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ACCEPTANCE OF RUSSIAN TERMS MADE; CONDITIONS

The war situation of today is summarized by the Associated Press as follows: Virtual acceptance of the peace terms offered by Russia was made by the Central Powers in a statement issued by Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister.

Peace without forcible annexations and indemnities is agreeable to the Central Powers and they will conclude a general peace immediately on conditions equally just to all the belligerents.

Bolesheviki Not Recognized The United States and the belligerent allies up to this time have not recognized the lawful right of the Bolshevik government to rule Russia and they have not agreed to the terms Russia proposed at the beginning of the Brest-Litovsk conference.

Military Operations confined generally to Italian northern front. Snow has fallen along the British front in France. Paris reports two attacks on the Verdun front but says the Germans were unable to break through.

British merchant shipping losses for the past week show the lowest total since the week ending Nov. 31, when six vessels were lost.

Admiral Sir John B. Jellicoe has been removed as British first sea lord and is succeeded by Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, who has been second sea lord.

Shipping Losses British merchant shipping losses for the past week show the lowest total since the week ending Nov. 31, when six vessels were lost.

KAISER'S PEACE TERMS 'IMPOSSIBLE' FOR AMERICA

Washington, Dec. 27.—The circumstances surrounding Count Czernin's proposals for a basis of peace cause officials here to feel some apprehension for their sincerity.

Impossible Condition. One condition regarded as impossible for the present at least, is the adherence of all belligerents to the peace terms.

Watching of Alsace-Lorraine. No provision is made in Count Czernin's terms for the return to

THIS MAN IS MADE DIRECTOR OF ALL RAILROADS OF NATION



SECRETARY McADOO AND ELLEN WILSON McADOO

ONE MAN DEAD BY GAS; ANOTHER IN NEXT ROOM ALMOST LOSES HIS LIFE

Attracted by continued moans from a room just off the front porch of the home of W. J. Dowis, foreman at the Fort Worth and Denver roundhouse, 1201 Twelfth street, W. T. Vinson, broke into the house this morning just in time to save Mr. Dowis from asphyxiation.

It was between 6:30 and 7 o'clock this morning that Vinson, who is employed at the J. M. Cloud grocery, was passing by the Dowis home when he heard moans as of some one in deep distress.

After taking him into the air and partially resuscitating him the rescuers learned that there was another man supposed to be in the house.

Another Canadian Killed in Flight at Benbrook Field. Port Worth, Texas, Dec. 27.—Gordon Mott of the Royal Flying Corps, was killed in flight at Benbrook Field this morning.

Two French Steamers Sunk by Submarine. Paris, Dec. 27.—In the week ending December 22, one French steamer of 1,000 tons and one of 1,500 tons were sunk by submarines off the coast of the Azores.

American Cavalry Continues Trail of Bandits Who Raided C. S. Ranch. A Mexican by the name of Rojo, employed on the Fitzgerald ranch, stated that about ten Mexicans, known to him, came to the ranch after binding him and his wife and drove off ten head of mules and two head of horses.

Detected Gas Odor. Last night about 10:30, when Dowis went home he detected an odor of gas and after trying all the connections in the other part of the house concluded that Springer had his stove turned up too high and went to bed. His next recollection is struggling with unconsciousness this morning when he found himself being dragged outside.

Stolen in Pouch. Richmond to Columbia. By Associated Press. Richmond, Va., Dec. 27.—A pouch containing \$50,000 sent by the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond to a bank in Columbia, S. C., disappeared in transit last Saturday and is believed to have been stolen. Detectives are at work in several cities.

Government to Operate Railroads of Country, to Take Control On Friday

PLANS UNDER WAY TO TAKING OVER FULL DIRECTION

PREPARATIONS UNDER WAY OVERSHADOW ALL OTHER WAR ACTIVITY.

CRITICISM IN CONGRESS

Many Predict This Step Toward Federal Ownership of Lines, Phone and Telegraph Companies.

ORDER NUMBER ONE IS ALREADY PREPARED. By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 27.—Order Number One to be issued shortly will provide for the pooling of traffic and facilities, the common use of terminals, tracks and equipment, the hauling of freight by the shortest route, regardless of billing or routing and the retention of all present officers and employees of railroads.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 27.—Preliminary for actual taking over the railroads by the government at noon tomorrow moved forward today.

Although approved by the great majority of railroad men there was some disposition toward criticism in Congress for the precise nature of the government proposed to allow the railroads to be taken over.

Equipment Fund. The equipment fund will also be used to pay any deficit of earnings that may occur under the pre-war average or the amount agreed upon by officials.

Disposal of Dividends. Although it means earned dividends exceeding the guarantee will revert to the government, Congress will be asked to make provision for railroads whose pre-war earnings were abnormally low.

Republicans Criticize. The criticism in Congress was heard from the Republican side. Senator Cummins in a statement declared his doubt that the president had authority to take over the railroads.

Subject to All Laws. The legislation which will be recommended would specify that the railroads should remain subject to all existing laws and regulations of the interstate commerce commission.

Trading Company, who acted as interpreter for the bandits, was shot yesterday afternoon, following the bandits who had been pushed out of Van Horne canyon by the troops.

Carranza Troops. A report from Villa sympathizers received here indicates that the bandits were men from the Carranza forces.

Valentine Troops Ready. Troops stationed at Valentine are prepared for a possible raid on that place, word having been brought to the station today that bandits were preparing to attack during the night.

Ranch Hand's Report. A Mexican ranch hand employed on the Fitzgerald ranch reached Valentine today and made the following report to the manager of the Valentine

Large Salaries Are To Be Cut; Express Co's May Be Taken

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 27.—One of the first acts of the government in defining operation of railroads will be to reduce large salaries now paid to the railway executives and increase in some measure the wages of the railway workers.

Securities to be issued while the government is in control will be at interest rates not less than four percent and the issues will be made under joint authority of the director general and the interstate commerce commission.

To Buy Securities. President Wilson when he outlines the government's plans in his forthcoming address to Congress, will ask that the government be empowered to buy any quantity of new railroad securities.

May Take Over Express. The director general will have authority to decide whether the government will also assume operation and control of the express companies.

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PRICES OF STOCKS ADVANCE, SHOWING PUBLIC APPROVAL

FINANCIAL INTEREST OF COUNTRY ENDORSE PRESIDENT'S FINAL DECISION.

WHOLE LIST TAKES JUMP

Increases in Early Trading Range From 2 to 8 Points, the Bidding Up Being Furious.

New York, Dec. 27.—President Wilson's proclamation taking over control of railroads with guarantees as to earnings was reflected in Wall Street today by an exceptionally most sensational rise in stocks seen for years.

The market leaped forward at the outset, prices jumping 5 to 18 points above yesterday's close. Buying during the afternoon continued in full swing and industrials and specialties and showed extreme gains of 3 to 6 points.

United States Steel showed an extreme advance of 4 1/2 points at 88. New York, Dec. 27.—Stocks soared at the opening of the stock market today, denoting the satisfaction of the financial community with the president's decision to take over the railroads.

The advances ranged from 2 to 8 points in the railroad list, all the standard shares being bid up furiously. New York Central advanced 7 1/2 points to 77; New Haven 2 1/2 to 29; Erie 2 1/2 to 16; "So" four points to 81; Reading 2 1/2 to 70 1/2; Southern Pacific 6 1/2 to 112; Southern Railway 2 1/2 to 24 1/2.

BANKERS AND RAILROAD HEADS ENDORSE MOVE. By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 27.—Almost without exception leading bankers and executives of railroads having their headquarters here today expressed their approval of the action of President Wilson in taking over the country's railroads.

Some Employees to Go. Under government control every effort will be made to interfere as little as possible with the personnel of the companies, but it is considered inevitable that some employees will be cut off.

Staff of Assistants. Mr. McAdoo is expected to develop a staff of assistants as soon as he probably will use the existing agencies of the interstate commerce commission to a large extent.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO OPERATE RAILROADS. By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 27.—Control of the nation's railroads to bring about uniform operation for the war will be assumed by the government at noon Friday, December 28, and taking over still retaining his cabinet post, in charge as director general of railroads.

Legislation Desired. In a statement issued with the formal proclamation, President Wilson said he would ask Congress as soon as it reassembled for legislation guaranteeing the operation of the railroads.

Warning is Issued to Men Who Fail to Secure Questionnaires. The local exemption board has issued a warning to those registrants who have not called for the quota of questionnaires which has been mailed.

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Call Field Y. M. C. A. Is To Benefit From Swiss Bell Ringers

Call Field's Y. M. C. A. will benefit from the performance of the Swiss Bell Ringers, who will be here for matinee and night performance next Thursday, January 3, at the Wichita Theater.

Fletcher S. Jones Is To Be Candidate For District Attorney

Attorney Fletcher S. Jones of this city is telling his friends that he will be a candidate for district attorney in the 20th judicial district to succeed Lesley Humphries who will not be a candidate for re-nomination.

VALUATION BOARD TO TAKE UP SUNSET CENTRAL.

By Associated Press. Austin, Dec. 27.—During the early part of next month the valuation board of the interstate commerce commission will commence the valuation of the Sunset-Central Lines and other Texas companies, according to announcement by P. A. Thompson, mem-

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THE RED TRIANGLE

(By Margaret Walter)

London, Dec. 25.—Who started the Y. M. C. A. work for the soldiers? I hear there is some question of this in America and that it had been said it was an American who first thought of the hut at the front. So I asked Mr. Robert McCann, Secretary of the Army and Navy Department of the Y. M. C. A. to tell me about the war work of his organization.

Go With Soldiers. "In tents and sheds, in the open, on the march, our men from 250 centers moved right along with the soldiers. On the day that England declared war we sent out seven thousand appeals for \$125,000 to cover the expenses of our work with the army.

With Government. "We work in connection with the British Government which facilitates our efforts in every possible way. We have seven hundred men in France and out of that number only 22 are fit for military service.

In Close Harmony. "On the contrary, we work in close harmony with all religious bodies with Catholics, Protestants and the Jews. There is not a hut of the 'red triangle' anywhere in Christendom where a priest is not welcomed to hold his mass, where a Zionist meeting may not be organized. And it is because we devote our energies entirely to the material well-being of the soldiers that we do not in any particular conflict with the spiritual ministers.

Wife Great Cost. "A few weeks ago when I was out there on a tour of inspection one man in the waiting line wore his great coat huddled round his shoulders. Seeing he was dead white I made him sit down. He drank a cup of tea and then I tried to hustle him forward for I feared that he would collapse before his turn came. But he would not move and stood in his place in the unceasing procession. At last, just as he reached the doctor's tent, he fainted and we saw under the great coat the tunic of a major soaked with his life blood.

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States before the U. S. A. came in to the war. Now most of them have gone back to work in your training camps or are among American troops in France. Mr. E. C. Carter, an American, who was national secretary in India, joined our headquarters here at the beginning of the war and he is now in charge of the entire work in this country and in France. Mr. Ewing, another American, is in charge of the American headquarters in London.

No Public Appeal. "No, nor will you. There is not going to be any public appeal; we have not beyond that we raise our money through the trades, as we call it. That is, every trade and profession is assigned a sum to raise within its own membership, the grain men, the grocers, the doctors, the lawyers, the bankers, the insurance men, the railways; and that is all that has to be done—no expense of campaign, no begging. Why, last year the Baltic Exchange alone raised \$25,000 at one go.

Gives Example. "I'll give you an example of how the work starts. Normanton, a little village in Yorkshire, is the center of a large recruiting district. Here great numbers of drafted men have to wait hours for trains. At the bare floor of the small station a conductor on the branch line that ran through the place evolved a plan for making these men comfortable.

TRY SOME FISH. Austin, Tex., Dec. 27.—By actual feeding experiments it has been found that twelve pounds of corn will make one pound of beef—that eight pounds of corn make one pound of pork. How much corn is needed to make a pound of fish? Clearly those who eat fish are not only saving meat but also grain as well. But you say you do not like fish. Neither do the men like trench warfare. They are not terribly keen about digging long trenches in which to live day by day—sometimes half filled with frozen mud and water.

DR. J. D. PROCTOR PAINLESS DENTIST. Tubercular Colony. "We have just started a farm colony for tubercular soldiers and already we have 20 patients, every one of whom is curable. "How about the Eagle Hut of the American Y. M. C. A. in Aldwych? "We built it. "But it belongs to us now, doesn't it?"



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WHO SAID FISH?

The State and Federal food administrations are insistent that we eat more fish and less beef and pork. They point out that it takes 12 pounds of corn to make one pound of beef and eight pounds of corn to make one pound of pork. This does not include roughage which is serviceable as food only for livestock. Thus it is pointed out that when one eats fish he does not only conserve the supply of meat, but he conserves the supply of corn, which may be made into meal and be of great nutritive value to human beings.

We favor fish several times a week. We understand exactly how the eating of fish will be both a patriotic act and an unalloyed delight. But Holiday Creek is on a strike. Galveston is a long way off. Fish are scarce. The price is high.

Is there no suggestion forthcoming as to some means by which we can obtain a supply of fish.

We will be delighted to eat fish if someone will tell us where and how to get them.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP NEXT?

The Federal government has definitely decided to take charge of the railroads and operate them for a time with Secretary of the Treasury Wm. G. McAdoo as director. This movement will go into effect tomorrow. By many it is believed that this is the first move toward government ownership of the railroads. In the event government control proves a success there would seem no reason why government ownership of the railroads could not be made to work even more successfully. And, looking to the future, if the railroads of the country can be operated successfully under government control and government ownership, it is but reasonable to conclude that government control and government ownership of the telegraph and telephone lines can be operated successfully and give better service at more reasonable rates than under private ownership. The railroads, telegraph and telephone lines are accumulating wealth at a most rapid rate, and those who have been keeping in close touch with their earnings as shown by the enormous dividends declared monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or yearly, as the case may be, are of the opinion that had the government taken charge of them years ago, paying to the owners a profit that is reasonable for the property, freight and passenger rates, telegraph and telephone tolls would now be much more reasonable and the service rendered much better than at present. And all this could be done at a nice profit to the government, one that would more than justify such an investment. As managed at present, the first and principal object of these concerns is to declare large profits and build up large fortunes for individuals. It is frequently the case that stock in such properties pay regularly and apparently with little effort a profit annually of more than 100 per cent over and above the amount of actual money invested in them, and the people who are forced to patronize them have to pay these enormous and unreasonable profits. Should this move lead finally to government ownership it is not believed the government is going to pay more for the property than its actual physical value. In plain words, the government, it is believed, will see to it that no watered stock is to be worked off on it. During the time the government has control of the railroads the actual value of the properties can be determined, and if this is to be the course pursued by the government the people will get better service at a more reasonable price, and the em-

ployees will get as good or better pay. There will be no one on the pay rolls drawing large salaries and performing no service whatever. All that will be cut out, and when the government takes control this business of issuing annual passes to the people who are most able to pay for their joy-riding will cease. If all the people who are now riding on free passes were forced to pay full fare that of itself should enable the railroads to cut its passenger rates one third under what it now is. This is one abuse that will be corrected if the government ownership follows government control of railroads, and the general public who compose the great mass of people will be the beneficiaries.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT IS PROVEN OF GREAT GOOD

Washington, Dec. 27.—Ten years of enforcement of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, are reviewed in the current annual report of the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, which says that the act's chief contributions to the safety of the people's health have been its corrective effect upon the drug and patent medicine industry, its control of trade in unclean milk, polluted, decomposed or filthy foods, and protection of foodstuffs from contamination with poisons likely to be met in manufacture.

General Effect. The general effect of the Food and Drugs Act may best be estimated, says the report, by considering its effect upon food and drug control by the states; upon development of the food and drug industries and by the principal abuses that have been corrected. But to illustrate the scope of the work through figures and facts, the report points out that more than 6,000 prosecutions have been terminated in the courts in the first decade of the act; that manufacturers have been cited at hearings more than 40,000 times, that many thousands of factory inspections have been made, and that more than 750,000 shipments of domestic or imported food and drugs have been examined.

Special attention has been given to shipments of polluted or spoiled food. Milk shipped in interstate commerce and imported from Canada has been improved in cleanliness, purity, and the condition of sanitation under which produced. The canning of decomposed navy beans has been largely suppressed. Interstate shipment of oysters from polluted waters has practically ceased. Because of cooperation with state and municipal officials in controlling the shipment of bad eggs, it is reported that the quality of the eggs reaching the large cities is much improved. Other products in whose handling and sale improvement has been noted include mineral water, tomato products, fruit, vinegar and gelatin.

States Co-operate. One consequence of the enactment of the Food and Drugs Act was to encourage similar legislation in many of the states, the purpose of which is to control local traffic in food and drugs which, since no interstate commerce is involved, are not subject to the federal law. For example, in 1906, many states had no feeding stuffs laws. A state could not prosecute a manufacturer unless he were a citizen of that state. The federal law supplements the state law in this respect and now most of the states have similar laws.

In the beginning the confusion and apparent conflict between local and federal laws and administration of

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laws not only made it difficult for the two sets of officials to cooperate, but often made it necessary for manufacturers to make special preparations for shipment to certain states at extra cost, the extra cost being passed on to the ultimate consumer. This evil has been remedied to a considerable extent by the organization of two agencies which in a large measure have removed some of the difficulties arising from the conflict of federal and state jurisdiction. These agencies are (1) The Joint Committee on Definitions and Standards and (2) The Office of Cooperative State and Federal Food and Drug Control.

Development in Food. The Food and Drugs Act was one of the first laws which today would be classed as laws for the prevention of unfair competition. The report says that the suppression of fraud upon the consumer and of unfair competition among business rivals are "but the two faces of the same coin." In consequence the food industries are sincerely and actively helping the Bureau of Chemistry to enforce the law.

Frequently, the report says, the Bureau is appealed to by the officials in controlling the shipment of unfair practices and to encourage the standardization of the products, when the industry is incapable by itself of bringing about these results. The act is described as one of the influences which have helped to draw competitors together into association like the guilds of the middle ages, although the modern associations lack the special privileges which the ancient guilds often enjoyed.

Some of the associations, understanding the value of constructive work, now devote considerable money to experimental research into technical problems. Thus is made available to the small manufacturer scientific assistance ordinarily beyond his reach. Since the Bureau of Chemistry always has regarded it as its duty not merely to report violations of the law but also to prevent accidental violations through constructive work in tending to improve methods of manufacture, it co-oper-

ates actively with such associations of manufacturers. Such co-operation, by the various government agencies, says the report, is bound to exert the profoundest influence on the country's industrial and social development.

Abuses Corrected by Law. The best evidence, according to the report, that many of the abuses formerly occurring in the food industry have ceased is found in the fact that the violations of the Food and Drugs Act observed today are hardly comparable, in degree, with those in the first few years following the enactment of the law.

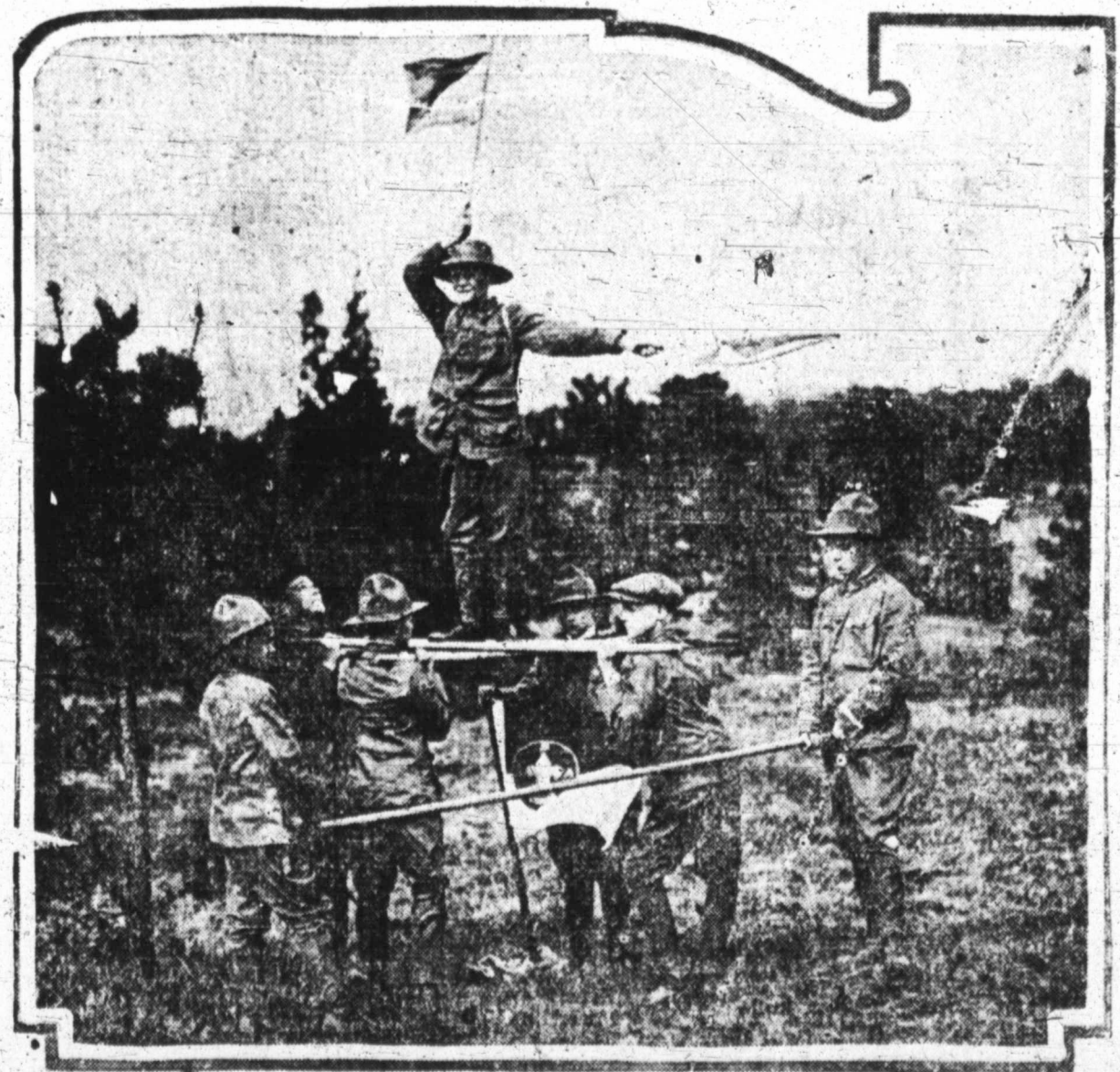
Most of the staple-food products now found in violation either are of a higher grade than formerly or are products of clever adulterators who have more or less anticipated detection so that the adulterations have been found only by the most painstaking chemical analyses and factory inspection.

Consequently there has been a decided change in the direction of the work. In recent years it has developed quite noticeably in the direction of factory sanitation; of the study of spoilage and decomposition of foodstuffs and of improvement through laboratory research of methods of detecting the more refined types of adulteration.

MOBILIZATION OF CREDIT PLAN OF COMMISSIONER.

By Associated Press. Austin, Dec. 27.—In order to mobilize the banking credit of the country as a war measure, Charles O. Austin, state commissioner of banking and insurance, urges the 864 state banks now operating in Texas to join and become members of the Federal Reserve system. Many of these banks, it develops, have asked the advice of the commissioner, which prompted him to officially announce his position. Commissioner Austin desires to have the stockholders at their meetings, to be held early in January, give consideration to this proposition.

VALUE OF BOY SCOUT SIGNALLING RECOGNIZED IN AVIATION CORPS



BOY SCOUTS SIGNALLING DURING A HIKE

The great value of Boy Scout training—especially to young men enlisting in the nation's fighting forces—is being emphasized at this time by almost daily reports from the cantonments throughout the country. Government officials have written repeatedly to the headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America extolling the training of the organization and giving instances in which such training has proved valuable in camp activities.

Campbell-Anderson Co. Successors to Pennington's Millinery Special for Friday and Saturday. Any Ladies' Hat, values up to \$10.00, for \$3.98 20% Discount on Ladies' Suits Men's Shirts One lot of Men's Dress Shirts, values from \$1.25 to \$2.00, Special Friday and Saturday 95c Campbell-Anderson Co. Successors to Pennington's

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ROTARIANS HEAR PLAN FOR STUNT AT CONVENTION

The Rotarians at their weekly luncheon today heard B. F. Johnson's suggestion for an unusual stunt for Texas Rotarians to pull off to make themselves noticed at the International Rotary meet to be held in Kansas City next June.

Mr. Johnson suggested that delegations from the various Texas cities "take themselves in a manner distinctive of the chief industry of that city's section, for example, that Wichita Falls Rotarians go dressed as oil drillers, Houstonites as lumber men, and other cities following suit.

During the luncheon hour the members were entertained by Orill O'Rilly, director of the Knights of Columbus war benefit minstrel, who sang and gave readings. Ernest Katz was accompanied, both being guests of Joe Colonn.

MRS. FLORENCE WALSH HELD TO GRAND JURY. Preliminary hearing was given Mrs. Florence Walsh, charged with the murder of her husband, Byron Walsh, near Burk Burnett the morning of Dec. 24, this afternoon in Judge W. J. Howard's court, and the woman bound over to await action of the grand jury which will convene on January 14.

Two Are Bound Over Charged With Selling Liquor to Soldiers

Pink Rhodes and Maggie Rhodes, charged with selling liquor to soldiers, were bound over in the sum of \$1,000 apiece, to the federal grand jury today by Commissioner J. A. Lantz, who has returned from spending Christmas in Dallas.

WEDDING IS HELD IN NEW HOME OF COUPLE.

Miss Carrie Roberts and Fred Elmer were married Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the home previously purchased and furnished by the groom at 400 Scott avenue. The bride wore a tailored suit of burgundy shade and carried a bouquet of cream roses.

E. G. Cook, of the Atlas Winmill Co., has returned from a business trip to San Antonio, Houston and Mineral Wells.

A. D. Wagner is here from Denver looking after business interests. Mr. Wagner reports Mrs. Wagner's health as improving.

TODAY'S MARKETS

CORN GOES DOWN RESULT ACTION AS TO RAILWAYS

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Notice that the government would take possession of the railways had a bearish effect today on the corn market. A majority of traders are inclined to the belief that the government action would tend to result in a larger movement of grain from the interior to the principal terminals.

Table with columns: Open, High, Low, Close. Rows for Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec.

Kansas City Cash Grain. Kansas City, Dec. 27.—Corn: No. 2, white \$1.68@1.70; No. 2, white \$1.70@1.72.

Liverpool Spot Cotton. Liverpool, Dec. 27.—Cotton: spot slow. Prices higher. Good middling 23.02; middling 22.49; low middling 21.97; good ordinary 20.96; ordinary 20.45.

DEEDS FILED FOR RECORD. John T. Overbey and wife to S. J. Hood, a tract of ground in Iowa Park townsite, \$2,500.

Local Brevities

E. G. Hill, undertaker, office and parlors, 509 Sant Ave. Phone 225. Prompt ambulance service 92 tlc. Dr. Du Val, Glasses fitted 174 tlc. Dr. Scharff, Osteopath, K. & K. Bldg. We clean and remodel furs of all kinds into the latest shapes.

LIVESTOCK

Fort Worth Live Stock. Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 27.—CATTLE: Receipts 1,500; market unevenly higher. Beef steers \$7.50@11.25; stockers \$6.50@9.50; heifers \$6.75@9.75; cows \$5.00@8.50; bulls \$5.00@7.50; calves \$5.50@11.25.

Kansas City Live Stock. Kansas City, Dec. 27.—CATTLE: Receipts 4,000; steady. Bulk \$16.50@17.10; heavy \$16.00@17.20; light \$16.00@17.00; yearlings \$12.00@13.00; wethers \$10.00@12.00; ewes \$10.00@11.00; culled \$5.50@7.50; goats \$5.50@7.50.

Chicago Live Stock. Chicago, Dec. 27.—HOGS: Receipts 42,000; slow 5 to 10 cents lower. Bulk \$15.80@17.10; light \$16.20@17.10; mixed \$16.60@17.20; heavy \$16.55@17.20; rough \$16.55@16.70; pigs \$12.00@15.00.

St. Louis Live Stock. St. Louis, Dec. 27.—HOGS: Receipts 12,000; five cents lower. Lights \$16.90@17.20; pigs \$14.00@16.00; mixed and butchers \$17.00@17.30; good heavy \$17.20@17.30; bulk \$17.00@17.35.

New York Stocks. New York, Dec. 27.—The widespread approval of the government's proposed action in taking over the railways an allied properties of the country found reflection in a buoyant advance of prices at the active opening of today's stock market.

COTTON MARKET IRREGULAR FOR DAY'S TRADING

New York, Dec. 27.—The cotton market was somewhat irregular at the opening today, first prices being 27 points higher to 2 points lower, with near months relatively firm. Trading was comparatively quiet at the start but became more active as though sympathizing with the strength and excitement of the stock market.

New Orleans Cotton. New Orleans, Dec. 27.—The move by the government in the railroad question and reports of large sales of spots at higher prices after hours yesterday caused a rising tendency in cotton here today.

Cotton Seed Oil. New York, Dec. 27.—The cotton seed oil market closed firm. Spot 19.10 bid; December 19.50; January 19.35; March 19.65; May 19.10.

New Year's Gift Sale!

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and MONDAY We have quite a lot of gift merchandise left, in spite of our big Christmas rush, and in order to sell all these out quick we offer them at

1 1/2 AND 1/4 OFF REGULAR PRICES

You will probably wish to remember some friend or loved one on New Year. You can do so at a small cost by taking advantage of this New Year Sale.

JONES KENNEDY CO.

"The Place to Buy Your New Year Gifts"

Cameras and Photo Supplies



Now look beautiful! We have the beautifiers and all kinds of best Toilet Articles. Miller Drug Store Phone 193 Ohio and Eighth

A PROFITABLE RESOLUTION FOR THE NEW YEAR: HAVE IT DONE RIGHT! BY THE DE LUXE DRY CLEANERS 914 Phone 404 "We Clean Everything" A. J. VIETS, Prop. Scott

WICHITA THEATRE 2 NIGHTS COMMENCING MONDAY Dec. 31 MATINEE (Tuesday) New Years Day

D. W. GRIFFITH'S Mightiest Military Spectacle THE BIRTH OF A NATION 18,000 PEOPLE 3,000 HORSES 5,000 SCENES COST \$500,000

Reserve Your Seat Now at Rexall Drug Store K. of C. War Fund MINSTREL WICHITA THEATRE, MATINEE and NIGHT Tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 28th 75 PEOPLE 75 50 UGLY MEN 25 PRETTY GIRLS

Did You Forget To Remember Any of Your Friends Christmas? IT is very appropriate to make the GIFT on New Year, or at any time during Holidays. You will still find in our line many beautiful things to select from. We will be pleased to wait on you and give you the best of service. B. T. BURGESS, Jeweler 613 Eighth Street Phone 165

BLANK BOOKS DESKS, TABLES and CHAIRS EVERYTHING FOR THE OFFICE Start the New Year off with a new set of books. Our stock of Loose Sheet and Bound Ledgers, Cash Books, Journals, etc., Columnar Books, Transfer and Invoice Binders is more extensive this year than ever before. ATTEND TO THIS NOW SO YOU WILL BE ALL FIXED UP FOR THE FIRST OF THE NEW YEAR. OLD FURNITURE TAKEN IN EXCHANGE FOR NEW MARTIN'S BOOK STORE 609-611 8th St. Free Delivery in Business District Only Phones 96 and 2139

It was the BIRTH OF A NOTION when FELL began making Candy—now his Candies are the PRIDE OF THE NATION. FELL'S 722 Indiana ANDERSON & PATTERSON Insurance of all kinds—Loans, Real Estate and Rentals, 616 Eighth.



Wanted To Buy Second-Hand Furniture and Stoves! Star Furniture Co. Phone 1011

BE READY FOR THE COLLECTOR

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—but the Times must employ collectors to follow the phone.

The extra accommodation of receiving by phone should be encouraged by always being ready for the collector.

DON'T LET HIM CALL THE SECOND TIME

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 Ads daily.

WANTS—Want ads are one cent a word for the first insertion and half a cent a word for subsequent insertions. No want ad taken for less than fifteen cents and no ad taken to run three times for less than 45 cents. In giving in Want Ads PHONE 167.

MISCELLANEOUS WANTS

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

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

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

Highest prices paid in cash or trade for second hand furniture, rugs, stoves, etc. Patton Furniture Co., 710 1/2 Seventh street, Phone 1660. 179 26tc

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

CARPET CLEANING—New club rates to old and new customers. My Harmless Vacuum Process more than pays the small cost for cleaning often for estimates. Phone 2268. R. A. Bailey. 187-4tc

WANT to correspond with party having complete string of second hand cable tools. Address "S" care of Times. 189-4tc

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

FOR NURSE call 2856. 191 6tp

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

GOOD HOME for good woman. Write full particulars of self and family. All correspondence held in strict confidence. Address Box 803 city. 193 8tp

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

WANTED—Two or three unfurnished rooms—F. M. Robinson, 813 1/2 10th. dtg 961

WANTED—By permanent renters, 5 or 6 room house in walking distance of town. W. E. Millican, phone 1381. 196 3tp

WANTED TO RENT—Two modern unfurnished rooms. Phone 1961. 196 3tp

WANTED TO secure by Jan. 1st, board and rooms for young lady and brother. Phone 241. 196 3tc

HELP WANTED—Female

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

WANTED—Middle age woman to do cooking, washing and ironing; phone 150. 195-4tc

WANTED—Girl, one who is not afraid to work. Good wages. Phone Mrs. J. S. Pitman. 118. 196 tlc

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. 194-3tc

MEN WANTED—Apply new Mill building, 1806 Bluff. Barrel Construction Co. 195-2tc

BROOM MAKER WANTED At once, good salary to competent men. Write Broom Factory, 924 West Eighth street, Kansas City, Mo. Hugh Thompson Broom Co. 196 8tc

USED AUTOS FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Five-passenger Ford in A1 condition, 1920 7th street. Phone 1072. 185-4tp

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 Cylinder, 5-pass...\$380.00 1 Mitchell cylinder...\$200.00

WILLS CAR CO. Corner 10th and Scott—Phone 2150. 195-4tc

FOR SALE—5-passenger Studebaker car. See Nichols at Standard Garage, 704 Scott Ave. 194-6tp

HELP WANTED

WANTED—Experienced help at Model Laundry 193 tlc

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The Second-Hand Man BUY, SELL, REPAIR and UPHOLSTER.

Phone 718 715 Seventh St.

FOR SALE—City Property

FOR SALE—11 room rooming house 1305-11th st. phone 2366. 162-4tc

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

FOR SALE—Several choice lots on pavement on Eleventh street. Will sell you lot and loan money to build. LINN A. BOYD, 603 Eighth Street, Phone 1861. 168 tlc

FIVE ROOM house on 14th will sell this on the installment plan. Price \$2600. Stehlik & Baber. 192 tlc

FOR SALE—Nice five-room house on Taylor street in Floral Heights, lot 561510, back yard fenced, barn and chicken house. Terms. See Dr. A. L. Lane. 180-4tc

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

FOR SALE—By owner, five-room, brand new modern house. Never 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 572. 189-4tc

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

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

UNFURNISHED ROOMS

FOR RENT—Two furnished home-keeping rooms on car line, 1319 Eleventh st. 195-3tp

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Garage suitable for two cars, close in 606 Lee St. phone 1926 190-6tp

GROUND RENT—On valuable vacant lot 70 by 140 feet, corner Ohio and twelfth, long lease to right party. John C. James, Roff, Okla. 195-13tp

NOTICES

Subscriptions to THE TIMES accepted at NOBLE GRAY'S NEWS STAND in lobby of FIRST NAT'L BANK BLDG.

NOTICE—Experienced detective work. Strictly confidential. Will open office in this city about Dec. 10th. Address P. O. 560. 174 6tc

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

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the stockholders of First National Bank of Wichita Falls, Texas, will be held at the office of the said bank on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, between the hours of 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. of said date for the purpose of electing Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and such other business as the stockholders may desire to discuss. T. J. TAYLOR, Cashier. 181-30tc

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Wichita State 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 a. m. and 4 p. m. of said date for the purpose of electing Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and such other business as the stockholders may desire to discuss. BHEA HOWARD, Secretary. 186-30tc

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LIVESTOCK LARGE HORSE—Work ankwere, gentle, in good condition, has been well fed. Phone 1160. 195 6tp

GREECE DESIRES HER CITIZENS TO ENLIST IN ARMY Washington, Dec. 26—Greece wants her citizens in the United States to enlist in the American army. Not only will she suspend punishments which ordinarily would follow enlistments of Greeks with a foreign power but she will reward them for supporting the American arms. This is the substance of a note from the Greek government delivered here today to the state department.

Is To Be End Man In Minstrel Show

The final orchestra and dress rehearsal of the K. of C. Minstrel show which will be presented at the Wichita Theater tomorrow night is ready. All jokes have been thoroughly sterilized and the show promises to be the biggest home talent performance ever presented here. Seventy-five people will take part, fifty men and twenty five pretty girls.

OLD MATTRESSES MADE NEW. A faulty uneven Mattress makes a good night's sleep impossible. Let us make over any such mattress you may have in mind. We'll return it to you not just as good but better than it was when you bought it. And as to our own special make, we will not only guarantee its substantiality, workmanship, but guarantee you a good night's sleep, if it takes only a comfortable mattress to induce it.

Use Your Eyes—Do Not Abuse Them. Strength comes by use that trains but does not strain. If there is a hint or sign of strain, if there are spots before the eyes at times, if there is a headache or pain about the eyes, if there is a hazy, or the letters seem doubled or mixed. THEN YOU ARE INJURING YOUR EYES EVERY DAY. These defects may seem small, yet if left to themselves they will grow. The thing that will stop them is glasses. Proper Glasses. Our kind.

Haltom & Friedly Optical Parlor Entrance through Jewelry Store 614 Eighth St. Phone 878

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. One new modern five room up-to-date stucco house on Eleventh street. Can give immediate possession for \$4,200 on terms. Beautiful six room bungalow on Eleventh will be ready for occupancy by January first. Will sell at a bargain. Phone or see us for price and terms. A large list of homes and choice vacant lots all over town. See us for real bargains.

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Knights of Pythias Lodge Meets Friday Night, Initiation in the Rank of Esquire. Dr. J. W. DuVal, C. G. H. P. Hodges, K. E. S.

Knights and Ladies of Security Council 3363 meets every Tuesday evening Masonic Temple 10th and Scott. Drawing every business meeting. M. W. McGinnis, Treas. Phone 1024 610 7th.

Wichita Falls Lodge No. 628 A. F. & A. M. Stated meetings first and third Friday nights in each month. J. W. BROTHERS, W. M. J. W. WALKUP, Sec.

Wichita Falls Chapter No. 202. R. A. M. Stated convocations second Friday night in each month. W. Y. HAMMACK, H. P. J. W. WALKUP, Sec.

Wichita Falls Chapter No. 25T meetings first and third Tuesday nights of each month. MRS. V. E. STAMPELL, W. M. MRS. MAE DAKAN, Sec.

BETTER BE SAFE THAN SORRY. Its better to make SURE of careful handling of your expensive household furnishings, etc., by having us move your effects in our Modern Van Equipment than to risk having articles broken, soiled, or lost by having them moved by an unknown or poorly equipped concern. Our rates are moderate and our service is guaranteed. Call Phone 14 or 414. McFall Transfer & Storage Co. Office 317 Ohio Ave. PHONES 411 and 411

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### GERMAN MINORITY SOCIALISTS ARE PLACED IN JAIL

FAILURE TO ENDORSE ACTS OF GOVERNMENT BELIEVED TO BE REASON

### HAVE GROWN IN POWER

Three Hundred Leaders of Party Are Arrested in Various Sections of Country, Says Cable.

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 27.—More than 300 members of the German minority socialist party were arrested on Christmas Eve by the German military authorities, according to a Zurich dispatch given out today by the Wireless Press.

The dispatch reads: "Following the arrest of minority Socialists at Cologne and Karlsruhe recently, the German military authorities made a large number of arrests on Christmas Eve in Munich, Frankfurt, Leipzig, Magdeburg, Dusseldorf, Darmstadt, Nuremberg, Dortmund, Cassel, Mannheim, Mayence, Coburg, Duisburg and Gotha.

More than 300 minority Socialists and local leaders in the towns mentioned were arrested." The German minority Socialists comprise a strong faction in the party which refused to follow the lead of Philipp Scheidemann and others in their virtually unqualified support of the government.

### TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED TO BUY—Fat cows and yearlings for beef, also hogs. J. W. Short, phone 592. 196-261c

BOARD and room in private home for two people—couple preferred. Address "M." care of Times. 196-31p

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### McIver Announces He Is to Be Candidate For Marshal of City

D. D. McIver today makes his formal announcement as a candidate for city marshal in the city election next April. Mr. McIver hopes to see every voter in the city between this time and election day and will gladly give his views on any question connected with the office he seeks.

Mr. McIver has been a resident of Wichita Falls for a number of years and has been on the police force for the last three years. His integrity is above question and he believes that his experience has fitted him the better for the office he seeks. Mr. McIver has many friends who will be glad to speak a good word for him.

### Katy Railroad Will Train Women to Take Places Held by Men

Announcement has been received here that the Katy will open a school there on January 7th for the training of women and girls for railroad positions to fill vacancies occasioned by enlistments or by the selective draft. Training will be given in all branches of station and office work.

The wives, sisters and daughters of railroad men will be given preference in enrollment in the school. Those desiring to enroll are instructed to address "Katy Training School, Room 302, M. K. & T. Building, Dallas, Texas."

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 27.—Japanese Minister to Mexico Opta and his wife, accompanied by the secretary of the embassy, arrived in Laredo today. The party is on the way to Washington and will depart from here tonight.

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### WOODEN VESSELS PROGRAM ALMOST TOTAL FAILURE

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 27.—The wooden shipbuilding program was pictured as an almost complete failure today by Rear Admiral P. A. Bowles, assistant general manager of the emergency fleet corporation, testifying at the senate commerce committee's investigation of shipbuilding.

The maximum number of wooden ships that possibly could be built even if all available ship timber was delivered to the corporation, Bowles said, would total next year only 379, although the corporation has contracts outstanding for the construction of 47.

No more wooden contracts will be let, he said, unless the builder convinces the corporation that he has available under his own control a proper supply of timber.

"I want it understood in justice to myself," said the admiral, "that I had nothing to do with placing these contracts.

Admiral Bowles assumed entire responsibility for the changes in the design of wooden vessels, but declared they caused little delay.

called steel ships, and appeared somewhat disposed to criticize their terms on the ground that profits were too high.

Questions brought from Admiral Bowles that the American International Corporation at Camden, N. J., will profit \$9,000,000 on the construction of 120 steel vessels. The government furnishes all the capital and pays all the bills. Asked what the corporation furnished, Admiral Bowles replied:

Put Up "Know How." "They put up the 'know how,' at 1 the organization."

If it becomes advisable for the government to build and operate ships after the war, the investment in the fabricating yards, Admiral Bowles said, will be found to have been a profitable overture for the government.

Increased Rates to Go Into Effect Soon Upon Houston Phones

Houston, Dec. 27.—Officials of the Southwestern Telephone and Telegraph Company today filed with the Houston city commission a tentative statement of rates to become effective February 1, providing for a general advance in the cost of telephone service in this city.

The new rate provides both for a metered service and a flat rate, the intention, according to the officials, being to reduce the number of calls and thereby improve service.

Increased operating costs are cited as the chief cause of the proposed increase. It is estimated this will produce an additional revenue of \$167,000 annually.

### TEN DEEP WELLS ARE BEING DUG FOR CITY WATER

To provide a water supply against the time Lake Wichita may fail, the Wichita Falls Water company is digging ten large wells in the bed of the Wichita river at the foot of Lamar street. These wells are to be twenty inches in diameter and will be sunk into the clay formation that underlies the sand and gravel at a considerable depth in the river bed.

Five of the wells have already been completed and give assurance of a water supply adequate to the city's needs. Pumps are to be installed at the wells and the water will be pumped directly into the city mains.

There is still a sixty days or more supply in Lake Wichita and a thirty days' supply in the big reservoir at the pumping plant. It is probable that water will be pumped from the wells in the river before the supply in the lake is exhausted. In the meantime water company officials are still hoping for big rains although they are going ahead as if they don't expect rains for months.

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**Governor and Wife Receive Silver As Gifts of Employees**  
By Associated Press. Austin, Dec. 27.—Governor and Mrs. Hobby were the recipients of an elaborate silver tea set, being the gift of the state house officials and employees. This gift was a mark of the esteem in which the governor and Mrs. Hobby are held by the officials and attaches of the various departments.

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