

## IRON AND STEEL PRICE FIXING IS TO BE CONSIDERED

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION SAYS GOVERNMENT MUST TAKE HOLD.

## CONGRESS GETS REPORT

Believes Reports of Unfair Competition Have Increased Rather Than Decreased During Period of War.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 12.—Extension of the government's price fixing power to other products than food and fuel and especially to iron and steel, is believed necessary by the Federal Trade Commission in the light of experience gained in investigation economic conditions since the United States entered the war. Recommendations that a temporary administrative body be established to determine a reasonable price for prime necessities and also to regulate the distribution of raw materials and finished products was made in the commission's annual report, submitted today to congress.

Other recommendations suggest that the commission's powers of obtaining information be broadened to authorize requirement of reports from individuals engaged in commerce, as well as corporations; that information gathered by temporary semi-official organizations such as the Council of National Defense, including all correspondence, be ordered preserved; that trade association files should be made public records; that investigations of foreign trade conditions be made to permit proper measures with regard to American industrial organizations now and when peace is concluded; that the Webb bill to eliminate associations for export trade from the operation of the Sherman law be passed; and that the salary limitation of \$5,000 a year be removed from the commission's expert employees.

Complaints Increase. Declaration of war has not lessened the complaints made to the commission of unfair competition, but on the contrary the number of complaints has increased. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, the commission was disposed of without formal proceedings, leaving 191 complaints still under investigation. Applications for remedial procedure by the commission decreased a decided amount during the year ending June 30, 1916, in nine cases during the last year, the commission issued formal complaints, and in four the matter was disposed of by the issuance of orders to cease and desist.

Price Fixing. Regarding the necessity for governmental price-fixing, the report says: "The experience of this government in the question of fixing prices is one that has been carefully followed by the commission, which has furnished tentative data for this purpose to the fuel administration and to the war industries board. The commission has also had under consideration the experience of other countries in this matter, and particularly England and her colonies, France, and other allies. It is concluded that price fixing by authority of law will have to be extended to other products than food and fuel, and that such authority is preferably exercised by a temporary administrative body. In particular it is of the opinion that such price fixing power should be established and exercised with respect to the iron and steel industry, for which a bill has already been introduced in the senate. Equally important, in its opinion, with the fixing of prices is the regulation of the distribution of the raw materials and intermediate products in the industry affected and of the distribution of the final products to the consumer. In this connection also should be considered the question whether bona fide contracts made prior to the passage of a price-fixing law should be allowed to be enforced. This commission is of the opinion that the exact merits of the proposition might differ somewhat in different industries. With respect to the big iron and steel industry, however, it believes that the greatest public advantage would be attained by not allowing such contracts to be fulfilled, at least over long periods of time. In the case of coal, it is the opinion of the commission that the continued fulfillment of long-term bona fide contracts of sale made prior to the enactment of the law would militate against the most successful operation of price fixing by the government."

Need Investigation. The need of a comprehensive investigation of trade associations according to the report, has been developed from the commission's other inquiries. Lack of adequate trade information has been found to be one of the chief obstacles in many industries to the operation of natural competitive forces and where trade associations collect such information, it is desired that temptation frequently resorted to control prices artificially and the channels of distribution. Publicity of trade association files, it is urged, would extend the knowledge of demand and supply and help to prevent abnormal fluctuations in prices, as well as tend to curb association activities of objectionable character. Economic investigations during the year have been made into the news-

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## ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM IS MADE UPON FOOT BY COMMANDER OF BRITISH

JERUSALEM IS ENTERED BY BRITISH GENERAL LLOYD GEORGE STATES.

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 12. (Bulletin)—Premier Lloyd George today announced in the house of commons that General Allenby, the British commander in Palestine, entered Jerusalem on foot on Tuesday.

The war situation of today is summarized by the Associated Press as follows: Formal entry was made into Jerusalem yesterday by General Allenby, commander of the British forces in Palestine to whom the city surrendered on Monday after it had been surrounded by British troops. There are some signs of a renewal of the Austro-German effort to break the Italian front between the Brenna and Piave in northern Italy, a heavy bombardment being reported in that sector of the mountain line. Snow has begun falling in the mountains however, and this is counted upon to work against the Teutonic forces, making their communications more difficult to keep up and helping to block their way into the passes.

Peace Movement Pushed. While Bolshevik power in Russia is being menaced on many sides, the peace movement which the ex-minister government recently instituted apparently is being pushed with all possible rapidity. The latest report on the progress of the exchanges with the Teutonic representatives at the front comes from a German source, the semi-official Berlin news agency, announcing that authorization has been given a new Russian commander to open peace negotiations with Germany on the Russian front. Demobilization of the Russian forces already has begun, it is declared. On the Rumanian front an armistice for an indefinite period has been signed.

Bolshevik power in Petrograd is being menaced more seriously as the opposition becomes solidified. There is unrest in Petrograd and Moscow, the extremist strongholds and the Cossacks already have advanced from the Don, northward. The political leaders opposed to the extremists expect that their military forces will be able to depose the Bolsheviks soon and that by spring they

will have a formidable fighting force to meet the Germans. The whole force of 400,000 Cossacks, it is said, in London where direct communication has been established with the Cossack leaders, will back the counter revolution. Allied support is counted upon by the leaders of the counter revolution if it is to be successful and it is hoped that an American army may be sent to Russia.

Threats Against Smolny. Threats against the Smolny Institute, Bolshevik headquarters in Petrograd, are made by opponents of the Bolsheviks, who demand that the leaders be shown of their power. In Moscow the Bolsheviks are having trouble in feeding the population and their own soldiers threaten revolt. The Bolsheviks are attempting to convene the constituent assembly and threaten to arrest any of their opponents who try to gain control of the assembly. The infantry inactivity on the Franco-Belgian front, except as regards employment of this arm of the service in reconnoitering thrusts, has been broken only by local attacks by the Germans on the Cambrai front north of La Vaucelle, which the British repulsed. The operations have otherwise been confined to artillery bombardments which have apparently lessened somewhat in activity.

No Break in Activity. There has been no break in the infantry activity on the western and the Italian fronts. The artillery on both sides has been active along the great part of the two fronts and on the western front the allied and German armies have engaged in lively combat. German reinforcements continue to be sent westward but there is no sign of when and where the expected blow will fall. Heavy bombardments by the big guns generally slowly approaching the fighting activity and the invasion probably in allied capitals that the Germans will make a supreme effort before very long. The Austrian battleship Wien has been torpedoed and sunk. According to Vienna most of her crew was saved. The vessel measured 3152 tons and her pre-war complement was 141 men.

## OHIO GOVERNOR IGNORES FUEL HEAD; TAKES ACTION

By Associated Press. Columbus, O., Dec. 12.—Governor James Cox went over the heads of the federal fuel administration officials and has taken the Ohio coal shortage problem in his own hands. The first move today was to order solid train loads of coal assembled and sent immediately to points in the State most seriously in need of fuel.

The order is directly contrary to instructions of F. C. Baird, federal fuel administrator in charge of the lakes coal pool, Cleveland, who refused by long distance telephone today to sanction such action. "It was perhaps hardly possible from day to day," the Times adds, "to get an authoritative account of the situation as a whole, though we cannot longer be satisfied with the fatuous estimates, for example, of the German losses in men and morale which have inspired too many of the published messages." After asserting that the new line, as reconstituted is securely held, the Times continues: Reports Censored. "The published and censored version is being amplified daily by innumerable disquieting first-hand accounts from officers and men, who participated in the actual fighting. It is high time that this mass of partial information should be placed in its true perspective, blandly sifted, and blown off any where due should take shape in prompt disapproval of every blunder."

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## COOPERATION IS FLATLY PROMISED BY RAILWAY HEADS

TELL PRESIDENT EVEN IF GOVERNMENT OPERATES LINES WILL GIVE AID

## GIVE CAUSE OF TANGLE

Say That Thousands of Priority Orders Have Slowed Traffic Over Country—Favor U. S. Director

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 12.—The fullest measure of cooperation in any direction President Wilson may make to solve the railroad problem, even though he should choose government operation, was pledged to the president today by the railroad war board, composed of a representative committee of railroad executives. The railroad executives told the president they did not ask a billion dollars loan or a suspension of their anti-trust and anti-pooling laws. They told him they believed the railroads themselves would be able to cope with the traffic situation if the government would name a federal traffic director to coordinate all governmental shipments and have the government approve railroad credit for raising new capital. Thousands of priority orders coming from as many sources, the railroad men declared, are the principal causes of congestion. Coordination of government shipments by a federal traffic manager they said would meet the situation. Willing To Cooperate. If, however, the president after considering all plans decided to take over the railroads for government operation, the railroad executives declared, they would receive their fullest cooperation. After seeing the railroad executives, President Wilson had an engagement with the heads of the four great railroad men's brotherhoods. They oppose government operation.

By Associated Press. St. Louis, Dec. 12.—Warning that further curtailment of passenger service on western railroads probably will be necessary to release engines for eastern roads was issued today at the general offices of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad. PASSENGER SERVICE MAY BE CURTAILED.

## BLUNDER HINTED AT UPON CAMBRAI FRONT RECENTLY

LONDON TIMES IS OUTSPOKEN IN DEMAND FOR AN INVESTIGATION

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 12.—The Times in an editorial in unusually heavy type, calls for "a prompt, searching and complete inquiry" respecting the "reversal of fortune" on the British front during the tremendous struggle on the southern side of the new Cambrai salient on Nov. 30 and the two following days. "It was perhaps hardly possible from day to day," the Times adds, "to get an authoritative account of the situation as a whole, though we cannot longer be satisfied with the fatuous estimates, for example, of the German losses in men and morale which have inspired too many of the published messages." After asserting that the new line, as reconstituted is securely held, the Times continues: Reports Censored. "The published and censored version is being amplified daily by innumerable disquieting first-hand accounts from officers and men, who participated in the actual fighting. It is high time that this mass of partial information should be placed in its true perspective, blandly sifted, and blown off any where due should take shape in prompt disapproval of every blunder."

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## Man's Head Blown Off When Shells Explode In Fire

By Associated Press. Wilmington, Del. Dec. 12.—A terrific explosion shortly before eight o'clock this morning with shells flying in every direction around Newcastle and immediate vicinity as well as Wilmington and other points and soon developed into a fire which had broken out in one of the most dangerous sections of the steel loading plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company, about a mile below Newcastle. The blast, which is of unknown origin, started in the steel loading house in which were stored 15,000 shells loaded with T. N. T., one of the most violent of all explosive uses in war and 30,000 empty shells. The fire had scarcely started when the contents of the loaded shells began to fly in every direction. The building which was a frame structure, about 100 by 75 feet, burned like tinder and as the flames reached the loaded shells the latter began to explode and occasioned a death anyone coming of having dealings with enemy foreign powers.

## MAN SHOTS FOUR RESULT QUARREL; HE MAKES ESCAPE

By Associated Press. Millvale, N. J., Dec. 12.—After a quarrel with his wife over the love affairs of their daughter, James Borwick last night shot and killed his wife, Mrs. Benjamin Deluca and five-year-old daughter of the Deluca's Sylvia Borwick, a 19-year-old daughter, whose romance led to the shooting, escaped by leaping through an upstairs window. She was badly cut by glass. Borwick escaped.

## GREAT ACTIVITY IN AIR AROUND CAMBRAI, REPORT

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 12.—There was great activity in the air on Monday, especially in the Cambrai region, according to the official statement on aerial operations issued last night. British airplanes dropped bombs on enemy villages—and the Germans bombed the British area. Five German airplanes were brought down and three British machines are missing. On Tuesday British aviators dropped bombs on a large railway junction northeast of Pirmasens, in the Bavarian palatinate, about 100 miles east of Verdun.

By Associated Press. Petrograd, Monday, Dec. 10.—The highest Russian court and all the chiefs of Petrograd in keeping with the recent decree of the peoples' commissaries substituting new revolutionary tribunals. The only opposition was at the council of county judges who refused to be dispersed. They were arrested by soldiers. The soldiers, peasants and workmen in each district according to the proclamation, name a permanent president of the court and six jurors, the latter serving only one week. They have full power to impose fines, imprisonment and banishment. Each juror can cause an arrest in an emergency but the entire court must approve later. Any member can cause a prisoner to be released.

## FORMER PREMIER OF FRANCE UNDER GRAVEST CHARGES

By Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 12.—Deputy Louis Loustel, who with Joseph Caillaux, the former premier, is the subject of requests for authorization of proceedings is understood, is charged with having relations with enemy M. Caillaux is accused under four articles of the penal code, condemning to death anyone conspiring of having dealings with enemy foreign powers.

## HALIFAX DEATHS ARE REDUCED TO TOTAL OF 1,800

By Associated Press. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 12.—A revised estimate today of the explosion casualties reduces the death list to approximately 1,800. The known dead total 800 and it is believed that not more than 1,000 bodies and perhaps only 900 still lie under the debris of shattered and burned buildings. The list of victims is steadily becoming smaller as relatives are reunited and refugees who left the city return. From 300 to 500 persons are totally or partly blind and 200 children have each lost both parents, according to the American and Canadian workers investigating the situation. The Boston relief ship Calvin Austin entered the harbor today.

By Associated Press. Boston, Dec. 12.—Kenneth Casson, who returned to his home here yesterday after a tour of service with the Tufts College hospital unit in France, said that the vessel on which he crossed the Atlantic was damaged by the tidal wave thrown up by the munitions steamer explosion at Halifax. The vessel was 35 miles off the coast when the great sea drove over her, knocking down nearly every one on deck and destroying the pilot house.

## CONGRESS INSERTS PROBE FIRST INTO WAR DEPARTMENT

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## Drouth Relief Body To Go To Washington Latter Part of Week

By Associated Press. Austin, Dec. 12.—Governor Hobby today wired President Wilson of the action of a committee on the drought situation at its meeting held here, that a final appeal should be made to the national council of defense as a military expedient; that "the committee feels that particularly at this time it is a matter of military moment rather than strictly a relief measure."

## HALIFAX EXPLOSION CAUSED TIDAL WAVE

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CHRISTMAS FURLOUGHS WILL NOT BE GIVEN TO NATIONAL ARMY MEN. By Associated Press. Dec. 12.—Men of the national army will not be given Christmas furloughs unless they live within 100 miles of their stations, the war department has decided.

J. F. KIRBY, FATHER OF SENATOR, DIES AT TEXARKANA. Texarkana, Dec. 12.—J. F. Kirby, 84, father of United States Senator William F. Kirby, died at his home today after an illness of several weeks. His wife died about six weeks ago.

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**NUMBERS APPLY  
 AT CALL FIELD  
 FOR ENLISTMENT**

**MAJOR KRAFF POSTPONES HIS  
 TRIP TO DALLAS FOR FEW DAYS**

Twenty applications for enlistment have been received at Call Field, and the majority will be accepted today, according to a statement issued from headquarters this morning. Major George W. Kraff declared that there was some excellent material in the bunch, several particularly well qualified men having applied. For those, as for any enlisted man, there is opportunity for promotion to the rank of flying cadets, provided the man has the necessary qualifications in education, physical fitness, and so forth.

The major stated that he believed the camp would be in complete working order within a week, as more cadets were arriving daily, and a great many machines are now assembled, ready for flight. The machines are being tried out daily, in spite of the fact that the extreme cold of the past few days has rendered special precautions necessary. However, the major said, by heating the water and oil before putting them into the machine, it was possible to reduce the risk to a minimum.

Everything at the camp is going very smoothly, though everyone is extremely busy. Asked if anything of interest had happened, Major Kraff replied that so many things had happened that he did not recall anything in particular. Major Kraff's flight to Dallas has been postponed for the time being, owing to pressure of duties that will keep him at the camp for some days yet.

**Violation of Export  
 License Regulations  
 Charged Against Man**

By Associated Press.  
 Eagle Pass, Texas, Dec. 12.—Charged with violation of the export license regulations, Jose Gomez, general manager of the Harinera Del Norte Company of Piedras Negras, Mexico, was arrested here today. He furnished \$20,000 bond for his appearance before the grand jury. Gomez is said to have attempted to ship two carloads of corn into Mexico.

**Woodman Case Also  
 Is Dismissed From  
 The Court at Austin**

By Associated Press.  
 Austin, Dec. 12.—On motion of District Attorney John E. Shelton in the criminal district court of Travis county in the cases against C. W. Woodman, former labor commissioner, charged with perjury, were today dismissed by Judge James R. Hamilton. The motion was along the same lines as those in the other state cases, and the motion was also supported by a letter from Percy McDannell, a notary public, in which he stated that he had not sworn Woodman as to the accounts for traveling expenses.

**Oral Argument Heard  
 In Spanell Case By  
 The Appellate Court**

By Associated Press.  
 Austin, Dec. 12.—In the court of criminal appeals today was submitted on oral argument, the case of H. J. Spanell, appellant, against the state in the killing of Colonel M. C. Butler of the regular army on July 20, 1916, at which time the wife of Spanell was also killed. The killing occurred at Alpine in Brewster county and on a change of venue the case was transferred to Tom Green county, where Spanell was tried for the murder of his wife and acquitted. On the own motion of the court changed the venue to Coleman county, in the case against Spanell on the charge of killing the army officer.

He was tried there and given a term of five years in the penitentiary. Spanell is represented by Williams and Williams of Waco, and Walter C. Woodward of Coleman, while the state is represented by Judge Snodgrass and Judge Wright of San Angelo.

**HALF MILLION DOLLARS  
 COST OF ATTLEBORO FIRE.**

By Associated Press.  
 Attleboro, Mass., Dec. 12.—The fire which swept through the business center of this city today caused damage estimated by the police at approximately \$500,000.

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 Dec. 10, 1917.

Dear Santa:  
 My name is Harry Paul Smith. I live at 1403, 5th. I am 8 years old. I want a pumpaction, three boxes of bee-bees, a Conklin fountain pen and a gold watch and that is all.  
 Your friend,  
 HARRY PAUL SMITH,  
 Wichita Falls, Texas,  
 Dec. 10, 1917.

Dear Santa:  
 I am a little boy ten years old. I have been a good boy. If you will please bring me a twenty-two rifle, a pair of gloves.  
 From your little boy,  
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Dear Santa Claus:  
 I wish you would send me on Xmas a soldier suit, a play cannon, a play sword, a painting book and a box of candy and that's all.  
 Yours truly,  
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Dear Santa:  
 Will you please bring me a toy steam shovel, a toy automobile, a small bicycle, a foot ball, a watch, a pair of roller skates, some candy, nuts and fruits.  
 Your true friend,  
 UCAS PITTS.

Dear Santa:  
 I want you to bring me a doll, a doll buggy, a sewing box, a box of stationery, a pair of house slippers and candy and fruit and nuts. That's all Santa.  
 Your sincere friend,  
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Dear Santa Claus:  
 Please bring me a teddy bear and a high chair for Teddy and a grip and some oranges and apples and some peanuts and some doll clothes in my trunk.  
 LEVA FAY CLASBEY,  
 P. S. Santa, I want a push cart, too.

Dear Santa Claus:  
 Please bring me a little trunk of doll clothes, a push cart and a big teddy bear.  
 DOROTHY CLASBEY,  
 P. S. Please bring me a big teddy bear high chair.

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 Your little friend,  
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 Please bring me a baby doll and a desk to write on and a Christmas tree and some fruit. And I want some clothes for my doll and I would like for you to fix my big doll.  
 From your little friend,  
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### Society In Chicago "Puritanical" Says Author and Clubman

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Chicago society is declared to be more puritanical than that of any large city in the world, by Hobart C. Chatfield-Taylor, author and clubman, in a book out today on the territorial, business and social development of the city.

"Chicago is socially a New England town as straight-laced as Boston," Mr. Chatfield-Taylor writes. "The reader whose opinion of us has been formed from the lurid tales of our depravity which appear in magazines and newspapers or from a sojourn of a day or two at some hotel will smile incredulously at the comparison.

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### ROOMING HOUSE PROPRIETOR IS NOW UPON TRIAL

The first of the cases alleging sale of liquor to members of the United States military forces in uniform, that of the United States of America against R. and Ella Lebrecht of Wichita Falls, proprietors of the Royal rooming house, is on trial today in the federal court. Defendants are represented by Fred Weeks. There were three counts in the indictment, one covering sale of liquor, malt and spirituous, by the defendants without license and two covering sale of intoxicants to members of the United States military forces in uniform.

The alleged violation of the federal statute by special proclamation occurred in July of this year. Three soldiers, Sergeant McMahon and two companions, were arrested at four o'clock one Sunday morning while leaving the rooming house and taken to the county jail. Beer was found in the car, according to statements of the officers making the arrest.

**Special Agent Testifies.**

W. C. Pope, special worker in the department of justice who was responsible for the arrests, was the first witness called to the stand. Pope told of watching the rooming house in question and of observing packages and barrels which he supposed contained liquor being brought into the house from the saloon of D. M. Hardy over which the rooming house is located and from the Manhattan Bar, across the street from the building occupied by the rooming house.

The next witness for the prosecution, Sergeant McMahon, soldier from Fort Sill, testified that he had had arrangements made by telephone for a room in Wichita Falls, calling from Lawton, that on arriving in Wichita Falls he and his party had gone to the Royal and asked for the room for which reservation had been made, paying \$14.50. The party to whom this money was paid was not identified by the witness in his testimony.

**Found Plenty to Drink.**

Witness continued that when he and his companions, two in number, reached the room, it being then about 11 o'clock, they found in the room a cask of bottled beer with some of the bottles already in a tub. The Sergeant's testimony showed that they prepared for the trip back to Fort Sill about 4 o'clock the next morning, which was Sunday and that as they were preparing to leave, being already in an automobile, the arrest took place.

### COCO COLA FAMINE NOW STARES FOLKS OF CITY IN FACE

Woe to him who needs the stimulating refreshment of the liquid pep, Coco-Cola—or thinks he does. His hour is come, his doom is sealed, the books are set, and the judgments are written. For a "coke" famine has come, and no immediate relief is in sight. The war is to blame for it, and Sherman will have more admirers than ever. All the local jobbers have stated that they are out of Coco-Cola and the majority of them have no very lively hope of getting any this year.

The explanation given is that the Food Administration has requested the makers of candy and soft drinks which require sugar to curtail their output to the irriducible minimum; and the Coco-Cola Company has fallen in line with the suggestion, and are only making about fifty per cent of its normal output, according to information received by the local jobbers. In addition it is believed that there has been an attempt on the part of certain jobbers in the large cities to buy up as much as a year's supply; which, of course, if it should be the case, has reduced the available quantity very materially.

None of Wichita Falls jobbers have a supply on hand and but one of the expected a shipment in the immediate future. Even this one admitted that the date of its arrival was "a question" but added that it was expected "today or tomorrow."

### MUSICAL COMEDY PLEASURES PACKED HOUSE HERE.

A packed house greeted the musical comedy, "Very Good Eddie" at the Wichita Theatre last night and the enjoyment of the audience was in direct proportion to its size. There were many bright spots in the comedy, in fact without the chorus and her of the music "Very Good Eddie" would get by as among the best. Carnie Christie as Eddie, scored a genuine hit as did his similarly diminutive unwilling but almost bride, played by Myrtle Bordin. Their respective better halves were well chosen and though having but relatively minor parts did good work.

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### SOCIETY

#### INVITATIONS RECEIVED FOR WAGGONER-RICHARDSON WED

Invitations have been received for the wedding of Miss Cora Lee Waggoner to Mr. P. S. Richardson Thursday, December 20, at 1 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Waggoner.

#### M. E. CHURCH BIBLE CLASS TAKES COMFORTS TUESDAY

Mrs. C. M. Miller was hostess to the Woman's Bible Class of the M. E. Church South Sunday school Tuesday afternoon. The entire afternoon was spent in tacking comforts for the Red Cross, the class donating material and tacking two comforts. Light refreshments of coffee and wafers were served to Mesdames Waggoner, Hutton, Blend, Harris, Bullard, Duke, Brown, Frazier, Dobeon, Gwinn and Miller.

#### REBEKAHS WILL MEET TOMORROW WAFTERNOON.

The regular meeting of the Rebekahs will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30, when officers for the coming year will be elected. At this meeting it is particularly requested that all members of drill teams be present to practice the drills for the "Fifth Monday" meeting to be held Dec. 31.

#### SHEPPARD-CHRISTENSEN.

Word has been received here of the marriage of Mrs. Mary Ligon Christensen, formerly a resident of Wichita Falls, to Charles Sheppard, of Port Arthur, Texas. Mr. Sheppard is a brother of Senator Morris Sheppard. Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard will make their home at Port Arthur where both have property investments.

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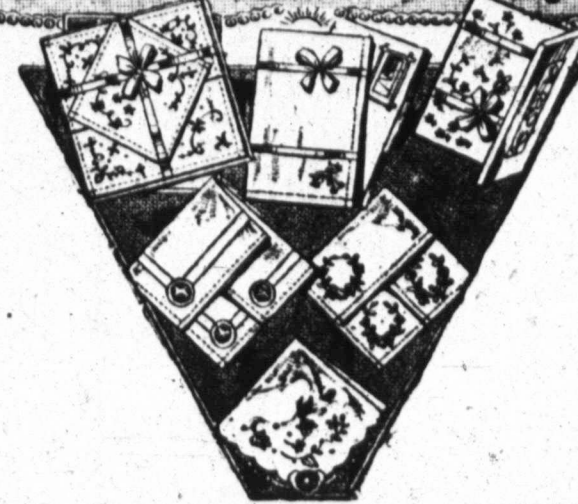


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 Men's fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, pretty patterns ..... 50c  
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### THIRTY-ONE NAVY RECRUITS SECURED HERE DURING WEEK

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Thirty-one navy recruits had been accepted this week at the local office up to noon today, out of nearly three times that many applications, and they were still coming. The office was full of young men, all of them likely looking specimens enough, and all anxious to join Uncle Sam's navy, while the chance remains. Fifteen of

the applicants were accepted this morning, and the officers have not nearly finished their day's work yet. They are doing a land slide business, and there is no promise of any let-up, but rather there is every sign of an even heavier day tomorrow. No applicants within the draft age will be accepted after the night of 14th inst.

Those sent to Dallas this week are: E. W. Spangnel, Randolette, Okla.; Ted Harvey, Detroit, Texas; W. C. Harmon, city; J. C. Moore, Mangum, Okla.; C. F. Bradley, city; L. E. Spaulding, H. C. Caldwell, and W. R. Brazil, Henrietta; L. A. Calvert, Archer City; H. S. Tegar, Medina; H. G. Birdwell, Hollys, Okla.; E. W. Wilson, L. R. Smith, and James Gibbons, Nocona; R. L. Goode, Plymouth, Texas; R. J. Weathered, Covington; Leonard L. Smith, city; F. K. Smith, Okla.; D. D. Dickenson, Davis, Okla.; R. L. Rogers, Medicine Mound;

B. L. Turner, Forrest; H. R. Ziedig, and W. W. Cole, Crowell; J. O. Dixon, Quanah; B. R. Monarch, J. C. Green, and E. E. Lindley, Quanah; R. B. Conroy, Bryan; C. O. Gosler, Paducah; and W. N. Cunningham, Newcastle.

### GREAT BRITAIN MAY TAKE OVER CONTROL OF METALS.

By Associated Press  
 London, Dec. 11.—The non-ferrous metal bill, which gives the government control of all dealings in metals not containing iron and is intended to destroy what hitherto had been a virtual German monopoly in these metals, was discussed in the house of commons last night. The bill has been criticized strongly inside and outside of parliament.

### FUNERAL OF VERNON BOY IN ARMY IS CONDUCTED

Special to The Times, Dec. 12.—Funeral services of M. D. Owen, the first boy from Vernon in the new National Army to die, was held Saturday. He was a victim of pneumonia at Camp Bowie.

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Carrier boys are not allowed to collect for subscription to The Times, except in the factory district and on north side of river. Our collector will call on you or else you will receive a statement from us through the mail.

Texas towns in this immediate vicinity are reporting a serious shortage of coal. This weather is calculated to decrease the supply on hand.

Cotton has gone up another \$5 a bale. The men who are going to benefit most of all by high prices are the farmers. But their day has been long in arriving.

"To Dallas and back by airplane before lunch" does have a strange sound now, but we predict that within a few years time the people of Wichita Falls won't think any more of flying to Dallas than they do now of stepping into their back yards.

Jeff McLemore has announced that hereafter his home will be at Galveston and that he will be a candidate for Congress from that district. Mr. McLemore was the Texas congressman-at-large who proposed the surrender of American rights on the seas to arrogant Prussiaism. If the Galveston district wants that kind of a congressman, the rest of the state can't have much to say.

CONGRESS TO INVESTIGATE.

Congress is taking steps to investigate the manner in which the various departments of the government are being conducted in time of war.

Some good many result from such an inquiry in that it will place the various departments of the government upon their "tip-toes" in their efforts to reach a point of efficiency which will receive public approval.

For instance, an investigation such as has been announced relative to the care for and treatment of soldiers in the various army cantonments should stimulate both war department and army officers in making conditions there as sanitary and satisfactory as possible. If the inquiry is to be of the "constructive" rather than the critical sort, then much may be gained, for suggestions as to betterments of conditions will be forthcoming.

There is, however, a hint contained in the recent dispatches that the work to be done by the committees of both the House and the Senate is intended to take the place of the recently proposed "joint war committee" of Congress which was intended to have charge of the conduct of hostilities in such a measure as to weaken the hands of President Wilson.

It is a big job for one good man to have executive control of the government's war activities; it is a job impossible of successful accomplishment by any considerable number of members of Congress.

Interference with the executive department of the government is certain to hamper the speedy preparation of a great army for the front, but on the other hand a genuinely disinterested and constructive inquiry, made for the purpose of helping uncover faults wherever they may be found and to apply a remedy, may be of the greatest service.

We have no doubt that the members of Congress are perfectly sincere in their determination to help. Let us hope that they will find, in the end, that there is not one among them who will forget the primary purpose of the work ahead so far as to seek to gain for himself political prestige by thwarting the efforts of the various government departments with inconsequential quibbling over unessential details.

Congress is composed of men elected by the people. The people are for the speediest and most efficient raising of an army and prosecution of the war possible.

FOUNDER OF OSTEOPATHIC SCHOOL OF MEDICINE DIES. By Associated Press. Kirksville, Mo., Dec. 12.—Dr. A. T. Still, founder of the Osteopathic School of Medicine, died here today.

THREE OKLAHOMANS ARE HELD GUILTY UNDER MANN ACT

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SENTENCE TO BE FIXED

Young Woman Taken Charge of by Men While She Was Riding in Buggy to Her Home from Church.

John Kraft, A. N. Bone and Brad Snodgrass, three Oklahoma men charged with conspiracy to violate the Mann act, were declared guilty by a jury sitting in the federal court for this district last night, the jury's findings being for conviction on all six counts contained in the indictment. Federal Judge Smith will fix sentence on the defendants.

Verdict Near Midnight. The jury brought in the verdict of guilty about 11 o'clock last night, after deliberating from 5:30, when the judge's charge was received. Tuesday afternoon was spent in argument of the case. The attorneys for the defense were Everett Petrie of Altus, S. B. Garrett of Mangum and Ed Napier of this city. District Attorney O'Dell and Assistant District Attorney Allen conducted the prosecution, Mr. O'Dell closing for the state.

The defendants were indicted on six counts and in charging the jury Judge Smith called attention separately to each count. There were many unusual features to the case and the testimony at all times was sensational. The prosecuting witness, Nola Allen, 17 year old girl from Oklahoma, it was charged in the indictment, had been taken from the buggy in which she was riding home from church one Sunday night in July with John Kraft, by defendants Snodgrass and Bone, bodily injury being attempted, according to allegations of the witness and the indictment. The party was arrested at Burkburnett, while on their way to Wichita Falls, according to statements of defendants and the prosecuting witnesses.

The defendants claimed that the girl had sought their assistance in getting away from home, telling them, according to the testimony introduced, that she had no liberties and that she wanted to go to Wichita Falls to get a job. Kraft did not accompany the party on the way to Wichita Falls, testimony showing that he went to the Allen home and told that two men had taken Nola from him by force and carried her away in an automobile. Kraft is charged in several of the counts of the indictment with conspiracy to transport the girl across the state line in violation of the Mann act. M. C. Johnson Case.

The case of M. C. Johnson of Electric, charged with violation of the Mann act, was resumed in the federal court this morning, the defendant pleading not guilty before Federal Judge Smith.

Wichita Falls Is Made Headquarters For the Newest Food District

Wichita Falls is now the headquarters of a new district assigned by the Food Administration and B. F. Johnson has been appointed State Director for the district. Mr. Johnson has not yet received instructions as to the precise territory which the district will embrace, but these are expected in a few days.

W. E. LaFon, former assistant secretary of the Chamber of Commerce under F. H. Gohlke, and now manager of the Blazimar Hotel at Taylor, has requested the Chamber to furnish him with a large picture of Lake Wichita, which he has promised to hang in the most prominent place in his lobby. It will be framed and sent to Mr. LaFon immediately.

MORTUARY

W. H. GRAY.

Expected to arrive here from Fort Worth over the Port Worth and Denver tomorrow afternoon, the body of W. H. Gray, former resident of Wichita Falls, will be taken immediately to the cemetery where a brief service will be held at the grave, conducted by Rev. T. T. Hicks, rector of St. Andrews church. Death claimed Mr. Gray yesterday at his Port Worth home. He was about 72 years of age.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of J. C. Ward, N. Henderson, J. G. Jones, N. M. McGregor, J. L. Lea, Jr., and J. C. Hunt.

SUITS FILED.

Mary Smith has filed suit in the 13th district court for divorce from F. W. Smith.

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WICHITA COUNTY RED CROSS

Elmer L. Scott of Dallas is here to assist in the opening of the Red Cross Christmas membership campaign, which will be conducted in Wichita county by a committee headed by J. W. Bradley of this city as chairman, meeting opened at the First Christian Church. Representatives of chapters in the surrounding counties had been notified to be present and a number were expected in order that Mr. Scott might present the plans and aims of the campaign to a large number of chapters at once.

The Southwestern Telephone Operators sent a comfort that they had tacked to the Red Cross headquarters this morning.

The local headquarters received a letter this morning from C. W. Conery, the field director at Camp Bowie, expressing thanks for the splendid response of the Wichita county chapter in the call for comforts and asking that shipments of comforts be continued as liberally as possible.

It has been discovered that St. Louis will be unable to supply any comforts and so Texas will have to do it all. Mr. Conery expresses satisfaction in the work that has been done by the Red Cross thus far and asks that it be continued as long as the need exists.

Wichita county has supplied in all 350 comforts and pairs of blankets to Camp Bowie and Fall Field, 250 of this number being donated by Wichita Falls people.

K. OF C. MINSTREL TO BEGIN REHEARSAL TONIGHT.

The first rehearsal for the minstrel, to be given Dec. 28 by the Knights of Columbus for the benefit of the War Fund of the organization, will be held tonight at 8 p. m. at the Harrison-Everton Music Hall on Seventh street. There will be about 50 people needed for the show and anyone interested in amateur theatricals is invited to attend the opening rehearsal.

MRS. RIGGS HOSTESS TO BAPTIST Y. W. A.

Mrs. J. F. Riggs, new leader of the Young Woman's Auxiliary of the First Baptist church, was hostess to the members of the Auxiliary Monday evening at 7:30. The girls planned the work for the coming year deciding to do Red Cross work. Light refreshments were served and an enjoyable social time followed the business session.

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STATUS OF JERUSALEM WILL BE FIXED LATER. London, Dec. 11.—No attempt will be made to define the future position of Jerusalem until a general peace comes, the Times says. In the meantime the city will be treated as in British military occupation and will be under martial law. General Allenby will appoint a military governor, while the British flag will fly over the city. The French and Italian flags will be placed over their national property, such as convents and schools. A solemn thanksgiving and Te Deum will be held in St. Paul's Cathedral today in celebration of the surrender.

Campbell-Anderson Company Is Pleased By Response to "Ads"

W. W. Anderson, manager for the Campbell-Anderson Company which bought the Pennington stock, stated this morning: "We feel most thankful to the citizens of Wichita Falls and Wichita county for the splendid response to our advertising announcing a sale to begin Tuesday. It was double in volume what we had expected and on two occasions Tuesday we had to lock the doors to prevent congestion on the inside of the big store building. "We have come to Wichita Falls to stay, and judging from the cordial reception given us Tuesday and today we made no mistake in coming. "We are going to do business on a modern and large scale and at any time we make a mistake we will only too glad to correct it and we will exchange purchases when it is necessary to carry out our policy of having every customer a satisfied customer."

If Every Husband Could be made to do the Family Washing Just Once His Wife Would have an EDEN Electric Washing and Wringing Machine the following Monday. Free Demonstration—Easy Terms. NUNN ELECTRIC CO. 816 Indiana Successors to Stokes Electric Co. Phone 837. Image of a man washing clothes in a tub.

MAKE THIS A MUSICAL CHRISTMAS THE MILITARY MOOD CHOPIN'S MARCH MILITAIRE Express Your Moods in Music PIANO—The Ideal Home Gift, Brings Happiness through all the year. PLAYER-PIANO—The Enduring Christmas Gift. MUSIC Expresses the Joyous Spirit of Christmas. ECONOMY—Don't waste money on useless trifles. Buy that Player-Piano—the Enduring Gift. At present we have the finest line of Pianos and Player-Pianos that was ever on display in North Texas. Don't fail to see them before you do your Christmas Shopping. 714-16 7th Street Harrison-Everton Music Co. Wichita Falls, Texas

PERSONALS

Miss Julia Bartosh leaves today for Waco and other points in Central Texas. On her return, she will go to Fort Worth where she expects to take the course of training offered for Red Cross nurses.

DIXON MAKES TALK ON RAT CAMPAIGN TO LION'S CLUB

RATE AT WHICH THEY PROPOSE TO BE SWIFT.

ONE MEANS OF WASTE

Extirpation of Pests Will Insure Saving of Thousands of Dollars to People.

The Lions Club at its weekly luncheon at the St. James today heard an interesting talk by A. A. Dixon, chairman of the local rat campaign committee.

Local Brevities

E. G. Hill, undertaker, office and parlors, 900 Scott Ave. Phone 225. Prumpt ambulance service. 93 t/c

Sell your rags to Wichita Junk Co. 183-1tc

Don't let an amateur tinker with your battery. Bring it to us and have the right thing done and done right. And we'll supply you with a rental battery while yours is being fixed. Phone 686 Willard Service Station, 610 Scott Ave. 124 t/c

For sale, one good canvas tent, size 28x30. Wichita Junk Co. 183-1tc

Notice - Woodmen Circle Grove No. 1447 will hold their annual election Wednesday, December 12th. All members are requested to be present. E. E. MARTIN, Guardian. S. E. NAATZ, Clerk. -180 t/c

James A. Griffin with the Wichita Southern Life Insurance company is able to leave the hospital after having undergone an operation there. He had been accepted for service in the aviation corps, conditional to having this operation performed and expects to report at the ground school at Austin soon.

Dr. Du Val, Glasses fitted 174 t/c

Boys and girls as well as grown folks are invited to join the Christmas Banking Club of the National Bank of Commerce. Accounts may be started with as low as one cent. 183-4tc

Just arrived large shipment of Thermite and Johnson's Freeze Proof. Get yours now. Western Auto Supply Co. Phone 215-918 Indiana. 180 t/c

Service when you want it. O. K. Transfer line. Phone 1847

For sale cheap, one disappearing typewriter desk, in first class condition. Wichita Junk Co. 183-1tc

Protect your car now. Thermite or Johnson's Freeze Proof will prevent frozen radiators. Ask us. Western Auto Supply Co. Phone 215-718 Indiana. 180 t/c

For quick taxi, baggage and livery service phone 432. 115-4tc

Sell your brass, copper and lead to Wichita Junk Co. 183-1tc

The Rotary Club luncheon will be held as usual tomorrow at the St. James Hotel. All members are urged to be present, and an attractive program is assured.

How would you like to get a check for \$12.75, \$25.50, \$50.00, \$63.75, \$127.50 or \$250.00 just in time for your Christmas shopping next year? The officers of the National Bank of Commerce will be glad to tell you how to get it. Ask them. 183-4tc

Better be safe than sorry. Anti-Freeze your car now. Western Auto Supply Co. Phone 215-718 Indiana. -180 t/c

I will buy any amount up to \$25,000 of first series 4 1/2 per cent Liberty Bonds at par. Dr. Joe E. Daniel. 178-4tc

Sell your cotton mattress to the Wichita Junk Co. 183-1tc

Dr. Du Val, Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat. 174-4tc

It is easy to save money regularly by the National Bank of Commerce Christmas Banking Club plan. You can start with as low as one cent as high as five dollars. Ask the officers of the bank about it. 183-4tc

Notice to Out of Town Subscribers - The Times wishes to announce that J. K. Lince is authorized to solicit subscriptions for the Daily and Weekly Times. Any courtesies shown Mr. Lince will be appreciated by this company.

Times Publishing Co - Sell your sacks to the Wichita Junk Co. 183-1tc

L. A. Childs, the gas man, gas fitting, repair plumbing, phone 584. 1207 Scott 235 t/c

Stop in at the National Bank of Commerce and join the Christmas Banking Club. There are eleven classes in the club—one to suit every purse and they pay 4 per cent interest on your deposits. 183-4tc

Dr. Scharff, Osteopath, K. & K. Bldg. We buy auto tires. Wichita Junk Co. 183-1tc

The ladies of First M. E. church will hold their Christmas bazaar on 14th and 15th at Stationery Supply Co., corner 9th and Indiana. 183-1tc

MODERN WOODMEN SPECIAL MEETING.

On Thursday evening of this week Col. A. M. Rook, a deputy for the Modern Woodmen, will be present and work of importance to the society and of interest to the members will be the order. Come one and all and enjoy a roasting good time. Clears 183-2tc smoked. E. G. COOK, Clerk.

Our stock of tires and tubes is complete. All sizes. Lee Puncture Proof, Mohawk, Federal Goodyear and Pennsylvania. Call and let us serve you. MOTOR SUPPLY CO. -171 t/c

We renovate and recover old mattresses and make them just like new. Patton Furniture Co., 710112 Seventh street. Phone 1650. 179 28tc

Better order that Christmas tree now—phone 389. 181-5tc

Just received fine car of bulk Colorado apples, winesap, York Imperial and Gano. Come to my fruit stand 509 Ohio, just opposite Palace Horse Shoeing shop and get prices before you buy. M. D. OVERFELT.

We buy sacks. Wichita Junk Co. 183-1tc

We do all kinds of tin and sheet metal work and repair radiators. Work guaranteed. Wichita Tin Shop, 815 Tenth street. Telephone 1520. -471 eodtc

You may start your Christmas Banking Club account in the National Bank of Commerce with as low as one cent or as high as five dollars. There are classes to suit all purses. 183-4tc

Commissioners Ponder Road Question Behind Locked Doors Today

BIDS ARE ASKED UPON ROAD WORK ON ORIGINAL MILEAGE. The county commissioners' court late this afternoon after an executive session lasting throughout the day, authorized Road Engineer Crockett to advertise for bids for contracts covering the mileage designated in the order for the road bond election. These bids are to be asked for as soon as some detailed information can be received from the state highway department concerning state and federal aid.

The county commissioners' court was in session behind locked doors this afternoon considering the report of Road Engineer Crockett. The session throughout the day has been an executive one. As soon as a decision is reached, an announcement will be made as to whether road plans and specifications have been adopted and whether bids will be asked in the immediate future.

"Billie" Williams plead guilty in the county court this morning to a charge of fornication and was fined \$100 and costs. Willie Williams and Robert Johnson, negroes, plead guilty on charges of stealing whiskey and were fined \$5 and costs each.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. Marriage licenses have been issued to Edgie Traylor of Devoil, Okla., and Zula Trip, and to Frank J. Richards and Mary Clay.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

LOST—Package Tuesday afternoon wrapped in Pennington paper, containing man's shirt and ladies black silk coat. Finder phone 1927. Reward. 183-3tc

FOR LEASE—Gasoline station, good location and immediate possession. Phone 2851—O. F. Marchman. 183-4f

LOST—Cameo ring. Return to Estie Bell, 1400 Haliday. Phone 1988. Reward. 183-3tc

Mr. Dixon said that rats frequently bore young at the age of three months and presented figures from an authority which show that if allowed to breed uninterruptedly 360,000,000 rats would spring from one pair of rats in three years. He said that it was estimated that the waste from rats in the United States amounted to more than \$200,000,000 annually and that what the rats destroyed required the work of 200,000 men to produce.

He quoted a report to show that in a campaign in Mercer county Illinois a farmer had killed more than 3,000 rats on his farm. After this bubonic plague at San Francisco more than 80,000 rats were killed and in a similar campaign in New Orleans 51,370 rats were accounted for. He said that in a shipment of 46,000 sacks of grain from India to Antwerp more than 44,000 sacks were cut by the rats causing losses estimated at more than \$100 each day the ship was enroute.

Lions Club To Aid. The Lions club pledged its best efforts to the Civic League in the rat extermination campaign which it is about to wage. B. F. Johnson, a member who has just been made chairman of the 1-1th district, in the food conservation campaign, said that he was soon to attend a meeting of district chairmen at Houston and that he would attempt to interest the committee in rat extermination as a statewide movement for food conservation.

Home Guard. The matter of the home guard was brought up by E. Linceold and Judge Harvey Harris announced that he would take up the matter with the county commissioners' court and that he believed the court would surely authorize the organization of a company of this guard here.

Three officers at Call Field, Major Brooks, who is to be the commandant, Major Krapp, and Major Pratt were made honorary members of the Club.

New York Cotton.

New York, Dec. 12.—The cotton market showed more or less nervousness and irregularity at the opening today. Yesterday's big advance on the official crop estimate was evidently sufficient to attract a good deal of profit taking if not increased offerings of actual and after opening steady at an advance of seven points to a decline of 2 points, active months sold some 10 to 16 points net lower with January touching 29.37 and March 29.20 after the call. Houses with Liverpool and domestic trade connections were moderate buyers but the English market did not fully respond to yesterday's strength here and the demand inspired by the government's crop figures seemed to have been checked by the advance in the new high ground for the season.

Cotton futures opened steady: Dec 30.40; Jan. 29.50; March 29.40; May 29.15; July 28.75. Cotton closed steady.

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TOMORROW \$17.50

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\$85.00 black Broadcloth, Hudson seal collar and cuffs \$56.67 \$22.50 blue serge, plain tailored big size \$15.00 Fifty-seven other models in taupe, beetroot, black, burgundy and navy, every one big values, going at 1/3 OFF

One big rack of \$6.00 and \$6.50 Petticoats, special \$5.00 See these values on our second floor. We will not have a window display, having given our window over to display of Christmas goods. We are headquarters as usual for Practical Christmas Gifts.



"The Big Busy Store"

### MY WEEK WITH THE GRAND FLEET

(Part III.)  
(By K. Walter.)  
On Board H. M. S. Hercules. Some where West of Suez. Of all the privileges of this week with the Grand Fleet I have come to value none more highly than that of the freedom of the wardroom of this battleship. The temptation is to sit here for hours in a conversation that has no end, for officers come and go all through the day and all their talk is public. They live so close together that although at first when you meet each group you fancy they are divided into several sets of intimate pals, you find these are merely chance meetings and that wardroom intimacy is general from the commander down to the newest sub.

This does not mean that the wardroom has no conventions. Doubtless I broke many of them, but against one at least I was forewarned. It is an impressive convention and worth setting down here.

**After Dinner Wines.**  
At desert every evening, the president of the mess sitting opposite the vice president at the middle of the long dining table, four decanters of after-dinner wines are put on the table. The president starts them on their round, hand to hand and always in the same direction. When the glasses are filled the head waiter informs the president, "The wine is served, sir." The president raps with his mallet, by which silence for grace had also been summoned. Then, lifting his glass he says, "Mr. Vive, the King." The other, lifting his, says, "Gentle men, the King." In silence the toast is drunk, then conversation is resumed and officers with duties are free to go their way.

It would be a breach of confidence to repeat any of the doings in the Grand Fleet which I learned in the wardroom of the Hercules, even if they might be told. But they did not always talk about their present job. The favorite subject this evening had been the playfulness of destroyers, and two yarns about them I particularly remember.

Sometimes these playful destroyers seem to try hurdle racing over breakwaters. It was told by an officer familiar with their ways that one of them once succeeded in getting over a breakwater unscathed. When they don't succeed the fever spectators the better. On such an occasion a destroyer landed on a breakwater with a huge hole ripped in her side. The torpedo-coxswain was looking over the side to try and see what damage had been done, when he discovered the marine on guard on the breakwater

looking up at him. Said the marine in a reproachful tone: "Mate, you have been and done it." The coxswain hopped over the side and was still chasing the marine to a finish when last heard from.

**How it Was Done.**  
Another was told me by a man who was on the boat that did it. During the war lights on the coast are few and frequently misleading. One dark night a destroyer on coast patrol was making for shelter at high speed. Before anyone knew what was happening, it had run ashore on a sloping beach where the high road ran close to the water, broken through the wall, and pushed its nose well across the road. Blinded by the ship's searchlight a cyclist ran full tilt against her side. The lookout man leaned over the bow and called angrily to the cyclist: "Why the Hell don't you ring your bell!"

Excluding, then, any further wardroom information, I still heard enough from other sources, visiting many ships and chatting with officers and men, to realize that not only is there more movement in the Grand Fleet than can be told in public, but that actual naval engagements in the North Sea take place without one word of them getting to public knowledge. For above all things the sailorman is loyal to his chief. I talked with one officer of senior rank who told me that although he had been on leave three times during the war he had never let his wife know the name of the base in which he spent the greater part of his time.

But it goes hard with some of them—those who have a scrap and win a victory, small in proportion but great in heroism, and look in vain for any mention of it in the paper.

Such rigorous censorship, is, however, easily justified. The Germans send out their swift and heavy armed raiders one by one, they disappear into the darkness of the North Sea and are never heard of again. Picture the confusion of the German Intelligence Department when absolutely nothing can be recorded beyond the fact that this or that cruiser sailed from Wilhelmshafen on such and such a date. It helps materially to make it impossible for the German naval staff to organize any sort of general attack upon enemy commerce, except that by submarines. Even regarding this, German official records are in constant confusion owing to the British admiralty's consistent policy of silence. The Huns never know, as one officer put it to me, whether the

missing submarine has been sunk or captured or committed suicide.

"Suicide? Do you mean captain and crew and all?" I asked.

"Everybody? Does that happen?"

"Yes; strikes a mine."

The result is that while the British admiralty knows what happens to every submarine that sets out on its piratical career, the German admiralty can only mark its losses as "failed to return to port," and that only after all hope of each return has passed.

**Raiding Cruisers.**  
For news of raiding cruisers the German period of hope is naturally longer; they always trust that a cruiser has slipped through the North Sea patrol and made some high place in distant waters, there to pounce out upon ocean commerce and "sink without trace," while stores and ammunition lie, plundering her victims and slaying them to last minutes in the hope of prolonging her doomed career. As one source of news they count on the humane principles of the British navy which do not permit deliberate sinking without trace. The taking of prisoners may involve the publication of the fact, as for example in the recent affair of the Cattagat, when a cruiser and several armed patrol boats were sunk and prisoners rescued.

But in stormy weather rescues at sea are impossible, and the North Sea is usually stormy; that is the time when cruisers disappear as mysteriously as any netted submarines. Of such events I heard many rumors in the Grand Fleet, of quick actions and unavailing traceless endings. I should like to tell one of these stories, partly because I had it from a seaman who was on the British cruiser in question, and particularly because it shows that German treachery and frightfulness are not confined to the army, but are submarine but are constant elements in all Teutonic warfare.

This British light cruiser was on a certain northern patrol when she sighted a seemingly innocuous merchant vessel flying a neutral flag. The stranger obeyed a signal to heave to. A very heavy sea was running, but a boat was sent out to examine her papers. The examining officer was equipped with the report that her papers were not in order. This made it necessary to invite her to a British port for examination of her cargo. The British officer ran up a signal to that effect, with the order to follow her at a given speed. The stranger got under way. But instead of following, she left the course and made off at full speed in another direction. A shot across her bows stopped her. The British cruiser steamed toward her and without waiting received a salvo from concealed guns—guns of a weight that made it a fair duel between the two. In the running engagement that followed, one by one the German guns ceased fire. Presently the white flag of surrender was run up to her mast. The British cruiser ceased fire.

**Duel Prolonged.**  
The duel had been prolonged by a growing storm which now made physical communication between the vessels almost impossible. Nevertheless, a boat set out with a boarding party and at the risk of the life of every man on board ran alongside the German. After long fighting with the heavy seas the boat's crew got safely aboard her.

The captain of the British cruiser waited for the signal from the officer sent to take charge of the prize, and the captured German again got under way. But no signal came; counting upon the growing darkness and the reluctance of the British to fire upon a ship with men of their own on board, the Germans, without even taking the trouble to take down their lying white flag, had made the boat's crew prisoners and were making another dash for it.

The British captain looked at the commander, the commander looked at the captain; there were some of their own best pals on board that German ship. Then, without another word said, orders were given to open fire, and the chase was on. Both cruisers pounded away at each other, the British guns had only been silenced in accordance with German "tactics." The storm was now at its height; it was death for every man aboard the losing ship—death for every British seaman which ever ship won.

In the first dark of night the British cruiser turned in the gale to make for her base—a ship victorious but saddened by the thought of comrades lured to their death by having to fight so base an enemy.

How deep and general is the sadness that British sailors feel for the enemy's systematic contempt for all decency and honor at sea was explained to me by one of the most famous fighting admirals of today, Admiral Sturdee. We had been talking about his victory of the Falkland Islands and I had commented upon the number of Germans rescued in that action. He turned to the mantelpiece in his cabin and took down a small picture frame in which there was no picture.

"Humane," you call it," he said. "Of course you know this. You don't. Why, this is what we stick to whatever sort of beast we are fighting. Read it."

It was headed "Nelson's Prayer on the Eve of Trafalgar." Here it is: "May the great God whom I worship grant to my country, and for the benefit of Europe in general, a great and glorious victory, and may no misconduct in anyone of my endeavors be the predominant feature in the British fleet! For myself, individually, I commit my life to Him—that made me; and may His blessing alight on my endeavors for serving my country faithfully! To Him I resign myself and the just cause which is entrusted to me to defend. Amen, Amen, Amen."

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### IRON AND STEEL

#### PRICE FIXING IS TO BE CONSIDERED

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print paper, book-print paper, petroleum, beet sugar, flag, lumber, anthracite coal an bituminous coal industries. Results of the inquiries were made public as completed, but the commission takes occasion in the report to point out that the passage of time has confirmed the correctness of its deductions from the coal investigation and that the delay in the movement of cars is what is limiting the output of the mines.

"In the absence of sufficient reformation in the use of rolling stock the

coal situation in this country will continue to increase in its menace to the public welfare," the report adds.

Opportunity also is taken to rectify a misapprehension which the commission found to exist regarding a paragraph in its coal report, which said: "Whatever measures of success has marked the efforts of the commission with relation to anthracite coal has been largely because the car supply has been adequate by reason of the close corporate relation between rail transportation and anthracite production. Quite the contrary condition exists with relation to bituminous and rail transportation and with relation to water transportation as to both kinds of coal."

**Close-Relation.**  
This statement, the report says, has been misconstrued because that a close corporate relation between coal mining companies and transportation agencies is desirable. The report continues:

"On the contrary, the commission was seeking simply to show that if sufficient interest is present, transportation facilities in existence can be made adequately to care for stimulated production. The speedy movement of coal by interested transportation companies was pointed out to emphasize by contrast the misuse of rolling stock by other transportation companies. The evils of a community of interest between coal producing and coal transporting companies are fully recognized by the commission. Directly as to anthracite, this is shown by abnormal freight rates which have been secured by interested transportation companies for the movement of such coal. Instead of being in the public interest, this community of corporate interest, therefore, makes for unduly high prices of coal to the public and has in it the making of further monopoly."

In order to obtain corporation reports in a more serviceable form, the

commission has been advising industries regarding uniform methods of cost accounting, but because of the lack of funds, this work now has been turned over to the department of commerce. Reports from manufacturing concerns, classified by industries, were requested on a voluntary basis, but the returns were disappointing. The commission points out the desirability of a general survey of corporations and adds that information thus obtained could be used in enforcement of laws against intercompany stockholding and interlocking directorates. While the commission in some instances has intervened to prevent suspected projects of this kind, it is said that many violations of law will escape detection unless some systematic investigation is made.

Intentions of war materials at the direction of the president have been concerned chiefly with the preparation and marketing of meats, grain foods and canned vegetables and

fish, the operation of produce exchanges, coal and coke, iron ore, iron and steel products, petroleum products, lumber for shipbuilding, cement, fire brick, copper, lead, zinc, nickel and other metals or alloys.

#### First Lieutenant Is Badly Wounded; Two Privates Die

Washington, Dec. 12.—General Pershing today reported that First Lieutenant Edgar W. Young, medical officer, reserve corps, attached to British forces has been severely wounded in action. His wife lives at McKenny, Virginia. The deaths of three enlisted men from natural causes were also reported, including Corporal Richard E. Evans, infantry, Dec. 9; possible accidental gunshot wound, father, Richard C. Evans, Palmyra, Tenn.

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TOMORROW and FRIDAY

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### At the Theatres

"THE OLD HOMESTEAD" STORY OF RURAL LIFE

A notice says: Perhaps you never heard the Grace Church choir or the Swanzy hand or the village double-bass quartette? If not an opportunity is to be offered you on Christmas matinee and night at the Wichita Theatre, when "The Old Homestead" will be presented by a metropolitan caste. It is the finest presentation of this great American drama since the first company was organized by Denham Thomson in the days "when you and I were young, Maggie."

The play is a rural New England one, but not of the Josh Perkins flapstick kind. It is a wholesome, quick-moving story built around the Whitcomb family of Swanzy, New Hampshire. Uncle Joshua and Aunt Hilda are the most lovable characters in American fiction and no better presentation of them has ever been given than that presented by Ford and Maudie. Reuben, the village head mauler, and Charlotte Treadway.

Whitcomb Farm is the headquarters for the neighborhood, the old chieftain, who quarrel about every move and fight over every game, have their most delightful wrangles in the Whitcomb sitting room; the young folks of the township and village make it "home," and even the tramps make it a point to stop and listen to Uncle Joshua's advice.

But after while the son of the household, Reuben, takes a notion that New York City was built for him to run around in, and he decides to go down and take a look at the "posture." Up at the village, Reuben was able to keep out of trouble, for there wasn't very much trouble to get into. New York was a great deal different. After while, Reuben quit, and he went home. His parents waited and waited, until at last the father could stand it no longer. He went to New York to find his son. And out of the millions of people in the most wicked city in the "New World," he found the week that was once his boy. The story is not a "thriller," but it thrills just the same.

The company presenting this drama was selected solely for this production. Every player was picked for his or her fitness to portray the character presented.

The Empress. Elliott Dexter, whose last work under the Artcraft banner is well remembered opposite Mary Pickford in "A Romance of the Redwoods" appearing with Elsie Ferguson in her film "The Rise of Jennie Cushing," showing at the Empress today.

"JACK AND THE BEANSTALK" AT EMPRESS TOMORROW.

Tomorrow and Friday the Empress will feature "Jack and the Beanstalk," a charming picture with a cast of children actors. Of this picture a New York critic, Renold Wolf, says: "There are those who attend a performance of Barrie's exquisite "Peter Pan," as often as opportunity offers. The writer hereof is one of them. Therefore, a word of genuine appreciation is intended in remarking that "Jack and the Beanstalk" in film form, as presented at the Globe Theatre last night, possesses some, at least, of the spirit of the Barrie classic. "While not yielding one jot of the rare charm of "Peter Pan," which perhaps, of its kind, is never to be equaled, it may be a fair appreciation to state that "Jack and the Beanstalk" is the "Peter Pan" of the films. "Most of all "Jack and the Beanstalk" will delight children. But, again, as in the case of "Peter Pan," there will be those among adults, still possessing a wistful recollection of younger days, who will find vast amusement and entertainment in it."

THE GEM. When Violet Mercereau appears at The Gem Theatre today she will play a dual role, impersonating a mother, who eventually dies, and then the orphan girl who grows up to a life of

adventure with a circus. Her destiny is not to remain with the show, however—she eventually is adopted by her wealthy grandfather, is intended to be the wife of a foppish young man who would share in the old man's millions, but the circus girl marries the man she has always loved—her sweetheart from the show—"The Little Terror" is the title of Miss Mercereau's forthcoming "Bluebird"—a comedy-drama with just enough romance to keep the heart-interest keen and abiding.

### FOOD QUESTIONS SHOULD BE GIVEN CLOSE ATTENTION

METHODS TO BE PURSUED IN SUPPLYING TABLE OUTLINED BY DEPARTMENT.

(Furnished by the Texas Extension Service in City Home Economics, conducted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the Federal Food Administration, the Texas A. & M. College, the University of Texas and other educational institutions of Texas, co-operating.) Dec. 11.—In these days of food and money shortage every food should go on trial before the housewife and should be subjected to questioning somewhat as follows, before it finds a place on her table. (1) Is this food needed more by the government for our soldiers and for our allies than in the home? (2) If not, will it furnish an easily digested form of nourishment? (3) Will it furnish equal returns in food value for the money which it costs? (4) About the Pie. We find that pie, the particular food under consideration, falls out on the first two counts. First, the pie crust as a rule is wholly composed of two ingredients, wheat and fat, which are very scarce and which are badly needed by our armies and our allies. Fat is a valuable source of energy, furnishing more than twice as many calories of energy in the form of heat as does either carbohydrates (starches and sugars) or protein (meat, eggs, cheese, legumes, etc.) A liberal amount of fat is therefore much more essential to the diet of the soldier who is doing heavy work and living out of doors in the cold than to the average person at home. Fats delay the passage of food from the stomach, and when it is lacking in the diet of persons doing heavy muscular work, an annoying hunger pang results. A very short time after food is taken into the stomach. It is said that Field Marshal von Hindenburg, realizing the importance of this particular food, sent word to the government at Berlin that if his troops and the men and women who were making shells in the factory did not have more of it, Germany would suffer.

That Flakiey Crust. It takes 1-3 cup of fat total cup of flour or flour substitute, to make a flaky pie crust. This seems a selfish appropriation of a much needed product to please the appetite. If less than this amount is used the crust may be tough, soggy and indigestible. In this case, the lower crust of the pie, is very often left on the plate, and valuable materials are entirely wasted. It is not an easy matter for one to change the dietary habits of one's family in a single day, but it is quite possible to gradually reduce the use of pies and pastries, and much can be saved while this is being done by serving only pies with one crust, using no animal fats in them, and by preparing this crust that it will be thoroughly digestible and all be eaten and not left on the plate.

The following recipes furnish pleasing fillings for "topless" pies. Most of these fillings are quite as delicious baked in custard cups without the pastry case. Mock cherry pie. One cup of cranberries, cut in halves and cook until tender, not soft, in one cup cold water. Add 1 tablespoon flour and 1 cup sugar well mixed. Add 1 tablespoon butter and 1 teaspoon vanilla. When cranberries are cool mix in the other ingredients and place in partially baked crust. Continue cooking until mixture sets and crust is golden brown. Rhubarb custard pie. Stew rhubarb, press through wire sieve, sweeten to taste, add two beaten eggs for each pie. Bake in open crust. Green tomato mince pie. Chop four quarts green tomatoes fine, cover with cold water and cook 30 minutes. Add 2 pounds brown sugar, 1 pound chopped and seeded raisins, 1/2 pound chopped citron, 1/2 cup suet or 1/4 cup peanut oil, 1 cup elder vinegar, 1 teaspoon cloves. Mix thoroughly and cook well. Store in stone jars. When making pies add water, if necessary, to make right consistency. Prune pie. Two cups cooked prunes 1 cup Karo syrup, 1 tablespoon minute tapioca, 1/2 teaspoon butter or suet, 3 teaspoons lemon juice. Remove seeds from prunes and combine with other ingredients. Bake in open crust. Sweet potato pie. Two cups sweet potato, 1 cup sugar, 1-1/3 teaspoon salt, 2 eggs, 2 cups milk, 4-2 teaspoons nutmeg, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, juice and rind of one lemon. Mix and cook until thick over a low flame or in double boiler. Pour in partially baked crust and cook until mixture sets.

More Comforts Sent To Camp Bowie From People of This City

The shipping of thirty-eight additional comforts two pairs of blankets, seven helmets and six sweaters which were made in twenty-four hours to Camp Bowie, yesterday and the forming of a colored people's auxiliary, which is to be known as the East Wichita Auxiliary, and which will start work today, are the principal achievements of the Red Cross this week. In regard to the new auxiliary, it was felt that as there were a large number of colored soldiers in the camps their women folk at home would be glad of the opportunity to help in the work. The following donated comforts and blankets: Mesdames J. H. Taylor, E. B. Curlee, J. I. Street, Fred Weeks, J. W. Nicholson, R. C. Sanders, W. P. Carlton, Heasley, Kemp, Kort, J. T. Sides, Coleman, Naylor, E. H. Roberts, Biets, Dugan, Britain, M. M. Cool, D. B. Walker, E. H. Brown, and S. H. Burnside. \*These ladies gave comforts which the neighbors had gathered at their houses to make.

MOTOR CAR COMPANY POSTPONED MEETING UNTIL DECEMBER 26.

The committee selected by the Chamber of Commerce to go to Fort Worth, to present the claims of Wichita Falls for the factory of the Texas Motor Car Association, received a wire yesterday that the meeting had been postponed till Dec. 26th, to accommodate certain towns who had not their data ready.

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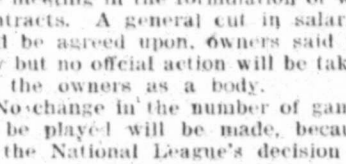
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## Soldiers' Letters To Homefolks Are Proving Dangerous

BACK OF THE AMERICAN FRONT: (By George T. Bye.)

So much prohibited information has seeped through the military censorship to American newspapers in the form of soldiers' letters home, that a closer surveillance is now being exercised by censorship officers.

When a high officer of the U. S. A. intelligence department told me that he wished to encourage the publication of soldiers' letters at home, as they give accounts of activities in France "from the ground up" and are the best means of keeping people in the rural districts in close touch with our army.

It is only in the publication of names of regiments, and dates and places of arrival in Europe that the war department must interfere, as this information would be valuable to the studious enemy.

**Bashfulness "Gone."** In talking with a few captains of regiments I learn that our men are getting over their first shyness in letter writing. They have had the opportunity of sending their love letters to their captives in a blue envelope for examination at the military postoffice. Now without any bashfulness they submit their softest sentences for "Mayme and mother" back home to the officers. Not only that, I was told, but they have had the audacity to write the same sugary avowals, word for word, to as many as four girls and drop them at the same time into the company mail box.

"In these letters" a captain tells me, "they nearly all try to work up their sweethearts into a frenzy of hero-worship. They tell what wonderful things they have done, and are going to do, and what a fine appearance they are making in France."

**Fear Publication.**

A little prissiness gets into most of the soldiers' letters to relatives because of the possibility of publication in the home town papers; a girl treasures her letter for herself alone. Our boys write not only to "the folks" but the whole community, and in these letters they cannot tell how they long for home and mother. Some must not be a softy. Though in these cases they do still the murmurings of their hearts, they let their stomachs sing on. "Oh, for one big glass of milk from good old Jersey Jane!" "Biddy still laying her six a week? Gee, what a grand thing it was to have two and three eggs every morning for breakfast. I never appreciated it before." "It's about time you're smoking ham again. I can remember how the smoke house smells, but it's hard to remember how the good ham tastes. Has it only been four months since I was away? Seems like years when I think of good eats." "A mail boat just came in, I guess, and all the boys got letters this morning, but me. Some got dozens but I didn't get a one. Why don't you write, anyway?"

**Civilians Letter.**

The civilians who live over in England have not overcome their nicer feelings about the censorship, and most of them still go on with misleading words given in letters to wives. Brave souls, writing to close friends attempt all sorts of pleasanties at the expense of the censorship.

"I could write a most interesting letter to the censor, but he would not allow any but himself to enjoy it; therefore, forced to send you a stupid letter. I shall make it short. Regards. Faithfully, ———— This was written by a Harvard professor, over here to study the war as a guest of the British government.

Side remarks are mostly invitations to the censor "to get all this and the asking of such questions as "This is hot stuff, isn't it?" and "Do you agree with me, old boy?"

One man, who was told by his American correspondent that his letter had arrived appearing like a beautiful Kansas landscape after a strong young cyclone, shows the carbon copy of his reply as follows:

"I made the mistake of picking out a bad censor for the last letter. I have looked up a good censor, a mighty fine fellow, and I am sure he is going to give us a better deal. I understand he was chosen by the government as one of the brightest men in the nation — to which I soulfully agree."

Of course, no one has a chance to "pick a censor" from the letter boxes to America the postal way is secret.

It is just beginning to be known that most of the civil censors are young women. Many men, upon learning this, regret having made unpaid remarks in parenthesis in their letters, addressing the interpolations to "Old Scout," "the Keen-eyed Censor" and "Dear Old Censorial Chap," etc.

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FORGET SUFFRAGE  
AND GIVE SERVICE  
IS WOMAN'S MOTTO.  
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(By Margaret Walter.)

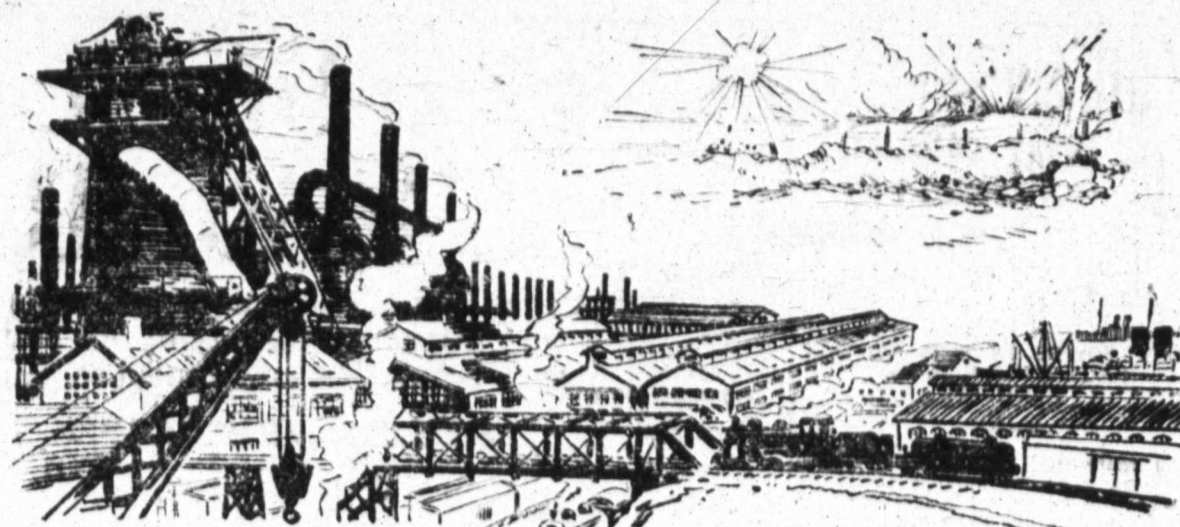
London, Nov. 21.—Something made me ask Mrs. Chambers Watson, commander-in-chief of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, if she is a suffragist. "Look here, let's not talk about suffrage. We've got it now and the less we give over it the better service we shall give."

She would not say any more on the subject, but ever since I have asked the same question of every suffragist woman I met, I have met. Without exception they have been women who have sacrificed and sometimes suffered in the struggle to gain equal franchise. But there is no more completely dead topic in England today than woman suffrage. It has come and now women no longer have the slightest interest in referring to the story of the great fight.

Within the last week I have been to three women's meetings, all new organizations sprung from old suffrage societies and in not a meeting did I hear the word suffrage or was there mention of a deputation or the like. The objects of the new societies seem to be entirely educational, to instruct members regarding the big questions of the day, to discuss the present problems of government and the men who are in power and to lay out plans for national service.

The most interesting of these organizations is the new Women's Page, which has grown out of the militant branch of the notorious Women's Social and Political Union. Miss Christobel Pankhurst spoke the other afternoon in a hall in Mayfair to about five hundred women, and a handful of men.

As I sat listening to her, a slight girlish figure in a straight black dress, discussing the Paris speech of the premier which had only been published



## Back of the Firing Line

Modern war conditions demand that our enemies must have behind them national solidarity, the coordination of all the vast activities and an industrial army many times greater than the nation's fighting forces.

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## FIVE DRUNKS AND SPEEDER CONTRIBUTE TO THE CITY.

Five drunks at five dollars apiece, and a speeder of the same figure was the extent of the police court docket this morning. A negro charged with theft, was turned over to the county.

## Atlas Windmill Co. Is Now Turning Out Large Number Mills

The Atlas Windmill Company is now in very good running order, and is turning out, selling and shipping mills every day, according to George T. Vickers, vice president of the company, who is in the city for a day or two.

Mr. Vickers says that the plant has a capacity of ten mills per day, but owing to the difficulty both of obtaining supplies, and of transportation after the mills have been completed, no more than five mills have as yet been turned out daily up to the present time. It is, however, a great source of satisfaction to the officers of the company that the plant is in shape to turn out its products, and that business is coming in in very gratifying quantities.

## INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS IN COUNTY.

Special Commissioner Timmons of the department of education has just completed an inspection of several of the schools of the county which are applicants for state aid under a recent law. Before leaving yesterday Mr. Timmons indicated to County Superintendent Hall that his report would be favorable.

## CONSTIPATION

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Meadorville, Ky.—Mrs. Pearl Patrick, of this place, writes: "I was very constipated. I had sour stomach and was so uncomfortable. I went to the doctor. He gave me some pills. They weakened me and seemed to tear up my digestion. They would grip me and afterwards it seemed I was more constipated than before."

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### ACUTE SHORTAGE OF COAL SUPPLY IS NOW REPORTED

MANY TOWNS IN THIS SECTION FACE MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM.

An acute coal shortage is reported from many of the smaller towns in this section, and there is little hope of relief that is more than temporary. At Electra the situation has been almost distressing owing to the gas shortage there. The gas supply has been wholly inadequate and when the big drop in temperature came Saturday, the gas fires there flickered and in many cases went out altogether. There was only a scanty supply of coal in the town and this was quickly gone. The country was scoured for coal and finally a car load of lignite was gotten in Monday. This is now almost gone and there is no certainty that more can be gotten.

At Burkburnett and Grandfield there is a shortage of fuel and only small quantities are being sold to each purchaser.

In Wichita Falls there is only a three-weeks supply for ordinary needs on hand and if the gas should become short this supply would be quickly exhausted. O. P. Maricle of the Maricle Coal Co. is now in Dallas trying to arrange to get a supply here by the time that on hand is exhausted.

### New Assembly Will Open in Russia On Arrival of Members

Petrograd, Dec. 10.—The constituent assembly will be opened by representatives of the national commissaries on the arrival in Petrograd of more than four hundred members of the assembly, according to a proclamation issued today from the Smolny Institute. The evening newspapers say that according to best available estimates only 123 delegates so far have been elected but returns to be received will complete the election of 407 members tomorrow. Although the commissaries today ordered all offices closed, arranged free matinees at the theatres and proclaimed tomorrow as a day of general rejoicing in honor of the opening of the assembly, it appeared likely that a

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postponement would be probable, perhaps only for a few days. The anti-Bolshevik elements see in the Smolny Institute order an attempt to delay the organization of the assembly in which approximately 600 members should sit. The rules previously drawn by the provisional government provide that one-third of the membership should be a quorum sufficient to open the assembly. The date of the opening in Petrograd is a matter of conjecture and demonstrations are rumored. The Bolshevik leaders have sent a Lettish regiment to reinforce the other troops guarding the Touride Palace.

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- 1 package Mothers Oats with prize ..... 40c
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### ASQUITH LAUDS BRITISH PEOPLE FOR SACRIFICES

By Associated Press.—London, Dec. 12.—The ungrudging sacrifices made by the British people, former premier Asquith declared in an address at Birmingham yesterday, proved that the ancient and ingrained spirit of the British people had not been sapped by luxury or staled and withered by dotage.

"We look to the end," he said, "with the assured and ever-growing belief that both in the council chamber of peace and in the ordering of our own household a new era of liberty and justice will be opened."

Large Part in War.—The former premier said that he had had a large part in Great Britain's entering the war and he hesitatingly believed it had been worth while if the war ends in a peace of security and permanency. He endorsed President Wilson's latest words as expressing clearly the intentions and desires of the allies. Adverse criticism of the recent letter of the Marquis of Lansdowne, he added, was caused by reading into it meanings and intentions which the letter did not intend to convey.

Mr. Asquith said there was abundant evidence that the enemy peoples are misinformed of the allies objects which are not to annihilate the German people, but to destroy the military domination of Prussia. He said that Germany must learn that the enthronement of force is bad business. "An enemy misconception," he continued, "is that the allies, especially Great Britain are aiming at destruction for their own political and economic objects of what vaguely is called the freedom of the seas. This formula, if it possesses any relevance can only be used to indicate some new limitation in war time upon belligerents reports of the power which happens to have command of the sea. No corresponding limitation has been suggested for land warfare, where existing conventions have been in this conflict systematically violated. "I do not think we are likely to hear very much from enemy lips of freedom of the seas."

### GREAT CONCRETE BRIDGE TO BE BUILT OVER RED RIVER

Special to The Times.—Vernon, Texas, Dec. 12.—Waddell & Son of Kansas City, Mo., have been retained to design and superintend construction of a reinforced concrete bridge across Red River at Davidson, Okla. The structure will be built for The Red River Bridge Co., a corporation to be composed of Vernon and Davidson, Okla., business men, having a capital stock of \$10,000. The bridge will cost approximately \$80,000. A large amount of the stock has already been sold.

### RAILROAD TIME TABLE

Missouri, Kansas & Texas.	Ar.	Lv.
Eastbound—		
To St. Louis, Kan. City and Dallas.....	5:30 a. m.	
To Denison, St. Louis, Kansas City.....	7:30 p. m.	
From Forgan.....	7:55 p. m.	
From Elk City.....	11:15 a. m.	
Westbound—		
From Dallas.....	2:35 a. m.	
From Denison.....	10:20 a. m.	
From Fort Worth & Denver City.....		
Northbound		
To Denver.....	5:35 a. m.	5:45 a. m.
To Amarillo, Childress	1:30 p. m.	2:05 p. m.
To Electra.....		7:00 a. m.
Southbound—		
To Fort Worth.....	2:05 a. m.	2:15 a. m.
To Fort Worth.....	2:05 p. m.	2:20 p. m.
From Electra.....	4:15 p. m.	
Wichita Falls and Northwestern		
Northbound		
To Forgan, Woodward and Elk City	7:30 a. m.	
To Elk City, Mangum and Frederick.....	8:15 p. m.	
Southbound—		
From Forgan.....	7:35 p. m.	
From Elk City.....	11:15 p. m.	
Wichita Valley		
Westbound—		
To Abilene.....	1:30 p. m.	1:50 p. m.
From Byers.....	5:45 p. m.	
Eastbound—		
From Abilene.....	1:35 p. m.	
To Byers.....	2:30 p. m.	10:30 a. m.
To Byers.....	10:30 a. m.	
Southbound—		
Wichita Falls & Southern Ry.		
To Newcastle.....	1:30 p. m.	
From Newcastle.....	11:00 a. m.	

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