

KING FERDINAND AND ABDICATES

Treason Is Charge; One Is Arrested

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 29.—Paul Henning, a naturalized German, who has been employed as a foreman in a Brooklyn factory engaged in the making of torpedoes for the United States government, was remanded to jail with out bail in federal court here today, charged with treason.

"ORDER NUMBER 1" ISSUED RAILROADS BY NEW DIRECTOR

PLACES ALL TERMINALS IN COMMON USAGE FOR ROADS AND SECURES SHORT ROUTING IMPROVEMENT PREDICTED

Executives of Individual Line Say Private Ownership is Thing of Past as New Move Will Succeed

Taft Says "Traitors" Are Those Stirring Party Animosity



WILLIAM H. TAIT.

By Associated Press. Springfield, Ill., Dec. 29.—Persons who seek to stir up party animosity or to bring to class prejudice while the war goes on are "traitors" to the nation, whether they know it or not, William Howard Taft, former president of the United States, declared here today in an address before the Mid-Lantern Club.

Petrograd Rumor Indicates Crisis Within Rumania

Sinking of Sub By U. S. Vessel Given In Detail

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 29.—Full details of the destruction by American destroyers of a German submarine and the capture of its crew made public today by the navy department show that the destroyers Fanning and Nicholson were the warships engaged. The incident was reported November 24th but few facts were given at the time.

By Associated Press. Petrograd, Dec. 29.—There are persistent rumors here King Ferdinand Rumania has abdicated in favor of Crown Prince Charles.

Disturbed conditions in Rumania were reported in a dispatch from Petrograd dated Monday.

King Ferdinand, who is a member of the Hohenzollern family, succeeded his uncle, King Charles, in October, 1914, King Charles having died at Sinaia on October 10. Rumania declared war on Austria on August 27, 1916 and King Ferdinand took personal command of the army shortly thereafter.

King Ferdinand is the son of Prince Leopold of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen and two of his brothers are generals in the German army. He was born at Sigmaringen August 24, 1865.

THREE DESTROYERS SUNK FLYING FLAG OF BRITISH OFF THE HOLLAND COAST

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 29.—Three British torpedo boat destroyers were sunk through being struck by torpedoes or hitting a mine off the Dutch coast on the night of December 22, with the loss of 13 officers and 180 men, the admiralty announced today.

EIGHT DIE IN WRECK; MANY HURT

By Associated Press. North Vernon, Ind., Dec. 29.—Seven are known to be dead and about twenty injured as the result of a head-on collision between a westbound Baltimore and Ohio train, a mile east of here tonight. All the dead were members of the crew. The westbound train carried several soldiers, according to reports, but it is not known if any were among the injured.

ADDITIONAL LOANS ARE MADE ALLIES BY UNITED STATES

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 29.—Credits to the allies passed the four billion mark today when Secretary McAdoo authorized additional loans of \$185,000,000 to Great Britain for January purchases in the United States; \$135,000,000 to France; \$2,000,000 to Belgium and \$1,000,000 to Serbia. Today's total was \$345,000,000 and the total credits to the allies \$4,235,000,000.

Fleischmann Company Would Get Exemption For All of Employees

By Associated Press. Dallas, Texas, Dec. 29.—An order to its employees from the Fleischmann Yeast Company of Cincinnati to claim exemption from the draft because of war contracts held by the firm will have no effect on the Dallas exemption boards, according to Cecil L. Simpson, chairman of the Oak Cliff board, today.

THE DEAD

The dead: Harry French, Seymour, ind. engineer on westbound train. Joseph Horning, Seymour, fireman, westbound train. M. C. Harvey, Cincinnati, baggageman on westbound train. Frank Day, Seymour, ind. engineer on eastbound train. M. E. Matthews, Seymour, ind. fireman on eastbound train. Albert Shur, Cincinnati, O. baggageman on eastbound train. J. H. Kempton, Cincinnati, O. brakeman on eastbound train.

MEN DISCHARGED DISHONORABLY TO BE SENT TO JAIL

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 29.—Dishonorable discharges from the army which some officers believe have been "squeezed upon" slackers and objects of the vehicle of escape from military service will no longer provide such an opportunity under an order issued today by Secretary Baker.

AMPLE COAL PROMISED FOR NEW YORK AT ONCE

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 29.—Ample coal to relieve the shortage at New York, which has delayed ocean-going ships and harbor traffic was promised today to the fuel administrator by A. V. Thompson, chairman of the committee of railroad vice presidents in charge of the freight situation in the Pittsburgh district. Approximately 500 cars will be available tomorrow, from boats at South Amboy, N. J., and cars enroute to the seaboard, he said.

WILL-SEEN SEE ADVANTAGES

The railroad chiefs today collected today that the advantages of the great non-competitive system now being developed would soon become apparent if the country never again revert to the old plan of private control. They even went so far as to predict very definitely that government ownership as well as control would be developed in a few years.

ORDER NO ONE

—All officers, agents and

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FRANCE NEEDS ALL SOLDIERS IS STAND PREMIER ASSUMES

By Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 29.—The vote of the chamber yesterday, M. Clemenceau said, was a mandate to the government to carry on the war and he asked the chamber to give him the means, general. He said, the commander-in-chief, had asked for a certain number of men to carry on urgently needed work on the front.

GREENVILLE FIREMEN GO WORK IN HUNT CO.

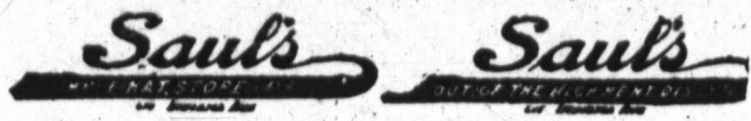
By Associated Press. Greenville, Tex., Dec. 29.—Firemen from Hunt County today went to Greenville, Hunt County, today. Several business houses and some cotton were destroyed. The cause is not known.

NATIONAL COAL SHORTAGE WILL DELAY WAR ORDERS

Washington, Dec. 29.—James J. Storrow, fuel administrator for New England, today told Secretary Baker that war contracts calling for hundreds of millions of dollars worth of clothing and war munitions could not be carried to completion at the present rate of coal supply.

Four German Submarines Are Captured By U. S. Destroyers?

By Associated Press. Boston, Dec. 29.—Four German submarines were captured recently by 12 American destroyers, according to an American seaman who reached his home here from a French port last night. The seaman, a former Boston newspaperman, was aboard the ship at the French port recently, he said, when the destroyers, all flying the stars and stripes, steamed in with their prizes. The submarines were lying on the surface of ocean with their conning towers open, during the process of recharging their batteries, when the destroyers swept down upon them and took them prisoners without a fight.



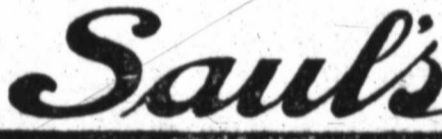
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TOTAL MEMBERS FOR RED CROSS HERE IS 11,507

FIGURES SHOW EXCELLENT RESULTS IN ALL OF COUNTY'S DISTRICTS

DRIVE GREAT SUCCESS

No Quota Worked For, But Efforts Made to Secure All Members Possible Here.

The late returns of the county on the Red Cross Christmas Membership drive were given out last night by W. D. Cline, who by this time is a somewhat wearied campaign manager, and a total membership of 11,507 is reported, these figures having been sent to Dallas headquarters.

The figures by districts are: Wichita Falls, 5591 adults, reported paid and tickets in, and 2075 juniors, also paid an tickets in, in addition are 30 memberships reported from Call Field, no names having been given, 10 from Ensign H. G. Robb; 12 by W. D. Cline and fifty juniors by J. G. Culbertson, a total of 7,788. The city, Iowa Park, 602 adults and 135 juniors; Burk Burnett 1222 adults, and 520 juniors; Electra 1090 adults, and 400 juniors, reported, and Clara 40 adults and 120 juniors, a total for the county of 11,497, to which is added a further 100 junior memberships which have been pledged but not assigned making the total 11,597.

No Quota Sought.

W. D. Cline stated that the difficulties of the campaign had been in no way lessened by the fact that publicity work had already been started with the idea that there were but 3,200 members to get, and that when the announcement that there was no quota but that the county was the limit, a deal of explanation had to be done, with no time to do it in, it is conceded by all who have worked in the campaign, however, that Mr. Cline put it over in a most thorough manner, driving straight through the difficulties, and keeping the work going by his energy, determination, and pleasant geniality, and bringing it to a table success.

Mr. Cline says that his chosen staff of workers have done wonders, and that Tom B. Smoek, his right hand man, who was as ubiquitous as a General's submarine, was absolutely indispensable to him; being always on hand to do what ever was to be done, whether it was carrying booths to the different stands in the other districts, or driving any number of miles to help in the other districts.

Thanks Those Who Aided.

Mr. Cline desires especially to thank Mrs. J. Hudson and Mrs. R. E. Shepherd who have been as faithful to their work in the office as the most exacting taskmaster could desire; to Miss Willie Mae Kell and Mrs. T. B. Smoek who, besides their many other duties, have found time to be on hand whenever there was extra work to do, and to do it; to Fred Weeks and his efficient speakers committee of ministers and lawyers; to E. J. Johnson, M. A. Bundy, and Clint Wood for their efficient work with their troops committees; to the Boy Scouts, Company No. 4, who were conscripted as messengers, and performed their duties diligently and well; to the telephone girls, both local and long distance, who put through hurry calls in record time; to Major Krapp, for his interest and the many courtesies and kind services of the office force; and out of town to Will Daniel, at Burk Burnett; J. W. Dunn at Electra, and J. E. Bond at Iowa Park for their efficient campaign management.

A report was turned in yesterday of one man, C. A. Walling, who sold an enormous watermelon for \$1.00, and L. Huffines, turning the money over to the Red Cross.

American Troops Are Held In Readiness To Follow Border Bandits

By Associated Press. Eagle Pass, Texas, Dec. 29.—The third infantry regiment stationed at Camp Eagle Pass, is being held in readiness to perform their duties at Indio Ranch, 20 miles below here, where the fourteenth cavalry and a machine gun company were sent last night following a raid on cattle by Mexicans from across the Rio Grande.

A number of Texas rangers had a running fight with the cattle thieves. It is said the raids are being made by Mexicans who are in search of food. Major Wells is in command of the troops now at Indio Ranch.

NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS MAY GO INTO NEW CAMP

By Associated Press. Dec. 29.—Adjutant General Harley today received a telegram from General Carter, chief of the militia bureau of the War Department in which he states: "Limited number of selected efficient physically fit officers and former officers of the national guard between ages of twenty three and forty seven years may enlist as privates of first class for attendance commencing January 15 at designated training camps, southern states and northern California on approval of applications by this bureau."

General Harley said that this decision on the part of the war department will give a chance to many former officers of the guard in Texas, in the service.

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HALF CAR OF COAL IS LEFT IN CITY; GAS SUPPLY SHORT

PERSPECTS OF SLIGHTLY WARMER TEMPERATURES FOR TODAY ONLY HOPEFUL SIGN

CITY IS FACING CRISIS

Electra and Burk Burnett are Both Decried to be in Sad Plight, As Well as Wichita Falls.

With less than half a carload of coal in the city and with the gas supply short of the extraordinary demands resulting from the bitter cold, Wichita Falls faced a critical situation last night. Prospects for slightly warmer temperatures was the only hopeful indication, for every ounce of pressure that can be raised is being forced into the gas mains and there is small prospect of any additions to the coal supply before the middle of the week, if then.

Electra and Burk Burnett. Conditions at Electra and Burk Burnett are reported to be even more critical than here. The Maricle Coal Company has a carload of coal en route from McAlester, Oklahoma but there is no certainty when it will arrive. O. H. Maricle left for Dallas this morning in an endeavor to get a carload of coal somehow. Heretofore Mr. Maricle has been compelled by the fuel administration to cancel some orders for coal on account of the natural gas here. For some time he has

been allowing only 1,000 pounds to a purchaser in an effort to conserve the supply against just such an emergency as has arisen. Yesterday orders for coal poured in from all parts of the city and the coal office was swamped.

Make No Promises

Mr. Maricle said that he could make no promises whatever about securing an additional supply of coal and he is advising those who can to lay in a supply of wood of any character for use in case the gas fails.

The gas companies can make no promises of a larger supply of gas, for they have been putting every foot of gas available into the mains under high pressure. There has been such a large drain that it has been impossible to keep up the pressure through all the mains and laterals.

LOCAL BOY TAKES BRIDE

WITH HIM T. OAVIATON SCHOOL. Clarence Moore, of this city, was united in marriage to Miss Leona Rominger of Fort Worth Friday evening, according to announcement received here. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are leaving immediately for Austin where Mr. Moore has been ordered to report at the ground school of aviation, having successfully passed his examination some time ago.

This announcement will be of much interest in Wichita Falls as the groom was one of the most popular members of the younger set, and is of a very prominent family, being the second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lee Moore, long time residents of this city. His bride is very well known here, having visited school friends here on numerous occasions within the past few years and is known as a girl of unusual beauty and charm of character as well as being very accomplished. She is of a prominent Fort Worth family. The friends of both young people will join in congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Moore.

MERCURY IS FAR BELOW

ZERO IN KANSAS. Kansas City, Dec. 29.—Temperatures ranging from 2 below zero to 12 below prevailed in Kansas and western Missouri today.

NATIONAL GUARD COMPANY TO BE RAISED IN CITY

Authorization from the war department is all that is now awaited before the organization of the Wichita Falls company of the new National guard is undertaken. According to Frank Kell, who was instrumental in the recruiting of the two companies secured in this section last summer, the organization will probably be begun the second week in January and efforts will be made even more vigorous than last summer.

There has been no announcement as to the personnel of the officers of the new company, in fact the only definite announcement is that the roster will be opened about January 7. All matters in connection with the next Texas Guard have been left with the war department. All companies raised at this time are to be of full war strength.

Uniforms and Coats

In Stores At Waco Taken For Soldiers

By Associated Press. Waco, Texas, Dec. 29.—The military authorities here today commandeered all uniforms and military overcoats in stores in Waco for the soldiers at Camp MacArthur. The arrival of drafted men made this action necessary. The national guard had been adequately supplied. The government took the clothing, allowing a reasonable profit to the merchants.

MID-YEAR GRADS AT HIGH SCHOOL ARE ANNOUNCED

There will be a class of mid-year graduates at the Wichita Falls high school at the close of this semester, about January 15, the first in the history of the school. There are four or five prospective graduates, according to Prof. H. E. Bell, principal of the school. There will be no graduating exercises however, and the winter graduates will receive their diplomas at the usual annual commencement exercises in June.

The Christmas vacation has been utilized by Prof. Bell in writing some personal letters, about 175 in number to parents whose sons or daughters are walking dangerously close to the edge of failure in one or more studies.

Already Mr. Bell has received gratifying response, he says, and there is hope that a number of the failures can be averted this term, of which there is two weeks left, by the cooperation of the parents in home work.

MANY LOCAL STORES WILL CLOSE TUESDAY OBSERVING NEW YEAR. A number of the larger stores of the city have announced that they will be closed on Tuesday in observance of the New Year's holiday. Included in the number are the P. B. M. Co., McCurran's, Baum & Gardner, Perkins Timberlake, Campbell-Anderson, Jones-Kennedy and Colonna.

CHIROPRACTIC THE NEW DRUGLESS, KNIFELESS, HEALTH AGENT, THAT IS WINNING CONFIDENCE IN HUNDREDS OF HOMES. Chiropractic is winning confidence because it is based on a right principle. And because it has made good in such a large percentage of cases that people who have been afflicted, and who have recovered, cannot help but talk of its merits. An intelligent person who will devote a few minutes thought to it cannot fail to realize the logic of Chiropractic. Acting on the theory that the life force, or the force that causes the life in the body, is derived from the brain, and is carried to the organs of the body over the nerves, it is easy to see that an insufficient amount of life force, or a pinching off of the life force going to any one organ, will cause a lifeless, or diseased condition of that organ. The application of medicine to an organ may result in soothing the pain to an extent where nature will cure itself—like salve on a sore toe. But no medicine can create life force in the body, nor carry it to the organs if the force is obstructed through pressure on the backbone, or anywhere else. More than 95 per cent of the so-called diseases are caused by pressure on the nerves at the point where they come out of the backbone to go to the organs, and for that reason CHIROPRACTIC has been successful in removing the cause of more than 95 per cent of the ordinary ills. For that reason, too, CHIROPRACTIC is just as efficacious in relieving cases of long standing as those of short duration. CHIROPRACTIC is a Greek word, meaning to do with your hands, and with his hands the Chiropractor simply adjusts the spinal column so that the nerves are unobstructed and the life force travels to the organs in a normal manner. If you are suffering with any disease, no matter whether you have been told it is incurable or not, we would like an opportunity of explaining CHIROPRACTIC to you, and we will tell you honestly whether you can be benefited or not. We do not need your money badly enough to take it unless we can do you good. F. A. BLACK, D. C. Member U. C. A. Graduate F. S. C. Consultation and Analysis Free LADY ATTENDANT Office 702 1/2 Indiana Phone 2599 Office Hours: 9 to 12—1:30 to 3—7 to 8 CORRECT SPINE INCORRECT SPINE

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SECOND DRAFT IS EXPECTED TO BE EXAMINED SOON

LOCAL EXEMPTION BOARD WILL MAIL NOTICES TO "CLASS 1" MONDAY

MAY BEGIN THIS WEEK

Committees of Lawyers Are Still Busy at Court House Assisting Men Fill Out Blanks.

Examination of the second draft is expected to begin late next week, the local exemption board to mail out notices to men who have been placed in Class 1 as indicated in the questionnaires beginning Monday. No call has yet been issued by the war department for the second draft, but as soon as the men are classified as without dependents they will be summoned for examination and will be held in readiness for the call. The men, both whites and negroes, taken over from the first draft, about 16 in number, will be sent with the first installment of the second draft quota, according to the announcement of the local board.

Half of the questionnaires have already been sent out, and George W. Thorburn at the local exemption board is classifying those received as quickly as they come in. The board is sitting to examine the questionnaires and in cases where they deem it advisable the classification is changed. There are some cases, it is stated, where the registrants have asked exemption on the grounds of having dependents, where in the opinion of the board such exemption should not be granted. In such case five days after the notice to appear for examination is received is given for an appeal to the district board. The processes of the draft will remain as in the calling of the first quota.

Lawyers Still Busy. The committees of lawyers at the courthouse continue to be kept busy by registrants seeking assistance in filling out their questionnaires. The Seventy-eighth district court room is practically filled morning and afternoon with men and women, many of them having several small children with them. So far the majority of the men have claimed exemption on the ground of dependent wives and families, according to a number of the legal advisory board, there have been a few claims for agricultural exemption and a few who have made no claims for exemption.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Barnes, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Pritchard, have returned to their home in Eleccra.

R. L. McDonald Will Be Candidate For City Marshal, Announcement

The Times today presents the name of R. L. McDonald as a candidate for city marshal in the municipal election next April. Mr. McDonald has for the past three years filled the post of night police chief and before that time had been deputy constable under Frank Burns. It is with a great deal of satisfaction that Mr. McDonald will point to his record in those positions. Mr. McDonald feels, and his friends feel with him that his experience as an officer and his natural aptitude for the work fit him to fill the office of chief of police in a most satisfactory manner. Mr. McDonald's work will keep him on duty at night and if he fails to see any voter personally, he wants that voter to understand that his work will prevent him from seeing as many of the voters as he would like.

New York, Dec. 29.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week (five days) shows that they hold \$112,376,829 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of \$35,135,620 from last week.

Actual Condition. Loans, discounts, etc., \$4,118,775,000; decrease \$32,686,000. Cash in own vaults members Federal Reserve banks (A) \$113,906,000; increase \$6,527,000. Reserve in Federal Reserve Bank of Member banks, \$561,429,000; increase \$48,941,000. Reserve in own vaults, state banks and trust companies (B) \$20,418,000; increase \$588,000. Reserve in depositories, state banks and trust companies \$8,179,000; decrease \$1,602,000. Net demand deposits \$3,350,168,000; increase \$92,694,000. Net time deposits \$198,492,000; increase \$12,274,000. Circulation \$34,104,000; increase \$29,000. Specie included in (A) and (B) \$86,801,000. Total deposits \$951,521,000; decrease \$14,073,000. Aggregate reserve \$590,034,000. Excess reserve \$112,376,829; increase \$35,135,620. Summary of state banks and trust companies in Greater New York not included in clearing house statement. Loans, discounts, etc., \$823,848,300; decrease \$13,997,500. Specie \$19,261,200; decrease \$3,637,600. Legal tenders \$76,164,000; increase \$212,100. Total deposits \$951,521,000; decrease \$14,073,000. Banks cash in vaults \$12,766,300. Trust Companies cash in vaults \$82,259,000.

Cotton Seed Oil. New York, Dec. 29.—The cotton seed oil market was quiet with operations mostly in the form of switches. Prices were irregular, closing ten points higher to ten points net lower. January sold at 19.24 and closed at 19.20. Sales were 2,800 barrels. The tone was firm as the food administration has expressed the opinion that crude should sell at \$1.31, and compared at 22.5 cents per pound. Sales 2,800 barrels. Prime crude 17.50 nominal.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 29.—Middling 30-32, receipts 4,423 exports 14,153; sales 1,600; stock 249,160.

New York Stock Market. By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 29.—The movement of stocks during today's short but active session was rather mixed despite surface indications of general strength.

Low priced rails were in further demand, especially the group of western and southwestern issues, while standard shares lagged.

Trading in motors was a non extensive scale, with extreme gains of one to four half points in Studebaker, General Motors, Willys-Overland and a few accessories.

Equipments and the war division as a whole tended towards higher levels with United States Steel fluctuating fractionally over and under yesterday's final quotation, closing virtually unchanged.

Gains in specialties were reduced, however heavy selling, especially in motors of the marine division. Sales amounted to 25,000 shares.

Trade authorities reported to the obscure outlook in general. The market with increased conservatism on the part of big business interests. Bonds were strong and unusually active on an enlarged inquiry for domestic issues.

United States bonds, old issues, were unchanged during the week, except the 4s which advanced 14 percent on call.

Reserve-Bank Statement. By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 29.—Net withdrawal of \$11,000,000 government deposits and reduction of the gross deposits by \$60,000,000 is shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly financial summary of the twelve banks condition as at the close of business last night. The total gold reserve increased by \$26,000,000. The report follows:

Resources. Gold coin and certificates in vault \$39,375,000. Gold settlement fund Federal Reserve Board \$212,520,000. Gold with foreign agencies \$5,500,000. Total gold held by banks \$569,927,000. Gold with Federal Reserve Agents \$2,183,000. (Gold redemption fund \$19,345,000. Total gold reserves \$1,671,133,000. Legal tender notes, silver, etc., \$49,635,000. Total reserves \$1,720,768,000. Bills discounted for members and Federal Reserve Banks \$680,706,000. Bills bought in open market \$27,266,000. Total bills on hand \$956,072,000. United States government long term securities \$48,350,000. United States government short term securities \$5,883,000. Municipal warrants \$1,005,000. Total earning assets \$1,964,210,000. Due from other Federal Reserve Banks net \$1,936,000. Uncollected items, \$201,107.00. Total deductions from gross deposits \$313,043,000. Five percent redemption fund against Federal Reserve Bank notes \$57,000. All other resources \$2,813,000. Total Resources \$2,117,170. Total liabilities. Capital paid in \$70,200. Government deposits \$108,213,000. Due to members, reserve account \$1,452,166,000. Collection items \$191,693,000. Other deposits including foreign government credits \$17,965,000. Total gross deposits \$1,771,037,000. Federal reserve notes in actual circulation \$1,246,488,000. Federal reserve bank notes in circulation net liability \$5,000,000. All other liabilities \$5,504,000. Total liabilities \$3,191,741,000. Gold reserve against net deposit liabilities 29.7 per cent. Gold and lawful money reserve against net deposits liabilities 62.1 per cent. Gold reserve against federal reserve notes in actual circulation 64.3 per cent.

Market Report

COTTON MARKET IS ON UPWARD TREND FOR DAY

New York, Dec. 29.—The trend of the cotton market was higher today and at one time prices ranged ten to eighteen points over the previous close with January selling up to 30.60, March to 29.90 and July to 29.37. The trade buying which was mainly responsible for the upward net local realizing and part of the advance in some positions was lost, although the close was very steady at a net rise of 4 to 18 points.

Japanese interests were leading buyers in the early market, taking March and October chiefly, but there was also support from western houses and French importers, latter said to have been buyers of May. The big spot sales yesterday in the south at the thirty-cent level attracted considerable attention and private advices received today said the south was willing to meet demands at that level.

Spot people here predicted that unless transportation facilities improved materially, March might go 100 points over July in this market.

New Orleans Cotton. New Orleans, Dec. 29.—A firm undertone was apparent in cotton here today, the market responding to continued reports of a good spot demand at higher prices. Shorts were inclined to cover and a moderate inquiry for long accounts sprang up. The opening was at the advance and the improvement was maintained through the day, prices at their highest being 29 to 21 points up. The close was 14 to 17 points up. Highest levels were reached after the posting of spot quotations, which advanced prices 13 points to 20.13 for middling, a new high record. Another feature which works for steadiness was the fairly large export movement for the day, which brought foreign clearances this high record. Another feature which works for steadiness was the fairly large export movement for the day, which brought foreign clearances this high record.

Chicago Produce. Chicago, Dec. 29.—Butter higher; creamery 39¢@49¢. Eggs: Higher, receipts 2,919 cases; firsts 56¢@57¢; ordinary firsts 52¢@55¢; at mark, cases included 50¢@55¢; refrigerator firsts 40¢@41¢. Potatoes: Receipts 15 cars, unchanged. Poultry: Alive lower, fowls 19¢@23¢; spring 23¢@24¢.

INCREASED PRICE PLACED ON GRAIN IN CHICAGO PIT

By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 29.—With railroads handicapped by the cold wave and with receipts consequently dwarfed, the grain market today had an upward slant throughout the session. Corn closed steady at the same as yesterday's finish to 3-8 cents higher. Oats gained 1 to 3-8 cents net. Provisions advanced seven cents to 45 cents.

Unfavorable conditions for the movement of the crop made the hardening of the corn market a foregone conclusion. Bullish sentiment, though, was held in check by prospects of government measures for relief.

Oats, although only fairly active, went to the highest price record yet this season. This impetus came largely from reports of sales to the seaboard. December delivery made the sharpest upturn, and as a precaution against a possible year-end squeeze on Monday, the exchange directors this afternoon gave notice that no December delivery would be allowed at any figure exceeding five cents above the current price of the May option.

Buying for stock yards interests lifted provisions after some weakness at the start.

Table with columns: COIN, OATS, FLOUR, LARD, RIBS. Rows: Jan, May, Dec, Mar, May, Jan, May, Jan, May, Jan, May.

Chicago Live Stock. Chicago, Dec. 29.—Receipts 21,000; steady, five cents lower. Bulk \$16.50@16.75; light \$15.50@16.60; mixed \$16.20@16.80; heavy \$16.10@16.80; rough \$16.10@16.25; pigs \$11.75@12.50.

CATTLE: Receipts 3,000; steady. Native steers \$7.50@14.25; stockers and feeders \$6.60@10.20; cows and heifers \$5.20@11.30; calves \$8.50@16.00.

SHEEP: Receipts 4,000; steady. Weathers \$9.10@13.10; lambs \$12.75@16.75.

Kansas City Live Stock. Kansas City, Dec. 29.—Receipts 2,500; steady to 10 lower. Bulk \$6.75@16.75; heavy \$16.60@16.85; light \$16.40@16.70; pigs \$12.60@15.00.

CATTLE: Receipts 5,000; steady. Prime fed steers \$12.00@14.50; dressed beef steers \$11.00@12.40; southern steers \$7.00@9.00; cows \$6.00@10.50; heifers \$6.00@11.00; stockers \$7.00@11.25; calves \$6.50@13.50.

RECEIPTS: Receipts 5,000; steady. Lambs \$15.00@16.25; yearlings \$12.00@14.10; wethers \$11.00@12.75; ewes \$9.00@11.25; stockers \$7.00@15.00.

New York Cotton Seed Oil. New York, Dec. 29.—Cotton seed oil closed quiet. Spot none; Jan. 19.20; Mar. 19.45; May 19.40. Total sales 3,800.

St. Louis, Dec. 29.—HOGS: Receipts 6,500; 25 cents lower than yesterday's average. Lights \$16.40@16.65; pigs \$13.50@15.00; mixed and butchers \$16.50@16.70; good heavy \$16.50@16.80; bulk \$16.40@16.75.

CATTLE: Receipts 700; steady. Native steers \$8.00@14.25; yearling steers and heifers \$7.00@13.50; cows \$5.00@10.50; stockers and feeders \$6.50@11.00. Texas quarantine steers \$6.75@10.80. Fair to prime southern beef steers \$9.00@12.75; beef cows and heifers \$6.00@10.00; southern yearling steers and heifers \$7.50@10.00; native calves \$5.75@16.00.

SHEEP: Receipts 150; nominally steady. Lambs \$12.00@16.75; ewes \$10.00@11.50; wethers \$11.00@12.50; rammers and choppers \$6.00@9.00.

BOB McFALL WILL BE CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE

BOB McFALL WILL MAKE FORMAL STATEMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF WICHITA COUNTY

The Times is authorized today to announce the candidacy of R. L. (Bob) McFall for nomination for the office of sheriff of Wichita county. Mr. McFall has lived in Wichita county nearly all his life and for several years has been a peace officer, a part of the time serving as deputy sheriff. Mr. McFall is zealous, loyal and conscientious and as sheriff of the county, no doubt, would justify the

46,712 BRITISH ARE HELD HUNG PRISONERS. By Associated Press. London, December 15.—British prisoners held by the enemy including those in Switzerland, total 46,712 according to an official report. The total 46,712 according to an official report.

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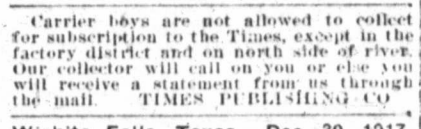
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Carriers are not allowed to collect for subscription to the Times, except in the factory district and on north side of river. Our collector will call on you or else you will receive a statement from us through the mail.

Wichita Falls, Texas, Dec. 30, 1917.



King Ferdinand of Rumania is said to have abdicated. The fall of the House of Hohenzollern, it would seem, has begun in a definite sort of way. Ferdinand is related to Bill.

Former President William Howard Taft has proven himself a big man in more ways than one since he left the White House. In fact, he has shown himself a man of far greater breadth of vision since he left Washington than when he was the nation's chief executive. In an address yesterday he defined a "traitor." One sort of traitor he declared to be the man who slips up party animosities in time of war. He ought to have made that speech before the United States senate. We would like to have had Senator La Follette grasp his viewpoint.

Leading railroad men the nation over are predicting that never again will the railroads of the country be operated as private corporations. They are confident that government control will prove a success and that government ownership will follow as a matter of course. Economies in time, money, motion, equipment—economies on every hand—will be effected within a surprisingly short time, they say. These economies will enable the government to make a handsome profit—a handsome profit will please the stockholders and better service will please the people, and the president and the members of congress are on the job for just that purpose—to please the people! Hence they argue that government ownership will follow naturally.

THE PAN-GERMAN ATTITUDE

Pan-German newspapers have vigorously attacked the government's peace terms as giving up "all those things for which the blood of the nation has been spilled" in the Kaiser's announced willingness to cease the war without annexations or indemnities on either side.

The fact that such assertions have been made is no more significant than is the source from which they have come. The Kaiser was the war maker, but the Pan-Germans have fed the flames with untiring persistence. It is these rich men of the realm who see a world dominion, first military, then commercial. It is to these men that the Kaiser has looked for support both moral and financial, and that they have lost something of their strength and that the Socialists and the democratic element of the nation have gained is only one of the indications in this opposition to these proposals.

We believe that the German millenarists would under no circumstances have given up the war aims which they espoused some years ago, at a time when they seem to have made progress against allied arms on land, unless they could read the future with what to them must be considered a fair degree of certainty. They have definitely given up the hope that Germany will gain a decisive victory since the entrance of the United States into the war. They have come to the conclusion that the time has arrived when the German empire must do what it can to save what is left of itself.

The time seems ripe for the mashing of these "machinuous" conceptions, first upon the heels of their drive into Italy.

It is also expedient, with the Socialists crying for a peace with the Bolshevik faction in Russia, but with no definite assurance that a suitable agreement can be reached.

The German empire has not yet fallen asunder. But the process of disintegration has begun and will continue until the empire topples under the stress of the blows of the allied armies without and the weakening effect of the turmoil among the people within.

The Allies will not accept these terms. It is impossible, under the circumstances. But the offering of them seems to indicate that the Mad Kaiser is beginning to realize the true predicament of his nation, a predicament which has not been remedied by the withdrawal of Russia from the conflict.

SHARPE ANSWERS CRITICISMS UPON ARMY CONDITIONS

SAYS CROWDING IN TENTS AT FIRST COULD NOT BE AVOIDED.

SHORTAGE OF CLOTHING MEANS OWNERSHIP NEXT

Council of National Defense is Declared Responsible for Lack of Uniforms.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 29.—The Senate war inquiry committee today investigated further the cancelled scrap uniform cloth picking contracts let by the committee on supplies of the council of national defense to the Base Sorting Company of New York and under which witnesses testified the company could have made excessive profits aggregating several hundred thousand dollars annually. General Sharpe, vice chairman of the committee who approved the contract, said that the company was not summoned to testify, it was announced in further inquiry the committee proposes to make.

It was further developed today that the company's owner, a Connecticut Woolen Mill commanded by the government.

Sharpe Testifies. Quartermaster General Sharpe testified that when the war department cancelled the contracts last Thursday both Eisenmann and Kaplan protested. The government, he explained, will take over the wool.

In concluding today his testimony regarding clothing and other army supplies, General Sharpe placed responsibility for delay in securing supplies of wool from army clothing on the Council of National Defense. The council's committee, which had taken over the question of wool supplies, the general said, recommended use of shoddy material in making uniforms and delayed accepting raw wool offered last April by Boston dealers.

No large purchases were made until September after prices had risen greatly, he said. Senator Weeks told the committee he was reliably informed that a loss of \$150,000,000 to the government resulted.

Replying to testimony yesterday of commanders of Camps Bowie, Texas, and Doniphan, Okla., that overcrowding of tents and lack of winter clothing caused deaths of many men in recent disease epidemics, General Sharpe said the authorities knew tents would be short for the men suddenly called into service but that soldiers were ample to reduce the tent quota from twelve to five men as recommended by Surgeon General Gorgas.

Lack of Trucks. Regarding lack of motor trucks for training men at the cantonments, General Sharpe said the department's policy now is that trucks shall not be supplied until they can go abroad. Rolling kitchens and many other vehicles, he also said, will not be furnished until then, under present plans. Committee members voiced dissatisfaction with the plans which they contended, will prevent men from being properly trained.

Questioned on the cloth scrap contracts, General Sharpe said he estimated that the contract given to the Sorting Company at six cents a pound would net the company \$400,000 annually. Captain A. E. Perceles, who investigated the contract, estimated the profits at \$300,000 yearly and also told of another contract that the company which was said to have but \$10,000 capital for sorting old rejected and discarded army clothing. Captain Perceles estimated that this contract, also cancelled, would "yield very much profits"—\$25,000 a year for blankets alone. That Charles Kaplan's brother, Ira A. Kaplan, was a member of the firm given the contracts was testified to by Alexander H. Kaminsky attorney for an association of New York rag merchants who sought to do the work for the government.

Acted in Good Faith. He said that he believed Eisenmann had acted in good faith, but had been "hoodwinked" by rag merchants composing a committee appointed by the council to conserve the rag supplies. Eisenmann, the witness said, took full responsibility for and defended the contracts. A clique in New York, Kaminsky charged was interested in trying to get control of the country's rag business. He also asserted that Charles Kaplan knew all details connected with the contracts given the sorting company and said the six cent price for sorting scraps was made. A good profit could be made, he said, at a price of from one to three cents a pound.

Next week the committee plans to conclude investigation of ordinance affairs.

General Crozier will be recalled Monday and requested an opportunity to reply to statements of Colonel Lewis regarding the Lewis machine gun controversy. Secretary Baker, also, if he desires, will be given an opportunity to make a statement on the machine gun questions.

WILSON PROHIBITS QUICK EXECUTION OF U. S. SOLDIERS

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 29.—President Wilson has prohibited the execution of any more American soldiers, except in General Pershing's forces abroad, before the sentence of the court martial has been reviewed in Washington.

Henceforth this has not been necessary in war time but the president has made the rule that it may be made doubly sure that no injustice is done.

Thirteen negro troopers of the 24th infantry were recently executed for the clotting at Houston, Texas, without review at Washington. No fault has been found in the verdict of the court.

FRANK KELL SAYS GOVERNMENT WILL IMPROVE SERVICE

LOCAL CAPITALIST TALKS OF FEDERAL CONTROL OF RAILROADS

MEANS OWNERSHIP NEXT

Direct Routing of Traffic, Regardless of "Company" Will Result in Less "Lost Motion."

Frank Kell of this city, railroad builder, financier and operator, believes that within a few hours the traffic of the nation will have started moving under the plan of government control in the successful solution of the nation's traffic problem. Mr. Kell expects to see all agencies bend themselves to carrying out the government plans and believes that the government will succeed in its purpose.

Elimination of Lost Motion. Mr. Kell believes that the elimination of lost motion and duplicated work will result in much greater efficiency and in almost incalculable savings for the railroads and he estimates that the government can not only reimburse the railroads their average net earnings for the past three years and maintain the roads and their equipment at the standard at which the government takes them over but that the government can present the railroads with a hundred million dollars when they hand the railroads back.

Routing of Traffic. The direct routing of traffic, the elimination of needless competitive effort and duplicated effort and lost motion, Mr. Kell believes will not only result in a great saving to the railroads, but it will enable the government to move the traffic of the country in a manner that would otherwise be impossible under present conditions, Mr. Kell believes.

Mr. Kell yesterday received Order No. 1 of the director general by telegraph. The order follows:

Wire From Harrison. Washington, D. C., 12:29 p. m., December 29.

Frank Kell, president Clinton and Oklahoma Western, Referring to the telegram of the director general calling on all boards of directors to move traffic by the most expeditious routes, please take up vigorously at once with all railroads in your territory the matter of the common use of terminals and parallel lines, keeping out all compulsory prohibitions, if any exist, and waiving complete control of the operation of traffic. Please report each day until further notice what particulars of the situation are having attention and what has been done in these respects.

"We rely upon all railroads to adapt themselves to new conditions by prompt co-operation without awaiting orders from Washington in each specific case."

Light Local Rains Again Predicted in This Part of World

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 29.—Weather bureau predictions for the week beginning Sunday:

West Gulf States: Light local rains about Tuesday with higher temperatures last half week, generally fair with moderate temperatures.

KELLY ANNOUNCES FOR COUNTY CLERK UPON HIS RECORD

NOW SERVING IN OFFICE AND SEEKS RE-ELECTION AT VOTER'S HANDS

M. P. Kelly authorizes the Times today to announce his candidacy for re-nomination for the office of County Clerk. In presenting his claim, Mr. Kelly takes pleasure in referring to his record and to the vast amount of work that has been handled in a satisfactory manner through his office.

In addition to the unusual work that falls upon the clerk, since Mr. Kelly has been in that office it has been called upon for many unusual services including the registration of automobiles, hospital, court house, bridge and road bond elections, work in connection with the registration for the selective draft and many other details. In addition to this there has been the removal from the old court house to the temporary court houses and the removal from the temporary court house to the new court house with all the work that the repeated moving of the county records entails.

The clerk's office has not only handled all these extraordinary things but has taken care of the ordinary routine of the office. Also since Mr. Kelly has been clerk an up-to-date system of indexes and cross-indexes has been installed making much easier and more simple the locating of any instrument on record. Mr. Kelly will be busy in his office most of the time but he hopes to see as many of the voters as possible before the primary.

INCREASE IS SHOWN BY BANK CLEARINGS

Bank clearings for the week show a substantial increase over last week, in spite of the fact of the holiday of Christmas Day. The figures are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Day, Amount. Monday: \$280,091.15; Tuesday: Holiday; Wednesday: \$137,958.53; Thursday: \$293,263.42; Friday: \$4,645.12; Saturday: \$203,029.82

Total: \$825,036.95; Last week: \$825,036.95; Increase: \$43,771.11

TRAGIC DEATHS CAUSE SORROW IN THIS CITY

FUNERAL OF DR. AND MRS. A. L. ANDREWS AND SON ATTENDED BY MANY.

FORMERLY PASTOR HERE

For Two Years Pastor First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Making Host of Friends.

Not in some time has a tragedy brought such general sadness to this city as that which on Friday evening cost the life of Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Andrews and their eldest son, Will, when their automobile was struck by the T. & P. Sunshine special on the road between Dallas and Fort Worth. For two years Dr. Andrews was pastor of the Methodist, Episcopal Church, South, in this city, and many Wichitans, both within and without his congregation came to know and love the pastor and the man, and his family as well, and the sorrow felt at the untimely death of the father, mother and oldest son is accompanied by heartfelt sympathy for the three daughters and three little sons who were at once bereft of their parents' love and protection and their older brother's guidance.

To Attend Funeral. Mr. and Mrs. W. Snider, members of Dr. Andrews' former congregation in this city, and Miss Vivian Manley, sister of Preston Manley, husband of the oldest daughter, left Saturday for Fort Worth, where the triple funeral will be held today in the First Methodist Church, of which Dr. Andrews was pastor.

Death was announced for all three, reports of the accident say. Dr. Andrews' body was thrown fully 150 feet from the car and horribly mangled. The body of Mrs. Andrews and Will lay near the car but both were cut and bruised and limbs were broken. They were on their way home from Dallas where they had visited friends. Will who was corporal at Camp Bowie, Battery C, 133rd Artillery, had a Christmas furlough. He had just been recommended for the third officers training camp.

Dr. Andrews and Family. Dr. Andrews was about 46 years of age and his wife several years younger. Their son was about 23. Three surviving daughters, Mrs. Preston Manley, Mrs. Tom Hill, former Lila Andrews, whose marriage to Tom Hill of San Antonio, now with a truck company at Camp Bowie was an event of last week, and Ruth Andrews and three small sons, Louis, Holt and Lee.

J. P. JACKSON IS CANDIDATE FOR TAX COLLECTOR

The announcement of J. P. Jackson of this city as a candidate for tax collector appears in this issue of the Times. Mr. Jackson is now serving as county commissioner in Precinct 1 which office he has filled in a most satisfactory manner for several terms. Mr. Jackson began his service for the public a number of years ago when he was appointed a road supervisor and has been doing his "bit" in the service of the public ever since.

As county commissioner Mr. Jackson has been zealous for the public interest and is willing that his record in that office be the measure of his capacity for discharging the duties of the office of tax collector. Mr. Jackson says that in several instances he has been compelled to act against the interests of his friends in matters connected with his office, but he asks them to remember that in so doing he was doing what he considered for the best interests of the county.

Mr. Jackson announces that he will make a canvass of the county and to meet the voters in person.

Sunday Service at First Baptist. Sunday school 10:00 a. m. Preaching service 11. Subject: "The Christian Attitude Toward the Old Year."

B. Y. P. U. 6:45. Preaching Service 7:30 p. m. Subject "The Devils Bid for a Man." Womens Alliance 3 p. m. Monday. Midweek service 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.

You are cordially invited to attend all these services. Come and bring your friends. O. L. POWERS, Pastor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Municipal Candidates. Election to be held in April. All candidates announcing their names should submit their claims to the office to which they aspire subject to a vote of the people.

For City Marshal: D. D. McIVER, R. L. McDONALD.

County and District Candidates. All candidates announcing under this heading submit their claims for the office to which they aspire subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held in July.

For County Tax Collector: J. P. JACKSON.

For County Clerk: M. P. KELLY.

For County Sheriff: R. L. (Bob) McFALL.

Campbell-Anderson Co. Successors to Pennington's. A Happy New Year. To those whom we call our customers and to those whom we hope to call our customers before another twelfth month rolls by, we wish the happiest, good-luckiest New Year ever. We are going to do our part to make it so by better-than-ever service to the many that come here to buy, and by closer-than-ever cooperation with every force and every individual that is working to make our store a bigger, better and more economical place to trade. We hope to see you many times during the three-hundred-and-sixty-five days to come and we shall try to conduct our business so that your visits here will be among the most pleasant and profitable hours of the bright New Year.

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LIGHTLESS NIGHT ORDERED FOR SUNDAY WILL BE ENFORCED

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH LAW WILL MEAN REPORT TO GOVERNMENT

EDICT IS NOW EXPLICIT

Fuel Administrator Wiley Blair Writes Letter to Cities in Which he Enforces Mandate

"Lights out tonight if you don't want to be reported to Wiley Blair, the Fuel Administrator of the State," is the order gone forth from the Fuel Administration, and Mr. Blair has written to W. D. Cline, of the advisory committee recommending him to have the bulletin of the Fuel Administration published, because it is a sure enough order, and violations of this same will be summarily dealt with by the law. This bulletin was published recently in these columns and Mr. Blair's letter, which is in the nature of explanatory comments, clearly indicates that he has been left in uncertainty in the bulletin.

Points in Letter.

There are two main thoughts and a corollary in Mr. Blair's letter. First, that lighting need not—indeed, must not—be reduced to a point where the safety of the citizenship is menaced; second, that lighting need not be reduced to the last degree compatible with safety; and third, by way of corollary, that folks must otherwise look out for squalls.

Some of Mr. Blair's explanatory comments follow, showing what may and may not be done in respect of lighting. On Sunday and Thursday nights, no electric signs or lights in front buildings, awnings, or sidewalks, to burn, nor, after closing hours, any lights in show windows, nor the stories themselves, except sufficient for police and fire protection. No picture shows shall burn more than sufficient lights to make their entrances and exits safe neither is it permissible for municipalities to have lights burning that will create a white way effect. Hotels and rooming houses may have tiny candle power lamps burning over the entrance, for safety's sake, but no sign with the name of the hotel, or its location, etc.

Army Officers Badly Wounded, Mistake Cause

By Associated Press. Dec. 29.—Captain Wylie J. White, of an artillery regiment, Lieutenant St. Clair provost marshal, and City detective Edward Mebus were seriously wounded late last night in a pistol fight at the home of Captain White, near Fort Bliss.

According to the report of the affair given out at police headquarters, Lieut. St. Clair, Detective Mebus and a number of police officers of the provost guard were hunting illegal liquor sellers operating in the vicinity of the army post. Informed that several soldiers had been seen leaving the White home and being ignorant of the identity of its occupants, they knocked at the front door receiving no reply, the officers sought to raise a bathroom window when they were greeted with a volley of shots from a pistol in the hands of Captain White.

Lieut. St. Clair was shot through the hip and right hand. He is seriously wounded and is being treated at the base hospital. Detective Mebus received a bullet through the right shoulder. Captain White was shot through the right lung. His condition is critical.

The White home was visited by burglars on Christmas night and when the captain heard the opening of the bathroom window he opened fire. At the base hospital where he was taken he lapsed into unconsciousness after making a statement that he had shot at a gang of burglars.

ARMY BALLOONISTS FIND THEMSELVES DOWN IN MEXICO

By Associated Press. Laredo, Texas, Dec. 29.—The army balloon, manned by Captain McCullough and eight soldiers aviators, which left San Antonio yesterday afternoon and lost its course, landed at Hidalgo, Mexico, 40 miles up the Rio Grande river from Laredo, at 9 o'clock last night.

The crew was taken in charge by Mexican soldiers who notified the military authorities at Luevo Laredo. Automobiles were sent to Hidalgo and the Americans reached Luevo Laredo at 4 o'clock this morning.

The Mexican consuls arranged for them to cross into the United States and at 9 o'clock they were taken to Colonel Peterson's headquarters. Shortly after leaving the San Antonio aviation school, the balloon at a height of 2,000 feet, encountered a southwest wind and drifted rapidly toward the Rio Grande where a landing was made on Mexican soil.

Arrangements have not yet been made to bring over the balloon.

"ORDER NUMBER 1" ISSUED RAILROADS BY NEW DIRECTOR

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employees of such transportation systems may continue in the performance of their present regular duties, reporting to the same offices as heretofore and on the same terms of employment.

"Any officer, agent or employee desiring to retire from his employment shall give the usual and reasonable notice to the proper officers to the end that there may be no interruption or impairment of the transportation service required for the successful conduct of the war and the needs of general commerce.

"All transportation systems covered by said proclamation and order shall be operated as a national system of transportation, the common and national needs being in all instances held paramount to any actual or supposed corporate advantage. All terminals, ports, locomotives, rolling stock and other transportation facilities are to be operated so as to carry out this purpose without regard to ownership.

"No 'Designated' Route. Designation of routes by shippers is to be discontinued when speed and efficiency of transportation service may thus be promoted.

"Through routes which have not heretofore been established because of short hauling or other causes, are to be established and used whenever expedition and efficiency of traffic will thereby be promoted; and if difficulty is experienced in such through routing, notice thereof shall, by carriers or shippers, or both, be given at once to the director by wire.

"Existing schedules or rates and outstanding orders of Interstate Commission are to be observed but any such schedules or rates or orders as may hereafter be found to conflict with the purpose of said proclamation with this order shall be brought immediately by wire to the attention of the director.

"Common Use of Terminals. Through the railway war board, Mr. McAdoo called on all railroad presidents to take up vigorously the question of common use of terminals and parallel lines, wiping out competitive problems and waiving competitive control or solicitation of traffic. The result of this action may be the assignment of through freight moving one way to certain systems and the reservation of other lines for traffic moving in an opposite direction.

"Committee on Reorganization of Railways. The committee on reorganization of railways, which was appointed to report, as speedily as possible, what reorganizations of passenger and freight train operations could be made at the New Jersey water front of the New York harbor to increase efficiency, was especially suggested that the railroad heads arrange for pending dock, pier, lighting and marketing facilities now controlled by individual railroads.

The committee consists of Samuel Hays, of Pennsylvania; Frederick D. Underwood of the Erie, Daniel W. Hamer of the Baltimore and Ohio, William H. Truesdale of the Lackawanna, William G. Bester, of the New Jersey Central and E. E. Loomis of the Lehigh Valley.

"Must Remove Freight. At the same time a committee of public officials headed by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Harlan, meeting in New York decided to put consignees to remove their freight promptly from terminals.

In all these preparations for clearing the channels of transportation, the immediate thought in charge is to get the men in the streets, to release the ships now tied up in harbors for lack of bunker coal.

The labor situation presents one of the most perplexing problems with which the government has to deal as a decision on it will of necessity present the government's general labor policy during the war which as yet has not been clearly defined. Those who have studied the situation believe that government officials responsible for a policy are for paying labor on a basis of the present cost of living and many are of the opinion that the government is about to take measures through its spreading control over the necessities of life to regulate in a more general way prices charged for commodities the people must use.

"Brotherhood's Demands. The brotherhood's demands were presented to the managers committee of the railroads December 1 and an answer was requested by December 21. The men asked that the wage increases be made effective January first, but in a recent conference with President Wilson promised not to strike while the negotiations were pending. It is reported, likely correct, that the brotherhoods might not press their demands for perhaps some time in the belief that in the present unsettled railroad situation their request for wage raises would meet a better response at a later time.

Creation of a government corporation for handling securities and for financing the purchase of railway equipment is the best plan, officials believe for handling this end of the financial situation. The government financial system is held to be cumbersome. Under the scheme proposed the railroads would submit to the corporation all refunding issues for approval, as well as all new issues of securities. The corporation then would buy the securities and hold them for sale to the public at a convenient time.

In this way the government could keep the bond market open and active when it was offering for sale Liberty Bonds and other government securities.

The feeling among railway executives that government assumption of control makes government ownership inevitable is based on two promises. First, it is held that once the roads are coordinated and operated as one system it will be impossible to go back to the competitive system. The public is declared never would agree for such a gigantic combination to operate as a private corporation.

AMERICAN TROOPS IN FRANCE MAY BE "MOST AVAILABLE"

By Associated Press. With the American Army in France, France, Dec. 28.—General Pershing in an interview with a correspondent today said that the sale of all intoxicating liquors to Americans, which he favors, is being discussed with the French government. He explained his recent order prohibiting the sale of all intoxicating liquors to Americans, which he favors, is being discussed with the French government. He explained his recent order prohibiting the sale of all intoxicating liquors to Americans, which he favors, is being discussed with the French government.

"Although an hourly rate of prohibition for the American expeditionary force," said General Pershing, "the situation in France and the United States is not the same. Comparative scarcity of alcohol and drina water as we do; they drink wine instead. This is partly because the French water supply is not as pure as ours. French wine is light and much less intoxicating than is generally supposed. An intoxicated Frenchman is a rare sight indeed. French beer is by no means strong. The French are to be congratulated on a regular wine ration. Obviously there are obstacles to forbidding wine shops in the zone of the army to the shipping board, which practically is what the French would have to do. Local sentiment will play a large part in the determination of the questions.

"Would 'Kill' Business. The same order which forbade soldiers to drink contained regulations to prevent the spread of social disease. The two questions are connected closely. This far the government's most densely respects has been most excellent. It is highly gratifying to me and is a testimonial to the high character of the American soldier. Every thing possible is being done to protect his morals and his health and to make him an honor to himself and his countrymen.

vestment would not return to uncertainties of private operation. The eastern railroads operating committee will be brought to Washington from Pittsburgh officials said, because it is a complaint from the war board and because the center of congestion is shifting from the Pittsburgh district to the seaboard. His office will be established in the building occupied by the war board.

Another reason for the apparently cheerful acquiescence of railroad heads in the government's plan is the assurance given by Mr. McAdoo that roads which did not make fair earnings in the pre-war period will be provided with adequate compensation from the government. The foundation for this arrangement will be laid in legislation now being framed and to be introduced immediately after President Wilson addresses Congress next week.

"Spends Day in Office. Secretary McAdoo spent today in his office in Washington, where he arranged to open headquarters next week in the Interstate Commerce Commission building. Among the men with whom he conferred today were the president of the Baltimore and Ohio, and chairman of the industrial board; Interstate Commerce Commissioner Anderson, New York Senator Cummings, Representative Keyburn of the House Interstate Commerce Committee, and John Barton Payne, counsel for the shipping board.

Although McAdoo has not yet taken up the subject of curtailment of passenger schedules this course is anticipated. Postoffice officials today arranged to revise their mail schedules in complete accordance with the government's plan. In his statement before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee today Chairman Hale took occasion to exonerate the railroads from blame in the issuance of unnecessary orders, placing responsibility on the action of the boards and the navy department as well as with the government in designating which freight for these departments is to be given preference.

"Couldn't the president have improved the situation last July by giving the railroads a week's 'thru one man'?" asked Senator Kellogg.

"You can draw your own conclusions as well as mine," said Hale in reply. The head of the railroad commission in response to questions regarding the probable expenditure that would result from government control of the railroads, said he believed the plan could be carried out without great cost. No money might be needed at once, he said, except for additional terminal facilities at some points.

The hearings will be resumed next Monday when Chairman Hale will continue his statement.

LEE MAKES STATEMENT OF MENS POSITION

By Associated Press. Cleveland, Dec. 29.—When told of the Washington dispatch that the railroads have refused the demand of their organized employees for a forty percent increase in pay W. G. Lee, president of the brotherhood of railway trainmen, gave out the following statement:

"We did not expect any railroad management to grant our request for increased wages when presented since all prior requests have been refused. We knew our wage proposal would finally go to and be decided by the government and we are confident that the government will recognize that employees cannot maintain the standard of living existing before the war on present wages. We are as confident of fair treatment under government operation of railroads as we had under private methods.

"I feel positive that the government makes a success of handling the railroads during the war they will never again pass the private ownership.

It was learned today that the four brotherhood chiefs will go to Washington again next week, probably Thursday, to meet with Secretary McAdoo, presumably in regard to the wages and operation of the railroads.

CONSIGNEES REQUIRED TO REMOVE FREIGHT QUICKLY

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 29.—Inspectors will be assigned to railroad terminals in this district to see that consignees remove freight shipments promptly, according to a statement of the committee on reorganization of railroads in and around New York.

WICHITA IN GRIP OF SEVERE COLD; ZERO IN WEST HERE

WARNING IS ISSUED TO LOUISIANA POINTS OF CONTINUED COLD

Zero temperature was recorded in Wichita Saturday morning, according to some thermometers registering as low as four below. Because there is no official weather bureau thermometer here, a statement of the exact temperature cannot be made. Some thermometers that are regarded as accurate showed temperatures lower than zero. The recording thermometer at the jewelry store and that at the Palace Drug store both registered temperatures a few degrees higher than zero, but as both are in sheltered doorways and get some warmth from the buildings advances must be made.

There was little moderation in weather conditions during the day yesterday, although higher temperatures were indicated today by the weather forecast.

Lake Wichita and all tanks containing water are now frozen over and one of those rare occasions when ice skating can be enjoyed here has come.

SOME OF POPULATION FOUND 20 BELOW ZERO

Twenty degrees below zero was the lowest temperature registered in Wichita Falls Saturday. That is the sort of weather flyers at Call Field found waiting for them 10,000 and 12,000 feet above the prairie when they made their flights Saturday.

Cold weather is not hindering the flying instruction as flights are made daily. There is no complaint made, either on account of the cold or of any other condition. Officials and instructors alike are taking every precaution to protect the flyers and now they are primed to expect a norther at least once a week, according to Maor Krapp.

COLD WAVE WARNING ISSUED IN LOUISIANA

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 29.—A great thick blanket of intensely cold air, spreading steadily over the country from the upper Mississippi valley to the seaboard, has plunged the whole eastern section of the United States into a cold snap from which the weather bureau foresees no immediate relief.

FOUR DEGREES ABOVE IS AMARILLO REPORT

By Associated Press. Dallas, Dec. 29.—Freezing weather prevailed last night and this morning over the greater portion of Texas. Amarillo reported four degrees above zero early today. At Houston and Corpus Christi the thermometer dropped to 31 degrees. Freezing weather is predicted for tonight with a rising temperature on Sunday.

TEMPERATURE AT WACO IS 19 ABOVE ZERO

By Associated Press. Waco, Tex., Dec. 29.—The mercury fell to 19 degrees this morning, the coldest this winter. Another hard freeze is expected tonight.

BRITISH SYSTEM OF RATIONING IS SHARPLY SCORED

TRADES COUNCIL WOULD HAVE "NO FAVORS SHOWN IN DISTRIBUTION"

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 29.—The national convention of the trades council, labor party and war emergency workers adopted resolutions today protesting against the sufferings now being unnecessarily inflicted upon the mass of urban consumers by the prolonged delay in the government in organizing an equitable system of distribution of the supplies of food and demanding equal sharing among all families without distinction as to wealth or class, with compulsory rationing.

Methods Criticized. The government's methods of controlling the food situation were criticized severely at today's session of the labor congress. Speaking to a resolution on this subject, Robert Smylie, leader of the miners, said: "I hope the government will take it that the people are going to a grave warning to them. If they do not carry out at once the spirit of the resolution they may take for granted that the workers of the country no longer are going to stand having their wives and children waiting outside shop doors, almost begging for food to be sold to them."

COLDER WEATHER CAUSES CHECK IN FIGHTING ABROAD

ONLY ONE ENGAGEMENT IS REPORTED ON ALL ITALIAN FRONT

AIR ACTIVITY LESSENS

Dispatches From Petrograd Are Not Clear as to Reception of Peace Terms by Populace.

The war situation of today is summarized by the Associated Press as follows: The Italians took the initiative, delivering a blow at the Austro-German line near Monte Tomia on the mountain front just to the west of the Piave. The German war office reports that the Italian attack was broken up by the defensive fire.

Little Air Activity. The principal aerial activity also is reported from the Italian front. Austrian airmen recently beaten off from Treviso with the loss of eleven airplanes, carried out a bombing raid Friday night in which the city of Padua, rich in art treasures was attacked. None of the city's noted monuments were harmed, but eight bombs dropped in the most densely populated part of the town killed thirteen persons and injured sixty others. Bombs dropped on Treviso and two other towns closer to the fighting line, than Padua, which is some thirty-five miles from the front, caused no damage or casualties.

In naval warfare, torpedoes of mines scored, against British torpedo boats destroyed, operating off the Dutch coast. Three of these craft were sunk on the night of December 22 during foggy weather, with the loss of 195 officers and men.

How Peace Received. Petrograd special dispatches do not indicate clearly what the reception has been in Russia of the Central Powers' reply to the Russian peace proposals. One view taken is that northern Russia is disposed to accept peace on almost any terms, while the attitude of the remainder of the nation is uncertain. Another correspondent considers Bolsheviks discouraged at the German refusal to agree to the principle that the nationalists without practical independence be permitted to decide their future. This refusal being considered a stumbling block for further negotiations.

Meanwhile Germans who have arrived in Petrograd are being permitted to spread their propaganda and furnish news, and are circulating letters. Postal service with entente countries, on the other hand, is lacking and all foreign residents of Petrograd as well as the Russian press as a whole, remain in complete ignorance of what has gone on in allied countries for the last six weeks.

In addition to the aerial activity reported from the Italian front, British airmen have been active in France over some of the territory occupied by the Germans. The British headquarters report Saturday said that thirteen hostile airplanes had been accounted for, eleven of which were shot down and the two others driven down out of control.

The British lost three machines in these aerial combats and one of the German airplanes destroyed the British land guns brought down four.

FEDERAL CONTROL OF MINES; DRAFT OF MEN IS URGED

SNEAD PREDICTS THERE WILL BE RESULT TO SETTLE COAL SITUATION

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 29.—Government control of mines, and conscription of labor were predicted by L. A. Snead, head of the fuel administration's distributing agency in testifying today before the senate committee investigating the coal situation.

Coordination of effort is necessary to meet present demands, Mr. Snead said, and he added that he could see no possibility of the production of the fifty million tons the fuel administration estimates the nation is short this year. Restricted use is the only solution, he said.

Priority orders for coal shipments might afford some temporary relief from shortages experienced in many parts of the country, Mr. Snead said, but the only solution of the whole problem is adequate and efficient transportation.

The committee authorized today to inquire into the coal situation, when Food Administrator Hoover will testify on the same situation. He and other witnesses are expected to close the inquiry within two days and then the coal investigation will be taken up again with witnesses from various parts of the country.

PERSONALS

G. G. Jackson is stopping off here for a few days visiting with friends while on his return to Camp Bowie, after spending Christmas with his parents at Granite, Okla.

New Year Greetings— We wish to thank the citizens of Wichita Falls and surrounding country for their very liberal patronage and kindly ask a continuation of the same, assuring them we will make every effort to merit it, and at any time we should make a mistake we will consider it a favor if you will call our attention to it in order that we can rectify it.

- Below we will give you a list of prices of a few of our specials for Monday: Gallon of Koo Koo Syrup, 65c. Half gallon Wild Rose syrup, 35c. Gallon Royal Sorghum, 75c. 1 No. 3 can Libby's Apple Butter, 35c. 1 No. 2 can Goodwin's Apple Butter, 35c. Other high grade lines of Jellies, Preserves and Apple Butter at Money-Saving Prices. 1 No. 2 can Tomatoes, 15c. 2 No. 3 cans Tomatoes, 35c. 3 large rolls Toilet Paper, 25c. Matches, per box, 5c.

FARMER'S SUPPLY CO. 717 Eighth Street. Phone 419

Greetings for the New Year

We wish to thank all of our customers who have made it possible for us to round-up such a successful year, and at the same time extend to them a most cordial invitation to continue their patronage with us.

We intend to carry over a larger stock during 1918 than we carried during 1917, and in doing this it will necessitate buying in large quantities, thereby affording us an opportunity to purchase groceries cheaper than we have heretofore, and this will enable us to sell cheaper.

In looking forward to the accomplishment of greater things we take occasion to wish our friends and customers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

McCarty & McCarty 716 Indiana Avenue.

Local Brevities For Sale

No. 5 Underwood Typewriter and disappearing desk, both good as new.

Six-Section book case, base and crown and a good foundation for a Library. Cash only considered.

LOST-LAPROBE. Laprobe, black on one side yellow with diagonal figure on other side. Will appropriate if finder will phone Mrs. Fred Gates, 7-8 19-111p

Lloyd Weaver confined to his bed, suffering from man attack of the grip.

Don't let an amateur tinker with your battery. Bring it to us and have the right thing done and done right. And we'll supply you with a rental battery while yours is being fixed. Phone 606 Willard Service Station, 610 Scott Ave. 121 tfe.

New Year Ball. Will be given by the Knights and Ladies of Security New Year's Night. Dancing will commence promptly at 8 o'clock and end at 11. Every one must show their invitation at the door.

Our stock of tires and tubes is complete. All sizes. Leo Puncture Proof; Mobawk Federal Goodyear and Pennsylvania. Call and let us serve you. MOTOR SUPPLY CO. 171 tfe.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Sternadel, on Friday, a nine-pound baby boy.

Protect your car now. Thermoid or Johnson's Freeze Proof will prevent frozen radiators. Ask us. Western Auto Supply Co. Phone 219-111 Indiana. 180 tfe.

Notice to Out of Town Subscribers. The Times wishes to announce that J. T. Lamon is authorized to solicit subscriptions for the Daily and Weekly Times. Any fourteens shown Mr. Lamon will be appreciated. Y. Liss comm. 111-111

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Pitchford, who have been visiting their brother, Mr. D. W. Piteford, returned to their home at Westford, Texas.

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

L. A. Childs, the gas man, gas fitting, repair plumbing, phone 884, 1207 Scott. 136 tfe.

R. H. Gates of Alp. Ill. representing a nationally known washing machine, handled in Wichita Falls by the Auna Electric company, is here for several days to conduct demonstrations.

For quick taxi, baggage and delivery service phone 432. 115 tfe.

Better be safe than sorry. Anti-Freeze your car now. Western Auto Supply Co. Phone 219-111 Indiana. 180 tfe.

New Year's dinner at St. James noon and night. \$1.00 Music. 195 tfe.

Marriage Licenses. Marriage licenses have been issued as follows: J. W. Fritts to Miss Estelle Ann Watson, R. C. Thomas, Willard N. M. to Pearl Chisholm, Vernon; E. H. Tabela to Maria Gonzalez; E. W. Wick to Mrs. Myrtle Stuck.

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

In order to give all our time to our private practice we will sever our connections with the M. K. & T. and F. W. & D. C. Railway Co. as physician and surgeons after Dec. 31, 1917. Drs. Smith and Daniels. 497-2c.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Conner have received a notice of the critical illness with appendicitis of their daughter, Mrs. W. T. Martin of Children, Tex. Mr. and Mrs. Conner will leave for her bedside in the morning.

Notice. There will be a meeting of the stockholders of Union Laundry Co. at 1 p. m. Monday, December 31. All who are interested are urged to be present. UNION LAUNDRY CO. 108 tfe.

AMERICAN KILLED BY BANDITS WHEN RIDING IN AUTO

By Associated Press. Dec. 29.—Gordon Parmelee was instantly killed and Charles Greenleaf, paymaster for the Borderland Sugar Corporation, slightly wounded this afternoon when their automobile was fired upon from the brush one mile south of Llano Grande station, near Mercedes, Texas, by alleged Mexican bandits. Greenleaf's automobile was fired upon from the brush one mile south of Llano Grande station, near Mercedes, Texas, by alleged Mexican bandits. Greenleaf's automobile was fired upon from the brush one mile south of Llano Grande station, near Mercedes, Texas, by alleged Mexican bandits.

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This store closed all day Tuesday, New Years



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Look here at these and if you then suffer from cold weather it's not our fault.

- All wool Gloves in brown, gray, black and fancy colors, 50c, 75c and **\$1.00**
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- Wool Mittens with thumb and no fingers, 75c and **\$1.00**
- Mackinaw and leather Mittens, fleece lined 75c, \$1.00 and **\$1.25**
- All kinds of fleece and wool lined fingered gloves with and without gauntlets.



Flannel and woolen top shirts, military style, etc., \$1.50 to **\$5.00**

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Rubber Boots, Over Shoes, Mackinaw Coats, Oil King Coats, Winter Underwear, Woolen Sox, Booties, Indian Blankets, Auto Robes, Etc., Etc.

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Need warm clothing too, we suggest Cloaks, Sweaters, Coat Suits, all selling at 1/2 price—Auto Sets, Toboggan Caps, Skating Sets, Wool Gloves, Golf Gloves, Auto Gloves, Woolen Hosiery, Winter Underwear, Outing Night Gowns, Etc.

Here is what you should buy quick—all Fur Sets, Collars and Muffs and separate pieces at 1/2 price.

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"The Busy Corner"

The place to buy warm clothing and winter apparel of all kinds.

LEADERS IN CITY MAKE SUGGESTIONS FOR COMING YEAR

EXPRESSIONS ARE GIVEN BY A LARGE NUMBER OF MEN AND WOMEN

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

Many See Bright Future Ahead of Wichita Falls and Tell How It May Be Realized

While expressions of satisfaction with Wichita Falls record in war work and civic undertakings are general, a number of prominent people, men and women who represent various departments of civic activities, are of the opinion that in the new year this city will not sleep on her laurels, but will go past all previous work. Just what should be undertaken for 1918 along various lines, in the opinion of those who are in a position to know, and the plans of organizations and individuals are revealed in the following statements:

Frank Kell. "Wichita Falls and Wichita county should and will contribute anything and everything they are called on for in this year, 1918, towards the successful prosecution of the war, both man power and finances. Wichita Falls should and will do all that is asked toward the support of the Liberty Loans, Y. M. C. A., Red Cross and any other organization or movement that aids in winning the war. The community is looked upon by the entire state as the most patriotic in the state and has done more in proportion to the size, in war work, raising men and money, than any other portion of Texas. We will continue to give liberally of men, money and willing workers."

Dow Williams. Secretary of the Lions Club. "The Lions Club's motive for existence is to be of service wherever the need is greatest. This year the club will do anything and everything it finds possible to assist in winning the war, with money, time and labor."

Mayor Britain. "An especially important movement is on foot to enable the Wichita Falls public school system to take advantage of the federal vocational aid fund, provided in the Smith-Hughes bill and place an agricultural supervisor in this city the year around. Schools coming up to the requirements will have half the vocational instructor's salary paid for the full year, instead of only nine months. We deem an agricultural supervisor very important as we are so near the irrigation ditch in the wheat belt and so close to a number of dairies. With a competent instructor we can foster a 'back to the soil' movement among school children and the instructor could supervise spring war gardens. The school board

Lee Clark, superintendent of city schools:

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expects to take action on this right away and I consider it a valuable war measure, as the government will ask greater production than ever before this spring. The schools want to do their part and through this federal aid may be enabled to be of great service."

Mrs. T. B. Smock. city sanitary and dairy inspector.—"Wichita Falls' greatest shortcoming from the viewpoint of my department, is the lack of a supervised and properly inspected slaughterhouse. Call Field with its hundreds of soldiers will have to get meat elsewhere if Wichita Falls butchers can not give them meat that has been slaughtered under proper sanitary conditions and inspected. I intend to work to this end and ask the co-operation of the butchers and the townspeople as well. Citizens of Wichita Falls deserve safe meat as well as do soldiers. Let us remedy this shortcoming as soon as possible."

Miss Willie Mae Kell. "Five hundred women working weekly in the Red Cross supply departments will be necessary if we are to come up to the standard of production which the southwestern department has set and do work of which Wichita Falls is not ashamed."

Miss Opal Hughes. home demonstrator for the county: "We will need a 'program of production' in city and county alike this next year. All of us at home will have to turn producers and do our share in the work and the extension department is beginning to early urge a great increase in gardens."

J. M. McFall. J. M. McFall, president of the Rotary Club:—"Rotary has a three-fold work this year; all looking toward winning the war. Conservation of food, assistance for the Red Cross and all other war plans and work among the younger boys, conserving the coming man power. Wichita Falls Rotarians are ready to serve in any need, local, national or international."

Sergeant McDowell Is Just Certain of Times Circulation

Sergeant James B. McDowell, formerly of this city, now at Camp Travis, is going to have to resort to camouflage of some sort soon, to protect himself from the advances by mail of girls who read of his culinary progress in a recent issue of the Times. The camp Travis "Trench and Camp" tells of Mr. McDowell's quandary as follows:

Miss Sergeant James B. McDowell of Company D, 345 Field Artillery is thinking of having his wife come down and act as his secretary. Shortly after Thanksgiving there appeared in the Wichita Daily Times of Wichita Falls, Tex., an account of the Thanksgiving dinner which was prepared under his direction. In a few days Sergeant McDowell began receiving letters from young ladies, many of which were of a rather romantic nature. One young miss in North Texas writes that he need not manage a kitchen after the war closes unless he wants to, as she likes to do kitchen work. He says that he would like to have received these letters before he married and that he believes that the Wichita Daily Times reaches every home in North Texas and Western Oklahoma, and that there is a girl in each home.

Theft of Automobile Is Charge Filed In Case of C. P. Lewis

C. P. Lewis is under arrest on a charge of the theft of an automobile. It is alleged that Lewis drove an automobile from Wichita Falls to Memphis, Texas. The automobile was recovered from a garage there.

Year End

GOOD VALUES FOR THE

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Notwithstanding the fact that there is no existing shortage of sugar in Wichita Falls, local jobbers have limited retailers to 500 pounds at a time, on request of the federal food commission. The grocers in turn have been requested to limit their sales to 5 pounds for customers in town who can secure their supplies frequently, and 10 pounds to the rural customers, according to one of the leading wholesale dealers in the city.

THIRTIETH DISTRICT COURT CONVENES JANUARY 2ND

The criminal docket will be taken up in the 30th district court on Wednesday, January 2. A number of those who were indicted at the recent session of the grand jury will plead guilty and others are ready for trial. M. W. Gaither has filed suit for divorce in the 30th district court from Laura Gaither.

CHILDREN TO BE MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY EFFICIENT, AIM OF N. Y. C.

WONDERFUL WORK IS BEING DONE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES OF NEW YORK CITY TO BRING TO THE POINT OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL PERFECTION, SO FAR AS HUMAN ENDEAVOR MAY REACH, THE POOR CHILDREN WHO BECOME CHARGES OF THE CITY. THE CAMPAIGN HAS ALREADY BEGUN BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHILDREN'S CLEARING HOUSE, WHICH PROMISES TO MAKE OF THESE NEGLECTED CHILDREN SOMETHING APPROACHING THE BEST CHILDREN PHYSICALLY IN THE WORLD, WITH A VIEW ALSO TO MAKING THEM MENTALLY EFFICIENT.

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- 1 package Tapioca 10c
- 2 Grape Nuts 25c
- 2 packages Post Toasties 25c
- Wash Boards 25c and 35c
- Large Pork and Beans, Heinz... 25c
- 3 cans small Lima Beans 50c
- 3 lbs. White Swan Coffee \$1.15
- 10 bars Swift's Soap 50c
- Prunes, per lb. 15c
- Evaporated Peaches, per lb. 15c
- Toilet Paper, 3 for 25c
- 40c Olives 35c
- Two 25c Jelly 45c
- 40c Preserves 35c
- 55c Preserves 55c
- Dust Bane 20c
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IN THE SPHERE OF WOMANKIND

THE COMING WEEK'S SOCIAL CALENDAR

Monday: The church societies will meet as announced elsewhere in these columns.

U. S. Y. P. U. will give a watch party at the Baptist church.

The Elks will give the annual Christmas dance at the club rooms.

Wednesday: New Century club, the Art Literature club and the Delphi Society will work at the Red Cross rooms.

Thursday: The Wichita Travel club will work at the Red Cross rooms.

The Merry Matrons will meet with Mrs. Guy Raley, 1414 Fifteenth street, Thursday forty-two club meets with Mrs. P. P. Langford.

Friday: The Unity club will meet with Mrs. P. P. Langford.

The K. N. club will meet with Mrs. Frances Dillon.

The Pathfinder club will work at the Red Cross.

GIRLS RE ENTERTAINED AT KEMP KORT DANCE

Boys of the younger school set entertained the girls with a dance given Friday evening at Kemp Kort. The hall was decorated for the Christmas season and an orchestra furnished the music. Punch was served throughout the evening.

Those present were: Misses Lula Woods, Ruby Greenwood, Ruth Barnard, Madeline Machebeckey, Misses Ruby and Gretchen Avis, Mrs. Gaffney, Mrs. Salm, Mr. and Mrs. Post, and Messrs Salm, Stringer, Waggoner, Shappel, Albright, Grisham, Grier and Nolen.

ZUNDELOWITZ THRIFT CLUB WILL RECEIVE DEPOSIT

All members of the Zundelwitz Thrift Club who have added deposits to their original deposit during the year are requested to present their pass books at the bank on Monday so that Mr. Zundelwitz can send a deposit to their accounts in accordance with his agreement.

FRED H. LOOMIS WEDS KANSAS GIRL SATURDAY

Saturday in Wichita, Kansas, the wedding of Fred H. Loomis of this city, to Miss Claudie Rathman of Wichita took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Rathman, the Rev. Dr. Anderson of the First Presbyterian Church at Cherryville, Kansas, officiating with the ring ceremony. The wedding was very quiet with only the family and near relatives present and in the afternoon Mr. Loomis and his bride left for Alton, Kansas, to attend the golden wedding celebration of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Loomis which takes place Monday, Dec. 31. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis will be at home after Jan. 7 in Wichita Falls, having taken apartments at the Joline for the time being.

This wedding announcement will be of much local interest as Mr. Loomis for more than two years has been chemist at the Wichita Mill and Elevator and in business, church and social circles is well known. He also was a favorite with the high school students acting as official in many of the athletic contests being a former football star of the Kansas State College. He is a Sigma Alpha Epsilon. His bride also attended the Kansas State College, the romance having its beginning in college days. Mrs. Loomis is a Tri-Delta and a young lady of many accomplishments and will doubtless prove a most welcome addition to the ranks of young matrons of Wichita Falls.

INTERESTING WEDDING AT IOWA PARK THURSDAY

On Thursday, Dec. 27, at 3:30 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Birk at Iowa Park, their daughter, Eunice, was given in marriage to Gilbert Weeth, the Rev. E. S. Lowrance pastor of the Iowa Park Presbyterian Church reading the ring ceremony. Miss Beth Lowrance as maid of honor and Ralph Birk, brother of the bride, as best man were the attendants. Little Miss Gertrude Heisermann, niece of the groom, being ring bearer. The bride wore a lovely robe of satin charmeuse and georgette crepe in ivory shades and carried a bridal bouquet of white roses, buds and fern. The maid of honor wore a frock of white crepe and lace and carried white roses. The little ring bearer made an exceedingly charming picture in a frock of dainty white. The groom and his attendant were garbed in the conventional black.

The wedding march was played by Miss Mina Trueman. Following the ceremony an informal reception was held and a light luncheon served. Only the immediate families of the young people and a few intimate friends were present. The bride is well known in Wichita Falls where she has visited on numerous occasions and her family as well as that of the groom is one of the most prominent and respected in the whole county. The many friends of both young people are uniting in best wishes for their happiness. Mr. and Mrs. Weeth are now at home on the Weeth farm.

MEMBERS OF 1917 CLASS OF HIGH SCHOOL ENTERTAINED

Miss Mary Spert Clark entertained the members of the 1917 senior class of the high school at her home Friday evening. The house was decorated with mistletoe and wreaths of real holly tied with the class colors, blue and gold.

Contests, games and the telling of school experiences occupied the evening until a late hour, when Misses Blanche and Leola Clark served refreshments of hot chocolate, fruit jello with whipped cream and cake to Misses Gladys Wilson, Goldie and Aileen Alverson, Dollie Hull, Ruth McKenzie, Patie Lou Konce, Emma Carter and Estelle Friberg and Messrs. Fitz Hickman, Alfred Burnside, Leon Patterson and Edwin Karrenbrock.

NEW CROCHET CLUB HOLDS SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MEETING

A special Christmas meeting of the New Crochet Club was held at the home of Mrs. John Chambers Thursday afternoon. A grab box containing gifts for each member had been provided and was very much enjoyed. The usual knitting for the Red Cross occupied the remainder of the afternoon. A delicious luncheon was served to Messdames Martin, Zeigler, Wilson, Thompson, Brady, Sammons, Ziskind and Hardy.

MISS FRAZIER'S ENGAGEMENT IS FORMALLY ANNOUNCED

Mrs. T. P. Adams entertained at her home Friday afternoon in honor of Miss Louise Bryan of Timpon, Texas, who is here visiting Miss Alice Frazier, and to announce the engagement of Miss, Alice Frazier and Ralph Pond.

The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion. In the dining room festoons of smilax reached from the chandelier to the table. The brilliancy of the electric lights was softened by shades in tones corresponding to the floral arrangements. The table was

adorned with basket of pink carnations interspersed with fern.

The engagement was announced in a novel manner; childhood pictures of the bride and groom-to-be being presented to the guests for recognition. The wedding was announced for January 10.

Musical contests were engaged in. Misses Jackson and Adickes being the winners of two beautiful bouquets of carnations.

Delicious refreshments were served to Misses Kahn, Benham of Brady, Texas; Adickes, Kemp, Blair of Dallas; Reed, Noble, Stone, Nolen, Hines, Richel, Coffield and Messdames Hammond, Stokes, George Waggoner, Greenwood, Frazier and Pond.

CIVIC LEAGUE WILL HOLD REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY

The regular meeting of the Civic League will be held at the First Methodist church, corner 5th and Lamar, next Tuesday at three o'clock. Mrs. Smoek, president of the league, requests that all contributions for the Armenian fund be made at or before Tuesday in order that a report may be made.

WITH THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCHES

Baptist Women's Alliance. Baptist Women's Alliance will meet in regular missionary session at the Baptist church at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Guild of Good Shepherd

The Guild of the Good Shepherd will meet at the parish house at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Methodist Ladies Aid Society

Circle No. 1 will meet with Mrs. G. E. Friberg, 1511 Tenth Street.

Circle No. 3 will meet with Mrs. J. B. Dollard, 800 Austin.

Circle No. 2 of the Ladies Aid of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will meet with Mrs. G. Byman, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Christian Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid of the Christian Church will meet in social session with Mrs. W. H. Thatcher, 1514 Tenth street, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

WONDERFUL STRIDES ARE TAKEN BY WICHITA FALLS IN COURSE OF PAST YEAR

Tomorrow will mark the close of the biggest year in the history of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce, so far as achievements are concerned. Reflected in practically every phase of the developments commercial, industrial and otherwise in which the Chamber of Commerce had a part, is the spirit of military service and patriotism which is prevailing throughout the country. And the greatest achievement on the calendar is securing for Wichita Falls the location of the aviation camp, Call Field.

Before a single soldier had arrived, Call Field represented an outlay of nearly \$1,000,000, and though a large part of the material came from out of town sources due to the enormous quantity needed, Wichita Falls labor received a generous share of the million and merchants and various industries profited accordingly. Now with the soldiers in camp, the financial benefit to the city will be greatly increased. Soldiers are good spenders and the Call Field payroll monthly way into the thousands. For obvious reasons the exact number of men and the amount of the salaries can not be given.

Securing the Camp

Wichita Falls secured the location of this camp on its merit, but there was necessary some very energetic work on the part of the Chamber of Commerce of which R. P. Johnson is secretary, and various other citizens. They knew that the best location in the country was right at Wichita Falls but they had to demonstrate this to the satisfaction of the war department and the locating board. This was done after months of busy wirepulling, trips to Washington, telegrams and moral suasion on the part of almost everybody connected with the Chamber of Commerce.

Early in December, 1916, when it was rumored that the war department contemplated establishing a series of aviation training schools, Mr. Johnson took up the trail. He kept on the trail, and after the declaration of war in April, matters were speeded up to such an extent that the selection of Wichita Falls was announced late in May and as soon as practicable after selection of the ground construction was begun and now the camp has been running in regular routine for about a month, though work is still in progress on some of the buildings and on the roads in the camp.

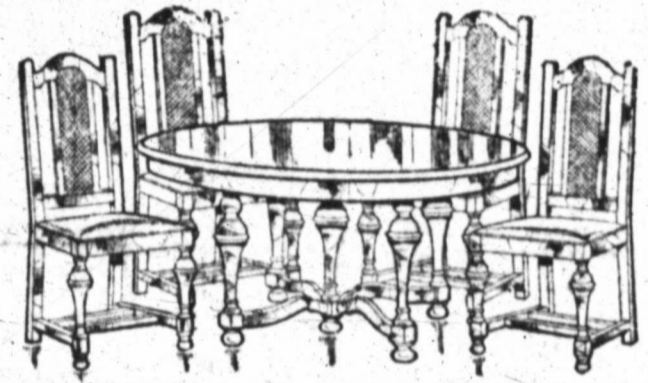
War Activities

In the war activities of Wichita Falls, which made the city one known throughout the country as an example of the proper "dollars and cents sort" of patriotism, the Chamber of Commerce has played its part. The two Liberty Loans, the various funds for entertainment of the soldiers and other matters have had the backing of the Chamber of Commerce. When the National Guard was organized here in July and August and the state and national authorities could give no aid until the camps were opened, business men of the town, through the Chamber of Commerce, provided a place for the guardsmen to stay and establish a commissary, setting an example for other cities and towns where organization of the guard had been hampered by lack of a camp and a sustenance apportionment.

Hoover Campaign. When Herbert C. Hoover asked for the public to practice food conservation and urged home gardens, the Chamber of Commerce, with the as-

CLASS in VIOLIN PLAYING

The Wichita Falls College of Music has decided upon a new branch of instruction in the violin department. Beginning with the new year classes will be organized by Mr. Adams for beginners on the violin. These classes are to consist of not more than four pupils each, and will receive two lessons a week, each lesson of an hour's duration. Tuition: Four dollars a month for a first-class, experienced teacher, make it possible for parents to ascertain with only nominal expense whether or not their child has any inclination toward the violin. No pupil is accepted in these classes for less than a term of ten weeks, and no reduction of the price is made. For further information call on, or address the Wichita Falls College of Music, 1404 Eleventh St. Phone 1270.



CITY IS SEEKING PLENTY OF WATER; WELLS GOING DOWN

BOILING OF FLUID SHOULD BE RULE-WHILE AID FOR DRINKING

TO RELIEVE SITUATION

Manager Lawton Says That Critical Situation Has Occasioned Taking Prompt and Adequate Steps.

The water situation in Wichita Falls, which has been steadily growing more serious since the summer, has now become so critical that the Water company has sunk six wells in the Wichita river at the foot of Lamar street, and is at work on six more, all of which are to be connected to the distribution system through the mains at the foot of Lamar and Scott streets, according to the statement of F. N. Lawton, manager of the Water Company.

This will give an abundance of water, Mr. Lawton declared, and there need be no anxiety on this score. The quality, however, Mr. Lawton warned, might not be quite up to the standard of that formerly supplied, and owing to the very low condition of the lake and the possible saltiness of the water to be obtained from the wells, Mr. Lawton stated for the company that it would be most unwise for people to use water from their taps for drinking purposes, without first boiling it.

Quantity is Sought.

The great problem confronting the water company, Mr. Lawton said, was quantity; and this had become so vital a matter that it was thought best to sacrifice a little in the matter of quality; which, he added, could be easily and adequately offset by care on the part of the householders, if they would take the time and trouble to boil all their drinking water taken from the city mains. If this warning is observed, and if householders and other users of water will be as economical as possible, Mr. Lawton avers that there is no cause for alarm. Every effort is being made to cope with the situation, and Mr. Lawton stated positively that the company believed it had the matter well in hand, and that the wells would give plenty of water for the city's use.

Filtering Plant.

It is probable, according to Mr. Lawton's statement, that the filtering plant will be completed within sixty days, which will take care of every sanitary requirement that may be imposed; and this, with the sinking of wells, will guarantee a plentiful supply of excellent water for the needs of the city. It is understood that should these twelve wells now being sunk should prove insufficient, other wells will be put down.

Mr. Lawton declared that the sinking of the wells was not a very difficult matter, as there was plenty of water to be found at a depth of about twelve feet from the river bed—or about forty feet below the level of the city.

Card of Thanks.
To the many friends who, with their presence tender sympathy, and beautiful flowers, comforted us in the last illness of our husband, father, son and brother, we feel the deepest gratitude, and express our fervent thanks. May God bless you.
Mrs. Virgil Skeen and Children,
Mrs. W. P. Skeen,
Mrs. J. P. Ausburg.

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NEW YEAR!



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distance of the Civic League, secured vacant lots, had them plowed and seeded and turned them over to those who desired to cultivate gardens. The Chamber of Commerce also loaned its secretary to the state food conservation committee when the housewives pledge campaign was put on in the summer. The machinery of the body was loaned the Red Cross in its summer campaign and later in the local "31,000 a month" campaign. In fact, in every movement calculated to assist in the carrying on of the war, whether large or small, whatever part was assigned to the Chamber of Commerce, that part was taken.

And, last but by no means least, the Chamber of Commerce gave its able assistant secretary, John W. Thomas, to the army, Mr. Thomas now being located at Camp Travis, his job waiting for him when the war is over.

Of Unselfish Nature.
With the exception of securing the aviation camp, the foregoing activities were of a purely unselfish nature and meant nothing of financial benefit. The calendar of 1917 achievements for Wichita Falls through her commercial organization includes new industries which will add to increase the population and the buying power of the city, the location of the new insane asylum, the first state institution to be given this city, several successful conventions, passage of \$750,000 worth of good road bonds, urging the passage of the highway bill, a separate federal district with Wichita Falls as the court town, assisting in the irrigation amendment campaign, co-operation with various highway organizations and similar civic movements.

Asylum for the Insane.
On November 23 of this year, the locating board for the Northwest Texas Insane Asylum, sitting at Austin, voted unanimously for Wichita Falls as the point of locating, thus crowning with success the efforts of several months by the Chamber of Commerce. Work on the asylum, which will be built at Lake Wichita, will begin early in the new year, it is expected.

The Atlas Windmill factory was located here early in the spring, the bottle factory building leased and the finished product has been turned out for some time. The factory represents an outlay of more than \$25,000.

Another factory, for the manufacture of tanks, promoted by John Tancred, formerly of Fort Worth, was brought here in the spring through the instrumentality of the Chamber of Commerce. The factory is located in the north part of town and is prepared to construct tanks of any dimensions. This will prove a very important industry in this section, as there is a great demand for oil tanks in this section, and with the factory on the ground there will be no delay

on account of congested railroad traffic.

Motor Club Victor, Too.
The Chamber of Commerce shares honors with the Motor Club in the victory of the \$750,000 good roads issue, which carried by an overwhelming majority on May 24. The large majority which Wichita county gave for the Tillotson irrigation amendment at the state election in July was due to the educational work of the Chamber of Commerce and J. A. Kemp, who has long been an advocate of the reclamation of lands through irrigation and of district action on this matter.

Much publicity in sporting circles through the country was given Wichita Falls as the training place of the Milwaukee Brewers, here in March. In February the State Farm Demonstrators met in annual convention here. March 26 and 27, a Home Economics short course was held by the state university's department of extension under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

Eagles Convention.
The Eagles convention in May and the annual meeting of the Jay-It-Made-in-Texas Association in June were among the important conventions held in Wichita Falls in the year just closing. The Girls National Honor Club's annual encampment from June 17 to July 1, drew widespread publicity.

The Mithall Roundup Celebration was staged here June 16-17. And in addition to these bigger things the Chamber of Commerce has been carrying on the usual work, promoting the farm and home demonstration work, represented by J. W. Campbell and Miss Opal Hughes, and following the routine of commercial organizations, when it has had time to take from its extra work put on it by the unusual war time conditions. Its slogan this year has gone "Business as Usual" one better as will be shown when Secretary Johnson makes his annual report at the business meeting to be held Jan. 8, 1918.

New Standard Suits For Men Are Adopted By British Officials

By Associated Press.
London, Dec. 26. (By mail)—The new standard suits for men, which are to be manufactured under government control, will cost \$12 each. The cloth, it is announced, "will be compared in the bulk of wool" and there will be a limited variety of fabrics, mostly of the favorite gray and brown tweeds.
The first of the new suits will be placed on the market in February.

HUMBLE OIL CO. NOW BUILDING STORAGE TANK

CONCERN IS ALSO CONSTRUCTING PIPE LINE FROM FIELD TO RECEPTABLES

The Humble Oil and Refining Co. is building a 55,000 barrel steel storage tank about a mile north of Iowa Park for crude oil. The same company has recently built storage at its loading racks at Iowa Park for gasoline and is building a large bunk house in the field for its men.

The Humble company has a complete pressure plant in operation in the field for making gasoline from casing head gas. This is shipped in tank cars from Iowa Park. It is not always possible to obtain cars when needed for shipping this casing gas, and on this account the construction of storage tanks is necessary.

The company is also building a pipe line from the field for carrying crude oil to the shipping racks and the new tank now being built. The plant and business of the Dixie Refining company at San Antonio was recently acquired by the Humble Co. It is probable that such a crude oil produces in the fields here will be shipped to the San Antonio plant.

Wages of Railroad Men in Russia Now Put Upon New Basis

By Associated Press.
London, Dec. 29.—Under a new system of paying railway employees based on the cost of living, the commissaries, according to dispatches from Petrograd, has divided Russia into ten districts and the railroad men into fourteen classes. The payment of wages will be fixed in proportion to the living cost in each district and ranges from 150 rubles a month for first class workers in Siberia to 50 rubles a month for workers of the fourteenth class in Petrograd. Physical laborers will have an eight hour day while brain workers will have a six hour day. There has been no further pillaging of wine stores in Petrograd in the last few days.

At the Churches

First Methodist Episcopal Church.
Corner Seventh and Lamar.
Regular services 9:45. Sunday school with trained teachers and interesting classes for all. 11 a. m. morning worship with sermon, subject, "The Inspiration of Christmas Gratitude." Voluntary by the organist, Mrs. Marquande, entitled "La Melancolie," by Goubler.
3:30 Junior League meeting.
4:30 City News Boys meeting, with Mr. C. C. Shelton, president.
6:30 Intermediate League with special program, Mr. H. E. Bachman, superintendent.
6:30 Epworth League services, Mrs. E. L. Richardson, president, with "New Year's" program with lively discussions.
7:30 Evening song and praise service led by choir and orchestra. George Taylor will sing. Title of voluntary, "The Shadows of Departing Day," by Rockwell. Very beautiful stereopticon pictures with a narrative of the life of St. Paul, with a short sermon, "Fellow Workers With Christ."
The Ladies Aid circles meet at 3 p. m. Circle No. 1, at home of Mrs. Ed Friberg; Circle No. 2, at home of Mrs. Gus Byman; Circle No. 3, at home of Mrs. J. B. Dollard.
Wednesday prayer meeting, Thursday Red Cross work under direction of Mrs. Will Marquande.
A live church with a live program. Brank your friends.
HARRY F. DRAPER, Pastor.

Lutheran Trinity Church.
(Corner 14th and Bluff Streets.)
There will be no service on Sunday. Our New Year's service, Tuesday, January 2, begins at 10:30 in the morning. All are welcome.
W. UTESCH, Pastor.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Miss Polly Roberts will sing "Come Unto Me" at the morning hour and the choir will sing "O God, Who Hast Prepared." Miss Yeale will sing a solo at night. The subject of the morning sermon, "A New Year Message." At night, "A beautiful Art." The organization of the church will resume their work the coming week. The elders and trustees will have their annual meeting in the prayer meeting room at 7:30 Monday night.
N. F. GRAPTON, Pastor.

First Methodist Church, South.
(Corner Tenth and Lamar.)
Gus Barnes, Pastor.
Sunday school at 10. W. B. Hamilton, superintendent. Follow the crowd and get into your class.
At 11 o'clock Dr. John R. Nelson, general superintendent of Army work in Texas of the Methodist church will preach. Miss Helen Hines will sing a solo, "The Good Shepherd."
The Senior and Intermediate Leagues will meet at 8:15. Mrs. J. R. Ogilvie will lead the Senior league. Subject, "Planning for the Future."
The pastor will preach at the evening service at 7:15.

The Church of the Good Shepherd.
Services for the Sunday after Christmas will be held as follows: Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m.; Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.; Holy Communion at 11 a. m.; Evening service at 7:30.
There will be a social hour after the evening service to which the congregation is cordially invited.
Regular meetings of the different organizations will be resumed next week.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Sunday school meets at 9:30. This is the last day of the Greenville-Wichita Falls contest. Let every member and friend do his duty today. The winning school is to receive a handsome silver loving cup given by Mr. Arthur A. Everts of Dallas. Remember a new scholar counts ten points and every cent counts a point.
Special church services with a sermon on "Progress in Progress" at 10:45. This is the last Lord's day of 1917, and every member is urged to be

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Henry McMora, of Davidson, Okla., who was arrested Thursday night when 420 quarts of whiskey were found in his wagon, has been bound over to the federal grand jury on a charge of conspiracy to transport liquor into Oklahoma. He was held a hearing Saturday morning and his bond was set at \$1,000. McMora has been unable to make bond.

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LOCAL BANK SAYS BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR YEAR IS GOOD

INCREASE OF ALMOST HUNDRED PERCENT IN FROZEN BEEF ON HAND

MUCH FOOD IN STORAGE

Complete Text of Letter is Given in Which Entire Situation is Discussed at Length

The National Bank of Commerce has issued its business letter for January, 1918 showing figures on the 1917 crops and some very encouraging details of the amount of food in storage in the United States. The letter states that in the one item of frozen beef alone, there is an increase of 92.7 per cent, and of frozen eggs, 114.1 per cent.

The text of the letter follows:

The fourth year of the great war brings with it the definite prospect that before another twelve months has passed the forces of civilization will have asserted their superiority in so unmistakable a manner that, even though it may be too much to expect that hostilities will completely have ceased by January of the next year, it will at least be clearly apparent to the entire world that the Central Powers are fighting a losing battle. To fight stubbornly, so long as a shred of hope of victory remains is the natural instinct of any organized nation, but to prolong indefinitely a struggle that has inevitably disaster and ruin at the end, increasing in measure as time advances, is more

than can be expected of human flesh and blood, even by the iron military mind of the Teuton. However, the alluring prospect of eventual success must not blind us to the fact that, as never before in the long bitter months of war, the allies need today the efficient marshaling of every ounce of strength in order to make absolutely certain that there shall be no more costly or fatal errors. It is just when the load nears the crest of the hill that the greatest strength must be exerted to pull it safely over. Similarly in the coming twelve months America will need the fullest cooperation of every one of her people so that by strict and practical economy and thrift, by saving money and depositing it in the bank, by spending wisely and avoiding waste, by living rationally and conserving all resources, the full weight of our enormous power shall be thrown into the scale and carry the balance of civilization swinging down to an overwhelming victory that will free the world forever from the menace of militarism—a thing without conscience or honor or capacity for covenanted peace.

The World's Crops

Estimates compiled by the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome show record world crops of corn, oats, potatoes, rice, sugar beets and tobacco. Three main crops, wheat, rye and barley have fallen below the five year average of production from 1911 to 1915. The production of wheat in the seventeen leading countries not including the Central Powers is placed at 1,868,000,000 bushels, which is 88.6 per cent of the five year average. Corn totals 3,312,000,000 or 14.1 per cent greater than the five year average.

Food in Storage

The report of the United States Department of Agriculture covering the amount of foodstuffs in cold storage on November first of this year shows some sensational figures. For example, frozen beef shows an increase compared with the same period of last year of no less than 92.7 per cent, the total amount in storage being 179,800,846 pounds and the increase for the month of October alone being 49.4 per cent. Frozen eggs show an even more remarkable increase,

amounting to 114.1 per cent the amount in storage being 13,500,456 pounds. Eggs in cases show an increase of 20.8 per cent, the total number of cases in storage being 4,407,881. Creamery butter which earlier showed a deficit compared with last year now shows an increase of 9.3 per cent, there being over 93,000,000 pounds in storage. Poultry also shows very heavy storage records and cheese stocks are 66.5 per cent greater than last year, there being over 78,000,000 pounds held in storage.

Silver

Silver, which was once aptly described as the ugly duckling among metals, has certainly come into its own. The demand continues to increase and there is every prospect that there is still more prosperity ahead for the white metal. The present situation may be said to be a development of the beginning of the year in August, 1914 when the various European governments, in addition to accumulating as much gold as possible to strengthen their credit, turned their attention to silver. Furthermore the war has brought unusual prosperity to the Far East and particularly to India and China, the latter being the only large independent nation in the world with a silver standard. India's demand for silver for coinage alone in 1916 was 116,000,000 ounces and what this means is best appreciated by considering the fact that the world's total production of silver during that year was 172,383,000 ounces.

The United States is by far the largest producer of silver, its record in 1916 being 72,833,000 ounces, or 42 per cent of the world's total. The world's production of silver has materially declined since the beginning of the war, the total output for 1913 having been nearly 224,000,000 ounces. It is therefore easy to see that a combination of decreased production and very much increased demand has resulted in materially higher prices for silver.

Great American Incomes.

The income tax figures for the fiscal year 1917 show that there are in the United States 206 million with annual incomes of \$1,000,000 or more.

these 196 have incomes ranging from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00 a year, while ten men have annual incomes of more than \$5,000.00. The income tax report indicates increasing figures despite the fact that a lower number of income tax payers is shown than was estimated.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1917, 780,000 income tax returns were made, the original revenue bureau. In 1915 it is estimated, there will be more than 6,000,000 income tax returns and almost as many more of other kinds of returns under the various provisions of the war revenue act.

New Coins.

Plans are under way for passing a bill to authorize the minting of a 2-cent coin, director of the Mint. Baker has received letters from individuals and organizations in all parts of the country urging the coinage of this piece and numerous requests have also been made for a six-cent coin, principally by street railway interests who expect an increase to be effected in street railway fares.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN PASSES RESOLUTION ON DEATH OF SKEEN

LATE CITY CLERK HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM BY MAYOR AND CO-WORKERS

At the meeting of the board of aldermen on Friday night a resolution was adopted testifying to the high regard and esteem in which V. G. Skeen, late city clerk, was held by the board and all who knew him. A. J. Chambers, former clerk of the police court, was appointed an acting city clerk, to fill out the term of Mr. Skeen, and Patrolman A. H. Bullard installed in the place of Mr. Chambers.

The bond of Chief of Police Humphris was given and accepted, and sundry permits were applied for and granted.

The resolution regarding the death of Mr. Skeen follows:

Resolution.

Whereas, since our last meeting death has again visited our official family and has taken from his labors our city clerk, V. G. Skeen, leaving another vacancy hard to be filled by us, and, whereas, our deceased city clerk by his honest and faithful discharge of his official duties, by his genuine kindness and courtesy, by his cheerful and happy temperament, by his willingness at all times to serve his city and his employes, his citizens, whether higher or low, with an equal alacrity, had come to be as nearly an indispensable official as any man can well be, and,

whereas, he has filled his office with an unstinted service, keeping at all times the records in such an accurate and admirable form, and the finances of the city entrusted to him in such an honest and conscientious manner and all other official duties so willingly and ably that many times his official work has been praised and approved by both the governing body of the city and those entrusted with the audit of its accounts, and,

whereas, he was not only an efficient officer, but a kind and indulgent father and husband, a citizen of high ideals and a friend to be loved and trusted;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that we, the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, in sorrow attest to the true and genuine worth of our departed City Clerk, and extend to his bereaved wife and children, his mother and relatives our deepest sympathy and condolence, recognizing that our loss is second only to theirs, and knowing that we speak for a great official family of the City of Wichita Falls, and its employees in our simple, but just tribute, we likewise add to our own the sympathy and condolence of all of the constituent members of the city government, and order this testimonial to be spread upon our minutes, and a copy thereof to be furnished to his family, so that those who may come after us may know the true love and esteem in which he was held by us.

A. H. BRITAIN, Mayor.
J. A. LEA, JR.,
J. A. RICHOLT,
MARVIN SMITH,
G. H. HALL,
W. M. GARDNER,
Board of Aldermen.

Joint Installation Of Officers Planned By Camp and Grove

W. O. W. Camp No. 3001 and Wichita Falls Grove No. 147, plans to have a joint installation of officers at their meeting next Wednesday night, which will be not only open to those members but to the public.

The usual rule has been that a crowded house was present on these occasions, and at this time, it is not expected to be an exception.

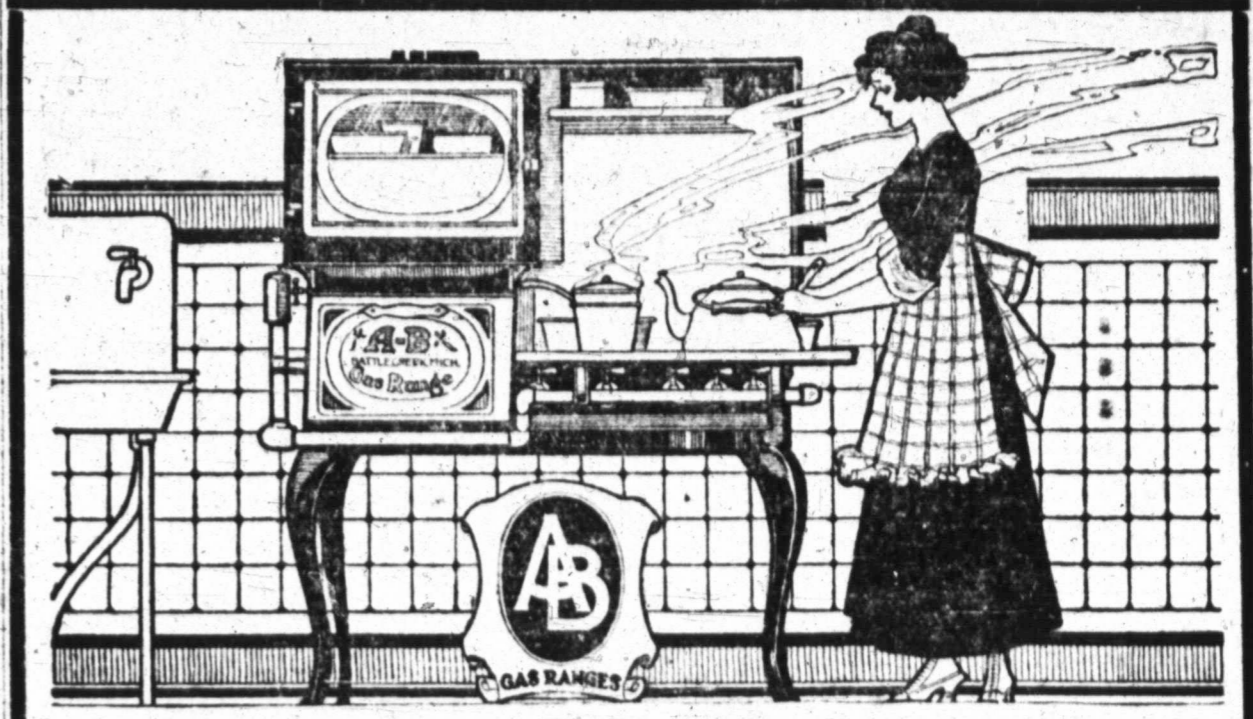
The following programme is to be rendered besides that of the installation:

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Recitation... Ruby Dudley
Talk on Woodcraft... W. B. Chaucer
Reading... Mrs. J. R. Ogilvie
Musical Selection... Miss Bet Soule
Public Installation of Officers.
Song—Solo... Mrs. M. M. Bates
Curtain.

Bowie Attorney Will Be Fitzgerald's Law Partner In Future

H. F. Weldon of Bowie, one of the best known attorneys of Northwest Texas, is moving to Wichita Falls and is entering into a partnership with Judge W. E. Fitzgerald in the practice of law. The firm will be known as Fitzgerald and Weldon.

Mr. Weldon will need no introduction to the Wichita county bar as he has been in the district court here a number of times and has many friends. In addition to being a good lawyer, Mr. Weldon is a dog enthusiast, being president of the North Texas Field Trials association. He was chairman of the Montague county registration board, resigning that position recently when he decided to move to Wichita Falls.



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J. F. Riggs Purchases Home Upon Burnett; Now Being Remodeled

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FEATURE FILMS OF WEEK

"THE FIGHTING TRAIL." Shot through both wrists so he cannot handle a rifle or pistol, led to the tail of a wild horse which then is sent galloping across the great desert of Southern California in a raging sand storm, is the fate of John Gwyn, a young American mining engineer, in the eleventh episode of "The Fighting Trail." Greater Vitagraph's serial of adventure and the great outdoors, which will be the attraction in the 14th Theatre on Monday.

From the first scene to the last the film maintains the keenest interest, but it reaches its strongest point in the second part, when the horde of the Ku Klux Klan are gathering for the rescue of harried whites. The extraordinary spectacular effects, the breadth of conception and the skill of execution with which the spectacle has been made, differentiates it from all previous attempts at photodrama. The scenes range through the Civil War and Reconstruction periods, and visualize with graphic effect the places and personages of the most stirring period of American history. So widespread has been the discussion of "The Birth of a Nation" that it is hardly necessary to again outline the story. Suffice it to say that the spectacle deals with a big theme in a big way. No such wonderful photographic conceptions have ever before been made for the screen. A more complete idea of the conflict of armies on the field of battle could not be given, even were actual hostilities to be photographed. The onlooker sees a battle as only those on the very front line of fighting would see a conflict. Then there is a wonderful realization of the South in ante-bellum days when slaves worked in the cotton field and were sold on the block. The great Liberator, who gave to the helpless the boom of freedom, is seen in his very human aspect as the conqueror of the oppressed, and the tragedy that snuffs out such a life is most impressive. Indeed it would be difficult to imagine a more effective and affecting scene than that showing the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

"BIRTH OF A NATION" HERE TOMORROW AND TUES. D. W. Griffith's globe-girdling triumph, "The Birth of a Nation," returns to this city for a limited return engagement of two nights and New Year's matinee commencing Monday, December 31st, at the Wichita Theatre. This will positively be the last opportunity in this city to see this masterpiece which has everywhere thrilled capacity audiences with its charming love story and historic spectacles.

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in Ford's Theater, Washington. The great historical value of this spectacle is shown by the large number of school children that flock to see its wonders. There is no better way of telling the impressive story of the Civil War and Reconstruction.

BIG MUSICAL COMEDY
COMING TO WICHITA THEATRE

"Have A Heart," Henry W. Savage's offering that was the musical comedy hit of last winter at the Liberty Theatre, New York, will be given at the Wichita Theatre, Tuesday, January 2nd. A rare treat is assured, for "Have A Heart," with its sparkling humor and tingling melodies, already whistled, sung and danced to throughout the whole country, is a constantly shifting kaleidoscope of beauty not excelled in any musical comedy of the period. It is the joint product of Guy Bolton, P. G. Wodehouse and Jerome Kern, who are the men of the hour in this form of entertainment. The present offering is made by Henry W. Savage himself and the splendid New York production with a typical Savage beauty chorus and complete orchestra.

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PROVES SUCCESS;
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NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE
CASTLE ENJOYMENT.

The Knights of Columbus staged a most successful minstrel show for the benefit of the K. of C. war fund last night. The receipts, about \$900. The house was crowded, and the audience was well satisfied with the varied program offered. The K. of C. will be able to augment the war fund by about \$600 to \$700. As a happy departure from the general rule of minstrel shows, there was a pleasing absence of "rough stuff," and while some of the jokes were so good that they have been handed down from generation to generation as reliable laugh getters, most of the lines were new and snappy, and the ripples of laughter floating around the house testified to the pleasure of the audience.

Charles Greenburg made a hit in each of the roles he assumed: first as Jew comedian, giving a garbed account of a certain wedding, in which he displayed positive genius for the wrong word in the right place; second as a mere black man; and third as the plaintive and amorous "cullud lady." "If you don't want me, please don't dog me around," where he became two hundred pounds of maullin sentimentality. Eugene Leopold, his partner in this last, played up to him nobly, and this number was one of the best received on the program. Miss Adre's ability delighted the audience with her novelty dancing, in which she showed grace and lightness of dancing shadows. Her sailor dance, in costume, brought forth instant applause, and she responded with a light, fanciful, fairy-like dance, in the meter and phrasing of a gavotte. The accompaniment was excellently handled by Ernest Katz.

Miss Schaffer Scores. Miss Tillie Mae Schaffer scored heavily with "I'm a real kind mama," and Miss Annita Moore danced very pleasing in her classic dance. Miss Frances Oechsner, as Joan of Arc clad in shining chain armor of bronze and silver, with helmet and sword of dull steel, seemed absolutely made for the part; otherwise she could not have carried the audience so easily and surely from the ridiculous to the sublime without losing its interest. Joan of Arc, "They are Calling You," achieved the difficult feat of making the audience keep quiet.

YEAR'S RAINFALL
IN THIS CITY IS
BUT 16.55 INCHES

RECORD FOR PAST YEAR IS DECLARED WELL UNDER AVERAGE

The rainfall for 1917 thus far shows a total of 16.55 inches, and it is considered by the new comers that there will be no more rain this year. To this may be added a snow fall of 4 1/2 inches taken month by month, the precipitation report is as follows: Jan. 15.3 inches snow, Feb. 14, 1.10 rain, March 2, 1.10 snow, 4, 1.10 snow, 21, 3.10 rain, April 11, 6.10 rain, 12, 4.10 rain, 27, 3.10 rain; 29, 2.10, May 5, 95-100; 10, 4.10; 19, 9-10; 27, 1.10; 28, 2.10; 31.1 in. June 23, 1.4-10, July 3, 75-100; 4, 1.5-10; 15, 2.10; 19, 1.25-100; 25, 15-100, August 10, 3-10; 11, 95-100; 12, 15-100; 18, 45-100; 19, 1.10; 19, 10; September 2, 2.10; 3, 2.10; 4, 25-100; 26, 5-10, October none, November 17, 2-10; 10, 25-100; 27, 85-100; 28, 25-100, December, no rain; 7, 1 inch snow. From this it will be seen that August was the wettest month of the year, with a total of 3.85-100 inches, with May 3.55-100 inches. October had no rain or snow, December, thus far, no rain, and 1 inch of snow, and February only 1.10 inches of rain.

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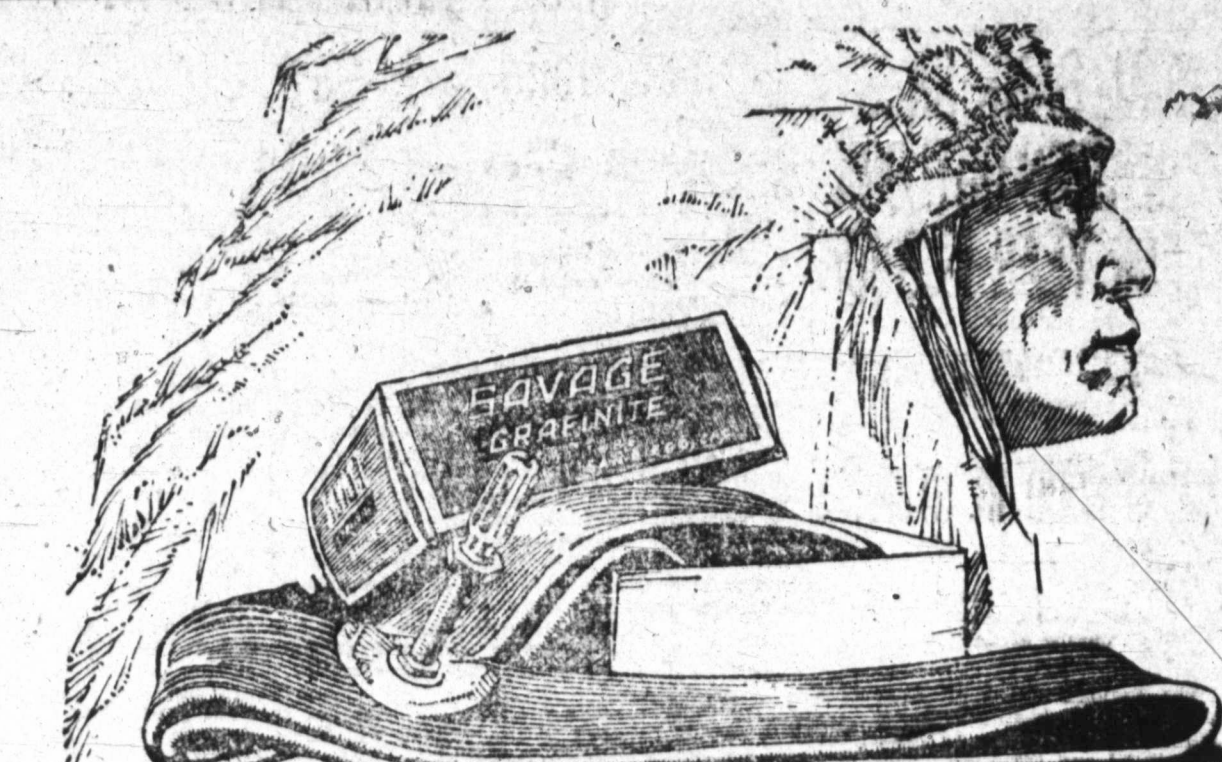
NATION IS PROSPEROUS

Net Operating Incomes of Railroads of
Country Declared to be Less
Than Same Time Last Year

"The days of unrestricted enterprise," says the Collins Forecast, recently received by the Wichita State Bank, "and practical free trade are ended. What amount of private enterprise may make, and how business shall be conducted, once matters of individual judgment, are now being subjected to a growing legislative scrutiny. While it would be unwise for business to be unduly concerned over this tendency, it would be equally unwise to ignore completely the disposition of the government to take a larger hand in the direction of private enterprise. It is understood of course that in war times production is forced without regard to profit; but in times of peace, neither capital nor labor will display much enthusiasm in working without adequate reward. When this latter principle resumes sway on the return of peace, it will tend to limit to its just province the intervention of government in business enterprise."

Business is Good. The forecast further states that as to general business, the outlook for the New Year is decidedly favorable to a continuance of prosperity. In United States foreign trade an increase of \$42,580,675 in imports, and of \$48,816,139 in exports is reported for October of this year over the same month of last; and in capital of new companies chartered an increase of \$96,259,600 for November, 1917 over November, 1916. As to money in circulation an increase of \$781,375,115 is shown for December of this year over the same month of 1916, and there is an excess of gold exports over gold imports of \$7,000,000 in favor of October, 1917 as against October, 1916.

The net operating income of the railways of the United States for September, 1917 was less than September, 1916 by \$83 per mile, or 17.8 per cent. Total operating revenues \$35,731,325 exceeded those for September, 1916 by \$32,420,037. Operating expenses \$243,610,587 were greater by \$40,134,208. Net operating revenue, \$114,121,138, decreased \$7,514,171. Taxes \$25,088,258 increased by \$11,218,287. Net operating income was \$88,985,043 which is a decrease of \$19,015,968.



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As to the farming interests, recent amount to some \$300,000,000; and heavy snow falls are reported in practice applications if granted, will be likely all of the winter wheat states subject to the new rate. The State of Iowa has produced crops. The yield of seven cereal crops in this year valued at \$82,000,000 a gain 1917 was 5,720,466,000 bushels, a gain of 20.7 per cent over 1916 and compared with 1915 a gain of 37 per cent over last year. Announcement is made by the Federal Farm Loan Board of an advance 528,000 bushels in 1915. These crops of interest on farm loans of from 5 were valued this year at \$6,856,752,000, to 5 1/2 per cent. It is estimated that a gain of 62.2 per cent over 1916, in application for loans now pending value. It will be seen that a large part of this gain was due to the increase in prices. There is a possibility that in future the parcels post rates may be so reduced as to make this service attractive to farmers and dealers. This would result in a lower price to the consumer. Compared to express charges, there will be economy for the shipper, as well as rapidity of service.

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

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FOR SALE—Two story house in the 800 block on Tenth street, \$4,750.00. Five room strictly modern bungalow on Tenth street, \$500.00. Six room east front home, modern in every respect, with good concrete foundation, concrete basement, situated in the 1100 block on Taylor street, \$3,500.00. N. O. Monroe, phone 2454. 198 3tp

A GOOD LOT—Only 50 feet off of Tenth street belonging to non-resident for \$750.00. O. F. Marchman, Phone 2851. 198 tlc

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

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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 Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and such other business as the Stockholders may desire to discuss. 181-30tc T. J. TAYLOR, Cashier.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the stockholders of 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 a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and such other business as the stockholders may desire to discuss. 186-30tc W. W. GARDNER, Cashier.

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

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ziegler Store Company of Wichita Falls, Texas, will be held in the offices of the president, J. A. Kemp, on Tuesday morning, January 8th, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and such other business as may properly come before the meeting of the stockholders. J. C. ZIEGLER, Secretary. Wichita Falls, Tex., December 29, 1917. 198 3tc

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

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

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

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Hoover Now Asking People To Eat
Less Sugar Than Heretofore
and To Save Flour.

As an interesting side light on the Italian debacle, the Texas State Council of Defense observes in a recently issued statement that the Italian line crumpled after the bread ration of the Italian soldier had been reduced from 750 grams to 600 as to whether this was a factor in the crumpling of the Germans attacked, and the Italian line crumpled.

The United States Food Administration had not been created by Congress until August 10. There is no particular reason why it should not have been created two months earlier. Its work is to prevent just such contingencies as the cutting of the Italian ration.

The work of the Food Administration is two jobs rather than one. The first task is to see that food in the more concentrated forms is saved from unnecessary consumption here in order that it may be shipped to Europe.

As part of this task Mr. Hoover asks every American to eat each day one ounce less of sugar than he usually eats. Is he trying to inflict a hardship when he asks that? Americans who do as he requests will still eat three fourths of their normal consumption of sugar. But the English are getting only a little over one fourth as much sugar as they used to eat.

American confectioners have been putting 400,000 tons of sugar a year into candy. That amount of sugar would all but supply the entire English demand at the present rate of consumption. Recently the ad-

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ministration has cut the candy makers down to 200,000 tons a year. The money value of the sugar so saved is enough to feed all of Belgium for one year.

In restricting the candy makers the Administration was performing the second part of its task—that of controlling the distribution of food supplies. In its conservation work the Administration deals directly with producer and consumer. On the side of control it deals with the manufacturer and the wholesaler.

Food control is saving money for the American household week by week. In May, wheat was at \$3.50 a bushel and flour at \$17.10. Congress brought wheat down to \$2.20 for this year's crop, and Hoover's organization had reduced the price of flour to \$10.25. On every barrel of flour bought the purchaser has been enabled to save at least \$6.85. As America consumes 10 million barrels of flour in a month, the total monthly savings affected by the Administration at this one point is \$68,500,000.

Cost of Living. But keeping down the cost of living is not the primary object of the Administration. It opposes hoarding, not so much because hoarding raises prices, as because it keeps food out of the market at the very times when it is most seriously needed. The Administration's licensing system has practically eliminated hoarding. Jobbers, wholesalers, and big retailers can do business only if they have a license. If they are caught hoarding, a forfeiture of their license puts them out of business forthwith. Public opinion keeps the small retailers in line—where patriotism doesn't do it.

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Bemrod Gets Agency. W. E. Muldrow and S. Bemrod, of the S. Bemrod Auto and Supply Co. have taken the agency of the Presto-Lite battery, and will be the distributors for this district, handling the batteries, and providing the service. For the present their headquarters will be at the S. Bemrod Auto and Supply Co., 712 Eighth street.

Sales last week ran close to the average, in spite of car shortage and bad weather. Six dealers, however, reported no sales, and but for one Motor Supply Co.'s delivery of 17 Ford cars, and the Consumers Cash Co.'s 9, the total would have been far below the usual weekly average. Fifty-five cars of all classifications were sold, with an unusual falling off in second hand cars—only five of these last having changed hands. Sales were as follows:

Sales For Week. Motor Supply Co.: wholesale, to this company's house in Burkburnett,

6 cars, and in Electra, 6 cars; retail, H. A. Wimmer, J. O. Elliott, R. C. Ealy, Union Meat Market, and James M. Morton. Consumers Cash Co.: Saxon; wholesale, C. O. Parker, Charlie, I. C. R. Bailey, Bowie, 6; retail, Herman J. Norton, M. A. Shepherd, Cross Plains. Staly Motor and Supply Co., retail, Ilsen Car Co., Fort Worth, 1, and City Garage Co., Olney, 1; retail, J. J. Hill, Burkburnett, Mrs. J. H. Patchney, city, J. N. George, Burkburnett; 2 second hand. McFall and Orth: Dodge; retail, W. L. Scott, Burkburnett, C. B. Farquarson, Ben Calhoun, T. R. T. Orth, and G. S. Beard, city; 1 second hand.

Overland: Wholesale; Curtis and Duncan, Byers, 5; 1 second hand. E. E. Sanders: Franklin; retail, R. E. Ardley, H. D. Crith, James Abernathy and Mrs. E. E. Sanders. S. Bemrod Auto and Supply Co.: Maxwell, E. L. Scott, Burkburnett, truck to Ray Sheet Metal Works, Excelsior Motor Co., Oldsmobile, Henry Hund, Cadillac, J. A. Richolt, Willis Car Co.: Premier; W. C. Myers, city; 1 second hand.

BOSTON IS SUFFERING
RESULT SEVERE WEATHER.

By Associated Press. Boston, Dec. 29.—The most severe cold wave experienced in New England since 1914, swept in from the northwest early today and caused widespread suffering because of the general lack of fuel. From a maximum reading of 37 degrees yesterday the temperature dropped to 4 degrees below in Boston this morning.

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| Fountain Syringe \$1.50, our cut price..... 99c | 4711 Glycerine soap 25c, cut price..... 20c | Pompeian Massage Cream, 50c size, our price..... 39c |
| Orchid White, 40c size, our cut price..... 35c | Mahdeen Hair Tonic, \$1.00 size, our price..... 75c | Pompeian Night Cream, 35c size, our price..... 29c |
| Pebbeco Tooth Paste, price 50c, our price..... 45c | Hot Water Bottle, \$1.50 value, our cut price..... 99c | Pompeian Night Cream in tubes, 25c size..... 19c |
| Nadine Face Powder 50c size, our price..... 39c | Pond's Vanishing Cream, 25c size, our price..... 19c | Daggett and Ramsdells Cream, 25c size, our price..... 19c |
| Mulsified Coconut Oil 50c size, our cut price.. 45c | O-Cedar Polish, 25c size, our price..... 19c | Daggett and Ramsdells Cream, 35c size, our price..... 29c |
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