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West Texas—Tonight fair, colder in southwest portion; not so cold in the Panhandle; Wednesday—fair, warmer.

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J. E. WILLIAMS IS FEDERAL REFEREE FOR WAR PERIOD

WILL HAVE CHARGE OF LABOR TROUBLES THAT INVOLVE PACKING HOUSES.

FORMERLY FUEL HEAD

Both Sides Have Agreed That During Conflict There Will Be No Strikes Or Walk-Outs.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 25.—John E. Williams, fuel administrator of Illinois early today was appointed referee in all labor disputes arising in the packing-house industries of the United States during the war.

The agreement affects all of their plants, located in Chicago, Kansas City, Denver, St. Louis, East St. Louis, Oklahoma City, Sioux Falls, St. Paul, Omaha and St. Joseph.

Both sides agreed that while the United States is at war there should be no strikes or lockouts in packing plants and that Mr. Williams should be final in all matters.

The labor committee headed by Secretary of Labor Wilson came here a week after the labor situation at the stockyards had reached a critical state.

Stock yards workers some time ago demanded that their unions be recognized by the packers, that they be allowed to join any union they saw fit.

Cotton Exchange to Bar From Employment All Enemy Aliens

By Associated Press. New Orleans, La., Dec. 24.—The board of directors of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, at a meeting last night, adopted a resolution calling upon all members of the exchange to sign the following pledge:

"We, the members of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, pledge ourselves and our friends not to employ German or Austrian citizens, or citizens of any other nation allied with Germany or Austria or anyone, whether a native of the United States or not, who is in sympathy with our enemies."

The action last night followed circulation last week of a petition among members of the exchange urging the directors to take cognizance of reports that German and Austrian subjects and Americans with pronounced pro-German sympathies are still retained in the employ of some cotton firms.

CHILDREN COLLECT TONS OF CHESTNUTS IN ENGLAND.

Special To The Times. London, Dec. 25.—Children throughout England have collected 250,000 tons of chestnuts for use in making munitions, and according to a food department spokesman this has enabled the government to release 200,000 tons of corn, rice and other foodstuffs held for munition purposes.

GREAT AVIATION MECHANICS' CAMP BUILT IN FRANCE

THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS ARE TO BE SENT OVER TO AID IN WORK.

By Associated Press. With the American Army in France, Monday, Dec. 24.—Extensive training quarters will be established in England and France for a corps of several thousand mechanics to repair and care for the machines of American airplanes.

Seventeen general officers have arrived in France from the United States for a tour of the American zone and the British and French, and probably Italian fronts.

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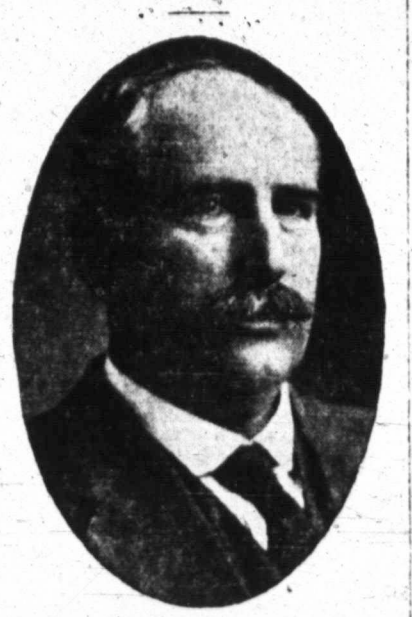
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LEATHER PROHIBITED IN WOMEN'S SHOES.

Special To The Times. London, Dec. 25.—After January 1 the British director of raw materials under an army council decree will prohibit the manufacture or sale of women's shoes with uppers of leather measuring more than seven inches from the seat of the heel to the top.

Passes Away After Few Days' Illness



VIRGIL G. SKEEN.

SECRETARY SKEEN DIES HERE RESULT PNEUMONIA ATTACK

ILL AT HIS HOME HERE FOR BUT FEW DAYS—SERVED CITY MANY YEARS.

Virgil G. Skeen, city secretary, succumbed to pneumonia shortly after midnight Monday night. His death followed an illness of only a few days.

Mr. Skeen was 48 years old. He was born in Pittsburg, Texas, coming here with his father, Judge W. P. Skeen, and family early in 1888.

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KING FERDINAND IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN IN DANGER

DISTURBED POLITICAL CONDITIONS ARE ALSO REPORTED IN COUNTRY.

REPORT REACHES RUSSIA

Korniloff's Troops Are Alleged to Have Been Defeated Near Bielorod of the Bolsheviki.

Petrograd Monday, Dec. 24.—News of a revolutionary plot against King Ferdinand of Rumania has been received at the Smolny Institute by the Bolsheviki headquarters, according to the evening newspapers.

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THE FOUR CORNERS AT HAM AFTER THE BOCHES EVACUATION. AMBULANCE DRIVER'S TENT CAMOUFLAGED AFTER ATTACK.



J.M. WITSELL IN HIS ADVANCE POST DUGOUT.

Safe after six months of exposure to gas attacks, bombs, shells and the other foes of the ambulance driver, J. M. Wittsell, of Newark, N. J., has returned from France to enlist under the American flag.

JACKIES ENJOY GREAT DINNER IN WAR ZONE

CHRISTMAS PARCELS ARE BIT DELAYED, HOWEVER, IN THEIR JOURNEY.

BASE OF AMERICAN FLOTILLA IN BRITISH WATERS.

Millions Added to American Red Cross By Christmas Drive

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—With an enrollment of nearly 1,000,000 new recruits as the result of the Christmas drive directed by the American Red Cross, the organization's total membership at 18,999,999.

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AMERICAN ARMY IS SANTA CLAUS OVER IN FRANCE

HUNDREDS OF MEN CROWD INTO BUILDING ABOUT CHRISTMAS TIME.

CHILDREN MADE HAPPY

Interpreter Acts Part of Good Saint Nicholas And Little Ones Shout With Joy.

With the American Army in France, Monday, Dec. 24.—The American expeditionary force tonight capitulated to Santa Claus. With a light snow falling throughout the zone, every man in General Pershing's army—though boys' cavalrymen, machine gunners, marine engineers, "mule skinner"—stopped work as the sun went down and started in to do the bidding of the jovial Saint temporarily in command.

At some distance from the American zone the railway engineers at the British front and other engineers at the French front were spending their Christmas Eve under fire, but even there the children of nearby neighborhoods were being cared for.

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There was a tense air of expectancy until the lights were suddenly flashed on the trees and Santa Claus revealed.

THOSE ABSENT

THE ONLY REASON a soldier of the division was absent from the celebration was because there wasn't room for him to crowd in.

THE MEN THEMSELVES, in addition to the presents they received from relatives and friends, got many from other sources, such as the Red Cross and the tobacco fund, which had distributed in quantities of "smokes" on behalf of many newspapers.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Saul Lebenson

164TH SQUADRON HAS BIG DINNER AT CALL FIELD

ALL SORTS OF DELICACIES APPEAR UPON TABLE IN MESS HALL.

The Hundred and Sixty-Fourth Squadron, S. C. U. S. A. stationed at Call Field had a regular banquet today at their mess shack. The cooks, regular and attached, had done themselves proud, both in preparation of the dinner and in the decorations, which achieved a splendid holiday effect. Souvenir menu cards had been gotten up, elaborately designed, decorated with flags and containing beside the menu, the squadron roster and some appropriate sentiments.

The menu will probably be reserved as an aid to the recruiting office, it is certainly worth it. Just listen:

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 Hot Mince Pie with Cheese
 Fruit Cake, Brandy Sauce
 Fruit Assorted Nuts Candy
 Coffee Cigarettes

At the Theatres

MATINEE AND NIGHT PERFORMANCE OF "THE OLD HOMESTEAD"

The Wichita Theater's attraction today, matinee and night is "The Old Homestead." Denman Thompson's original production. An advance notice says:

What a beautiful lesson Uncle Josh teaches us in "The Old Homestead" today at the Wichita Theatre when he gives the tramp money to take him to his home, and reflects as he sits outside the cottage door—"My boy is away from home tonight, perhaps he's in trouble, and if he is, I hope some good, kind hand will be stretched out to help him." He then sinks into a gentle slumber and dreams of his boy, and voices from the cottage swell out an accompaniment to the dream with the old song, "Where is My Wandering Boy Tonight?"

HERBERT RAWLINSON AT THE GEM TODAY

The Gem Theatre's Christmas Day attraction is "The Man Trap" with Herbert Rawlins on stage. "The Man Trap," sensational "crook" play, will provide interesting entertainment, with Herbert Rawlins on stage. A newspaper reporter is sent to prison on a "frameup." On the day he escapes, one of the men who caused his disgrace is murdered. The other party to the "frame-up" is an inspector of police, who has deserved punishment for his crookedness, but escaped his just deserts when the newspaper man was imprisoned. His crime of murder was fixed upon the guilty one forms an engaging story, illustrated in Bluebird's most attractive style.

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FRENCH OFFICER'S POOR ENGLISH NEARLY PROVES FATAL TO MANY AMERICANS IN FRONT TRENCHES

By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 25.—Lieutenant Walter B. Schafer, former half back on the University of Chicago football team, claims to have been the first American officer to go over the top into "No Man's Land," under the barrage of French gunners, according to a letter exhibited today by Schafer's fraternity brothers at the Midway school.

Schafer in his letter told of the manner in which the small body of American troops crept out on the night under a peppering of bullets to cut away the barbed wire entanglements in order that the heavy assault might be made the following day.

"It was a very dark night when we



Christmas in Paris Finds Many American Soldiers in the City

By Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 25.—For its fourth war Christmas Paris has taken on a decided American color. In addition to the 500 American soldiers regularly stationed in and around the city there are in Paris 1,000 or more on leave from camps, including a number who have seen service in the trenches. The other regiments serving behind the British front and who were recently engaged with the Germans are represented and there are also several hundred sailors from an American patrol fleet off the French coast.

The poultry situation in the last few days was dominated by the demand for turkey, the greatest in the history of Paris. To supply the soldiers and sailors from the United States, the markets were exhausted before noon yesterday. All the American fighting men will be given a Christmas dinner as near as possible to the real American feast.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Matthews of Venon are visiting Mrs. Matthews' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Crawford.

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THOUSANDS ADDED TO RED CROSS BY CHRISTMAS DRIVE

Thousands of Red Cross cards, displayed in the front windows and doors of the homes of Wichita county today attest the success of the Christmas membership drive, and before Jan. 1, 1918, the more than 10,000 new members will be increased by several thousand, the campaign having been extended through the remainder of the year, by the consent of the managers. Headquarters will be maintained at the McEall and Orth offices and every employee will take reports turned in, if there is no representative of the committee present.

The Christmas-membership workers are to take a partial holiday today and tomorrow will make their reports as usual. Reports turned in Tuesday night showed a total of 10,800 new members, of which 2,749 are junior members. Total number of members in the county is 12,955, there being 2,155 old members. This country's quota was set at less than 5,000 in the beginning of the campaign. Trebling of the quota is the aim of the committee and the success of all workers indicates that this can be reached in the next week.

Airplane Joy-Rider From Hicks Field Is Sunday Visitor Here

Lieutenant John Seibold of Hicks Field, Fort Worth, took a "joy-flight" to this city Sunday, landing at Call Field, the first airman to make the flight between the two cities. The lieutenant after a visit with fellow aviators at the camp, dined with friends, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sanders, and returned in the evening to Hicks Field.

The flight over here was made in about 3 hours, Lieutenant Seibold said. He had to make two landings on the way.

NEW CENTURY CLUB MEETS JANUARY SECOND.

The New Century club will hold its next meeting at the Red Cross rooms on January second.

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WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO MEN IN FRONT TRENCHES

HAVE FOR LONG BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS ONE DAY. INTEREST IN AMERICANS

French Anxious for Sammys to "Get Into the Game" by Taking Over Sector of Trenches.

By K. Walter. Special to The Times.

Paris (via London), Dec. 10.—The impressions of a tour of the British front in France are quite the most heartening that could be had anywhere in these critical days. It is out there among the frozen ponds formed by the shell holes, in that dreary waste now carpeted with snow, that the real preparations for Christmas are being made. The nearer we went to the front line trenches the more cheery we found the men. Christmas for them will have more meaning than for anyone else in the world, for they are fighting to make good the Christmas message of Peace on Earth and Goodwill among Men.

London, Paris and Washington may talk about the complexity of war aims, but out there, there is only one war aim, that of which Christmas is the great reminder. "We would not fight another day for anything less," was the day one artillery officer put it to me.

Convictions of Men. They are supported one and all by the unquestioning conviction that that is what they are fighting for, suffering for, dying for. I looked into the faces of hundreds of German prisoners to see whether in them I could find any sign of such conviction that they, too, had fought and suffered in a great cause, but their expressions alternated between sullen indifference and mere animal satisfaction in being better fed and housed, and in every way treated with more consideration, than they had been by their brutal superiors. Mixing with a crowd of them at one place I was able to confirm the impression of their bearing. The German armies, I gathered, had still the morale of fighting on conquered territory, but of other morale, of any feeling that they were fighting for a great cause, for the vindication

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of all that Christmas means, they had none.

Where Fight is Waged. And the British, besides the Christmas spirit, are fighting on reconquered territory on practically every mile of the line, which adds the morale of victory to their inconquerable convictions. At several points our motor cars passed over territory which I had visited in the shelter of trenches a year ago and brought us to high ground, such as the Vimy Ridge, from which we saw vast stretches of this reconquered territory, so extensive that it gripped one's heart to think that it had all been won yard by yard in deadliest fighting and sacrifice. Where were only trenches and shell holes then, are now smooth roads and houses almost fit for occupation, thanks to the work of restoration that Tommy is doing in between battles, in what he calls his rest time.

Confident Spirit. Everywhere I found that confident spirit which leaves no room for the doubtful wrangling of politicians. A confidence that has come from realizing the difficulties and dangers of the situation and knowing that they can be met and overcome. Several times I asked whether it was thought possible that with the help of Russia the Hun could break through and every time the answer was the same—"If he can it won't be here. This sentiment was apparently due less to regimental pride than to the feeling in each sector that that particular sector had been specially favored in strength of

artillery and reserves by the discriminating kindness of Fate. There is little wonder that every sector should have this feeling of special favors, for it is almost incredible, without extensive observation, that the British could send the force they have sent to the aid of Italy, not to mention other more distant campaigns, and still leave every sector of their French front so well provided.

Number of Americans. One question in which there was general interest was the number of Americans now in France. Everybody had his own estimate and as these estimates varied from one hundred thousand to one million, probably somebody guessed right. In Paris I find estimates tend to run in dollars rather than in men, for Paris, in spite of its greater proximity to the front, had a confidence and indifference to any possible danger that is not nearly so marked in London. Paris, I found also, has an abundance of food (for those who can pay) which is startling to one accustomed to the voluntary restrictions of London. Those who cannot pay believe it is otherwise, but wherever we go, in hotels and restaurants and theatres, there is no shortage in food or drink. Americans everywhere are conspicuous buyers. Naturally the price is beginning to take notice of the great difference between his meagre pay and that of Sammy. He is also beginning to ask, but without any anxiety, when the Americans are going to take over a part of the line. The French and Eng-

lish, he says, have put thousands into the line less well prepared than the American troops in France today.

Preparations Thorough. It is partly in answer to this feeling that I made a statement about the thoroughness of American preparations before taking over any of the front, which I am glad to have had the opportunity of observing was very well received in Paris. Altogether France, as represented by Paris and other towns I visited, is a pleasant surprise. The country appears to be in a better condition than a year ago. That was not the case, however, in the small country towns where there were only too many evidences of decay, houses and barns showing many signs of neglect, although the fields themselves have been kept under strenuous cultivation. France is not bled white, she has plenty of fight in her; and if the country people who are the real sufferers show any signs of impatience for American participation, it is not for defense but for victory and peace that they are anxious. For them also the vindication of the Christmas message has become a closer reality with the advent of American soldiers who have come from so far away to fight for no less than Peace on Earth and Goodwill Among Men.

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SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS TREE WILL BE TONIGHT

ENSIGN ROBB AND HIS WIFE WILL DISPENSE MANY PRESENTS.

The Salvation Army's Christmas Tree will be ablaze with myriads of lights at 7:30 tonight and the wonderful fruit for the boys and girls will be ready to be plucked and put into their eager little hands by Santa Claus, who will be there in person.

For years, since Ensign Robb and his faithful wife have been stationed here as representatives of the Salvation Army, the Army tree of Christmas night has been an institution and a Christmas in Wichita Falls without Ensign Robb distributing a little bit of Christmas to boys and girls, and men and women also, who otherwise wouldn't have any Christmas, would be a mighty poor sort of a Christmas, most folks think. This year, during the war, the people of Wichita Falls have been as generous as ever, in fact a little more so, it is believed, and the tree which will be the center of attraction tonight will be as heavily laden with as fine gifts as ever before. Tickets of admission will be given to 500 children.

Yesterday afternoon and this morning the ensign and his helpers distributed Christmas dinners to about 60 families. These baskets contain supplies to last a medium sized family at least a fortnight if housewife hooverties. Each family was given a chicken, a slab of bacon, a sack of flour and a sack of meal four pounds of dried beans, potatoes, a quantity of canned vegetables and fruit and some fresh fruit, loaves of bread and crackers.

In addition to the supplies bought by the Army the majority of the churches have turned over their contributions of food and clothing made at the Christmas Eve programs to Ensign Robb for distribution and these will supply the needy at Christmas time and later when ever needed.

CITY PRISONERS ARE RELEASED BY MAYOR BRITAIN

Doors were ajar at the city hall jail this morning, all the prisoners having been given their freedom on proclamation by Mayor Britain, following a custom that has been practiced here for years.

Those given their liberty on account of Christmas included a number who were serving out fines as well as a number who were put in jail Christmas eve.

There were fewer arrests for drunkenness, affray and similar offenses last night than on any Christmas eve for a number of years.

Some Freed in Court. A number of misdemeanor prisoners in the county jail were given their freedom this morning. A number who were arrested last night were permitted to go free today with the understanding that they were to report tomorrow for an investigation of the charges against them.

Chicago May Be One Of Big Centers For Making of Munitions

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Plans are being made to make Chicago one of the country's big munition centers, it was announced today by the executive committee of the association of commerce, which conferred yesterday with a government representative. A definite announcement will be made within a few days, it is said. It is

planned, according to members, to make munitions so as to avoid needless shipping. At present, it is said, many articles are started in Chicago, but have to be shipped to some other city for completion.

FIRE DOES DAMAGE TO HOUSTON BUILDING.

Houston, Dec. 25.—The Texas Theatre and offices on two upper floors of the Rich building in the business district were damaged by fire early Christmas morning. The fire was quickly controlled and the loss is estimated today at \$25,000.

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. With "Ford A Tractor" attachment they can do their work better and cheaper than with horses. County distributors always make good profits and the business is permanent. Only small capital necessary. For particulars write H. L. DOWNING, S. W. Manager, 511 Colburn Bldg., Oklahoma City, Okla.

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AN INSPIRING CHRISTMAS

Today thousands of Christians throughout the nations are celebrating the birth of Him who came bearing "peace, and good will toward man."

For the first time in more than twelve hundred years the birth place of the Saviour is not held by unbelievers.

Nor since His death has there ever been waged upon earth a war so wholly consecrated to the furtherance of His teachings as that which is now being fought by the allies to safeguard the lives of the people of the earth and to place honor and fair dealing among nations upon pinnacles never before attained.

It is unfortunate that the German Kaiser should have chosen this, of all seasons, to press hypocritical terms of peace upon those who would forever wipe out the example of murder and rapine and crime which he has set before the world. Such terms as the Kaiser is likely to offer will but the more certainly fix the allies' determination to carry a religious war to a successful termination.

The people of the country have much to be thankful for. Greatest of the blessings which has been made up to be thankful for. Greatest of all fixed in its determination to carry through this Holy War until principles parent is the fact that the world is held upon high by the Christ, whose birth we now celebrate, again fix the attention of the peoples of all lands—an old standard made new by this added emphasis.

"DON'TS" ARE GIVEN FOR DRAFTED MEN TO CAMP TRAVIS

NO PLACE FOR TRUNKS IN CAMP, AND NO USE FOR THEM, EITHER

Special to The Times.

Camp Travis, Texas, Dec. 25.—Experience of thousands of members of the National Army upon reporting for duty at Camp Travis has developed some "don'ts" that may be timely for the second contingent of men selected to serve their country, who will, soon leave for training camps. The first one of those is an admonition against overloading with all kinds of personal effects. Some men have brought trunks for which there is no room and no place. A suit case is the best thing in which to bring spare clothes and is a good thing to have here in which to keep clothes, whether you bring anything in it or not.

Don't overload with underwear, socks, shirts, etc. Uncle Sam issues underwear and socks and you must wear the kind issued, so that your other articles will have to be disposed of or returned to your home.

Wear Old Clothes. Don't wear your best clothes or even your good clothes to camp. It may be several days before your uniform can be issued to you and you will have fatigues duty to do in your good clothes. It is best to bring clothes you can give away to the Belgian Relief society. Your civilian clothes cannot be kept in camp and will have to be sold or sent to your home.

The same thing applies to your shoes. It is not bad however to have some light slippers or moccasins to slip on when you have taken off your marching shoes. Three bath towels and as many face towels is more than enough. Don't bring a half dozen of each or more. They will be in your way. You will be issued several towels by the Government.

Don't wear a good hat, or one that you want to keep.

Bring Toilet Articles. It is well to bring your shaving and toilet articles. A soap box is almost necessary. An unbreakable mirror is desirable and will last a life-time. Shoe brushes or rags will also be needed. A clothes brush would not be out of place, or a whisk broom. Get a "housewife" or some needles, Olive Drab thread and a few bachelor buttons for underwear, etc.

In bringing handkerchiefs the Olive Drab or handanna style give the best service, however a half dozen

or more white handkerchiefs could be used.

One or two soft bosom shirts with cuffs attached can be used. They are worn with the uniform blouse together with a white standing collar or stock.

Blankets, bed sack and quilts are issued by the Government. A small pillow can be purchased here at the camp exchanges if desired.

The Government issues in addition to bedding summer and winter clothes, overcoat, poncho or rain coat, sex, underwear, woolen shirts, hat, hat cord, belt, barrack bag or laundry bag, comb, brush, soap and towels, shoes, one pair for dress and one for marching and drilling, gloves and leggings.

A mess kit is also issued which includes knives, forks and spoons, plate and drinking cup. Practically everything desired can be purchased at slight above cost price from the Exchange operated throughout the camp. The profits of them go to the funds of the various organizations in camp and are used for their benefit entirely.

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Conservation Without

While armies are trained for destructive purposes, to be efficient as an agency of destruction, every army must have within itself powerful agencies of conservation. The medical corps of Camp Travis is right now engaged in just as hard a combat against disease spreading as that camp, as the soldiers themselves will engage in the future to spread the gospel of freedom. Every known agency of science is being called into action to preserve and conserve the physical well being of the soldiers. Examinations by skilled physicians are a daily occurrence of whole commands. In order to fight respiratory diseases every throat in Camp Travis is to be sprayed with prophylactics with considerable frequency. In the army, as in civil life, disease, despite every precaution still finds lodgment. But no general in Europe is more alert to defeat his powerful enemy, than is Col. Halloran, division surgeon of the 90th division, to prevent his particular enemy—sickness—obtaining a foothold in Camp Travis.

Advantage at Travis.

The soldiers at Camp Travis have a big advantage over soldiers of other armies raised by this country. They are being led by trained officers. Recently 486 new officers reached the camp, after completing three months of intensive training conducted to the 10th degree. Leon Springs sent 200 of these, Indianapolis camp sent 136 and Fort Niagara camp sent 250. In former days it was customary for each unit to enter the battle area with new officers. In this fight commercial practices, as it were, are followed. "When the 'stock' runs low, instead of creating a new organization, the 'stock' will be replenished, without substituting new and inexperienced leaders for those who have had experience. In no calling is the demand for efficiency as high as in the army and in no calling is the cost of failure so great. In the army, as in all walks of life, there is no royal road to learning and those who have won commissions in the new army are men who have given proof of their capacity for leadership.

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Don't let an amateur tinker with your battery. Bring it to us and have the right thing done and done right. And we'll supply you with a rental battery while yours is being fixed. Phone 606 Willard Service Station, 610 Scott Ave. 124 ttc

Just received fine car of bulk Colorado apples, winesap, York Imperial and Gano. Come to my fruit stand 605 Ohio, just opposite Paduca Horse Shoeing shop and get prices before you buy. M. D. OVERFELT.

Your Liberty Bonds are rather important papers and should be protected against loss if you place them in a Safe Deposit Box with the National Bank of Commerce. Rentals \$1.50 and \$2.00 a year. 192 ttc

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

Protect your car now. Thermite Johnson's Freeze Proof will prevent frozen radiators. Ask us. Western Auto Supply Co. Phone 219-718, Indiana. 180 ttc

Carter Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Howard of Seymour, came in last night on his way home from New York to spend Christmas with his parents. Mr. Howard is an art student. He attended an art school in Chicago and there won a scholarship in an art school in New York in which he is now completing his training.

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.

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NEW YEAR

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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. Magrey, 402 Lee St. Phone 357. 188 ttc

L. A. Childs, the gas man, gas fitting, repair plumbing, phone 684. 1207 Scott. 225 ttc

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For quick taxi, baggage and livery service phone 432.

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Masquerade Ball. Will be given by the Knights and Ladies of Security Christmas night. Admission \$1.00. Ladies free. Every one must show their invitations and be identified by the committee at door. —191 ttc.

Better be safe than sorry. Anti-Freeze your car now. Western Auto Supply Co. Phone 219-718 Indiana. —180 ttc.

ATTENTION MODERN WOODMEN. There will be a big "Turkey Feed" at the meeting of the camp Thursday night. Several new members to be adopted. Don't miss this meeting. 193 ttc E. G. COOKE, Clerk.

The Masquerade Ball to be given at the Masonic Temple tonight will begin promptly at 8 o'clock and end at 11 o'clock. 194-1.

We Wish Our Patrons a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

The people of Wichita Falls and this section gave us 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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MISCELLANEOUS WANTS

HIGHEST PRICES paid for cast-off men's clothing and shoes. Phone 444. —154 tfe.

WE furnish help in all lines of work. Phone 264. Wichita Labor Agency, 1415 Commercial, Wichita Falls, Texas. 171 26c

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

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

CALL 1629—Price's Mattress Factory, to have your mattress renovated. 908 Tenth Street. 181-26

WE RENOVATE and recover old mattresses and make them just like new. Patton Furniture Co. 710-111 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 2368. —R. A. Bailey. 187-tfe

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

WANTED—Automobile tops to build and repair. Dodson Furniture Co. 908 Indiana. Phone 528. 191 tfe

FOR NDRSE call 2856. 191 6tp

WANTED—Three unfurnished rooms for light housekeeping. Dr. E. B. Bailey, phone 1428. 192 3tc

WANTED—Furnished light housekeeping rooms, reasonable close in, by couple with one child. Address X100, 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 3tp

GOOD HOME for good woman. Write full particulars of self and family. All correspondence held in strict confidence. Address Box 803 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 539. 187-tfe

WANTED—Colored cook at 1806 Eleventh street. Phone 2296. 192 4fc

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

BOARD AND ROOMS

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

HELP WANTED

WANTED—Experienced help at Model Laundry. 192 tfe

LIVESTOCK

FOR SALE—A good work horse or will trade for good milk cow. Phone 1156. 191 4tc

HELP WANTED—Male

WANTED—Young man to help in city tax collector's office. H. F. Robertson. 194-3tc

USED AUTOS FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Five-passenger Ford in A1 condition. 1929 7th street. Phone 1972. 183-tp

ONE CASE—30 five-passenger A-1 condition. Willis Car Co., Masonic Temple. Phone 2150. 185-tp

FOR SALE—Ford Roadster. Can be used for delivery car. \$175. Ford 5-passenger, good shape \$250.00. New Maxwell \$700.00. Bargains in other second hand cars. Must sell. Going out of business. McMullen Auto Co. —192 3tc.

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AN IDEAL HOME—East front, strictly modern, five room house with 10x15 foot lot. The rooms in this house are all extra large rooms with closets in each bed room a 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

FOR SALE—11 room rooming house 1305-11th st. phone-2366. 162-tfc

IMMEDIATE possession in five room stucco house on Eleventh street, house never been occupied on paved street. Price \$4,200. Stehlik & Baber. —192 tfe.

FOR SALE—Several choice lots on pavement on Eleventh street. Will sell you lot and loan money to build. LINA A. BUDA 603 Eighth Street. Phone 1861. —163 tfe

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION—6-room strictly modern house, in the best residential block on Eighth street. Price \$2,500.00. 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 tfe

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-tfc

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 tfe

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

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FOR SALE—Five room house, modern, well located, half block of pavement. Telephone 1228. 191 3tp

SI X ROOM—Strictly modern house on Twelfth street, near the High school, \$3,250.00. 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 Hurmet street, \$2,600.00. 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

FOR SALE—Modern five room house in Southland Addition in one block of car line. Can give possession any time and can also sell furniture. Phone 1603. 192 6tp

AN EAST front four room—stucco brick on a full size lot, \$3,000. This is an ideal little home and for one of its size is as good as there is in the city. East front five room, strictly modern, house close in on Austin, \$2,750.00. N. O. Monroe, phone 2454. 192 3tp

TEN ROOM HOUSE—Close to schools, south front, sidewalk, curb walk all around the shrubbery, shade trees, cement storm cellar, bath up stairs and down, practically new house. Special price. Stehlik & Baber. —192 tfe.

"TEXAS" TATE TO MEET FULTON AT LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

By Associated Press. Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 25.—Fred Fulton, the Rochester, Minn., contender for heavyweight honors and Texas, Tate, formerly of Hillsboro, Texas, are in shape for their ten-round bout at the army athletic association here this afternoon. Fulton arrived in the city Sunday and took a light workout at the club Monday afternoon. Tate has been working hard for two weeks and declares he is in the best of condition.

REAL ESTATE

New two story 12 room residence four blocks from First National Bank. Will sell for \$8,000, and throw in furniture for seven rooms. \$3,000 cash will handle this bargain. This property will provide you a good home and rooms already occupied by good tenants will more than pay you ten per cent interest on the whole investment. Act quick.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Carlson left today for Kansas City where they will spend a few days with friends and relatives.

Charles R. Fuller, who has a position with the state insurance commission at Austin, is home for a visit with his mother.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Dan W. Murphy of Camp Bowie are visiting Mrs. Murphy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stokes. Lieutenant Murphy has just received promotion to first lieutenant.

Total of 18 Killed Result of Wrecking Of Car in Pittsburg

By Associated Press. Pittsburg, Dec. 25.—Two of the passengers who were injured when a Knoxville street car was torn to pieces after a wild dash through the South Hills tunnel late yesterday, died in hospitals this morning, bringing the total deaths to 18. Eighty-two other persons were in hospitals some of them so badly hurt that they were not expected to live through the day.

Among the dead were eleven women, nine of whom were mothers. The motorman, H. H. Kintler, had not yet sufficiently recovered from his injuries to give an accurate account of how he lost control of the car and officials have been unable to ascertain definitely the cause of the accident.

Coroner Jamison discovered upon examining the car that a part of the brake equipment had broken under the desperate efforts of the motorman to stop the car when he found it was running away, and employees of the company were said to have found a piece of the brake rod in the tunnel. The car, which was of the latest construction was supplied with two separate brake systems.

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 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 for such other business as the stockholders may desire to discuss.

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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. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and such other business as the stockholders may desire to discuss.

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SENATOR LEWIS VISITS ILLINOIS SOLDIERS.

Houston, Dec. 25.—Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Chicago, arrived in Houston today to visit Illinois soldiers at Camp Logan. Senator Lewis says he hopes to learn of any needs of the 32d division and take up their cause in Washington. He will leave for Chicago Wednesday.

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The Brotherhood of American Yeomen meet every first and third Friday night of each month at new Odd Fellows' hall, 705 1/2 Seventh street, L. C. Robertson, Cor.

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SWEET POTATO IS NOURISHING EXPERTS STATE

IS DECLARED AN EXCELLENT SUBSTITUTE FOR THE WHITE POTATO.

Special to The Times. Austin, Texas, Dec. 24.—Perhaps the cornbread's greatest rival on the table of the majority of southern homes is the sweet potato. The batatas, or sweet potato, fell into disfavor in Europe, being considered too sweet to be used as a vegetable and not sweet enough to fill the place of cakes, sweet fruits, etc., and was supplanted by the white potato. But the southern housewife who knows the numberless delicious dishes which can be prepared from the sweet potato would be most disconsolate should she be asked to give up this valuable food.

The nutritive value and digestibility of the sweet potato is quite as high as that of the white potato and it may be well substituted for it as a vegetable and may also be used to advantage just as the white potato is used as a substitute for wheat flour in bread making.

In addition to these uses, because of its sugar content, sweet potatoes make a very satisfactory foundation for marmalades and even candies.

Following are some popular recipes for the use of the sweet potato:
Sweet Potato Muffins: One and one-third cups of flour, three teaspoons baking powder, one-half teaspoon salt, two tablespoons sugar, one egg, well beaten, three-fourths cup milk, one tablespoon fat, one-third cup sweet potato cooked and mashed. Combine mixtures and bake in muffin pans 20 minutes in moderate oven. This recipe makes 3 muffins.

Sweet Potato Batter Cakes or Waffles: One-fourth cup mashed sweet potato, two tablespoons melted fat, 3 tablespoons corn syrup, one quart of milk and one-half cup flour sifted with one teaspoon baking powder. Beat well and add two well beaten eggs. Bake on hot greased griddle or waffle irons. Serve with maple syrup.

Sweet Potato Marmalade: Fourteen ounces sweet potato, one and two-thirds cups corn syrup, one stick cinnamon (about four inches), one-half orange, one-half lemon. Peel, grind and weigh sweet potato. Add syrup, cinnamon and pulp of orange and lemon. Cook yellow portion of peel until tender, cut in long strips and add to the other mixture. When potato and pulp seem done, remove cinnamon stick and pour into glasses. This must be stirred constantly. It gives a marmalade resembling figs.

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Sweet Potato Pone (Large Recipe): One quart raw sweet potatoes grated, one and one-half pints milk, two and one-fourth cups sugar or one and two-thirds cups corn syrup, two eggs, well beaten, one cup shortening, one tablespoon nutmeg or allspice, one-half teaspoon salt. Mix all ingredients and beat until smooth. Grease and flour mould or pan. Pour in pans and bake one hour in a slow oven. Serve hot.

Sweet Potato Puffs: Six sweet potatoes, two tablespoons fat, whites of two eggs, yolks of two eggs, one-half tablespoon salt. Boil and mash the sweet potatoes. Add butter, salt, yolks, and stiffly beaten whites of eggs. Pour the mixture into buttered custard cups placed in boiling water. Bake in a hot oven twenty minutes. Serve in the cups with parsley garnish.

Christmas Spirit In New York Not Checked By War

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 25.—New York's Christmas was unchecked today by the war. Charitable organizations reported that despite the extraordinary demands made upon every one's finances the calls of the needy were even more promptly answered than in normal times. Unusual efforts were made to provide holiday cheer for the soldiers and sailors of the United States and allies.

We wish our friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Cold North Wind Puts End to Plans to Sing Upon Streets of City

Boreas set aside the plans for the carol singing in the street Christmas Eve, the ones in charge of the singing deciding it would be tangorous to risk pneumonia and similar ailments in the stiff, cold wind that was blowing. The trip to Call Field was also cancelled.

The change in the weather served to decrease Christmas tree crowds to a certain extent, last night and today the holiday is being spent in doors. Wichita Falls usually has out of doors Christmas but the novelty is one that is not exactly meeting with favor in all quarters.

NEW SORT OF BARGAIN COUNTERS IN LONDON.

Special to The Times. London, Dec. 25.—Selfridge's, the large American department store here, opened a new sort of bargain counter today. The display was of collections of canvas, wood and metal from Zeppelins and German aeroplanes brought down in England and sold at sixty cents each, the proceeds going to charity.

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WICHITA TRUCKS QUICKLY SOLD ON ARRIVED ABROAD

The Wichita Falls Motor Company is today in receipt of a letter dated December 4th from their agent at Marseilles, France. It is interesting to note that motor trucks made in Wichita Falls have been sent across the Atlantic and through the straits of Gibraltar, up to the old city of Marseilles and from there across the Republic of France to the American army headquarters.

The translation of a portion of the letter follows: "The last shipment of Wichita 2 1/2 ton trucks arrived in good condition, but I could not keep them long. Your Paris agent came to see me as soon as he learned that I had received this shipment. He immediately bought the entire shipment to fill an order from American army headquarters in France. These trucks are to help the American troops beat the 'Boches.' I most willingly sold these trucks at my best price. Thus, your trucks are now working for your own army in France."

CHALLENGE ISSUED ANY ARMY BOXER BY RAILROAD MAN

Any man at Call Field who is handy with his fists can help raise some money for the Red Cross by accepting a challenge made public today by J. W. Mode, railroad conductor.

Mr. Mode wants to meet some man from the camp in a boxing exhibition, the proceeds from the admission charges to go to the Red Cross. The sporting editor of the Times will undertake to arrange a conference between Mr. Mode and any man desiring to meet him. Mr. Mode is a heavy-weight and will take on any man weighing over 175 pounds.

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To Our Customers and Friends:

Again the season of the year is here when our thoughts turn, not only to Christmas stockings, plum puddings and home folks, but our memories also turn with a kindlier and closer feeling toward our friends and customers.

We are thinking today of those friends whose lives have enriched ours, not only in the long ago, but in the recent past. We are thinking of those social and business relationships whose value cannot be measured by dollars and cents.

We want you to know that our life is richer in having you as a friend and may our friendship continue to grow closer throughout years to come.

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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Montreal Council to Consider Question of Secession of Quebec

By Associated Press. Montreal, Dec. 25.—The city council of Montreal will have before it for discussion at its next regular meeting the question of the province of Quebec separating from the other provinces.

the form of a resolution which he has not yet disclosed, but which he says will contain a protest against the attacks upon this province and a suggestion that the question as to whether the other provinces are justified in making these attacks should be studied.

"Another thing which we should look into," said the alderman today, in speaking of his proposed motion, is whether we give fair play to English and Danish in this province. The alderman said his resolution would affirm his loyalty to the British empire.

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