

AMERICA'S PART IN WAR IS DEFINITELY OUTLINED

BREST-LITOVSK PEACE NEGOTIATIONS REPORTED BROKEN OFF BY RUSSIANS

Huns Retention Of Provinces Is Stumbling Block

London, Jan. 2.—Peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk have been broken off by the Bolshevik government owing to the German attitude in regard to Poland and Lithuania and the enemy's proposal that garrisons be retained at Libau, Riga and elsewhere, according to a telegram from the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News appearing in a late edition of that paper today.

The dispatch quotes an article from the Bolshevik newspaper Izvestia discussing "the new phase in the peace negotiations." The article says that owing to pressure from below the Germans have been obliged to soil their lips with the formula put forward by the Socialists at the beginning of the war, but the German imperialists would not be imperialists if they did not try to take back in fact what with gritted teeth they yielded in words.

HERBERT HOOVER GIVES TESTIMONY TO SENATE BODY

FOOD ADMINISTRATOR'S EXAMINATION IS CONDUCTED BY SENATOR REED.

TRIED TO STOP STRIKE

Controller Says His Reports On Cuban Situation in May Were Based On Facts Then Existing.

Washington, Jan. 2.—One of Herbert Hoover's first acts in his efforts to handle the food situation was to try to settle strikes in the Cuban cane fields, so this country's supply might be protected, he told the Senate investigating committee today.



NOW ON THE FIRING LINE!

British Ambassador Is Going Home On Leave; Mystery Shrouds Visit

Washington, Jan. 2.—The report from London that Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British ambassador to the United States will return from his post here was confirmed today in official circles. The ambassador is expected to leave for home on Jan. 10.

Five Court-Martialed Negroes Will Hang In San Antonio Decision

San Antonio, Jan. 1.—Five of the negroes tried by the last court martial in connection with the Houston riots have been sentenced to be hanged according to the verdict of the court martial by Major General Ruckman this morning.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS WILL HELP ARMENIANS.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Help for the Armenian and Syrian people, many of whom have died for want of food and clothing will be given in Seventh Day Adventist churches throughout the United States and Canada in a special offering Saturday, January 12.

Paris, Jan. 2.—Six German airplanes were put out of action yesterday by the French. It is announced officially. Artillery fighting continues at various points on the front.

SPEEDING TROOPS ACROSS ATLANTIC IS CHIEF DESIRE

Washington, Jan. 2.—American troops are to be rushed to Europe in as large and as constant a stream as is humanly possible; the allied nations will so arrange their shippings as to provide the necessary transport; the merchant shipbuilding program must be pushed; there is to be closer co-operation of all the co-belligerents to present a single and united front to German autocracy; the part of the United States has been clearly defined and arrangements made to carry it out.

These are the principal results, as they affect America, of the recent inter-allied war council in Paris, announced today by the state department.

These recommendations made by the American delegates of whom Colonel E. M. House, President Wilson's personal representative, was the head, are the result of the great council of heads of all the co-belligerents.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Constant and speedy dispatch of American troops to the European battle front is the principal recommendation made to the government by the American delegates who recently returned from the inter-allied war council at Paris.

Speeding up the merchant ship building program and closer co-operation with the co-belligerents are the other principal recommendations.

This was disclosed today by the state department which made public a summary of the result of the conference.

Through a new inter-allied organization for co-ordinating shipping resources arrangements have been made to "devote the greatest amount of tonnage possible for the transportation of American troops."

A definite program formed for more active utilization of American naval forces and an agreement was made with the British admiralty to effect certain plans for anti-submarine warfare.

The contributions of the United States to a pooling of resources were agreed upon. The arrangement guarantees full equipment of every kind will be available to all American forces sent to Europe during 1918.

Arrangements were made to have the United States participate in military deliberations of a supreme war council as a step toward efficient and centralized units of control of military operations.

Plans were also worked out whereby in order to permit the United States to visualize the problems of food control at home, Great Britain, France and Italy agreed to put the economic control of foodstuffs in their countries.

The extent of the military effort to be aimed at by the United States was outlined in the inter-allied advisory board was created to advise each nation on allotments of ships, so as to permit the American military effort to be realized.

Some Recommendations of the American delegates headed by Colonel E. M. House, President Wilson's personal representative are: "That the United States exert all their influence to secure the entire control of the world's shipping and economic relations between themselves and the countries associated with them in the war."

As much as the successful termination of the war by the United States and allies can be greatly hastened by the extension of the United States shipping program to the belligerent and neutral people of the United States bend every effort toward accomplishing this result by a systematic co-ordination of resources of all nationalities.

Statement Made Public. The following statement by the state department was made public in connection with the recommendations: "A review of the report filed with the department of state by Colonel House, the head of the special war mission which visited Great Britain and France in November shows that it succeeded in its purpose of reaching a definite working plan for the prosecution of the war through co-operation of the governments represented at the conference held in Paris in the various fields of activity and through the marshalling of the resources of the nation at war with the Central Powers and co-ordinating their uses under a common authority, thus avoiding the waste and uncertainties that arise from independent action."

SOLICITORS ARE TO BE ABOLISHED

Dallas, Jan. 2.—Railroad executives of lines in Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico, meeting here today, decided to abolish all uptown passenger and freight offices, eliminate passenger and freight solicitors and appoint a committee of five headed by W. B. Scott, president of the Sunset Central lines, which will revise schedules so as to do away with unnecessary passenger trains and substitute for these needed freight trains.

NATIONAL GUARD ORGANIZATION IS TO BE POSTPONED

Austin, Jan. 2.—The organization of the proposed new Texas National Guard must be indefinitely postponed owing to the fact that the war department is unable to give any assurance as to when it will be able to furnish new Texas organizations with new supplies and equipment, says a statement given out late this afternoon by Governor Hobby.

Higher Courts Meet At Austin To Renew Their Regular Grind

Austin, Tex., Jan. 2.—After the holiday vacation the courts of appeals and criminal appeals met this morning. Because but little work was done by members of the courts during the holiday season no opinions of consequence were handed down by the civil court. The session of the court of criminal appeals consisted merely in the formality of meeting and adjourning until next Wednesday.

Sweden Will Be Sent Numerous Supplies By United States Vessels

Stockholm, Jan. 2.—The Svenska Dagbladet, attributes to the Swedish foreign office information that negotiations with the United States have been concluded satisfactorily. It says that an agreement has been reached under which 11,000 tons of necessities, chiefly coffee, petroleum and drugs, will arrive in Sweden about the middle of February.

ITALY WILL INTERN ALL ENEMY SUBJECTS

Rome, Tuesday, Jan. 1.—The Italian government has taken measures to intern all enemy subjects in Italy within four or five days, La Epoca says. No exceptions will be made.

RUSSIAN DELEGATE SPEAKS FOR IMPRISONED SOCIALISTS.

London, Jan. 2.—M. Radok, on behalf of the Russian delegation, according to the Russian official news bureau, made the following statement at a meeting with the Austro-German delegates to discuss the condition of prisoners: "At the moment our conference assemblies with the object of alleviating the miseries of war, I have to announce that to those victims who fell in the battle for peace, now have been added still more sufferers."

Blasht Shakes Cities

several hundred thousand dollars. The plant is engaged largely in the manufacture of four inch shells for the United States government and hundreds of those in the last stages of completion were destroyed. Two colored workmen were badly burned but will recover.

SIX GERMAN PLANES PUT OUT BY FRENCH

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When his room was searched it was found to contain German papers, letters, maps of Norfolk and a book of the memoirs of Germany with a picture of the kaiser as the frontispiece.

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN AUTOMOBILES BURNED

Shelbyville, Ill., Jan. 2.—A new garage containing eighty automobiles burned here today with an estimated total loss of \$75,000.

FIRE AT NORFOLK BEING THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED.

The department of justice today is conducting an examination of the 25 suspects including two women arrested since yesterday morning when fire swept the business district of Norfolk. Hugo Schmidt and H. K. Lessig were among the first to be caught in the dragnet. W. J. A. Brosvord, another suspect, was arrested late last night.

EISEMAN TELLS OF PREPARATION TO CONDUCT WAR

Washington, Jan. 2.—With Charles E. Eisman, vice chairman of the supply committee of the council of national defense on the stand, the Senate war inquiry today continues its investigation into the cancelled scrap uniform cloth picking contracts.

Samuel Kaplan, another member of the supply committee whose brother, it was developed at the hearings, is financially interested in the company, also is to be heard.

Mr. Eisman, explaining operations of the supply committee, stated that during the last eight months he had dealt in 4,500 transactions with merchandise valued at \$800,000,000.

"The delay was due to the buying of supplies too late," said he, indicating that more troops were called into service than could be equipped "in time."

"It is right," he asked the committee "to call out men defenseless against the elements when it is known that enough supplies are not on hand? We were ordered to provide a certain amount of materials. We never were told the number of men that were to be called out."

Cloth, he declared, was delivered to the quartermaster general office faster than it could be made into garments. Quartermaster General Sharpe has previously testified that cloth deliveries were behind.

POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE OF FINLAND MAY BE GRANTED

Petrograd, Jan. 2.—The Bolshevik news agency announces that the council of people's commissars has decided to recommend to the council of workers and soldiers delegates recognition of the political independence of the republic of Finland. A special commission has been appointed to take measures for the separation of Finland from Russia.

CITIES IN NEW YORK ON LIGHTLESS NIGHTS ARE TO BE VERY DIM.

New York, Jan. 2.—The business streets of New York City and cities and towns throughout the state will be entirely dark on "lightless nights" except for regular street lights under an order promulgated by the fuel administration today requiring that electric advertising and display signs of all kinds be completely discontinued.

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CAMPAIGN BEGUN ON PACIFISTS IN POLITICAL ARENA

NATIONAL SECURITY LEAGUE MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITS PLANS.

Special to The Times.
 New York, Jan. 2.—Further announcement of its plans of campaign to combat the various disturbing elements which threaten the preservation of a loyal war-congress at the biennial congressional elections next fall was made by the National Security League. Starting in Wisconsin, where anti-war sentiment is admittedly rife, and where the issue with the un-American part of the population is definitely drawn at the present time on the question of the successor to the late Senator Huston, the Security League declares that it is preparing to carry the fight into every state in the Union where action is necessary.

Evidence of Need.
 The League's statement calls particular attention to four things which loom on the horizon as direct evidence of the necessity of the work which it has undertaken and the grave menace of the situation which must be met before next fall. The League points with emphasis to the activities of the National Non-Partisan League; the formal announcement by the National Socialist Party that it is about to undertake the raising of a \$1,000,000 fund to finance the campaigns of Socialist congressional candidates; the recent unofficial announcement of the government that evidence exists of a wide-spread anarchist plot throughout the country; and the announcement of the congressional candidacy of Morris Hillquit, who polled an enormous vote in the recent mayoralty election in New York City on a frankly anti-war platform.

The well intentioned, but poorly informed, farmers and laboring men of the country who are giving credence to the communistic program laid down by the organizers of the Non-Partisan League must not forget that it was this organization which held the meeting in St. Paul at which Senator La Follette made his notorious speech," says the Security League.

The Non-Partisan League claims a membership in the northwest and middlewest of 1,000,000 voters. Their dues of \$16 a year would place in their hands \$16,000,000. The Non-Partisan League's organizers are spreading throughout the country and declaring that they are striving to enroll 5,000,000 members before next summer. While the Non-Partisan League has announced no actual congressional program as yet, its objects are clear. It was responsible for the election of Gov. Frazier, of North Dakota, who welcomed the outlawed delegates of the "People's Council" when they were wearing the robes of the authorities of state after state last summer. It seems to use that menace here involved is self-evident," declares the Security League.

In Wisconsin, where the League will start its campaign, the loyal citizens of the state are deeply exercised over the situation. They have organized the Wisconsin Loyal League with 5,000 members and are fighting the anti-war element as effectively as possible. The Milwaukee branch of the National Security League, of which August H. Vogel, a loyal and influential German-American, is chairman and Willet M. Spooner, secretary, and Ex-Senator Spooner, secretary, is cooperating with the Loyal League. Their principal activity has been the covering of the state with delegates who explain the real meanings of the war and the necessity for its efficient and aggressive prosecution. It has not been unusual for these speakers to be booed down by the audience when they have faced.

Wisconsin Schools.
 Only 19 of the 72 county superintendents of schools in Wisconsin replied favorably in the Security League's recent appeal to the educational authorities of the country to make instruction on the meaning of the war part of the actual teachings in the schools. This effort by the League has met with a most enthusiastic response throughout the country, nothing approaching its failure in Wisconsin having been experienced in any other state in the Union.

The National Security League's plan of campaign was drawn at a meeting held yesterday at the Manhattan Club, this city, at which were present S. Stanwood Menkin, president of the League; Herbert Barry, secretary; Henry L. West, executive secretary; Dr. Robert M. McElroy, head of the department of history and politics in Princeton University, educational director of the Security League under leave of absence; Dr. Thomas J. Preston, Jr., chairman of the League's speakers bureau; Dr. William H. Hobbs, of the University of Michigan, chairman of the Ann Arbor branch of the Security League, who is now working with the government committee on public information; and Edward Harding, vice chairman of the national committee of patriotic and defense societies, who is a member of the Security League's executive committee.

Lessons in German.
 Dr. Hobbs is conversant with conditions in Wisconsin, having been for several years at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and having been active in the fight some years ago to prevent the repeal of the state law requiring the teaching of English in German parochial schools. The Wisconsin law today permits the conducting of classes even in geography and arithmetic in German.

Wide-spread editorial support of the Security League's non-partisan campaign to preserve a loyal war-congress is being given by the leading newspapers in many parts of the country where its activity will be extended from Wisconsin.

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THOSE FOREIGN BORN READY TO GET THE KAISER

MORE ANXIOUS, APPARENTLY, THAN MANY LONG-TIME U. S. RESIDENTS.

Foreign born citizens and those of the first generation born in America appear much more willing to go across the seas to fight for America than those whose American ancestry runs back for generations, members of the advisory committee to the exemption board are announcing that they are ready to fight for America. Very few of those old American families are falling to claim exemptions, however. One of these sent in his questionnaire the other day.

"Roughnecking in the Oil Fields."
 In one place the questionnaire asks what the registrant has been employed at during the past ten years. "Roughnecking in the oil fields" was this registrant's answer. In another place the questionnaire asks for what work the registrant thinks he is best fitted. "Getting the Kaiser," was the man's answer. He had no claim for exemption and he had the spirit of a soldier he was placed in Class 1 by the board.

"Got Her Washings."
 There was a difference between this patriot and the "Rastus" who filed a claim for exemption because "his wife needed his help." "What has your wife done in the past two years to contribute to the support of your wife?" Rastus was asked. "Why I got her two washings this mornin'" he proudly replied.

SUMMING UP THE EVIDENCE.

Many Wichita Falls People Have Been Called As Witnesses.

Week after week has been published the testimony of Wichita Falls people—kidney sufferers—backache victims—people who have endured many forms of kidney, bladder or urinary disorders. These witnesses have used Doan's Kidney Pills. All have given their enthusiastic approval. It's the same everywhere. 5,000 American men and women are publicly recommending Doan's—always in the home papers. Isn't it a wonderful, convincing mass of proof? If you are a sufferer your verdict must be "Try Doan's first."

Here's one more Wichita Falls case. G. A. Swope, carpenter, 612 Burnett St., says: "My kidneys acted irregularly. The kidney secretions contained sediment, passed too often and then again, not often enough, and were very painful. Doan's Kidney Pills restored my kidneys to a normal condition and the kidney secretions became natural."
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DISTRICT FOOD ADMINISTRATOR GIVEN NOTICE

E. A. Peden, federal food administrator for Texas, has sent formal appointments to all district administrators, and B. F. Johnson was formally notified this morning of his appointment to that office, with the request that he inform the administration at once as to whether he will be able to undertake the duties in connection therewith. Mr. Johnson's district is No. 11, and comprises the counties of Cook, Montague, Clay, Wichita, Archer, Wilbarger, Hardeman, Foard, Knox, Baylor Young, Throckmorton and Haskell. Mr. Peden's letter intimates that as soon as the district administrators have all notified them as to acceptance of office, he will call a meeting at Houston for the purpose of giving instructions and receiving such reports as they may have.

Speaking of meatless and wheatless days, Mr. Johnson stated that Mr. Peden was strongly in favor of the strict observance of these days in all cafes, restaurants, dining rooms, and boarding houses. Mr. Peden told Mr. Johnson that in places where public opinion was not sufficiently strong to compel the observance of these days, the mayor and the chief of police would be given power to enforce it by law.

First National Bank Stockholders To Meet Here On Tuesday Next

Next Tuesday the First National bank will hold its annual stockholders meeting and at that time report of the year's business will be shown. According to W. M. McGreor, active vice president, the bank has just finished the largest business year since its organization. The total resources are now four and a quarter million dollars and the total deposits \$3,800,000. The bank has just declared a semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent.

DIZZY SPELLS
 Relieved After Taking Two Bottles Of Cardui, Says Tennessee Lady.

Whitwell, Tenn.—Mrs. G. P. Cartwright, of this place, writes: "About four years ago the dizzy spells got so bad that when I would start to walk I would just pretty near fall. I wasn't past doing my work, but was very much run-down."

I told my husband I thought Cardui would help me, as a lady who lived next door to me had taken a great deal, and told me to try it. This was when we were living in Kentucky.

My husband got me a bottle and I took it according to directions. It helped me so much that he went back and got me another bottle. I got a whole lot better and just quit taking it. I got over the dizzy spells. I took no other medicine at that time nor since for this trouble. No, I've never regretted taking Cardui.

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TRY TIMES WANT ADS FOR RESULTS.

NUMBER OF WELLS ARE COMPLETED IN ELECTRA DISTRICT

Despite the cold weather and the observance of the holidays the closing week of the year saw considerable activity in the Electra district and the completion of a number of wells.

Two wells on the Ward and Todd lease were completed during the week. They were E. A. Dale's Ward and Todd No. 2, with the sand from 550-595 feet with a production of 35 barrels and the Devery Petroleum Company's Ward and Todd No. 1, completed at 600 feet with fifteen feet of pay and a production of 25 barrels.

Other Ward and Todd activities are as follows: Murphy et al's Ward and Todd No. 1 is drilling at 580 feet, Miller et al's Ward and Todd No. 1 drilling at 390 feet, Lucy Saunders et al Ward and Todd No. 2 drilling at 100 feet.

The Magnolia Petroleum Company's R. R. Hamilton No. 28 is making 200 barrels from a sand at 1,950 to 1,965 feet. The Magnolia Petroleum Company's R. R. Hamilton No. 29 is making 1,866 feet with nine feet of sand.

Sheldon et al. are setting the casing in Sheldon No. 1, having a pay sand at 600 feet. The Bureka Oil and Gas Company is drilling at 400 feet.

The Texas Company's Waggoner Nos. 150, 151 and 152, are rigging up and ready to drill and that company's Waggoner No. 153 is spudding in and drilling at 300 feet.

In the Culbertson district the Gulf Production Company's Woods, which was completed at 1,519 feet and is good for 75 barrels. The Colorado Heights and Texas Development Company's Jennings No. 1 is testing a sand at 1,545 feet. This is the same sand as was found in Gulf Production Company's Jennings No. 1, which produced for a few days after which the flow turned to salt water, which the strongest effort failed to exhaust.

During the holidays there has been very little progress at Electra, partly owing to the cold weather and partly to the suspension on account of the observance of the holiday season. There are only three completions in the last week of the year and these were in the shallow sands. W. E. Connors Cropper No. 57 is making 8 barrels at 505 feet. Parker and Ezzell's Birk No. 7 is reported good for 8 barrels at 278 feet and Britton and Schultz Dodson No. 3 is making 2 barrels at 183 feet.

In Montague county the Herndon Anchor test on the Cranshaw ranch near Belcherville is shut down on account of boiler trouble at 1,220 feet. Work will be resumed as soon as the boiler can be repaired. The Beaver Valley Oil and Refining Company's test northeast of Nocona on the Kaufman county lands is also shut down. The rotary tools and rig are being moved off the location and arrangements are being made to put in standard tools to drill the test deeper as the formations encountered make it almost impossible to work with a rotary outfit.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The next national loan will be designated officially as the Third Liberty Loan, not the Victory Loan or Freedom Loan or Peace Loan, as had been suggested. This was made known today after receipt of hundreds of suggested names from persons all over the country in response to a request for submission of ideas.

Officers: R. E. Huff, President; W. M. McGregor, Active Vice Pres.; F. M. Gates, Vice President; T. J. Taylor, Cashier; C. E. McCutchen, Asst. Cashier; J. R. Hyatt, Asst. Cashier; F. S. Barton, Asst. Cashier; DIRECTORS: W. H. Selman, J. G. Hardin, R. E. Huff, C. E. McCutchen, W. M. McGregor, T. B. Montgomery, T. B. Noble, T. W. Roberts, J. W. Stringer, T. J. Taylor.

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GOVERNMENT SORT OF FLOUR BEING TURNED OUT HERE

ALL THE HERETOFORE MILLED WILL CONTINUE TO BE GIVEN PUBLIC

Government flour from the Wichita mill is now on sale by Wichita Falls grocers, first deliveries of the flour made by government specifications which the local establishment has been milling since December 25, being made Tuesday afternoon.

An important saving of wheat is effected by the government formula, from 6 to 12 pounds to each barrel of flour, according to the grade of wheat used in milling. Now the mills are required to get a barrel of flour out of 264 pounds of wheat, whereas previously between 270 and 276 pounds was used to the barrel.

That flour contained many ingredients found later to be unwholesome and even injurious for human consumption, said Mr. Myttinger, "hence the term of 'war flour' has a tendency to alarm the people, who feared that this new flour would be part chaff and unwholesome. This is a mistake, there is just as much bran and shorts taken from the flour made under government specifications as in the old formula flour and the flour is good. We are not going to call this 'war flour' but government flour, and it will be the best that can be put out. There will be no adulteration of any sort, the only difference will be that there will be fewer separations in the process of extracting the flour from the wheat berry. We will continue to mill the various brands of flour and all brands will carry on the sack the government formula stamp."

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CANDY KITCHEN IS PRAISED BY ADMINISTRATION

MARY ELIZABETH, IN BOSTON, ENTERS HEARTILY ON FOOD CONSERVATION.

Special to The Times. Austin, Tex., Jan. 2.—About fifteen years ago in Syracuse, N. Y., a young woman began to use her mother's kitchen as a workshop to make candy for her neighbors. They liked her candies so well they told their friends

"and so the wonder grew." Today Mary Elizabeth's candy store in Boston is under the Park Street Church, and is just as much of an institution as the church itself. Some of the younger Bostonians will admit it. In the shop window is framed a letter from Mr. Endicott, the Food Administrator of Massachusetts, thanking Mary Elizabeth for her hearty cooperation in saving the sugar. This same window is full of maple sugar candies. A similar decoration prevails in the windows of the several New York shops. How many people are made to realize the necessity of conserving sugar by these object lessons!

Why Not Hotels? Why wouldn't it be a good plan for the regular hotels and restaurants to pursue some such plan? Many such hotels exist, notably one at Kew-Forest, N. H., refused to serve any meat on Tuesday regardless of requests. Many railroads do the same thing. The traveling public needs to be reminded—"Let us forget." One of the solid business men in the city recently asked me if there were no law to make a man refrain from ordering more than he could eat. Sorrowfully, I replied that like the poor, we have the selfish with us always. If such people could be put in the front line trenches for a few minutes, something might happen to the selfishness in them.

Flue Fire Damages Office Over Mecca, Difficult To Handle. Fire starting in the flue of the chimney at the Mecca Cafe, according to the report of the fire department, wrecked the office of A. F.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 2.—Progress made by the State Highway department in its six months of life is strikingly illustrated by a statistical map and figures given out by this department at its offices here today. The statement follows: Six months ago the State Highway Department began business and today we can report remarkable progress. The conditions relative to Texas highways on January 1, 1918 are as follows: State aid 560 miles. Total miles of public roads 132,800. Total miles of surfaced roads 12,900. Total miles of State Highways 12,500.

Counties having State highways that have not yet received allotment of State and Federal aid 120. Total number of counties 254. The bookkeeper's general summary on December 1, 1917, shows receipts as follows: 190,207 Automobiles \$791,531.72. 3,279 Motorcycles 5,968.50. 1,124 Dealers 12,994.00. 1,156 Transfers 5,156.00. 11,816 Chauffeurs 23,632.93. 22 Visitors certificates 22.00. 194 Dentists seals 48.50. Directory 85.00. Checks redeposited 345.18.

Total amount of receipts \$837,892.93. Disbursements: Administration \$16,831.00. Motor Registration 81,939.93. Equipment 3,256.47. Engineering 48,518.49. Checks issued and charged back 639.18. Project No. 1 301.55. 1,124 allotments 342,994.36. Total warrants issued 469,089.58. Balance in Bank 22,253.75. Balance in State Treasury 355,549.60.

The above report was made in part by the writer at the annual meeting of the State Highway Officials of America held at Richmond, December 4, 5 and 6. The statement of the above statistics created a sensation of the convention. The magnitude of the work and the rapidity of progress expressed by the figures therein was received by many State Highway officials with incredulity and amazement. Although Texas has the largest State Highway department yet in this report we show progress equalled by none, which progress has been made possible by the united effort of the commission and every member of the State Highway department, together with an enthusiasm for highway improvement and the cooperation of the commission and every member of the State Highway department, as not surpassed in any other state.

STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. GEO. A. DUREN, State Highway Engineer.

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Advertisement for Johnson's Freeze-Proof Prevents Frozen Radiators. Western Auto Supply Company. Phone 219. 718 Indiana.

Winn, general freight and passenger agent of the Northwestern Railway, yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock. The fire spreading through the ceiling of the cafe and the floor of the offices, was very difficult to handle, and the floor of both Mr. Winn's office and the one adjoining, had to be torn up before the fire could be handled.

Advertisement for City National Bank. 'START THE New Year With a Christmas Savings Account at the City National Bank. Pay weekly, and on December 15th, we will mail you a check for the amount you have paid, plus 4% interest.'

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Advertisement for Musterole. 'MUSTEROLE WILL NOT BLISTER. Fire starting in the flue of the chimney at the Mecca Cafe, according to the report of the fire department, wrecked the office of A. F.

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 Wichita Falls, Texas, January 2, 1917.

Few towns have gone through a cold spell, such as visited Wichita Falls, with but half a day of coal to be had and with a little suffering as Wichita Falls. Gas has its uses.

What's the use of urce potatoes as a staple dish in the South? All good Southern people have long regarded the Irish potato as a sort of companion to corn bread and rice and gravy.

Major General Leonard Wood is at last in France, but Theodore Roosevelt, still a colonel, is at Sagamore Hill. At least, we suppose he is at Sagamore Hill. We have heard little of him since the beginning of the war.

TWO GOOD NEWSPAPERS.

Two excellent pieces of newspaper work have appeared on the Times exchange desk. One is the New Year's edition of the Dallas News and the other is the New Year's edition of the Vernon Record. The Dallas News is a much larger paper than the Vernon Record, and Dallas is a much larger city than Vernon, but the New Year's edition of the Record ranks right up with that of the News. In this comparison no disparagement is meant to the News, whose edition is representative of the splendid merit of that publication. The Times does wish to express a high compliment to the Vernon Record, a paper that is without an equal among the weekly newspapers of Texas.

RELAXATION OF THE CENSORSHIP.

Voluntary censorship regulations, in some instances, have been somewhat relaxed by the government within the last week.

Few if any newspapers of the country have maliciously violated the regulations suggested by the government and followed by the press as a patriotic duty. This is true in spite of the fact that some of the regulations have appeared to editors the length and breadth of the land as utterly ridiculous.

No paper desires to publish any item which is in the slightest degree of benefit to the enemy. But the country is honeycombed with spies and there is little reason to think that these men are sitting with folded hands when the very facts which the papers are asked not to publish are common knowledge in the communities affected.

We believe that the censorship at Washington, too, is a bit lopsided. The American people are not children. They do not desire only pleasant news. They desire the facts, whether pleasant or unpleasant, which are being made to send them there. They want to know what obstacles the government is meeting with in its preparations and they want to know the reverses as well as the victories of our men on the other side of the Atlantic. They want no sugar-coated news. They want the facts.

We admit that it is better to be on the safe side in the matter of withholding information that might be of service to the enemy. But we think—in fact, we firmly believe,—that the censorship regulations would stand considerable revision at Washington, to the very great gratification of the people of the country at large.

PUBLIC OPINION

SAYS FOOD SLAUGHTERING FACILITIES ALREADY PROVIDED

Editor News:—In your issue of the Wichita Daily Times, there was an explanation from Mr. T. A. Smock, city sanitary and dairy inspector, in which she states that Wichita Falls possesses a shortage in her department, is the lack of a supervised and properly inspected slaughter house.

I having the only slaughter house in town, respectfully invite Mrs. Smock as city sanitary inspector, to visit my slaughter house and offer any suggestion that she may see fit, to make it more sanitary. I have asked her different times to visit my place when I was having slaughtering done, but she has never been there to see how it is handled.

When I came here eighteen months ago the butchers were doing their slaughtering on the prairie. In old days, in the river bed or any place, cattle happened to be, I bought land and have spent quite a lot of money

building a slaughter house so that it would enable the farmers of Wichita county to market their cattle and hogs at home, thus saving the expense of shipping same.

I have been in the meat market business for about twelve years and am a fairly good judge of beef myself, and there are about twelve or fifteen other experienced market men in Wichita Falls, so I don't think Mrs. Smock needs to worry about the sold-out Cattle Raisers and the citizens of the town either, not getting the best quality of meat for if one man can't furnish it another one can.

As a matter of fact, Mrs. Smock as city sanitary inspector, should acquaint herself more thoroughly before she expresses herself.

A. T. HOLT,
 Prop. City Meat Market.

BREST-LITOVSK PEACE PARLEYS REPORTED FAILED

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According to information received, have been put into prison in consequence of their high car peace.

Report Unverified.

"It is impossible at present to verify this report but if it should be well founded the possibility of making a successful start with our humanitarian work will be made infinitely more difficult. We hope that the Austro-German delegation now in the heart of revolutionary Petrograd will at least have an opportunity of understanding the spirit which broke the chains of Russian citizens and which regards prisoners of war as free men.

"We hope that the members of the Austro-German delegation will make that situation known to their respective governments so that suitable measures may be taken which will enable the representatives of this revolutionary committee to speak with complete confidence to the common task.

Socialists Meid.

"At the same time I feel compelled on behalf of the Polish and Lithuanian delegations to draw the attention of the Austro-German representatives to the fact that many of the Polish Social Democrats and M. Javeschewsky, leader of the Lithuanian Social Democrats, have been deprived of their liberty by the German government for conducting peace propaganda."

The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News referring to M. Radzki's speech says that the Russians demanded that all socialists imprisoned in Germany be released immediately. You Von Krich, head of the German political delegation in Petrograd, replied that was a political question and that the delegation was only empowered to deal with technical matters.

The delegation adds the correspondent, will probably be embarrassed by the further demand that large numbers of civilians who had been taken to Germany and forced to labor be released.

BOLSHEVIKI LOOKED UPON AS HERE RUSSIAN FACTION.

By Associated Press.
 London, Jan. 2.—Wolfgang Pawlowich, a non-Bolshevik member of the Russian delegation to Brest-Litovsk, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Petrograd, says that the German attitude in regard to the Russian delegation in Petrograd depends entirely on the relationship of the Bolshevik government with the Ukrainians and the Cossacks. If the German entente allies refuse to negotiate a general peace, Germany will not consider her declarations to the Bolsheviks binding.

Germany's fundamental war aims, M. Pawlowich added, is to create an economic union stretching from Hamburg to the Persian Gulf giving Turkey and Bulgaria with certain restrictions, the same position as that occupied by Australia and Canada in their economic relations with Great Britain.

The representatives of Bulgaria and Turkey, the Russian delegate said, are most obstinate regarding concessions compared with the German delegates and he believes that their attitude will hamper further negotiations.

M. Pawlowich thinks that Germany certainly will demand the evacuation of Mesopotamia, Arabia and Palestine for the freeing of Belgium and occupied French territory and if the success of the German peace efforts in Italy continues also will demand the return of Tripoli.

NEW DECLARATIONS ARE MADE BY CENTRAL POWERS

By Associated Press.
 London, Jan. 2.—The Central Powers in the next few days will make new declarations regarding Germany's peace conditions, a dispatch from Geneva to the Daily Express quotes a German newspaper as saying. It is added that modifications may be introduced owing to the attitude of the entente powers.

All States Granted Federal Allotments Of Vocational Fund

By Associated Press.
 Washington, Jan. 2.—Every state in the Union has been granted an allotment from the federal vocational fund for the promotion of vocational education, agreeing to match every federal dollar with money raised by the state. In all about \$1,500,000 has been granted by the federal vocational education board.

Training of men of the selective military service is being rushed by the board, which has established free schools and classes in co-operation with the war department. The federal and state funds will be devoted to the training of teachers of agricultural, trade and industry and special courses.

SENDING TROOPS ACROSS ATLANTIC IS CHIEF DESIRE

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force and are recommended in the report.

The primary aim of the British plan is to be divided into diplomatic, naval, military, financial, shipping, war, and industrial and food. It makes about 2,000 words.

Various Divisions.

The sub-headings, naval, military, diplomatic and shipping here follow in full.

NAVAL.

"1. The formation of an inter-allied naval council to co-ordinate the operation of the naval forces of the United States and her associates in the war so that these forces may in the future be operated as one in the prosecution of the war on the seas and in conjunction with the land forces.

"2. An agreement between the British admiralty and the navy department pertaining to the prosecution of the naval war against the submarines.

"3. The formation of a definite plan for the more active utilization of American naval forces in conjunction with those of nations engaged in the war against the Central Powers.

"4. Agreement with the British admiralty making it possible for American naval forces to keep fully informed of the operation and policy of the British admiralty so that perfect co-operation between the two departments and that body is assured.

"5. Reorganization of American naval forces at French ports.

"6. The securing of a full and detailed picture of the naval problems in European waters.

MILITARY.

"1. After conferences extending over approximately 30 days with the chiefs of staff, members of the general staff and commanders in chief of the allied armies on the western front, as well as with the highest civil officers of the respective governments, the extent of the military effort to be made by the United States was clearly determined.

"2. With this determination in mind negotiations were carried on looking to the pooling of resources for the mutual advantage of all the countries engaged in the war against Germany. The contribution of the United States to this pooling arrangement was agreed upon. The contributions of the countries associated with the United States were determined. This pooling arrangement guaranteed that full equipment of every kind would be available to the most effective troops sent to Europe during the year 1918.

"3. Unqualified support to the resolution adopted by the inter-allied conferences looking to the creation of an allied advisory board charged with the duty of supervising the shipping and office of each nation concerning the location of tonnage, so as to permit the American military effort to be realized.

"4. Full survey made of problem of debarkation in Europe of American military forces and supplies to the bases of military operations.

"5. Arrangements made for fullest co-operation between the United States, Great Britain and France in the production of military instruments and supplies of all kinds.

"6. Plans made for the proper organization under naval and military control of ports of de-barkation of troops and discharge of cargoes, looking to the economical utilization of tonnage.

"7. Participation in military deliberations of supreme war council as step towards efficient and centralized unity of control of military operations.

DIPLOMATIC.

"1.—Full and free discussion between Col. House as special representative of the government of the United States and the heads of the British, French and Italian missions with regard to the war policy of the United States and her associates in the war.

"2.—Participation by the members of the mission in a meeting of the British war cabinet at which a conference of general and useful discussion was held concerning the needs of the allies, and the extent of the assistance to be expected from the United States.

"3.—Participation by the United States in an inter-allied war conference held in Paris on November 29. At this conference all preliminary speeches were dispensed with and within half an hour after the meeting had been called to order by M. Clemenceau, it had split into committees for work.

"4.—Participation by the United States in a meeting of the supreme war council held at Versailles, December 1. Representatives of England, France, Italy and the United States there met as a first step towards securing unity of control of the armies on the western front. This meeting, the first of its kind, assures for the future unity of support on the part of the United States and the allies.

"5.—First steps taken in the establishment of a more perfect liaison between the command committees of the United States and the allies.

"6.—FINANCE.

"1.—Full details conference with the financial representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Greece, Rumania and the United States for the purpose of ascertaining the extent of the financial efforts necessary in the prosecution of the war against the Central Powers.

"2.—Participation by the representatives of the above mentioned countries for the purpose of perfecting the organization of an inter-allied council which is a priority board whose duty it should be to consider the relative importance and urgency of the financial demands to be made by the concerted efforts of the countries waging war against the Central Powers.

"3.—Arrangements begun for the proper financing of purchases

by the countries at war with Germany of supplies from neutral countries.

"Participation in financial discussion of the inter-allied conference.

SHIPPING:

"1.—Full and detailed reports were secured, showing total losses of tonnage due to war risks and marine risks from August 1, 1914, to Sept. 30, 1917.

"2.—The estimated output of new tonnage by the allies during the year 1918 was ascertained.

"3.—The proper employment of existing tonnage and the maximum utilization of such tonnage could be effected was provided for in a resolution adopted by the inter-allied conference. The allies considering that means of maritime transportation at their disposal as well as the provisions which they dispose of should be utilized in common for the pursuit of the war have decided to create an inter-allied organization for the purpose of looking their action to this effect and of establishing a common program constantly kept up to date, enabling them by the maximum utilization of their resources to restrict their importations with a view to liberating the greatest amount of tonnage possible for the purpose of American transport.

"4.—The whole question of employment of neutral tonnage in line with the proposals made by neutral countries with respect to this tonnage was exhaustively discussed with a view to securing favorable result of tonnage negotiations with neutral countries were substantially agreed upon.

"5.—A survey of the conditions of the ports of debarkation of American troops and supplies and plans were made looking to the more expedient use of the troops and cargoes so as to permit the return of vessels to their home ports with the least possible delay.

WAR TRADE.

"1. Full and detailed conferences were held with the British, French and Italian representatives upon blockade matters and complete understanding was obtained with respect to the requirements of Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland.

"2.—An agreement between the war trade board and the Swiss Society Surveillance was agreed to and executed by the Swiss delegates and Mr. McCormick, the chairman of the war trade board.

"3.—Arrangements were made for the participation of the United States in the deliberations of the permanent inter-allied committee on contingents, sitting in Paris and on the inter-allied committee of Bern, Switzerland.

"4.—The change which would be the approval of the war trade board were made for the appointment of representatives and staffs of the war trade board in London and Paris.

WAR INDUSTRIES.

"1.—A detailed study was made of the organization of the British ministry of munitions and the supply departments of the British Admiralty and the shipping office and a complete analysis of the facts and figures in these departments of the British government. The report included a bodying the results of the investigations contain a full statement of the methods in vogue in England for supplying the army and navy with munitions and other materials and necessary to the co-operation to be effected for the proper supplying of the armed forces of the allies engaged in the war on the central powers.

"2.—A survey was made of the system in practice in Great Britain relating to the setting of government contracts and the organization of industries throughout Great Britain.

"3.—Participation in the inter-allied conference in Paris and in particular at the meeting of the representatives of the several allied nations, at which the British, French and Italian munitions departments stationed there resulting in the embodying of conclusions in memoranda submitted to the war department.

FOOD:

"1.—A comprehensive and accurate estimate was obtained of the food in the possession of the allied nations and others, the amount of food supplied by North America during the year ending October 1, 1918—cabled information has not been of a satisfactory nature and personal contact with the statistics boards and food administrations of the countries concerned was necessary in order that the necessary data could be made available.

"2.—The curbs of shipments of foodstuffs required from North America for the United Kingdom, France and Italy during the year ending 1918. It is believed that the program worked out in the conferences with the several nations in connection with the dealing with supplies of foodstuffs at a lower cost in terms of tonnage and transportation.

"3.—In order to permit the United States to visualize the problem of food control in North America, plans were worked out whereby the governments of Great Britain, France and Italy agreed to put into effect a legalized and compulsory control of foodstuffs in these countries.

"4.—In order to perfect the inter-allied conference at Paris an international science committee on alimentations to consist of two representatives each of the United States, England, France and Italy. This committee to be in continuous session in Europe for the purpose of studying the alimentary situation in the countries to stand in an advisory capacity to the food administrations of the aforementioned countries.

"5.—Dr. Taylor, the representative of the food administration on the mission, represented the United States department of agriculture in a conference held in Paris to consider the relative importance and urgency of the financial demands to be made by the concerted efforts of the countries waging war against the Central Powers.

"6.—Arrangements begun for the proper financing of purchases

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COSSACK TROOPS OCCUPY TOWN IS REPORT ISSUED

BOLSHEVIKI REGIMENTS ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN DISARMED AT ALEXANDROVSK

By Associated Press.
 London, Jan. 2.—Cossack troops have occupied the town of Alevandrovsk without opposition and the Bolshevik garrison was disarmed, according to reports received here from Petrograd regarding the civil war in Russia. It is not stated which Alexandrovsk was captured.

The change which would be the approval of the war trade board were made for the appointment of representatives and staffs of the war trade board in London and Paris.

Other Bolshevik regiments are said to have been disarmed by the Orenburg Cossack leader Kazakh, who returned to his native country after the Bolsheviks swore never to fight against the Ukrainians and Cossacks. The Cossack commander at Rostov reports that the Bolsheviks have liberated a number of prisoners of war and arms of them. Bolshevik troops still occupy parts of the Don mining district but they are unable to send coal to Petrograd.

There was more street fighting in Odessa on Monday but it apparently was not serious.

Situation Serious.

The Bolshevik authorities, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Petrograd have received information that the situation on the Rumanian front is very serious. The relations of the Bolsheviks with Rumanian officers are said to be becoming alarming. It is said that Rumanian officers have occupied the Bessarabian town of Loew and have arrested and shot several Bolshevik leaders.

Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, sent a note on the subject to the Rumanian minister in Petrograd who, in his reply accused the Bolsheviks of plundering Rumanian villages. It is said that Trotsky regarded the reply as unsatisfactory.

A Petrograd dispatch to the Daily Express says that railway trains are again running between Riga and Petrograd.

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PENNSYLVANIA IS LOPPING OFF MANY PASSENGER TRAINS

By Associated Press.
 Philadelphia, Jan. 2.—The Pennsylvania railroad today made a drastic cut in the passenger service in an effort to clear the lines for freight traffic. The company cancelled 14 trains, including the Congressional Limited, operating on the lines east of Pittsburgh. The change will take effect January 5. Not more than one parlor train will hereafter be permitted on any train anywhere on the Pennsylvania system. Parlor trains will be withdrawn on the Schuylkill division which includes Reading, Pottsville and Wilkesbarre. The Baltimore and Ohio railroad will not use the Pennsylvania line in New York because it would create too much congestion but the two companies will alternate in train service between New York and Washington.

CROSBY PRESIDES OVER CONFERENCE ON WAR PURCHASES

By Associated Press.
 Paris, Tuesday, January 1.—Oscar T. Crosby, assistant secretary of the United States treasury and president of the Inter-Allied Council for War Purchases, presided this afternoon over a meeting of the council in the palace of the Legion of Honor, at which purchases of materials required from the United States by the allied governments and various neutral countries were considered. Great Britain was represented by Chancellor Bonar Law, J. Austen Chamberlain, former secretary for India and Lord Buckmaster, former lord high chancellor; Italy by Francesco Nitti, minister of the treasury; France by Louis Klotz, minister of finance; Etienne Clementel, minister of commerce and Louis Loucheur, minister of agriculture. In addition to Mr. Crosby, his legal adviser, Paul D. Cravath, was present for the United States.

A separate meeting for the consideration of financial affairs was held by Mr. Crosby's Chancellor Bonar Law, M. Klotz and J. Chamberlain. The conference will be continued tomorrow.

GUARD AWARDED JUDGMENT UPON SALARY CLAIM

Tom B. Taylor was this morning awarded a judgment for \$110.40 pay for overtime due him on his contract account for the construction of a tunnel company at Call Field by a jury in Justice Jones' court. Taylor had sued the company for \$111.80, the amount being in error \$1.40, the jury awarded him the full amount.

Local Elevator Co. Increases Capital Stock To \$1,200,000

Special to The Times.
 Austin, Jan. 2.—The Wichita Mill and Elevator Company of Wichita Falls filed an amendment to its charter today in the state department increasing its capital stock from \$300,000 to \$1,200,000.

J. C. Myrtiner, of the Wichita Mill and Elevator Company today confirmed the report that that corporation had filed an amendment to its charter, increasing its capital stock from \$300,000 to \$1,200,000. Mr. Myrtiner stated that this amendment had no significance other than a conversion of surplus into capital stock.

Mrs. Krottinger Dies As Result of Burns Received Recently

Mrs. Barbara Krottinger, aged 50 years, died this morning at 10 o'clock at her home, 512 Scott avenue, as a result of burns received when her clothing caught fire from an open stove last Saturday morning.

Mrs. Krottinger has been a resident of Wichita Falls for sixteen years. Her husband, F. W. Krottinger, at one time a local blacksmith, died here about seven years ago and her father, John Krottinger, died here in 1911. Five children, all grown, and several grandchildren, are left.

The children are: Mrs. Anna Boust, Mrs. Charles Herman and Jake Krottinger of this city; Hendricks of Washburn, Ill., and Criss Krottinger of Champa, Idaho. Two grandchildren, Charles and Tillie Krottinger, were making their home here with their grandmother at the time of her death.

The funeral will be held Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock from the residence, and the service at St. Paul's Lutheran church at 10:15.

Drastic Measures To Be Taken Up Shortly For Food Conservation

By Associated Press.
 Paris, Jan. 2.—Three drastic measures for the conservation of food and other supplies have been decided upon by the minister of provisions, Victor Boret. All shops of confectioners and pastry cooks are to be closed and restrictions will be placed on restaurants which charge high prices to prevent them outbidding the more popular establishments in purchasing supplies and the private use of automobiles will be prohibited.

Dr. Joe Davis To Be Field Director For State Health Board

By Associated Press.
 Austin, Jan. 2.—Dr. Joe Davis, formerly city sanitary inspector for the United States public health service, stationed at Waco, has resigned to become field director for the state board of health. Dr. Davis previously has assisted the state board of health in conducting hookworm campaigns in various parts of the state.

Dr. Davis will be stationed at Dallas to supervise rural health work which is being conducted jointly by the state and the commissioners of Dallas county.

WAR ARMS MEETING OF LABOR FAVORS OFFICIAL VIEWS

MEMORANDUM IS ADOPTED IN LONDON AT SESSION OF TRADE UNIONS.

By K. Walter. London, Dec. 30.—The Trades Union and labor conference on war arms has adopted a memorandum on war arms which in itself does not radically differ from what the allies are fighting for, although it is in many places self-contradictory.

Adopted Unanimously. This memorandum was adopted almost unanimously by a hurried vote at ten minutes after a desultory discussion mainly on procedure.

Although the German answer to the Russian peace terms had been published that morning, no reference to it was made in debate.

Best Chance For Party. The labor officials have evidently made up their minds that the best chance for the party to come to political power is to keep a good distance ahead of the government in any possible advance toward negotiations for peace.

SUGGESTIONS ARE MADE TO LEAGUE BY MRS. T. B. SMOCK

By Mrs. T. B. Smock.

Owing to the small attendance, no business meeting of the Civic League was held Tuesday afternoon. The president, Mrs. T. B. Smock, had prepared a number of suggestions as to work for the coming year to read at the meeting, but as no meeting was held she supplied this list to the Times for publication for the benefit of the members.

The suggestions follow: "Pay our dues and subscriptions—too many of our members have not done so yet.

"Do all the war work we can. Respond immediately to all calls of our government.

"Enlarge the committees on our 15 districts; it is war work to keep our home people well.

LOUISVILLE MAN SAYS MEMORY IS ENTIRELY BLANK

KNOWS NOTHING OF EVENTS OCCURRING DURING WHICH WIFE WAS KILLED.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 2.—All knowledge of events in his home between the hours of midnight and 8 o'clock Tuesday morning is denied by Dr. Harry H. Lewis, a well-known Louisville physician who is in the Jefferson county jail charged with the murder of his wife, Susan Lewis. It was some time within that period, according to physicians and Acting Coroner Ammer, that Mrs. Lewis was murdered.

Body Found. Her body was discovered yesterday by Dr. Edwin T. Bruce who had been summoned to the residence by a neighbor who said Dr. Lewis had told her Mrs. Lewis was dead.

Dr. Bruce called Acting Coroner Kammerer, who when he found a wound on Mrs. Lewis' forehead, ordered Dr. Lewis arrested and charged with murder. An autopsy later developed that death was caused by strangulation.

Drinking Heavily. Late last night Dr. Lewis was questioned at the county jail and according to the acting coroner said he had been with a party of friends and drinking heavily until nearly midnight Monday when he returned to his home. His wife was in bed as usual, he told the acting coroner.

TODAY'S MARKETS COTTON MARKET IS AGAIN FIRM; DEMAND IS GOOD

PRICES OF CORN ARE EASED DOWN BY WARM WEATHER

New York, Jan. 2.—The cotton market showed renewed firmness early today. Liverpool was an active buyer of May while there was a scattering trade demand which accounted for an opening advance of 12 to 24 points which carried all the active months into new high ground for the season.

Offerings seemed to have been pretty well absorbed and the market showed increasing steadiness during the early afternoon with March selling up to 39.60, or back to within a few points of the early high level and about 39 points over Monday's closing.

Cotton futures opened steady: Jan. 31.00; Mar. 30.45; May 30.03; July 29.70; Oct. 28.80. Cotton closed strong.

New Orleans Cotton. New Orleans, Jan. 2.—The bullish construction put on continued peace talk in Europe and continued good spot accounts caused a buying wave on the opening of the cotton market here today.

Liverpool Spot Cotton. Liverpool, Jan. 2.—Cotton spot in retail requests... price steady. Good middling 23.11; middling 22.75; low middling 22.26; good ordinary 21.26; fair 20.50; fair to good 19.50; fair to good 18.50; fair to good 17.50; fair to good 16.50; fair to good 15.50; fair to good 14.50; fair to good 13.50; fair to good 12.50; fair to good 11.50; fair to good 10.50; fair to good 9.50; fair to good 8.50; fair to good 7.50; fair to good 6.50; fair to good 5.50; fair to good 4.50; fair to good 3.50; fair to good 2.50; fair to good 1.50; fair to good .50.

Fort Worth Live Stock. Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 2.—CATTLE: Receipts 5,000; market unchanged. Beef steers \$11.25; stockers \$10.50; calves \$11.00; hogs \$11.50; sheep \$12.00; pigs \$12.50; lambs \$13.00; wethers \$13.50; yearlings \$14.00; ewes \$14.50; goats \$15.00.

Chicago Live Stock. Chicago, Jan. 2.—HOGS: Receipts 28,000; slow. Bulk \$16.90; light \$15.80; mixed \$16.25; heavy \$16.25; rough \$16.25; 16.40; 16.50; 16.60; 16.70; 16.80; 16.90; 17.00; 17.10; 17.20; 17.30; 17.40; 17.50; 17.60; 17.70; 17.80; 17.90; 18.00.

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CRIMINAL CASES ARE CALLED IN DISTRICT COURT. Judge W. N. Tonner convened the 20th district court this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and ordered the calling of the criminal docket. A jury was empaneled for the week.

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SOCIETY

ROWENA CIRCLE GIVES SPLENDID ENTERTAINMENT. Following public installation of officers, members of the Rowena Circle, members of the Odd Fellows' hall Tuesday evening.

OPEN HOUSE AT CALL FIELD Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. at Call Field kept open house Tuesday night for the soldiers of Call Field. A varied program was presented, including refreshments of punch and cakes by a number of young ladies from the city.

PERSONALS

Miss Lucille Benham who has been spending the holidays with Miss "Beina" Kelly, returned today to her home in Brady, Texas. Misses Mattie Ruth Corlett and Louise Leicham leave today for C. I. A. at Denton, Texas.

Swiss Bell Ringers Give Program Here On Tomorrow Night

The Swiss Bell Ringers, who are to be here tomorrow night, will present a most novel and interesting program. This is one of the oldest traveling musical organizations in existence, though new material has been added to its personnel from time to time since its inception.

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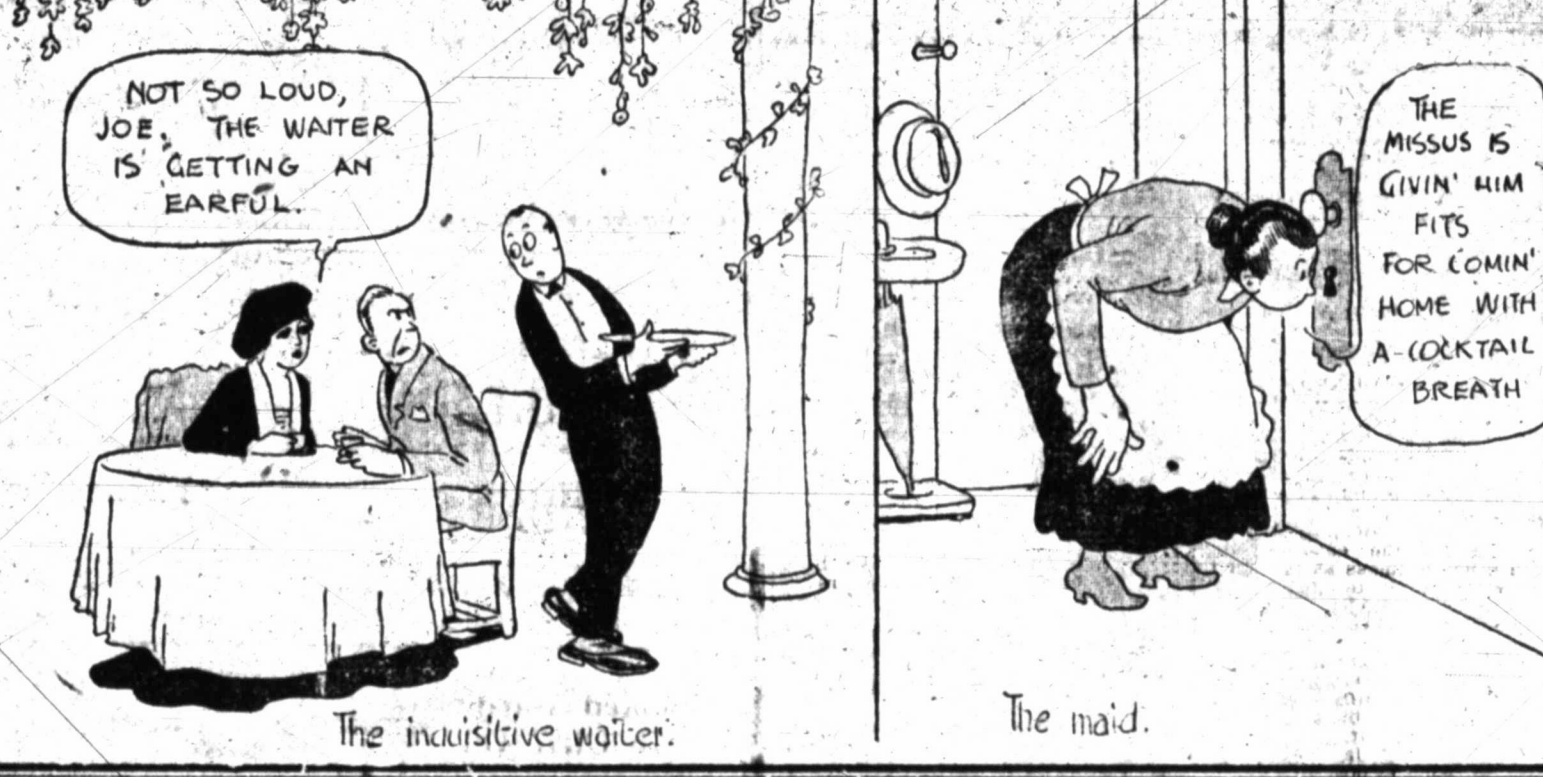
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MORTUARY

D. W. Lawrence, age 73 years, died this morning at his home, 1606 Magnolia street, after a lingering illness.

The Rectangle SPIES

A FEW MORE OR LESS HARMLESS VARIETIES.



TONY WRITES THE TIMES

The following letter has been received by the Times from William S. Toney, now on the firing line in France:

"Somewhere Over Here, Dec. 5, 1917. The Times Publishing Co., Wichita Falls, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I have been trying to spare time enough to write a letter to you ever since my arrival here, and now is the first opportunity.

I will try and give you a vague idea of the conditions over here as we rather see them.

Well, the first thing that attracts one's attention is the railroads, as they are very quaint and odd, and the next is the population, as you never see a man in civilian clothes—even the laborers are in uniform, and all work for soldiers pay of 20 francs a month, and as they are all mobilized and they are fed and cared for and tobacco is furnished, and all they can buy with their 20 francs is their "vin rouge," a species of sour wine, and its the only thing the American soldiers won't tuckie to drink and the reason they turn it down is, the sour taste is awful.

We are well cared for and well fed and that's half of soldiering, as we must show three times a day. We are issued plenty of clothes before we left the States and are warmly clad, and the only equipment we are short on is russet or rubber tan dress shoes, but we have to endure all sorts of hardships and the like.

All can rest assured that Uncle Sam isn't going to let any of his nephews do any unbecoming thing to endanger himself.

We have a great time polly vousing the French maidens, as they enjoy it as much as we and quite a few of the boys are getting up serious cases in the matrimonial line and if they are not sent to some other neck of the woods, they might be trying to keep a wife on their 175 francs, and at the prevailing prices of foodstuffs, that is only to be thought of now—not to be done.

I have myself found a blushing young widow to share the pleasure with me of the 1 franc picture shows, and as she and I have an interpreting dictionary, we manage to get by, but I hardly think I will ever learn to speak it, however, the widow is learning faster than I am, but English seems easy to them.

I suppose by now the aviation camp at Wichita Falls is open. Well, it's all of the city's would-be fliers can see how slow learning is. Yes, it is a sweet and fine as long as there isn't a coach trying to see how hard he can make you fall and they try the same thing on the Bosch. It's just the best man wins, but all the officers you see flying around here are only starting in their course and as they are only taught so much over there, there is lots to learn this side for all the candidates, such as bomb and grenade and gas throwing. That's all taught by English and French officers, that have learned it all through actual experience, and the prices paid by some are very dear, but their knowledge is far superior to the instructor who instructs from books, and that's why the most valuable part of the training is delayed until over here.

I suppose you got dope of the battle of Hill 70. Well, I have a nice souvenir from there, it's a German 1-inch anti-aircraft shell with a hollow bullet and causes the same effect as a large dum-dum, it is a swell souvenir and I wish I could send it home, but I am afraid it will get lost and besides I think I will just keep it and as soon as Kaiser Bill says enough I will bring it back home in person. I have lots of nice souvenirs too numerous to mention.

Our mail here has been in quite a ball-up, as up to today I have only received two letters and today all records were broken by six letters from home in eight envelopes. And they were surely welcome. Well, I laid off all day and read all over at least three times. Some were from my mother, some from boy friends, and one was from a fair damsel that precedes over the ledgers of an enterprising automobile firm of your city, and the home folks can't imagine how a boy in France appreciates a long letter from home. He might not have been a Willie boy or an angel-face at home, but a letter from the folks touches a spot where nothing else will.

And take it from yours truly, I know.

Another thing that the people there have a wrong impression about, is our supply of tobacco. The only difference between tobacco there and here is the distance, and it's cheaper here as we get Bull Durham at five sacks per franc or 4 cents a sack. We can get superior-made cigarettes and all such at the commodity—everything except American cigars, and if a soldier wants any more luxuries he should have a valet and attend pink teas and act like for some, but that would be hard to do and eat out of a mess kit and I will take mine as I am, for I know I am doing well and why should not the next fellow? Well, let's hear, there's no wonder what we can hear, a general order for all enlisted men to make allotments of not less than \$20 a month to their home banks or relatives. That looks as if economy and the art of saving is to be compulsory instead of optional, but it is a good thing and no one should kick, but nevertheless no matter where you are a few kickers are present, but it matters not any individuals idea on any order.

We are all counting on a nice Christmas—turkeys and cranberries are plentiful and those things as a rule are a soldier's only thoughts of the holidays, but all the new ones in the camps throughout the States will take it harder by not being at home than we will because it's possible but not probable for us men to go home, but to us it's impossible.

I guess the majority of all the home conscripted men are getting along fast in their training. Well, let them hurry up and come on over, and we will run the Kaiser through the air and they can hold him back on the ground and with gas and Schrag's we will put him over the brink. And they will bury him deep. With only a few friends to weep. And the world will move on with a

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At the Theatres

BLUEBIRD SPECIAL AT THE GEM TODAY

Rex Ingram has contributed another of his beautiful productions to Bluebird photoplays and the result, under the caption of "The Reward of the Faithless" will be exhibited at the Gem theatre today with Wedgewood Nowell and Betty Schade playing the leading characters. Claire Du Bray, one of the most beautiful women on the screen, will play the role of Princess Diane, about whom the plot revolves. Mr. Nowell has been leading man in Rex Ingram's recent productions—"The Chalice of Sorrow" and "Black Orchids," and has gained prominence through the merits of his artistic abilities. "The Reward of the Faithless" is a play of gripping interest, wherein intrigue and villainy finally fall before the triumph of right and justice. Beautiful photography will feature the presentation. In this line of artistry Bluebirds excel, and "The Reward of the Faithless" will be replete with camera trickery and brilliant photographic developments.

"HAVE A HEART" IS A SAVAGE SUCCESS

Henry W. Savage's trademark, established for nearly a quarter of a century in half hundred memorable stage productions, stands for the best quality of artistry, brainy production, lavish embellishment—"Have a Heart," his newest musical comedy offering, won enthusiastic endorsement in New York last winter. Now it is to be disclosed at the Wichita Theatre Tuesday, January 8th. This entertainment is, from all accounts, so merry and melodious that every one who loves to laugh and hear good music will find it fresh, captivating, and different from the average musical show. Its authorship is pledged for it as of Guy Bolton, P. G. Wodehouse and Jerome Kern, a trio that brings new ideas, new methods, new melodies craftily appealing to the popular tastes. The action twings from a big-department store, peopled with pretty girls and joyous youths, to the more fashionable environment of a summer hotel at Blueport, R. I. And the story is all about a fond young couple, separated through jealousy, who make up upon the eve of their divorce, and elope for a second honeymoon, which involves fresh and amusing complications. The big cast numbers such able musical comedy experts as Cecelia Wright, Joseph Keno, Grace Hoey, Harrison Garret, Betty Weber, Henry Antrim, Rosie Green, Edward Clannell, Mad Beam Stover, Lawrence Woods, Edward A. Smith, Chauncey Causland and Willard Ward. There is a real beauty chorus and Henry W. Savage's own orchestra.

A. W. High the building contractor, is able to be out again after being in serious condition from acute indigestion.

Johnson Returns To City Following His Trip To New Orleans

B. F. Johnson returned this morning from New Orleans, where he attended the executive meeting of the Southern Commercial Secretaries Association, at which meeting he was elected president of that organization for the ensuing year, to take the place of A. H. Borden, who resigned. The convention of the Southern Commercial Secretaries Association has been slated for June 6, 7, and 8, at Charlotte, N. C.

Among the more important items of business taken up at the executive committee meeting was the adoption of a resolution to the effect that every contribution of all contributions to national, public and charitable funds in each of the towns where said corporation was doing business. The result of this allotment will be that every town in which—for instance—the Standard Oil Corporation has branch offices will reap a proportionate benefit from such contributions as that company may make to the Red Cross, the Liberty Loan, and so forth, and will be able to count that allotment on its quota.

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Daily Stage Notes

This is the 48th production by Mr. Savage. It is reasonable to feel interested in a new offering by the man who produced "The Merry Widow," "The Prince of Pilsen," "Pom Pom," "The Sultan of Sulu," "The College Widow," "Excuse Me" and "Everywoman."

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

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Knights of Columbus

Wichita Falls Lodge No. 1478 Knights of Columbus, meets every second and fourth Tuesday at 8 o'clock, Harrison-Swinton Hall. Visiting Knights welcomed.

Wichita Falls Lodge No. 638

A. F. & A. M. Stated meetings first and third Friday nights in each month. W. E. BROTHERS, W. M. J. W. WALKUP, Sec.

Wichita Falls Chapter No. 202

R. A. M. Stated convocations second Friday nights in each month. W. Y. HAMMACK, H. P. J. W. WALKUP, Sec.

Wichita Falls Comandry No. 59

Regular convocations fourth Friday night in each month. C. W. RICHOLT, R. G. J. W. WALKUP, Sec.

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Fresh Blood Needed In Diplomatic Corps Says London Paper

By Associated Press London, Jan. 2.—In announcing that Sir Cecil Spring-Rice and Lord Berte are on the even of retiring from the embassies at Washington and Paris and in reporting the rumor that Sir George Buchanan is about to resign from the Petrograd post, the Daily Chronicle pleads the 'urgent need of bringing fresh blood into a service which has long been divorced from the actualities of modern life'.

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JOHNSON RELEASED TO AID CAMPAIGN FOR FOOD GROWING

LOCAL COMMERCIAL SECRETARY CHOSEN BY GOVERNOR FOR THE WORK

Governor Hobby has requested the release of Mr. Johnson from his duties here in order that he may take charge of a publicity campaign now planned by the state for the increase of the acreage of food and fiber crops; and at a called meeting this morning, the directors authorized the release for a period of about three months, until such time should be over, provided that Mr. Johnson's services should be in no way severed from the chamber. While definite arrangements have not yet been concluded, Mr. Johnson will leave this afternoon with Frank Kell to go to Austin to take the matter up with the governor.

It was decided this morning that in any event Mr. Johnson should not leave till about 20th inst., when the work of reorganizing the Chamber of Commerce would be completed. The directors expressed themselves as being very sensible of the high compliment paid to Mr. Johnson and the chamber itself in asking him and the chamber to aid in the undertaking of so important a work. Mr. Kell dwelt at length on the great advertising value that such an arrangement would have for the chamber and predicted that because of it, that body would be in a position to do even greater things this year than during 1917.

"We can afford," said Mr. Kell, "to go easy for two or three months on our city building" plans, in order to lend Mr. Johnson's services to the government."

Ward Raises Objection. J. C. Ward raised the objection that Mr. Johnson's absence might have the effect of letting the organization of the chamber go down; but Mr. Kell replied that "our first duty was to whip this war, and after that to build cities."

"We shall have a liver and more important and more widely known organization than ever before," Mr. Kell continued, "and the government can use Mr. Johnson in a much bigger way than we can at the present time. When the seeding time is over, and Mr. Johnson's work in Austin is finished, we shall be able to have him back, and we can do big things then. At present it is my opinion that this is the biggest thing we can do."

Not Give Up Title. Mr. Johnson stated that he would under no circumstances give up his title of secretary of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce, nor allow anything to interfere with the success of his work here. He further urged the directors present to get busy on the membership campaign for 1918, requesting each director to write personal letters to the present members for renewals and to make every endeavor to get new members for the

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coming year. It is the plan of the Chamber to have 1000 members this year. A committee composed of Messrs. M. J. Gardner, A. L. Huey and C. E. Rodgers was appointed to make arrangements for the annual meeting of the chamber to be held on the 10th inst., and not on 8th, as heretofore announced. F. N. Lawton, chairman of the committee on the aviation camp activities reported that all that the committee had undertaken to do had been done, and requested formal dismissal of the committee. Mr. Lawton presented some outstanding bills, which were ordered paid, and a motion was passed that 25 per cent of the subscriptions on the aviation camp fund should now be called in. Myers O'Reilly was appointed to confer with the county engineer on the matter of securing such local material as was available for road building, before any purchases were made for this purpose; and with the authorization of a hundred dollar contribution to the poultry association the meeting was adjourned.

Christmas Holiday Period Is Closed; Schools Reopening

Christmas vacations were ended for the students of Wichita Falls yesterday, the public schools and the Academy both resuming work today.

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1 package Tapoco	10c
2 Grape Nuts	25c
2 packages Post Toasties	75c
Wash Boards	25c and 35c
Large Pork and Beans, Heals	45c
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
65c Preserves	55c
Dust Bane	20c
Wapco Coffee	25c

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NEW CONTRACTS ARE PRESENTED BY UNION MEN

INCREASED SCALES ARE ASKED IN NUMEROUS TRADES IN CITY.

Nearly all the building trades have presented new contracts to their employers for this year, calling for a raise of wages, which have been granted. The bricklayers and plasterers will be raised from \$7.00 per day to \$8.00 per day, and carpenters from \$4.50 and \$5.00 to \$5.00 and \$6.00. The new schedule is to go into effect on February 1st, and will apply only to work for which the contract was let after that date, according to the statement of some of the contractors this morning.

Painters are to be raised from 60 cents per hour to 70 cents, effective on and after the 15th inst., and this scale also applies only on work let after that date, according to the same sources. The electricians contract does not expire till the summer, and it is understood that no new arrangements are pending with them at this time.

NAVY RECRUITING OFFICERS IN CITY SECURE MANY MEN

The navy recruiting officers here have had a good show of being first in the line of sub-stations this week. In addition to the four sent last week, which were not counted on the total, and which will consequently be added to the week's list, eight more officers have been accepted.

The following have been sent to Dallas: Gilbert G. Roberts, Wade P. Lee, and Lewis T. Walker, Byers; Dallas; G. Hamner Knox, City; Fred Brittain and Wesley J. Smith, Park-burnett, James F. McCheschen, Archer City; Morton E. Anderson, Burnt Prairie, Ill.; Morgan O. Sims, Dryden, Okla.; and Tyson Roach, Blue Grove.


ROTARY CLUB WILL HOLD LUNCHEON TOMORROW
The Rotary Club will not hold the regular club luncheon tomorrow at the St. James. Owing to changes being made in the St. James dining room Manager Dickson was unable to accommodate the club as arranged.

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