

LANSING SUGGESTS PEACE CONVENTION BY ALL AMERICAS

PROPOSES ARBITRATION OF ALL BOUNDARY LINE DISPUTES AND TO STOP AMB SHIPMENTS TO REVOLUTIONARIES.

FOR PRESERVATION OF PEACE

Closer Union of All the Americas An Object—Exact Form of New Proposal by United States to Latin-Americans Not Made Public.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary Lansing has suggested to all the nations which, with the United States, comprise the Pan-American union that they join in a convention for the arbitration of all boundary line disputes and for the prohibition of munitions shipments to revolutionaries.

The status of the negotiations and the details of Secretary Lansing's proposals at present are being held as confidential between the state department and the Latin American diplomats here.

It became known, however, that soon after Secretary Lansing delivered his Pan American speech before the scientific congress in which he advocated a Pan-America "one for all, all for one" he began inviting the Latin American representatives to the state department.

PENNSYLVANIA OIL HAS AGAIN BEEN ADVANCED

Refiners Put up Price in the Hope of Drawing the Needed Supply From Storage.

By Associated Press. Pittsburgh, Dec. 30.—Another advance in the price of crude oil was announced by the South Penn Oil Company at the opening of the market today.

STEAMER THESSALONIKI NOT BADLY DAMAGED

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 30.—Another radio message was received today from the Greek steamer Thessaloniki, which is making for this port with her boiler room partly flooded.

AMBASSADOR GETS REPLY TO SECOND NOTE

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 30.—Ambassador Penfield has received Austria's reply to the second American note regarding the sinking of the liner Ancona.

200,000 EMPLOYEES WAGES ARE ADVANCED

NUMEROUS INCREASES BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1 IN NEW YORK CITY

TOTALS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

Machinists, Tile Layers, Millinery Girls, Waiters and Mechanics Are Among Beneficiaries

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 30.—Wages of 200,000 employees in various trades in this city will be increased January 1. It was estimated that the increases would aggregate millions of dollars.

GOVERNMENT WILL PROSECUTE OYSTER DEALERS.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Prosecution of oyster dealers found guilty of the practice of adding fresh water to shucked oysters so as to greatly increase their size, in violation of the food and drug act, will be recommended by the department of agriculture it was announced today.

EPIDEMICS FATAL TO SIBERIAN PRISONERS

Austrian Officer Just Returned From Serbia Says 7,000 Died in One Camp

By Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 30.—Great numbers of prisoners in Siberia have died in epidemics due to lack of proper sanitation, according to an item given out today by the Overseas News Agency.

GERMAN FORCES FROM SERBIA NOW AT VARNA

King Ferdinand's Palace at Varna Reported Hit During Russian Bombardment

By Associated Press. London, December 30.—King Ferdinand's palace at the Black Sea port of Varna was hit during the recent Russian bombardment of that Bulgarian town, but the damage was unimportant, says a Reuter's dispatch from Athens.

DEFENSE RESTS IN TRIAL OF NEW HAVEN DIRECTORS

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 30.—The defense rested its case today at the trial of William Rockefeller and ten other former directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Co., charged with conspiracy under the Sherman anti-trust law to monopolize the railroad track of New England.

FRENCH TROOPS HAVE OCCUPIED TURKISH ISLAND

By Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 30.—French troops have occupied the Turkish island of Castelrizzo in the Aegean Sea, between the islands of Rhodes and the Gulf of Adalis, according to the morning papers in Paris.

NORTHERN OHIO COVERED BY HEAVY SNOWFALL

By Associated Press. Cleveland, O., Dec. 30.—Northern Ohio is busily engaged today getting itself out of the deepest snow which has fallen in this section in two years.

Blunders In War Management Cause Breach In British Political Truce



The United Kingdom now witnesses a general abandonment of the truce between the political parties, which was observed during the early months of the war and which apparently was cemented for the duration of the war when the coalition government was formed.

EXPECT MORE CHANGES IN BRITISH CABINET

Several Members Not Satisfied With Premier Asquith's Modified Conscription Plan.

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 30.—The Daily Express today asserts there is a group of at least three Unionists in the cabinet led by the Earl of Selborne, president of the board of agriculture, who are likely to resign because Premier Asquith's plan for a modified form of conscription does not go far enough.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN KEPT VERY BUSY

Has Answered 18 Alarms This Month—Half of Alarms From Grass Fires

December has been a busy month for the fire department, a total of eighteen alarms being turned in. While nine of these were grass fires, the others were residence fires resulting in losses totalling about \$7500.

MINNEAPOLIS MEETING PLACE FOR PROHIBITIONISTS

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The prohibition national convention will be held in Minneapolis on July 19th, it was announced today, by the prohibition national executive committee which is in session here at its headquarters.

MEXICAN GOVERNOR TO HONOR REQUISITION

C. Barrera Wanted for Killing in Zapata County Will Be Returned to Texas.

By Associated Press. Laredo, Texas, Dec. 30.—Governor Luis Caballero of the state of Tamaulipas will honor the requisition of Governor Ferguson of Texas for the extradition of C. Barrera, wanted in Zapata county, Texas for the murder of Antonio Gomez.

BRITISH ABANDONED BIG QUANTITY SUPPLIES

German Correspondent Sees Many Unburied British Dead at Suvia Bay

By Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 30.—The correspondent at the Gallipoli front of the Lokal Anzeiger in his account of an inspection of the deserted positions of the allies, says he saw four stranded, British transports at Suvia Bay.

MINNESOTA GOVERNOR DIES IN LOUISIANA TODAY

By Associated Press. Clinton, La., Dec. 30.—Gov. W. S. Hammond of Minnesota, died suddenly in a hotel here today from a stroke of apoplexy, which physicians stated apparently had been superinduced by a recent attack of ptomaine poisoning.

TWO AUSTRIAN WARCRRAFT SUNK OFF CATTARO

Allied Craft Meet and Sink Austrian Vessels When They Start to Reach Durazzo.

By Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 30.—Two Austrian torpedo boat destroyers have been sunk as a result of an encounter with sea forces of the allies at a point outside of Cattaro, in the Adriatic Sea.

MIDLAND STOCKMAN IS RACE SWINDLE VICTIM

Wires "Tapped" in Chicago and Texas Turns Over \$20,000 to Men Who Disappear.

By Associated Press. Chicago, December 30.—Wire tappers, alleged to be operating in a suburb of Chicago, swindled Vincent Baer, a wealthy stockman of Midland, Texas, out of \$20,000 on a fake horse race scheme, according to reports today to the police.

FORT WORTH JITNEYS TO SUSPEND OPERATIONS

By Associated Press. Fort Worth, Texas, December 30.—All Fort Worth jitneys will cease operation at midnight Friday due to a new insurance law, effective that date.

FIGHT ON WILSON'S POLICY IN MEXICO

REPUBLICANS WILL VOICE THEIR OPPOSITION TO ADMINISTRATION'S COURSE

OPPOSE FLETCHER'S NOMINATION

Objections to Recognition Will Take Form of Opposing Confirmation of Ambassador

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 30.—Republicans of the Senate foreign relations committee are preparing to renew their attack on President Wilson's Mexican policy when Congress reassembles, by fighting confirmation of Henry P. Fletcher's appointment as ambassador to Mexico.

The opposition to Mr. Fletcher's nomination, republicans say, will be made the vehicle of a fight on the administration's old Mexican policy.

HARCOURT IS TO BECOME THE VICEROY OF INDIA

Announcement of His Resignation From British Cabinet is Received at Winnipeg

By Associated Press. Winnipeg, Can., Dec. 30.—A special cable received today from London says: "The Right Honorable Lewis Harcourt has resigned from the cabinet to become viceroy of India."

AMERICAN REPORTED FORCIBLY DETAINED

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 30.—Complaints against the forcible detention in Sonora of Harry Sims, brother of E. W. Sims, former United States attorney at Chicago was laid before the state department today by Representative Mann.

HEAVY FIGHTING GOING ON IN VOSGES REGION

Germans Claim Recapture of Positions Previously Lost Near Hartmannsweilerkopf

By Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 30.—Heavy fighting continues in the Vosges and announcement is made by the German war office that the positions near Hartmannsweilerkopf have been reconquered by the Germans.

HUNDRED YEAR OLD NEGRESS BURNED TO DEATH

By Associated Press. Port Lavaca, Texas, Dec. 30.—A negress whose age was over 100 years burned to death here yesterday when her clothing caught fire from a charcoal furnace at which she was warming herself.

UPRISING IN WESTERN CHINA IS INDICATED

By Associated Press. Shanghai, Dec. 30.—A telegram from Cheng-Tsu, capital of Sze Chuen, says there are indications of an uprising in western China, but the opinion is expressed in the dispatch that the chance for success of the movement is small.

ITALIAN TROOPS HAVE OCCUPIED DURAZZO

Albanian Seaport Reported in Possession of Italian Forces Says Geneva Dispatch

By Associated Press. Geneva, Dec. 30.—It is reported here on good authority that Italian troops have occupied the Albanian seaport of Durazzo.

BELIEVED RUSSIANS ARE UNDERTAKING GREAT OFFENSIVE

OFFICIAL AUSTRIAN REPORTS TELL OF ATTACKS BY DENSE MASSES OF RUSSIANS ON SERBIAN FRONT.

SERIOUS GERMAN ATTACK

Reports Indicate Futile Offensive in Lake Babit Region—Russians Are Said to be Threatening Mitava—Big Developments Under Way.

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 30.—Although Petrograd remains silent on the subject the public is inclined to believe the Russians are undertaking a great offensive in Bukovina near the Beasrabian border.

The latest advice states that the Russian assault is being limited, accompanied by an "unusually severe" bombardment.

Along the western front, except for mining and aerial operations on the British lines, no fighting seems to be confined to the Vosges, where in the region of Hartmannsweilerkopf the French claim to have made a successful advance.

Nothing has happened to change the Macedonian situation, but it is generally believed that any advance on Greek territory must be made by the Bulgarians, the opinion being that the Austro-Germans cannot spare enough troops for a serious attempt against Saloniki.

Domestic tension over the conscription question has been greatly relieved. Speculation continues concerning the method which is to be adopted to reach available unmarried men, a majority agreeing that the Derby plan will be extended for this purpose.

FOUR TEXAS CITIES NOW REPORTING VITAL STATISTICS

By Associated Press. Austin, Texas, Dec. 30.—With the admission of Beaumont into the registration area of the federal census bureau the four Texas cities that have qualified are in this area, the others being Dallas, San Antonio and El Paso.

RECLAMATION WORK IS SUSPENDED FOR WINTER

By Associated Press. Austin, Texas, Dec. 30.—State reclamation work has been suspended during the winter, according to Capt. Arthur A. Stiles, reclamation engineer. Field work will not be resumed until the latter part of next March.

EXTERMINATION OF PESTS IS PURPOSE OF MEETING

Austin, Texas, Dec. 30.—A conference of farmers, county judges, county commissioners and others interested in the extermination of rabbits, rats, ravens and other small animals which prey upon crops which will be held next week at Sweetwater, Texas, has the official sanction of the state department of agriculture. Judge Ed R. Kone, former commissioner of agriculture and now connected with the department will represent the department at the Sweetwater meeting.



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IN THE SPHERE OF WOMANKIND

Contributions to the society columns are invited, phone 1273 or sent to this office. Contributions must be in by 12 o'clock to appear in that day's issue.

The Frosted Pane. One night came winter noiselessly and leaned against my window pane. In the deep stillness of his heart convened the ghosts of all his slain.

MRS. H. C. DAKAN CLUB HOSTESS WEDNESDAY

Mrs. H. C. Dakan was hostess to the New Crochet Club Wednesday afternoon, this being the first holiday meeting of the club.

The New Century Club will hold its "Husband's Meeting" Friday evening at the home of Mrs. C. J. Barnard.

JOSEPH KELL HOST WITH DANCE WEDNESDAY

Joseph Kell entertained a number of friends with an informal dance Wednesday evening. Music was furnished by the "darktown" orchestra.

DANCE FOR MISS GAY GWYN TUESDAY

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Peyton Gwyn entertained a number of young misses for her little daughter, Miss Gay. An informal dance was the order of entertainment.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR OKLAHOMA VISITOR.

A delightful holiday party was given Tuesday afternoon by John Koberk in honor of his sister, Miss Vivian Rhoads of Lindsay, Okla.

The regular meeting of the Mary-makers will be held tonight with Mrs. and Mrs. H. J. Fenton, having been postponed from Wednesday evening.

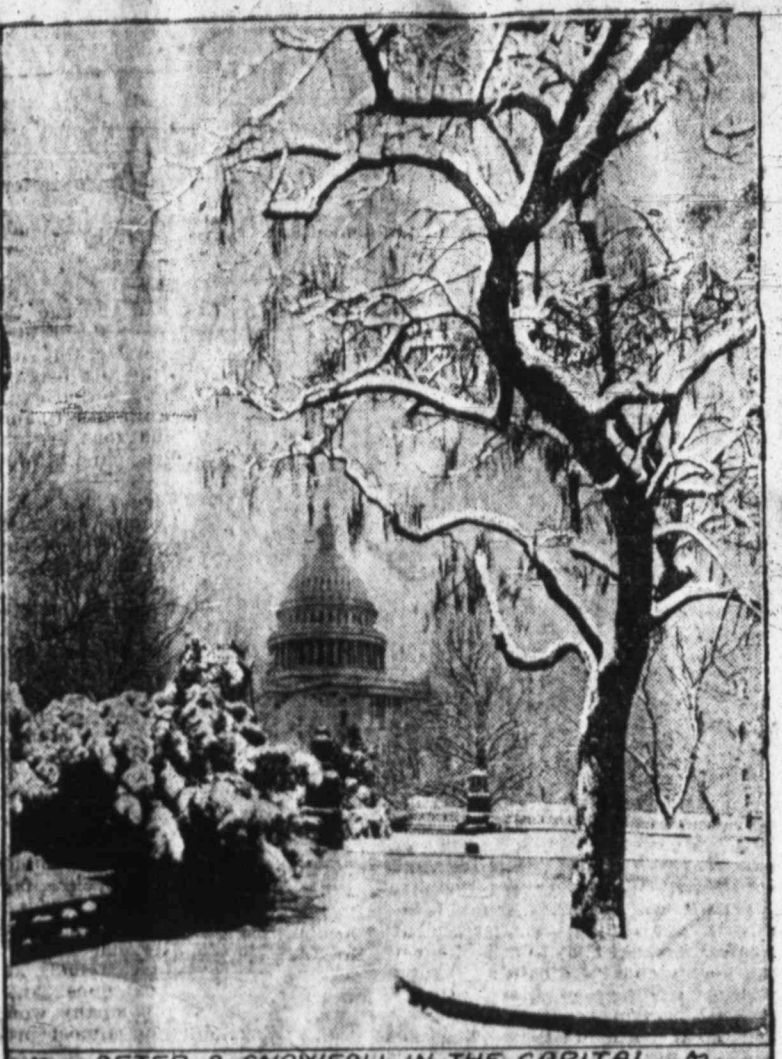
HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI WILL MEET TONIGHT

Permanent Organization Planned and Officers Will Be Elected—Meeting at High School

The alumni of the Wichita Falls high school are called to meet this evening at the high school auditorium for the purpose of electing officers and forming a permanent organization.

LADIES' CAPUDINE TAKE FOR ACHES AND PAINS RELIEVES THE NERVOUSNESS ALSO IT'S LIQUID-NOT PILL

WASHINGTON, ADORNED BY WINTER, CHARMS SIGHTSEER AND RESIDENT



Washington, the nation's capital, is charming in any season of the year, save perhaps, when intense summer heat and humidity afflict the sightseer and resident.

STROKE OF PARALYSIS IS FATAL TO "GRANDMA" BROWN

Succumbs at Denison—Early Today. Had Resided in This Section About 30 Years

Following a stroke of paralysis earlier in the week, Mrs. E. E. Brown, aged 74, died at 1:30 last night at Denison, where she had gone to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. John Strom.

Mr. Brown died a number of years ago. Eight children and many grandchildren survive, most of the sons and daughters being with Mrs. Brown in her last hours.

The wife of J. A. Brown was also a victim of paralysis this week, her death occurring Wednesday morning.

TWO EUROPEAN KINGS NOW WITHOUT KINGDOMS

Peter of Serbia Now in Same Boat With Albert of Belgium—Has Had Strange Career

Vienna (By mail)—There is a second king of Europe without a kingdom, as a result of the war. Peter of Serbia is today no better off than the king of the Belgians.

In many respects King Peter is the most dramatic figure of the European war. Two regicides are intimately connected with his history, the murder of his predecessor, Alexander Obrenovitch and his Queen, Draga, and the assassination of the Archduke of Austria, the Dual Monarchy's heir presumptive.

Peter Karageorovitch never forgot and never was permitted to forget that he had taken the place of a man who had been foully murdered.

The attitude of the Serbian Liberal party made such a course by Russia advisable. This party had favored the establishment of a republic in Serbia after Alexander and Draga had been murdered.

No less than 22 contracting firms in Texas and Oklahoma are figuring their bids for the new Masonic building to be erected in this city next year and competition is expected to be keen.

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JOHN ROBERTSON WILL AGAIN BE CANDIDATE

Popular Official Seeks Renomination For Office of County Tax Assessor

Elsewhere in this issue of The Times will be found the announcement of John Robertson for re-election to the office of tax assessor of Wichita county, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

Up to about a year ago John did all of the office work himself, often working late in the night to keep his office up in shape and by so doing, undermined his health to such an extent, that for the last year he has had a capable deputy, while he went to the mountains of Colorado and New Mexico for his health.

Mr. Robertson was born and raised in Wichita county, graduated from our public schools and he has old friends and schoolmates in almost every neighborhood in this county.

Dr. Robertson announces his candidacy in the following formal statement:

"To My Friends and Voters of Wichita County: Again I come before you seeking your partiality, requesting that you again nominate me as your candidate for the office of tax assessor of Wichita county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

"I promise the people, if re-elected, to continue to keep the office in good shape which, to my mind, is the best way of showing my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me. Work and service will be my motto. While my health has been bad, as above stated, for the past year, it is now much improved and I expect to see as many of the voters as possible between now and the primaries, and I will deeply appreciate anything my friends may do for me. No man has ever been blessed with nobler or grander friends than myself and I cannot attempt to find words to express my gratitude to them, Yours truly, JOHN ROBERTSON."

GRIP EPIDEMIC IS SWEEPING THE COUNTRY

New York, Dec. 30.—That the epidemic of grip recently reported in Chicago, Milwaukee and Detroit, Philadelphia and other cities has reached New York was officially admitted today by the department of health. To prevent as far as possible the spread of the disease the department renewed its warning to persons not in any way afflicted to keep away from those who sneeze and cough. A noticeable increase in the death rate from influenza and pneumonia during the week ending Dec. 25 was reported. The number of cases of pneumonia was estimated at 2,000.

Koeves Led Austrians Victorious in Serbia



GENERAL KOEVES

General Koeves, one of the leaders of the Austro-Hungarian troops in their victorious onslaught on Serbia, and of Germany. Before the war he commanded an army corps with which he has overrun the entire country, is highly esteemed by the military authorities of his own country headquarters in Transylvania.

BOB McFALL SERVES AS PHYSICIAN FOR PRISONERS

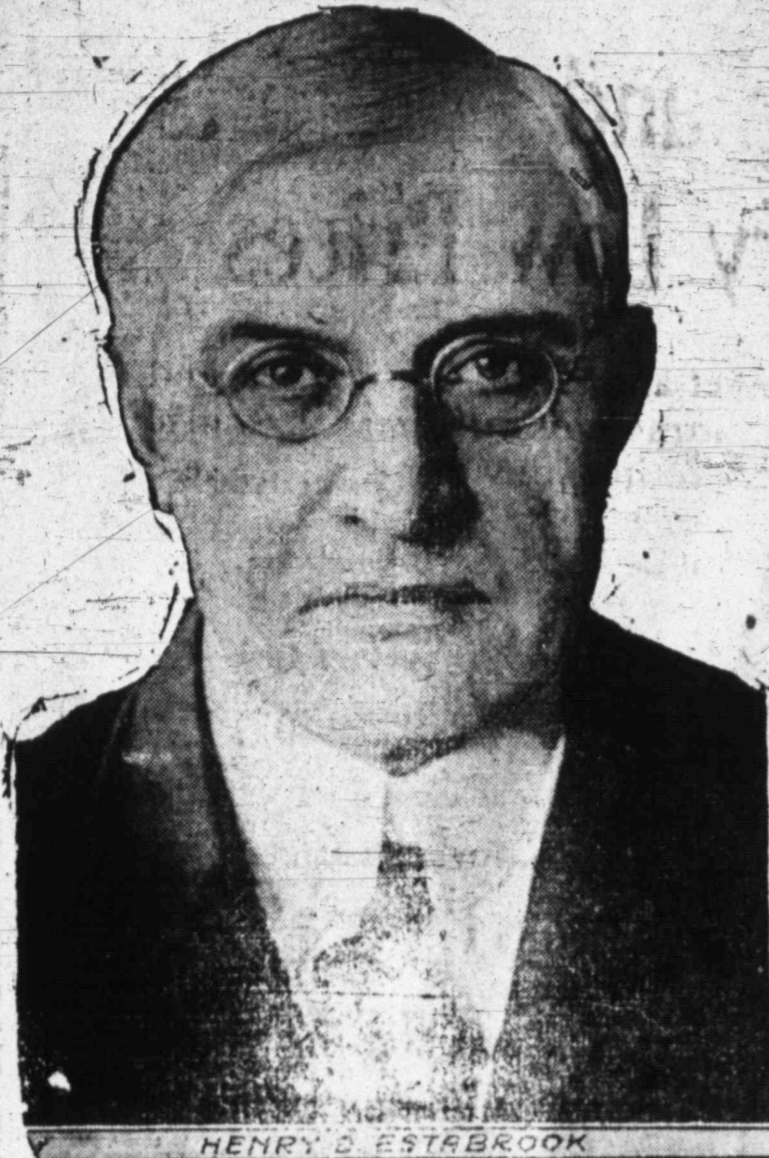
Deputy Sheriff Bob McFall is serving as physician for the prisoners in the county jail during the illness of Dr. Coons, county physician. Long experience with prisoners has enabled Bob to handle most of the cases which arise, without calling a regular doctor and in most cases he is able to give relief by means of homey but efficacious remedies at his disposal. Confinement and lack of exercise result in quite a little sickness in the jail, particularly when the weather is cold and there are frequent calls for medical treatment.

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COUNTRY PAYS HEED TO ESTABROOK'S CANDIDACY FOR THE PRESIDENCY



HENRY D. ESTABROOK

Among the most interesting phases of the national political situation is the movement that has brought Henry D. Estabrook of New York and Nebraska so prominently to the front as a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination.

SNOW COVERED GROUND AT SAN BERNADINO, CALIF.

San Bernadino, Dec. 30.—Snow began falling here late last night and early today the ground was covered.

AUDIT OF CITY RECORDS IS NOW BEING MADE

The annual audit of the city's finances is now in progress, A. E. Myles being in charge.

ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY TO TAKE WIFE

John Davenport, assistant county attorney, is in Parker county, where he will be married tonight to Miss Winnie Thurman.

NEGRO'S PISTOL IS FOUND HIDDEN IN SACK OF FLOUR

The noise of a pistol last night near a servant's house at the rear of the W. J. Bullock home in Floral Heights resulted in officers being summoned.

GROCERY ANNOUNCEMENT

I have purchased the Howard Grocery Business at 809 Seventh Street and have stocked it with a very complete line of staple and fancy groceries, vegetables, fruits and salt meats.

The delivery service will be prompt and efficient, and telephone calls will receive careful personal attention.

EAGLE GROCERY CO., GEO. W. EAGLE, Prop. 809 Seventh St. Telephone 1015.

MENACE TO SUEZ CANAL RAISES WHEAT PRICE

Troubling of Insurance Rates on Cargoes Passing Through Canal Has Bullish Effect

Chicago, December 30.—The troubling of insurance rates on cargoes routed through the Suez canal had a bullish effect today on the wheat market here.

The inference generally drawn was that much, if not all, the wheat shipped from Australia and India would have to come over a three weeks longer line, rounding the Cape of Good Hope and that consequently wheat from America would be much more in demand.

New York Cotton Futures

New York, December 30.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of two points on January but generally two to five points higher in response to relatively steady cables.

Fort Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 30.—Cattle receipts 1300, active and higher. Receipts \$5.50 to \$7.35.

EL PASO PREPARES FOR LIVE STOCK MEETING

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 30.—Eight thousand invitations were mailed out today from the office of Secretary Tomlinson of the American National Live Stock Association for the convention to be held here January 25, 26 and 27.

FARMERS' UNION PRESIDENT TO CONFER WITH LANSING

Washington, Dec. 30.—The National Sheep Growers' Association will also meet here at the same time.

FATAL FIRE RESULTS IN MANSLAUGHTER INDICTMENTS

New York, Dec. 30.—Edward L. Diamond, his wife, Samuel Tarkin and Samuel Simon were indicted today on charges of first and second degree manslaughter growing out of the death of the twelve persons in a fire which destroyed the five story Diamond Candy factory Nov. 6.

POPE GOES TO WASHINGTON TO SEE ABOUT SHIPMENT OF MILLION BALES TO EUROPE

Washington, Dec. 30.—President H. N. Pope of the Texas Farmers Union will leave tonight for Washington to confer with Secretary of State Lansing on the shipment of 1,000,000 bales of cotton to Europe.

LIEUT. GOV. BURNQUIST SUCCEEDED GOV. HAMMOND

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 30.—Lieut. Gov. J. A. Burnquist becomes governor of Minnesota by the death of Gov. Hammond at Clinton, La., today.

FOOD SUPPLY OF GERMANY IS DECLARED TO BE AMPLE

Resources Sufficient to Feed Population Indefinitely—Reichstag Committee Reports.

To Cure Hiccoughs

To cure hiccoughs, fill a glass with water, draw a deep breath through the mouth, take a mouthful of water, hold the glass before you above your head, raise your eyes so that they can see the bottom of the glass without throwing your head back, swallow the water and then breath out slowly through the mouth.

Marriage Rings

There is no law saying that a wedding ring must necessarily be of gold. Marriages have been celebrated when, in the absence of a proper ring, the ring on a church door key has been used.

Local News Brevities

Notice Royal Neighbors. All Royal Neighbors are requested to attend the funeral of Mrs. Fannie Brown, tomorrow morning at ten o'clock; 1309 Fifth street.

Dr. Prothro, Dentist, Ward Building, 60-14c

Wichita Falls Undertaking Co., 812 Scott avenue, Phone 202. Prompt ambulance service. Command us. 181c

Walter M. Frank, who has been in the employ of the City National Bank for some time, will become bookkeeper and teller at the National Bank of Commerce on January 1st.

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Dr. Scharff, Osteopath, K. & N. Bldg.

See the new Metz car on display at North Texas Furniture Co., then telephone 175 or 1738 for demonstration. 98-6tp

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' Band until June 1st.

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce directors will probably be called for tomorrow morning, at which arrangements are to be made for the annual membership meeting and banquet. It is probable that the banquet will be held sometime early in January.

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B. J. Zachary, the chiropractor will be glad to tell you how to get well without drugs or surgery. Office hours, 2 to 5 p. m. Suite 415 First National Bank Building. Phones 1245 and 753. 98-2tp

The Donnelly Floral Company, phone 957 have cut flowers and plants and are up to the minute in all floral work. They have rose plants for sale. Give them a trial. 76-1c

714 Wall Street, Fear of Palace Drug store, where all kinds of battery work and auto repairing is done. Phone 2169. Wall Street Auto Machine Co., Shuler & Wallace, Props. 84-1c

Notice of Stockholders Meeting. Annual stock holders meeting of the Ziegler Stove Co., of Wichita Falls, Texas, will be held on the 2nd Tuesday in January, 1916, at its office corner Oak and Virginia streets in Wichita Falls, Texas, same being January 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Naylor are entertaining a new son at their home on Tenth street since Tuesday night.

GERMAN PRESS COMMENTS UPON CONSCRIPTION PLAN

Does Not Believe England Can Enforce It Without Serious Internal Troubles.

By Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 30.—The decision of the British government with regard to compulsory military service is attracting wide attention in Germany.

The Vorwaerts believes conscription will succeed after a hard fight. The Diepost refers to conscription as the most drastic invasion of private rights the British could conceive and says the attitude of parliament may result in serious internal troubles.

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FUNERAL MRS. J. A. BROWN AT 10 A. M. TOMORROW

Wife of City Sanitary Officer Will be Buried in the Morning, His Mother in Afternoon.

The funeral of Mrs. J. A. Brown, wife of Sanitary Officer Brown, will be held at the family residence at 1309 Fifth street at 10 o'clock Friday morning. It will be followed in the afternoon by the funeral of Grandma Brown, Mr. Brown's mother.

Rev. R. C. Miller will conduct the funeral of Mrs. J. A. Brown and the Royal Neighbors, of which Mrs. Brown was a member, will have charge of the service at Riverside cemetery. The pall bearers will be L. C. Hunkley, M. A. Bundy, W. L. Robertson, R. C. Hardy, S. B. Simpson and O. P. Maricle.

All of Mrs. Brown's eight living children and her brother, James McCormick and her sister, Mrs. George Ray of Hutto, Texas are now here. Mrs. Brown was born at Saltville, Va., 47 years ago. She had been a resident of Texas 21 years being married to Mr. Brown at Hutto, Texas.

MARRIAGE LICENSE IS REFUSED OKLAHOMA GIRL

Telephone Message From Father Folds Cupid—Father Detained Until Father Arrives.

The telephone has foiled Cupid and the dream of a young Oklahoma couple has been sadly blighted. Last night County Clerk M. P. Kelly received a telephone message from a Mr. Bridges at Gerontino, Oklahoma, notifying him not to issue a marriage license for his daughter, Myrtle Bridges, because she was under age.

This morning a young man who gave his name as D. Hennessy brought the clerk's office and asked for a marriage license. The license, of course was refused and later Sheriff Hawkins, acting upon the request of the father of the girl, took her into custody until the father could arrive here from Gerontino. No effort was made to detain young Hennessy.

AGED MAN ON LONG WALK IS PICKED UP NEAR HERE

Pushing a cart in which were his clothes and effects, William Bell, aged 74, started to walk from Cooke county to Altus, Oklahoma where he has relatives. Yesterday he was found by the side of the road north of the city exhausted and apparently unable to travel further, and was brought back to town, being given accommodations for the night in the jail, there being no other place for him. He was not ill but his long walk had tired him. He said he would resume his journey today. He was found by G. E. Wilson, the oil man, who notified the officers and County Attorney Greenwood and Constable Allen went out and brought him to town. Though feeble, the old man expressed his determination to continue his walk. It is likely a ticket will be bought for him, however.

75 COUPLES ENJOY PRAETORIAN DANCE

The members of the local council of Praetorians enjoyed their annual New Year's ball Wednesday night at their hall on Indiana avenue. The program of fifteen dances and three extras was enjoyed by about 75 couples, who danced until a late hour; the music was by Taylor's orchestra.

OIL FIELD WORKER IS ARRESTED FOR DESERTION

C. D. Coolidge, an oil field worker, was arrested near Electra yesterday and taken back to Durant, Oklahoma, to face a charge of wife desertion. Sheriff Young of Durant came here yesterday, having secured requisition papers at Austin and he and Deputy Sheriff Jernigan took Coolidge into custody. Wife desertion is a felony in Oklahoma.

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## REVOLUTIONARY LEADERS DENOUNCED

CHINESE GOV'T. ISSUES EDICT AGAINST SUN YAT SEN AND HUANG HSING

### AN APPEAL TO PATRIOTISM

Agitators Urged to Quit Troublemaking and to Join in Strengthening of Government

Peking. (By Mail).—The Chinese government has issued an edict denouncing Sun Yat-sen, Huang Hsing and other revolutionary leaders who are now in Japan directing a campaign of agitation. The edict warns the public against the activity of these rebel leaders, and urges the agitators now in China to quit their troublemaking and to assist in strengthening the government.  
Sun Yat-sen is known in China as Sun Wen, and Huang Hsing was known in China during the revolutionary days as Chu Ming Tang. The latter was a member of the executive committee of the Revolutionary Society and later became generalissimo of the revolutionary army at Wu Chang. Upon the formation of Sun Yat-sen's first cabinet at Nanking, he was made minister of war. When Yuan Shi-kai became president, he made Huang Hsing resident general at Nanking in command of the southern army, but he gradually undermined the general's military authority, and in 1913 it was Huang Hsing who organized the second rebellion. He took command of the rebels at Nanking, but fled to Japan upon hearing of the approach of the northern troops. Last year he visited the United States and was in conference there with a number of enemies of the Chinese government. Last year he was expelled from Sun Yat-sen's party, but the movement to restore a monarchical government in China brought the two revolutionary leaders together, and they are now said to be cooperating in Japan.

Text of Edict.  
Yuan Shi-kai's edict denouncing the rebel leaders reads as follows:  
"Recent reports from various places state that the followers of Sun Wen (Sun Yat-sen) and Huang Hsing have created rumors, advanced fallacies, and circulated inflammatory literature printed abroad with the object of arousing the people in the interior to sedition. Requests have been received that the activities should be suppressed.  
"It will be remembered that after the revolution of Hsin Hai Kuantung, Hunan, Kiangsi, Anhui, Kiangsu and Fukien were all under the influence of the rebels, who practiced violence under the name of the republic. They devoted their whole efforts to extorting money from the gentry and merchants, and murdered the good and innocent ones. They gave a false definition to the doctrine of equality and liberty, and advocated that a person should share his property and wife with others. They called right wrong, and vice versa. They tried to deceive the people. In short their object was to destroy the sense of morality in society, and to abolish the acknowledged principles, human relations, and good customs and practices, and converted this celestial country into a nest of bandits and violent characters.  
"When the government tried to check their influence, they at once made an alliance of the six provinces to defy the central authorities. When generals were sent from the central government for their suppression they issued enormous quantities of currency notes with the object of collecting all the silver and gold in the market and they fled abroad to foreign countries. Consequently all the rebel leaders escaped with large fortunes, leaving their unfortunate followers to suffer for their misdeeds. It has been the principle, even of ordinary robbers, to help their associates and protect their common interests at the risk of their own lives. But even this principle is disregarded among the rebellion chiefs who heartlessly pursue their selfish ends at the expense of their accomplices. Hence they are worse than ordinary robbers. Later on they allied themselves with White Wolf, molesting several provinces, which were devastated by ravaging the women, incendiarism, and looting. Their cruel actions baffle description, and the same are all within the memory of this country.  
"The Chinese merchants abroad in foreign lands have been industrious and have acquired wealth by sweat and blood. Taking advantage of the ignorance of these overseas Chinese to the real circumstances of their mother country, these rebels have devised methods to cheat them of their hard-earned money in order to squander the same as they like. Sometimes a few tael (handis) were employed to create a small disturbance, so they might submit a bill of expenditure. But the overseas Chinese have now gradually come to understand their dishonest methods, and have refused to contribute more funds.  
"Spread False Reports.  
"It has always been the practice of these rebels to put forth reports that they have raised several million dollars in such and such a locality, a loan of several millions has been contracted or a quantity of thousands or tens of thousands of arms and ammunition has been purchased. But all these are mere boasts purposely made to deceive their followers and increase their influence. A personal acquaintance and modern histories will convince one that none of such deceptions could effect anything for this country.  
"In the second year of Min Kou the rebellion of Hukou broke out at a time when the finances of the country were very unsatisfactory. The troops of the provinces were very irregular and the condition of the provinces was abnormal. The rebels had at their command the people of six provinces and an army of more than 200,000 with modern war appliances and plenty of

supplies. Notwithstanding their influence and the great number of accomplices spread all over the country, they were hopelessly defeated within a period of less than fifty days. Thereafter it is plain that there is no chance whatever for the success of the plots of about 100, or a few tens of outlaws and thieves who try to put forth rumors in order to overthrow the government.  
"Moreover, the finances of the government have now been restored to a normal condition, the troops have been reorganized, and all high officials and troops in the various provinces well understand the right principles, are loyal and patriotic, and will never be influenced by rebels.  
"But those who deserve our pity are the enthusiastic young men, who are simple-minded, and the ignorant people whose mind is covetous. They have either been misled or deceived into choosing the wrong path and to suffer for their crime. The said rebels have sometimes preached to the people the rights of citizens and sometimes agitated among the Chung Hsi Tang (Imperial Clan Society.) Their unscrupulous methods vary, but their sole object is to raise rebellion under a pretext, so that they may attain their selfish ends. Taking advantage of the critical situation of their motherland they are now willing to become instruments for the destruction of the nation. Moreover the said rebels are greedy, loving their own skin, and skilful in concealing themselves. They have sacrificed the lives of others without the least scruple. And their wicked and dangerous records can be read by everybody.  
"As my heart is full of love for the people I have therefore issued repeated warnings and instructions, with the object of affording protection to my people. Even the accomplices of the rebels will be immediately pardoned if they repent of their errors and present themselves to the authorities. It is sincerely hoped that all their former crimes and offences, may be buried in oblivion and that these penitents will lead a new life. Thus the inhabitants in various localities will receive blessings. The Chang Chun and governors of the provinces are hereby instructed to order their respective subordinate officials to put forth their efforts to persuade the people to walk in the proper path.  
"Most of my people, have parents, wives and children depending upon them for existence, therefore they should never lend ear to rumors so as to choose wrong paths. When they've incurred punishment for their crimes it will be too late for them to repent. They are hereby ordered to live peacefully, engage their occupations, provide protection for their lives and develop the interest of their families, thus appreciating the sincerity of my repeated instructions and encouragements.  
"All notices and printed matter published by the rebel band for distribution are hereby prohibited, transmission and soon as they are discovered they are to be committed to the flames, so as to nip sedition in the bud."

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## LONDON'S HISTORIC TOWER HOLDS VON RINTELEN, ACCUSED IN AMERICA



Franz von Rintelen, No. 3 in the picture, is the German who is said to have played a prominent part in the German activities in America. It is said he is a member of a German family of high nobility and a personal friend of Emperor William. Von Rintelen is now a prisoner in the Tower of London. No. 1 in the picture, having been captured by the British while endeavoring to return to Germany. No. 2 shows three of the picturesque yeomen of the guard or "beef eaters" who patrol the Tower.

today by the National Geographic Society. "The ancient city lies 135 miles west-southwest of the Persian capital, Teheran, while the ground maintained by the British expeditionaries lies about 250 miles away to the southwestward.

"All vestiges of the bygone glory of the place have been destroyed, save alone a famous but battered stone lion, which lies in sombre, mutilated desolation flat upon the plain, now the road leading to Isfahan. The old lion has lasted through all the ages of Hamadan, a guardian genius of the town; for it was set up as a talisman to protect the walls of the city. The lion's fate and the city's fate were connected in a prophecy that the city and its people would be safe as long as the lion was not thrown down or broken. The talisman today enjoys a superstitious veneration; mothers bring their babies to kiss the huge carved face and pilgrims place offerings of stones before it. According to one tradition, the lion was set up to frighten away the severe winters of Hamadan.

"The name of the city can be traced to earliest times, and it means literally 'a place of meeting of many ways.' In the days of the city's splendor, the most prominent highways of the civilized world crossed here. It is still a meeting place of many highways from many parts of the Persian kingdom, and the chief station on the road from Persia to Bagdad and to the Persian gulf. It has, thus, been able to maintain a scrap of its old prestige as a place of wealth, and as a city important in Persian commerce and industry.

"The leather made in Hamadan is in demand throughout the East, and great quantities of it are exported, unworked and in the forms of saddles, harnesses, trunks and other leather articles. Felt goods and copper utensils are made, and a flourishing transit trade brings its tolls to the city's 40,000 people. There are extensive and well-stocked bazaars, and more than 40 caravanserais. Among the few concessions that the hoary 'treasure city of the king of the hoary' has grudgingly made to the nervous, restless civilization of the West are a post and a telegraph office.

"Hamadan is situated at the northeastern foot of Mount Alvand, whose granite walls rise to a height of 11,900 feet. The city itself has an elevation of 5,930 feet, and a level plain, fifteen miles in length and ten miles in breadth, spreads before it like a garden. Barley, wheat, fruits, vegetables and the scarlet poppy plant are grown in profusion here. The mountains frame the plain, like a part-enclosed appanage of the city.

"Hammam-nigral, whose greatest claim to fame is that he was the husband of Queen Semiramis, began the long centuries of royal patronage that built up Hamadan, and his renowned queen, Semiramis, launched the place upon its brilliant career. Hamadan steadily grew in wealth and favor, added ever new splendors to its public works, State buildings and private palaces, erected columns and arcades overlaid with plates of gold and silver, constructed a costly royal home of cedar and cypress woods, and planted famous gardens. Most of this wealth was looted by Alexander the Great, whose men carried away a treasure vast even for the present age of wealth. Following Alexander, Artabanus, Seleucus, Nicator, and Artabanus the great plunderer, here, and, according to Polybius, the Greek historian, there remained in Hamadan a wealth equal to 4,000 talents (\$4,730,000) to the last plunderer."

## ANCIENT PERSIAN CITY UNDER RUSSIAN CONTROL

Was Treasure City of Ancient Kings No Vestiges of Its Former Glory Remain.

By Associated Press.  
Washington, December 29.—"Hamadan, the treasure city of the great Achaemenian kings, identified with the resplendent Ecbatana of the Greek writer, which has come under control of the Persians advancing from Teheran, lies well on the way toward that part of the Tigris basin where the English and Turks are struggling amid scenes of the earliest human battlefields," begins a war primer issued

### EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

IN SESSION AT MUSKOGEE  
Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 29.—A meeting of the Northeastern Oklahoma Educational Association was set for today and as many as 100 teachers are expected to attend. This is the second important meeting of Oklahoma teachers, the first having taken place at Oklahoma City on Thanksgiving day when the state association met.



Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Harrison have returned from a visit at Fort Worth. Mrs. S. A. Youngblood and niece returned yesterday from Fort Worth, where they were called by the death of Miss Bertha Gordon's mother. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bralley have returned from Denton, where they spent the holidays with F. M. Bralley and family. W. L. Morris, justice of the peace at Burkburnett, was in the city today. H. O. Craven went to Vernon this afternoon on business. T. E. Dobson returned this afternoon from a business trip to Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Rowe of Uvalde are visiting friends here. Mr. Rowe was formerly with the Guffey company here, and later operated independently, going to Thrall when that field was opened. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe have many friends here. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Steger of Tulsa are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Straus. Miss Blanche Slager arrived today to visit her aunt, Mrs. W. E. Cobb. M. McGinley went to Electra this afternoon to take charge of the affairs of the O. L. Anderson drug store, for which he has been appointed trustee. M. A. Brin leaves tomorrow for Quana where he will direct the Elks lodge in putting on a minstrel performance. Hamlyn Morgan of Denton is expected here shortly to look after his interests. Mr. Morgan owns the new garage building under construction near the post office. Mrs. Josie Vernon of Dallas arrived today to visit her son, H. D. Phillips. Mrs. R. E. Souther of Fort Worth arrived this afternoon to visit her mother, Mrs. J. M. Bell. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Boone of Lubbock, who have been spending the holidays with T. R. Boone left for their home. H. C. Boone a brother of T. R. who has been visiting him, also returned today. Judge E. W. Nicholson left this afternoon for Fort Worth. He will return Saturday.

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MANCHESTER GUARDIAN STILL OPPOSE COMPULSORY SERVICE

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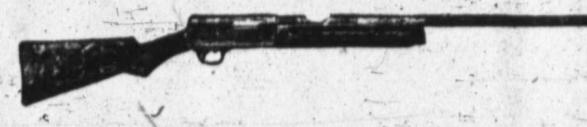
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GERMANY HAS RECOGNIZED CARRANZA GOVERNMENT.

By Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 30.—Germany has extended recognition to the defacto government of Mexico, headed by General Venustiano Carranza.

GENERAL VON MACKENSEN REPORTED AT SOFIA.

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 30.—A semi-official telegram received in Amsterdam from Sofia, Bulgaria, states that Field Marshal Von Mackensen, the German commander, arrived at Sofia yesterday, according to a Reuter's dispatch. After visiting the German and Austrian ministers to Bulgaria, and King Ferdinand, the field marshal returned to headquarters. It was reported December 28th in news dispatches that Field Marshal Von Mackensen was directing preparations for a powerful expedition against Egypt.

PARCELS POST SHIPMENTS TO NORWAY UNOPENED

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 30.—Parcels post shipments from the United States to Norway recently detained by the British, have been forwarded unopened to their destination, according to unofficial advices received today by the state department.

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