is to be a special sermon for the last Sunday in the year, every body is invited to hear it. The evening hour 7:30 will be given to a Christmas Cantata. This is very fine and there will be a good seat for you if you will come for it. In time. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 subject "Looking Back at Our Lives for the Past Year." Beginning next Sunday morning the pastor will teach a Bible class in the Sunday school using the Sunday school lessons but will teach one week ahead of the school at 10th year. Next Sunday he will teach the lesson for January 2nd, then on January 2nd he will teach the one for January 9th, and so on through the year. The lesson for next Sunday in his class will be "The Ascending Lord" found in the Acts 1:1,14. The men are invited to join this class for the year.

Church of the Good Shepherd. Service at midnight Christmas Eve. The Holy Communion will be celebrated beginning at 12 midnight. Cruickshank's service in E Flat will be sung. Following is the order of music: Kyrie, chorus; Nicene Creed; solo, Miss Simpson; Anthem "Arise Shine for Thy Light is Come;" Lift Up Your Hearts, chorus; "Holy, Holy, Holy;" "Hosanna, Blessed is He," chorus; "Glory Be to God on High," chorus. Everybody welcome to this service. F. T. DATSON, Pastor.

(Lutheran Church (Mo. Synod) On Christmas Eve we will have special Christmas program rendered by the school and Sunday school at 7 o'clock sharp. On Christmas Day there will be services in the German language at 10:30 a. m., and in the English language at 2:30 p. m. Sunday school (German and English classes) at 9 a. m. Bible class at 9:45 a. m. German morning worship at 10:30 a. m. All the young people of the congregation are requested to meet at the church Friday afternoon at 2. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to celebrate Christmas with us. C. M. BEYER, Pastor.

Lutheran Trinity Church. Friday at 6 p. m., Christmas tree services and Sunday school program. Saturday at 10 a. m., Christmas services and communion. A cordial invitation to worship with us is extended to all. F. A. BRACHER, Pastor.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT ENJOYED BY YEOMEN.

The Brotherhood of American Yeomen and their families and friends enjoyed a delightful Christmas entertainment Thursday evening at the Yeomen hall. A program was carried out following which a Christmas shop was held, Santa Claus distributing numerous gifts for all from the attractively decorated shop which had been arranged. The affair proved to be the usual enjoyable occasion to which the Yeomen are accustomed. The program follows: Christmas address of welcome, W. W. Shuler; music, "Bonnie O'Link," Pearl and Johnnie Owens; Bessie's Christmas Dream," Octavia Zetsche; "Song of the Toys," Annie Jones; "Starlight Waltz," Janie McAllister; violin solo, "Barcarolle," Johnnie Owens; "Hills of Old Kentucky," Madge Gravett, encore "I'm a Long, Long Way from Home"; "Santa's Coming," B. J. McHam, Jr.; "A Long Way Around the World," Bedford Zetsche. The pleasing number of the program was a drill by the Yeoman Children's Sunshine Club; the children spelling out the letters of "Christmas."

St. Elmo Tonight. St. Elmo, a new version of this ever popular play will be the bill at the Wichita Theater tonight with Miss Evelyn Kincaid as Edna Earl and Jack Carrington as St. Elmo. This is the feature play of the entire Burton repertoire. There will be a special Christmas

That You May Have A HAPPY CHRISTMAS And That Nineteen Hundred Sixteen May Be A Peaceful and Prosperous Year

Is the Sincere Wish of Collier & Hendricks

With Best Wishes FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

GRATEFULLY YOURS
ART LOAN & JEWELRY CO.
JEWELERS AND OPTICIANS
At the Sign of the Diamond Ring 705 Ohio Avenue

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE

Capital, Profits & Stockholders' Responsibility over \$210,000.00
CHAS. W. REID Cashier

WE WISH YOU ONE AND ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.
WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

HEAVY SNOW REPORTED IN OKLAHOMA TODAY

A heavy snow was falling at Clinton, Oklahoma this morning. Superintendent Nisbett of the Clinton Cotton Oil Mill who is here looking after some work being done for his mill by the Wichita Falls Foundry and Machine Company telephoned to Clinton this morning and was told a furious snow storm was raging there. L. A. Childs the gas man, phone 584, 1009 9th St. 65-584

WITH CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Consumers' Cash Store, 811 Ohio

WICHITA DAILY TIMES

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Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 24, 1915.

Santa Claus will, let us fondly hope, pay his annual visit to every home in Wichita Falls and surrounding country tonight.

Press dispatches announce that Sarah Bernhardt, aged 71, who contemplated making a last farewell tour of this country, is dying in Paris.

The Times wishes for all its readers and patrons a most joyous, and happy Christmas, and to all our friends here and elsewhere.

The problem of selecting Christmas gifts is always a most difficult one. But after having gone over the list and finding anything that will suit, why not just settled the matter by sending that friend of yours the Daily Times for a year?

What excuse has the State Department for offering Panocho Villa asylum in the United States?—Austin American.

Perhaps it is not out of place to call attention to the fact that on January 18th the election to vote bonds to the amount of \$225,000 for the building of a court house is to be held.

Don't know, but suppose just about the same it has for allowing the old man Huerta to remain in this country after having engineered the assassination of President Madero.

Senator Sheppard has been heard from. South Texas farmers and merchants wired him urging a prosecution by the federal government of the bears who are doing their best to keep the price of cotton down.

FARMERS AND THEIR FRIENDS.

Large quantities of West Texas landscape mixed with a Texas northern made eleventh hour Christmas

down. Hon. Thad W. Gregory is a Texan. He happens to be an attorney general of the United States. Farmers and merchants demand quick action.

This is a democratic administration. Texas is the banner democratic state. Texas democrats made it possible for Woodrow Wilson to be elected president of the United States.

They made it possible for A. S. Burleson to be postmaster general and Thad W. Gregory to be attorney general.

SEASON'S NEW HIGH RECORD REACHED BY WHEAT PRICES

Rush of Buying Causes Figures to Reach High Levels—Corn Also Advances.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Breaking of high price records for the 1915 crop continued today in the wheat market here. Big concerns were active buyers and there was only scattered selling.

New York Cotton

New York, Dec. 24.—As the cotton market at Liverpool will remain closed until next Tuesday, there were no cables to influence sentiment here either way today.

Fort Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Dec. 24.—Cattle receipts 400, steady; hoeses \$6.50 to \$6.75. Stockers \$5.50 to \$6.50. Cows \$3. to \$6. Hog receipts 200, unchanged.

COLD WEATHER PROMISED FOR CHRISTMAS DAY HERE.

Cold weather—real cold weather—is promised for Christmas day by the weather bureau, which says there will be freezing temperatures tomorrow.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOUND—This week in business section of the city, a sum of money, between \$5 and \$50; the party proving ownership to my satisfaction will obtain same. Phone 201, J. Wilkie Talbert.

DUST STORM AND WORTHER FOLLOW PLEASANT WEATHER

Decided Drop in Temperature is Reported—Snow Reported at Several Points.

WICHITA HARDWARE COMPANY SENDS GREETINGS AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR. Wichita Hardware Company.

Lydia Margaret Theatre TODAY POPULAR PLAYS AND PLAYERS Present The SUPERB EMOTIONAL ACTRESS Mme. Olga Petrova "My Madonna"

TO THE MANY FRIENDS AND PATRONS WHO HAVE AIDED US IN BUILDING OUR BUSINESS, AND TO ALL OTHERS WHOM WE HAVE NOT YET HAD THE PLEASURE OF ACQUAINTANCE WE EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. HALTOM & FRIEDLY, 814 EIGHTH STREET

shopping in Wichita Falls about as disagreeable for the shoppers as the "early shopping" reformers have told us it was for the clerks.

DEATH OF MRS. W. G. LONG AT TULSA TODAY ANNOUNCED

Former Wichita Falls Woman Succumbs to Brief Illness—Well Known Here.

Mrs. W. G. Long, wife of the popular oil man who formerly resided here, died this morning at Tulsa, Oklahoma, according to advices received by friends here.

To every person in our grand old State we ask God's Blessing and a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. 812-814 Ohio Avenue. Pennington's. WICHITA FALLS TEXAS. PURVEYORS OF POPULAR PRICED MERCHANDISE

Kelley Springfield Tires, Fisk Tires and Congress Tires AUTOMOBILE ACCESSORIES WESTERN AUTO SUPPLY COMPANY PHONE 219 712 INDIANA AVE.

FREIGHT EMBARGO IN EAST HAS EFFECT IN SOUTHWEST

Causes a Shortage in Supplies and Forces Re-Routing of Many Important Shipments.

By Associated Press. Houston, Texas, Dec. 24.—The freight embargo in and around New York is seriously affecting Houston and other points in the southwest, railroad officials say.

29 PERSONS ARE INJURED IN KANSAS WRECK TODAY

By Associated Press. Galena, Kans., Dec. 24.—D. M. Bray, a fireman, was probably fatally injured and twenty-eight other persons were injured early today when an accommodation train on the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf railroad crashed into Frisco passenger train No. 387.

TO OUR PATRONS AND FRIENDS WE EXTEND OUR MOST SINCERE AND HEARTFELT WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS. DeLuxe DRY CLEANERS Phone 404

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR. STOKES ELECTRIC COMPANY, 816 INDIANA AVE.

We wish you a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year Maxwell Hardware Co.


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THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

of WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

GREETINGS

THE past year has been the most successful in the history of this bank, due in a very large measure to the loyal support and hearty co-operation of our patrons and friends, and to these, and all other good people of Wichita County, we extend our hearty wishes that each may enjoy a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

And the earnest hope that the New Year will be one of happiness and prosperity

R. E. HUFF, President

W. M. McGregor, Vice President

Fred M. Gates, Vice President

T. J. Taylor, Cashier

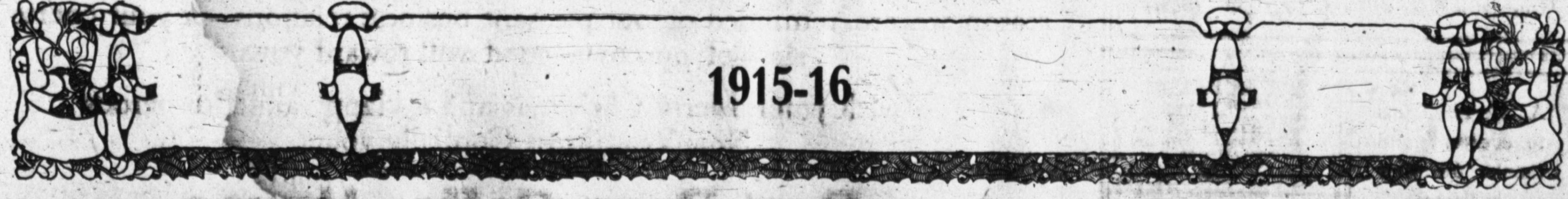
F. C. Barron, Assistant Cashier

W. E. McCutchen, Assistant Cashier

J. R. Hyatt, Assistant Cashier

The First National Bank

of Wichita Falls, Texas


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WITH THE SHOPPERS AT CHRISTMAS TIME

NOT ALL IS JOY AMONG THOSE WHO THROU THE STORES AND STREETS

ALL KINDS OF HUMANS HERE

Many Things That Are Good See and Some You'd Rather Not See

The windows of one of the large jewelry stores of this city were filled with diamonds with a back ground display of cut glass and silver and ornamented with tinsel and flowers, Christmas decorations were everywhere and placards urging "Do Your Christmas Shopping Early."

"Ain't they pretty. I like this one best," she volunteered to a bystander, pointing out a sparkling jewel marked "Was \$450, Special Christmas Price \$375." The child's feet were bare, her coat evidently of another day and generation and her head was without covering.

After another instant of eye feasting on the beauties of the window the child scampered on, leaving those who saw to ponder on the irony of the situation.

There's a whole lot of joy in this Christmas time but there are things every day that come up that grip the heart, little occurrences and bits of by play that we all see on the street. The beggar, crippled and maimed or drawn and bent out of human semblance by some dread disease, the childish faces pressed eagerly against a window filled with toys and candy, their eyes filled with longing.

There are other Christmas shoppers, not poor exactly in money, but who nevertheless inspire a disturbing feeling, a feeling that is partly pity. Occasionally you see them on the streets or in the stores with their smiling, painted lips giving the lie direct to their tired, hopeless eyes.

A Merry Christmas

THIS STORE IS THE HOME OF HART SCHAFFNER & MARX "GOOD CLOTHES"

Overcoats \$15 to \$40

Baum & Gardner's EXCLUSIVE STYLES

Suits \$18 to \$45

Six Fifteen Seventh Street

"JUST CLOTHES FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN"

Six Fifteen Seventh Street

their celebration of the birth of the Saviors of mankind? "A Merry Christmas" really the little barefoot girl has much better chances of Christmas joy.

This isn't a sermon on pessimism but rather one on optimism. There are so many things that might happen to us or be worse than they are that we should be perfectly happy. There's so much joy for the most of us in this season now at hand that we are apt to forget those others. But if we remember them, then to one we just remember for the while and then go on, passing over the instant heart grip of the wistful eyes of the child, the tired eyes of the mother and the hopeless eyes of the painted woman.

At The Theaters

PLENTY OF COMEDY IN "SEPTEMBER MORN."

An advance notice says: Having "looked it over" earlier in the season, we predict that down at the Wichita Theater a droll and exhilarating farcical frolic called "September Morn" will boom up December 30th at that theater with startling significance—as the best musical entertainment of its sort Wichita Falls has welcomed in the past two theatrical years. It is a regular freshest tide of real fun, melody and dancing numbers, with genuine waves of comedy that pushes aside all the "foibles" and "revues," dredged over musical comedies and vaudevilles, and will come out flying the heartiest sort of welcome invitations to crowd the theater for the sake of a whole lot of joyous japes and jokes, a whole lot of new songs and a whole lot of new girls—who sing and dance everything from the original

tango to its latest evolution—the one-step trot.

"September Morn" is by Arthur Gillespie, who did the book and lyrics—and Aubrey Stauffer, a past master in the school of harmony, who composed the music. The combined whole was staged by Frank Tannehill, Jr., with finishing touches added by Virgil Bennett, the veteran maître d'ballet—who arranged the dance finales and gave the big chorus and corps of coryphees the needed grace and polish. For this reason we say, "September Morn" will start with a pitch and toss and gingery gloss—upon possibilities which are never touched a minute with that carking care most musical comedies inflict.

All of which is a perfectly routine way of saying that "September Morn" is simply a good show. The organization numbers over forty people and is accompanied with all the original costumes, scenery and stage embellishments which made the long Chicago run of the piece a most notable one.

The Majestic.

Charlie Chaplin plays a return engagement in "The Champion" a two-reel comedy. Other pictures on the program are "The Sheriff's Trap," a Biograph drama and a two-part Essanay with Wanda Howard, Lillian Drew and Hugh Thompson featured. This last named picture is "The Great Deceit." A story follows: After two years of married life, John Allen's home is still unblest by a child. This fact grieves him greatly. Later the husband is called to South America. His wife's sister, Louise, receives a letter from her supposed husband at this time telling her that their marriage was illegal. Grace, desiring company in her husband's absence, asks Louise to come and stay with her. Shortly after, a baby is born to Louise. Grace adopts the child and when her husband returns, leads him to believe the child is theirs. A few years later Grace dies, and eventually Louise becomes the wife of John Allen. The secret is held until the boy proves a great disappointment when the truth becomes known. The youth redeems himself for his real mother's sake.

The Lydia Margaret.

Olga Petrova in "My Madonna" is the feature attraction today at the Lydia Margaret. Admirers of Mme. Petrova, who remember her artistic triumph in "Panthea" which had such a long run at the Shubert Theater in New York and on tour, have a treat in store for them when they see this marvelous emotional actress in this feature motion picture. "My Madonna" is a picturization of the poem of the same name by Robert W. Service, author of "The Spell of the Yukon," "The Shooting of Dan McGrew," "The Song of the Wage Slave," and other notably realistic poems. Mme. Alice Blache, the foremost woman producer and director in the world, who began producing films in Paris more than fifteen years ago, directed "My Madonna," and considers it her masterpiece. It is the first time in her long years of experience that she has directed a woman star. A strong cast, headed by Guy Combe, will be seen in support of Mme. Petrova.

The Gem.

The fifth chapter of "Neal of the Navy" with Lillian Lorraine featured is on today's program with four other reels, including "Brown's Summer Boarders," "The Soul Revealed," and "When Appearances Deceive."

The Empress.

"Artillery and Love" a comedy, one other comedy reel and a special, "Out of the Ashes" make up today's program at the Empress. "Out of the Ashes" is the story of a surgeon's one mistake and a woman's great love. The scene shifts from an up-to-date hospital in an eastern city to a rough mining camp in the Far West, where Dr. Thorne has gone to try to forget his one blunder and the disgrace which has driven him from his profession. "Madge" in the capable hands of Winifred Greenwood, is a wonderful study in womanhood, while Thorne is admirably impersonated by Edward Coxen. A tragic anti-climax is fully justified by the big issues at stake. And the play has a thoroughly happy ending.

Crane Wilbur in "The Blood of Our Brothers," a Christmas special will feature on the Christmas Day program.

TWO LOCAL ELEVENS WILL MEET TOMORROW AFTERNOON

The custom of having a football game on Christmas day, inaugurated several years ago here, will be followed this year, a game having been arranged between two local elevens. Most of the players who will take part are those who have been playing during the fall, either on the local team or on some school eleven. The teams are designated as the All Stars and the Wichita Longhorns and both include experienced players, so that a game worth while may be expected. It is to be played at the city park and a small admission fee will be charged.

SEVERE PUNISHMENT

Of Mrs. Chappell, of Five Years' Standing, Relieved by Cardui.

Mr. Airy, N. C.—Mrs. Sarah M. Chappell of this town, says: "I suffered for five years with womanly troubles, also stomach troubles, and my punishment was more than any one could tell."

I tried most every kind of medicine, but none did me any good.

I read one day about Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I decided to try it. I had not taken but about six bottles until I was almost cured. It did me more good than all the other medicines I had tried, put together.

My friends began asking me why I looked so well, and I told them about Cardui. Several are now taking it.

Do you, lady reader, suffer from any of the ailments due to womanly trouble, such as headache, backache, sideache, sleeplessness, and that everlasting tired feeling?

If so, let us urge you to give Cardui a trial. We feel confident it will help you, just as it has a million other women in the past half century.

Begin taking Cardui to-day. You won't regret it. All druggists.

Write to Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for special instructions on your case and 64-page book, "The Treatment for Women," in plain wrapper. E. S. 124

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With every good wish for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year

W. S. Robertson Paint Company

GREETINGS

Good Wishes for the future Kind Memories of the Past; Remembrance in the present And Friendship to the last!

Wichita State Bank

TO OUR FRIENDS and PATRONS ---GREETINGS!

The Officers and Directors of this institution take this means of thanking you for the support and interest you have manifested in our behalf during the passed year. We have endeavored in every way to make your interest our interest, and may this Christmas and New Year bring great joy and prosperity to you and yours.

CITY NATIONAL BANK

Random Yuletide Ramblings

"What shall I put in your stocking on Christmas morning?" a certain Wichitan fondly asked his wife recently. "An automobile," was her prompt reply.

A Christmas Cigar Story.
"Have you any good 50 cent cigars?" asked a young woman of a drug store clerk.
"No'm," was the reply. "The best cigar we have sells for 20 cents."
"Then give me three boxes of those," said the shopper, putting 60 cents on the counter.

Grown Up Children.
There is an elaborate toy train,

operated by electricity, in the window of the Wichita Hardware Company. It is quite an ingenious affair. The train is operated daily for the benefit of the little folks, but so many grown ups are constantly crowding around the window that the children can't get a look.

Just a Suggestion.
The holiday season works with reverse English upon a good many folks, who have to work harder than ever to make the holidays pleasant for others. Among these are the telephone girls, who have had to go some recently. With nearly everybody downtown part of the day and with business at its maximum, the

number of telephone calls increases tremendously and the girls are plentifully rushed. Lots of thoughtful folks remember the girls with fruit, candy and other things at Christmas time, and this may be taken as an entirely unsolicited hint.

"Twas the Night Before Christ."
There is no school today, but the holiday is a nominal one for the small boys who have to stay at home and learn their pieces to be spoken at the Sunday school Christmas tree tonight.

Those Who Help Themselves.
The number of folks who will receive their Christmas from the hands of the organizations and individuals that look after such matters is said to be quite small this year less than in either 1913 and 1914. In 1913 a long rainy fall and early winter made work scarce and last year there was

little doing in an industrial way. This year work has been fairly plentiful and the number of folks who are unable to provide their own Christmas is gratifying in its smallness.

More Nominal Holidays.
There are lots of people—more than one figure at first thought—to whom not even Christmas day brings a respite from work. Among them are those who keep the street car, telephone, water, light and gas service going, the policemen, the drug store clerks, the railway men, the messenger boys, the postoffice employees and express handlers and the newspaper men. Oh yes, to be sure, the newspaper men. Last year Christmas came on Friday and as Wichitans could not go from Thursday to Sunday without The Times, there was work that Christmas day. This year there is much Saturday work in getting out Sunday morning's paper. Next year Christmas will come on Monday and it won't do to go from Sunday morning to Tuesday afternoon without a paper. In 1917 Christmas day comes on Tuesday and The Times here and now announces that there will be no paper on that day. But there will be one on Sunday as usual.

Here's One on Us.
"What are you looking so worried about?"
"I saw my wife reading the 'Gift Suggestion For Men' in the paper and I'm afraid she'll get me that kind of gift."

Not Calling Any Names.
There is one Wichitan whose Christmas present from his wife is going to be a new set of curtains for the bed room. He knows it, however, and is going to give his wife a new set of tires for his automobile.

Almost Total Strangers.
A good many Wichita Falls families are having trouble in getting acquainted with some young men and women who went away to school last fall and who have returned for the holidays.

A Strange Christmas.
In a way, this is the strangest Christmas since the world began. Not in Wichita Falls, of course, but in the world as a whole. Half of the world's area and nearly half of its inhabitants are involved in the greatest war of all time. Fifteen million—perhaps more—men are spending this Christmas on the firing lines in Europe, with guns and instruments of warfare all around to make the occasion strangely at variance with the peace which the day is supposed to bring the world. Many millions more are keeping this Christmas in homes either already blighted by death or where the fear of bereavement is constantly present. And there is no promise that another Christmas will not find still more sorrow and heartaches, perhaps in lands not now directly affected.

Would Be Right Nice.
Some Northwest Texas attorney, perhaps a Wichita Falls attorney, will get a district judge's appointment as a Christmas present. There are about a dozen who have hung up their socks, ready to receive.

NEGRO WOUNDED IN SIDE BY ANOTHER LAST NIGHT

Shooting in Local Saloon—Both the Shooter and Shootee Are Missing Today.

The officers today were looking both for a negro who was shot at the Capital Bar last night and the negro who fired the shot. The identity of neither of the negroes is known.
At about 9 o'clock last night a negro walked into the rear of the saloon to the part patronized by negroes drew a revolver and fired at a negro who was getting onto the outside of a draught of Christmas spirits. The bullet bit a piece of flesh out of the negro's side, struck the edge of the bar and glanced off into the facing of the bar mirror. The negro who did the shooting ran out the back door and disappeared. Remarkable that he was not much hurt but that he guessed he had better see a doctor the negro who was shot walked out the front door and has not been seen since. The shooting is said to have followed a quarrel earlier in the evening.



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We Wish A
**Very Merry
Christmas**
And A
**Happy
New Year**

To our patrons and friends,
and to the people of Wichita
Falls and vicinity in general,
who have helped us to make
the year just closing one of the
best in the history of our
business

**North Texas
Furniture Co**

The Oldest Furniture Store in
Wichita Falls



Christmas Greetings
and
Hearty Good Wishes
for
The New Year
**Wichita Southern Life
Insurance Company**

**Merry Christmas
Greetings and Best Wishes**

We thank you for your patronage
of the past and will endeavor to
merit a share of your future business



CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE ALONG USUAL LINES HERE

Celebration Begins Tonight With Sunday School Services—Stores To Be Closed.

Wichita Falls' observance of Christmas day will be along the lines that have marked the occasion here in the past. Practically all stores and business houses will remain closed all day, and holiday hours will be observed at the postoffice; there will be one collection and one delivery and the windows will be open from 9 to 10 in the morning.
Programs will be carried out in many churches tonight, and tomorrow members of the various congregations will be busy distributing baskets of food and supplies to the needy families. The Salvation Army is cooperating in this work, and as previously announced, all calls will

be cared for. The prisoners in the jails will not be overlooked. The principal event of Christmas day will be the Salvation Army's Christmas tree tomorrow evening at 710 Seventh street. There will be a football game at the city park in the afternoon, and special programs at the theatres for the enjoyment of the holiday crowds.

AUTOMOBILE AND PISTOLS IN OFFICERS' POSSESSION

The sheriff's department has in its custody a Packard automobile, two six shooters and a sawed off shot gun. The automobile was placed in a garage here Wednesday afternoon by Joe Shaw and S. A. Prince arrested for the robbery of a man named Lyon and indicted yesterday. The automobile bears an Oklahoma license number and the two men hold an officer that they were engaged in the whiskey transportation business between Texas and Oklahoma points. The six shooters and shot gun were found in the automobile.

THREE BLOCKS OF LAMAR PAVING ABOUT FINISHED

The first three blocks of the Lamar street paving have been finished by Contractor Roberts and will be opened for traffic within a few days, giving the paved street as a Christmas present for the residents between Tenth and Thirteenth on that thoroughfare. Work is well under way on the paving below Thirteenth street.

APPEAL IN E. W. FRY CASE

IS PRESENTED AT AUSTIN
An early decision by the court of criminal appeals at Austin is expected in the case of Judge E. W. Fry, convicted and given two years on a charge of forgery. The appeal was presented this week in the court at Austin by Judge Edgar Scurry and Judge R. E. Taylor of Henrietta, who represented Judge Fry and action will probably be taken early next year. The court affirmed the full sentence of E. Mooneyham of this city, convicted in the city court on a charge of violating the local option laws.