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HOUSING THE HOMELESS IN FRANCE

(By William Allen White)
Paris. For ten days after the British drive of October of this year, persistent reports kept coming from French and British air men and from Belgian sources that the Germans were preparing to evacuate Ostend.

And after a town is wrecked, after the guns are ready to move back, the population of the place is released from the pale and is permitted to view the ruins of its homes and shops and industries and places of public pride.

rebuild. And the urgent need for restoration of these villages—the need that has put the American Red Cross into creative work with energy—is the fact that the former inhabitants of these villages, nearly two million people, from Belgium and France, are living abnormally in other people's homes, unable to find work, and they are rapidly becoming used to the life of refugees.

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SOCIETY

LADIES' AID SOCIETY HAS PLEASANT MEETING

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ART LITERATURE CLUB HOLDS PLEASANT MEETING

The meeting of the Art Literature Club yesterday with Mrs. G. W. Filco was an unusually delightful affair, a particularly good program being rendered, the decorations of natural colors and emblems most artistic, and the refreshments delicious.

RENEWED TROUBLE IS REPORTED IN PETROGRAD

Washington, Nov. 29.—Out of the maze of Russian complications there emerged today a report of renewed trouble in Petrograd, with a hint of another revolution to arrest, momentarily at least, the interest of the Washington government.

Work of Red Cross

The dozen villages which the American Red Cross is trying to restore to the use of models of reconstruction methods, and the hundred other villages in France created by the American Red Cross in furnishing substantial aid, will hardly touch this miserable social and economic problem in France created by the refugees.

Home Relief

So in Paris, the bureau of home relief for the refugees in Paris is a most important outpost on the American military situation. No brigadier general in the American headquarters in France has a more important work mapped out for him than has Miss Margaret Curtis. Her bureau is establishing confidential relations with

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A DAY FOR THANKSGIVING

The American people are thankful today not so much because of material prosperity and blessings, but because they have entered the fight for liberty and democracy and in behalf of humanity.

NO NEW OUTBREAKS REPORTED IN LONDON MAIL

New York, Nov. 29.—(Associated Press.)—London, Nov. 29.—(Associated Press.)—The London Mail, forwarded from London last night, which reported the outbreak of influenza in Petrograd and the wounding of several persons. It is probable the Daily Mail's dispatch is a general version of the events which followed the influenza epidemic three weeks ago.

Mrs. De Saulles Gives Thanksgiving Feast To Fellow Prisoners

By Associated Press. Austin, Tex., Nov. 29.—(Associated Press.)—Mrs. Blenda De Saulles, whose husband, John De Saulles, was suspended over the holiday, was permitted to visit the prisoners in the jail at Austin today.

MORE SOLDIERS EAT TURKEY THAN CIVILIANS IN DISTRICT

Fort Bliss, Tex., Nov. 29.—(Associated Press.)—More soldiers at turkey and the trimmings of the 43 Paso border district than did the civilians living in the same district. This was the statement of quartermaster officers here as every soldier in the district was furnished with one and one-half pounds of Thanksgiving bird.

CHIHUAHUA EXPECTS ATTACK FROM VILLA

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 29.—(Associated Press.)—Chihuahua City may be attacked by Villa troops within the next forty-eight hours, according to American military men who are in touch with the situation south of the border. It was reported that Villa would attack today.

THAT PLEA FOR AN ARMISTICE

The Soviet government has declared its intention to endeavor to bring about an armistice upon all of the fronts, in order that all of the belligerent nations may consider terms of peace.

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Allies will have no direct dealings with the foe. The move will be used to satisfy the Socialist, within the German empire, to stir the Socialists and Partisans of all the belligerent nations to protest against necessary policies which must be adopted by these nations.

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Baptist, O. Ellen, and Mrs. D. C. Ward, Christian W. J. Halloway, and J. W. Bradley, Episcopal, H. C. Cravens and Mrs. S. Sammons, Central Presbyterian, Dr. J. T. Reed and Mrs. H. Wilson, First Presbyterian, O. H. Sticht, and H. R. Johnson, Methodist, J. L. Art and A. Zundel.

DAY IS GENERALLY OBSERVED. B YSTATE DEPARTMENTS

By Associated Press. Austin, Tex., Nov. 29.—(Associated Press.)—Thanksgiving day was generally observed here today. All state departments remaining closed during the day and business was generally suspended.

Mexicans Will Expel Draft Evaders From Lower California

By Associated Press. Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 29.—(Associated Press.)—The Mexican government has announced that it will expel draft evaders from the southern district of Lower California. This military province of the district, according to information reaching here, is estimated that the coming month will see the Mexican border to escape the draft.

FRENCH OFFENSIVE REPORT SHOWS LITTLE ACTIVITY

By Associated Press. Paris, Nov. 29.—(Associated Press.)—Artillery actions occurred north of the Meuse and in the region of Sedan, says an official report. In the Champagne north of Verdun the enemy last night after a violent bombardment undertook a raid in great strength. Our troops repulsed him inflicting heavy losses.

FRENCH SOLDIERS IN TOILS FOR RECEIVING REBATE

By Associated Press. Paris, Nov. 29.—(Associated Press.)—Proceedings have been instituted by the military authorities against a French soldier named Goldson, who was attached to the 1st Artillery division in the Champagne region. The charge is that he obtained commissions amounting to several million francs on purchases he was instructed to make for the French army.

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Advertisement for GASTON B. MEANS IS NOW ON TRIAL ON MURDER CHARGE and RAILWAY EARNINGS IN STATE INCREASE DURING THIS YEAR.

Advertisement for Mexican Will Expel Draft Evaders From Lower California and FRENCH OFFENSIVE REPORT SHOWS LITTLE ACTIVITY.

Advertisement for FRENCH SOLDIERS IN TOILS FOR RECEIVING REBATE and WILSON GRIMES, SISTER OF MAJOR TAYLOR'S DRUG STORE AND PHARMACY.

Advertisement for H. Leslie Parker, 'The King of the Big Muddy,' featuring a portrait and text about his life and career.

Large advertisement for PENNINGTON'S shoes, featuring the headline 'We Have Just Received' and 'A Large Shipment of Ladies' and Misses' Dark Brown Boots With Military Heels'.

Advertisement for NUNN ELECTRIC CO. featuring the headline 'The Brunswick Brings All Artists Into Your Home Because It Plays All Records' and 'Tone Adaptability Beauty'.

SERVICE CAR MAN SAYS PASSENGERS ROBBED HIM

Dr. Haddock, service car driver from Lawton, Oklahoma, with a passenger, was held up late yesterday at Lawton, Okla., by three men in the uniform of soldiers. Haddock says he does not believe the robbers were really soldiers. 'The men were in uniform, all right,' said Mr. Haddock this morning, 'but I noticed that the uniform was of khaki, whereas the other soldiers I have seen in Lawton are now wearing woolen uniforms.' Early this afternoon a young man wearing civilian clothes over an army uniform was taken into custody by Sheriff Hawkins and was identified by Haddock as the soldier who had held the revolver when he was robbed. Haddock says he is now in jail. He said he came in on the train last night and he could buy whiskey. The soldier was apprehended on charge of the theft of the clothing. He had stopped at the Palace hotel last night and he said to have stolen the clothing this morning. The other passenger in the automobile was identified out in search of the thief. He spotted the soldier and reported to Sheriff Hawkins who took the young man into custody. The two partners are believed to be in Wichita Falls and the officers expect to have them in custody within a few hours.

Troops Leave Juarez To Reinforce Army in Field Seeking Villa

By Associated Press. Juarez, Nov. 29.—After a week of feverish military activity, Juarez was almost deserted today, only the permanent garrison troops being left behind at the disposal of the federal forces. The last troop train to go south to reinforce the federal forces in the field against Francisco Villa left last night. All other trains are believed to be in the hands of the federal forces. The military headquarters and headquarters of the military zone in Chihuahua City, including the reports circulating in El Paso late last night that Chihuahua City was under siege, were believed to have been near Chihuahua City early today when the main command. An attack is expected soon.

New Orleans Races Are Formally Opened For Winter Season

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Nov. 29.—New Orleans winter season of horse racing has today with the opening of the meet at the new Shreveport track under auspices of the Jefferson Parish Fair Association. A system of daily betting recently held legal by the Louisiana supreme court was also inaugurated.

EXORBITANT FEED CHARGES ALLEGED BY STOCK YARDS

By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 29.—As the result of complaints of farmers, cattle feeders and livestock producers, stock yards companies exact exorbitant charges for feed and general supplies, a bill has been introduced in congress and methods of regulation announced today. It will investigate with a view to effecting readjustment of conditions.

LA PERLA THE DRINK THAT SATISFIES. ASK FOR IT. McAfee & Witherspoon Distributors Wichita Falls, Texas. ON SALE EVERYWHERE. San Antonio Brewing Assn. CROCKETT 6780

RICE INSTITUTE TO PLAY A. & M. FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

By Associated Press. Houston, Tex., Nov. 29.—With the Rice University coaches doubtful about their quarterback, Nash, going into the game and Texas A. & M. looking for a victory, the game of today is expected to be a close one. The Rice team, who are already in the lead, are expected to win. The game will be played at the Rice stadium in Houston. The Rice team is expected to win. The game will be played at the Rice stadium in Houston. The Rice team is expected to win.

UNIVERSITY AND AGGIES CLASH IN OKLAHOMA

By Associated Press. Oklahoma City, Nov. 29.—Oklahoma University and Aggie football teams clashed today in a game at Oklahoma City. The Aggies won the game. The game was played at the Oklahoma City stadium. The Aggies won the game.

MOST OF TEXAS TEAMS TO STAGE CONTESTS TODAY

By Associated Press. Dallas, Tex., Nov. 29.—The 1917 football season in Texas today will be a busy one. Most of the teams are expected to play today. The game will be played at the stadium in Dallas. The game will be played at the stadium in Dallas.

Texas Teachers Meet In Waco; Governor To Be in Attendance

By Associated Press. Waco, Tex., Nov. 29.—The Texas state teachers convention opened here today in convention with the governor in attendance. The convention will be held at the Waco hotel. The governor will be in attendance.

Government Ownership Of Railroads Greatly Stimulated by War

By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 29.—Lessons of the war have stimulated government ownership of railroads. The government has taken control of the railroads. The government has taken control of the railroads.

CONGRESS OF FORCES SET FOR DECEMBER

By Associated Press. London, Nov. 29.—A Russian official communication received here by wireless says an order has been issued to the commander-in-chief of every Russian front, directing that a congress of the people's commissaries of the army and navy will convene in Petrograd with the purpose of organizing a new government regarding food and supplies.

THREE FRENCH STEAMERS SUNK BY SUBMARINES

By Associated Press. Paris, Nov. 29.—Three French steamships of more than 1,000 tons each were sunk today by submarines during the week ending Nov. 23. One fishing vessel was lost. Three steamers were attacked unsuccessfully.

TEXAS-ARKANSAS GAME SCHEDULED IN AUSTIN TODAY

By Associated Press. Austin, Tex., Nov. 29.—The University of Texas and the University of Arkansas clash here today upon a football game. The game will be played at the University of Texas stadium in Austin. The game will be played at the University of Texas stadium in Austin.

Football Results

At Worcester, Mass. (Foot-Bully) Worcester 17, Springfield 0. At Boston, Mass. (Foot-Bully) Boston 17, Springfield 0.

FREE HOUSING WILL BE PLAN NOW IN RUSSIA

London, Nov. 29.—The Daily Mail, Petrograd correspondent, in an article today gives an outline of a plan for free housing in Russia. The plan is expected to be implemented soon. The plan is expected to be implemented soon.

Greater Wastage Than Recruits Is Reported for Canada

By Associated Press. Ottawa, Nov. 29.—A military department statement today that during the first three days of the present month the wastage in Canada was greater than the number of recruits. The wastage was reported to be greater than the number of recruits.

Buenos Aires Strike Halts All Traffic On Lines, States Report

By Associated Press. Buenos Aires, Nov. 29.—Traffic on the General Railway Company of Buenos Aires is almost at a standstill because of a strike of the employees. The strike is expected to last several days. The strike is expected to last several days.

DELIBERATE FABRICATION CHARGED TO BOLSHEVIKI

By Associated Press. Stockholm, Nov. 29.—At a meeting of the Swedish parliament today, the government charged the Bolsheviki with a deliberate fabrication of a report that the Russian government had agreed to a truce with the Allies. The government charged the Bolsheviki with a deliberate fabrication.

ANOTHER RESOLUTION REPORTED IN PROGRESS

By Associated Press. London, Nov. 29.—The second edition of the Daily Mail today contains an apparently manipulated telegram from Petrograd dated four o'clock Wednesday. The telegram says that there has been some trouble here, but that it has been cleared up. The telegram says that there has been some trouble here.

Louis J. Malvy Now Impeached by French Chamber of Deputies

By Associated Press. Paris, Nov. 29.—(Wednesday)—As though he had been ordinarily not so on Wednesday, a special session was held today to discuss the report of the committee of inquiry into the activities of Louis J. Malvy. The committee approved the impeachment. The committee approved the impeachment.

SECRETARY LOCAL COMMERCIAL CLUB PRESENTS CLAIMS

GIVES REASONS WHY THIS CITY SHOULD HAVE ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE. COMMITTEE HOME AGAIN. Governor's Vote Cast Last. He Declines to Go With Majority of Committee Which Reported Yes.

Two Negroes Bound Over Upon Charge of Robbing White Man

By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 29.—John J. Swann, naval captain on an army transport, was determined by a court today to hold two Negroes on a charge of robbing a white man. The court held the two Negroes on a charge of robbing a white man.

Local Brevities

Dr. De Val Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat, Glasses, fitted First Nat'l Bank bldg. 124-126. J. G. Hill, insurance office and parlors, on West Ave., Phone 228. Prudent ambulance service. 124-126.

MEXICAN FEDERAL TROOPS REVENGED UPON VILLA BAND

By Associated Press. Juarez, Nov. 29.—Defeated Mexican federal troops from Guadalupe defeated the Villa band today when they met them at the mouth of the Santa Rita river near Laguna. The Villa band was defeated. The Villa band was defeated.

Editors of School Papers Testify to Inquiring Committee

By Associated Press. Austin, Tex., Nov. 29.—The faculty of the University of Texas today testified to the inquiry committee into the activities of the school papers. The faculty testified to the inquiry committee.

THOUSANDS OF PERSONS ENJOY NEW YORK FESTIVITIES

By Associated Press. New York, Nov. 29.—Thousands of persons today enjoyed the annual Thanksgiving parade in New York City. The parade was held in New York City. The parade was held in New York City.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

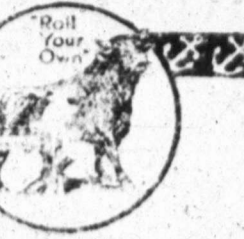
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THREE FOREIGN PRIESTS RELEASED IN MEXICO

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Germans Take Steps To Conserve Clothes During Period of War

Associated Press Mail Correspondent.
Berne, Switzerland.—To conserve the diminishing supply of clothing in Germany the German government has imposed regulations requiring that for all articles of linen or personal wear to be purchased, three similar worn articles must be returned. This increases the scope and rigor of the clothing cards introduced less than a year ago.
The regulation applies to cotton stockings, gloves, collars, table linen and cloth materials for various household purposes, for every suit or overcoat two well worn or one in good condition must be surrendered. The only articles of ordinary wear or use that are exempted from card regulation are wooden shoes and silk things.
More than a year ago there was much talk in Germany of reducing the consumption of cloth by inducing the old but fashionable light skirt, triotic minded women to return to the maximum quantity of material in meters, which should be used for a dress was even stipulated. The economy was not successfully accomplished however, for the German women, though they shortened their skirts appreciably, wore them wide and full.
Now therefore, there is pending a rigid specification limiting the number of yards of cloth which may be devoted to any garment of given proportions—depending upon the size of the prospective wearer. And if

ONE BATTALION CALLED FERRITS ELIMINATES RATS

Associated Press Mail Correspondent.
Behind British Lines in France.—There is a certain brave battalion in the British army which is known throughout the length and breadth of the line as "The Ferrits." The nickname was given them first of all because of their success in dealing with the rat nuisance in their section of the line, and the soldier who had most to do with combating the rats is known from Dunkirk to St. Quentin as "O. C. Rats," the initials being the regular British army abbreviation for "officer commanding."
The rats were probably worse in this battalion's section of the line last winter than anywhere else in Flanders, and many were the devices tried against the little enemy. Traps of all kinds were tried—rat devouring dogs were brought up—but in vain. A cat with a tremendous reputation in the French villages was purchased and old well at first, killed the rats in twenty-four hours and intimidating many others. Thereupon the battalion made much of the victorious animal, to its undoing, for it adapted itself as if by instinct to the life of a regimental pet, that is, it ate as much as it could of the men's rations, took the warmest corner available, and quit work.
Finally the battalion staff held a War Council, and dispatched one of its number to London to bring back three or four good ferrets.
In the trenches, the ferrets were an object of great interest. Private Thomas Merryfield emerged from obscurity and was assigned to take charge of the newcomers. From that day forward he was known to the army as O. C. Rats. He took his duties seriously, and immediately went into action against the little enemy that had been stealing food off the tables, running over officer's faces at night, chewing even the laces from men's boots.
The ferrets and their "O. C." put up some great hunts. There were moments of great excitement when the rats bolted wholesale before the new attack and were clubbed to death in the trenches by the enthusiastic men. There were also moments of breathless anxiety, when one of the precious ferrets emerged from a hole somewhere below the barbed wire and was reported steering for the German trenches. One day Merryfield won the censure of the authorities and the enthusiastic approval and praise of his comrades by retrieving a lost ferret from No-Man's-Land in day-light and under fire.
Little by little the art of rat hunting was learned by the whole battalion. Men became wise in ferret lore, cunning in interpreting the needs in the underground struggle between the antagonists. The rats have ever since found that section of the battle zone a wide berth and the fame of the writer's successful anti-rat offensive is known to all the

Mrs. Marshall Field Will Get Allotment From the Government

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Nov. 29.—A benevolent and thoughtful government has added \$25.50 a month to the six figure income of the wife of Marshall Field III.
Mr. Field, one of the principal heirs of the \$120,000,000 estate of the late merchant, Marshall Field, is a sergeant in a field artillery regiment now in Texas. As such he draws \$51 a month and as Mrs. Field did not waive the government allotment, nor show that she was able to support herself, her husband's superior officer ruled that she was entitled to half the money, according to word received here today from Houston.

THANKSGIVING DAY FINDS LARDER OF NATION VERY FULL

Associated Press.
Washington, Nov. 25.—Thanksgiving Day finds America's larder of plenty with new high record (fulness).
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The total value of all crops, animals and animal products, is \$5,000,000,000 greater than last year and more than the combined value of any two previous years. There were record crops of corn, oats, rye, white and sweet potatoes, tobacco and beans.
The principal farm crops will reach more than 12,000,000,000 in value, minor crops \$2,000,000,000 and animals and animal products including butter, cheese and eggs about \$6,500,000,000.
This year's values are based on preliminary production estimates and prices paid to producers, Nov. 1, as reported by the department of agriculture. An official estimate of the principal farm crop values will be made by the bureau of crop estimates on December 11.
Corn, the country's greatest crop, accounts for about one third of the increased total farm products value of this year. It is estimated at about \$4,650,000,000 compared with \$2,236,000,000 last year, \$1,723,000,000 in 1915 and \$1,577,000,000 the average for the five years, 1910-14. In point of quantity corn this year saw its largest production in history, 65,000,000 bushels more than the 1912 record crop, 608,000,000 bushels more than last year and 459,000,000 bushels more than the 1910-14 five year average.
Next in point of value comes cotton with a crop valued at about \$1,981,000,000 accounting for more than one tenth of the year's total value increase. Of that amount \$1,645,000,000 is estimated for lint and \$336,000,000 for seed. Cotton lint last year was valued at \$1,950,000,000 and seed at \$278,000,000 while the five year, 1910-14 average value was lint \$275,000,000 and seed \$128,000,000.
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At the Theatres

At The Gem.
The feature attraction at the Gem Theater today has been announced by the management as "The Girl Who Won Out," starring Violet McMillan in this realistic drama.
There are several other good features on the Gem's program today.
This little actress has recently divided her year into eight months vaudeville and four months with the movies and the fact that she is again in Universal City will be welcome news to many moviegoers.
At The Empress.
The millions of admirers of stalwart William Farnum, the famous Fox Film star, may look forward with keen anticipation to "The Conqueror," a massive and thrilling William Fox photodramatic romance based on the life of one of America's frontier heroes, General Sam Houston, of Texas, which will be seen at the Empress theater Thursday and Friday.
The first announcement of this big production comes with the facts that it was directed by R. A. Walsh, producer of "The Honor System" and other Fox pictures of extraordinary merit, and that in the course of its production, "The Conqueror" made

SERIOUS BUSINESS TO DO ANY JOKING AT SEA

Special to The Times.
Washington, Nov. 28.—As an American transport carrying U. S. Marines to Europe was leaving port, somewhere, sometime, the Marine bugler aboard sounded "taps," which is the military way of saying "Good Night."
Now the Commanding Officer of the transport didn't think it was "good night" for his packet and saw no humor in the Marine bugler's premature surrender to the "tin lizzies of the sea." Nor could the young sea-soldier see the point when he was given "three days bread and water" to ponder over his wheeze. It's serious business to joke at sea in times like these, and after his enforced "Hoovering," the Marine bugler is convicted that this is so.
Royal Neighbors will entertain the M. W. A., Thursday evening, the 29th, at Odd Fellows hall on Seventh street. The public is invited to enjoy a pleasant evening.
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MAJESTIC THEATER

TOMORROW

WILLIAM S. HART

The idol of every girl who has ever seen him scowl menacingly from the screen and then melt before a woman, stars in a seven-reel special production, personally directed by Thos. H. Ince, in—

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Bill is just as fierce, just as fascinating, and just as tender in love as ever he was and has excellent opportunities to bring all these forces into play in the biggest picture he has ever starred in. If you have formed a conclusion that all of Mr. Hart's pictures are just alike our advice is to see this one and be convinced how far wrong your opinion has been.

20c 10c 5c

LITTLE MARY ARRIVED SAFE AND SOUND and is here in all her glory in "CHARITY CASTLE" TODAY.

CARRY YOUR BUNS TO TEA ROOMS FOR LUNCH

Special to The Times.
London, Nov. 28.—The food authorities are now perplexed with the practice of shoppers and office workers in bringing bags of buns into tea shops in the afternoon. Tea shops are required to keep a record of these buns, their weight and approximate value, and the smuggling, probably will be dealt with later. Small cafes and tea shops cannot sell a meal at a price over thirty cents, nor fill orders for bread or cakes between 3 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon, in an amount exceeding two ounces.

BOY AT DETROIT DIES FROM FOOTBALL INJURIES

By Associated Press.
Detroit, Mich., Nov. 28.—Harry De Loff, 26 years old, died in a hospital last night from injuries received in a football game recently. He is the second Detroitite to succumb to football injuries this fall.

JUST A REMINDER THAT BIG PICTURE at

The EMPRESS THEATRE

TODAY AND TOMORROW

WILLIAM FARNUM

—IN—

"The Conqueror"

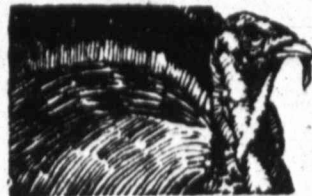
The Life of General Sam Houston
Directed by R. A. WALSH who made "The Honor System" "NUF SAID"



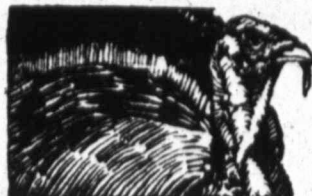
Adults 25c, Children under 12, 10c, Children over 12, 15c

PERSONALS

Homer Bachman of Camp Bowie came in this morning to spend Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bachman. Mrs. H. E. Munnell will leave in the morning for a month's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Paul Webb, of Tulsa, Okla.



Thanksgiving



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company sergeants at Camp Bowie, are spending Thanksgiving with home folks.

MEASLES CAUSES DEATH TO TWO MORE SOLDIERS

Alexandria, La., Nov. 29.—Measles caused the death of two more soldiers at Camp Bueenard, near here, today, camp authorities reported. In the last 13 days 18 men have died in the camp.

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- Corn, per can 15 and 20c
2 cans small Peas 35c
Tomatoes, per can 10 and 15c
2 cans Soup 25c
2 cans small Lima Beans 35c
3 pound can Hominy 15c
1 can blackeyed Peas and Pork 15c
Picnic Plates, per dozen 5c
2 packages Tapioca 25c
1 can Dill Pickles 20c
1 package Mothers Oats with prize 40c
4 packages Sunbright cleanser 25c
Preserves, 50c, 40c and 65c
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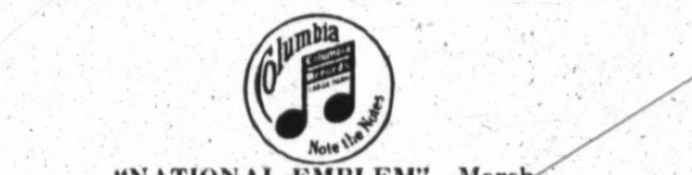
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