

GERMAN EMPEROR ADDRESSES ARMY AROUND VERDUN

TELLS MEN SUCCESS IN EAST DUE IN PART TO THEIR WORK

REVIEWS YEAR OF WAR
One Part of Army Kept Upon Defensive While Other Part Hammered At Enemy.

By Associated Press.
Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—Emperor William visited the front north of Verdun on Friday, according to a Berlin dispatch, and in an address to the troops thanked them warmly for their efforts. "But for the calm and heroic warriors on the western front," he said, "the enormous deployment of German forces in the east and Italy would never have been possible. The fighter in the west has exposed heroically his body so that his brothers on the Dvina and Isonzo might storm from victory to victory. The fearful battles on the bloody hills around Verdun were not in vain; they created new foundations for the conduct of the war."

STATE DEPARTMENT DENIES CHARGE BY BOLSHEVIKI LEADER

RED CROSS AGENT ALLEGED TROTSKY TO BE AIDING FACTION'S ENEMIES.

IGNORANT OF PURPOSE
Ambassador Francis Has Not Yet Sent Report Upon Incident, It Is Announced.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 24.—State department officials declared today that the statements of Leon Trotsky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, that the American Red Cross mission in Russia was giving aid to the opponents of the Bolsheviki government could be attributed only to his ignorance of the facts. A report from Ambassador Francis on the arrest of Col. Kolschnikoff, an attaché of the Red Cross mission while in charge of a relief train, had not reached the state department.

MAN SHOT DEAD; WIFE NOW HELD IN COUNTY JAIL

STATEMENT MADE INDICATES SECOND BULLET WAS FIRED INTO WOUNDED MAN.

THREE CHILDREN LEFT
Mrs. Florence Walsh is Charged With Killing of Her Husband in Tent Near Burk Burnett.

Following the fatal shooting of her husband, Byron Walsh, an oil field worker, at Burk Burnett this morning at 3 o'clock, Mrs. Florence Walsh was brought to this city and placed in the county jail this afternoon. The examining trial probably will be postponed until after Christmas Day. The woman made a statement to District Attorney Humphrey this afternoon, covering her life since she had been married.

IS THIS SHIPBUILDING OR LEAP FROG?



—N. Y. Herald

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Speech to Second Army

In a speech to the second army on Saturday, Emperor William said: "It has been a year full of events for the German army and the German Fatherland. Powerful blows have been delivered and your comrades at the front have been able to bring about great decisions. There has been no man, no officer and no general on the whole eastern front, wherever I have spoken to them, who has not frankly admitted that they could not have accomplished what they have if their comrades in the west had not stood to a man."

White Bricklayers To Go To France Are Needed In Service

By Associated Press.
Austin, Texas, Dec. 24.—General Pershing wants 1,000 white bricklayers at once for service in France, according to a telegram received today by the Adjutant General's department from the war department, and the first requisition upon Texas is for fifty of the total. Provost Marshal General Crowder who sent the telegram requested the Adjutant General's department to immediately communicate with the local exemption boards of the state and advise them of the necessity for these bricklayers. Men subject to the draft are eligible and also others who are willing to volunteer and not in the draft age. The necessary for these bricklayers is urgent. Bricklayers inducted under this telegram should be sent the aviation section, signal corps, Kelly Field, San Antonio.

NEW GERMAN PEACE MOVE IS EXPECTED

By Associated Press.
Rome, Sunday, Dec. 23.—The report that a new German peace move is at hand, is supported by apparently reliable information which has reached high quarters here. It is said that on Christmas day Emperor William will issue a declaration containing peace proposals but whether explicit conditions of peace are demanded or merely another maneuver intended to throw on the allies responsibility for continuance of the war cannot be ascertained.

GREAT ACTIVITY IN AIR REPORTED BY FRENCH OFFICE

By Associated Press.
Paris, Dec. 24.—Intense aerial activity is reported by the war office. In the course of 100 combats in the air during the last few days, the French brought down 18 German machines. The announcement follows: "On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) the Germans made two raids against our small posts near Hezonvauz and Carlewaes wood. Their efforts were repulsed by our fire. The artillery fighting was rather vigorous on the left bank of the river in the sector of Bethincourt. On the remainder of the front the night was calm."

SECRETARY BAKER TO CLEAR MUDDLE BY HIS TESTIMONY

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 24.—Testimony of Secretary Baker and commanders of training camps in the south before the Senate committee investigating the military situation will, in the belief of administration officials, throw an entirely different light on conditions so far pictured. The administration, it was said, has absolute confidence that the testimony of Secretary Baker will result in a clarification of the situation and that information given by camp commanders will strengthen the position of the department in the public mind.

ATTEMPT MADE TO RAID POSITIONS OF BRITISH.

By Associated Press.
London, Dec. 24.—German troops yesterday attempted to raid the British positions southeast of Epehy on the Cambrai front but were driven off. The war office announced today. The statement adds: "Last night hostile raiding parties which attempted to approach our lines in the neighborhood of Monchy Le Preaux and west of La Bassée, were repulsed."

Efforts Central

"On a centralized direction the German army in a centralized manner in order that they should be able to deliver these offensive blows, one portion of the army had to remain on the defensive, hard as this is for the German soldier. Such a defensive battle, however, as has been fought in 1917 is without parallel. A section of the German army accepted the heavy task, covering its comrades in the east unconditionally and it had the entire Anglo-French army against itself."

BROTHERHOODS TO MEET PRESIDENT NEXT THURSDAY

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 24.—President Wilson has summoned the chief and legislative agents of the four railroad brotherhoods to a conference at the White House Thursday. It is expected that the president will outline to the representatives of the railroad workers whatever action he has decided is necessary to obtain more efficient transportation in the war crisis.

GENERAL JOSEPH A. GASTON GOES TO CHICKAMAUGA

By Associated Press.
San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 24.—General Joseph A. Gaston, acting commander at Camp Travis, has been ordered to Chickamauga Park to take command of a brigade there. He was succeeded as camp commander by C. H. Johnson, the senior general officer.

Putrid Meat Made Fuel For Flames at San Antonio, Report

By Associated Press.
San Antonio, Dec. 24.—Fifteen hundred pounds of putrid meat held in one of the cold storage warehouses in this city were hauled to the city dump, and burned Saturday morning. Indictments were found Saturday against two Chicago packing firms, Morris & Company and Wilson & Company, by the federal grand jury, who charged with hoarding food until it became unfit for human consumption. Several truck loads of the meat were destroyed Saturday.

Major Greble Goes To Washington To Give His Testimony

By Associated Press.
Fort Worth, Dec. 24.—Major Greble, commander at Camp Bowie, who has been ordered to Washington to appear before the congressional investigating committee, will leave here this afternoon. It is understood he will be questioned principally about the equipment found with the American troops in France and also equipment of some of the troops in training here. Greble only recently returned from France.

Henry Ford Tells How To Speed Up Building of Ships

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 24.—After a preliminary session of shipbuilding conditions Henry Ford, serving as a manufacturing expert for the shipbuilding board, has reported that a speedy construction of ships depends in large measure on the extent to which fabricating processes are employed. A large number of fabricating steel yards should be erected in the south and west on the extent to which fabricating processes are employed. A large number of fabricating steel yards should be erected in the south and west on the extent to which fabricating processes are employed.

Servia To Command Allies at Saloniki, Says Announcement

By Associated Press.
Paris, Sunday, Dec. 24.—General M. P. E. Sarrail, the government has decided, according to an announcement, will be placed as head of the allied armies at Saloniki by General Marie Louise Adolphe Guillaumat. General Sarrail, who has had to struggle against serious difficulties and has rendered great services, will be called to other duties as soon as circumstances permit.

Soldier Is Held; Desertion Is One Charge On File

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San Antonio Firemen Are Taught Knitting; To Work For Soldiers

By Associated Press.
San Antonio, Dec. 24.—Seventy men at the central fire station took their first lesson in knitting this morning. Mrs. J. L. Athrop of the Red Cross chapter acting as instructor. In an hour the men had learned so well they will immediately begin knitting socks, sweaters and wristlets for the soldiers. The men at the other stations are to be taught, and all will devote their spare time to knitting.

Advisory Committee Will Meet Wednesday To Aid Draft Age Men

By Associated Press.
There will be no session of the advisory committee for filling out questionnaires at the court house Christmas day. This announcement was authorized today by Judge A. H. Carrigan, chairman of the committee. Questionnaires will be on hand Wednesday morning and each day thereafter until the period for answering the questionnaires is over.

Pope Sends Christmas Message To People Of United States

By Associated Press.
Rome, Dec. 24.—Pope Benedict has given to the Associated Press this Christmas message for the American people: "The Holy Father sends to the people of America his cordial greetings and prays that they may take to heart in this time of strife and suffering the true lessons of Christmas—the lesson of God's unceasing love for mankind; the lesson of unflinching courage and sacrifice of self."

Strassberg Monument Bedecked With French And American Flags

By Associated Press.
Paris, Dec. 24.—The Strassberg monument on the "Place Concorde" which during the years before the war was draped with crepe and for which flowers and bunting were substituted in August 1914, today flies the stars and stripes alongside the French tricolor. The American and French flags were hoisted over the monument to the Alsatian city yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large crowd, which, in spite of the biting frost, uncovered as the two emblems were raised. The American Ambassador Sharp and a number of delegates from societies of natives of Alsace-Lorraine, were present.

- CALENDAR OF ACTIVITY FOR WICHITA FALLS ON THE EVE OF CHRISTMAS**
- Red Cross carol singers will receive the quaint custom of singing carols in the streets on Christmas eve.
 - Christmas eve program, and Christmas trees one at the First Presbyterian Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, south of the Lutheran, St. Paul's Church, the First Baptist Church, the Lutheran Trinity Church, the Episcopal parish house, and the First Methodist Church.
 - Midnight Mass will be conducted at the Church of the Sacred Heart. Midnight services with Holy Communion at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

- STATE DEPARTMENTS CLOSE FOR HOLIDAY**
- Austin, Texas, Dec. 24.—All state departments suspended business at noon today for Christmas. Several of the department will not resume business until the latter part of the week. Governor Hobbs is spending the holidays at Dallas with his mother, Mrs. Dora Hobbs.

- RED CROSS CHAPTERS ARE REPORTING GREAT NUMBER NEW MEMBERS.**
- By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 24.—Reports to the Red Cross today on results of its campaign for 10,000,000 new members showed some 36,000 new members were approaching figures set for them.

- REPRESENTATIVE BATHRICK DIES AT AKRON, OHIO.**
- By Associated Press.
Akron, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Representative R. Bathrick, of the fourteenth Ohio district, died at his home here last night.

- EARLY EDITION TO BE ISSUED CHRISTMAS DAY; ADVERTISERS MAY HELP.**
- In order to give those confined with the paper at least part holiday on Christmas, The Times will be issued at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Those wishing advertisements in that issue will please get their copy into The Times office before 9 a. m.

- SWITZERLAND TO ISSUE ANOTHER LOAN JAN. 1.**
- By Associated Press.
Bern, Dec. 24.—Switzerland will issue in January a new loan of 150,000,000 francs at five per cent. The cost of Swiss mobilization to date amounts to one billion francs.

- CALLIAUX PROSECUTION IS FORMALLY ORDERED.**
- By Associated Press.
Paris, Dec. 24.—General Bull today signed the order for the prosecution of Douglas Calliaux and Loustlat and M. Comby. It is alleged that Comby was present at the lunch at which former Premier Calliaux met Cavallotti and is said to have accompanied Loustlat to Switzerland where he saw the former khedive of Egypt. Maitre Demange, who defended Cavallotti at Rennes has been chosen by M. Calliaux as his counsel.

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METHODISTS MAKE PROTEST AGAINST SHOWS ON SUNDAY

REV. S. A. BARNES TAKES CONGREGATIONAL VOTE UPON MATTER.

CALL FIELD MEN JOIN

Hundred Khaki-clad Figures Present Align Themselves Against Opening of Picture House.

The congregation of the First Methodist Church, South, went on record yesterday as absolutely opposed to the opening of the picture house on Sunday. At the close of his sermon on Sabbath observance the pastor, Rev. S. A. Barnes, asked those who were against Sunday picture shows in Wichita Falls to stand. Practically all persons in the large audience immediately rose to their feet. Among those present and expressing their disapproval of Sunday shows were about one hundred men from Call Field. That the church might know how the boys at Call Field stood on the question, Dr. Barnes asked all soldier boys standing to raise their hands so they could be seen. Quickly, nearly one hundred hands were raised.

Among other things, the pastor said, the end of the Sabbath is not physical. If it is we should spend the day in boxing matches and exhibits of physical prowess. It isn't intellectual, if so the schools should be open. Nor is it cultural, more especially if spelled with a capital "K." He held that it is a day of worship to Almighty God.

The pastor referred to the great crime records of cities which allowed picture shows to open on Sunday. Sabbath desecration he held to be the beginning of all manner of crime and decline of municipal and national strength and honor.

"I resent with all my strength," said Dr. Barnes, "the stigma placed upon our men at Call Field who are offering their lives upon the altar of the Nation, by those who say that these splendid young men ask that the laws of the state be broken and made a scrap of paper just for their entertainment. The truth of the matter is this proposition was not started by men of Call Field, but by interested individuals who want a 'wide open' town in Wichita Falls. They thought they saw an opportunity for this by making the people believe the boys wanted it, and it should be done for their sakes. A number of good women have been misinformed and thus imposed upon."

SUNDAY PROGRAMS
 IN CHURCHES ARE
 HEARD BY MANY

 The Sunday morning sermon of Rev. S. A. Barnes at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South dealt with the subject of Sunday moving pictures in Wichita Falls.

An elaborate Christmas pantomime "The White Christmas" was the Christmas program at the First Christian church, was witnessed Sunday night by an audience that taxed the capacity of the spacious auditorium and wings. All departments of the Sunday school took part and the pantomime was in several acts and scenes. An offering for charity was taken.

Rev. N. F. Grafton preached his Christmas sermon Sunday morning, at the First Presbyterian Church, for his subject, "Christ and the Home."

Special Christmas music and readings made the service at the First Methodist church Sunday evening especially interesting. The pastor, Rev. Harry F. Draper, preached a short Christmas sermon on the subject "No Room in the Inn."

"The Morn of Glory," a Christmas cantata, took the place of the regular Sunday night service at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the choir doing splendid work.

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STATE DEFENSE COUNCIL WRITES OF AIR ACTIVITY

UNCLE SAM'S LIBERTY MOTOR THOUGHT GREATEST FALL ACHIEVEMENTS

While shipping boards argue, and ordnance committees investigate, Uncle Sam goes steadily ahead teaching his boys to fly, both at home and in France, according to the Texas State Council of Defense, which has compiled data on the aviation activities small and large, stating that the flying units of the United States have been increased one hundred fold and more since the beginning of the war. The following is published by the council:

Aviation Units.
 American aviation units have moved up to stations immediately behind the front in France. The vanguard of the new arm—the air force which Congress voted \$649,000,000 last summer is about to join the forces of land and sea in action against the Germans.

The navy has tripled in size since the war began, and the army has multiplied itself by thirteen. These are rapid increases. But the first year since the air service call for an increase of more than a hundredfold.

Great Airplane Fleet.
 Last spring the aviation corps had less than 200 airplanes of all degrees of service ability. Now a fleet of 22,000 planes is being built. When war began there were 75 aviators. A force of 10,000 aviators is being trained. The 10th personnel of the old flying corps is 100,000.

Before any real fighting planes could be turned out a new American industry had to be created. This is the great task that has been quietly accomplished in the last five months. When the Aircraft Production board started its work only two companies manufacturing airplanes were in operation in America, and the machines they had been making for the allies were of the type serviceable only for practice flights.

The first move of the board was to stop negotiations for the use of existing patents, and to set men at work designing a new airplane engine which should comprise as many of the good points of the different patents as these men cared to use. In a week twenty experts working together had evolved the Liberty Motor, which Secretary Baker has called the greatest achievement of the war so far.

Liberty Motor.
 The Liberty motor is a model of standardization. It is built with four cylinders, or with eight, or with twelve, and the same parts are interchangeable for all three different sizes. The greatest automobile factories in the world have been provided with the machinery necessary for turning out these motors—the factories that have supplied the United States with its 4,000,000 automobiles when all the rest of the world gets along with only 700,000.

It has been necessary all along not to interfere with the supply of raw materials, particularly spruce, and of certain completed airplane parts, to the flying forces of our allies.

In return for these materials the allies are giving us the rich benefit of their experience. For months young Americans have been training for our air corps on the flying fields of England and France. On a dozen and more of new flying fields in America veteran fliers from the Western Front are helping in the preliminary training of our new aviators.

As to whether the war can be won in the air there seem to be two opinions. At any rate the aviation section is not leaving stones unturned.

OLD NEW ENGLAND CLASSIC IN "OLD HOMESTEAD."

Ever since 1886, "The Old Homestead," which will be at the Wichita Theatre tomorrow, has been amusing the theatre-goers of the United States and other English-speaking lands. It has been played before more people than any other modern play, with the exception of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." But it is a much better offering than the Harriet Beecher Stowe story, for in "The Old Homestead" there is no appeal to the prejudices of any citizen. It is a clean, wholesome, witty play, with heart-throbs and humor so intermingled that it keeps the smiles holding back the tears.

The drama deals with New England farm life as it was two generations ago. It presents a type of character that is rapidly following the buffalo and the "hay rube" circus man into the Never-never land of the long ago. A few of the old timers are hid away in the little hill homes of Maine and New Hampshire, but in a decade all will have joined their fathers in the sleep of the ages.

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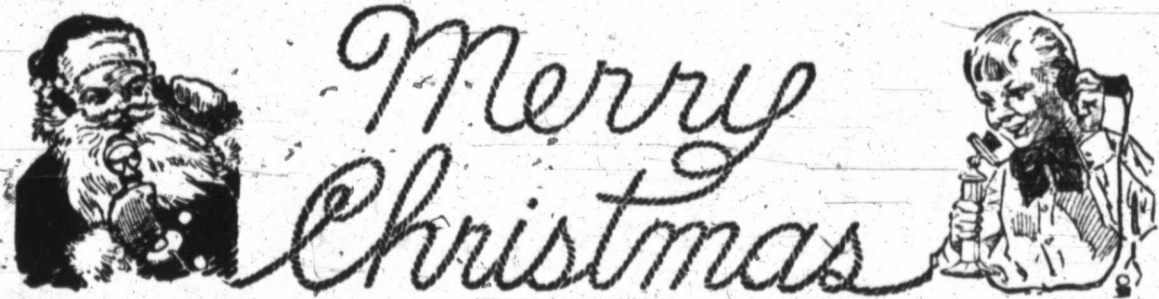
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Dear Santa Claus: I go to the San Jacinto school. My teacher's name is Miss Smith, and I think lots of her, and want you to bring her something for Christmas.

Dear Santa, I know the war is on and I must not ask for much. But I am going to ask for what I need to go in my play house. I want a dining room set and a little stove that I can cook my doll something to eat on, and I also want a lavallere. Mother says I have been a good girl and you must bring me what I want. If you will bring me that I will thank you. Yours truly, Margaret Robertson, 1312 5th St. P. S.—My sister wants a watch bracelet and a khaki suit. Deliver them to Electra. She is there on a visit.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a baby doll with hair. Send my toys to the little Belgian children. LOIS COUCH.

Dear Santa Claus: Mama told me I had better write you so you wouldn't forget to stop at my house. Please bring me a Ford and a big flag to put on it. And don't forget a box of cracker jacks. I want to give the prize out of it to my little pal, Paul. Hope you won't have any trouble with the chimney. Don't forget my friend at Camp Bowie and the rest of the soldiers. Your little friend, HENRY YODER.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a musty roll, a cow-girl suit, a metreyonne, and that is all. Santa, but lots of love and kisses. I live on 1004 Broad street. My name is Mary Ferguson. Here are the kisses: * * *

Dear Santa Claus: I've tried to be a good boy this year, so you will be sure to visit me. I don't want much, dear Santa, but I would like to have a horn, a train that will run on a track, some thicker toys, a gun, and lots of candy and nuts. Just suit yourself about the fruit. Be sure to come and see me at 1007 Burnett street. Ernest Shepherd.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a big baby doll, a big wicker doll buggy, a story book, a book satchel, a bath robe, a pocket book, also bring me a Christmas tree and some candy and lots of fruit and nuts. If this is too much, bring me what you can. Your little friend, Jennie V. Shaw, 1314 12th street.

Dear Santa: I don't want much because the war is on. I want you to bring me a baby doll, a pair of gloves and a set of dishes, and I want you to fix my doll buggy. It will be by the door. Your friend, Mary Ellen Crosby.

Dear Santa Claus: I would like to have a soldier suit and a coaster wagon, not a tin one. I would like a pair of ball bearing skates, and lots of good nuts, and fruits, and candies.

Sister would like to have a so cart and a doll and a doll dresser and a play telephone and good nuts, fruits, and candies. Your friends, MARVIN and HELEN GEORGE.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl five years old, I do not intend to ask for many things this Christmas, but if you can please bring me a baby doll and a buggy, a

tea set and table. I would like a black board too, dear Santa. "Jimmy," the big doll you brought me last Christmas, is just as good as ever, but really I need another doll for Jimmy gets lonesome sitting around, since he is so big I can hardly carry him.

Please remember my mother and two little brothers who are in Amarillo. And Santa Claus, I was about to forget to tell you that I am at my grandmothers at 711 Holliday street. I do hope you will have something for everybody. With lots of love, Your little girl, MARY HELEN BUSTER.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy six years old. I go to school. I want for my Christmas an air gun, a watch, drum, an auto, a fire engine, a horn. Anything else you think of, Santa, bring. Your friend, MELVIN LEWIS.

Dear Santa Claus: I am nine years old. You brought me a doll and buggy last year and this year will you please bring me a doll bed and doll trunk and some doll clothes, and I guess that is all. I don't want so much because I want you to take it all over to the little children across the water and also to the soldiers. I don't want some shoes and kitchen cabinet, some shoes and mans drop a bomb on you. Your little friend, MARY ASHMORE.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring us some baby dolls dressed up nice and one aptee dressed up common so we can play with them every day, some doll clothes, a kitchen cabinet, some shoes and gloves and a doll buggy, and nuts and candy, if they are not all gone when you get to our house. Alma, Edith and Maude Taylor. P. S.—Please bring Paralee some thing nice, too.

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I know a fellow over yonder, Who don't know all of this, But ere the war is over, The flag he'll have to kiss.

He is the Kaiser Wilhelm, The mean old son of a gun, And before we're thru with him, We'll put him on the bum.

He thinks he knows it all, you see, And all that sort of thing, But ere we're thru with him, I bet we'll make him sing.

We are ready over yonder, Some more are going soon; What we're going to do is plenty We will blow him to the moon.

And then the German people Will wake some more and say: "Why look! It is the flag— Of the dear old U. S. A."

And when the war is over The people then will say, "Together now, let's give three cheers For the good old U. S. A." T. K. Thornton.

NO TRACE FOUND OF HOLD-UP MEN; CAR RECOVERED

According to police reports this morning, no trace has been picked up of the two men who bound Clint Hampton, service car driver of this city, and robbed him of his car and forty dollars last Saturday night about 8 o'clock on the Burk Burnett road, some ten miles from town, though the car itself was found yesterday morning at the new Ford garage.

It is believed at police headquarters that the men had no intention of keeping the car, merely taking it as a means of accelerating their getaway with the money—and that they probably expected to find a good deal more than forty dollars when they planned the hold-up.

The officers state that the men evidently doubled back to the city, abandoned the car, and disappeared in the Saturday night throng, knowing that it would be more difficult to discover them there than if they escaped with the car. Hope of arresting the men, however, has not been given up, and the officers are exercising the utmost vigilance with a view to their ultimate apprehension.

Christmas Cantata Will Be Toned At The First Methodist

A sacred and humorous cantata entitled "An American Santa Claus" will be given at the First Methodist Episcopal church, to commence at 7:30 Christmas eve with the following program:

Act One. Upon the Boundless Prairies—(chorus.) Shepherd of the Sky—(chorus.) The Big Indians, (in costume). The Magical—Mystical—Sleigh—(chorus.) We'll Lasso Santa Claus, by Lariat Lassies in costume. American—Santa Claus—(chorus). "Why the Chimney Hang" by Fred Smith.

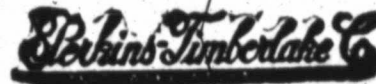
Act Two. "The Sheep are in our keeping"—Shepherds and lassies in costume. Christmas Cheer, by the Princess of The Pinnacles beautifully dressed. Airy Fairy, full of Cheer, by the Glacier Patries. Christmas Logic, by Tom, the Piper's Son. Would that I were Santa, by Widow Magrane.

Dreams of Santa Claus—(chorus). The Lute for Us, by Santa Claus. Dear Old Santa Claus—(chorus). Merry, Merry are We All—(chorus). Santa Claus gives candies, etc. from the Christmas tree to the Sunday school children. All characters are in beautiful and appropriate costumes. Little Jack Horner, Old King Cole, Tom the Piper's Son and the Princess of the Pinnacles with Santa Claus and associates are a few leaders. Every one welcome.



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NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

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

The price of corn is a matter of more intense interest than The Times had imagined when the editorial was written several days ago advocating that the government fix the price of that grain. Many farmers have called at The Times office to express their approval of the editorial and a number of them have told their experiences in getting corn for their livestock. Among others who expressed approval of the editorial was C. J. Shumake who had with him a draft made out for a Kansas City house for \$1,867.05 for a carload of corn. Only a few weeks ago Mr. Shumake said he had paid nearly as much for another carload of corn which he had shipped in to feed his livestock. The feed situation, which has been in bad shape, is getting worse as the price of corn mounts higher and higher. Plainly the situation is one that demands immediate attention if the farmers of the Southwest are not to sacrifice their breeding stock and are to put in crops in the spring.

MRS. HOBBY SETS EXAMPLE

Mrs. W. P. Hobby, wife of the Governor of Texas, has decided to break a long established custom by dispensing with the customary New Year's reception and ball at the mansion.

Evidently there is team work in the matter of sound common sense in the home of the commonwealth's chief executive. Mrs. Hobby believes that such a reception at such a time, to say the least, would be in bad taste.

Receptions and balls, on the usual scale, are expensive. Those who attend these functions, if they will but turn their hands to it, can find much to be done that is to better purpose, and better places for their money. Recognizing these things, the First Lady of the Commonwealth declines to set what she considers a bad example.

Recreation and amusement must be a part of every normal life if one is to be worth while in any line of endeavor. But in war time there is quite as much opportunity for revision of our amusement program as for revision of our daily menus. There are many amusements simple and inexpensive, which will serve the purpose of those which are more elaborate than we used to think were indispensable.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS WILL BE HELD DEC. 26TH

Only Christmas Day will be taken as a holiday by the Civil Service examination overseers, as there are several examinations scheduled for the 26th inst. The complete list of examinations for the next few weeks follows:

- The following at any time, owing to the urgent needs of the service: Associate Physician, qualified in Physical Metallurgy, \$2,000 to \$2,400; Assistant Physician, qualified in Physical Metallurgy, \$1,800 to \$1,800; Laboratory Assistant, \$1,000 to \$1,200; On Dec. 25, Coder, \$900 to \$1,200; On Jan. 4, 1918, Globe Inspector, (male), \$1,000 per month; On Jan. 15, 1918, Ceramic Engineer (male), \$1,800 to \$2,700; On Jan. 15, 1918, Laboratorian qualified in chemistry and physics, (male), \$1,000; On Jan. 15, 1918, Scientific Assistant in Public Health work (male), \$1,500 to \$2,000; On Jan. 15, 1918, Bookkeeper, \$1,000 to \$1,200; On Jan. 15, 1918, Clerk with knowledge of stenograph or typewriting, \$900 to \$1,200; On Jan. 15, 1918, Junior Telegraph and Telephone Engineer (male), grade 1, \$1,200 to \$1,500; grade 2, \$720 to \$1,080; On Feb. 6-7, Surveyor, (male), Transitman, \$100 to \$120 per month; surveyor, \$150 to \$150 per month.

CHRISTMAS SEALS OF RED CROSS ON SALE TO JAN. 15TH

Wichita Falls has until January 1, 1918, to do its part for the Red Cross tuberculosis work, in the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals. Mrs. R. H. Boger, the chairman of the downtown sale announces. The children have made their report of sales, more than 15,000, and it is hoped that the city sales will add appreciably to this total. President Woodrow Wilson in a letter to Dr. Charles J. Hatfield, executive secretary of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, recently wrote in part as follows: "At this time when we are all called upon to do our utmost to make the fighting forces of the United States the most efficient that human agency can produce, I cannot too strongly urge upon you and your associates, as well as upon all the people of the United States, the increasing necessity for pressing still further the progress which has been made in the prevention of tuberculosis and other diseases. I am in thorough sympathy with the efforts which you are making."

Prof. Lee Clark and Mrs. T. R. Boger, who are in charge of the Red Cross Seal Sale in Wichita Falls, said today: "If President Wilson, with all of his responsibilities at this time, feels as he does about the Red Cross Christmas Seals, it is evidently important that the citizens of Wichita Falls should use them this year as never before. In a letter from the Texas Public Health Association, which is handling the seals in Texas, the executive secretary, Mr. D. F. Breed, makes it plain that the Red Cross Seal Sale will be much larger throughout the state this year than ever before. He is counting on this city to increase its seal sale very materially this year. I am sure we will dispose of practically every seal sent us from Austin."

Theatrical Company's Chickens Lay Eggs; All Barred Rocks

The chickens of the Old Homestead company, and the term is used in its literal sense, please are doing their best in these war times, as is evidenced by the fact that this morning there were five nice, white Plymouth Rock eggs found in their temporary nests. And eggs are accepted as legal tender almost anywhere. The Plymouth Rocks are only a part of the "atmosphere" which the Old Homestead carries to make its scenes from "down on the farm" realistic.

Former Red Cross Agent in Russia Is Now In Confinement

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 24. Colonel Kolpashnikoff, the American embassy at Petrograd, has been assured, is alive, but the correspondent of the Morning Post in the Russian capital says the former agent of the American Red Cross is being held in confinement and no one has been able to see him. American Ambassador Francis, the correspondent adds, is preparing a statement on the case for publication. Colonel Kolpashnikoff's flat, the door of which bears a plate with the words "American Mission of Red Cross for Russia," was raided at 2 o'clock in the morning by soldiers, sailors, Red Guards and others. The rooms were ransacked, the officers taking many papers, while the men appropriated everything of the slightest intrinsic value. The search ended at 5 o'clock and Colonel Kolpashnikoff was taken to the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul.

SOCIETY

MRS. CHAMBERS WILL ENTERTAIN CLUB

Mrs. John R. Chambers will be hostess to the Christmas social meeting of the New Crochet Club Thursday afternoon at her home, 2507 Ninth street. The club will hold its Christmas grab bag at this time.

PATHFINDERS CLUB HOLDS BUSY MEETING

The usual meeting of the Pathfinders Club was held Friday afternoon at the Red Cross work rooms. The business session opened with roll call answered with current events. A resolution to meet in the Red Cross rooms regularly was adopted. Those present were: Misses Statton, Phipps, Michaels and Smith and Mesdames Beckman, Willis, Bell and Demere.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE ENTERTAINED

Among the most enjoyable social activities of the season was an entertainment given at the home of Mrs. W. W. Silk last Saturday evening. The girls of Mrs. Silk's and Mrs. Soider's Sunday school classes entertained thirty-five cadets from Call Field and the Baraca class at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The house was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. A most realistic picture of "Somewhere in France" occupied the center of the table in the dining room. A front line trench, whose khaki-clothed warriors were diligently using a periscope, a mountain look-out, fortified by a canon protected by the common method of camouflage, a war camp connected with a small lake were all cleverly and appropriately arranged.

Billiards, ten pins, music and conversation occupied the guests until a late hour, when a refreshment course of ice cream and fruit cake was served. Punch was served throughout the evening.

WAR OPPORTUNITY. American "Ford A" Tractor Co. manufacturers of tractor attachments for converting Ford cars into GENERAL FARM TRACTORS, have some territory open in Northwest Texas Counties. This machine handles all farming jobs such as plowing, disking, hauling, binding, and is guaranteed to do more work than four good horses. Sells for \$100. Feed is scarce; hundreds of farmers have Ford cars. They can do their work better and cheaper than with horses. County distributors get more good profits and the business is permanent. Only small capital necessary. For particulars write: H. L. DOWNING, R. W. Manager, 311 Culbertson Bldg., Oklahoma City, Okla.

Here's wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and the most of all that's good the whole year 'round.

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The people of Wichita Falls and this section gave up a warm welcome and bade us continue our residence and commercial activities here, and we are glad to have the opportunity to follow the suggestion.

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Greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

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The Seasons Greeting with Best Wishes for the New Year

First National Bank Indiana at Eighth Street

TODAY'S MARKETS

COLDER WEATHER SENDS UP PRICE IN CHICAGO PIT

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Forecasts of much cold weather had a bullish effect today on corn. Misgivings were felt that the prospective lower temperatures would handicap the railroads and tend to further delay of the crop movement.

Oats showed sympathy with the advance in corn. Demand, however, was mostly for small lots.

Announcement of huge government contracts having been let to packing houses gave strength to provisions.

Contracts for the market although top prices were not maintained. The close was unsettled at 1/4 to 1/2 cents net advance with January \$1.25 1/2 and May \$1.24 1/2.

Table with columns: CORN, Open, High, Low, Close. Rows for Dec, Jan, May.

Table with columns: OATS, Open, High, Low, Close. Rows for Dec, Jan, May.

Table with columns: RIBS, Open, High, Low, Close. Rows for Jan, May.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—CORN: No. 2 yellow nominal. OATS: Standard 75c@80 1/4.

MORTUARY

James Johnson. James Johnson, aged 21, died yesterday at the home of his mother, Mrs. Alvin Jones.

Rev. John Holzer. Rev. John Holzer, formerly Lutheran pastor near Vernon, who died at his home in Burk Burnett yesterday evening after an illness of about two years, will be buried Thursday.

We appreciate the splendid support our Friends and Patrons have accorded us this year and tender you our most sincere wishes for

A Real Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



STOVE COMPANY.

LIVESTOCK

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 24.—CATTLE: Receipts 2,000; 10 to 15 cents down. Hogs: Receipts 2,000; market active.

Chicago Live Stock. Chicago, Dec. 24.—HOGS: Receipts 23,000; slow, 15 cents higher. Bulk \$16.50@16.90; light \$15.80@15.85.

Kansas City, Dec. 24.—HOGS: Receipts 7,000; 5 to 10 higher. Bulk \$15.35@15.55; heavy \$15.25@15.70.

St. Louis Live Stock. St. Louis, Dec. 24.—HOGS: Receipts 8,000; 25 to 30 higher. Lights \$16.60@17.05; pigs \$13.75@15.25.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—CORN: No. 2 yellow nominal. OATS: Standard 75c@80 1/4.

COTTON MARKET PROVES QUIET CHRISTMAS EVE

New York, Dec. 24.—The interest of the cotton trade centered on new month developments in the cotton market at the opening today. It was the last December trading day and trading in that delivery ended at noon.

New Orleans Cotton. New Orleans, Dec. 24.—The reported peace negotiations between Russia and the central powers were a bullish influence in cotton here today and the market went to a net gain of 18 points in the first half hour.

Cotton Seed All. New York, Dec. 24.—The cotton oil market closed quiet. Spot 15.00; Dec. 19.10; Jan. 19.20; March 19.45; May 19.00. Total sales 6,800.

Employees Given Remembrances by Local Firms. Thrift stamps and a bonus check for the last half year made up the Christmas presents to the employees of the P. B. M. department store from the management.

Too Late to Classify. For Trade—10 acre truck farm, close in under first class cultivation and under ditch, 4-room house, 2 Jersey cows, team young horses, 4 hogs, 100 hens, 100 fruit trees, just bearing, household goods, machinery a devery thing goes. Will trade for city property. Will not consider trade after January 24, 1918. Call \$20 Ohio or phone 2755.

For Rent—Practically new 4-room house, freshly painted and papered, 404 Brook street, \$15.00 per month. Two months rent payable in advance. Bunchberry possession. Phone 2176.

PERSONALS

J. H. Webb of Fort Worth, is spending the holidays here with his son, J. D. Webb, and family.

Mrs. G. W. Howell and son, Clyde, of Collinsville are here for a visit with J. F. Bolote and family.

Jouette Bonner who has been visiting her mother at Homer, La., returned yesterday. His sister, Mrs. Charles H. Bonner of Homer returned with him and will be the guests of Judge and Mrs. W. N. Bonner during the holidays.

Joe Jones is up from Camp Bowie, for a visit with friends.

Joe Jones is here from Camp Bowie for a short visit with his parents, June J. P. Jones and wife, and friends.

Mrs. C. E. Marsters of Denison, is visiting Mrs. J. M. Bates, 803 Broad street.

Mrs. A. G. Vance and son, Emmet of Hillsboro, Texas, are spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Ragland.

Mrs. John R. Chambers and baby daughter, Ron Hardy Chambers, have returned from a month's visit with relatives in Oklahoma City.

Leutenant Charles F. Sheedy of Camp Field has returned from a business trip to Dallas.

J. A. Lantz, commissioner in the United States court here, left today for Dallas to spend Christmas.

O. W. Hines, who has been ill with pneumonia at a local hospital, has satisfactorily recovered to be taken from the hospital to his home.

Christmas at Buckner Orphan's Home is always held on January 3, the birthday of "Father" Buckner, the venerable founder of the home, and this year as in previous years a call for friends of the institution to make the first gift of money, is made from the committee of prominent Baptists throughout the state.

The local Baptist church and Sunday school have already made a liberal cash donation for a Christmas gift to the home. The committee's request for other gifts to the cash shower follows:

This matchless institution in the past 30 years had housed, fed, clothed and taught 12,000 orphan children (estimated) having each year full 700 present from all parts of Texas and several other states. Most of them become Christians. No dependent white orphan child has been turned away from the shelter of this home, therefore the many friends of this great institution, church members and non-church members, desire to aid in its support by free-will offerings during the month of December, for the benefit of the institution. To be sent in by January 3rd, 1918. Some can give ten cents and some can give \$1,000!

Send all contributions to Buckner Orphan's Home, Route 3, Dallas, Texas.

If you want your contribution to go to the credit of the Cash Shower mark your check or money order "Cash Shower."

San Antonio: J. J. Pipkin, Bryan: R. C. Ponder, Abilene: Mrs. J. W. Byars, Waco, Committee.

TABLE OF COSTS PROVES STARTLING TO MEMBERS. In the table of breadmaking cost published Sunday the cost of making the first barrel of flour into bread was put at \$277.50, through a typographical error. This should have been \$27.50. The cost of the baker's services is \$4.65, instead of 1.00 as contained in the table.

Local Brevities

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Christmas Turkeys. You will want a nice fat turkey for that Christmas dinner. We deliver them to your door. F. B. Massey, 403 Lee St. Phone 397. 188 5tc.

Just received fine car of bulk Colorado apples, whinesap, York Imperial and Gano. Come to my fruit stand 509 Ohio, just opposite Palace Horse Shoeing shop and get prices before you buy. 133 4tc. M. D. OVERFELT.

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

G. W. Watkins is very sick with pneumonia at a local hospital.

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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.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Griffon, of Dun-dee, are the proud parents of a son, born yesterday morning, and considered remarkably intelligent for his age.

I will buy any amount up to \$25,000 of first series 3 1/2 per cent Liberty Bonds at par. Dr. Joe E. Danish. 175-ttc.

Christmas Turkeys. You will want a nice fat turkey for that Christmas dinner. We deliver them to your door. F. B. Massey, 403 Lee St. Phone 397. 188 5tc.

Miss Edith Vandorn was operated on this morning for appendicitis at the Mason Harzgrave hospital. She is reported to be doing nicely.

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

For quick taxi, baggage and heavy service phone 432. 115-ttc.

Christmas dinner at St. James hotel noon and night \$1.00. Music. 185-10tc.

Have your furs made into the newest shapes. All work guaranteed.—Home Tailoring Co. Phone 1231. 186 ttc.

Advertisement for P.B.M.C. Department Store, featuring a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year message, and listing C. J. Barnard, C. C. Wood, and Jack C. Barnard.

Advertisement for MARTIN'S BOOK STORE, featuring a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year message, and listing 609-611 8th St. and Free Delivery in Business District Only.

Advertisement for WICHITA HARDWARE CO., featuring a message about valued assets and listing 804-806 Ohio.

Advertisement for Maxwell Hardware Co., featuring a message about everything for the farmer, mechanic, builder and housewife.

New York Stocks. New York, Dec. 24.—Rails, equipments and shippings advanced 1 to 2 points over last week's final quotations in the first half hour of today's stock market, some specialties, notably oil, scoring greater gains. News and general advices over the week-end were more favorably regarded. United States steel was especially active, advancing 2 points to 85 1/2 on steady absorption. There was fairly broad inquiry for investment bonds, Liberty Bonds were steady with further strength in foreign issues. The usual leaders were neglected during the dull mid-session trading switching to the special group. Motors, tobaccos and minor equipments were higher by 2 to 1/2 points but rails and active industrials yielded fractionally.

WILLIAM TONEY WRITES ABOUT LIFE WITH PERSHING'S TROOPS

Somewhere Over Here, Nov. 17, 1917.

Dear Mother and Father: Well, at last we have gotten settled, and are pleasantly situated. Our barracks are nice and warm. We got here on the 10th and were certainly glad, as we were all tired of traveling. Have been continually on the move since we were organized. We had a very uneventful voyage coming over.

I think if I am here long enough I will be able to understand a little of the French jargon—a queer lingo to me so far. A few of us know enough of it to ask for what we want when we go to town. I had a hard time Friday making one of the natives understand that I desired a hair cut. Two of us had hair cuts and shaves

which only cost us two francs (40 cents), but before we are here long they will rise up and stick it to us on every corner. We are patiently looking forward to two things in the near future—pay day and "Thanksgiving." On Thanksgiving day we will have quite a spread, will also celebrate on Christmas. I won't expect any Christmas basket from home, not a chance—but if you wish you can fix me up a box—be sure to send a tin box, as that's the only kind that will stand the rough handling coming over. Just send a cake and a wrist watch. I intended to get one before I came over but forgot it in the rush. I can't buy one here at all. It would be funny if you didn't get this "bill of fare" Christmas, but I hope you do.

I have seen lots of Texas boys here, met one from Fort Worth I know. Don't worry about me, as we are away from the danger zone. I wish I could tell you where I am and then I know you wouldn't worry, but I can't. From the general feeling here I don't think it will be long before it's all over, as our enemies are weakening all along the line, but it can't be over any too soon for old Toney, although I've had the pleasure of seeing lots of the country since I've been in the service.

Later, Things are fine here, every thing is new to us. We are seeing lots of things on this side that we never saw before. We have a good camp, only one squadron—lots of small towns all around the camp. We go and come almost as often as we want to. I expect to have my vulcanizing plant going by the 1st. There is sure lots of work piled up waiting for me. It will be some time before I get straightened out. We are having some rainy weather, but when it's wet we stay in doors, don't object to this for we are soft from lack of work and don't mind resting now and then. We are doing a little construction work on the shop and buildings. We are all satisfied and happy. I would not sell my part of this trip for any amount of money. I've seen things that I've never dreamed of and what's more I'm going to see still more, as after we have been here a little longer we are going to go to Paris. I am getting along better with my French—have learned enough to ask for what I want. A funny thing happened when we got here. The attached thirty-five men to our squadron. Two from Fort Worth and five from Colorado. I know all of them, in fact one of the Colorado boys worked next door to me and the one from Fort Worth worked in Wichita Falls for the Nissley Creamery Co., came there to manage the branch and was transferred back to Fort Worth. We were worse than two kids when we met each other. In our squadron of 200 men, one third of them are from Texas.

The Lone Star state is pretty well represented—don't you think so? I don't want the home folks to think I'm just writing this to make you feel good, but it's the truth. We are certainly well satisfied over here. I must close this time. This is my fourth letter home. Hope you got them all.

Later I haven't received a line from home yet, but am expecting to get a letter soon, hope you are all well. The climate over here is certainly agreeing with me—lots of things to see and believe me, I am seeing my part. I am putting my vulcanizing plant in the headquarters garage. Will be some time yet before we are open and ready for work. I'll have a good place, all of the men in our squadron are being put to their trades—what ever they call it. I am glad that we won't have to be moving from place to place. For the time being I am staying in town so as to be near the garage. I guess when I get back home I will hardly know old Wichita if she continues to grow. I hope you get all the letters I write you. I suppose the mail is slow between here and the States, as we didn't make anywhere near the speed coming across as the regular passenger steamers make. Did you receive the letter I wrote you the day we sailed? I gave it to a N. Y. detective to mail, he read it and said he would. We have seen some pretty places in France—coming here we passed through the most beautiful part of the country. We had a pay day yesterday—I drew over three hundred francs—a lot of money when you stop to think. The French soldiers over here only get five francs a month. A franc is a fraction less than 20c, but they have just as much fun on that as we do. I'm trying to save mine as I'll need it when Kaiser Bill's nose is cut off. I think the time is near—it can't come too soon. France is O. K.—but the old U. S. is better. How's everything in the States? Guess so, I'll bet you are getting your share of the riding and fishing—as you like outdoors so well it's a pity you can't join the army—then you would get enough of it, as 50 per cent of a soldier's life is outside. I guess you'll get this about Christmas—if you do don't worry and say "I wish he was here." Just stop and figure that "you're truly" is getting his part of the good things over here. We have turkey and all sorts of Christmas things here. The only thing that's scarce is sugar—however, we were fortunate enough to bring enough to last us three months. I guess I'd better close, as this might not be interesting for the censor and he might destroy it. The weather is a little damp, yet we are looking forward to a mild winter as 'last was very wet and cold, two severe winters never go together. Well "Son Lait".

I've received your letter dated Oct. 25. Was sure glad to—and to know you were all well. Things are getting winterish here. Light snow last night, but it is thawing now. You can imagine how glad I am that I am inside instead of shivering around outside. You say Mrs. Fred Smith is proud that her boy is over here with the general. I think I am really closer to him than Morgan is, as I sleep less than a hundred yards from the general's house. I saw him twice this morning. You needn't be afraid of your letters to me being censored as they only censor outgoing mail. Two of the boys and myself are batching in the shop—have steak, eggs, and everything we could get back in the states. No sugar for sale over here. The Americans have this country pictured as a dreary place, at least most of them think that. They can think it if they want to, but I know different. We are in a small town, but we have picture shows, two vaudeville dances, etc. I don't like the sour wine over here, but the 50-year-old champagne is fine. Will try and bring you some. I have quite a bunch of souvenirs and am still getting more. Want them to bring home with me. I think our officers expect us to parade when we get back to the U. S. A. Well take it from me, when this bunch lands on American soil once more if they want anything like that they had better chain them together—our one thought now is—when we get back, I am sending you a fifty centime note. That is a lot of money here, but in white man's money it's only 10c. I guess if the censors are broke it might be misplaced—but I guess not as I hear all right. I have a few silk handkerchiefs I will try and send you soon. Guess I can send them. I can hardly write, my fingers are cold—anyhow, I am writing by electricity, as I can't write more than five minutes without some one coming in and wanting something. I met a soldier from Electra yesterday. He was a drifter there with the Magnolia people. I never knew him before but he knew lots of people that I knew back there.

I started this yesterday and didn't finish it. I have lots of work to do this afternoon. The carpenters are going to build my work bench. I know



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A Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year

And to thank them for the very liberal patronage given to us. This has been the best season in the history of our store and the constantly increasing volume of business is an inspiration for us to strive for even greater things in the new year.

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Few Women of Today Work Blindly

Used to be that daughters adhered strictly to mothers' methods of home management. They used certain baking recipes simply because they were favorites of former generations.

Times have changed radically. Colleges and clubs have been established for the express purpose of determining just which baking method and baking materials are best.

Many domestic scientists devote their lives to research and experimental work. They are constantly testing food products. They conduct exhaustive comparative tests. They accept and endorse only such methods and baking processes as have been found superior through scientific measurement of merit. These decisions are given wide publicity. The result is that the housewife of today produces more wholesome and perfect bakings at less cost than ever before.

I have conducted many experiments and have investigated experiments conducted by scores of other domestic scientists. My own work and the decisions handed down by other pure food specialists and domestic scientists—bring out the evidence that the overwhelming majority employ and advocate the use of one special brand of baking powder—which proves once more the old saying that "there is only one best."

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Maudie Marie Costello

NOTE—Miss Costello is already well known to most of the ladies of our city. She is of the Domestic Science Branch of the University of Chicago, a graduate of Lewis Institute, Supervisor of Domestic Science in Public Schools, Special Lecturer on Domestic Arts and Economy, Special Lecturer to the Women's Clubs.

We are publishing a series of her most important articles.

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POLICE COURT DOCKET FOR MONDAY IS LIGHT

The police docket this morning was unusually light for Monday, which with the accumulation of Saturday and Sunday usually gives the judge enough to do to make up for his day of rest, and then some. No one had parently got beyond the five-dollar stage of intoxication, and eight of these fines were meted out. One ten dollar fine for gaming, and one twenty-five dollar assessment for driving an auto while intoxicated finished the docket.

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NEW YEAR

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

—AND—

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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RATES—Want ads are one cent a word for the first insertion and half a cent a word for subsequent successive insertions. No want ad taken for less than fifteen cents and no ad taken to run three times for less than 25 cents. In giving in Want Ads PHONE 167.

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HIGHEST PRICES paid for cast-off men's clothing and shoes. Phone 434. —154 tlc.

WE furnish help in all lines of work—Phone 2854. Wichita Labor Agency. (Licensed and bonded 707 1/2 Ohio Ave., Wichita Falls, Texas. 171 26c.

WANTED TO BUY—Mattresses, comforts and second hand furniture. Dodson Furniture Co. 908 Indiana. Phone 528. 174 tlc.

Highest prices paid in cash or trade for second hand furniture, rugs, stoves, etc. Patton Furniture Co., 710-12 Seventh street. Phone 1660. 179 26c.

CALL 1629—Price's Mattress Factory, to have your mattresses renovated. 808 Tenth Street. 181-26

WE RENOVATE and recover old mattresses and make them just like new. Patton Furniture Co., 710-12 Seventh street. Phone 1660. 179-16c.

CARPET CLEANING—New club rates to old and new customers. My Harmless Vacuum Process. More than pays the small cost for cleaning often for estimates. Phone 2268. —R. A. Bailey. 187-7c.

WANT to correspond with party having complete string of second hand cable tools. Address "S" care of Times. 189-7c.

WANTED—Automobile tops to be built and repair. Dodson Furniture Co., 908 Indiana, Phone 528. 191 tlc.

FOR NURSE call 2856. 191 6tp

WANTED TO RENT—By reliable party, house somewhere between Archer street and the factory car line. Phone 1848 or 1486. 192 2tp

WANTED—Three unfurnished rooms for light housekeeping. Dr. E. B. Bailey, phone 1428. 192 2tc

WANTED—Furnished light housekeeping rooms, reasonable close in, by couple with one child. Address X106, care Times. 192 3tp

WANTED TO RENT—Modern 5 room house. Can furnish reference. B. N. George. Phone 187. 192 6tc

WANTED—Ford roadster body, phone 2768. 193 3tc

GOOD HOME for good woman. Write full particulars of self and family. All correspondence held in strict confidence. Address Box 863 city. 193 3tp

WANTED TO BUY—Jersey milk cow. Phone 755. 193 3tp

HELP WANTED—Female

WANTED—White girl to help take care of rooming house. Phone 529. 187-7c.

WANTED—Colored cook at 1606 Eleventh street. Phone 2296. 192 4tc

WANTED—Good colored cook. Good servant house and good wages. W. S. Langford. Phone 2709. 193 3tc

BOARD AND ROOMS

BOARD AND ROOM at 1203 Burnett. Phone 1868. 179 26c

I HAVE purchased the rooming house at 709 Austin street and will run the same in a first class manner for good people only. The house has been re-furnished and everything is first class. P. Hearden. 192 2tc

UNFURNISHED ROOMS

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FOR RENT—Two unfurnished rooms, modern, \$10.00 per month at 1466 Eighth street. 191 3tc

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ESTRAYED to my place, one mule, one bay mare and one brown mare. Owner can have same by paying for this advertisement and pastorage. J. A. Norman, phone 9022-F 12. 191 3tp

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FOR SALE—City Property

AN IDEAL HOME—East front, strictly modern, five room house with 100x150 foot lot. The rooms in this house are all extra large rooms with closets in each bed room an devery convenience that could be desired in a nice home. Can give immediate possession of this home also, \$5,000.00. N. O. Monroe, phone 2454. 192 4tp

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FOR SALE—Several choice lots on pavement on Eleventh street. Will sell you lot and loan money to build. LINN A. BOYD, 603 Eighth Street. Phone 1861. —165 tlc

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION—5 room strictly modern house, in the best residential block on Eighth street, \$3,500.00. This house has had the very best of care and it can be handled on very attractive terms. N. O. Monroe, phone 2454. 192 4tp

FIVE ROOM house on 14th will sell this on the installment plan. Price \$2,500. Stehlik & Baber. 192 tlc

FOR SALE—Nice five-room house on Taylor street in Floral Heights, lot 50x150, back yard fenced, barn and chicken house. Terms. See Dr. A. L. Lane. 180-1c.

A BARGAIN—Five room, strictly modern, house on a corner lot just off Tenth street, \$2,750.00. This is less money than this house can be built for now—not considering the lot at all. N. O. Monroe, phone 2454. 192 4tp

A NICE HOUSE on Travis between Eleventh and Twelfth street, large lot, price \$3,900, good terms. Stehlik & Baber. 192 tlc

FOR SALE—By owner, five room, brand new modern house, never occupied and is now ready to be sold. This house was built for a home and is located in the best residential section of the city. It is not for rent. Phone 572. 189-4tc

ERICK BUNGALOW—Six room, strictly modern in every respect, south front and with a full size lot, \$3,500. This place is practically new and was built for a home. N. O. Monroe, phone 2454. 192 4tp

ST X ROOM—Strictly modern house on Twelfth street, near the high school, \$2,250.00. Four room east front modern house with 70x150 foot lot, close in on Travis, \$2,150.00. An east front modern house, close in on Bluff street, \$2,800.00. Five room modern house, close in on Burnett street, \$2,500.00. Four room, strictly modern house in the 1300 block on Eleventh street, \$2,150.00. Five room modern house on a full size lot, in the 1300 block on Eleventh street, \$2,500.00. Very attractive terms on this place if desired. N. O. Monroe, phone 2454. 192 4tp

CONTROLLING several hundred lots in Ward & Todd subdivision number one, Electric field. Will be at the Westland hotel Wednesday, Dec. 26th. If interested call A. W. Harper. —191 3tc.

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TEN ROOM HOUSE—Close to schools, south front, sidewalk, cupola walk all around the shrubbery, slide green, cement storm cellar, bath, tub, stairs and door, practically new house. Special Price, Stehlik & Baber. —192 tlc.

USED AUTOS FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Five-passenger Ford in A1 condition, 1929 7th street. —Phone 1072. 183-4tp

ONE CASE-30 five-passenger A-1 condition. Willis Car Co., Masonic Temple. Phone 2150. 189-4tp

FOR SALE—Ford Roadster. Can be used for delivery car, \$1,750. Ford 5-passenger, good shape \$2,500.00. New Maxwell \$700.00. Bargains in other second hand cars. Will sell. Going out of business, McMullen Auto Co. —192 3tc.

FOR SALE—Slightly used 1917 Ford. In good shape—Apply S. L. Thornton, Marion Hotel. 191 3tp

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Woman Knocked Down By Automobile Still In Local Hospital

Mrs. Mary Forrest Ella Lee Green, of Dallas, who was injured in an automobile accident on Friday night while crossing Eighth street at the corner of Scott avenue, is reported this morning as much improved, although still suffering a good deal of pain.

Mrs. Green, who is a graduate nurse from the Parks Infirmary, Atlanta, Ga., came to Wichita Falls last Friday to meet her brother, Walter Martin, of Fort Hill. She was going to the Palace Hotel to inquire as to a room,

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FOR TRADE—Twenty-five acres land in Brewster county for Ford. Call 610 Seventh street. Morgan 193 4tp.

HELP WANTED—Male

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NOTICES

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NOTICE—Experienced detective work strictly confidential. Will open office in this city about Dec. 10th. Address P. O. 560. 174 tlc.

NOTICE—No hunting, camping or trespassing on lands under my control. W. M. Coleman. 180 tlc.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of First National Bank of Wichita Falls, Texas, will be held at the office of the said bank on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, between the hours of 10:00 a. m. and 4:00 p. m. of said date for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and such other business as the Stockholders may desire to discuss. J. J. TAYLOR, Cashier.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Times Publishing Co. will be held at the Times building on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, at 4 p. m. of said date for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and such other business as the stockholders may desire to discuss. RHEA HOWARD, Secretary.

CHILDREN PARADE STREETS OF CITY FOR RED CROSS

MANY UNABLE TO JOIN THE LINE BECAUSE OF PRESS OF BUSINESS.

The parade of some two hundred junior members of the Red Cross this morning, the contribution of J. L. Stehlik of two hundred and fifty dollars, and the committee is satisfied that the whole county will turn in a splendid aggregate when all the returns have been received.

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WAR INVALIDS FEEDING CRITICISM BRINGS TROUBLE

By Associated Press. Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—The Vorwärts, the Socialist organ reported to have been ordered to suspend for three days appeared unexpectedly Sunday. It says its suspension was due to criticism of the provisioning of war invalids under the heading: "Let Them Go Die."

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Meets Friday Night. Initiation in the Rank of Esquire.

Dr. J. W. DuVal, C. C. H. P. Hodge, K. R. B.

Knights of Columbus. Wichita Falls Council No. 1479. Knights of Columbus, meets every second and fourth Tuesday at 8 o'clock, Harrison-Everson Hall. Visiting Knights welcomed.

Wichita Falls Lodge B. P. O. ELKS. Meets first and third Monday night of each week in Elk's Hall. V. G. SKEEN, Secy.

Wichita Falls Lodge No. 638. A. F. & A. M. Stated meetings first and third Friday nights in each month. W. E. BROTHERS, W. M. J. W. WALKUP, Sec.

Wichita Falls Chapter No. 292. R. A. M. Stated convocations second Friday nights in each month. W. Y. HAMMACK, H. P. J. W. WALKUP, Sec.

Wichita Falls Commandry No. 49. Regular convocations fourth Friday night in each month. C. W. RICHOLT, H. C. J. W. WALKUP, Sec.

Wichita Falls Chapter No. 237. meetings first and third Tuesday nights of each month. MRS. V. E. STAMPELI, W. M. MRS. MAE DAKAN, Sec.

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HOME OF ALBERT OF BELGIANS IS QUAIN DWELLING

CORRESPONDENT TELLS OF VISIT HE PAID TO FRENCH QUARTERS.

(By George T. Bye.) Paris, (via London) Dec. 24.—This last week-end I spent in an odd corner of France that I long wished to see. Pushing on, our motor passed an exquisite little hotel that seemed to insist it had a story to tell. We made inquiries and learned that the hotel had been set apart by the French republic as a temporary home for King Albert of the Belgians.

Nearly a row of crude huts, each with a wooden sign in front. These were the executive offices of the Belgian government. I remember that one of the signs read, "Minister of Colonies."

A quarter of a mile down the road we came up to a tall, distinguished-looking man to whom our military escort offered a seat in our car. He accepted and a conversation began.

Greetings Reporter. We were fortunate in meeting him. He was a Belgian whose importance I am not privileged to suggest. When he was told I was an American he insisted upon shaking my hand again, and very fervently. He said that the debt of the Belgians to America could never be paid, although they intended to try.

Then he asked me if western United States was alive to the necessity of exterminating Germans until the Kaiser was on his knees groveling in the bloody muck he had brought about. I was glad to give the Belgian my opinion that western United States is the principal force behind the increasing war momentum of our country; that the east, with its great centers of population, usually tumbles mob-like into the train of exhorters, but that the west is controlled wholly by heart impulse.

Patriotic Iowa. I told him it is my belief that Iowa is the most patriotic state in the Union today, that I was a Missourian, that Missourians were ashamed to disgust their representatives in congress now notorious for hindering the administration—and that the west was in the war with both feet. The Belgian's face brightened, and he made notes.

When I had finished he closed up his note-book and began talking to me rapidly.

"It is the honest idea of all Belgians that your President Wilson is the greatest single figure in the world

DR. J. W. DU VAL Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat. Glasses Fitted First National Bank Building



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The Palace Drug Store and its employes greet you and wish for you and yours and those connected with you a very Merry Christmas, may you enjoy every happiness of the glad season.

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WE THANK YOU

First Attention To All Orders For The Sick Special Attention Given Our Prescription Dept.

today," he said. "For his utterances and his acts he today exerts more influence over the universe than any other man, excepting none. Belgians, being Catholics for the most part, looked to the pope for a long time as the logical savior of the world. I am sure that all of them have turned now to your president. We look anxiously across the seas.

"I may be said to know something of local phraseology. I can tell you that your president's proclamation of war, and his later public statements, are state papers of eternal significance, perfectly worded. Many of his paragraphs I can recite by heart.

Unit of Providence. "We look to each American who comes over here as a unit of Providence. You come for no material object, but with the purpose of demonstrating your disgust for the inhuman German program. You are the knights of the twentieth century. You are the extra weight that turns the scales against the Kaiser and consigns him to the deepest hell. You are the deliverer of the German people. You are the hope of the world, when you preside at the peace table.

The Belgian was so much in earnest that he did not notice we were taking him past his destination. When he jumped out, he turned around, still with deep earnestness in his face.

"Could you recommend any volumes that would quickly acquaint me with American institutions?" he asked, taking out his note-book.

I suggested Lord Charnwood's "Life of Lincoln" and Bryce's "American Commonwealth," two by English authors, but for the life of me could not think of any similar studies by Americans, for which I was sorry. The Belgian made his notes, took off his hat, gave us a deep bow and was gone.

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MARINE ACTIVITY OF NATION BEING CLOSELY WATCHED

The shipping program of the government, both as to the navy and the merchant marine, is occupying the attention of many heads of departments, and the activities of the new navy yards and plants is the topic of a letter recently issued by the Civil Service Commission. The letter follows: For many years there have been few additions to the number of navy yards and stations in the United States, but the war has made necessary a considerable increase in our facilities for conducting naval operations.

Aircraft Factory. The naval aircraft factory at Philadelphia, Pa., and the naval operating base at Hampton Roads, Va., have re-

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ently been completed and are now in full commission. In course of preparation are a naval training station at Gulfport, Miss., and submarine bases at New London, Conn., and San Pedro, Cal. It will be noted that these two submarine bases are so situated as to add to the defenses of both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. Located close to supplies of steel and coal is the Projectile plant at Charleston, W. Va., which is expected to be in operation soon after January 1. The buildings for the exposition at San Diego, Cal., are serving a further use as a training station for the navy, and thousands of Uncle Sam's recruits are being made into sea fighters with these artistic structures as a base.

Navy Good Service. The whole navy yard service is, of course, humming with activity. There is a shortage of labor, however, in certain lines and ship construction and other work is suffering in consequence. Anglesmiths, blacksmiths, boatbuilders, canvasworkers, copper-smiths, drillers, fabric workers, framers, benders, machinists, power sewing machine operators (women), sailmakers, ship draftsmen, shipfitters, ship-smiths, subspectors of ordnance, and other mechanics and technical men are badly needed. The United States Civil Service commission is urging, as a patriotic duty, that persons trained in these lines offer their services to the government at this time of great need. Representatives of the Civil Service commission at the post offices in all cities are giving full information and supplying application blanks. No written examinations are required.

LARGE ARMY MARCHING ON KALEDINES' REAR

Petrograd, Dec. 23. (Sunday).—A Caucasian army of 100,000 men is advancing on the rear of the troops of General Kaledines, the Cossack leader, according to an announcement made today by the Bolshevik press bureau.

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The Christmas spirit is in our hearts today and we want to tell you that our sincere wish is "May you receive that which your heart most desires."

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Italian Soldiers To Receive Cheer From American Red Cross

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Another distribution will be made in Venice on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning to wounded soldiers and civilian poor. Large numbers of wounded are now coming in from the Piave to the hospitals of Venice. Each of these will be remembered with clothing, foods and sweets.

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