

GERMAN TROOPS ARE MOVED WEST DESPITE PROMISE

CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY IS REPORTED UPON MOST OF FRENCH FRONT.

ARTILLERY BEING USED

On Italian Line, Alternate Attacks Are Made at Strategic Points By the Germans.

By Associated Press. The war situation today is summarized by the Associated Press as follows: The positions on and around Col Del Rosso on the Italian northern front are still in dispute, according to today's official statement from Berlin...

While their guns bombarded the western front the Germans are taking troops from the eastern front for use elsewhere despite the provision of the Russo-German armistice prohibiting such action.

The artillery activity in France has been moderate over most of the front and more violent on the right bank of the Meuse, northeast of Verdun, the scene of the German attack nearly two years ago.

German infantry has not been active and it is probable that Field Marshal Hindenburg is waiting for more reinforcements before making his heralded attack. Russian advance telling of the German withdrawals from the east add that some of the troops are being taken to the Rumanian front.

Raid Carried Out. South of Juvincourt in the Rheims sector of Champagne the French have carried out a raid into the German lines and brought back prisoners. On the British portion of the front there have been raids in addition to the artillery duel but no large operations are yet reported.

On the northern Italian front, the Austro-German tactics appear to be to strike alternately at vital points on either side of the Brenta.

Checked at Monte Asolene last week, the enemy has struck towards the Frenetella Valley west of the river. After two days of bitter fighting the Italians have regained possession of lost positions in Col Del Rosso west of the river and have attacked the Austro-German positions on Monte Pertica east of the river. Berlin claims the capture of 9,000 prisoners in the gaining of the Col Del Rosso which later was lost to the Italians.

Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, has protested to the Germans against the transference of troops from the eastern front but also has ordered Russian factories to increase the manufacture of munitions. He did not indicate whether his government would take any other step against German violation of the armistice.

Peace Negotiations. Peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk apparently are making little progress. The Germans have delayed their answer to the Bolshevik terms and it is reported that the conference will be transferred to Stockholm shortly. In the meantime the majority in the constituent assembly, the Social Revolutionists, has convoked the assembly to meet January 2, despite Bolshevik opposition.

German savagery has been called officially to the attention of the American troops by the British. An American sentry has been found with his throat cut and an official bulletin says "he must have been killed so, after capture" by force of Germans which surprised him. Information of the enemy terrorism in driving women and children from their homes in the occupied sections of France and Belgium to make room for German troops, soldiers and war materials, also has been given the American troops.

INCREASED ACTIVITY IS SEEN ON CAMBRAI FRONT. Berlin, Dec. 25.—(via London).—There was increased artillery activity yesterday southeast of Ypres on the Belgian front and near Moerx and Marconing on the Cambrai front, it was officially announced today by the German war office. French detachments reconnoitering south of Juvincourt were repulsed after hand to hand fighting.

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By Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 26.—(On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun) the energetic reply of our batteries put an end to a vigorous bombardment of German lines in the region of Bezonvaux," says today's official communication. "In the region of St. Quentin and upper Alsace French patrols penetrated German trenches and brought back prisoners."

FORT WORTH MOTORMAN IS SHOT AND KILLED. Fort Worth, Dec. 26.—J. C. Brown, motorman for the Northern Texas Traction Company, was shot and killed today by two negro highwaymen at 4 o'clock this morning. Brown, who was only twenty-three years of age, was on his way to work at the time.

NOW NO LIVESTABLE IN TOWN OF GAINESVILLE. Gainesville, Texas, Dec. 26.—For the first time in the history of Gainesville this town is without a live stable. Automobiles have replaced the horse drawn vehicle in every line including funeral service.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 26.—Secretary of Labor Wilson today is ill from overwork on his long trip through the west mediating labor difficulties.

SUCCEEDS REAR ADMIRAL HARRIS



Charles A. Plez, an engineer of Chicago, was appointed general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, succeeding Rear Admiral Frederic R. Harris who was asked to be relieved of that post. Mr. Plez takes up a difficult task, for at present the Shipping Board has under construction and under contract 8,295,500 dead weight tons of shipping.

LACK OF CLOTHING IN NATIONAL ARMY IS INVESTIGATED

WAR SECRETARY REQUESTED IMMEDIATELY TO SUPPLY NEED AT ALL CAMPS.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 26.—Aroused by reports of shortages of winter clothing in national army camps the Senate military affairs committee today, in resuming its investigation into army conditions, adopted a resolution requesting the secretary of war to immediately ascertain conditions by wire, supply deficient troops and suspend departmental routine if necessary and would be soon received. This resolution was offered by Senator McKellar of Tennessee, declares that upon "unquestioned proof" there is a shortage of at least 25,000 overcoats and 47,000 woolen blouses used in nine national cantonments.

Its adoption followed testimony of Quartermaster General Sharpe last week, who admitted shortage of winter equipment in some camps but said all necessary supplies have been shipped and would be soon received. This resolution says: "It appearing to the committee from unquestoned proof adduced before it that many enlisted men in Camp Wheeler, Shelby, Dix, Jackson, Grant, Custer, Beauregard and in the camp at Fort Worth, Texas, are without woolen blouses and overcoats, the committee is directed to take immediate steps to supply said enlisted men with overcoats and woolen blouses."

It further appearing that there may be shortages of such articles at Camp Dodge, Donelson, Funston, Wadsworth, Fremont, Sheridan, Green and Pike, and perhaps other camps the secretary of war is also requested to ascertain by wire today if any other shortages of clothing exist in any of our camps and if so that he direct that such shortages be supplied immediately.

Cold Season, On. "It is the sense of this committee that with the cold season now on, the usual routine shall be suspended as to this matter and that the commanding-officers of the several camps shall be directed, if this is the quickest way, to buy these articles at the nearest points to their camps at which they can be obtained so that our soldiers may be supplied as soon as possible."

CONDITIONS IN CAMPS OVER-SEAS REPORTED. By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 26.—Conditions in the American overseas and national army training camps were described today to the Senate military committee when it took its inquiry into war operations. General officers of the national army just back from inspection trips in France were called by the committee, which temporarily postponed further examination of Quartermaster General Sharpe. Officers testifying included Major General John F. O'Ryan of Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina, and Major General Edwin St. John Greble of Camp Bowie, Fort Worth.

The committee closed its doors to hear General O'Ryan's statement regarding the American expedition abroad. His testimony regarding sufficiency of rifle and other ordnance equipment, clothing and other supplies of General Pershing's forces, the committee felt, should not be made public.

SECRETARY OF LABOR WILL FROM OVER-WORK. By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 26.—Secretary of Labor Wilson today is ill from overwork on his long trip through the west mediating labor difficulties.

Stefansson Arctic Expedition Lands Safe at Ft. Yukon

By Associated Press. Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Vilhjarm Stefansson, the Arctic explorer last heard from in a letter received in March 1916, has arrived with his party at Fort Yukon, according to word received by the navy department. Stefansson, head of the Canadian Arctic expedition, has been in the far north since 1913 and lately there has been some anxiety as to his safety.

WOMAN FIGURES IN OPERATIONS OF SCHULENBERG

By Associated Press. San Francisco, Dec. 26.—A woman designated only as "H" and said to be prominent in the German secret service, directed the activities of Franz Schulenberg, alleged master spy held here on a presidential warrant according to information divulged here today by federal officials. Schulenberg is said to have been active in plans to destroy bridges and public buildings in Canada and shipping and warehouses in Pacific ports.

Escape Arrest. Officials said that the woman barely escaped arrest here four weeks ago, the day before Schulenberg was captured. The clue to her part in Schulenberg's operations was revealed in a letter found at his effects, which instructed him to meet her in Los Angeles. The letter was postmarked Cleveland, Ohio. Investigation showed, officials said, that the woman had been an agent of Wolf Von Igel former secretary to Franz Von Papen, military attaché of the German embassy at Washington, and alleged head of the German spy system in this country. She was described as a woman of good birth and education, a brunette, 35 years old.

"To Aid With Wireless." According to federal officials, the woman acted as a spy for the United States in 1914 for the alleged purpose of assisting in the maintenance of contraband wireless stations supported by the German government for the purpose of gaining military information and transmitting it to Berlin.

Schulenberg, according to federal officials, was a deserter from the German army and had not been acted upon by a court-martial. He had performed them only in hope of financial gain. They are not admitting his connection with the woman agent.

DRAFT IS SHORT 925 MEN, STATES MAJOR TOWNES

By Associated Press. Austin, Dec. 26.—Major John C. E. Townes, Jr., supervisor of the selective draft, announced today that he had just been advised by the commanding officer at Camp Travis that there are 925 men short of the necessary quota of men under the last call and these will have to be supplied.

Texas has supplied the quota for 4,800 men in reserve in the state from whom the 925 are to be taken. In this connection, Major Townes said, that it would be preferable if the local board would have these men volunteer for service as they would obviate taking men who have dependents.

The opportunity is given for the benefit of the registrants and you should not send any man who does not desire to go at this time," says Major Townes to the local boards.

Major Townes also urges upon registrants not to depend entirely upon the board of legal advisers, but make up their own minds as to whether they are being swayed. By making out their own questionnaires and only leave such questions as they are unable to answer to be answered by the assistants of the boards they will expedite matters.

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By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 26.—John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency, was being discussed today in official circles as the most probable selection for federal railroad administrator, should President Wilson decide to appoint one.

In the event that Comptroller Williams is not selected, those apparently best informed on the situation believed the work would be undertaken by Secretary McAdoo, who, however, would not relinquish his place as secretary of the treasury, but would surround himself with a cabinet of railroad men.

These developments all pointed to an evident decision by President Wilson to soon begin federal administration of railroads, although there was no official announcement.

FEDERAL CONTROL IS NOW BELIEVED SURE FOR ROADS

AMERICAN TROOPS IN FRANCE HAVE WHITE CHRISTMAS

By Associated Press. With American Army in France. Tuesday, Dec. 25.—The American expeditionary force in France celebrated Christmas in a howling snow storm which rolled in from the mountains in the early morning hours, continued all day, and shows no signs of abating tonight. Despite the difficulties due to the storm few features of any program were cancelled for most of the festivities were held indoors.

Even the celebration of the quarters of the American air squadron was carried out although a blinding snow storm had been in progress for some time. A tree had been erected for the children of a nearby village. There Santa swooped down from clouds, dripping white and with a sack on his back, stepped from an airplane. His goggles, cap, red suit and sack were dusted heavily with snow flakes much to the delight of about one hundred small children who huddled within the shelter of the hangar.

Leader for Poland Discussed at Length By Present Premier

By Associated Press. Amsterdam, Dec. 26.—In an interview in the Vreesche Zeitung of Berlin the present premier of Poland, Prof. Kucharski, the Polish premier, says:

"There is strong feeling among certain classes for what might be called an Austro-Polish solution of the question, especially as the Poles are almost unanimous in the opinion that no monarch should be chosen king. Emperor Charles commands strong personal sympathies in Poland and there are many advocates of the plan of having the emperor named king of the country. On the other hand, many thoughtful Poles would prefer an independent Polish kingdom with an Austrian archduke on the throne."

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COAL DEMAND GREATER THAN SUPPLY

WEDDING TO CROWN ROMANCE OF NOTED ART STUDENTS



Miss Dorothy Keene Taylor, daughter of Mrs. Edward R. Frost, of New York city, and granddaughter of the late James R. Keene, financier and patron of the American turf, will become the bride of Mr. Valentino Molina, an artist of American birth but Spanish descent. The wedding will take place on February 2. The romance of the couple started last summer at Meadowbrook Farm, the country place of Mr. and Mrs. Frost, at Ayres, Quebec. Miss Taylor has given much time to the study of art and is a painter of merit, and they met while pursuing their art work.

GARFIELD TELLS COMMITTEE WHAT HE THINKS CAUSE

ADMINISTRATOR IS BEING QUESTIONED AS TO MOVEMENT OF FUEL

SOME MAKE BIG PROFITS

Does Not Blame Railroads But is Sure They Have Been Unable to Handle the Traffic.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 25.—Dr. Garfield told the senate investigating committee today that if the war continued very long the government would be compelled to pool coal and sell it at reasonable profit.

Some coal operators, he said, were making the greatest profits in their history, but he considered high prices a stimulus to the great production the war demands.

The fuel administrator said he saw little relief in prospect for the railroads until their operation was centralized.

Washington, Dec. 26.—War demands for bituminous coal have been greater than anticipated, although the increase of production this year has been normal. Fuel Administrator Garfield testified today to the Senate coal investigation.

In an effort to alleviate conditions, he said, the fuel administration was laying emphasis on stimulating production rather than regulating price. "When the operators complain that prices fixed by the president are too low, we are inclined to give them the benefit of the doubt," Dr. Garfield said.

Senator Kenyon asked the fuel administrator if he had information of dividends of some of the large operators and heard that he knew that big profits were being made but believed them necessary to stimulate production.

Tells of Complaints. Questioned by Senator Kenyon, Garfield said his organization is composed of about 200 persons, chief of whom are engineering experts, lawyers and accountants. John P. White, president of the United Mine Workers of America, he proceeded to give at length details of how complaints are handled. Forty such complaints of operators had been investigated, he said, and each one had required the services of engineers, experts, accountants and lawyers. Dr. Garfield said his chief advisers were volunteers and worked without salaries or with-out expense accounts.

Private consumers have felt the shortage because the government has come first in its demands but that rule has been changed in the last few days, Dr. Garfield said. "We are now turning to the people first now," he said. "With a discontented people we could not make much progress in the war."

Conditions are much better now than they were a few weeks ago, he said, and preparations are being made for the future, he said. "I can guarantee that we have the situation in hand," Dr. Garfield declared.

Blames No One. Dr. Garfield said he did not want to place blame for lack of transportation on anyone nor did he want to try to shift blame that might be attached to his administration. He added that it was impossible for the railroads to cope with the situation.

"Coal is responsible for one half the congested traffic and thousands of cars are being backed up at bottlenecks, points through which the railroads have endeavored to move large amounts," he said. "The only thing to do is just what we have done—ask Judge Lovett for a priority order for coal and ask the railroads to make the best use of the coal they have."

"I think it a wise plan," remarked Senator Kenyon.

Man Leaves Note For Undertaker and Then Hangs Self in Room

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Dec. 26.—A note received by an undertaker today telling him to "come and take Peter Johnson for your business" resulted in the finding of the body of Peter Johnson hanging by the neck from a rope in the room where he made his home back of his cobblers shop.

That he had contemplated death for some time is indicated by the fact that in April, 1915, he went to the undertaker, he finally summoned, and asked how much it would cost to "save my body burned." The next day he returned with a bank book recording a deposit of \$100. Across the face of the book was written instructions that that amount was to be paid to the undertaker "only on the death and burial by them of one P. Johnson." A contract was then made with the undertaker.

By Associated Press. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Adelaide Bongiovanni, who was injured in the street car accident at the South Hill tunnel last Monday, died in a hospital today, bringing the total dead to twenty.

GOVERNOR AND MRS HOBBS ARE AGAIN IN AUSTIN. By Associated Press. Austin, Dec. 26.—Governor and Mrs. Hobbs returned today from Dallas where they have been spending Christmas with Mrs. Dora Hobbs, the governor's mother.

By Associated Press. Another is Victim of Street Car Accident. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Adelaide Bongiovanni, who was injured in the street car accident at the South Hill tunnel last Monday, died in a hospital today, bringing the total dead to twenty.

By Associated Press. Railroad Situation to be Investigated Soon. Washington, Dec. 26.—Investigation of the railroad situation under the Cummins resolution will begin before the senate-Interstate commerce commission Saturday with Chairman Clark and Commissioner McChord, Hall and Hitchcock of the Interstate commerce commission as witnesses.

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GIVES OUT STATEMENT

Has Been Denied Privilege of Presenting Facts to the Congressional Inquiry Committee.

By Associated Press
 Washington, Dec. 25.—Food Administrator Hoover's statement on the sugar situation, which he tried unsuccessfully to get before the senate committee investigating the sugar shortage was made public last night by the White House. It attributes the shortage here to the heavy movement of sugar from the western hemisphere to Europe, and asserts that without the fixing of prices by agreement, sugar would have been selling for 25 to 30 cents a pound and more than two hundred millions dollars probably would have been profiteered from the American people by this time.

The statement contains the food administrator's reply to charges made before the committee by Claus Spreckels, president of the Federal Refining Company, that the sugar situation was mismanaged and sets forth in detail the administration's efforts to keep sugar prices down while supplying large quantities to the allies.

Administrator Ignored.
 The committee, of which Senator Reed is chairman, not only has refused to make the statement a part of the congressional record, but has declined thus far to permit Hoover to take the stand to answer Spreckels' charges. When the hearing is resumed, however, it is understood Mr. Hoover will be permitted to tell his story.

At the outset, the statement presents the world sugar situation as it existed prior to the European war. The allies then produced much of their own supplies, and the remainder from Germany. Before the war they took only 300,000 tons annually from the western hemisphere. This year they have taken 1,400,000 tons.

"That," says the food administrator, "is the cause of the sugar shortage; and nothing else."

Aided France and England.
 The statement says the food administration has handled the situation with a view to sustaining the morale of France and England, while the sugar has been extremely low for months and at the same time preventing a jump in price to twenty or twenty-five cents here.

Since the food administration was created in August, the United States has exported to the Allies 110,256 tons of raw product. This, it is declared, is just the amount of the shortage in the United States.

Even with these shipments, it is pointed out, the supply in England and France has been inadequate. Consumption in England has been reduced to twenty-four pounds a year for each person, and in France to fourteen pounds, against a consumption in America of fifty-five pounds.

The shortage, the food administrator declares, will continue during next year, as it is the duty of the United States to continue to feed the Allies.

Supplies Will Be Short.
 "Next year," he says, "our supplies will be short 250,000 to 300,000 tons unless the Allies go to Java for supplies. This amounts to an extra amount of about ten per cent on our part. If the Allies are forced to go to Java, it will require an extra amount of shipping, which, if used to transport troops, will mean 150,000 to 200,000 American soldiers to France."

"If statements that there will be an abundance of sugar next year are believed by the American public, it will do this country's war efforts incalculable harm. The number of troops we can send across is limited. If we, in our greed and gluttony, force the Allies either to reduce their ration or to go to remote markets after sugar we will have done tremendous damage to our abilities to win the war."

Charges that the food administration has permitted sugar stocks to ramble in parts of the country unremoved are denied, as are statements that sugar was left in Cuba when an effort was made to beat down Cuban prices.

Are No Sugar Stocks.
 "There are no sugar stocks in this country," it is declared, "which are not in course of distribution. Some 20,000 tons held up by the embargo have been released for American consumption. All but a trivial amount of Cuban sugar has been exported either to the Allies or to the United States. This is shown by the report from the American consul general in Cuba."

As to the fixing of sugar prices, the food administrator has this to say:

"In order to prevent profiteering out of the situation, the food administration considered strong action was necessary, and imposed a maximum profit on refiners and wholesalers. The refiners' margin was \$1.84 per hundred and nine months before the food administration came into existence. It was reduced to \$1.30 and a saving of more than \$25,000,000 per annum was effected."

Against Profiteering.
 "As a further precaution against profiteering, the administration obtained a voluntary agreement with the best sugar distributors that they would not sell sugar at more than 30.25 a hundred pounds seaboard. Some who already had contracted at \$9.00 rescinded their contracts. This was followed by similar agreements as to Louisiana, Cuban and Hawaiian arrivals."

"The net result of these voluntary agreements was to reduce the ruling price of sugar one and three quarters cents west of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and one cent on the Atlantic. Had these arrangements not been made, sugar would have risen to 25 or 30 cents a pound."

Numerous prosecutions have been started against firms which have sold sugar at prices of 15 and 20 cents.

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Independent Refiners.
 Independent refiners are represented by majority on a committee whose duty it is to divide the imported sugar between all equitably. This committee has no price-fixing powers; it has solely to do with distribution. The independent refiners who have been fighting the trust for years could be depended on to watch any unfair action.

"An appeal to prejudice has been made against the food administration because the Cuban price is about 34 cents above that which prevailed in 1917 prior to September 1. It has been said in effect that the Cubans are at our mercy, that we could get sugar one cent lower. We made an exhaustive study of the cost of producing sugar in Cuba last year through our own agents in Cuba. We found that an average profit of at least one cent per pound was necessary in order to maintain and stimulate production or that a minimum price of \$4.73 was necessary and even this would stifle some producers. The price ultimately agreed upon was 23 cents above these figures, or about one fifth of a cent per pound to the American consumer, and more than this amount has been saved by our reduction in refiners' profits and in net results sugar would be one cent

cheaper to the Atlantic consumer next year than now.

Production in Cuba.
 "If we wish to stifle production in Cuba we could not take that course just at the time of all times in our history when we want production for ourselves and the Allies. Further than that, such a course would produce disturbances in Cuba, and destroy even our present supplies—but beyond all these material reasons is one of human justice. This great country has no right by the might of its position to strangle Cuba."

The statement recounts the food administrator's efforts to reduce consumption to avert the shortage which was foreseen in the summer.

"The food administration has conducted a systematic campaign for the reduction of individual sugar consumption," says the statement. "The reduction has shown in the decrease of candy sales, but, on the other hand, a similar campaign for the preservation of fruit has increased consumption in that direction—but will reduce consumption later on."

"Taking into consideration all facts, it is not certain that there has been any increase in actual consumption, and considering the increased canning use there may have been a decrease."

Mr. Hoover emphatically denied charges that George M. Rolph, head of the food administration's sugar division, endeavored to benefit the California Refinery, of which he is head, through the arrangement of the Cuban price.

RETURN OF ENGAGEMENT OF "BIRTH OF A NATION"
 Never in the history of the theatre has there ever been so widespread a demand for return engagements of a play as there is for

David Wark Griffith's magnificent spectacle "The Birth of a Nation," which will commence a 2 night and New Year matinee engagement at the Wichita Theatre, beginning Monday, Dec. 31st.

During the past season in New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and in all of the large cities of the country the past records for long runs have been eclipsed and new records established that are almost unbelievable. Over six million people have enjoyed its wonders. Never before have so many people flocked to see an entertainment. Twice every day the theatres have been filled wherever it has been presented. Where return engagements have been played the attendance has been larger than during the earlier engagements. It is of extremely rare occurrence that anyone is satisfied with one seeing of this wonderful production. It is safe to say that three million people have seen it at least two times. Few people realize that fifty expert operators, electricians and others who make up a roster as large as that of most dramatic companies, in fact much larger than the average, it is the massiveness in both material and manner of presentation of "The Birth of a Nation" that has made the public not only willing but eager to pay the prices necessarily charged for such a production. In the Griffith spectacle the scenes of sheer strength and beauty are of Homeric grandeur. Not even Nero ever staged upon so magnificent a spectacle. The night riding of the Ku Klux Klan looks like a company of avenging specters

sweeping along the moonlit roads. There is a pictorial punch in every scene. This realistic pictorial production of history in the making is of untold value to both young and old. Schools have been dismissed all over the United States so that the children might attend matinee performances. Besides the historical worth of this offering the constant emotional throbs of the romantic story thrills the hearts of all. It is the supreme achievement of modern histrionism in its newest guise untrammelled by the limitations of the stage. Never did those who participated in the actual scenes ever see what can be witnessed today in the comfort of a theatre seat for those who lived then never had such a comprehensive outlook. The coming return engagement of "The Birth of a Nation" is announced as absolutely the last in this city.

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MAJ. GEN. GREBLE GETS CONFIDENCE OF HIS SOLDIERS

VETERAN AT CAMP BOWIE PROVES TO BE AS KIND AS HE IS FIRM MAKES CAMP SANITARY

Epidemic of Measles and Pneumonia is Quickly Put to Route On Commander's Return

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 26.—A young man played a joke on the war department recently. Both he and doubtless Secretary Baker are still smiling over it. The aged surgeons of the department at Washington, all 40 or thereabouts, tapped, rapped, sounded and examined the young man of 59 years from head to foot. It was all very sad. They examined him to determine whether he was fit for foreign service, and the joke of it was that the young officer of 59 had just put in three months going the rounds of the western front, wearing out the observation party of real young men, counting only years as young, went through severe, cold and drenching rains and snows; waded through trenches, slept in a cold tent, worked from morning till late at night, always displayed an enthusiasm and energy that won the envy of comrades and made the French declare here was a rival to General Pershing as a "go-getter."

The youth of 59 is Major General Edward St. J. Greble, commander of the 36th division at Camp Bowie here. The very day General Greble arrived from his 8,000 mile trip from the front he rushed out to camp in an auto and as he was stepping out of the door he began to work—and he's been working ever since. Reports had reached him of the epidemic of measles and pneumonia here as a result of which there has been nearly 200 deaths.

"What have you been doing to my camp?" he demanded. "What's the matter here?" And before tackling his three months mail or sitting down to rest he hurried to find out where the trouble lay. Lack of proper clothing and bedding, crowded tents, lack of hospital facilities and nurses, together with the fact most of the victims were from South Texas and had less resistance to cold, all tended to cause the epidemic and the general

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General Greble has been riding horseback all over camp daily talking to officers and privates regarding their health, food and training, and one day he even stopped at the guard house of the 133rd artillery and talked to the prisoners. Major generals are not supposed to bother with prisoners. But Greble is different and red-tapeless. He found the prisoners extremely cold and without overcoats, so he had them escorted to the quartermaster where each got a new woolen overcoat. The action may have saved several more

lives which will give account of themselves in France.

"Don't you want to see a comparative report showing Camp Bowie with the rest of the camps?" asked a hospital officer.

"No, I don't," replied Greble. "What I want you to show me quickly is a statement that this hospital and camp is the best and healthiest in the country."

A father and mother came to find their son at the hospital and to take him home to recuperate. Orderlies neglected them for a moment while busy with other work, so the general, passing by, walked up and inquired how he could help them. Then to the amazement of the orderlies he escorted them to the ward and up to the bed of the patient.

"What is your name?" asked the grateful mother. "Greble," responded the general and the mother looked surprised and she smiled happily.

General is Man of Great Hardihood. General Greble is a West Pointer of 1881, entering the artillery as second lieutenant. His record on the border, in the far west and in Cuba, where he won national fame for his work in making Havana healthy, is already known to the public. But his hardihood, iron constitution and wonderful capacity for work are not so well known. The general has been on exploration expeditions in the 80s over the west, has gone through all the hardships that a pio-

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neer would meet has gone through blizzards in the Colorado and covered deserts on the border, riding horseback sometimes 100 miles in one day. Only the very best horsemen could accomplish this feat. And yet he has never been sick one day in his life.

It was a sad joke on the surgeons who put him through the calisthenics to see if he could stand foreign service. Tears even came to the general's eyes when he tells of it. His hobby, cryed and habits are the United States, the United States army and horses. He is a great lover of horses. It is a standing order that his aide shall have a pocketful of sugar lumps each morning as they start out on the rounds to feed to the horses.

Despite the fact that he is regarded as perhaps the strictest disciplinarian in the whole army the men at Camp Bowie not only entertain the greatest respect for the general, but love him, for with all his ruggedness he has shown his sympathy for them and he is referred to affectionately in all organizations as "the old man." The general insists upon and enforces rigidly all the outward signs of discipline. The salute must be given just so, the clothes must be worn just so. A button off is sure to catch his eye and a reprimand but he never leaves a sting. If he reprimands any one he never goes off without some kind of remark. He is a stickler for athletics and believes the more attention paid to athletics the better disciplined the soldiers will become and the better a fighter when he goes to France.

General's Office is the Whole Camp. The general's office is a little box-like room at the rear of his big desk a plain pine table. Many a clerk has a better office and furnishings. The general makes his main office the whole camp. After his return here he declared that the men have only begun to drill and that they must buckle down to harder practice than ever, that the German is no foe to be disdained and that it will not be an easy victory.

Greble is democratic. Any one may see him. He wants citizens to cooperate with him and he is getting it. In fact, Greble only has to make a hint nowadays that the town isn't falling over itself to do it first for him.

He won't stand for inefficiency. A number of officers have been invited to resign since he returned from France, but not until he gave them a chance. He is taking the war seriously and wants officers and men to take the same view. Otherwise, he is just a plain, hard working, sympathetic, democratic, capable old guy exhaust all the adjectives. He's just a good American who wants to do his bit; let it go at that and he will like it all the better. If you want to get called down just praise him to his face. But he'll smile afterwards, so you're safe. And he's a go-gettin' son-of-a-gun, and only 59 years old.

Tobacco Necessity Declares Lord Rhondda Means Saving of Food

London, Dec. 11.—(By Mail).—Tobacco is a necessity, not a luxury, declares Lord Rhondda, the food controller, in a statement published here. "We must have tobacco," he says. "I believe its loss would be a national misfortune. It means much to the manual laborer and to women who work with their brains. Men would eat a great deal more if they did not have tobacco. I hold that the deprivation of it would work great discomfort." Some systems of "rationing tobacco" however is forecast by the newspapers.

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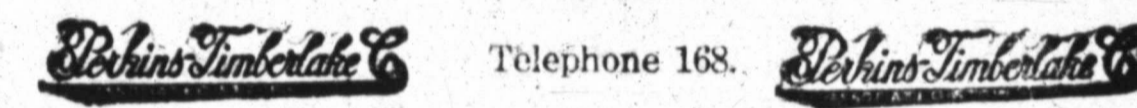


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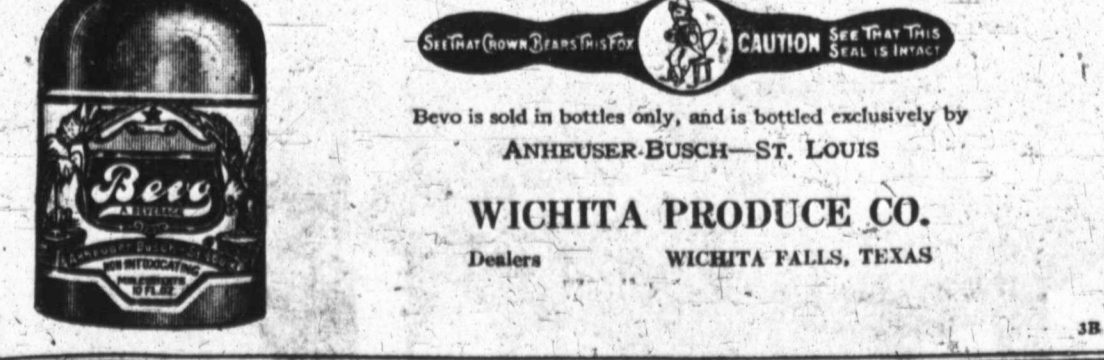
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Reading Reduces Its Passenger Service To Release Motive Power

By Associated Press, Dec. 26.—To release motive power, conserve fuel and reduce railroad congestion, the Philadelphia and Reading Railway today withdrew from its New York service eight passenger trains, four in each direction between here and New York. Several local trains were also annulled. A reduction in the number of passenger cars attached to trains operating between New York and Washington equal to eight trains has been put into effect by the Pennsylvania Railroad. The restricted passenger service, it is estimated by traffic experts, will enable the two railroads to increase their movement of freight by about 40,000 tons daily.

MORTUARY

Funeral of V. G. Skeen. The funeral of V. G. Skeen, late city secretary, who died Monday night as the result of an attack of pneumonia, will be held at the family home at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Relatives from a distance are expected to arrive in the meanwhile.

"A SPLENDID TONIC" Says Hixson Lady Who, On Doctor's Advice, Took Cardui And Is Now Well.

Hixson, Tenn.—"About 10 years ago I was..." says Mrs. J. B. Gadd, of this place. "I suffered with a pain in my left side, could not sleep at night with this pain, always in the left side..."

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This last Cardui which I took made me much better, in fact, cured me. It has been a number of years, still I have no return of this trouble.

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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.

Galveston, once a hot-bed of pro-Germans before the United States made its entrance into the war, has evidently been purified by the gospel of loyalty to the American flag...

Why Herbert C. Hoover should have been denied the right to couple his explanation of the sugar shortage with the statements of President Spreckels, representing the refiners, is a mystery.

Camp Bowie is said to have undergone a house-cleaning since the return of Major General Greble. At the same time we note that deaths from pneumonia, measles and other ills have dropped to a very low mark.

Girls have been warned not to "adopt" any more of Uncle Sam's soldiers in France, because they clutter the mails with their letters.

St. Louis is going to use women on the street cars. The unfortunate part about this arrangement to the passengers will be their disinclination to tell the conductor "where to get off at."

In spite of the fact that Wichita Falls was never packed fuller of soldiers and workmen, this has been the quietest Christmas on record.

John E. Williams, just appointed referee of all labor troubles between the packing houses and their employees, has been paid a high tribute in his selection to this difficult post.

In a signed contract, men on the one hand, with millions of dollars at stake as well as principles which they have long upheld, and men, on the other, who possess certain rights which they consider make life worth living, have unreservedly placed their future in the control of this individual.

This speaks words for the integrity and fairness which both sides attribute to this one man. It speaks well for both sides, each having shown by this display of faith in the character of an eman, that it has by no means lost faith in humanity.

We feel sure that this experiment is going to prove well worth while—that it will be an illuminating experience for capital and an illuminating experience for labor the nation over.

Farmers of German Descent Whipped by Brenham Committee

Brenham, Tex., Dec. 26.—Six farmers of the community of German descent, who refused to join the Red Cross, were taken from their wagons and flogged by a committee of the most prominent citizens of Brenham, who acted in open daylight and without masks, it became known today at the close of the membership campaign.

A large proportion of Washington County's population is of German derivation. The Red Cross campaign moved slowly at first. Later a meeting was held in the Brenham Opera House at which a fund of \$250 was raised to buy memberships for those unable to purchase them and an armful of buggy whips was obtained for use on those able to buy but who would not.

BOLSHEVIKI SAID TO BE LOSING ITS POWER IN RUSSIA

DEFLECTION FROM WORKMEN'S AND SOLDIERS' ORGANIZATION GROWING.

MUCH DISSATISFACTION

Reports indicate that troops of Russian Refuse to March and Trouble Brews in Petrograd.

Refusals to March. The correspondent cites instances of Bolshevik troops refusing to march, declining to attack the Ukrainians and permitting the Cossacks to disarm them without resistance.

Growing Opposition. "There is a growing opposition to Bolsheviki among all classes. Men who formerly supported them are turning against them and German hirelings is a common term of denunciation.

Interest in Assembly. Interest in the convening of the constituent assembly is said to have reawakened remarkably and demands for its convocation are being made.

It appears that the Bolsheviki commissioners are trying, although vainly, to shift some of the discontented units from the capital. A Reuters dispatch from Petrograd says the Phaoorshensky regiment has declared its disbelief of the Bolsheviki government to open the constituent assembly and has refused to relinquish guard of the Winter Palace until the assembly meets.

SOLDIER IN ITALY CABLES GREETINGS TO FOLKS IN CITY

No more highly treasured Christmas gift was received by any Wichitan than the cable of Christmas greetings received by Mrs. M. H. Moore and Mrs. T. R. Moore from their brother, American aviator in Italy.

A letter received Christmas Eve tells of the Thanksgiving Day celebration, the letter being written Dec. 24. Lieutenant Kell mentions the splendid dinner, really American, with turkey, dressing, cake and other luxuries, and tells of a baseball game to give another American touch. There are with the forces a team of college baseball nines. There are many students from the leading colleges of the United States in training to become pilots.

Federation of Labor In France Endorses President's Message

By Associated Press. Clermont, Ferrand, France, Dec. 26.—At its national conference here the General Federation of Labor today adopted almost unanimously a resolution referring to the war aims set forth by President Wilson, saying that the purpose of the Russian revolutionaries were virtually the same and declaring the position of the French workers could be expressed in similar terms. The federation was instructed to endeavor to induce the French government to make a public statement of its peace conditions.

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Call Field enlisted men and cadets last night bridged the years back to their childhood, when Christmas trees, Santa Claus and the hanging up of their stockings, events looked forward to for days, weeks and even months before December 25, took place, and their youthful fun and enthusiasm over the Y. M. C. A. Christmas tree proved that the distance to be bridged was not great.

The local Red Cross executive committee members were the only visitors. This committee had provided a short program and was responsible for a gift for each man. Little Miss Sadie Adickes gave a Christmas reading. Miss Theresa Veale and a quartet composed of Mesdames Clifford, Walker, I. H. Roberts and C. Y. Tully gave enjoyable vocal selections.

Each Gets Pair. Each man was given a pair of bed socks made at the Red Cross workroom, and one sock of the pair was filled with a few simple gifts and fruit accompanied the stocking.

Some of those cadets got double rations. Cadets at Call Field are having two Christmas dinners this year. A large number of the cadets accepted dinner invitations of Wichita Falls families yesterday and today their Christmas dinner at the cadet mess was enjoyed. The cadets had as elaborate a menu as did the enlisted men yesterday and the tables were decorated and souvenir menus folders provided.

RED CROSS WILL RECEIVE REPORTS DURING TOMORROW

DEFINITE ESTIMATE OF RESULT IN COUNTY TO BE MADE THEN.

Reports from the towns and communities outside Wichita Falls on their Christmas membership campaigns are expected by the Red Cross campaign executive committee by tomorrow morning and tomorrow's work in addition to compiling definite totals, will be securing volunteers to maintain the Red Cross booths in every bank for the city for the remainder of the year.

W. D. Cline made estimates of the districts outside the city to wire the Christmas Eve report to Dallas, his estimate being 10,800. The complete report, it is hoped, will go over this conservative estimate.

Campbell-Anderson Co. Successors to Pennington's. While our sales during the Christmas holidays were tremendous, and for which we want to again thank our many friends and patrons for having made them so, we wish to state that on account of a delayed shipment of merchandise, which arrived on the night of the 24th, that we still have an almost unbroken stock from which to fill your wants. In this shipment was a large assortment of Men's Suits, Overcoats, Mackinaws and Dress Shirts; also Ladies' Suits and Dresses. WE HAVE A FULL LINE OF COMFORTS, TOO. Come in and get our prices. Campbell-Anderson Co. Successors to Pennington's.

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TODAY'S MARKETS

COTTON FLURRY CAUSED MARKET PRICE TO SOAR

New York, Dec. 26.—The feature in the cotton market during today's early trading was the strength of the near position. It seemed that no January notices had been issued and there was a flurry of covering sent the price up to 30.08, or 31 points above Monday's closing level and into new high ground for the season. Other months were influenced by the firmness in this respect with March selling at 29.47 and May at 29.17 or 21 cents higher. Liverpool was a moderate buyer but general business was quiet with the market responsive to comparatively small orders. Evidently there was nothing in the news over Christmas to create fresh sentiment.

Cotton futures opened steady, January 29.80 to 30.00; March 29.44; May 29.05; July 28.72; Oct. 27.45. The market showed renewed strength during the early afternoon on trade buying, bullish private spot advices and covering. Both January and March made new highs with January selling at 30.20 and March at 29.63, or 37 to 45 points net higher. Later deliveries sold at about 15 to 30 points over Monday's closing.

Cotton closed strong.

New Orleans Cotton.
New Orleans, Dec. 26.—The cotton market had a higher tendency from the opening today owing to the absence of tenders against January contracts, this being the first notice day for January. In the first half hour of trading prices advanced 16 to 20 points.

Cotton opened steady. Opening bid: Jan. 29.75; March 28.43 asked; May 28.15; July 27.92; Oct. 26.50.

New Orleans, Dec. 26.—Holiday dullness and moderate realizing by longs met the advance and caused a small reaction. Market prices showed net advance of 8 to 21 points.

In the afternoon traders were active bidders and buyers and the market bulged to a net advance of 25 to 36 points.

Cotton closed steady at an advance of 46 to 44 points.

New York Stocks.
New York, Dec. 26.—Fractional changes attended the early opening on the stock exchange today but the market developed a heavier trend toward the end of the first half hour. United States Steel reacted 1 1/2 points with one to two points recessions in other equities and metals and shipping. Yielded large fractions. American Tobacco lost 1 1/2. Baldwin Locomotive as much. General Electric 1 1/2 and the motor division also reacted moderately. Rails were firm at the outset but fell back with leaders as trading became more active. Liberty 4's repeated their recent minimum of 96.98 but the 3 1/2's were steady.

Utilities featured the further decline in the mid-session. Public service of New Jersey dropped 12 points and Brooklyn Transit, American Telephone, Peoples Gas and Consolidated Gas 1 to 3 points. Rails continued heavy but steel became more steady.

In the late trading support became poor and the market sharply reacted.

Leaders made partial recoveries at the last hour. The close was heavy. Liberty 4's sold at 97 to yet a new minimum of 96.76 and the 3 1/2's at 98.50 to 98.22.

LIVESTOCK

Fort Worth Livestock.
Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 26.—CATTLE: Receipts 2,000; market 10 to 15 cents up. Beef steers \$7.50 to \$11.50; stockers \$6.50 to \$9.75; heifers \$6.50 to \$10.00; cows \$4.50 to \$8.50; bulls \$5.50 to \$7.50; calves \$5.50 to \$11.25.

HOGS: Receipts 500; market unchanged. Heavy \$16.30 to \$16.40; lights \$16.25 to \$16.30; medium \$16.00 to \$16.30; mixed \$15.75 to \$16.00; common \$14.75 to \$15.50; pigs \$9.00 to \$13.00.

SHEEP: Receipts 250; market steady. Lambs \$15.00 to \$16.00; yearlings \$12.00 to \$13.00; wethers \$10.00 to \$12.00; ewes \$9.00 to \$11.00; culls \$5.50 to \$7.50; goats \$5.50 to \$5.50.

St. Louis Livestock.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 26.—HOGS: Receipts 11,500; 15 to 20 cents higher. Lights \$16.90 to \$17.20; pigs \$14.00 to \$15.75; mixed and butchers \$16.90 to \$17.25; good heavy \$17.15 to \$17.40; bulk \$16.90 to \$17.30.

CATTLE: Receipts 6,500; prospects higher. Native beef steers \$8.00 to \$14.25; yearling steers and heifers \$7.00 to \$11.50; cowboys \$5.00 to \$11.00; stockers and feeders \$6.50 to \$11.00; Texas quarantine steers \$9.00 to \$12.75; fair to prime southern beef steers \$6.75 to \$10.50; beef cows and heifers \$6.00 to \$10.00; prime yearling steers and heifers \$7.50 to \$10.00; native calves \$5.75 to \$16.00.

SHEEP: Receipts 1,200; prospects steady. Lambs \$13.00 to \$16.25; ewes \$10.00 to \$11.50; wethers \$11.00 to \$12.50; canners and choppers \$6.00 to \$9.00.

Chicago Livestock.
Chicago, Dec. 26.—HOGS: Receipts 26,000; slow fifteen cents higher. Bulk \$16.80 to \$17.20; light \$16.15 to \$17.10; mixed \$16.60 to \$17.25; heavy \$16.55 to \$17.25; rough \$16.50 to \$16.70; pigs \$12.00 to \$17.25.

CATTLE: Receipts 11,000; strong. Native steers \$7.45 to \$14.40; western steers not quoted, season over until next August; stockers and feeders \$6.50 to \$10.00; cowboys and heifers \$5.30 to \$11.40; calves \$8.50 to \$15.50.

SHEEP: Receipts 19,000; weak. Wethers \$9.00 to \$13.10; lambs \$12.60 to \$16.40.

FEW OFFERINGS IN EVIDENCE IN PIT AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Scarcity of offerings brought about an advance in the corn market. Demands, however, was only of a scattering sort. Opening prices, which varied from unchanged figures to 1/2 cents higher with January 1.26 and May 1.24 1/2 to 1.24 3/4, were followed by gradual gains all around.

Strength developed in oats on account of general covering by shorts. The market came from a state of a revival of shipping inquiry on the part of seaboard interests.

High quotations on hogs gave firmness to provisions.

The fact that cold weather was expected to continue for several days and railroad operations would be hampered gave an advantage to the bulls. Prices closed firm with oats 5 1/2 net higher with January 1.26 1/2 to 1.26 3/4 and May 1.24 1/2 to 1.25.

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Price of Silver is Fixed by Producers

Washington, Dec. 26.—A price to be fixed by the government for silver in agreement with western producers has been decided upon and will be announced soon. It is said to be satisfactory to the producers and will be about one dollar an ounce.

Kansas City Livestock.
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 26.—HOGS: Receipts 5,000; 10 to 15 higher. Bulk \$16.25 to \$16.85; heavy \$16.60 to \$16.90; light \$15.75 to \$16.20; pigs \$13.00 to \$15.00.

CATTLE: Receipts 9,000; 10 higher. Prime fed steers \$12.00 to \$14.50; dressed beef steers \$11.00 to \$12.50; southern steers \$7.00 to \$9.00; cows \$6.00 to \$9.50; heifers \$6.50 to \$10.50; stockers \$7.00 to \$11.25; calves \$6.25 to \$13.00.

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Four Buildings Burn at Long Beach

By Associated Press
Long Beach, Calif., Dec. 26.—Fire today destroyed four buildings fronting the beach which parallels the bathing beach and burned away a section of the walk, causing a loss estimated at \$200,000. Reports of incendiaries are being investigated.

Bricklayers to Be Sent to Pershing; Draft Law Invoked

Washington, Dec. 26.—The new draft machinery was invoked for the first time when Provost Marshal General Crowder made public today instructions to all governors calling for the mobilization of 1,000 bricklayers, urgently needed by General Pershing at once.

Local boards are called upon to examine questionnaires now being returned and report as rapidly as possible on the number of bricklayers of draft age that are available for service. Only white bricklayers will be taken, either by draft or by voluntary induction into the military service through local boards. They will be forwarded to the aviation section, signal corps at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas.

The order is the first application of the special occupational classification provisions of the new draft regulation. The bricklayers in any board's jurisdiction will be assembled without regard to the men in any other occupation. General Crowder's letter to the governors indicates that similar calls for skilled men in other trades are to be expected.

Cotton Seed Oil.
New York, Dec. 26.—Cotton seed oil market closed steady. Spot 19.00 bid; Dec. 19.10; Jan. 19.25; March 19.45; May Total sales 8,300.

Russ Ambassador Is Still in British Jail, Report from London

By Associated Press
London, Dec. 21. (By Mail).—Comrade George Tsetserin, who has been appointed by the Bolsheviks as Russian ambassador to London, is still in Brixton jail in Southeast London on a charge of creating seditious propaganda. Tsetserin is well known to London socialists. Exiled from Russia many years ago, he lived in Belgium until the outbreak of the war, when he came to London. He is described as a man of high intelligence, of good family and independent. He is a Marxist or Menshevik rather than a Communist or Bolshevik, although the distinction is no longer very important in his life in internment is similar to that of a prisoner awaiting trial. He is allowed to order his meals from outside and has any books and papers which he wishes to read and is permitted to do a certain amount of writing.

Another prominent Bolshevik, who is well known in London is Lieut. Schneider, one of the Lenin representatives in the armistice arrangements. He was in London less than a month before his appearance as a member of the peace committee and several of his relatives are still here.

Scene from "Birth of a Nation"

This is the hospital scene in The Birth of a Nation which will be shown for two nights at the Wichita Theatre on Monday, Dec. 31. The Matinee will be on Monday, Dec. 31.

Mrs. George Hawkins Plays Santa Claus To Walsh Children

Mrs. George Hawkins played Santa Claus, good samaritan and numerous other roles of beneficence yesterday to the small children of Mrs. Florence Walsh, held in connection with the fatal shooting of her husband Dec. 24, at Burk Burnett. When the children were brought to town by Sheriff Hawkins they were in a pitiable state. It is said, clothes dirty and torn, and themselves sadly in need of a bath. The motherly spirit of Mrs. Hawkins was touched by the plight of the ones and she straightway found them some clothes, cleaned them up and fed them. The small stockings which she had gotten for them were filled with Christmas presents and yesterday they sat down with the Hawkins family to a genuine Christmas feast.

Today they were placed in a temporary home by Emma Robb, who is in communication with relatives, who may be able to care for the two small boys and their sister.

Red Cross Membership at San Antonio Over 20,000

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 26.—Complete returns from the Red Cross membership campaign are not yet available, owing to confusion in making committee reports. It is estimated that more than twenty thousand members were obtained and the city had more than 5,000 previous to the campaign.

Waco's Weeks Record is Placed at 11,000

Waco, Texas, Dec. 26.—The week's drive for Red Cross memberships here resulted in the acquisition of 11,000 new members. The campaign will be continued until 15,000 members are secured.

Former Commander of Knights of Pythias Dies

Henderson, Ky., Dec. 26.—W. W. Blackwell, former commander of the Knights of Pythias, died here today.



Supreme Court Refuses Trial to F. L. Small

By Associated Press
Concord, N. H., Dec. 26.—The supreme court today refused a new trial to Frederick L. Small, formerly a Boston broker, awaiting execution on Jan. 15 for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Florence A. Small, at their home near Lake Ossipee Sept. 28, 1916.

Houston Red Cross Gets 51,500 Members

By Associated Press
Houston, Dec. 26.—The Red Cross drive here to date, incomplete reports today indicate has resulted in the enrollment of 51,500 members here. Harris county districts have yet to report, as well as fifteen city solicitors.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Pate have returned from a hunting trip to Seymour.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hawkins will leave Friday for Anaheim, California, where Mr. Hawkins will work in an orange grove for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Manning of Mascot, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Douglas, of Graham, Tex., and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Douglas, of Dallas, Tex., are spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. T. H. Douglas.

General John E. Roller of Harrisonburg, Va., is here looking after his land and oil interests.

R. J. Marin returned to Camp Bowie today after a short visit with friends here. Mr. Marin is in the medical service at Camp Bowie.

A. B. Maples, agent here for the Waco, Temple and other Central Texas points.

Harley Heath is down from Plainview spending the holidays with relatives and friends.

Local Brevities

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

Dr. Du Val, Glasses fitted \$1.74 t/c.

Dr. Scharff, Osteopath, E. & K. Bldg.

Lieutenant L. T. Burns, 1 company, 142nd infantry, who came from Camp Bowie to spend Christmas has been confined to his bed at his home, 1519 Tenth street since his arrival and is too ill to make the trip back to Fort Worth.

We clean and remodel furs of all kinds into the latest shapes. Experts in charge.—Home Tailoring Co. Phone 1231. 185-t/c

Dr. Du Val, Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat. 174-t/c

Don't let an amateur tinker with your battery. Bring it to us and have the right tone come 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 t/c.

Just received fine car of bulk Colorado apples, winesap, York Imperial and Gano. Come to my fruit stand 509 Ohio, just opposite Palace Hotel. Shopping snip and get prices before you buy. M. D. OVERFELT. 185-t/c

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

James Earl Prothro, 6 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Prothro, is quite ill at the family home, 1010 Bluff street.

Protect your car now. Thermite or Johnson's Freeze Proof will prevent frozen radiators. Ask us, Western Auto Supply Co. Phone 219—718 in diana. 180 t/c

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Beals, at their home 1308 Eighteenth street, a daughter.

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.

I will buy any amount up to \$25,000 of first series 4 1/2 per cent Liberty Bonds at par. Dr. Joe E. Daniel. 175-t/c

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H. T. Thornberry, Proprietor of the Miller Drug Store, is suffering from a slight attack of la grippe.

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For quick taxi, baggage and livery service phone 433. 115-t/c

Firestone cord casing, 10,000 mile guarantee until January 1, 30 per cent reduction. Largest stock tires in the city. Auto Tire Co. of Wichita Falls, 809 Scott. Phone 2500. 189-t/c

Better be safe than sorry. Anti-Freeze your car now. Western Auto Supply Co. Phone 219—718 in diana. 180 t/c

ATTENTION MODERN WOODMEN.
There will be a big "Turkey Feed" at the meeting of the camp Thursday night. Several new members to be initiated. Largest stock tires in the city. E. G. COOK, Clerk. 183-3t/c

New Years dinner at St. James noon and night. \$1.00. Music. 195-t/c

Little Drinking Here Christmas, Report Police

There were fewer cases of intoxication yesterday than ever before known on a Christmas day in Wichita Falls. One saloon closed up yesterday at noon and the usual Christmas hilarity and indulgence in the drinking bowl was lacking, at least that degree of indulgence that inebriates. There were only three defendants in the city court this morning charged with intoxication.

Quartermaster's Corps is Open to Certain Men

Opportunity for enlistment in the quartermaster's corps and immediate transfer to Jacksonville, Fla., is offered men whose numbers are so low they will not be needed to fill out the present draft, according to announcement from the local board. A number of applicants have already been accepted and any others who desire to serve in this department can leave with this party if they act quickly. There are other departments in which recruits will be accepted now and full information on this subject will be given by George Thornburn at the exemption board's office, fifth floor of the Kemp and Kell building.

Marriage Licenses.
Albert Russell, Marlin and Etta Lee McCullum, Moran.
Gilbert S. Weath, Iowa Park and Eunice Vogel Birk, Iowa Park.
S. C. Hilton, Oklahoma City, and Mildred Evans, Hamlet.
J. D. Harrison, Devol and Velma Young, Burk Burnett.
W. J. Sweet and Effie Kamp.

Deeds Filed for Record.
H. H. Davenport and wife to J. H. Roberts and C. R. Burrows, lots 8, 9 and 10, block 124, city of Wichita Falls, \$3500.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Merrill entertained private Bromham and Durham from Call Field at their apartments in Kemp Kort Christmas day.

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ELKS DANCE POSTPONED
OUT OF RESPECT TO SKEEN
In respect to the memory of V. G. Skeen, secretary of the Elks lodge whose funeral took place today, the annual Christmas dance scheduled for tonight has been postponed and will be held Monday night.

REBECCAS WILL MEET
AT ODD FELLOW'S HALL
The regular meeting of the Rebeccas will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 at the Odd Fellow's hall. All members are urged to be present as special practice is necessary for the work next Monday night.

Wanted To Buy Second-Hand Furniture and Stoves!

Star Furniture Co. Phone 1011

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Receiving Want Ads by telephone is the final detail in making the Times Want Columns promptly and perfectly useful to the readers. Telephone ads cost no more, in money—and less in time—than Times must pay collectors to follow the phone. The extra accommodation of receiving by phone should be encouraged as always being ready for the collector.

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If you have a room to rent, a house to rent, a farm for sale, or if you want to buy an article, whether new or second-hand, you should use the Times Want Ad Columns daily.

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MISCELLANEOUS WANTS

HIGHEST PRICES paid for cast-off men's clothing and shoes. Phone 434. —154 1/2c.

WE furnish here in all lines of work. Phone 2654. Wichita Labor Agency, (Licensed and bonded) 707 1/2 Ohio Ave., Wichita Falls, Texas. 171 26c.

WANTED TO BUY—Mattresses, comforters and second hand furniture. Dodson Furniture Co. 908 Indiana. Phone 528. 174 1/2c.

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 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 after estimates. Phone 2268. —R. A. Bailey. 187-16c

WANT to correspond with party having complete string of second hand cable tools. Address "S" care of Times. 189-16c

WANTED—Automobile tops to build and repair. Dodson Furniture Co. 908 Indiana. Phone 528. 191 1/2c

FOR NURSE call 2856. 191 61p

WANTED TO RENT—Modern 5-room house. Can furnish reference. B. N. George. Phone 187. 192 61c

WANTED—Ford roadster body, phone 2768. 193 31c

GOOD HOME for good woman. Write full particulars of self and family. All correspondence held in strict confidence. Address Box 803 city. 193 81p

WANTED TO BUY—Jersey milk cow. Phone 755. 193 31p

WANTED—Two or three furnished bedrooms—F. M. Robinson, 813 1/2 10th. 193-91

WANTED—Two or three unfurnished rooms. Phone Hicks, Times Office or 1624. 195-31

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS

FOR RENT—Two nicely furnished housekeeping rooms. None but clean respectable people need apply. 2109 Ninth street. Phone 1665. 191 61c

FOR RENT—Two large furnished housekeeping rooms to parties with or without children. 1600 Austin, phone 516. 195-16c

FOR RENT—Bedrooms

FOR RENT—Nice bedroom 1202 Scott. Phone 967. 189-16c

FOR RENT—Bedroom, 1005 10th. —193 1/2c.

ONE modern bedroom and two housekeeping rooms to respectful people only. Phone 2743. 801 Austin. 195-16c

FOR SALE—Miscellaneous

FOR SALE—Brand new cash register, a bargain. Phone 2800. 189-16c

FOR SALE—New Star machine and complete storing tools for wild-cat work. Can be delivered on short notice. Everything in perfect condition. Sixteen hundred feet Manila cable, never been used. Out at San Antonio ready to load. Apply to J. Eugene Brown, Gunter Hotel, San Antonio, Texas. 191 61p

\$350 Piano for sale, \$100, at McFall's Storage. Phone 192 41p

LOST

LOST—Bunch of keys on Mississippi street. Return to A. B. Cecil, 901 16th. 185-16c

LOST—Black leather hand bag, containing ladies clothing and several letters addressed to Mrs. Bertha Murray. Reward, leave at Times office. —193 31p.

LOST—on Electra road, yellow wire automobile wheel, 32x4 Federal tire. Liberal reward. Phone 931. 194-31p

LOST—7 jewel silver watch on 9th between Indiana and Travis between 12 and 1:00 Monday. Finder return 901 Travis or phone 1191. 195-31p

LOST—One female pointer bird dog; liver and white ticked. Name "Mandy." Finder return to M. A. Marcus and get reward. 195-16c

SITUATIONS WANTED

WANTED—Position by experienced woman stenographer; salary less than \$15 per week not considered. Address X. Y., care Times. 180 1/2c

POSITION WANTED—Young man now holding executive position with large corporation desires similar position with some Wichita Falls corporation or firm. Is experienced in office management and in working men and will be glad to refer to the vice-president or cashier of any bank in Wichita Falls as to standing and integrity. Applicant desires work of a character that will allow him to live in Wichita Falls. Address E. care Times. 193 61c

HELP WANTED—Female

WANTED—White girl to help take care of rooming house. Phone 529. 187-16c

WANTED—Colored cook at 1606 Eleventh street. Phone 2296. 192 41c

WANTED—Good colored cook. Good servant house and good wages. W. S. Langford. Phone 2703. 193 31c

WANTED—Middle age woman to do cooking, washing and ironing; phone 150. 195-16c

BOARD AND ROOMS

BOARD AND ROOM at 1203 Burnett. Phone 1888. —179 26c

BOARD and room, by January at 1600 Florence, phone 2140. 195-31c

HELP WANTED—Male

WANTED—Young man to help in city tax collector's office. Apply in own handwriting. Permanent employment to right party. H. F. Robertson. 194-31c

MEN WANTED—Apply new Mill building, 1806 Bluff. Burrell Construction Co. 195-21c

USED AUTOS FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Five-passenger Ford in A1 condition, 1920 7th street. Phone 1072. 183-16c

FOR SALE AT BARGAIN—Owing to fact that we are going to the factories after January 1st, the following cars must be sold at once:

- 1 Ford Roadster \$285.00
- 1 Ford Touring Car \$190.00
- 1 Reo 5-cylinder, 5-pass. \$850.00
- 1 Mitchell, 6 cylinder \$290.00

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FOR SALE—5-passenger Studebaker car. See Nichols at Standard garage, 704 Scott Ave. 194-61p

DRESSMAKING

Mrs. Frankie Ross, dressmaking, alterations and repairing, 1306 Scott. Phone 1718. 151 1/2c

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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 at every 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 41p

FOR SALE—11 room rooming house 1305-11th st. phone 2366. 162-16c

IMMEDIATE possession in five room stucco house on Eleventh street, house never been occupied; on paved street. Price \$4,200. Stehlik & Baber. —192 1/2c.

FOR SALE—Several choice lots on pavement on Eleventh street. Will sell you lot and money to build.

LYNN A. BOYD,
603 Eighth Street.
Phone 1861.

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION—6 room strictly modern house, in the best residential block on Eighth street, \$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 41p

FIVE ROOM house on 14th will sell this on the installment plan. Price \$2,600. Stehlik & Baber. 192 1/2c

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. Case. 180-16c

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 41p

A NICE HOUSE on Travis between Eleventh and Twelfth street, large lot price \$3,500, good terms. Stehlik & Baber. 192 1/2c

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 residence section of the city. It is not for rent. Phone 672. 189-16c

BRICK BUNGALOW—Six room, strictly modern in very 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 41p

SIX 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 Burnett street, \$2,500.00. Four room, strictly modern house in the 300 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 41p

FOR SALE—Modern five room house in Southern Addition in one block of car line. Can give possession any time and can also sell furniture. Phone 1603. 192 61p

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 stairs, new house. Special price, Stehlik & Baber. —192 1/2c.

UNFURNISHED ROOMS

FOR RENT—Two furnished housekeeping rooms on car line, 1319 Eleventh st. 195-31p

HELP WANTED

WANTED—Experienced help at Model Laundry 193 1/2c

One Representative Of Wichita Falls to Attend Conference

Robert Ferguson will leave Thursday for Hillsboro where he will represent Wichita Falls High School at the annual old boys conference to be held at that place from Thursday through Sunday.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MINSTREL TO REHEARSE

Knights of Columbus Minstrel.

The entire company of 75 people will appear in an orchestra tonight, and a full dress rehearsal tomorrow night. Orville O'Reilly, director of the show, states that the performance will be something entirely out of the ordinary, and that there will be no waits or delays, something doing every minute. The entire receipts after the expenses of the show is taken out goes to the war fund.

Seats are now being reserved at Rexall Drug Store for the Knights of Columbus Minstrel which will be presented at Wichita Theatre, matinee and night, Friday.

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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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NOTICE—No hunting, camping or trespassing on lands under my control. W. M. Coleman. 180 1/2c

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.

T. J. TAYLOR, Cashier.

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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, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 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.

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FOR RENT—Garage suitable for two cars, close in 606 Lee St. phone 1926. 199-61p

GROUND RENT—On valuable vacant lot 70 by 140 feet, corner Ohio and Twelfth, long lease to right party. John G. James, Roff, Okla. 195-131p

IRISHMEN HAPPY AMONG BULLETS ON BATTLE LINE

CORRESPONDENT PAYS VISIT TO CAMP WITHIN BULLET ZONE.

(By George T. Bye.)

At one section of the Western front, where the avalanche of tanks recently pushed in such a hump, a regiment of young Irishmen was on guard when I was touring in the bullet zone. They were a happy lot. What is it that the world believes that an Irishman, young or old, likes nothing better than good fights, and immaterially with friend or stranger? Here he had a soothing sufficiency of scrapping. "Those," said the lieutenant colonel, as he pulled aside a gunny-

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MANY TRANSFERS AND PROMOTIONS AT CAMP TRAVIS

ORDERS INCLUDE SEVERAL MEN FROM WICHITA COUNTY NOW IN ARMY.

Promotions and transfers to special departments where they may use their training in civil life have been the lot of several Wichita Falls and Wichita county men at Camp Travis, according to the weekly bulletin from that place.

Ray N. Anderson is soon to be transferred to Hancock, Georgia, for special training and service in the Casual Detachment, which is stationed there.

The boys of Battery F will hate to lose Mr. Anderson but feel sure he will do well wherever he may go.

Private Haid Carter of the 345th Field Artillery was appointed Lance Corporal, December 13, 1917. Corporal Carter, is from Wichita Falls, Texas.

To Have Minstrels. Sergeant "Paul Bunion" Baggott of Battery C, 345th Field Artillery Camp Travis, Texas, will take part as an endman in the Regimental Minstrels to be staged at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium within a few days.

Sergeant "Paul Bunion" is an excellent impersonator and a comedian of no mean ability and promises to be the hit of the bill.

Unable to Get Home. Mrs. A. L. Taylor and son, Thebert, returned to Wichita Falls Sunday after an extended visit in San Antonio, where Mr. Taylor is stationed. Mr. Taylor is a member of Ambulance Co. No. 359. He had expected to spend the holidays in Wichita Falls, but will be unable to do so on account of the quarantine at Camp Travis having been unexpectedly extended.

To Go To Georgia. Oscar R. Beal is soon to be transferred to Hancock, Georgia, for special training and service in the Casual Detachment which is stationed there.

"Smiley" Sends Greetings. Private Smiley Turner of the Camp Travis Fire Company is well and wishes all a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Smiley says the

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Back On Duty. Robert L. Elliston, formerly of Battery F, 345 Field Artillery, has just been transferred to the Division Veterinary Detachment, of Camp Travis, Division Headquarters.

Secretary Johnson To Make Lively Schedule. In Houston on Saturday, Shreveport on Sunday and Altus, Okla., on Monday is the schedule which Secretary Johnson of the Chamber of Commerce, is trying to work out.

Adopting Soldiers Is Being Opposed By Military Leaders. With the American Army in France, Monday, Dec. 24.—The American expeditionary force wishes to discourage the budding practice of American women in "adopting" individual soldiers in France for the period of the war.

What Kiddies Got. There was a bag filled with nuts and mixed candies and in addition a big red apple and a perfectly enormous golden orange, for every man, woman and child, and so generous was the bounty of Santa Claus, there was some left over.

Little Evelyn Johnson, daughter of G. C. Johnson, who underwent an operation for appendicitis yesterday is reported doing nicely today.

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