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## WHEAT SHORTAGE NOW INDICATED FOR NEXT YEAR

### GREATEST ACREAGE IN HISTORY OF COUNTRY RETARDED BY BAD WEATHER.

## BUREAU MAKES REPORT

### Government Urges Farmers of Country to Sow More Grain For the 1918 Harvest.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 19.—Winter wheat this year planted on the largest acreage ever sown in the history of the country, showed on December 1, the lowest condition on record. A forecast of crop of only 540,000,000 bushels was made today by the department of agriculture. A production, however, will be above or below the quantity, according as conditions hereafter are better or worse than the average.

In a statement regarding today's report, the department said: "Acreage is increased. The acreage planted to winter wheat is estimated to be 42,170,000 acres, an increase of four per cent over the area planted a year ago. In the campaign to produce a billion bushels of wheat next year to help feed our allies, an acreage of 47,337,000 of winter wheat was advocated. Failure to reach this amount was not due apparently to the intention of farmers but to the adverse conditions, unfavorable weather, late harvest of other crops and shortage of farm labor, preventing the putting out of the full acreage desired. The fall was exceedingly dry in many important sections, particularly in the southwest—Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, and also in the far northwest—Idaho and Washington. Although the increase is less than hoped, the acreage is the largest ever planted. In 1914 the production year of largest acreage, 42,012,000 acres were planted and 684,990,000 bushels produced.

**Conditions Poor.** "The condition of the plant on Dec. 1, was low, 79.3 per cent of normal, which compares with a ten year average condition on the same date of 89.3. The lowest condition ever reported in previous years on Dec. 1 is 81.2 in 1914.

"A quantitative forecast is not usually made from the December condition reports because great changes can occur between now and harvest, for better or worse. But it may be observed that in the past ten years the yield per acre on the planted acreage was 14.4 bushels; on this basis a condition of 79.3 would forecast a yield of about 12.8 bushels, which on 42,170,000 acres would produce about 540,000,000 bushels. It may be assumed that the output of the crop will be above or below this figure, according as conditions hereafter are better or worse than average conditions. In 1917 the crop was about 418,000,000 bushels; in 1916 it was 481,000,000 and the average of the preceding five years was 543,000,000 bushels.

Winter wheat sown this fall for next year's harvest aggregated 42,170,000 acres and its condition on Dec. 1, was 79.3 of a normal, the department of agriculture announced. The acreage is four per cent more than the revised estimated acreage sown in the fall of 1916.

The area sown to rye is 6,119,000 acres which is 26.6 per cent more than a year ago and the condition of the crop on Dec. 1, was 84.1 of a normal.

**Farmers Urged to Plant.** Increased sowings of winter wheat and rye, throughout the country, were urged upon farmers by the department of agriculture in order to supply the needs of the co-belligerents of the United States in the war. This year's short crop of wheat, the department stated an opinion of methods to conserve the supply by having consumers in the United States cut down use of that cereal. The wheatless day and the use of corn meal as a substitute are measures food administration officials are urging in order to increase the quantity of food that may be sent abroad. Wheat that was sown in the winter wheat were on the second largest area ever planted to that cereal, the lowest winter conditions caused an abandonment of more than 31 per cent of the acreage.

**Wheat Acreage.** Last fall 40,434,000 acres were planted to winter wheat, revised figures show that the area harvested was only 27,653,000 acres, a reduction of 12,781,000 acres from the planted area. The 1915 sowings were on 39,203,000 acres while the harvested area that season was 34,329,000 acres. Last year's abandoned acreage was the heaviest on record. The average abandonment of acreage due to winter conditions is about 10 per cent, the lowest abandonment in the last fifteen years being 2.8 per cent in 1902 and the highest, excepting last year, was 20.1 per cent in 1912.

Conditions for planting and the early growth of this year's crop have not been the best. Dry weather delayed germination of late sown seed and in some sections prevented plowing and seeding. It was one of the driest Novembers on record in Kansas, the principal winter wheat growing state. Rainfall during that month was less than 25 per cent of the normal from Eastern Kansas eastward across Iowa, Northern Missouri, Central and Northern Illinois, Indiana and Ohio which states form the principal winter wheat growing states.

**Not By Rainfall.** The development department of agriculture says, however, the yield of winter wheat is not determined timely by the rainfall during the late summer and fall.

The condition of winter wheat on Dec. 1 compared with 85.7 per cent of a normal on that date last year 87.7 in 1915, and 89.3 the ten year average.

The December rye condition compares with 85.8 percent of a normal on Dec. 1, last year, 91.5 in 1915 and 82.2 the ten year average.

## AUSTRO-GERMANS CONTINUE HEAVY BLOWS IN ITALY

### DRIVE CONTINUES IN EFFORT OF HUNS TO REACH VENETIAN PLAINS.

## SEEKING WEAKEST SPOT

### Mount Solovio is Now Center of Fighting and Berlin Claims Capture of Prisoners.

The war situation of today is summarized by the Associated Press as follows: "On the Italian northern front the Austro-Germans persist in strong efforts to find a weak point in the Italian defense and through it to rush south to the Venetian plains. Checked east of the Brenta last week the invaders despite the heavy losses inflicted upon them by the Italians have struck at two new points on the line between Asiago and the Piave.

Monte Solarolo between the Brenta and the Piave has become the center of fighting in this sector. Berlin claims the capture of some Italian positions there and the repulse of Italian counter attacks. Vigorous attacks in this region, Rome says, were repulsed by the defenders. West of the Brenta the Austro-Germans have attacked in the mountain region and Berlin says more than one thousand prisoners were captured.

**No Change in France.** There has been no change on the front in France. Infantry fighting has not increased and the artillery continues to be active in certain centers.

Field Marshal Haig the London Times says is making important changes in his headquarters staff. The British commander in chief in France has made virtually no changes since he took over the command from Viscount French.

London and English coast towns again have been visited by German raiders. Numerous bombs were dropped on London and in Essex and Kent by the enemy airplanes which crossed the coast sea. Tuesday evening British airplanes met the enemy in the air and the anti-aircraft defenses subjected him to a heavy fire. The casualties and damage caused has not been announced.

**Russ Conference.**

Russian representatives have been ordered by Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister to demand of the Central Powers at the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk whether they agree to make peace without annexations and indemnities and "on the principle of self-determination of nations." Trotsky is reported to have invited allied participation of the treaties will be broken and a separate peace arranged. Clear indications of the internal situation in Russia still are lacking.

The old French cruiser Chateau Renault was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean last Friday and the submarine which attacked her also was destroyed. The cruiser was being used as a transport and carried military passengers, all of whom were rescued. Ten members of the crew of the cruiser which displaced 7,898 tons were lost.

## Profits Upon Drugs Made In America Will Be Limited

### By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Limitation of profits on drugs manufactured in this country on licenses to use German-owned patents, is being exercised by the federal trade commission to reduce the high prices which have prevailed since the war began. In an announcement today that the Abbott Laboratories of Chicago had been licensed to manufacture "veronal" a hypnotic and nerve calmative, the commission said that the drug would be produced for \$20 a pound and sold "at a fifteen per cent profit." The present price is \$30 a pound. The drug hereafter will be known as "barbital."

The Rector Chemical Company and the Farbwerke Hoechst Company both of New York were licensed to manufacture a local anesthetic extensively used in surgery, which in the future will be called "pro-caine." Recent sales have been made at a rate of \$720 a pound but the Rector Company believes the drug can be made for \$65 and agreed to sell at about \$95 a pound. Right to fix price was reserved by the commission.

## Wage Increases Are Before Firemen For Decision; No Strike

### By Associated Press.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Wage increases of from 10 to 40 per cent today were submitted to seventy-five thousand locomotive firemen on railroads in the United States for a vote. The demands were drawn up yesterday by committees of the trainmen brotherhoods. Instructions sent to the firemen say that the vote is not on the question of a strike.

## HORRORS! IMAGINE THIS!



## OFFICIAL STAFF IS ANNOUNCED AT CALL FIELD

### MAJOR KRAFF ACTING COMMANDANT UNTIL MAJOR BROOKS ARRIVAL.

No Changes Are Expected in Personnel Now Here But More Cadets Will Arrive.

With the arrival of the first of the week of eight lieutenants recently commissioned from the second officers training camp at Leon Springs, the personnel of officers at Call Field is complete. Major Kraff, acting commandant pending the arrival of Major Brooks, who has been assigned to Call Field but who was called to Washington on his arrival in this country from the Philippines, and Major Welton are junior lieutenants, First Lieutenant H. M. Pierce being a flier of the reserve corps.

**Other Officers.** The other officers, including quartermaster and medical departments are: Major H. C. Pratt, Captain Carter Atkinson, First Lieutenants Harold Imbrie, John Pollock, Charles A. Shredy, L. H. Lee, H. K. Gordon, C. L. Vreeland, G. D. Horner, B. T. Rooney, Frank A. Farmer, R. C. Thaxton, C. D. McCoy, J. P. Whittingill and Joseph E. Hutchinson. The latter four lieutenants are the new arrivals from Camp Stanley, Leon Springs; and Second Lieutenants Victor Schmidt, G. A. Draper, Conn. Brown, J. B. Barksdale, George Englehart, Joseph S. Young, Fred S. Benson, Carlton C. Russ. The last four named seconds are from the second officers training camp at Leon Springs.

**Among the Chinese.** Today was Lieutenant Sheedy's first day as instructor at Call Field. The lieutenant is viewed with much respect at Call Field as he for some time was instructor in aviation for the Chinese government, being in China in 1915.

Instruction routine has been in progress more than a week now and the camp is running smoothly. Additional cadets will be arriving from time to time but outside these students no change is expected in the personnel, either in instructors or permanently located enlisted men, of any consequence. No more enlistments are being accepted at camp. The camp is in splendid condition according to Major Kraff, in every particular.

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## TEN ARE KILLED IN AIR RAID ON CITY OF LONDON

### SEVENTY-FIVE OTHERS ARE INJURED BY BOMBS DROPPED BY GERMANS.

Several of Enemy Air Craft Are Reported to Have Been Brought Down During Fight.

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 19.—Ten persons were killed and seventy injured in London during last night's air raid. Outside of London, five persons were injured. The following official communication in regard to the casualties was given out: "Last night's air raid casualties were: 'Ten killed; 70 injured in London; only five injured outside of London. Several fires occurred. The material damage was not serious. There was no damage to naval or military establishments."

London, Dec. 19.—One of the German airplanes which took part in last night's raid over England was brought down, and another is believed to have been destroyed, the war office announced. From 16 to 20 raiders, divided into six groups, endeavored to reach London but only five succeeded in dropping bombs on the city.

**Reports Not Complete.** Complete reports of the casualties and damage caused in London by German airplanes in last night's air raid have not been received, says an official statement issued today. All the British machines which went up to engage the raiders have returned safely.

There is reason to believe that another raider dropped into the English Channel, says the report. A British pilot fired two drums of ammunition into the raider as it was dropping bombs on London from a height of 13,000 feet.

**After Main Attack.** After the main attack of the raiders ceased a single airplane flew over London at about 9 o'clock. The raider known definitely to have been destroyed was hit by the fire of anti-aircraft guns and finally dropped into the sea off Kent. Two of the crew of three were captured alive by an armed trawler.

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## FIFTY SOLDIERS AS DETECTIVES ON BOOZE TRAIL

### WILL SEEK TO LEARN HOW SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET WHISKEY.

Save No Mercy Will Be Shown Saloon Men Who Permit His Men to Secure Liquor—One Man Court-martialed.

Fifty soldier detectives have been detailed from Call Field by the commandant to attend to the liquor situation in Wichita Falls. Major Kraff announced today. Warning is issued to dealers and individuals for their own protection, not to sell or give liquor to soldiers from the camp, as any soldier is apt to be a detective and such a violation of the laws of the United States will mean prosecution to the limit by the federal authorities and the authorities at Call Field.

**One Court-martialed.** So far Major Kraff reports only one case of intoxication has been found at the camp. This soldier is undergoing court-martial today and detectives are after the source of the liquor in this case. It is understood that this detailing of soldier detectives is not a reflection on the conduct of the saloons operating with a license but is aimed at the places and individuals selling liquor illegally and to the soldiers and there is no doubt in the minds of camp officials that such sales have been and are continuing to be made. They are equally confident that such offenders will be brought to justice.

"We are going to prosecute to the limit any violation of this kind," says the official warning, "and with our force of soldier detectives, all of whom are total abstainers and who have a pride in keeping the camp clean and free from drunkenness and law breaking, we are going to find out all such violations. This warning should be heeded."

**Buying of Clothing.** Another warning is also issued against buying clothing or any other articles from soldiers, which are government property. There have been no such cases reported at Call Field but Major Kraff is issuing this statement as a precautionary measure. It is a serious government offense and both the soldier and the purchaser of the goods lay themselves open to a term in a federal penitentiary. Occasionally a soldier will get hard up just before payday and raise funds by selling some of his equipment. In some camps this practice has led to a government investigation, much trouble for civilians and court martial for the soldiers. There has been no such trouble in Wichita Falls, the officers at Call Field say, and they hope that this warning will be all that

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## CONGRESS INVESTIGATES NAVY AS WELL AS ARMY

### DANIELS PLEAS WITH WAY NAVY HAS "MET TEST OF WAR"

#### TELLS HOUSE COMMITTEE BOARD AVIATION HAS MADE STRIDES.

### HAS TIFF WITH MEMBER

#### Would Like to Have Public Present at "Taking of Stock" of Accomplishment in This War.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 19.—Secretary Daniels and the chief of staff, General Gowan of the navy were the first witnesses summoned to appear today before the House naval sub-committee delegated to conduct an investigation into the navy's war activities. Secretary Daniels gave a general review of what the navy has been doing, avoiding, as he explained, disclosing any facts that would be of value to the enemy. He told how the navy is now building 424 capital and other important ships.

Discussing the use of submarine chasers, he said they were regarded as a necessity and there was "no great outburst" about them as a weapon for permanent effectiveness.

**Naval Aviation.** Naval aviation, he said, has made a gratifying stride but has been hampered by lack of manufacturing facilities. Secretary Daniels praised the co-ordination between the personnel of the navy and the personnel of the allies.

One of the great problems, he said, was to furnish gun crews to merchant ships. "We made these reserve ships," said Mr. Daniels, "a school for gunners and the officers with which these officers have taken hold of the young men and made the young men efficient in really one of the big things of the navy in this war."

"When you come to write the story of the war," said he, "one of the most thrilling chapters will be regarding these young men who went on the merchant ships and risked their lives. I refer to these who went on our own merchant ships, of course. We have put guns on every ship going into the Atlantic war zone and requested it."

**Has Met Actual Test.** "We are rather proud," the secretary said, "of the way the navy has met the actual test of war. I am glad for congress and the public to know some of our activities. A taking stock, cannot fail to bring ways for further improvement and for still more efficient work in the future."

Secretary Daniels told how in the exigencies of war, keels had been laid in a few days and how mechanical equipment had been developed. Most contractors, he said, have proven fair and patriotic.

"There have been a few," he said, "who have to be taken by the nape of the neck. He did not like the cost-plus-per-cent system, he said, but it was the best the navy could do to get quick action and it had to be accepted."

"A tiff" between Mr. Daniels and Representative Britten enveloped the session. Britten asked what complaints had been made to the navy department by Vice Admiral Sims.

"I think that is not a proper question to ask," said Secretary Daniels, "I will say, though, inasmuch as the committee is apt to be a detective and such a violation of the laws of the United States will mean prosecution to the limit by the federal authorities and the authorities at Call Field."

"I'm asking about the facts," said Britten. "If you have any facts give them," shot back the secretary. Britten said he hoped it was not the desire of the committee merely to show the favorable condition of the navy.

"As to whether every requirement of Admiral Sims on the European situation has been complied with," replied the secretary "or whether every matter of strategy has been complied with, I would say those ought not to be asked about. Admiral Sims has made no complaint. He asked for some particular man to go over there who could not be sent because of other duties. There is a perfect understanding between Admiral Sims and the department."

## Millions Are Likely To Be Spent For New Government Buildings

### By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Expenditure of more than \$55,000,000 for land and buildings for housing all the government's activities in Washington with an outline of a general building plan has been recommended to congress by the public buildings committee in its first report. The buildings proposed are in addition to the permanent government buildings already occupied. The report disclosed that in the last fifteen years the number of government employees here has increased about 100 per cent.

### CHANGE IN TYPE OF RIFLE CAUSE OF MUCH DELAY

#### DELAY IN CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ALSO PROVES DRAWBACK.

### KIMBALL IS QUESTIONED

#### New Weapon is Regarded as Superior to One Now in Use By British Army.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 19.—How manufacturers, anticipating the government's war needs, spent millions in preparation of the change that war orders would follow while the army ordnance bureau refused to act, today was related by manufacturers to the Senate committee conducting the war inquiry.

The manufacturers agreed, however, that the war department's decision to change the type of army rifle, even though it caused delay in deliveries, was a wise one because it enabled the American army to use the very superior grade of ammunition.

But the efforts of the manufacturers, their witnesses said, to get the ordnance bureau to give its orders for guns on the certainty that war was coming, were futile and after the war was started delaying changes in specifications were made.

**Main Man Talks.** Vice President Stoddard of the Marlin Arms Corporation declared that when he offered to begin work on guns, "the certainty that war was coming, Colonel Rice of the ordnance bureau told him 'we're not interested.'"

After the manufacture of rifles began, it was testified, Colonel Thompson wanted to delay production several months by insisting on new standards but the manufacturers applied to General Crozier, chief of the bureau and went ahead with the work.

All the witnesses agreed that the Browning machine gun, now being manufactured for the army is superior to any other weapon of its kind in existence.

**Offered to Sell Cheap.** Before the war began Stoddard said he offered to sell machine guns to the department for \$50 each but it was turned down. Since, under orders placed, the contract cost twice that sum.

The delivery of the new light Browning for airplanes under an order given by the war department three weeks ago, was expected to begin this month, Stoddard said.

If the war department, when asked for orders last February, had given them, Stoddard added, by today \$100,000 of machine guns could have been delivered.

Delay in producing the modified Enfield rifles because of the war department's delay, also the American Enfield rifles, was testified to by the Winchester Company. Negotiations began last April, he said, and contracts were not let until July 12. Deliveries began in August.

**Delay of Congress.** Delay in congressional appropriations, Kimball also stated further delayed the output. His firm hesitated to take a contract in the absence of definite appropriations. The new modified rifle and also the American ammunition, Vice President Tyler of the same concern, testified, are regarded superior to British types. After war was declared in April, he stated, the war department immediately began negotiations with them to devote their factories, engaged on a British contract for 400,000 Enfields, to make the modified American type.

"The committee cannot understand why, with war imminent in March, no contract was made until July," said Senator Hitchcock yesterday.

Mr. Kimball disclaimed any implication that appropriations delayed production and said negotiations by the war department were promptly begun. If the department had not decided to modify the British Enfield type, he said, his firm could have turned out the British type virtually without any delay but both he and Mr. Tyler said the new American rifle is superior largely due to its ability to use much better ammunition cartridges.

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HUNDRED AND SIX MEN APPLIED FOR PLACES IN NAVY

CARRY ETHEL PORTER, SOME SIX FEET IN HEIGHT, AMONG THOSE ACCEPTED.

RECRUITING OFFICE BUSY

Officer in Charge Here States That They Have Never Before Had Quite So Much Work "In a Bunch."

From Sunday's Daily. One hundred and six men applied for enlistment in the navy at the local recruiting station last week, of which sixty-two were accepted and sent to Dallas.

Good Natured Amusement. A good deal of good natured amusement was caused by one applicant who answered blushing to the name of Carry Ethel Porter, a big, strapping fellow, who passed the examination without difficulty.

The following were applicants for the week ending Friday, Dec. 14, 1917. Those accepted were:

- Spannagel, Earl William, Randlett, Okla. A. S.
Harvey, Ted, Detroit, Texas, A. S.
Johnson, Gean Webb, Granite, Okla. A. S.
Harmont, Wylie Clyde, Inman, S. C., Lds. M. M. (A).

When Bandmaster Sutherland assumed charge of the band there were but seven musicians on the roster. At the present time the band is composed of thirty members, there being openings for ten more men who can come up to the Sutherland standard.

- Holman, Cullen Bryan, Seymour, Texas, A. S.
Long, William Curtis, Mineola, Tex., A. S.
Snell, Aubrey Elmer, Warwisk, Okla. A. S.

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Robbers flash pistols. The holding up took place at the corner of Sixth and Burnett streets. The Toblowsky brothers were walking north on Burnett street and were met by two masked men. Both carried revolvers, which they leveled at the two merchants commanding them to stick up their hands.

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THIS BAND PLAYS JUST AS WELL IN THE SADDLE AS WHEN SITTING IN CHAIRS



BAND LEADER FRANCIS W. SUTHERLAND

If music hath charms to soothe the savage breast, then Bandleader Francis W. Sutherland and his Field Artillery Band should be immediately commissioned to play the frightfulness and ruthlessness out of the German war lords.

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AMERICAN TROOPS EVERYWHERE ARE IN GOOD SPIRITS

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 15.—Every report from the training camps in America and from the French front indicates the American troops are in excellent spirits.

How to keep up morale. The greatest opportunity of the Red Cross home service, Mr. Pearsons said, is the conservation of human resources—the maintenance of good standards of health, education, industry and family solidarity among the large minority of soldiers' families which is not able to provide these standards by itself.

Picture houses operate Sunday for short time. Reversing their decision reached Saturday morning the Majestic and Gem theatres were open Sunday between 10 and 11 o'clock, but the house was due more to unusual circumstances than anything else.

Crews of transports may be enlisted soon; Sharpe makes report. By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 17.—Elimination of trouble constantly arising in civilian-manned army transports by the military enlistment of crews is recommended by Quartermaster General Sharpe in his annual report published today.

Second steel ship of merchant fleet floats on Pacific. A Pacific Port, Dec. 15.—The second standardized steel ship launched on the Pacific coast for the emergency fleet corporation took the water today sixty days after the keel was laid. This was said to constitute a record for speed.

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PERMANENT PEACE FOR RUSSIANS IS EXPECTED BY ALL

SUICIDE REPORTED OF GENERAL SKATONS PRODUCES DEEP IMPRESSION IN PETROGRAD.

GERMANS MOVE TROOPS

No Confirmation of Last Week's Official Bolshevik Announcement of Kaleidines' Arrest.

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 17.—The predominant fact as regards the Russian situation at the moment is the signing of an armistice, which is announced officially as the capitals of all the countries concerned.

Russ General Suicides. The reported suicide during the armistice negotiations of General Skatons of the Russian General Staff apparently has made a considerable impression at Petrograd although the Russian national commissaries are silent in regard to it.

There is no confirmation of last week's official Bolshevik announcement regarding the arrest of General Kaleidines. The situation in Southern Russia continued to be obscure and news is fragmentary and contradictory.

Delegate to Congress. Referring to the numerical preponderance of Social Revolutionists among the delegates, the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Mail says the whole crux of the matter is whether the delegates belong to the right and what to the left.

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DELAY IN SUPPLY OF GUNS REACHING CAMPS IS PROBED

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 17.—Inquiry into alleged delays in supplying the army with guns and the curtailment of funds recommended by the ordnance bureau for that purpose was taken up again today in a session by the senate military committee after a two days examination of Major General Crozier behind closed doors.

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Russ General Suicides. The reported suicide during the armistice negotiations of General Skatons of the Russian General Staff apparently has made a considerable impression at Petrograd although the Russian national commissaries are silent in regard to it.

There is no confirmation of last week's official Bolshevik announcement regarding the arrest of General Kaleidines. The situation in Southern Russia continued to be obscure and news is fragmentary and contradictory.

Delegate to Congress. Referring to the numerical preponderance of Social Revolutionists among the delegates, the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Mail says the whole crux of the matter is whether the delegates belong to the right and what to the left.

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WICHITA FALLS BOY TELLS OF LEAPING INTO BRINEY DEEP

WRITES OF TORPEDOING OF AMERICAN VESSEL AND LOSS OF MANY LIVES.

GUNNER UPON ANTILES

From Monday's Daily. A Wichita Falls boy, Abner Curlee, a cousin of W. S. Curlee, was one of the gun crew of the steamer Antilles which was the first American armed merchantman to go down from German torpedo.

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DEFENSE COUNCIL GIVES DATA UPON WAR PREPARATIONS

CONDITIONS IN CANTONMENTS ARE DISCUSSED BY STATE BODY

MANY SHIPS BUILDING

Construction of Many Liners is Definite Answer to Germany's Sub Challenge to Country

Among the many activities of the State Council of Defense, the gathering and assembling of information concerning the multitudinous war preparations being prosecuted by the government...

On the last Saturday in November an event of great military importance occurred in Seattle. A ship was launched, a big 8,800 ton merchant ship of standardized steel construction...

It or she is only one of the 54 vessels of exactly her size that are under contract in comparison with the new U. S. Leviathan an 8,200 ton ship is small, yet some 150 freight cars must be emptied into her before she is loaded...

In the preceding three weeks of November thirteen other new ships were completed for the corporation. They range in size from 2,500 to 10,475 tons...

Altogether 426 ships have been commandeered in order that work on them might be hastened. Of these, 35 have been finished...

Most of the commandeered ships are in an advanced stage of construction. Scarcely a day passes that does not see at least one added to the shipping resources of the Allies.

When Ship is Finished. As soon as a ship is finished the fleet corporation turns it over to the parent organization, the shipping board...

The billion dollar steel trust is no longer the biggest business. The shipping board is bigger. Congress has authorized it to spend \$300,000,000...

Besides the 426 ships it has commandeered, the board is building through its parent corporation 834 ships on its own contracts. Of these 551 are of steel construction...

Not far from half of the total number of men training are camped in the big National Army cantonments. In these the United States has 16 new cities...

Seventeen stations are engaged in training men for the Navy, and marines are being turned out in three more.

All of the aviation fields have been finished but in a dozen of them cool headed young men are being taught to fight in the air.

Five medical camps are in operation and three more for engineers. All of the large camps have been built in the last six months.

Something between six hundred and seven hundred millions of feet of lumber went into the National Army cantonments. The figure for all of the army camps is about one billion feet.

In the population the camps range from the 500 to 47,000. The men in a flying camp may know one another as men know one another in a small college.

FIRST PICTURE OF WRECKED CITY OF HALIFAX IN WHICH AT LEAST 2,000 PERSONS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN KILLED WHEN MUNITIONS SHIP EXPLODED IN HARBOR THERE RECENTLY



BARRINGTON STREET AFTER EXPLOSION

FEDERAL COURT RESUME SHOWS CASES HANDLED

FOUR CIVIL ACTIONS HEARD AND THREE ARE CONTINUED BY TRIBUNAL

BUSINESS PROVES HEAVY

Judge Smith is Well Pleased With Work Accomplished Here and Effort to Expedite Business

From Sunday's Daily. Four civil suits were heard, three civil suits continued, penalties imposed on thirty-two defendants, one defendant found not guilty...

Before leaving for El Paso last night, Judge W. R. Smith, who acted as judge of the session here, expressed himself as highly pleased by the manner in which the officers of the court, attorneys and others had helped expedite the business of the court.

Within a few hours after the close of the court the men sentenced to imprisonment at Leavenworth were on their way to prison to begin their sentences.

Forty indictments were returned by the grand jury, but in several instances the parties indicted are not yet under arrest...

Frank Mobley, violation Internal Revenue law, case continued. Tobe Cruzan and Rosea Walden, conspiracy to ship liquor into Oklahoma, found guilty and fined \$500 each.

Tom Stevens, causing whiskey to be transported into Oklahoma, plea of guilty, fined \$50. Blanche Bowdry, conspiracy to transport liquor into Oklahoma, plea of guilty, fined \$50.

Roy Forman, selling liquor to soldiers in uniform, plea guilty, 30 days in jail. H. P. Wampler, selling liquor to lines. All the men in one of the National Army cantonments would make a crowd here again as large.



PILE OF DEAD

Above are the first photographs of the wrecked city of Halifax, laid low by the explosion of a French ship laden with munitions which was rammed by a Belgian relief vessel. The work of relief is still under way in the stricken city.

addition, in uniform, plea guilty, fined \$50. J. R. Cochran, white slave act, plea guilty, fined \$100.

M. G. Johnson, white slave act, plea not guilty, and case continued. Johnson released on own recognizance.

R. P. Kirby, white slave act, plea guilty, sentenced to year and a day in Leavenworth prison. Bill Johnson, theft of interstate freight, plea guilty, sentenced to six months in jail.

Henry J. Scott, vs. the Henrietta Southwestern Railway Co. Forty indictments. Forty indictments were returned by the grand jury...

W. H. Gravit, transporting liquor into Oklahoma, defendant failed to appear and bond forfeited. H. L. Parnell and F. L. Anderson, conspiracy to ship liquor into Oklahoma, continued.

Doug Coats, Fred Coats, Jack Coats and Theodore Coats, conspiracy to ship liquor into Oklahoma, plea guilty, fined \$50 each. Ira Madison Akers, white slave act, plea guilty, one year and one day in Leavenworth prison.

\$250 fine. H. G. Swartz, 6 months in jail and \$250 fine. R. Lebrecht and Elia C. Lebrecht, illicit retail liquor dealer, case dismissed as to R. Lebrecht. Elia Lebrecht, plea guilty and given eight months in jail and \$500 fine.

O. Cardwell, sale of liquor to soldiers, plea guilty, given 30 days in jail. James Donnell and S. J. Dinmore, conspiracy to violate conscription act. Dinmore plea not guilty and his case continued. Defendant Donnell collected and his case continued.

The case of Lulu Johnson, was continued until liquor dealer, charged with illicit liquor dealer, was continued as were also the cases of John Kater, Roy D. Motes and Charles Kater charged with violation or conspiracy to violate conscription act.

Judge Smith, before closing the session of the Federal court Friday afternoon, issued an order naming the First National Bank as the depository for funds involved in bankruptcy proceedings, in the custody of R. G. Neal, referee in bankruptcy here.

GEORGE ZABRISKIE MADE DISTRIBUTOR OF ALL OF FLOUR

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 15.—George Zabraskie a member of the New York produce exchange and New York agent for the Pillsbury Flour Mills Company, today accepted appointment as head of the flour distributor for the food administration. He will supervise the distribution of flour through the nation's retail trade from the miller to the consumer.

THOUSANDS ENLIST; SWAMPING OFFICERS ALL OVER COUNTRY

RECOUNTING SYSTEM BREAKS DOWN BENEATH STRAIN OF RUSH

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 15.—Inability of many recruiting officers to cope with the rush of men to join the regular army before the new draft regulations became effective today was reflected in recruiting figures for yesterday. The day's total was only 9,194 as compared with 14,291 Thursday, when the recruiting system broke down.

Friday's figures with three states, Arizona, New Hampshire and South Carolina, missing, swelled the December enlistments to 79,466 men, not taking into account those accepted today up to noon when enlistment in the regular army was prohibited to men of draft age under the new rules.

Volunteers to the regular army since the declaration of war in April now number 327,217, exceeding by 153,349 the number called for by President Wilson, bringing the regulars to war strength. Ten States failed to supply their quotas. They were: Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia and Wisconsin.

The thousands of men who volunteered in the past few days and were rejected because of the breaking down of the recruiting system today having ordered that all qualified applicants who presented themselves before noon today be accepted even though their names were not on the list.

Questionnaires Mailed. With the putting into effect of the new draft regulations today, the first five percent of the questionnaires was mailed to draft men at the same time. Provost Marshal General Crowder announced that a huge task of classifying the 9,000,000 men of draft age unquestionably would be finished within sixty days. There will be no further call for the draft men until classifications are completed.

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The national Health Association has consequently asked that the people of Texas make their donations to the fund through purchase of Red Cross seals three times as great as ever before. The stamps are on sale at all drug stores.

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From Monday's Daily. District Attorney Leslie Humphrey has received a letter from F. F. Hill of Denton in which Mr. Hill denies very definitely that he has ever said that he will support Judge C. F. Spencer in the latter's race for congress. In his letter Mr. Hill said that he had never had any conversation with Judge Spencer nor any of Judge Spencer's friends in regard to this matter.

TANKS ARE MADE AFTER STUDY BY BRITISH EXPERTS

London, Nov. 30.—No one man of one department of the British government can take credit for "inventing" the tanks—they came into being as the result of a long period of study and co-ordinated effort by many men setting under the separate departments, the war office, the admiralty, and the ministry of munitions.

In the autumn of 1914 when the battle on the western front had settled down to trench warfare, it became obvious that some means of parrying the danger of well-directed and well protected machine gun fire from the German trenches must be discovered if the English infantry was to carry out assaults with success.

First Machines. One of the first proposals put forward was for a machine 100 feet long, 46 feet high and 80 feet wide, weighing some 300 tons, propelled by an 800 horse power engine and with driving wheels 40 feet in diameter. Another early suggestion, and one which led most directly to the tanks, was made by Colonel Swinton in October, 1914, to build armored cars on a tractor system, an American invention.

Experiments with various tractors were made on behalf of the war office and by a small expert committee of the admiralty under Winston Churchill, then first lord. Through the medium of the committee of imperial defense the various efforts for the solution of the problem were co-ordinated, and certain conditions were laid down which had to be fulfilled by the proposed car.

From among the numerous types of tractor inspected the most satisfactory was found to be a caterpillar with endless self-laid track, over which internal driving wheels could be propelled by the engines.

In February, 1916, the first tank was completed and taken down to a farm near London. Here trenches, pits and ramparts were being constructed. The tests were so satisfactory that an order was given on the spot for 100 machines. The ministry of munitions became responsible for the speediest possible construction of the order. Many improvements were made during the period of construction, and the first delivery was made in July, 1916.

Newer Type. The new machines were of two slightly different types. One was called the male type, and was armed with two Hotchkiss quick-firing and a subsidiary machine gun armament. These were designed for dealing at close quarters with the concrete emplacements of German machine guns. The other of female type, and armed only with machine guns and was more suitable for dealing with machine gun personnel and riflemen.

At the end of July, 1916, the tanks and their crews had become so proficient that it was possible to hold two exhibition combats over a prepared trench system reproducing a line of German defenses.

At the end of August, fifty tanks were loaded at night and sent to France. When delivered in France, the tanks of the British army, and during the day were covered with a huge tarpaulin and strictly guarded.

The first tanks were all painted in camouflage style for purposes of concealment, and each tank had its own name, like a ship. A whole series of them were named after various drinks, such as Cafeau Lait, Chateau, Champagne, and others.

First in Action. The tanks first went into action in that portion of the Somme offensive which began on September 15. The object was to drive the Germans out of some high ground running east and south of Thiepval. The effect was as exhilarating on the British troops as it was demoralizing to the Germans. It is recorded that they and the British infantrymen were so overcome with laughter at their ungainly antics that they were scarcely able to keep up with the procession.

There is no doubt that the element of surprise had much to do with the extraordinary success of the tanks on their first appearance. But their achievements were such that they and their solid allies, the British and surprise later in the year tanks were sent out to Egypt and were in action at Gaza.

THINKS THIS CITY CLEANEST OF ALL IN ENTIRE STATE

Request for L. M. Cocanougher, special agent for assistance in the sanitary inspection work, made last week by Mrs. T. B. Smock, has been refused. Mr. Cocanougher, who was here for a short time Friday, stated that he would not come here and help the city inspector, for the reason that she didn't need his assistance. Wichita Falls being in his opinion the best city in the state so far as general observance of sanitary regulations.

In only one particular is there anything lacking to make Wichita Falls a model city sanitary speaking, and that is a slaughter house, municipally supervised, according to the state inspector, who intends to hold the local sanitary department within a short time, in a contest for construction of a modern abattoir.

President Gives His Old Clothing To the Belgian Relief Board

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 15.—After reading the appeal to the commission for relief in Belgium for cast off clothing to be used for needy Belgians, President Wilson today sent by special messenger to the office of the commissioner here a whole box of his own worn clothes. The president's messenger found a food administration office boy at the place ahead of him with a package of his own worn clothes. Many gifts of clothes are arriving by parcel post, express and freight.

TREMENDOUS SALES OF SEALS SOLD BY SCHOOL CHILDREN

SPLENDID PROGRESS IS MADE AND FUTURE DEEMED BRIGHT.

From Sunday's Daily. With the splendid record of the school children of this city, who have sold more than 20,000 Red Cross seals, cited as an example, Mrs. T. R. Boger, chairman of the sale of the stamps in the city, asks that the grown-ups do as well and put Wichita Falls to wards the head of the list in the sale of the Christmas seals.

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AID GROWTH AND HEALTH

Famous Physician of Johns Hopkins University Tells When Farmers Don't Need "Spring Tonics."

(Furnished The Times 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 cooperating.)

HILLAM ADDRESSES COUNTY TEACHERS IN SESSION HERE

From Tuesday's Daily. This morning the session of the Wichita County Teachers Institute, meeting in the high school auditorium, was featured by the talk of L. W. Hillam of A. & M. College, who told of the boys pig and baby beef club work in which the state can accomplish most by the thorough cooperation of the rural schools.

The teachers' responsibility and power to assist in making the rural boys and girls satisfied with the country and anxious to stay on the farm through the various activities of the state extension department was brought out and this work was urged in helping to win the war was urged. On Friday the work with the girls will be discussed, when Miss Nease of the A. & M. demonstration bureau will speak to the institute.

MANY ODD FELLOWS ENJOY PROGRAM AT LOCAL LODGE ROOM

From Tuesday's Daily. The Odd Fellows together with the Rebekahs held a very enjoyable Homecoming meeting at their hall last night, at which about 150 were present. Quite a number of visitors were among those present.

The program, which had been made up by the committee, fell down very largely at the last moment on account of sickness and consequent absence of those who were on the program for the evening, but was so filled in by visitors and others present as to make that not noticed.

Commissioners Pay Visit to Number of Towns Over Country

From Tuesday's Daily. The county commissioners, Judge Harvey Harris and Road Engineer Crockett are making a trip to all of the towns in the county today for the purpose of selecting the streets over which the county road system will be routed in passing through each town.

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From Tuesday's Daily. Wichita Falls merchants who aided in the recent campaign of the food administration by window displays of goods have received letters of thanks and appreciation from Herbert Hoover, United States Food Administrator, stating that photographs of their windows have been received, and will be added to the government's permanent collection.

"Smokes" Donations For Call Field Men Are Being Taken Up

A barrel is being filled with "smokes" at Wilfong and Woods stores for the men at Call Field. Near the tobacco counter a barrel has been placed with a placard saying that the "smokes" put into it will be delivered to the men on Christmas morning.

CANADIAN DRAFT BILL ENDORSED; BORDEN ELECTED

ENGLISH SPEAKING ELEMENT IS SOLIDLY BEHIND PRESENT PREMIER.

MAJORITIES ARE LARGE

Decisive Character of Victory Relieved Apprehension Which Was Felt For Time By Many.

By Associated Press. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 18.—Election results received up to noon today indicate that the government will have a clear majority and few doubts as to which the election is decided.

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 18.—The English speaking element in Canada yesterday voted solidly for conscription and for the Union Government and for Sir Robert Borden at its head.

ANOTHER DRIVER OF SERVICE CAR REPORTS HOLD UP

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CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S HOME BLOWN UP AT NIGHT

MARRIAGE MAKES ENEMY ALIENS OF AMERICAN GIRLS



By an odd twist of fate the daughters of several prominent American families who have married Austro-Hungarian subjects are placed in the position of actually facing as enemies near relatives who have enlisted in the fighting forces of the United States.

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CAMP BOWIE NOW IN GOOD SHAPE; HAS COVERLETS

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ENTIRE REAR OF STEPHENS MANSION BLOWN UP BY FORCE OF CHARGE.

GUARDS ARE MYSTIFIED

One Alleges That He Had Contrivance On Gate Which Indicates That It Had Not Been Opened At All.

By Associated Press. Sacramento, Calif., Dec. 18.—What is believed to have been an attempt to kill Governor William D. Stephens by means of a powerful explosive bomb at midnight last night resulted in the wrecking of the executive mansion, the entire rear of the building being blown out. The governor and Mrs. Stephens as well as the household servants were asleep at the time and all escaped injury.

Two men were seen fleeing from the house immediately after the explosion. The detonation of the explosion was heard all over the city and windows were broken by the force of it two or three blocks away. It was believed that from 20 to 25 sticks of dynamite were used.

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SUNDAY PICTURE SHOWS

Appearing upon this page is a communication from a member of the signal corps in which arguments are made in favor of Sunday moving picture shows for Wichita Falls.

Time and again, since the beginning of the war, it has been pointed out, that "business as usual" cannot be conducted under radically changed conditions.

In a way, this may be applied to the operation of moving picture shows on Sunday. In times of peace, the residents of a city may always find "something to do" on the Sabbath other than attending a picture show.

But in cantonment towns in time of war, there are thousands of strangers—army men who have neither friends nor connections—men who know of no suitable place to go to spend a quiet and yet a pleasant Sunday afternoon.

Men who cannot find suitable places to visit are not likely to find places which would be considered desirable for them by "the folks back home."

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It is a violation of the law to operate these theatres on Sunday. It has been held, if we remember aright, an evasion of the law to operate motion picture houses on the "donation plan."

The saloons and the clothing stores have quite as much right, under the law, to keep their doors open on Sunday as have the moving picture houses.

But, even so, we would like to see the prohibitory law against the operation of these Sunday theatres for the duration of the war stricken from the statute books, though, while it remains, it should be enforced.

The New York Herald is publishing the complete lists of Austrian enemy aliens to be found in the city. This should make it uncommonly hard for the enemy aliens to "put anything over" so long as their neighbors retain the usual neighborly quality of curiosity.

"Speed, and yet more speed, along with thoroughness" is the cry at Washington in connection with preparations of the forces of the country for opposition to the German hordes.

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representative of the German people when these terms are made with the United States.

This government has decided that the word of the German ruler is not to be trusted. It has decided that no agreement could be made with a member of the House of Hohenzollern which would prove worth the paper upon which it is written.

Therefore the American people will not become highly excited over the proposed "overtures" of the Kaiser at Christmas.

If the Kaiser had not made "peace offers" before the world could look more hopefully to his forthcoming proposal. As it is there is small hope that his "offer" be dissimilar to his preceding declarations, which have been mere boastful pronouncements calculated to keep up the courage and feed the ambitions of his subjects.

A CHANCE FOR WICHITA FALLS PEOPLE.

Wichita Falls people have in their midst a certain number of young men who are training for service in the aviation corps.

These young men, it may be incidentally stated, are well above the average ones found in our regular army. The country has been scoured for the best it contains for enlistment in this branch of the service which requires special qualifications on the part of the applicant.

Most of these young men have left good homes to respond to the call of country. To most of them, army life is still almost as strange as it would be to the son or brother who is still in your home. But, being men, they are enthusiastically throwing themselves into the business of learning to fly in the air and to observe accurately what is beneath them, that they may equip themselves to "see" for the American army which one day must depend on their powers of observation for its safety and for the success of its campaign against the enemy.

We have an idea that soldiers in training have the same problems to meet, much the same general outlook on life that will be found among the members of any freshman class in any college or university in the land.

The people of Wichita Falls—the substantial, established element of the city—have a duty to perform in this matter. It is more than a duty—it is a privilege and will prove a pleasure when given a fair trial.

These about him who are really interested in his welfare and anxious to make living a little more pleasant for him, is going to tackle his daily tasks with renewed energy and unbeatable courage: Every patriotic citizen wants the American aviation corps to be efficiency personified, not only because its members will thus be of greatest service to the country, but also because they will be safer themselves in actual combat.

Therefore, let us hope that before a great while schemes of entertainment calculated to break the monotony of army life will be worked out by the good people of Wichita Falls.

Let us send these young men to France with at least one town-bright spot in their respective memories—and let's label that spot "Wichita Falls."

GENERAL BELL'S WARNING.

(Chicago Tribune.) Maj. Gen. George Bell, Jr., in whom Illinois and other middle western states just now take a very lively interest, has returned from France to his command, the "prairie division," now under training at Camp Logan, Houston, returning, he had some serious remarks to make to his men and the Tribune hopes they will be heard not only at Camp Logan but at home.

Fresh from his impressions of actual conditions on the front, Gen. Bell reinforces previous testimony as to the strength of the enemy and the need for the exertion of our maximum strength. To this end he added a significant remark: "We have no place in this division for dead lumber. We must get rid of the incompetent officers, and the best place and time to do that are here and now. We have no idea of making places for any, but those who can deliver the goods."

The Tribune is relieved to hear Gen. Bell say just that. It has knowledge that this has not been the rule in some very recent cases. Doubtless it is difficult in our circumstances to ap-

ply the rule, but most certainly it should be applied more rigidly as our first haste is relieved.

Gen. Bell's right is going to disappoint some men who are anxious to serve their country in the field, or who have military ambition. The families and friends of some of the disappointed may be disposed to make complaint and exert influence to avoid the decision.

You are quite right when you state that the people of Wichita Falls have a duty to perform to the "boys" at Call Field; it might be added that they have a like duty to perform to themselves and their neighbors for if the "boys" here are to visit their city, to any great extent, spending money with your business houses, they will have to have more inducement and especially on Sunday than closed movies, no Y. M. C. A. to go to, nothing, but smoky pool-halls to get warm in; personally I don't care for the smoke.

I refer to the men here as boys because they are, for the greater part, young men between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five, alert, full of fun, always ready to see a good joke but serious enough when the womanhood of America is endangered.

Many of the "boys" are from large cities like Chicago, San Francisco and New York where Sunday movies are permitted and they can not understand why it should not be the same here, surely Wichita Falls could make no mistake in copying the administrators of these cities, we all have rubbers of our pencils and use them quite frequently too, but let's not make a mistake in this matter.

You suggest a Sunday show for the "men only," are we so vicious that it would be inadvisable to admit ladies and civilian gentlemen to the same show with us?

Very truly yours, R. E. WATSON, Call Field, 164 Aero Sq'd'n.

Five dollar gold pieces have disappeared from the list of suggested Christmas gifts this season. In their stead has come the five-dollar thrift certificate. This is a gift that carries a patriotic sentiment as well as Christmas spirit.

The thrift stamp sale in Wichita Falls has not yet gathered momentum, in fact, it cannot be said to have started for the sales of these stamps at the postoffice and at the banks has been small indeed.

Members of the Senate committee investigating the conduct of the war seem to be rather careless of General Croser's corns.

Are you a member of the Red Cross? Membership in the Red Cross, like membership in the church, serves to show on which side you stand, and it costs but \$1 per annum.

People in Chicago think as little of a bank robbery or two a day as the people in Wichita Falls do of an airplane fight. Its all in getting used to them.

A thriving export and import business has just been concluded by the first term of the Federal District court, sitting in Wichita Falls. The forty indictments were based mostly upon the exportation of liquor, and the defendants were mostly imported from Oklahoma.

If the "Food and Feed" conservation campaign is to be launched again next year, if food is food when it is fed; if food is food when it is eaten; if two things which are equal to the same thing are equal to each other; then we want to know why the newspapers can't let a couple of words in the title and still figure they have stated the case?

The Times has received a copy of the "Booster Edition" of the Burkburnett Star. The edition contains twenty-eight pages and is replete with photographs of pioneers, prominent citizens, business houses and public buildings, and oil and farm scenes. Sections of the edition contain special illustrated articles on the agricultural industry of the Burkburnett section and of the oil industry. The edition is gotten up in splendid shape and is a credit to the editor, Milton Clendenen, to Fred Chase who assisted him in getting up the edition and to the town of Burkburnett.

There is no sugar shortage in the United States. There is no sugar shortage in the world. President Spreckels, of the Federal Sugar Refining Company, said so to the senate investigating committee last Friday. Domestic and foreign raw sugars, he explained, have been sold to Canadian buyers who offered more than American buyers were permitted to give under recent rulings of the Food Administration. There may be some who will hold our old friend, Herbert C. Hoover responsible for the present awkward predicament in which this candy-loving country finds itself, but not The Times! By no means! Mr. Spreckels' explanation merely con-

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Since 1884. 100% PATRIOTIC. Every officer, every employee and every member of the family of officers and employees of the First National Bank has become a member of the American Red Cross for 1918 by paying dues in the Red Cross Christmas campaign.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK. Indiana at Eighth Street.

far too important to deal with the proper boards regarding regulation of exports, and had expected Secretary of State Lansing to personally make the first advances toward opening the negotiations.

Mexico is like a spoiled child. Mexico has been petted and pampered by the United States. Its little feelings have been carefully regarded at all times by the American government.

The consequence is that Mexico has assumed an attitude which is that of the ordinary spoiled child. It has come to believe that it may have what it wants and do what it pleases, regardless of the rights of others.

For if the Mexican people do not know by this time that the American government has no desire to give them ought-but a square deal, then they never will learn it.

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TWO THOUSAND MEMBERS ADDED TO RED CROSS. ONLY ROUGH GUESS IS NOW POSSIBLE AS TO TOTAL RECEIPTS.

COMMITTEE STILL BUSY. Committee Pleas'd With First Two Days' Work, But Thousands of Others Expected to Join Today.

From Wednesday's Daily. At least two thousand Red Cross Christmas memberships have been turned in in the last two days, of which approximately twenty hundred were this morning's work by the soliciting committees, which left the campaign headquarters about 8:30 this morning, and by noon were returning laden with tickets and money.

While the committee is pleased with this result of two days' work, it is pointed out that the quota is the whole country, and that there are about seven thousand people in it; so that two thousand out of seventeen leaves a very large deficit to be made up.

Eight hundred memberships were reported at the Christmas Membership Campaign headquarters of the Red Cross as the result of one day's work yesterday, and this number represents the memberships taken by the ladies in the various booths in the city, and at the campaign headquarters.

The campaign committee has started what will be known as the Hundred Per Cent Club and a number of local firms have already qualified as members. The qualifications are merely that every individual member of a family, or every member and employee of a firm shall have taken a Red Cross membership either on their own account or through the firm.

Some misunderstanding had arisen as to the status of the Junior Memberships in the Christmas campaign, and the committee has authorized the statement that any person buying Junior Memberships for their children will be allowed to display a corresponding number of small red crosses on their emblem on the night of Christmas Eve.

In connection with this display of emblems, it was at first requested by the Red Cross society that members fix a lighted candle behind the emblem so as to make it plain to passers by. But the National Board of Fire Underwriters believes that the use of candles would be extremely dangerous and has issued a warning in that connection.

Not to Use Candles. New York, Dec. 19.—On account of the fire hazard and danger to life, the National Board of Fire Underwriters has issued a warning against the suggestion made by headquarters of the American Red Cross that lighted candles be placed in windows behind Red Cross flags on Christmas Eve.

George S. Fowler, business manager of the Red Cross, has sent telegrams to the chapters of the Red Cross throughout the country that the warning of the board be heeded.

The telegrams suggested that curtains be taken down, shades raised and one of the lights of the room for the proposed illumination. Electric flashlights are suggested for use in place of candles.

Reports Encouraging. From the rest of the county come the most encouraging reports, and

Electra announces the appointment of J. W. Dunn as general chairman, Rev. Crutcher as chairman of the executive committee, J. L. Parker chairman of the publicity committee, Ed Yarbrough chairman of the speakers committee, and Mrs. M. Richardson chairman of the soliciting committee. Furthermore she appointed A. A. Carl as campaign manager, M. Clendenen publicity chairman, Robert Allday speakers chairman, and W. Daniels soliciting chairman. Iowa Park reports that their organization was in good order, and needed no assistance. Mr. Clime observed that it was refreshing to find people who felt their own responsibility in this matter, and were willing and anxious to go right ahead with the work.

RIGGOLD MAN IS HELD FOR TRIAL; CAR STRUCK BOY. CHARGE IS DRIVING AUTOMOBILE WHILE INTOXICATED; BOND IS \$1,000.

From Wednesday's Daily. W. W. Carr of Riggold, was held on \$1,000 bond in the police court this morning, to appear Friday morning for his examining trial on the charge of driving an automobile while intoxicated. Carr was driving the automobile which struck Emmet Pope, Western Union messenger, Tuesday afternoon, on Ohio avenue, in front of the McFall and Orth saleroom, inflicting severe bruises and minor cuts on the head and shoulders of the boy.

The machine skidded for some distance after striking the boy, who was riding his bicycle. When picked up Pope's head was bleeding and it was feared the skull had been crushed, but examination at the hospital, showed only bruises and cuts. He was discharged from the hospital a day or two, authorities said. Pope had been working for the Western Union only since Monday. He was 13 years of age. His parents reside at 1303 5th street.

The companions of Carr when his machine hit the boy were not detained. Carr had not made bond this afternoon.

BOY SCOUTS WILL HELP RED CROSS UNTIL CHRISTMAS. Thrift Stamp Club is Also Organized at Today's Meeting.

From Wednesday's Daily. Organization of the First Thrift Stamp Club in Wichita County and the volunteering of their services from now until Christmas to the Red Cross campaign committee were the two most important business matters coming before the Boy Scouts of Troop No. 4 at the meeting Tuesday night in the First Methodist church reading room.

To Aid Red Cross. The thirty boys scouts through their Scoutmaster, Harrison E. Bagham, offered their services to the Red Cross, as messengers, canvassers or any capacity desired, after hearing talks by Miss Willie May Kell and W. D. Glime of the campaign committee. It is the scouts' intention to hold a demonstration parade on Friday or Saturday in the downtown district.

Thrift Stamp Club. Scoutmaster Bagham organized the Thrift Stamp Club, explaining the movement to the boys as their share in raising war funds and the club will be one of the principal activities of the troop for the coming year. Plans will be worked out for the spread of similar organizations through the other troops at some future meeting. The attendance on the Tuesday night meeting was good.

A pump station in the Burkburnett field, belonging to the Panhandle Refinery was burned last night. The cause of the fire and the damage sustained is not known.

TO EXCHANGE. FOR EXCHANGE—Excellent brick and frame warehouse property on railroad, in business center of Guthrie, Oklahoma, value \$4500; for improved or unimproved farm lands, full particulars on request, address Porter-Wilson, 221 Prospect Ave., Hot Springs, Ark. 1-20

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS BEGIN ON FRIDAY; END JANUARY 2. There will be only one and a half more days of school this year for the school boys and girls of Wichita Falls, the board having decided on a holiday to extend from noon Friday, Dec. 21, to Wednesday Jan. 2.



TROTSKY TO ASK PEACE DELEGATES PERTINENT QUERY

WOULD KNOW IF COMPACT WILL MEAN 'NO OR INDEMNITIES'

RUSS TO BREAK TREATY?

By Associated Press. Petrograd, Dec. 19.—Count Czernin and Dr. Von Kuehlmann, the Austrian and German foreign ministers have notified Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister that they will be in Brest-Litovsk Tuesday afternoon to begin negotiations for a general European peace.

Pertinent Question. "Are you agreeable to make peace without annexations or indemnities on the principle of the self-determination of nations?"

The Russian representatives were informed that if the Central Powers were willing to make peace soon they must give a detailed answer to the question propounded by Trotsky.

The evening newspapers announce that Trotsky has sent a communication to the allied embassies which they have not received up to this time, notifying them of the arrival and of the beginning of peace negotiations and asking them to participate.

The communication states that Russia and the Central Powers will receive all the allies with open arms but if the allies continue a policy of "sabotage," Russia will be forced to break the treaties made by the imperial government and to make a separate peace.

Trotsky points out that the negotiations for an armistice already have reached definite results and invites the allies to state whether they wish peace or not.

Signing Armistice. Details of the scenes of signing of the armistice show that up to Saturday afternoon the power of the delegates was such that it appeared the negotiations might be broken off. The German representatives suddenly displayed an attitude of compromise and made only a few changes in the Russian draft. The agreement was signed at 6:45 o'clock Sunday evening.

Immediately after the signing General Von Hoffman, head of the German delegation, said: "We are no longer enemies, but friends."

"We never were enemies of democracy in any country," was the reply of the Russians.

The German staff at Brest-Litovsk gave a triumphal dinner to the Russians.

ELECTRA TO HAVE HANDSOME HOTEL; COMPANY FORMED

Special to The Times. Electra, Texas, Dec. 19.—At an enthusiastic meeting of citizens held at the home of Mrs. J. W. Lee, the organization was perfected for the purpose of erecting a five-story hotel and office building on the corner of Main and Cleveland streets.

The officers of the company are: E. M. Foster, president; W. J. Sheldon, vice-president; A. H. Sheldon, secretary and treasurer.

A temporary capitalization of \$200,000 was decided upon pending the adoption of plans and work will be started without delay as the need of a better accommodation for visitors is becoming imperative with the tremendous development work being carried on in the oil field.

A \$300,000 building is now being built with a short distance of town and water and sewerage now under way will be followed by a splendid system of paved streets.

Comfort Committee Is Appointed Here To Help Local Camp

For the one purpose, that of providing comfort and entertainment to the men of Call Field, the Army and Navy Mothers Comfort Committee of Wichita Falls has been appointed.

The appointment comes from the president of the National Congress of Mothers, Mrs. Frederick Schott of Philadelphia, Penn.

Mrs. Lee has chosen on her committee Mrs. A. H. Bratman, Mrs. J. W. Stone, Mrs. J. J. Montgomery and Mrs. G. H. Felder.

The committee will attend to what ever needs may arise at the camps and is in close touch with the command officers, so that they may be of the greatest amount of service.

They are making a request for current magazines for the personal use and ask that all who will contribute magazines for Call Field phone any member of the committee.

OLD HOMESTEAD COMPANY HERE FOR THE WEEK

The company of "The Old Homestead" is in Wichita Falls for a week's day off until Christmas day. "The Old Homestead" was called for the entire week at the Dallas Opera House but this engagement had been canceled as the opera house has been rented to the Orpheum Vaudeville circuit following the opening of the Dallas Majestic Theatre.

TWO SUBMARINES HAVE COLLISION; NINETEEN DROWN

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 19.—Nineteen lives were lost when the American submarine F-1 was rammed by submarine F-3 in home waters during a fog Monday afternoon.

The F-3 was undamaged and picked up 22 survivors of her victim. Secretary Daniels announced the disaster late today in a brief statement which gave no further details.

Those Saved. Lieut. A. E. Montgomery, commanding officer of the F-1 was among the five saved. His mother, Mrs. Julia Montgomery Pratt lives at Fort H. G. Wright, N. Y.

Other survivors are J. M. Schlessa, machinist, father Charles C. Schlessa, Hills City, Tenn.

Henry L. Brown, gunners mate, father H. P. Brown, Macon, Ga.

Joseph P. Burns, chief gunners mate, wife Mrs. Pedro Cal. John J. Stewart, ship's cook, mother, Mrs. Celia B. Campbell, Huron, S. D.

Those Lost. The list of those lost was announced by the navy department as follows:

John R. Bell, seaman, mother, Mrs. J. E. Bell, Stillwater, Texas.

Frank M. Bonnard, machinist mate, Oakland, Calif.

William L. Cartwright, seaman, Fresno, Calif.

Harry L. Corson, chief electrician, Long Beach, Calif.

James Goonan, chief gunners mate, Lima, Ohio.

Simon Greenberg, electrician, Philadelphia.

Frank H. Strugh, chief gunners mate, Vallejo, Calif.

Charles F. Vincent, electrician, Esoter, Calif.

Thomas A. Walsh, machinist mate, Hilliard, Wash.

Clyde W. Wyatt, machinist mate, Venice, Calif.

Edward E. Hall, machinist mate, West Seattle, Wash.

Ray E. Scott, electrician, Vallejo, Calif.

Albert P. Smith, machinist mate, Mercedes, Calif.

Gay R. Stewart, chief machinist mate, Los Angeles, Calif.

Lymon F. Lovelock, machinist mate, Denver, Colo.

Richard E. McClure, electrician, Detroit, Mich.

Duncan A. McRae, electrician, Blain, Wash.

John P. Messinger, chief machinist mate, Philadelphia.

Grover E. Metz, machinist mate, San Francisco.

BRITISH LABOR PLANS TO STATE ATTITUDE ON WAR

SOCIALIST PARTY PLANS TO OFFER RESOLUTION AT JANUARY MEETING

By Associated Press. London, Nov. 29.—British labor's attitude toward war and peace will be the chief subjects of discussion at the seventeenth annual conference of the Labor Party, beginning January 23.

Advance copies of the agenda, which have just been issued, contain important hints on what, it is believed, may prove to be a meeting of world-wide, if not revolutionary consequence with regard to the relations between capital and labor.

Among the resolutions to be submitted is one by the British socialist party which says in effect that labor's participation in the government has not resulted in any tangible benefits to the mass of the people.

The resolution adds that "neither has the association of labor with the government resulted in any tangible benefits to be made by the democracy rather than by capitalist diplomacy."

"The document also refers to 'the methods employed to remove Mr. Henderson from the war cabinet when acting in perfect accord with the decisions of the labor party prove that participation in the government and fidelity to the labor movement are incompatible.' It will therefore be urged by the labor party now holding office be withdrawn.

Regarding peace, the independent labor party will submit a resolution for discussion which in part says: "Breakdown of Old Methods. That in the opinion of this conference the war marks the breakdown of the old methods of diplomacy which settled the international relations of the peoples without consulting or even informing them; but with statesmen who have used victories to impose terms of peace which left suspicion, hate and resentment behind which were followed by military alliances and armaments and which violated the principles of safe government in order to satisfy military demands and imperialist appetites; if therefore calls upon the government, if the sacrifices of the war have not been in vain, to provide for the direct representation of the organized democracy in every conference which discusses the conditions of peace, to reject war aims which give the war the character of an imperialist venture and to use its influence and authority in every possible way to remove the cause of war; to this end the conference declares that no obstacle should be put in the way of responsible representatives of labor conferring together with a view to arriving at such an understanding upon the problems of Europe, as will provide the cooperative support of all democracies without which there can be no lasting peace."

STANDARDIZATION OF MOTOR TRUCKS IS ACCOMPLISHED

THREE CLASSES ARE TO BE PROVIDED OF DIFFERENT CAPACITIES

GOVERNMENT LAYS PLAN

Arrangements For Model Trailers Include One of Three Tons Capacity Requested by Perishing

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 19.—Completion of designs for standardizing all the motor trucks and trailers needed by the government for peace as well as war work was announced today by the quartermaster corps.

Three classes of trucks have been provided, of which the class AA with 3-4 ton capacity was the last to be worked out by the 200 motor engineers who have contributed many new ideas. Manufacture of the class D truck having a rated capacity of three tons, already has started after exhaustive tests of the sample cars.

Three sample trucks of the class A variety capacity 1-2 tons are now being tested. One left Detroit today from the plant of the Denby Motor Truck Company and will be joined at Cleveland tomorrow by a second from the White Company. They will run to Ardmore, Penn., where a third from the factory of the Auto Car Company will complete the party for the trial trip to Washington.

Model Trailers. Plans for standard model trailers include one of three tons capacity requested by General Perishing for early use in France. It will have only two wheels, according to present designs. Assembled already has started of a four wheel trailer, 1-2 tons capacity, double ended, at the plants of the Grant Motor Car Company, Cleveland and the Detroit Trailer Company, Detroit.

A third type will be devised for the special use of the signal corps, to have two wheels and pneumatic tires.

Brigadier General Chauncey B. Baker has been in personal charge of standardizing the designs for government motor vehicles.

While the major portion of the new trucks will be put into war work, some will be used by the postoffice departments and thousands will be turned over to civilian uses of the government when victory has been won.

Many Parts Alike. Many parts of all three trucks are identical except in size to facilitate production and repair. An important feature will be the accessibility of mechanical parts, any one of which can be reached without removing another. Housings will be attached to the radiator instead of the dashboard or mud guards. Special bodies will be provided for the uses of the signal corps, medical corps, bureau of docks and other departments, but all will fit the standard chassis.

Five test vehicles of the newly designed class AA truck have been ordered. Four will be assembled by the Rice Motor Car Company, Lansing, Mich., Federal Motor Truck Company, Detroit; Maxwell Motor Car Company, Detroit and Willys-Overland Company of Toledo. The fifth will be assembled in Washington as a test against the drawings of the quartermaster corps.

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"Mr. Santa Claus, Won't You Please—?"

Dear Santa Claus: I want ask for so much for the other little children have to have something too. All I want is a little rocking chair, a set of furniture, a baby doll, candy nuts and fruit. THELMA KIMP, 908 Fifth Street.

Dear Santa: Since last Christmas I have grown to be a large boy. Am very glad to know Christmas is so near. I would like very much for you to bring me a little wagon, fine auto's tool box, nail apron, cap pistol, automobile that will run across the floor, knife, climbing monkey, boat, caps, cannon, candies, nuts, and oranges. And that will be all for this time. Your loving little boy, SON WALSH, 1623 10th St.

My Dear Santa Claus. I am six years old. I want a soldier boy's suit with hat and leggings to match, a pair of ball bearing skates. Don't send any toys, instead of money for them send it to the soldier boys. Your friend, PHILIPS CHESTNUT.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl six years old and have to stay in the house for I am getting sick very bad, please bring me a piano table and chairs, and sleepy doll, some story books, candy, fruits, and nuts. I live at 2111 Eighth Street. BERNICE BARGER.

P. S.—Please don't forget the Belgian orphans.—Bernice.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a purse and a grip, and filled with doll's clothes. And a music case, that is all for me. Dear Santa Claus, don't forget my little brother two years old. From, LIDDIE KRIZAN, EDWARD FRIZAN.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy six years old and live on Clark street. I want you to bring me an air gun and a football and some bee bees, and some sky rockets, and candy, nuts and fruits, and I think you ought to bring me my little sister to Captain Robb for some poor little boy. Your little friend, Howard Barton Fanning.

Dear Santa Claus: I am trying to be a good little girl, and want you to bring me a big doll, table and chairs, and an iron stove and bring me my little sister some just like them. Good-bye, Elizabeth Carter.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl eight years old, and live on Clark street, and I wish you would bring me a black-haired doll and a white one, and a doll bed, and candy nuts and fruits, and if you intend bringing me anything else please give it to the Red Cross for I want to help the Red Cross all I can. Your little friend, Juanita Mae Fanning.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a wagon, a football, a bicycle, a drum, some fruits and nuts and a nut set, and please don't forget my baby sister. James Smith.

P. S.—We are at my grandmother's house.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl nine years old. I want a little girl bring me a sleepy doll and a doll buggy and some little dishes and a little table and some nuts and candy and a doll bed. That's all this time. Pansy Bell Stansbury.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you please bring me a little ring like Blanches and a doll table and a little cabinet, too, also a pretty coat like Pansy Bell's and a crocheted doll, and bring me a doll buggy and a white chime like holes in it, and Santa, put in a few pie pans so I can make mud pies. I am just four years old, so I suppose this is enough for me. Your little friend, Ruth James.

Dear Santa Claus: I live in the country, I want you to please bring me a doll, a toy set, a story book and candy, nuts and fruit. Now, Santa Claus, please don't forget all the poor little boys and girls in Belgium and France, and also all the soldiers. Your little friend, Kathryn Leone Riediger.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a little red car and a story book and a horn and some building blocks. I want a Chandler car with rubber tires with a little gasoline tank in the back of the little car. You please bring me a rubber ball and a kiddie horse and some candy and nuts and don't forget the soldier boys. You're little boy, Milton Cooke, 1510 12th street.

Dear Santa, we all have moved. We do not live at 906 bluff street. Our new address is 1510 12th street.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl nine years old. Please bring me a watch bracelet, a doll basket, some doll clothes and a white chime like holes in it, and a doll, and some fruit, nuts and candy. Your little friend, Lucyle Joyce-Rountree.

P. S.—We will turn the fire on in the fireplace so you won't stink your whiskers when you come down.

I live at 1114 10th street, in a white house that has a big chimney. Please bring me a fire engine, also a horn that has things to put your fingers on to work up and down like the band boys have who play at the court house. Good bye Santa, William Howard Rountree.

Dear Santa Claus: I won't feel bad if you don't bring me anything, or if I don't get any presents, so I can enjoy things for thinking about the Belgians. Winfield Little.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a pair of skates, and a target and a few fire works, and a machine gun and that's all. But don't forget the poor little children of the town, and the children over in France, and bring father and mother something, and please don't forget the soldier boys. Well that is all. Your friend, Johnnie Knight.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl seven years old. I go to school to the Sisters of Saint Mary, St. Ignacius Academy.

The Sisters say I am a good child and Mama says you never forget good children, so I'm writing you what I'd like to have.

And nobody said a kind word. The grind of the wheels of the engine was all the good-bye I heard. Then off to the camp I was lashed. To be trained for the next half-year. For I was only a VOLUNTEER.

Maybe some day in the future. When my little boy sits on my knee. He asks what I did in the conflict. And his little eyes look up at me, I will have to look back as I'm bluish green.

To his eyes so trustfully peer. And tell him I missed being drafted. I was only a VOLUNTEER.

—Contributed.

MORTUARY

Windsor. The three months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Windsor of Petrolia was brought here yesterday for burial in Riverside cemetery.

THELMA TEVIS HOSTESS TO KNITTING CLUB

The United Knitting Club met Saturday afternoon with Miss Thelma Tevis. After an hour of knitting, the young people enjoyed a luncheon from Mrs. Tevis. Refreshments of fruit, hot chocolate and cakes were served to Misses Mary Margaret Lewis, Marjorie Jones, Helen Tevis, Irene Carter, Marjorie Jones, and Thelma Tevis. The club will meet next week with Marjorie Jones, 1413 12th street.

much inferior ammunition," said Mr. Kimball.

Senators Hitchcock and Wadsworth asked if it would not have been better to insure that American, British and French ammunition should be interchangeable.

"Congress Just Late." "If your report of preparedness had been started early enough it would have been possible," Mr. Kimball answered, adding that rifle machinery in the United States was being made from England by the war department.

"The change in the rifle was absolutely justified by the facility to use the much superior American ammunition," he said.

Turning to machine guns the manufacturers said they were making the new Browning guns "the finest ever seen."

Department Store Will Give Part of Profits to Red Cross

The P. B. M. Department store has made a generous promise to the Red Cross that so much appreciated, offering voluntarily a percentage of the Saturday sales of the store to the Red Cross local chapter. The offer was made in a chapter. The offer was made in a chapter. The offer was made in a chapter.

Red Cross Christmas Drive Is Expected To Be Big Success

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 19.—With incoming returns indicating steady progress in the Christmas membership drive of the American Red Cross for ten million new members, national headquarters here today requested division managers to forecast complete figures for the new enrollment so as to ascertain definitely the gains made since the first of the week. Reports from many sections indicate that the quotas easily will be attained and in some cases, greatly exceeded.

QUESTIONNAIRES SENT OUT TO DRAFTED MEN FROM NO. 1 TO NO. 238

The Wichita County Exemption Board today sent out questionnaires to registrants, whose numbers are from 1 to 238. A similar quantity will be sent out daily until all have been drafted. Registrants are notified to look for their questionnaires through the mail, and to report the matter at once to the board if they fail to receive them.

Modern Woodmen Hear Address of N. A. Rooks and Plan For Future

From Monday's Daily. The recent meeting of the local chapter of the Modern Woodmen of America was addressed by State Deputy Colonel A. N. Rooks of Dallas. He set forth the facts that the fraternal organizations of the country were doing things toward helping win the war by their loyalty and patriotism, and by making provisions to pay the soldiers' death claims and providing for their families while they are fighting for peace and democracy.

While in the city Col. Rooks assisted in the organization of "The Wichita County M. W. A. Booster Club" and launched a membership campaign which will close with a class adoption on Wichita Falls Monday, Feb. 4. Visitors within a radius of fifty miles were present at the meeting and joined the Booster Club and will participate in the campaign.

Marriage Licenses. Ewell Herald and Lila Piat. Clay County.

Marah and Mattie Claiborne. Powers S. Richardson and Cass Lee Waggoner.



STORMING TROOPS ARE USED AGAINST JERUSALEM SOLDIERS

FIERCE TURKISH ATTACK IS PRECEDED BY HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE

ROADS DEEP WITH MUD

Some of Sacred Edifices Within City Said to Have Been Mined By Enemy—Populace Friendly

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 17.—In attacks preceding the surrender of Jerusalem the Turks employed storming troops in successive assaults on Nebi Samuel, northeast of the Holy city, then held by London troops, according to a Reuters dispatch from British headquarters in Palestine. The dispatch which was sent by airplane gives details of the capture and the entry into Jerusalem.

The final Turkish attack was preceded by such a heavy shelling that it appeared the city would be blown off the summit, but all their attacks were repulsed sanguinarily. The Turks had a strong line west, south and northeast of Jerusalem. They were well provided with machine guns and their artillery dominated the crests overlooking the city.

A torrential rain made the roads impassable, the correspondent continues, while a chilly east wind pierced the sodden soldiers to the bone, the problems of supply and transport almost drove us to despair.

The found Hebron evacuated but encountered resistance around Bethlehen where the Turks had posted guns so that the counter battery work would endanger the sacred village.

Had Hard Task. The Londoners had a hard task on the steep slopes of the Judean hills where it was impossible to bring heavy guns to the support, but some mountain batteries and howitzers rendered magnificent service.

Throughout the whole fighting around Jerusalem the Turks showed a more desperate spirit and a greater tenacity than in almost any previous fighting. They stood their ground to the last.

During the night the Turks withdrew to the north and east early and at 8 o'clock on the morning of the 17th the mayor and chief of police came out with a flag of truce and surrendered the town.

Acceptance of the surrender was made formally at noon without actually entering the city, only pickets being posted to prevent surprises. Meanwhile, our troops entered with reconnaissance and artillery work.

Big demonstrations of joy broke out when the general advanced to take the surrender of the city. Flowers were showered on the troops and the populace clasped their hands to testify to the joy of deliverance from the hands of the oppressors.

Turks Entrenched. Further north the Turks were established in a long series of trenches around the village of Bethlehen. The trenches were carried with a rush and the British line advanced beyond the village.

The co-ordination of all our movements bespeaks praise for the admirable staff work. On conditions in Jerusalem I learned that in the early days of the war the Turkish attacks against the Suez Canal exceeded 45,000 dead from neglect, lack of food and drink.

Many Are Executed. "Everybody suspected of sympathizing with the allies was imprisoned or killed. Many persons were executed. Among them was the Mufti of Gaza, belonging to a distinguished Arab family, who after an attempt to escape, was captured and hanged with his son outside the Jaffa gate.

Young Avis is one of ten young men from Wichita Falls who volunteered for immediate service in France soon after his company was mustered into service.

ARMISTICE TERMS GIVEN IN DETAIL IN AUSTRIAN CABLE

INTERCOURSE BETWEEN ARMIES ON FRONTS IS ARRANGED FOR

TRANSFERS OF TROOPS

Sinking of Vessels in Certain Zones Is Restricted By Russo-German Agreement

By Associated Press. Petrograd, Sunday, Dec. 16.—The terms of the Russo-German armistice, according to a statement issued here, obliged no transference of troops until January 14 (January 1 Russian); no increase in troops on the fronts or on the islands in Moon Sound or the Baltic.

The German navy is to concentrate troops between the Black Sea and the Baltic east of the 15th degree of longitude east of Greenwich. In these regions no vessels are to be allowed from sunrise to sunset. Groups are limited to 25 persons at a time who exchange newspapers and unsalted manure which may be carried on trade and exchange articles of prime necessity.

A special agreement will be made by the naval general staff regarding the extension of the armistice to the White Sea and the Russian coast in the Arctic zone.

Scope of Armistice. The armistice on the naval front embraces all of the Black Sea and the Baltic east of the meridian 15 degrees east of Greenwich.

Text of Armistice. "Between the representatives of the higher command of Russia on the one hand and of Bulgaria, Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey on the other hand for the purpose of achieving a lasting and honorable peace between both parties, the following armistice is concluded:

Transfers of Troops. "Neither side is to make operative and transfers of troops from the Baltic-Black Sea front until January 1 (January 14) excepting those begun before the agreement is signed.

British Planes Bomb Positions of the Germans. The British war office statement on aerial operations issued last night reads: "Although the weather was fine Saturday, a very high wind and ground mist interfered with reconnaissance and artillery work.

Reports of Offensive By Germans Labeled 'Enemy Advertising'. The German higher command is apparently eager to have us believe it is about to win a great victory.

Candy and Tobacco 'Only' Are Wanted By Avis in France. From Monday's Daily. J. M. Avis has received the following cablegram from his son, Robert, who is a member of the Rainbow division, announcement of whose arrival in France was recently made.

W. C. Pope left this afternoon for Austin where he goes on business. E. Stanley Field left today for Vernon on business.

GENERAL CROZIER MAKES REPORT ON ARMY'S ADVANCE

MACHINE GUNS ARE GIVEN PLACE OF PROMINENCE IN DISCUSSION

OUTPUT CHIEF TROUBLE

American Field Pieces Will Be Similar in Calibre To Great French 'Seventy-fives'

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 17.—Army ordnance conditions at the beginning of the present fiscal year are treated in brief by Major General Crozier, chief of ordnance, in the annual report of his bureau made public today.

Number of Machine Guns. "In other words," he adds "the number of machine guns on hand for our army is not so small that it was necessary to keep going at the greatest possible capacity those machine gun factories which were already in operation.

Every energy has been bent to secure satisfactory output and considerable progress in this direction is being made. Funds appropriated to date are adequate for the purpose.

Both these and the machine guns are under manufacture in quantity, the report says. A considerable number of the anti-aircraft guns also had been adopted.

The production of large calibre mobile artillery, that is, weapons of the type of the German forty-two millimeter gun, appears to be the chief source of delay in the army's equipment.

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From Monday's Daily. Wichita Falls stands third in the list of sub-stations for navy recruits.

Grand Jury is Empaneled With Marsh Barwise as Foreman. From Monday's Daily. The Thirtieth Wichita County District court convened Monday morning for the grand jury term.

Report on University Now Being Drafted by Inquiring Committee. Austin, Dec. 17.—Members of the sub-committee of the legislative investigating committee probing the University of Texas, having completed their task, today began the work of compiling their report, which Representative Tolson, member of the committee said would be ready by January 1.

Detection of Metal In Wounds Is Newest Scientific Certainty. Washington, Dec. 17.—Detection of metal in wounds by means of a new telephonic device is described in dispatches to the department of commerce.

Resumé Relations. "With the purpose of facilitating the conduct of peace negotiations and the speedy healing of the wounds caused by the war, the contracting parties take measures for the establishment of cultural and economic relations among the signatories.

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CHRISTMAS GIVING OF CITY CHURCHES TO FOLLOW CUSTOM

FIRST PRESBYTERIANS PLAN 'HOOPER' AFFAIR, LACK OF ING CANDY

WOULD MAKE ALL HAPPY

Pantomime Will Be Feature at First Christian Church—Baptists to Remember Orphans

From Monday's Daily. Wichita Falls churches this year will have a "Giving Christmas" as has been the custom for several years and those who are omnipresent with the joy of the holiday.

Very spectacular is the Christmas pantomime, "The White Christmas," which is to compose the program of the First Christian church.

A Christmas cantata, "The American Santa Claus," a Christmas cantata, will be given Christmas Eve by the Sunday school of the First Methodist church.

From Monday's Daily. Wichita Falls attorneys were divided into three groups at a meeting of the bar association this morning.

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SIXTY-ONE PEOPLE OF GERMAN BLOOD JOIN RED CROSS

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY. Sixty-one members of the St. Paul's Lutheran church, all of them of German birth or descent, took out membership in the Red Cross in response to the pastor's appeal for the Red Cross Christmas membership campaign, made at the morning service yesterday.

LISTS BEING ARRANGED

Christmas Day to Be One of Merry-making Despite Absence of Many Loved Ones From City.

From Tuesday's Daily. Wichita Falls homes where one or more sons have answered the country's call and they are many, will not have a merry Christmas at Christmas time.

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MANY SOLDIERS WILL BE GUESTS OF LOCAL PEOPLE

SOLDIERLESS HOMES AND HOMELESS SOLDIERS TO BE BROUGHT TOGETHER

LISTS BEING ARRANGED

Christmas Day to Be One of Merry-making Despite Absence of Many Loved Ones From City.

From Tuesday's Daily. Wichita Falls homes where one or more sons have answered the country's call and they are many, will not have a merry Christmas at Christmas time.

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LAWYERS DIVIDED TO AID DRAFTED MEN WITH PAPERS

THREE SECTIONS ARE ORGANIZED HERE TO TAKE UP THIS WORK

FIRE CRACKERS IN CITY LIMITS WILL BE TABOO

POLICE CHIEF HUMPHRIS AND FIRE CHIEF MCCLURE ISSUES NOTICE

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LIBERTY MOTOR GETS BRIEF RECOGNITION IN REPORT OF OFFICIAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The tremendous air program of the American Liberty Motor is the subject of a report of the chief signal officer of the army directly in charge of the work.

GASOLINE EXPLODES; TWO IN HILLSBORO ARE FATALLY BURNED

HILLSBORO, Texas, Dec. 17.—Alexander Parks, Jr., aged 35, was burned to death and Robert E. Parks, 35, was also fatally injured last night when the home of Alexander Parks was ignited by a fire. The fire followed an explosion when gasoline was spilled on kerosene for starting a fire in a stove.

Denial Made That Japs Landed at Vladivostok. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Further denial that Japanese troops have been landed at Vladivostok was contained in a dispatch to the state department from the American embassy in Tokio.



CHILDREN HEAR BISHOP MOORE AT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WOULD HAVE THEM LET SPIRIT ENTER AS GENTLY AS DUE COMES AT NIGHT.

TOLD TO LIVE ARIGHT

Paints Out Christ Studied Ten Years For Every Year That He Taught the People.

From Monday's Daily. Those who heard Bishop Harry T. Moore, coadjutor of Dallas, in his address to the Confirmation candidates at the Episcopal Church last night declared that it was a helpful, sympathetic and beautiful talk to children. The Bishop's remarks revealed a complete understanding of their minds, the difficulties which confront them in their spiritual life, and the problems which they have to solve.

Setting forth briefly what their sponsors had promised for them in baptism, the Bishop told the candidates that in receiving confirmation they were beginning the Christian life on their own responsibility, and that henceforth they must stand on their own feet, becoming responsible for what they did and answerable for what they left undone.

"As God Wants You To." "You will now try to live as God wants you to live, and to keep from the things that God doesn't want." He said "and you will find many things to baffle you and to tempt you. How are you going to get strength to live this life? You will get it from the Holy Spirit. Perhaps you do not fully understand what the Holy Spirit is—and perhaps I do not. But though it may be difficult to understand just what He is, He is the Spirit of God, who is helping you. For the Holy Spirit will give you an ever increasing source of strength, although He will work very quietly."

"Have you ever gone out early of a summer morning and seen the dew on the grass and flowers? Do you know how it came? It does not matter. It is there, a source of strength and life and refreshment to the flowers. It comes from the dew of heaven. So will the Holy Spirit work in your life. If you will let Him, do you ever want to do something which your conscience tells you is wrong, and which you know you shouldn't do? That is the Holy Spirit telling you, and if you fight off the temptation, too, is the work of the Holy Spirit."

How Will You Secure It? "How will you receive the Holy Spirit? In many ways; but especially through the sacrament of the Eucharist. You will find, by and by, that you will get careless, and that you have done a great many things which you had not intended to do. What will you do then? Will you become discouraged, and stop trying? You should then examine yourselves thoroughly; and then, when you find you have done wrong, you must ask God to forgive you, and try again. You must come to the Holy Eucharist, and come often; for that is spiritual strength."

"Will you try to live nearer to God? Your life is in trust to you, and tomorrow you will be in charge of that life. When you are older, and your mother has passed on, it may be that one of you will take up the work of the ministry of Christ. If so, if you should be called to that life of service, you will find that the Holy Spirit will have become a close companion in your life, though you may know much more about Him than you do now. But will you try to live closer to God, to examine yourselves thoroughly and honestly, to ask God to forgive you when you have done wrong, and always go on trying. God bless you."

Sermon Following. In the sermon following the confirmation address, the Bishop, speaking from the text "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your father which is in heaven is perfect," said that he believed the text to mean "Be ye therefore imitators of the perfection of your father which is in heaven."

stance of the life of Christ, where he was ever uncertain as to what to do, ever hurried or flustered, ever in difficulty—over the solution of a problem? The secret of that was that every year of work, there were ten years of preparation, and his chief preparation was his inner life with God.

"There too is the strength of the church, and of the individual. If you and I are to be imitators of the perfection of our father, we must have a source of strength to guide and control our lives. We must build up an inner life and a strength which we can draw upon in our hour of need. You will often hear a man say that he left home in the morning having no intention of doing any wrong; but that at the end of the day, he finds that he has done much wrong. He says that he did not realize the temptation till it was all over, and the thing done. But he had yielded to the temptation long before it ever approached him. He had built up no spiritual, inner life, and had nothing with which he could combat the temptation when it came."

CHRISTIAN CHURCH PROGRAM IS PREPARATION FOR YEAR.

Forecasts of the work planned for 1918 in the various departments of the church, given by heads of the departments, formed the program of the Sunday morning service of the First Christian church. The speakers were: W. J. Bullock, of the board; J. W. Broadway, superintendent of the Sunday school; Mrs. A. O. Schaff, president of the Ladies Aid; Mrs. T. W. Caskey, president of the C. W. B. M.; W. S. Willis, chairman of the Tithing Band; R. E. Shepherd, superintendent of the adult department; D. A. O. Schaff, church treasurer and Paul Pond, president of the Intermediate Endeavor. The program was one of much interest.

FIRST BAPTISTS MAKE OFFERING TO ORPHANS

A free will Christmas offering amounting to \$50 was taken at the First Baptist Sunday school yesterday morning. The Sunday school and the church will make a usual contribution to local charities next Monday, Christmas Eve.

GRAFTON MAKE APPEAL FOR ALL TO AID IN WAR

An appeal to his congregation to assist in every way possible in the winning of the war, especially through the Red Cross, the authorized agent of the government, was carried in the Sunday morning sermon of Rev. N. F. Grafton, delivered at the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Grafton took this occasion to mention the Red Cross Christmas campaign, as had been requested by the national headquarters, and urged that the church people do their part in enrolling the full amount of memberships in Wichita county.

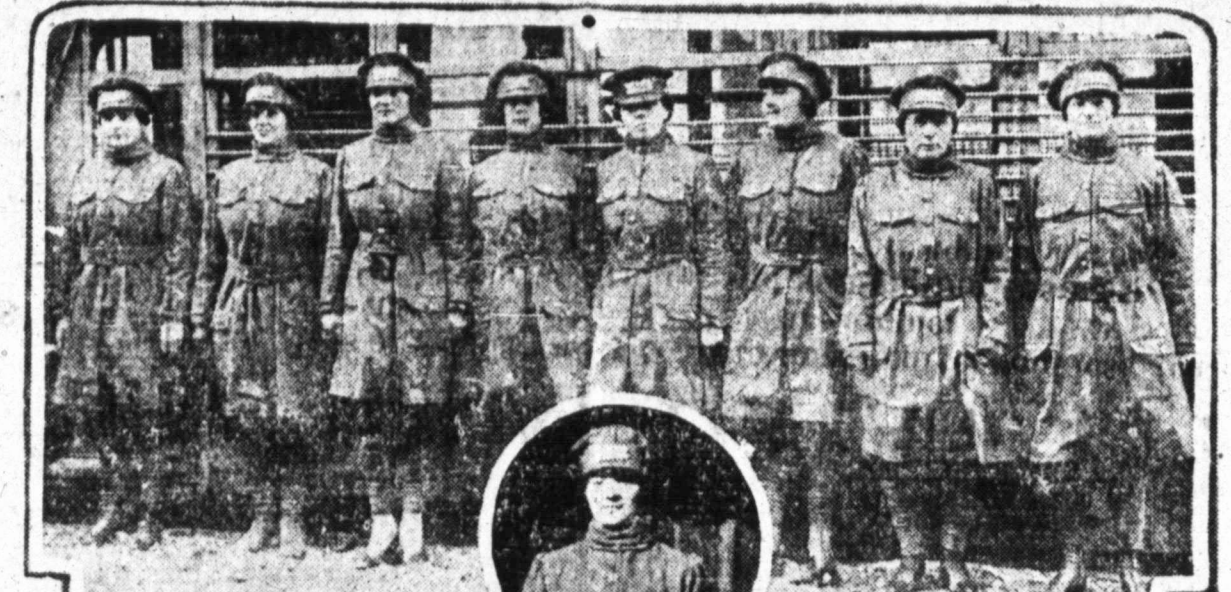
Millionaire's Death Due to Poisoning Is Opinion of Coroner

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The death of Lucius B. Berden, millionaire of Toledo, Ohio, in a hospital here last Wednesday, was due to poisoning, in the opinion of Dr. F. J. Port, who attended him during an attack of convulsions at a hotel before being taken to the hospital.

Assistant Secretary Chamber of Commerce Arrives in the City

Dow Williams, of Kansas City, and formerly of Wichita-Falls, arrived yesterday, to take up his duties as assistant secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. H. C. Howard will leave for Altus about the end of December, and Mr. Williams is putting in the interim becoming familiar with his new work. Mr. Williams was formerly with the Wichita Falls and Northwestern Railroad in the office of A. F. Winn.

KHAKI UNIFORMS, TROUSER EFFECT, DRESS OF LADY CONDUCTORS



LEFT TO RIGHT—AUGUSTA SHERER, SADIE KAISER, ANNA PEDERSON, MARY O'LEARY, HATTIE WALSH, ANNA RUBIN, KATHERINE LEISTER, and RECA BRANDON

Bonnie lassies in "womanly" of the color of Uncle Sam's soldier uniforms were seen themselves at the receiving end of five cars on the New York Railway's lines and collect fares. It will not be the first time that women have appeared in that capacity, but it will be the first time that the new uniforms will appear with them. Many of the employees of the railway company have gone into either the army or navy and labor is scarce. From all sides came the reports of women working in the munition factories, driving cabs, acting as chauffeurs and doing many things that called for male labor before the war.

BALANCED RATION SOUGHT FOR HOME BY HOUSEWIVES

WOMEN OF COUNTRY WILLING TO ECONOMIZE IF THEY ARE TOLD HOW

PROBLEMS ASKED HOOVER

Concrete Organization is Necessary if Best Results Are to Be Secured

(By Martha Bensch Brueer.) Every man knows how to fight—in a way. He has arms and hands and he can strike. But in order to fight effectively in this particular war he must be trained to use the particular weapons that fit the particular needs of this conflict. Every woman knows how to feed her family—in a way. She can cook food and set it on the table. But in order to do her share in this great upheaval she must be trained to meet special new needs and conditions. I have been allowed to see some of the letters asking for this new training which are coming to the Food Administration from all over the country. These are things the women say: "I am willing to economize in any way possible to aid my country in winning this war, but I would be glad to know that my children had plenty of food to enable them to become strong, healthy men and women."

"Willing To Do."

"We women are willing to do! But have you ever tried to feed a family on perishables? This morning we had beans, lima beans, string beans, nice white potatoes. Now, in your mind, make a meal. We couldn't turn a half yard until we had meal at 2 1/2 cents a pound, or flour at 8 cents a pound; common hogless lard at 24 cents a pound; meat I don't know what we paid a pound, but just enough to season, cost 30 cents."

Who Has Stale Bread?

Who has stale bread when flour is 90 to 95 cents for 12 pounds? Who has sour milk when milk is 15 cents a quart and poor milk is 10 cents a quart? Who eats young meat, veal, lamb, etc. when the commonest white pork is 28 cents a pound retail and the next best 30 cents, with a decent piece of seasoning meat selling for anything the folks choose to charge? Who has fats to save? Who has fuel to save? "Do not be offended, I simply want to show why I can not do a thing you advise. There are thousands like me. I can not save a single article of food. I do not get enough. My baby is getting just 1 pint of milk a day when she needs 2."

Not to Be Taken Lightly.

This situation is not one to be taken lightly. These letters, however, do not mean that there is so little food in the country that we can not all be sufficiently fed, and at the same time, support the allies with what they need, but that the supplies available are not of the kind we are in the habit of using and that some of the things we must have are unusually expensive. As these letters really ask two questions so there must be two answers. The complaint about cost is a question of labor, of transportation, of shifting values of manipulation, of storage, and of excess profits, as well as of reduced supply and an increased demand on our source of supply. It is not a thing which we individually can do much about. It must be adjusted through the large cooperation of advisory boards and committees and departments, of congresses and cabinets, and perhaps of kings. The complaint of not getting enough food, of pleasant food, or a variety of food, or the right food for correct diet under the new conditions of the war, can be answered by giving all of us who are in the home trenches what amounts to a military training.

Need Organization.

We can not train ourselves to our new work without organization any more than a man drafted into the army can train alone in the solitude of an Arizona canyon. It isn't to be done that way. We are to have a contention as wide as the land, and two great organizations—the Department of Agriculture and the Food Administration together—are to be our teachers. The Department of Agriculture offers us the technical knowledge gathered through many years of experience—careful instruction is necessary to a perfect diet, exactly in what substances they are to be found, and how to prepare and combine them. The Food Administration will teach us to fit the old knowledge

Two New Weapons.

We have already learned to use two of the new weapons effectively. The first is the new machinery. The feeding of us all has actually been brought into existence. In response to the national demand for more food, the farmer has been urged to plow and gathered increasing bushels into barns, but men, women and children have planted odd acres of wheat, corn, beans and watered and cultivated them and gathered the garden crops. And the women have canned and preserved the surplus of the home production of country homes stand full. It is estimated that the supply of home canned food is twice what it ever was before.

It is Important to remember.

It is important to remember, of course, that the home canning, like trench digging and grenade throwing is only a war necessity. The most economical way to can and preserve is not by hand, but by machinery; the most efficient as well as the most sanitary place to do it is not in the kitchen, but in the factory. We are, however, up against a sudden imperative demand for canned food which can only be met by a quick return to old, laborious processes as supplements to the new methods. If the war should unhappily last a long time, we would be quite unparadoxically wasteful if we did not develop canning and preserving facilities on a large enough scale to free the labor of the women for things which can not be done except by them. Necessary as it is to save labor in time of peace, it is even more necessary in time of war.

What Kinds of Food.

In this national need we have realized anew that if every human being is to be kept at the point of highest efficiency it is imperative that we know exactly what kinds of food and

what amounts of each kind of food we should eat. And it is not only a question of what food we can afford to buy, or what food we can find in the market, or what food will make us a perfect cook, but what food we have no right to eat freely, since if we use them abundantly our allies must go without them entirely.

To explain what our food needs really are, Dr. Graham Lusk of the Cornell Medical School at New York City has written the lesson on "Food for a Day." Dr. Lusk gives us our rations in terms of calories—things most of us have been hearing of since we saw the headlines. Then he translates these scientific measures of heat into the pounds and ounces that we all understand, and these again into the dollars and cents we must pay to get them. And after that he shows how our needs change with the sort of occupation in which we spend our working days; whether we are housewives, bookbinders, farmers, or men sawing wood, and again he translates into the actual things we should eat—meats and vegetables, cereals, sugars and fats.

From this instructive in simple terms, each housewife can work out a food budget for her family. Many of us are used to the idea of housekeeping on a monthly budget, and are accustomed to allowing so much money for rent and for clothes and for food. But very few of us plan our table on an allowance so much as we should. We buy too much fruit and vegetables, so much meat and bread. As it is to the interest of the whole household that the spending of the family income be systematic, so that the family will be sure of getting what it needs, it is also to the interest of the whole world that the use of our food supply be systematic. A family budget planned by every housewife—and not only planned but relentlessly carried out—would help enormously to train us to our war needs.

And having learned the lesson of what kinds of things we need for the day's food, exactly how are we going to fit our food budget to the supplies that are available after the war? The duty of feeding the army and our allies has been met, to the amount of money we can afford to spend, and the amount of money we have in which to prepare meals? Take the very critical subject of bread. We must all have it in some form or another, and yet the world's wheat crop which is so short that it is scarce in many places, can be sure of an amount of wheat flour to which it is accustomed. We can, however be taught to cut the pattern of a full supply of bread from this short length of wheat if we learn the business of piecing it out properly.

Corn Crop.

We have an enormous corn crop this year. This corn crop, together with the oat crop, the rye crop, the barley crop and the crop of rice, can be made as useful in winning the war as aeroplanes and submarines. We are not all equally prepared to do this. Some who are farmers, and some who are not, are not used to anything but using white bread. The women of the South are experts in the making of corn bread; many of our European neighbors use rye, barley and oats for bread; and rice, as well as potatoes, buckwheat and other starchy foods may be pressed into service for the making of bread. The need is that we women on whom falls the immediate duty of adjusting the grain supply shall learn from each other's experience how to do it.

It is within these new limits and to meet this new necessity that Dr. Alonzo Taylor of the United States Food Administration, has written the lesson, "What and How to Use It." He shows us in simple terms, the French woman and what we can do to learn a lesson for us drawn from the experience of the department in organizing markets for local produce. He also teaches us ways in which a woman and what we can do to learn a lesson for us drawn from the experience of the department in organizing markets for local produce. He also teaches us ways in which a woman and what we can do to learn a lesson for us drawn from the experience of the department in organizing markets for local produce.

Save Labor.

Under our present need to save labor we might very well develop some system of local delivery which would prevent hundreds of delivery wagons following each other through the streets, scores of delivery boys going up and down the same flights of steps. It is a thing that has long been in the air in time of peace. If we can develop it under the pressure of war we shall have given ourselves a permanent possession. We already have plenty of examples to help us, for in 25 American cities what is called a "Central delivery system" has already been established to do all the delivery for all the stores in a fixed charge.

It is not the only thing to be pushed back, down the ladder of our economic civilization.

It is extremely disconcerting to find our great organizations of business, of manufacturers, and of transportation on which we are used to depend for the softening of the edges of our daily life, needed for the immediate and direct preservation of democracy. Let us not make the idle pretense that we will like it, or that we will not go back to that better stage where iron and steel and electricity and steam, instead of human muscle, perform most of the labor that we are now forced to take up. Let us not say even to our own souls that we will not change these things as soon as we can, for the mean while we must remember that in learning to adjust ourselves to the conditions which the war has thrust upon us, we are teaching the underlying facts on which every wise plan of life must rest.

D. A. R. WAR WORK GOES ON APACE; REPORT ISSUED

Daughters of the American Revolution throughout the United States are turning their time to war relief work. The Major Francis Graice, the local chapter together with the rest, and the following summary showing the work accomplished for three and one half months has been issued.

This summary is compiled from Bulletin No. 11 returned to the Publicity Director, War Relief Service Committee, filled out by thirty-three states: Knitted garments, 37,300, or 9,225 sets, at \$4.00, \$147,300. Comfort kit bags, 9,721, \$20,977.75. Sewing kits, 1,573, \$1,479.75. Barrage bags, \$112.00. Other U. S. Jelly, 13,064 glasses, at 15c, \$1,959.60. Mergers fund, \$1,574.00. Belgian relief, \$5,246.30. Miscellaneous, \$21,241.27. National surgical dressings and Red Cross, \$99,866.26. Training school scholarships, \$75.00. French orphans, \$17,356.59. Miscellaneous, \$20,241.27. Total war expenditure as reported from 33 states for 3 1/2 months, \$2,654,263.52.

Furthermore, the Daughters of the American Revolution in thirteen states have pledged themselves to provide needed knitted garments for the period of the war to the crews of 34 United States ships, comprising battleships, destroyers, torpedo boats, cruisers, submarines, and submarine chasers, and 22 states have contributed knitted garments for other U. S. vessels, making a total of 83 boats on which the men are today wearing garments knitted by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Daughters have also "adopted" companies of soldiers to keep supplied with knitted garments for the period of the war, have given ambulance and field kitchens, have provided hot meals and box lunches for departing troops, have presented regimental flags, have contributed to the ideal conditions surrounding some of our camps, have extended cheer and comfort to the lonely camp guards who are watching our railroad bridges, tunnels and other public property, have been leaders in establishing Red Cross chapters.

AMERICAN WOMEN URGED TO KNIT MORE FOR ARMY

INVESTIGATOR ALLEGES THAT RED CROSS HAS TO PURCHASE MAN CLOTHES

(By George T. Bye.) London, Dec. 20.—The largest newspapers in the Middle West recently asked the Reciprocal News Service to run down the report that the American Red Cross was selling the sweaters and socks knitted by women patriots, to our fighters in France. From an inquiry conducted among soldiers and sailors in England and France it is possible to reply conclusively that the rumor is a lie. That our women are easily discouraged by this sort of German propaganda is shown in the announcement here today that 50,000 sweaters have had to be ordered from knitters in Germany because American wives, mothers, sisters and aunts are not doing their part. England had these rumors by the dozen in the early days of the war, but the staunchness of the women triumphed over them.

Way to Triumph.

The way to triumph is easy. Let every woman who is a liberty worker constitute herself a detective in government service. Let her be on guard for every suggestion or rumor that might influence her to be negligent in knitting or food economy. Then let her report to her local chief of police the name of the man or woman, neighbor, chance acquaintance, grocer or milkman who has transmitted the paralyzing thought to her. This will cause the thought to be thoroughly investigated and the thoughtless but otherwise innocent people, but will have two gratifying results. The rumor starters will be tracked and caught as enemies of America and justice. The thoughtless but otherwise innocent folk will be roughly educated to the life-and-death necessity of stifling gossip that might hinder the work of our people.

English Women Busy.

English women have not only knitted the German rumor that their knitted supplies were being sold to their beloved Tommies, and as early as 1914, but also kindred false reports so fast that they were rotting in basements, that some of the knitted and sewn goods had to be thrown away secretly to save the Red Cross from embarrassment. The German agents were sprinkling glass among bandages so they could not pass inspection and that the war would be over soon and the women's efforts consequently wasted.

SPICY PROGRAM WILL BE GIVEN BY ROTARIANS

At the Rotary Club luncheon tomorrow—knitting will probably be the main feature. Chas. Pogenpohl will undertake to criticize the club on any point or points which occur to him. He states that he is already well primed for the occasion and that it is probably the only chance he will ever have to say exactly what he thinks and get away with it, he intends to make the most of it. When he is through, A. E. Myles will criticize him. Mr. Myles, unlike Mr. Pogenpohl, has not primed himself for the undertaking. He said it was quite unnecessary.

Advertisement for BERT BEAN COFFEE HOUSE. Features: "THERE'S A WAY A 'SHIP' TWIXT CUP AND LIP!", "The Tea Shortage in This Country Is Serious", "It is a patriotic duty to drink more coffee and less tea.", "DRINK MORE COFFEE", "BERT BEAN COFFEE HOUSE 824 Indiana Ave. Telephone 35".



Swift & Company Refuse To Produce Firm's Books

Forty-Seven Dead In Collision At Shepherdsville, Ky

Fast L. & N. Train Crashes Into Rear of S. A. C. Commodation

By Associated Press. Shepherdsville, Ky., Dec. 21.—The death toll taken last night when Louisville and Nashville passenger train No. 7 from Cincinnati to New Orleans, crashed into the rear end of the Louisville, Bardonia and Springfield accommodation train a few hundred feet south of the railroad station here, had reached 47 today.

The wreck, which is said to be the worst in the history of the Louisville and Nashville, occurred just after the local train had pulled out from the station here.

Other Train in Sight. It had only gone a short distance when the other train came into sight traveling at a high rate of speed. Before it could be halted it had crashed into the slower moving train ahead and made kindling wood of the two wooden passenger coaches it carried.

Blame for the disaster seems to hinge on whether the fast train had given a clear block or not. Jesse Weatherford, operator at the station, said, immediately after the collision, that after the local train pulled away from the station he had turned his head to show the track clear for the fast train and left his response in order to help unload baggage.

Charles R. Bone of Beaumont, Drops Dead; Postmaster 15 Years

By Associated Press. Beaumont, Texas, Dec. 21.—Charles R. Bone, aged 45, secretary of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, dropped dead at 7 o'clock this morning at his home. He had been postmaster for fifteen years and was one of the most prominent Republicans in the state. He is survived by a widow and two children.

Roumanian Front Staff Joins the Ukrainians

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 21.—A Petrograd dispatch to the Daily News says that the staff of the Roumanian army on the Roumanian front has joined the Ukrainians which report is declared to be more probable than that the Roumanians have taken such action. The Daily News reports confirm the appointment of General Stabiletsch as the Ukrainian commander.

Commission's Consent Is Necessary to Raise Rates

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 21.—Railroads desiring to withdraw from joint rate agreements must obtain specific approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission if the withdrawal would mean an increase in rates, the commission ordered today.

Kansas Farm Products Reach Highest Value

By Associated Press. Topeka, Kan., Dec. 21.—The value of farm products of Kansas in 1917 amount to \$507,225,000, nearly \$131,000,000 more than the state's best record in 1914, according to a report of the state board of agriculture today.

Third Liberty Loan Not Yet Decided Upon

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 21.—Published reports that the third Liberty loan would be for \$3,000,000,000 at 4 1/2 per cent interest, one half per cent above the rates on the second loan, were denied today by Secretary McAdoo.

President Says He Will Present Railway Matter

ASKS THAT NO CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY AS SUGGESTED BE STARTED YET

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 21.—President Wilson will send a message to Congress recommending enactment of legislation to meet the transportation situation immediately after the holiday recess. Until it has been received the president today requested that the Interstate Commerce commission withhold making any investigation as provided under the Cummins resolution.

Federal Agents Unable to Obtain Definite Replies

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 21.—Testimony to show that J. Ogden Armour is part owner of the Chicago Stock Yards Company was given today at the federal trade commission's inquiry into the packing industry and it was said the next thing to be developed was the extent of the interest of other packers in the same concern.

Operation of the company has been made as complex as its formation was by means of dummy directors. A new treasurer was put in ever two years or so, resulting in only incomplete knowledge of the company's actions on the part of any officer. F. H. Price of Boston was said to receive the dividends and make distribution among the shareholders, believed to include all the large packers whose identities have not been established.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 21.—Swift and Company of Chicago have refused to deliver to the federal trade commission records desired by the commission's investigation of the packing industry, and drastic action will be taken in court to force their production, announced today at the resumption of the commission's inquiry.

It was said when the commission's investigators went to Chicago they received only evasive replies from the officers of Swift and Company and that direct demand for the records had been refused. To obtain the papers, which relate to the ownership of the Chicago Stock Yards and other details of the meat industry, the commission will go into a federal court and ask an order compelling the company to produce them.

Chase Reported Ill. Mr. Henry announced receipt of a telegram saying that C. C. Chase, Chicago, auditor of the Union Stock Yards and Transit Company, was ill and could not answer the commission's subpoena. The telegram said Mr. Chase has been "ordered south for an indefinite time." Mr. Henry added: "I desire to inform the commission that we have enough evidence to establish Mr. Chase's testimony to make a prima facie case and then the packers can do what explaining they think necessary."

Admission that J. Ogden Armour and F. H. Price own the Chicago Stock Yards Company, controlling the Chicago Stock Yards Terminal, was made by W. W. Wadden, former treasurer of the company. Although the stock appears in the name of Frank R. Pogram, secretary of the commission, Wadden said he knew who the real owners were.

Details of Plan. Details of the plan for obtaining control of the Chicago Junction Railway and the Union Stock Yards Company were unfolded by Wadden, who said a party in F. H. Price and Company of Boston but sometimes took short hand dictation from Price. Two copies of short-hand notes were identified by Wadden as having been taken by him in 1911.

The notes were headed "Proposition" and set forth how Price and J. Ogden Armour were to obtain control of the Junction Railway Company. Then came an subhead "Scheme" which detailed how the new corporation, The Chicago Stock Yards Company, was to be formed and obtain the control of the yards and railroads held by the other company.

Price and his friends controlled the preferred stock and could be counted on to vote," the memorandum reads. "He and Armour control the common stock."

Price was said to own 20,000 shares of the Junction Railway stock; F. S. Mosely and Company of Boston had bought 12,500 shares, of which Armour was to take one half, the balance going to Price and the remainder to the company's stock was to be bought by Mosely and divided equally between Price and Armour.

Last Alamo Survivor Dies In San Antonio At Age of 90 Years

By Associated Press. San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 21.—Enrique Esparza, the last survivor of the Alamo, is dead. When, March 6, 1836, Santa Anna stormed in the final and successful assault the chapel where a handful of Americans went down, surrounded by piles of Mexican dead, the victors found a group of Mexican women in a barricaded part of the fort of the building among them being an 8 year old lad, Enrique Esparza, who died at his home here last night, aged 89.

Churches Will Unite In Service To Save Coal

By Associated Press. Haverhill, Mass., Dec. 21.—Most of the churches of this city will close their doors next Sunday and unite in services in two theatres in order to conserve coal.

Pershing Held In High Favor By Commanders

BOTH FRENCH AND BRITISH BELIEVE HIM WELL ABLE TO HANDLE SITUATION

Scott Makes Report

American Army is Being Taught What is Considered Best in Both Allied Armies

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 21.—Direct assurance of the confidence of both British and French commanders in General Pershing's ability and their satisfaction with the broad and soundness of his preparations to make American arms effective on the western front, have reached Washington with the return from Europe of Major General Hugh L. Scott, former chief of staff, who was in conference today with Secretary Baker and other war department officials.

The men who are actually leading the allied armies, from the commanders in chief and members of the war ministries down to the corps and division commanders, have been unhesitating in expressing the approval of the chief of the American expeditionary force and his methods.

There is no pessimism as to the outcome of the war in the fighting lines, General Scott found. The armies of the allied are confident, and he said that the American troops will be the equal of any on the front when they come to grips with the German army. They are taking their training enthusiastically.

Hertling Given Directions to Conclude Peace

By Associated Press. Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—Count Von Hertling, the Imperial German chancellor yesterday received representatives of all the Reichstag parties with whom he had confidential discussion on the situation caused by the opening of peace negotiations with Russia.

According to the newspapers, the independent Socialists were represented at the meeting by Deputy Hasse. This is the first time since the foundation of the party that it has had direct intercourse with the German government.

Armed Demonstration Against U. S. Once Mikado-Czar Treaty Program

By Associated Press. Petrograd, Dec. 21.—Under the heading "Secret treaty between Japan and Russia for joint armed demonstration against America and Great Britain in the Far East," the Izvestia published today the text of the secret treaty drawn up last year providing for joint action by Russia and Japan to prevent any third country from achieving political dominance in China.

Article III.—The conditions on which either party shall give armed assistance and the means by which such assistance shall be expressed, shall be fixed by the respective authorities of the contracting parties.

WASHINGTON DISCUSSES ALLEGED RUSS-JAP TREATY. By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 21.—American officials today they had no knowledge of the so-called treaty between Russia and Japan and considered that to describe it as contemplated "joint

Opposition to Bolsheviki Growing

The Flag That Never Knows Defeat



Cause of Short Clothing Supply For Army Probed

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 21.—Without waiting for congressional appropriations the war department authorized orders for clothing for one million troops before the United States went to war, it was brought out today in the testimony of Quartermaster General Henry G. Sharpe, before the senate military committee.

The committee investigating the supplying of troops, went particularly today into the causes for the shortage of clothing.

In an introductory statement dealing with the Mexican border mobilization, General Sharpe said the ordinance equipment ordered with Secretary Baker's approval was the regulation military day supply including clothing, hats, shoes, tentage and animals. This supply, he explained, was expected to last two or three months.

Armed demonstration against America and Great Britain in the Far East" was not borne out by the text of the published articles.

There is a possibility that the treaty referred to is the special convention concluded between Russia and Japan about the same time as the so-called secret treaty. It was generally assumed here that the treaty contained some secret provisions, but its purpose was described as being to safeguard the rights of Japan and Russia in the Far East; to reconcile all outstanding issues between them and generally to follow the lines of the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

The agreement just completed between Secretary Lansing and Viscount Ishii, though not specifically supportable by military force as is the Russo-Japanese secret treaty, really aimed at the same objective, the protection of Chinese integrity, although that idea was developed on more altruistic and unselfish grounds than in the secret convention.

Ukraine Is Said To Have Gained Staff Officers

Efforts Continue by Those in Power to Secure Separate Peace

Huns Aid Maximalists

German and Austrian Officers Are Said to be Assisting the Government in Tashkent

The war situation of today is summarized by The Associated Press as follows:

Opposition to the Bolsheviki apparently is increasing as reports of German support of the Maximalist government become more profound and the situation in Russia grows more chaotic while the Bolsheviki endeavor to arrange a separate peace with the Central Powers.

The Ukraine in its hostility to the Bolsheviki government has been joined by the Russian staff on the southwestern front. General Sheriat, chief of the commander in Roumania, has been appointed head of the Ukrainian forces reported to be marching against the Bolsheviki. Another report reaching London says that the Roumanians have joined the Ukrainians while other dispatches declare that former Premier Kerensky is marching against Moscow and that Grand Duke Nicholas is raising a royalist army in the Caucasus.

German and Austrian Officers. German and Austrian officers released from Russian prisons are reported to have led the Bolsheviki in overpowering their opponents in Tashkent, the capital of Russian Turkestan, while other Russian prisoners, said to be two army corps, are near Petrograd, officers of the Central Powers are said to be active in Petrograd although this is denied by the Bolsheviki who claim that the constitutional democrats are trying to put Russia under German control.

Russian Rada Would Have Part in Negotiations

By Associated Press. Petrograd, Dec. 21.—The Rada, in its reply to the Bolsheviki government, suggests that a conflict can be averted on certain conditions, which are mentioned, including no interference with the affairs of the Ukraine republic or the administration of the Ukraine front and recognition of the right of the Ukraine to share in peace negotiations. It further suggests that Ukraine is entitled to representation to the extent of one third in the federative government.

Mutilated Bodies of Ranchmen Are Found Upon Mexican Side

By Associated Press. Del Rio, Texas, Dec. 21.—Relatives who crossed into Mexico in search of the Texas ranchman, Clarence Sellers and Lee Sharp, missing since Thanksgiving, returned here late yesterday. The bodies they report of the ranchmen, were found in a cave on the Mexican side and gave evidence of the men having met violent deaths, and were partly stripped of their clothing.

Three Minutes Taken by Jury; 10 to Hang

By Associated Press. Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 21.—A new criminal court record here for the imposition of the death penalty was set last night, when a jury returned a hanging verdict in the trial of James Miller, alias Jo Jo, a German-born international criminal. He was convicted of killing James Lester, Sr., from whom \$500 was taken. The crime was committed Nov. 24. The trial lasted two days and the jury deliberated three minutes, or just long enough to cast a ballot.



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Save Your Boy, or Your Neighbor's



Red Cross surgeons and orderlies give first aid to wounded in little underground dressing stations in the front-line trenches. War records show that as many Red Cross men are killed by enemy fire as regular soldiers in the trenches.

**LOSES THREE SONS, WIFE;  
SUCCEEDS BY RED CROSS**

A cablegram from France to the American Red Cross says:  
"At one of our Red Cross canteens last week an old poilu, with tragic face, came up to the director of the canteen and pulled out three photographs of very fine boys which he said were his sons who had enlisted in the same regiment, and who had all been killed.  
"A month before he had received word from the French authorities that his wife, who had been caught in the invaded district, had been shot by the Germans. He was started back on his furlough with no family to whom he could go.  
"The director suggested that he had his parents to visit, but he an-

sured that both his parents were killed by the Germans in 1870.  
"He said to the director: 'I have had rest and comfort here in your canteen. You have all been very kind to me. I have found plenty of good food to eat, something to read and a place to sleep. I think that I will stay here for a few days before returning to the front if you do not mind.'  
"And it is there that he will spend his leave. These are the men the Red Cross canteens reach, nearly thirty thousand of them a day.  
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DONE BY FLAMES  
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**ONLY STOCK IS INJURED**

Origin of Blaze is Not Ascertained, But Fire Had Made Good Headway Before Alarm Was Sent In.

Fire, originating in an unknown manner in the warehouse of the Wichita Broom Factory at 7 o'clock last night, caused a loss in destroyed and damaged broom corn of from \$15,000 to \$20,000, according to the estimates of T. B. Noble, owner of the factory, today. There were seventy-one tons of broom corn in the warehouse, over half of which, Mr. Noble said, was burned, and the greater part of the rest damaged, but the building is intact.  
Mr. Noble stated that he had never seen better work than that done last night by the fire department. But for the unerring efforts of the firemen, he said the whole warehouse and factory would have been destroyed; whereas not only was the factory untouched, but some 15,000 painted broom handles in the warehouse were gotten away without damage, and an appreciable amount of the corn saved.  
At 11 o'clock the fire was out.

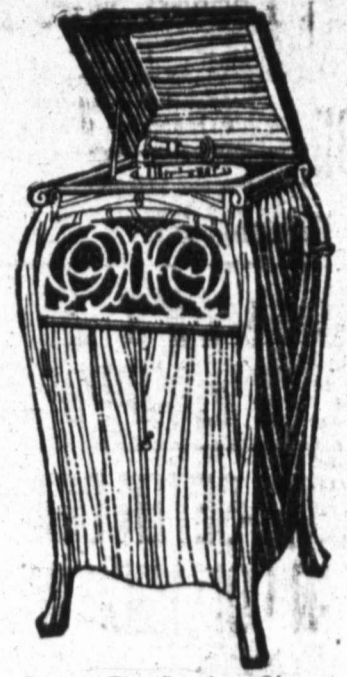
The department worked all night, playing two strong streams of water on the burning corn, and carrying the heavy poles and bundles into safety. A few hours were snatched by one man at a time for rest, but at no time was the blaze out of control. It was possible to hold the flames in the center of the house, where they apparently started, but Chief McClure said this morning that nothing more than that could be hoped for, as broom corn was one of the hardest things in the world to extinguish. If the blaze were left in the warehouse, he added, they would burn for ten days before it would all be consumed. Mr. Noble arranged, however, to have the burning material carried out one by one and extinguished—the only method, apparently, that has any promise of success in putting out the fire.

**No Flames Visible.**  
Owing to the fact that no flames were visible, and that the little quantity of smoke that at first escaped from the building was easily confused with the heavy clouds of steam at all times coming from the ice plant, next to the warehouse, the fire had gotten good headway before any alarm was turned in. Ever then the fire alarm whistle was not blown, the alarm was given by the switch engine which was pulling cars from the factory switch. Mr. McClure declared that the galvanized iron roof was cherry red when the department arrived, and that the door had burned down, letting the draft right into the building.

bury a cow. Fortunately the Bosches didn't spill the beans, but it was too close to be comfortable. Bob, I am proud to have the distinction of being with the regiment that fired the first shot that America fired in this war, and the battery I was assigned to fired that shot. For the past three weeks I have had my clothes off two nights. At present I am very comfortably located in the hay loft of a barn with cows, horses, chickens and pigs stabled below. It is warm, though, and most comfortable and desirable for a soldier.  
One of the warmest nights I spent close to the front was in a hay stack. It would take a barrage fire to kill our unit as the boys are as tough as pine knots. I will have lots to tell when I reach home.  
Am well and hearty and standing the abominable French weather splendidly. Have been here since August 14th and haven't seen the sun twenty times. It rains and rains continuously day and night. "Sunny France" is a myth and belongs in the ranks of mythology.  
This letter is to all.  
Oh, yes! I forgot. The most interesting sights of all is watching the shelling of aeroplanes. Two clear days enabled us to see several engagements in the air. When a birdman shows up, the batteries and machine guns open on them. I have

seen four engagements going on at the same time.  
I am convinced that after all the air is the safest place for a fellow. They can keep out of range.  
Love to all.  
Wendell.  
**MOST PAPERS DISCOURAGE  
KEEPING MANY SERVANTS.**  
Special to The Times.  
London, Dec. 21.—Most of the newspapers are joining in the government movement to discourage small household establishments with several servants. Want ads that tell of families of one or two persons having five to ten servants and requiring one or two additional are published in news columns under condemnatory captions.  
**BITTER TASTING DOSE  
GO UNDER ODD NAMES.**  
Special to The Times.  
London, Dec. 21.—All sweet camouflage in medicine, the sugar coating of pills and the "teaser" in cod liver oil, etc., ended December 1, when a wartime pharmacopoeia went into effect. The bitter tasting doses will go under former names with the addition of the initials "W. E. F." meaning war emergency formulary.

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**HE WRITES HIS BROTHER**

Comes to Conclusion That, After All,  
The Air is About The Safest  
Place For a Fellow.

Wendell Johnson, who professed law in Wichita Falls about five years ago, and who is well known to many Wichitans, is a member of the American regiment that fired the first shot of our war against Germany.

Mr. Johnson has written a letter to his brother, "Bob," publisher of a paper at Matador, Texas, giving some of his impressions of the battle front.

**Writes Letter.**  
"The letter is printed in the Quannah Tribune-Chief from which the Times reprints it."  
"Somewhere in France,"  
Nov. 9, 1917.—Dear Bob, Someone has laid down the proposition: "What could be the result, when two irresistible objects meet?" I have been at the front for three weeks and witnessed daily engagements between German and French forces with guns thrown in. I have heard the French and German artillery engage in a barrage fire for three solid hours, beginning at 1:30 p. m. and continuing without a break. It was one continuous rattle without a discord or false note. It baffled one's powers of description. I wish I were a Hall Gaine or Victor Hugo (by the way I saw Hugo's birthplace) so that I could do justice to the subject.

The best way I can describe it is to run the key board of a piano up and down in rapid succession, each note being the same representing the artillery, interspersed with the rat-rat-tat of the machine guns. The pyrotechnic display has not been what I expected as the nights have all been cloudy. One afternoon I was in the cook shack of our mess telling a story. A six-inch Boche shell screamed overhead and exploded; the story was continued as I had a hurrysap call-to-the-dugout. Back of the cook shack in solid earth was a hole, big enough to

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### ELEVEN FELONY BILLS RETURNED BY GRAND JURY

Thirteen defendants will be tried in Judge Bonner's court the first and second weeks of the January term of court as a result of the grand jury's report Thursday, in which eleven true bills were returned, charging felonies. The grand jury adjourned until Jan. 14, making no report other than the indictments.

in the country jail, with the exception of W. H. Vickers, former superintendent of the county farm, charged with criminal assault, who is out on bond, and Felix Dill of Electra, also out on bond. The indictments follow: W. H. Vickers, criminal assault. W. E. Carter, theft of auto. Will Ranford and Robert Walker, robbery and theft. Felix Dill, murder. Joe Daniels and O. H. Hageland, robbery and theft from person. Henry Johnson, criminal assault. F. J. Hubbard, soldier from Fort Sill, robbery. Street McCarty, attempt to commit the offense of robbery. Jack Keel, seduction. R. H. Grundy, theft by bailer. Glen S. Sutton, assault with intent to rob. Mrs. R. L. Hargrave and son, Robert, have gone to New Orleans for a two weeks' visit.

**PAPER AND SHIPPING SAVING IS RECOMMENDED.** Special to The Times. London, Dec. 21.—To save paper and shipping weight the government is recommending small envelopes in all departments, and foolscap paper for official correspondence is to be prohibited. In the 30th district court yesterday the following divorces were granted: Lovonia McCoy from Lucian McCoy; Adaline Campbell from Lance Campbell; Sallie Carter from Aubrey Carter. Felix Dill, indicted by the grand jury at its December sitting for murder in connection with killing of John Drey, oil field worker early in October, was brought here today by Constable Ligon of Electra and made bond in the sum of \$2,500. He returned immediately to Electra.

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Tonight Miss Katherine Cook will present her pupils in their first recital of the year, at Harrison-Everton concert hall. Through mistake this recital was announced in Thursday's paper for that evening. Both piano and numbers will be given by Miss Cook's pupils and Charles Cook, violinist; student with C. J. Templeton will assist. The program begins at 8:15. The public is cordially invited and an interesting program is in prospect.

**MERRY MATRONS HOLD THEIR REGULAR MEETING.**  
The Merry Matrons held their usual meeting at the home of Mrs. D. W. "Richford" yesterday afternoon. Christmas fancy work was substituted for the regular Red Cross work. Refreshments of sandwiches, pickles, pie with whipped cream, and coffee were served to Mesdames Proctor, Martin, Walker, Sides, Major, and Bedford. The club will meet again at the home of Mrs. Raley on the 11th of January.

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### INCESANT FIGHTING IS REPORTED IN PETROGRAD.

Petrograd, Dec. 20.—Incassant fighting has occurred in many parts of Petrograd in connection with the efforts to check drunkenness and prevent the raiding of wine cellars. A mob raided one distillery where fifteen soldiers drank themselves to death. Fifteen persons were killed and wounded when an armored motor car attacked the distillery which was set on fire. The fire department was prevented from extinguishing the

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### FOREIGN SECRETARY OFF TO PEACE CONFERENCES

London, Dec. 21.—Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary with other important officials

blaze by rowding and many persons were burned before the situation was brought under control. The streets are running with wine in many sections where the soldiers are pumping wine out of the cellars to prevent disorder.

It is said that the peace negotiations will be under the presidency of Ibrahim Hakkid Pasha, the Turkish ambassador to Berlin and Dean of the Berlin diplomatic corps. The Bulgarian delegates include Minister of Justice Popoff and M. Kossuff, chief of the foreign office. While the peace delegates are assembling the activity at Petrograd of a number of German and Austrian officers apparently is causing heart burnings. Circulars have been spread alleging that the council of soldiers and workmen delegates is in negotiation with the officers. The Pravda, the Bolsheviki organ, prints an unqualified denial and makes a counter charge against the constitutionalists trying to undermine Trotsky and Lenin and attempting to place Russia under the control of German imperialism. The Bolsheviki also accuse the constitutional democrats of being responsible for the wine shop riots.



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"HE WHO IS NOT WITH ME—" OR WORDS TO THAT EFFECT.

Of particular interest now is the visit of Louis Cabrera to the so-called neutrality conference which is to be held in Buenos Aires.

It is of interest because the most recent revelations made by the state department in its publication of Luxemburg correspondence involving the Argentine Republic, has explained the reluctance of the Argentine Republic to enter the war upon the side of the Allies. Mexico, too, has been passive, to say the least, so far as the Allied cause is concerned, although such steps as Mexico has heretofore taken have been calculated to embarrass the United States.

Cabrera is a close personal friend of President Carranza and is reputed to be his chief adviser. He came to the United States as a special envoy to adjust trade matters. He is notoriously anti-American. He left the country angered by a fancied slight he believed he had received at the hands of the State Department.

Is this so-called neutrality conference scheduled to be held in Buenos Aires in fact of German origin? Is this in furtherance of a plan of the German government to construct for its own uses an anti-American league of Latin-American countries?

These questions instantly suggest themselves to those who have read the forty odd messages exchanged between Count Von Luxburg and the German foreign office, showing the cunning of the German intrigue to align Chile and Bolivia against the United States and the methods employed in keeping the Argentine Republic out of the war.

Germany's much-touted diplomatic methods broke down in the despised United States. Germany's wonderful system of secret communication, in all its ugly windings, has been shown to the world by the United States' secret service men.

And all the while that these things were going on, it is well for us to remind ourselves, Germany was professing the greatest friendship for the United States.

The murdering of women and children of America upon the high seas was being explained, and explained and explained again, amid protestations of cordial feeling for the people of this democracy.

Is it any wonder that President Wilson has decided that the members of our representatives of the House of Representatives are incapable of drafting any binding compact? Is it any wonder that he has decided that the word of the Kaiser cannot be believed?

Above all, is it any wonder that we are present at war with the German people?

WHY NOT FIX CORN PRICE?

Why doesn't the government fix the price of corn?

The government has fixed the price of wheat at two dollars a bushel. One of the purposes in fixing the wheat price was to guarantee to the farmers a fair remuneration for raising the crop; another purpose was to prevent hoarding, speculation and profiteering, and a third purpose, and one probably of more importance than the others, was to make the crop come immediately into the market so that a part of it, at least, could be exported to meet the needs of our troops abroad and the needs of our Allies.

Wheat is the best suited of all our grain crops for export. It is not so perishable as corn and our Allies in Europe know its uses. They do not know how to use corn.

The corn crop in America is the largest ever gathered and every sack of corn meal that is used in American homes will release that much wheat

or flour for export to Europe. But the American people are not going to eat corn meal and other things made from corn meal unless it is cheaper than flour. At present quotations there is not enough difference between the prices of corn meal and flour to make it an inducement to the American housewife to substitute corn meal for flour.

One of the reasons for this is hoarding, speculation and profiteering in the corn crop. Corn today is selling for nearly as much as wheat. This in the face of the largest corn crop ever harvested!

One dollar a bushel for corn is a better thing for the farmer than two dollars a bushel for wheat. Normally fifty cents a bushel is a good price for corn; normally a dollar a bushel for wheat is a good price. The government has fixed double the normal good price for wheat. It would be as fair to the farmer to fix double the normal good price for his corn crop.

But the high price for corn is not only limiting the export of wheat in the failure to offer an inducement to substitute corn meal and other corn products for flour and wheat products; it is seriously impairing the production of pork and other meats, all of which are concentrated food products adopted for export.

Corn is selling in the Southwest to the farmer at \$1.60 to \$2.00 a bushel. This price prohibits its use for fattening livestock for the markets; it not only prohibits this use of corn but it makes it necessary for the Southwestern farmer to sacrifice his breeding stock. It makes it even a burden he can hardly meet to feed his work horses so that he can raise a wheat crop or any other kind of a crop next year. There is so small a difference between the prices of wheat and corn that in some instances farmers are reported to be feeding their livestock wheat instead of corn.

While this situation exists the speculators are driving prices of corn still higher while the hoarder sits quietly contemplating his profits at the expense of the Southwestern farmer and of consumers everywhere.

MEAT SALES AND THE SANITARY ORDINANCE

Editor of Times: I noticed in your Sunday issue that one of the market men of Wichita Falls was called before the court for violation of the Sanitary ordinance (meat being exposed for sale on counter).

I am heartily in favor of this ordinance and think it should be enforced. I am, however, an advocate of fair play. Now, it is a fact that meat is being sold from homes to house, from vehicles of all descriptions; drawn by uncleaned horses from which the hair and other accumulations are blown back upon the meat. Every prospective buyer handles this meat in selecting the desired morsel. The last piece of meat sold out of this vehicle has been handled many times by all nationalities, clean and unclean.

Yet, some however will run half a block to flag such a vehicle, in quest of some fine country sausage pipe pork? I bought two hind quarters of beef from a farmer recently, who told me he made a lot of sausage and used the front quarters of the beef to put in the sausage.

We market men are at a great expense to maintain a sanitary market. The ice bills during the past season have been enormous. The rents are high, the delivery of meats is another great expense which we are unable to avoid and give our customers the kind of service they desire. This time of the year should be our harvest time, with light ice bills and more volume of business, but we have no protection. The peddler swoops down and cleans up more real money than we have made all summer. Is there not some way in which we can get protection from the peddler? If not why not have him sell his meat in a dust proof ice box which could be conveniently carried in back or auto, instead of being spread out on a lap robe, tarpolein, or horseblanket with no covering except a dirty sheet? I am an advocate of fair play.

Tax any and all who desire to retail fresh meat in Wichita Falls (\$100.00) one hundred dollars a year, enforce the sanitary ordinance. I am for anything that is a little better. All we ask is protection and fair play.

MEAT MAN.

Carol Practice Will Be Held on Sunday Afternoon 3 O'clock

A carol practice has been announced for the massed choirs of the city churches on Sunday afternoon next at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, corner of Tenth and Lamar streets, at 3 o'clock sharp. It is especially urged that the members of all the choirs make an especial effort to be present for the purpose of running over the carols to be sung on Christmas. Should this happen to be the first intimation that any choir member has had of the practice, it is asked that such an one consider it sufficient warrant for his presence at the practice, for though the committee has made every effort to reach all the choir directors and members, some have not yet been reached.

It is also requested that the singers bring their books with them, as it is very necessary that there should be enough books for the choir. The practice will be short, as all the tunes chosen are well known; and it will merely be necessary to ascertain that all have the same edition of the tunes and words. Final arrangements will be made at the practice as to the itinerary and time and place of meeting for the crooning on Christmas Eve.

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CAUSE OF SHORT CLOTHING SUPPLY FOR ARMY PROBED

(Continued from page 1.)

camp by that time," said Senator Hitchcock.

"What is to become of the others?"

"Hoped to be Ready." General Sharpe said that by speeding up production it was hoped that virtually all would be clothed completely by Dec 31.

Late deliveries were blamed by General Sharpe for overcoat and sport coat shortages. He insisted that there is no shoe shortage.

Senator Hitchcock, reading from the quartermaster general's annual report, said it appeared that 2,000,000 overcoats were on hand and only 1,300,000 men in service.

General Sharpe said that numerically an overcoat had been furnished every man in camp but that many sizes were too small.

The same trouble was found in supplying shoes.

Senator Wadsworth cited an incident regarding shortage of proper shoe sizes. At Camp Custer on Dec. 23, he said, only half a detail could march to target practice, and when they returned their shoes were taken off and put on the other half who then marched to the range.

Senator Weeks said that a shoe manufacturer told him that eighty per cent of the men in one camp were wearing shoes one half to three sizes too small.

The sizes and widths were changed, General Sharpe said, about a month ago.

Senators Hitchcock and Chamberlain said it seemed there was too much delay in the order.

"Isn't that a long time—from August to November—before taking action on supplying the proper kind of shoes," asked Senator Hitchcock.

Senator Chamberlain said it appeared that the department "red tape" in making transmission of business through the adjutant general's office necessary, was largely responsible.

Had Been Delays. General Sharpe said there had been delays of two and three days in his receipt of telegrams through the adjutant general.

"Have you ever suggested cutting out this round about method," asked Senator Chamberlain.

"Yes, sir, to the secretary," General Sharpe said.

General Sharpe said the new war council appointed by Secretary Baker would study to question of internal business methods.

"The way war correspondence goes through," General Sharpe continued "is not a good business method."

"No man on the outside can directly communicate with me," he explained, "without going through the adjutant general's office, and I cannot communicate with the chief of staff without going through the same office."

Planned to Call All. Reverting to clothing for the drafted men, General Sharpe said the department planned to call all of the 687,000 drafted men in September, but that he demonstrated it would be impossible to clothe them and that he recommended that only 100,000 be called, then but that 300,000 finally were called out.

"Wasn't that partly responsible for clothing not being in all the camps?" "Undoubtedly," said the witness. "It was all thoroughly understood—that we would be somewhat short of clothing and that some would have to drift for a time in civilian clothing."

"Was it a mistake then to call out the 300,000 men?" asked Senator Wadsworth.

"No, I would have done the same thing myself," said General Sharpe emphatically, reserving his reasons to be disclosed in executive session.

General Sharpe in a general statement, pointed out that without technical authority of law, he had last year contracted obligations of \$34,000,000.

The principal business of the board of aldermen at the meeting last night was the checking and allowing of the monthly bills, and the remission of a ten dollar fine, for cause.

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TODAY'S MARKETS

COTTON NERVOUS AND IRREGULAR AFTER OPENING

New York, Dec. 21.—The cotton market was rather nervous and irregular at the start today, first prices being six points lower to 12 points higher. More December notices were in circulation than on any previous day this month, amounting to nearly 30,000 bales according to early estimates and there was considerable scattering of liquidation in the late months. Combined with Liverpool and moderate southern selling, this sent prices off a few points right after the opening with Jan. selling at 29.58 and March 29.10. The trade interest were moderate buyers at the decline however while Dec. stiffened up selling at 30.57, or in tone with high ground of the session at the end of the first hour. Other months also sold several points above last night's closing figures with Jan. touching 29.10 and March 29.11 following reports of diminishing prospects for a separate peace between Russia and Germany.

Cotton futures opened steady; ec. 30.50 bid; Jan. 29.60; Mar. 29.20; May 28.84; July 28.51. Trading was less active during the early afternoon and no fresh feature developed with prices holding steady around 29.73 for Jan. and 29.22 for Mar., or within a few points of the best and about 4 to 5 points net higher.

To market later turned very firm on covering by near months shorts and spot house buying of later deliveries. December led the advance selling to 30.74, or 24 points net higher and into new high ground for the season while Jan. showed a net gain of 16 points and later deliveries were 8 or 9 points above last night's close at midday. There was no change in the generally bullish average of southern spot advice and it was reported strength of the near months was due to a demand for cotton out of the local stock at a considerable premium over the prevailing quotation. Cotton closed easy.

New Orleans Cotton. New Orleans, Dec. 21.—Narrow fluctuations featured the early transactions here today. Around the opening moderate selling seemed to depress the active months to the extent of 7 to 9 points but fresh buying came in and at the end of the first half hour the market stood 2 to 4 points above yesterday's close. Cotton opened steady. Opening bids: Jan. 28.45; Mar. 28.14 asked; May 27.96 asked; July 27.81 asked; Oct. 26.53.

A quiet but steady tone settled upon the market with offering absorbed by buying based on better reports from the stock market. Toward noon prices were 2 to 11 points up net. Liquidation in a moderate scale set in after the noon hour and prices sagged somewhat at 4 o'clock four points higher to 3 points lower than the close of yesterday. Cotton closed steady at a decline of 12 to 21 points.

Liverpool Spot Cotton. Liverpool, Dec. 21.—Cotton spot slow; prices steady. Good middling 22.84; middling 22.31; low middling 21.79; sales 2,000 including 1,800 American. Receipts 2,000 including 200 American. Futures closed quiet. New contracts: Jan. 22.44; Mar. 22.29; May 22.19. Old contracts: (fixed

prices): Dec. 22.16; Dec.-Jan. 21.01; Jan.-Feb. 20.91; Mar.-April 20.73; May-June 20.57.

Liverpool Statistics. Liverpool, Dec. 21.—Weekly cotton statistics. Total forwarded to mills 45,000 bales American 39,000; stock 430,000. American 285,000; imports 71,000. American 55,000; exports none.

LIVESTOCK

Fort Worth Live Stock. Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 21.—CATTLE: Receipts 4,000; steady. Beeves \$6.50@11.25; stockers \$6.50@9.50; cows \$4.50@8.50; bulls \$3.00@5.50; calves \$5.50@11.25. HOGS: Receipts 3,000; 10 cents up. Heavy \$16.10@16.15; light \$16.00@16.10; medium \$15.80@6.00; mixed \$15.75@15.85; common \$14.50@15.50; pigs \$9.00@13.00. SHEEP: Receipts 1,500; steady. Lambs \$15.00@16.00; yearlings \$12.00@13.00; wethers \$10.00@12.00; ewes \$10.00@11.00; culls \$5.50@7.50; goats \$5.50@7.50.

Chicago Live Stock Market. Chicago, Dec. 21.—HOGS: Receipts 27,000; firm, 10 cents higher. Bulk \$16.05@16.65; light \$16.25@16.45; mixed \$16.10@16.25; good heavy \$16.45@16.70; bulk \$16.10@16.60. CATTLE: Receipts 3,000; steady. Native beef steers \$8.00@14.25; yearling steers and heifers \$7.00@15.50; Texas quarantined steers \$6.75@10.50; fair to prime southern beef steers \$9.00@12.75; best cows and heifers \$6.00@10.00; prime yearling steers and heifers \$7.50@10.00; native calves \$5.75@16.00. SHEEP: Receipts 2,300; prospects steady. Lambs \$12.00@16.25; ewes \$10.00@11.50; wethers \$11.00@12.50; canners and choppers \$6.00@9.00.

St. Louis Live Stock. St. Louis, Dec. 21.—HOGS: Receipts 8,500; 10 cents higher; light \$16.10@16.50; pigs \$14.25@16.25; mixed and butchers \$16.10@16.50; good heavy \$16.45@16.70; bulk \$16.10@16.60. CATTLE: Receipts 3,000; steady. Native beef steers \$8.00@14.25; yearling steers and heifers \$7.00@15.50; Texas quarantined steers \$6.75@10.50; fair to prime southern beef steers \$9.00@12.75; best cows and heifers \$6.00@10.00; prime yearling steers and heifers \$7.50@10.00; native calves \$5.75@16.00. SHEEP: Receipts 2,300; prospects steady. Lambs \$12.00@16.25; ewes \$10.00@11.50; wethers \$11.00@12.50; canners and choppers \$6.00@9.00.

Kansas City Live Stock. Kansas City, Dec. 21.—HOGS: Receipts 6,000; strong. Bulk \$15.50@16.25; heavy \$15.50@16.45; light \$15.50@16.15; pigs \$12.50@14.25. CATTLE: Receipts 2,000; steady. Prime fed steers \$12.50@14.25; dress ed beef steers \$11.00@12.50; southern steers \$7.00@9.00; cows \$5.50@9.00; heifers \$6.00@10.50; stockers \$7.00@10.00; calves \$6.00@13.00. SHEEP: Receipts 4,000; steady. Lambs \$15.00@15.50; yearlings \$12.00@13.50; wethers \$11.00@12.50; ewes \$9.00@11.35; stockers \$7.00@15.00.

New York Stocks. New York, Dec. 21.—Prominent stocks yielded one to two points in today's early dealings, fresh selling resulting from overnight advices which suggested further heavy war financing and attendant trade restrictions. Steels, shippings and active rails led the decline with equipments and oils. The few gains included Baltimore and Ohio, American Tobacco, Inspiration Copper, Studebaker and Pullman. Liberty bonds were steady.

The market lapsed into dullness in the mid-session and leading stocks headed slightly on realizing for profits. Many specialties increased their gains however, especially oils, shippings, and bonds. Consolidated Gas and Continental Can.

PRICES OF CORN REACT FOLLOWING THURSDAY'S BULGE

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Corn showed a tendency to react from yesterday's bulge. Buyers were somewhat scarce and the attention of the trade seemed to center on advices that eastern roads had been ordered to return to the west a total of 17,000 empty box cars. Clear cold weather likely to improve the quality of the crop helped also to ease the market. Opening prices, which ranged from the same day yesterday's finish to 1/2 lower, with January \$1.24 1/2, to \$1.25 and May \$1.23 to \$1.24, were followed by a moderate decline all around.

Oats paralleled the action of corn. Signs of a renewal of export demand however acted as a check on the bears. Higher quotations on hogs however gave strength to provisions. The most active bidding was for ribs. Buying ascribed to packers kept the market most of the time on the up-grade.

Subsequently depression resulted from reports that the hitting of the railroad embargo east of Chicago had failed to stimulate shipping demand. The close was unsettled 1/4 to 1/2 cent lower with January 1.24 1/2 to 1.24 1/2 and May 1.23 1/2 to 1.23 1/2.

Open High Low Close. CORN—Dec. 1.27 1.27 1.26 1.27; Jan. 1.24 1.25 1.24 1.24; May 1.23 1.23 1.22 1.23. OATS—Dec. 78 78 76 76; Mar. 75 75 75 75; May 73 73 73 73.

PORK—Jan. 45.95 46.32 45.95 46.20; May 45.50 45.80 45.50 45.80. LARD—Jan. 24.25 24.45 24.25 24.15; May 24.50 24.65 24.50 24.65.

RISES—Jan. 24.25 24.42 24.25 24.40; May 24.52 24.80 24.52 24.77.

Kansas City Produce. Kansas City, Dec. 21.—Butter, creamery 43 1/2; firsts 41 1/2; seconds 39 1/2; packing 37c. Eggs firsts 46c; seconds 30c@31c. Poultry: Hens 21c; roosters 15c; broilers 24c@25c. Potatoes: Steady, \$1.85@2.00.

MORTUARY WILLAFORD. J. D. Johnson has been called to Italy, Texas, by the death of his wife's father, Mr. Willaford. The death was very sudden. Mr. Willaford having been ill only two days with pneumonia.

A. W. Ponton. A. W. Ponton, age 17 years, died yesterday morning at 4 o'clock at 2712 Forest street. His father and brother were with him and have taken the body to Rockdale, Texas, for burial.

Ed Konitz. The body of Ed Konitz the Burk Burnett youth who died at a local hospital as the result of being burned at Burk Burnett earlier in the week, was sent today to Carter, Okla., for burial.

"MUSICIANS" CONVALESCENTS ARE TOLD HOW TO AVOID "RELAPSE"

Are there any Wichitans who have recovered from an attack of musicitis? If so, they are asked to contribute their discarded instruments of torture to the Red Cross, which is making a collection for Call Field. Banjos, mandolins, guitars, ukuleles, and any other portable musical instrument will be very acceptable. Instruments may be left at the Red Cross rooms in the Masonic Temple.

THIS IS SHORTEST DAY IN YEAR; LIGHT TO LAST LONGER TOMORROW

Today, December 21, is the shortest day of the year. The almanac is authority for the statement that there will be nine hours and forty-six minutes daylight. The sun should have risen at 7:05 this morning, but failed to come up to the calendar announcement.

HUNDREDS IN CITY ARE NOW MEMBERS LOCAL RED CROSS

TOTAL IN WICHITA FALLS AMOUNTS TO 3,498; COUNTY NOT REPORTED.

With practically all the factories and large oil companies yet to hear from with Burk Burnett and Electra not yet reported, and the Iowa Park returns not nearly completed, the total of adult memberships so far recorded reaches 3,498, which 3,498 are in Wichita Falls. In addition to these figures are over twelve hundred junior memberships in Wichita Falls and Iowa Park.

Manager W. D. Cline, Messrs. Heath, Mann and Barnes, flying cadets of Call Field, and Misses Liela Bell Anderson and Margaret, Noble made a trip yesterday to Burk Burnett, the cadets speaking to the school children, and Fred Weeks, W. W. Silk, Judge Montgomery and Cadets Slaven and

Ed went to Electra for the same purpose. It is understood that cadets here that these towns are holding out their reports till they are complete.

The executive committee feels very encouraged by these results, and various guesses were hazarded as to the probable final total of the whole county, some of them going as high as 10,000. The figures are generally estimated at from eight to ten thousand.

COUNTY TEACHERS ALL MEMBERS OF RED CROSS BODY

INSTITUTE ADJOURNS NEXT SELECTING ELECTRA AS NEXT MEETING PLACE

The Wichita County Teachers Institute is a 100 per cent member of the Wichita County Red Cross, every teacher taking out a Christmas membership this morning, when the adjourning session was held. Furthermore, one of the resolutions adopted was that each teacher return to his or her community as a worker for the Red Cross and give support in every possible way.

Electra Next. During the business session Electra was chosen as the place for the county track meet, the date to be decided later, presumably sometime in April. The institute members presented E. C. Hill with a handsome ring as a Christmas gift. Mr. Eldridge of the Clara school making the presentation.

Lee Clark, superintendent of the city schools addressed the institute this morning on "Applying For a Position in the Army." He was generally applauded for his presentation of the extension department of A and M College also spoke.

Hear Addresses. Yesterday afternoon in addition to the regular program the teachers heard addresses by Mrs. J. W. Lee of the parent teacher organizations as a power for good in the school and the community and Miss Mary Jones, county home demonstrator on the work of the extension service with the rural schools.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY WANTED—Girl at Ponds Laundry. Apply Ponds Laundry Saturday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock. 191 1/2

FOR SALE—Slightly used 1917 Ford in good shape. Apply S. E. Thornton, Marion Hotel. 191 3/4

FOR RENT—Two unfurnished rooms, modern, \$10.00 per month at 1406 Eighth street. 191 3/4

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WILSON'S CASH GROCERY 4 Sunbriht Cleanser ..... 20c 1-25c can Dustbane ..... 20c 2 cans Seeded Raisins ..... 35c 2 cans Red Salmon ..... 55c 1 pound Wampo Coffee ..... 25c 2 cans Flavored Soup ..... 25c 2 cans Green Lima Beans ..... 50c 1 Glass Pressed Chicken ..... 35c 2 packages Postum Cereal ..... 25c 1 pound Wampo Coffee ..... 25c 1 pound Comrade Coffee ..... 28c 2 pounds White Swan Coffee ..... \$1.25 2-16 cent Lench Extract ..... 25c 2-10 cent other flavors ..... 15c 1 Mason Jar plain Olives ..... 40c 1-65 cent Jar Preserves ..... 40c 1 box Sage ..... 10c 1 Heinz Plum Pudding ..... 35c No. 2 Tomatoes, 1 can ..... 15c No. 1 Tomatoes, 1 can ..... 10c 1 Jar Prepared Mustard ..... 15c 1 Clothes line and clothes pins. A bargain in wash tubs ..... 25c 2 Toilet Paper ..... 25c 1 large Glass Jelly ..... 25c Preserves ..... 30 and 40c Fruits and Vegetables and Nuts.

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E. G. Hill, undertaker, office and parlors, 900 Scott Ave. Phone 225. Prompt ambulance service. 93 1/2 c

Dr. Du Val, Glasses fitted 174 1/2 c. Country eggs, 50 cents dozen. Farmers Supply Co., 717 Seventh street, phone 449. 191 1/2 c

Senorita Marie Ordonez, graduate in Spanish will teach private lessons at her home 1102 7th. 186-4 p

Dr. Scharff, Osteopath, E. & K. Bldg. We clean and remodel furs of all kinds into the latest shapes. Experts in charge.—Home Tailoring Co. Phone 1231. 186-1 c

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Don't let an amateur tinker with your battery. Bring it to us and have the right man come and do the job. And we'll supply you with a rental battery while yours is being fixed. Phone 606 Willard Service Station, 610 Scott Ave. 124 1/2 c

Ed. Murphy, car foreman of the local shops of the M. K. & T. railroad, has been announced as the winner of a contest recently arranged over the entire system, on "Ways and Means by which a Foreman can Enlist a New Man in Efficiency and Safety," getting a prize of \$25.00. Mr. Murphy's letter, which was one of some three hundred, was considered the best exposition of the subject that has yet been brought to the attention of the officials, and it is understood that many of the suggestions made in the letter will be embodied in the rules and regulations of the shops.

Christmas Turkeys You will want a nice fat turkey for that Christmas dinner. We deliver them to your door. F. B. Massey, 903 Lee St. Phone 297. 188 1/2 c

Apples and oranges in boxes, 2c to 5c dozen; \$2.50 and \$3.00. Farmers Supply Co.; 717 Seventh; phone 449. 191 1/2 c

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. OVERFELD. 189-1/2 c

Nice, large, fresh Norway mackerel, for 2c. Farmers Supply Co., 717 Seventh street, phone 449. 191 1/2 c

Our stock of tires and tubes is complete. All sizes. Les Puncture Proof; Globak, Federal Goodgear and Pennsylvania. Call and let us serve you. MOTOR SUPPLY CO. 171 1/2 c

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Nice California Seedless Oranges, 25c to 50c dozen; \$5.00 per box. Farmers Supply Co., 717 Seventh; phone 449. 191 1/2 c

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

Masquerade Ball will be given by the Knights and Ladies of Security Christmas night. Admission 1.00 Ladies free. Everyone must show their invitations and be identified by the committee at door. 191 1/2 c

I will buy any amount up to \$25.00 of first series 3 1/2 per cent Liberty Bonds at par. Dr. Joe E. Daniel. 175-1/2 c

For quick taxi, baggage and livery service phone 432. 115 1/2 c

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Christmas dinner at St. James hotel noon and night \$1.00. Music. 185-1/2 c

L. A. Childs, the gas man, has fitting repair building, phone 534. 1207 Scott. 225 1/2 c

Have your furs made into the new shapes. All work guaranteed. Home Tailoring Co. Phone 1231. 186-1 c

Fresh dill pickles, 2 for 5c. Farmers Supply Co., 717 Seventh; phone 449. 191 1/2 c

J. A. Fisher and Charles Pridden to Pleasant Bearden, lot 1, block 168, \$5,000.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. S. H. Richardson to Oma Lindley, Electra. J. W. Kenady to Mrs. Mamie White.

Helpful Hints for Christmas Gift Givers

GIFTS BETWEEN \$1 AND \$5 AND UP TO \$10

- Manicure Sets, fit in traveling case, \$2.50 up.
Ivory Manicure Sets, \$1.50 up.
Mahogany Clocks, \$5.00 up.
Cut Glass Water Sets, \$10 up.
Smoker Sets, \$2.00 up.
Cut Glass Powder Boxes and Jewel Cases, \$3.00 up.
Solid Gold Brooches, \$1.25 up.
Gold Filled Cuff Links \$1.50 and \$2.00.
Solid Gold Cuff Links, \$2.50 up.
Solid Gold Scarf Pins, \$1 up.
Boys' Watches, \$1.35 to \$10.
Elgin Watches in 20-year cases, \$9.50 up.
Sterling Tea Strainer, \$2.00 to \$3.50.
Sterling Tea Spoons, heavy pattern, set \$5.50 up.
Solid Gold Birth Stone Rings, \$1.00 up.
Umbrellas, \$3.00 up.
Fountain Pens, \$1.00 up.
Solid Gold La Vallieres, \$2.50 up.

GIFTS FROM \$10 UP

- Gold Filled Bracelet Watches, \$12.50 to \$35.00.
Howard Watches, \$40.00 to \$175.00.
Platinum Scarf Pins, Diamond set, \$15 up.
Sterling Toilet Sets, \$15 up to \$55.
Cameo Rings, \$3.00 up to \$30.00.
Sterling Tea Sets, five pieces, \$125 up.
Sterling Coffee Sets, \$25 up.
Sheffield Plate, five-piece Tea Sets, \$25 up.
Sterling Silver Bags, \$10 to \$55.
Monogram Belt Buckles, with belt, \$3.00 and up.

Exclusive Agents in Wichita Falls for the Celebrated Gruen Watches

Gruen Ladies' sizes, \$12.50 up. Gruen Gents' Verithin Watches, \$27.50 and up.

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County Farmers Are Warned To Kill All of Prairie Dogs At Once

Wichita county farmers, who have failed to observe that section of a law passed by the first-called session of the 34th legislature declaring prairie dogs a nuisance and ordering their extermination have been notified by Sheriff Hawkins that further need by their part will necessitate the service being performed by the commissioners courts. In case the county has the work done a tax will be made on the land of the one failing to comply and immediate foreclosure taken. There are a few hard owners in this county who have as yet taken no action towards ridding their land of the burrowing pests according to the reports of the commissioners of various precincts, and M. F. Yeager, office deputy has sent them the following notice by registered mail: "This is to notify you that... this county has turned in your name and address, directing us to notify you of your fail-

ure to comply with the provisions of Section 1, Chapter 2, of the Acts of the first called session of the 34th legislature, wherein it declares prairie dogs to be a public nuisance, etc. The effect of this notice is that further neglect on your part for a period of 30 days from this date, casts upon us the burden of performing this service and fixing with the commissioners an expense account therefor, which, when paid by said court creates a lien upon your land and which said lien the court immediately orders foreclosed by suit, etc. G. A. HAWKINS, Sheriff. M. F. Yeager, Deputy.

PRIVATE BUILDING OPERATIONS PROHIBITED IN ENGLAND. Special to The Times—London, Dec. 21.—Private building operations are practically prohibited by the reservation of all building labor and material for government work. Four new munitions works, costing \$10,000,000 are about to be erected, and thousands of dwelling houses for munition workers are planned.

Don't Forget Our 1/2 Price Sale of Ladies' Suits and Satin Dresses

Upstairs. PLENTY OF GIFTS FOR WIFE, MOTHER, SWEET-HEART, CHILDREN.

Headquarters for the "Army Men" Very Special—Knitted Caps, \$1.25 values 98c

You can buy Thrift Stamps at our Cashier's Desk, on the First Floor. They cost 25c each. After you have accumulated 16 you can, by paying 12c additional, exchange them for a War Savings Certificate, which draws 4 per cent interest, compounded quarterly.

Join the Red Cross.



"THE BIG, BUSY STORE"





Two more days of opportunity to buy merchandise at the Bargain Prices.

Our buyers are placing orders for new stocks to replenish each department.

Remarkable Price Reductions! Thousands of Items for Christmas Gifts In This Mighty Purchase Sale of Pennington's by CAMPBELL-ANDERSON CO.

Only two days, Saturday, Dec. 22nd, Monday, Dec. 24th and this MIGHTY PURCHASE SALE of Pennington's by Campbell-Anderson Co., ends. We will have accomplished our purpose, secured a location for one of the best stocks of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Etc., ever assembled in Wichita Falls. In order to secure this location we bought Pennington's stocks and are closing all merchandise out in this great bargain giving sale. We are introducing ourselves with these thousands of bargains, guaranteeing every price to be a bargain price and will refund money or exchange anything bought of us that does not please.

Help us make this store a credit to Wichita Falls, in return we will offer you better quality, lower prices and newer styles.

CAMPBELL-ANDERSON CO.

As fast as freight and express will deliver us merchandise we will offer you newer stocks to select from.

At the Churches

First Methodist Episcopal Church. (Corner 7th and Lamar.) We wish a Merry Christmas to all and invite you to the beautiful Christmas programs of Sunday even and Monday, Christmas eve at 7:30 p. m. Christmas eve at 7:30 p. m. Yuletide festival service with special Christmas music and programs. 9:45 a. m. Sunday school services. 11 a. m. Morning worship with sermon subject, "The dark clouds and Christmas Morning." Special Christmas music. Voluntary "Christmas Morn." by Carl Heins. 2:30. Rehearsal of programs. 3:30 Junior League meeting. 4:00 Meeting of City News-boys. 6:30 Intermediate League. The attractive place of over fifty Boy Scouts and 8 Campfire girls.

6:30 Epworth League meeting with orchestra music and live discussions. 7:30 Christmas program and music. Voluntary, song without words No. 20 by Mendelssohn. Awakening Chorus, by C. H. Gabriel. Intermezzo Russe, by Theo. Franke, rendered by Mrs. Benson and the Orchestra. The Angel and Shepherd, by L. Wallace, reading by Miss Duncan. Special music, and prayer by pastor. Story of Life, illustrated by the primary of the Sunday school Solo by Miss Aline Anderson. "No Room in the Inn," short Christmas sermon by the pastor. Monday, Christmas eve, 7:30 big Christmas cantata, entitled "The American Santa Claus." Cow-boys and lassies with humorous characters with scenes changing to the Sacred Christmas with a large Christmas tree and Jolly Santa Claus. Come early if you expect good seats. Business social Friday, 28th with beautiful stereoptical

pictures, free. Bring your friends to services, you can't afford to miss. HARRY DRAPER, Pastor. First Presbyterian Church. Miss Veale will sing a solo and the choir will sing Mozart's Gloria Sunday morning. The subject of the sermon is: "Christ and The Home." This is a Christmas message. At night the choir will sing: "O Little Town of Bethlehem." The subject of the sermon: "Someone is Looking for You." A message for young people. The Sunday school will have its tree Christmas eve. The hour will be early in order to release the children to sing Christmas Carols on the streets. N. F. GRAFTON, Pastor. First Methodist Church. (Corner Tenth and Lamar.) Gus Barnes, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30. W. B. Hamilton, superintendent. At 11 o'clock the pastor will preach on "Sunday Moving Picture Shows in

Wichita Falls." There will be a hot time in the old town Sunday morning. Come out and see the sparks fly. Admission free. No reserved seats. Leave your hats and coats at home. Mr. Stoddard of All Field will sing a solo. At the Epworth League service Mrs. Thornburn and Mrs. N. M. Clifford will sing. Miss Gladys Hiernon will play a piano solo. At 7:15 the choir will give the following program. The program follows: Introduction, organ. Abraham fore-saw: recital and solo, contralto. 1. There Shall Come a Star—Recital, soprano: Trust Ye in the Lord Jehovah, chorus. 2. How Beautiful Are the Feet of Him, soprano solo. 3. Arise, Shine For Thy Light is Come, chorus. 4. The Shining of the Star, organ: The Angel Gabriel, recital, baritone. 5. And the Angel Said, recital, soprano: He Shall Be Great, chorus. 6. Holy Night, carol, chorus. 7. The True Light, solo, baritone: And It Came to Pass, recital, contralto: Let Us Now Go, duet, Mrs. Higgins and Miss Stuckey. 8. This is He, chorus, solo, soprano. 9. Sleep Holy Babe, solo, soprano: chorus of sopranos, solo, soprano: quartette. 10. And Behold There Was a Man On Jerusalem, recital and solo, baritone: Now When Jesus Was Born, recital, soprano. 11. Where is He? chorus, male voices: And Lo The Star, recital, soprano. 12. Blessed Be the King, chorus. 13. Kings Their Threefold Offering, bringing carol, chorus. 14. Glory to God on the Highest, final chorus. Soloists: Mrs. George Thornburn and Mrs. V. Tully; Sopranos: Mrs. N. M. Clifford; Contraltos: Mr. J. W. Akin, Jr., and E. C. Huckabee, baritone.

PERSONALS Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parker of 1202 Marshall street, are spending the holidays in Seymour as guests of their daughter, Mrs. C. L. Humphreys. W. A. Parham of the South-western Telephone company, stationed at Amarillo, spent yesterday in the city with his family. Lieutenant Charles Sheedy of Call Field, went to Dallas last night on official business. Miss Helen Beavers was expected to arrive today from St. Paul, Minn., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Beavers. Miss Thelma Taylor is at home from Miss Hockaday's school at Dallas for the Christmas vacation period. Mr. A. T. Hood and son, Billie, left today for Corsicana. H. C. Howard, who has occupied the position of assistant secretary of the Chamber of Commerce for the past few months, and who has recently been appointed secretary of the Alamo chamber, will leave tomorrow night for his home in Plainview, where he will spend the Christmas holidays; after which he will go to Altus to take up his new duties. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Darling of Iowa Park, expect the day here. R. C. Koford was over here from Ardmore on business yesterday. E. Stanley Field left today for Kansas City, where he will spend Christmas with his family. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hulme, of Waco, were visitors here yesterday. W. E. Toogood, of Dallas, is registered at the Westland. Mrs. A. T. Hood and son Billy, left today for Corsicana, where they will spend Christmas. Joe Fukagawa, better known as Joe, the night porter at the St. James, left today for Nagasaki, Japan, his home. Joe has been at the St. James for exactly ten years to a day, and is held in the highest esteem by the management. Mr. and Mrs. T. Bruce Greenwood and family left today for Seguin, where they will spend Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Benickman, of Denton, O., were visitors here yesterday. C. T. Rogan of Tulsa, Okla., is in the city on business. Miss Della Cowan of Hamlin, is in the city visiting friends. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jamison and C. A. Benedict of Kansas City, were in town yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Russell left last night for San Antonio to attend the funeral of Mr. Russell's father, who died yesterday.



USEFUL CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

Gold and Silver Lace Hats, Bird of Paradise and Eigarettes. ALL SUITS AT HALF PRICE Sale on Coats and Serge Dresses. Silk Kimonas Kid Gloves Brassiers Silk Blouses Suits and Coats Fancy Collars Silk Camisoles Bath Robes Fancy Combs Silk Hose Fur Sets Ear Bobs Silk Gloves Purse Evening Dresses Silk Dresses



\$12.75, \$25.50, \$50.00, \$63.75, \$127.50, \$250.00.

YOU can accumulate any of the above amounts by making fifty weekly deposits of small sums in our CHRISTMAS BANKING CLUB which is open for membership now. Come in tomorrow and make your first deposit, 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 50c, \$1.00 or \$5.00 according to the class you join. Fifteen days before Christmas next year we will mail you a check for the full amount you have deposited, and if your deposits have been made regularly when due, we will add interest at the rate of 4%. Ask for full information.

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Good Gifts at Little Cost!

At the inauguration of our Fourth Annual Christmas Shopping Sale, we took for our motto the above caption, and truly we have made good, as is shown by the daily increasing sales.

JUST A FEW DAYS REMAIN

To select the gifts you will want for loved ones and certainly nothing can be more suitable, or more appreciated by any friend than a selection from our fine stock of

CUT GLASS, STERLING and PLATE SILVER, SOLID GOLD JEWELRY, DIAMONDS, IVORY GOODS, and all the LATEST JEWELRY NOVELTIES

Daily the stock is replenished with the newest and best styles, so that you are always sure to find just what you are looking for. And Our Prices Are Lower Than Any Other Store in Wichita Falls.

FOR SATURDAY WE OFFER the FOLLOWING VERY SPECIAL BARGAINS

- Genuine Sterling Silver Thimbles, regular 50c values, at 19c
Special Cut Glass Bud Vases, regular price \$1.00, in Sale for 65c
One lot of \$4.00 and \$5.00 Casseroles, special only \$2.75
Sheffield Bread Tray, worth \$5.50, for only \$2.75
15 ruby jewel Bracelet Watches, 20 and 25 year guarantee, values up to \$25.00. Special \$12.75
Solid Gold Watch Bracelets, worth \$8.75. Special \$6.45

We take your Liberty Bonds \$50.00 Liberty Bonds at \$51.50 \$100 Liberty Bonds at \$103.00

Kruger Jewelry Co. 725 Ohio

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

Tenth and Burnett streets, Rev. Reginald T. T. Hicks, rector. Residence 1107 Tenth street, phone 1908. Services for the fourth Sunday in Advent, Dec. 23, will be held as follows: Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m.; Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon at 11; evening prayer and sermon at 7:30. On Monday evening the school will be entertained in the parish house from 7 to 8. The parents are asked to attend with the children. A midnight service will be held, commencing at 11:30 Monday evening, Christmas Eve. This service will be the principal Christmas service and as many of the communicants are asked to make their Christmas communion. Those who find it impossible to attend the midnight service will have an opportunity of making their Christmas communion on Christmas day at 9 a. m. The following is the program for the midnight service: Prelude, "Silent Night"..... Buck Processional, Hymn 59, Offertory, "Hark, Hark, My Soul,"..... Shelly Hymn 58. Postlude, Hymn 69. The communion service by Roberts will be sung at this service. An offering will be taken for the diocesan apportionment. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the above service. Those who have relatives in the United States army or navy that are members of the parish, are asked to hand to the rector the following information: Name, married or single, address of nearest relative, military address and rank, baptized, confirmed.

CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDING LACKING IN ENGLAND.

Special to The Times. London, Dec. 21.—Christmas plum puddings will be lacking in England this year, as the ingredients are not obtainable. The government has bought all the imports of raisins, currants, etc., for the half penny puddings that are to be supplied to the Tommies at the front.

OIL MEN TELL OF NEW POOL SOUTH OF SAN ANTONIO

J. Eugene Brown, who with E. W. Kimbley of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, is engaged in the development of a newly discovered oil pool near San Antonio, was a business visitor here today. Mr. Brown came up in connection with a deal for the sale of cable rig outfit. The new oil pool which Mr. Brown and Mr. Kimbley have discovered is about fifteen miles south of San Antonio. Oil of 40 gravity was found at 1250 feet in their first well. The well has been flowing but is now shut in until tankage can be built. Mr. Brown and Mr. Kimbley are now at work on their second well, 1200 feet south of their first. They have about 5000 acres under lease. Oil has been found in shallow wells eight miles in one direction, and six miles in another, but this is the first well in that locality. Mr. Brown says that he started to drill the first well with cable tools, but after going about 400 feet abandoned the cable rig for a rotary.



# NUSSBAUM'S Quitting Business Sale

200 Dress Shirts, in white and fancy stripes—Eagle, Monarch, Faultless, and Arrow brands, sizes 14 to 19 (except 15 and 15½), values to \$2.00, for Saturday and Monday only ..... **90c**

## We Will Place on Sale the Following Merchandise:

- 50 Skating Sets, values up to \$2.00, choice .... **\$1.00**
- 50 Ladies' Scarfs, values up to \$1.50, choice ..... **88c**
- 150 pairs Ladies' Satin Pumps. Colors, pink, light blue, green, white and black, all sizes, values \$2.50, choice ..... **98c**
- About 75 Children's and Misses' Coats, from 4 years to 14 years, values \$8.50, choice ..... **\$4.50**
- About 75 Ladies' Coats, values up to \$18, choice **\$7.50**
- About 200 Ladies' Outing Gowns, sizes up to 19, values up to \$1.75, choice ..... **98c**
- About 24 Ladies' Mercerized Poplin Raincoats, rubber-lined, all sizes, values to \$5.00, choice ..... **\$3.50**
- 100 Corsets, broken sizes, values \$2.50 to \$3.50 sale price ..... **\$1.50**
- 150 Corsets, values from \$1.00 to \$1.50, choice .... **75c**
- One lot Ladies' Middy Blouses, sizes up to 44, values \$1.50, choice ..... **88c**
- About 100 Ladies' Skirts in plain and fancy silk, Silk Poplins; also Wool Serges, plaids and Panamas, values up to \$7.50, choice ..... **\$3.75**
- Silk Shirts in 16 and 16½ size only, former price \$6.00, to colse out at ..... **\$3.75**
- About 20 Boys' Overcoats, sizes ranging from 12 years to 17 years, values \$7.50, choice ..... **\$3.75**
- About 200 Boys' Suits, sizes 8 years to 18 years, in fancy and blue serges; styles—plain, pinch backs and Norfolk, a good value for \$8.50, choice ..... **\$5.98**
- About 200 Men's and Boys' heavy caps with fur linings, values up to \$1.50, choice ..... **50c**
- 150 Men's Hats in broken sizes, values up to \$3 for 12 only—Men's Mackinaws, values \$8.50 and \$10.00, choice ..... **\$6.85**
- 12 Men's Overcoats, sizes up to 37, values up to \$14.50, choice ..... **\$7.50**
- About 200 pure white COTTON BATS, weigh 8 oz., each ..... **20c**
- About 150 pure white COTTON BATS, weigh 16 oz., each ..... **40c**

All this Merchandise will be sold for cash, nothing on approval or charged, and no exchanges or refunds made, for we are quitting business.

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## JUDGE HARRIS IS NOT CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED HIMSELF

Judge Harvey Harris, county judge, has announced that he will not be a candidate for that office to succeed himself. It is not believed, however, that the office will be allowed to go vacant. In fact there are at least three attorneys who have decided they are willing to sacrifice themselves for the service of the public in this particular office.

Judge Harris who has held the office two terms will engage in law practice here at the end of his term.

## Bradford's Lecture Pleases Crowd At Local High School

A large and responsive audience listened to Ralph Bradford's lecture on "Democracy after the War," at the High School Thursday evening. Mr. Bradford first considered the various causes instrumental in causing the present war, and then discussed the government policy of the world which will emerge. International trade was given an important place as a factor both in bringing on the war and in maintaining the peace hereafter. The various circumstances which led each warring nation into the conflict and the relations of the still neutral nations to the war were discussed at length.

In the latter part of his lecture, Mr. Bradford propounded more powerful governments along general national lines, and spoke of the present as the last war.

The speaker was introduced by his friend, Prof. T. M. Clark. His lecture was interspersed with pleasing humor and appropriate anecdotes and was much enjoyed by the entire audience.

## Christmas Dinner At Call Field Will Be Made Excellent One

There may be a Christmas holiday at Call Field and there may not be. Time alone can tell. But whatever Major Krapp does decide about a holiday, it will extend over Christmas Day only. It is understood. There is much work to be done at the camp and a longer holiday will be impossible, but there will be plenty of Christmas spirit (not spirits) to make the day all that it ought to be. According to plans being made by the army Y. M. C. A. at the camp and by the Red Cross and other friends in the city.

Special Christmas dinners will be provided at the camp for the enlisted men and cadets, and there are the invitations to dinner in Wichita Falls homes which have been extended to a number of families. The officers, it is understood, will give their mess attendants the day off and take their Christmas dinner in town.

## PIG SHOW PRIZES ARE DONATED BY CITY NATIONAL

The City National bank has donated the prizes for the Wichita Falls pig show next Saturday. J. W. Campbell, county agent, expects a large number of exhibitors. Members of the Pig Club are requested to report at the city hall with their exhibits.

A similar show was held at Burkburnett last Friday and despite the disagreeable weather there were a number of exhibitors. For the best sow, Ernest Willis won first prize, Harold Preston, second; David Sides, third; Turman Willis, fourth; D. Smith, fifth; Jasper Majors, sixth.

## AERIAL POSTAL SERVICE WILL BEGIN IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 21.—The postmaster general has announced that upon the ending of the war, aerial postal service will be instituted between London and the capitals of Europe.

## GREATEST NEW ENGLAND PLAY HERE, CHRISTMAS DAY

Old King Cole may have been a merry old soul but he didn't have a thing on old Josh Whitecomb in his happy mood. And most of his moods were happy, save when he first saw the nude statue of a maiden that was in New York, to which city the farmer



## The Can of Tin Seals the Freshness In—

First Pick Coffee is never stored in bins after roasting. It is quickly steel-cured into tiny cubes; transferred into packing chutes and packed in airtight cans without being exposed to the air in the process.

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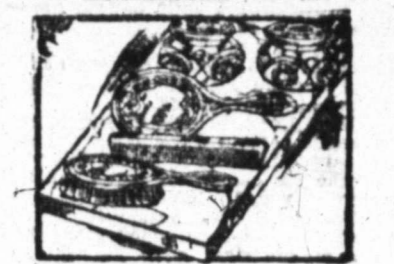
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Dear Santa Claus: You don't know how happy I will be if you will bring me a set of doll furniture, a set of furs, big sleepy doll, some good story books, and plenty of good things to eat. Your little friend, KATHERINE SANDERS, 1311 Monroe street.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl just five years old and I am expecting you to bring me a doll baby with a nipple in its mouth. I want say many things. I am afraid you will think I want too much. But listen, Santa, if you have some little coal buckets please do leave me one. I want a slate to write my A B C's on, and that will be all unless you have a set of tea dishes. But if you think I am asking for too much, leave some of them for some other little girl. Please don't forget my two little brothers at Amarillo and also my mother. I live at 711 Holiday with my grandmother. MARY HELEN BUSTER.

Dear Santa Claus: Will you be so kind as to bring me a tricycle, a train that runs on tracks, a airplane, and ever so many good things to eat. Another little friend, HUGH SANDERS.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl ten years old and I am going to school and I like my teacher. I help my mother at home and I can do many little things.

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a right bad boy this year but I hope you will forgive me this time. I want you to bring me a target for Christmas, and bicycle, and a basket ball, and an air ship, so I can fly over to Germany and drop bombs. I forgot I want you to bring me a paddle. I want it to be six feet long and three feet wide so my mother can whip me. I am in the low fifth grade. My teacher's name is Miss Kell. She is good to me. Your friend, ROY Mc.

Dear Santa Claus: I am writing you so you will know just what I want for Christmas. I would like a new tricycle, a football, and lots of fruit and candy. Hoping you will have enough for all the little war orphans. I am, Your little friend, J. L. PERRY, JR. 1309 18th St.

Dear Mr. Santa Claus: This year is a hard old year for all, but I am just a little girl nine years old, and I know you can't give much this year, for you have so many soldiers and orphans. And Santa, please don't forget them. Please, dear Santa, bring me a girl soldier's suit, and a gun to shoot the Kaiser with, and some nuts, candy and a story book about the soldiers, and take the rest to the Red Cross and the poor and all. Goodbye. Wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and all. Ava Lucille Vernon.

Dear Santa Claus: Mother and father say I am a real good boy. I don't want so much, but what I do want I want very earnestly. I would like for you to bring me some candy, fruit, airplane and a submarine. My brother, Jack, is in the navy and I want you to remember him and the rest of the sailor and soldier boys. I will be satisfied with whatever you bring me if you don't forget the army and navy boys "over there" and "over here." Billy Stevens.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me some oranges, apples and bananas and nuts and candy and a bike. I am a little boy eight years old, and I go to the Enterprise school. I want you to bring me some fire-crackers and some Roman-candles and torpedoes. Edward Holden, Electric, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a nice, sweet little girl, and I would like for you to bring me a sleepy doll, a large doll buggy, a little phone, a box of candy, a little red chair, a doll bed and dresser and some nuts, etc. From your little friend, Baby Louise Moore, 409 Leo St.

DRUNKENNESS DECREASES IN CITY OF LONDON. London, Dec. 21.—Convictions for drunkenness in Greater London last week numbered 178, against 1361 in 1914, 997 in 1915, and 556 last year.

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### NEW TREATMENT NOW BEING USED FOR PARALYSIS

RUSH OF BLOOD IS SENT TO INJURED SPINAL CORD CELLS

Chicago, Dec. 21.—A new method of treating of blood to the injured cells of the spinal cord, published in the Medical Record of November 17, tells a story of a series of experiments which led to successful results in handling paralyzed patients. The treatment is a further application of hypereimia, a long practiced method of rushing the blood to some injured portion of the body, thus stimulating recovery.

The article says any physician may apply the simple treatment which makes the bloods rush to the affected cells of the spinal cord, a hitherto inaccessible part of the anatomy. Whenever there are any living cells left in the spinal cord recovery is merely a matter of time. In the case where the disease has killed all the nerve cells which contract the lower limbs and other parts of the body no hope is extended to patients at present.

**Long Experience.** Seven years' experience with the treatment demonstrated its efficacy in 80 percent of the cases treated. Recovery required from a week to six months, depending on the severity of the disease.

The first series of treatment were accomplished without anything save the physician's hands and consisted of suspending a child patient between the hands of the physician and producing a number of rhythmic swingings calculated to stretch the spinal column and to flood with blood the lumbar or cervical enlargement.

This procedure was soon found to present certain difficulties, especially in large children. In adults the weight of the patient would make the treatment physically impossible.

To obviate the possibility of error with reference to placing the leverage at the right place as well as to enable the physician to practice the swinging in a most convenient manner a simple swing-like appliance was devised to pass under the patient's arms and across the back.

When suspended therein for a minute or two the patient undergoes extension and relaxation of the spine without any effort on the part of the attendant.

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ance of a size, chosen for the special case. For the first two minutes the patient is allowed to remain suspended undisturbed for the purpose of obtaining relaxation of the spinal column.

The patient then is swung forward and backward with a jerk, somewhat in the manner used to bring down the mercury in a fever thermometer. If this movement is properly executed the lower extremities will swing back in an opposite direction at the moment each maneuver has been completed. This procedure is executed fifteen to twenty-five times, depending on the tolerance of the patient.

Treatment may be given every other day or even oftener, all depending on the reaction. The astonishing results that have followed this simple treatment, according to the Medical Record, can be explained only by the fact that a hypereimia is produced in the affected portion of the cord. Several physicians have had ample opportunity to follow up a number of cases and it is said there is no doubt as to the permanency of the results.

### French and Germans to Exchange Medical Men Through Switzerland

Bern, Switzerland, Dec. 20.—Germany and France have just completed arrangements for the exchange of a large number of medical and ambulance men from prison camps. A thousand Germans and 500 French nurses and members of ambulance corps will be exchanged by way of Switzerland in the next few days.

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### American Merchant Giving Free Gas To Stimulate Business

London, Dec. 21.—An advertisement is appearing regularly in London newspapers in which Selridge, the American merchant offers one free filling of coal gas to all motorists buying their gas bags from him.

The use of coal gas for fuel is being taken up not because of the price of gasoline, 50 cents a gallon, but private owners are not permitted to buy gasoline at any price. The coal gas is pumped into bags that are carried on top of cars in a specially built rack or tray that extends the full length of the tonneau and over the driver of a 7-passenger car. Inflated, the bag has a height of about five feet. Some trucks, without tops, drag their coal gas bags in trailers. It is said that several suburban bus lines are now driven by the new motor fuel.

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## PERSHING TELLS WHY CENSORSHIP IS NECESSARY

By Associated Press. With the American Army in France, Dec. 21.—A card signed by General John J. Pershing, commander in chief of the American army in France, explaining why the censorship is necessary, giving directions concerning letter writing, stating why it is dangerous to talk too much, especially to women; telling the men what to do if captured and also informing them concerning what not to carry on their persons, has been issued to every member of the American expeditionary force. The instructions regarding capture and the things the men should not carry are considered most important.

"If you are captured," says the text of the instructions, "don't remember any more than you can help. Try particularly to forget organizations and places at which they are stationed. Every bit of military information you give your captors is a danger to you and to your comrades left behind to fight your battles.

"Don't carry with you maps, documents, private papers of a military nature and a diary or note book containing military hints of value to the

enemy, except when it is your official duty to do so. These would be a danger to your comrades in case you are captured.

"On the other hand if any enemy information or property comes into your possession under any circumstances turn it over immediately to your commanding officer who will deliver it to the intelligence officers. If the trophy is not valuable to the intelligence sector it will be returned to you. Such trophies may be of value to the general staff."

### Bills Are Prepared By Legislature For Merging Warehouses

Austin, Dec. 21.—Bills are being prepared by the legislative investigating committee recommending to the legislature the merging of the Department of Warehouses into the Bureau of Markets of the department of agriculture. The merging of the state board of water engineers into the state reclamation department also will be recommended, it is said.

The passage of these measures would mean the elimination of the board of water engineers and also the abolishment of the department of markets and warehouses. A measure is also being written which if enacted into law, will prevent the overlapping between the extension department of the A. & M. College and the department of agriculture, as both now practically cover the same territory with lecturers and literature and bulletins to farmers.

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