



BRITISH LINE STANDS LIKE WALL, HALTING GERMANS

Two Trainmen Killed, Third Fatally Injured, As Engine Explodes

All Of Victims Are Wichita Falls Men; Train Was in Motion

The head brakeman and fireman were killed and the engineer of an extra northbound Fort Worth & Denver local freight train was fatally burned this morning when the locomotive's boiler blew up two miles south of Electra as the train was in motion.

The dead: J. W. MATHEWS, fireman, Wichita Falls. W. E. BLEVENS, brakeman, Wichita Falls.

Fatally burned: J. R. CLOPTON, engineer, Wichita Falls.

The accident occurred at about 10:15 as the train was running at about fifteen miles an hour. The boiler and cab were blown from the trucks, landing a distance of about three hundred feet to the right of the tracks. The wheels did not leave the rails. The bodies of the three men were blown from the cab.

All Men in Cab. All three of the men were in the engine cab. Conductor G. M. Walker and the rear brakeman whose name was not learned, who were in the cab as the time of the explosion were uninjured. Blevens died within a few minutes. Mathews lived an hour or more. Clopton was still alive when brought here at about two o'clock this afternoon but there was no hope that he could survive.

Hurried to Electra. The doctors found Mathews and Clopton still living and carried them to Electra where Mathews died a few minutes after his arrival in the hospital. Conductor Walker and Engineer Rawls who were switching at Electra were ordered to run their engine to Electra and bring the men into Wichita Falls. They reached here at two o'clock and were taken to the hospital. The seven street crossing walls the arrival of the engine caboose.

Clopton was hurried to the Wichita General hospital and was reported to be dying at three o'clock. The bodies of Mathews and Blevens were taken to Hills undertaking parlors.

The bodies of both men were horribly scorched and burned from the feet. It is believed that Blevens' death was directly due to the shock of the explosion and that Mathews died both from the shock and burns. Clopton's burns were almost as bad as either of the two men killed and from the first there was no hope that he could survive.

Blevens Leaves Family. Blevens the brakeman had been employed by the Fort Worth and Denver since last December. He leaves a widow and one child. His home was at 512 Travis street.

Mathews had been employed by the Denver for several years and had worked at the roundhouse before being employed as fireman. His home was at 1202 Fourth street and he leaves a widow and two children.

Long With Road. Engineer Clopton was one of the oldest engineers on the fort Worth and Denver having run an engine on that road since 1870. He had been a resident of Wichita Falls practically all that time and was one of the best known men in the employ of the road. He has two children, a son, Verne, who is engaged in the oil business in Oklahoma and a daughter, Mabelle, who lives with her mother in Dallas. Mrs. Clopton was divorced from Mr. Clopton several years ago.

News of the accident spread quickly and a crowd of several hundred gathered at the crossing when the engine pulling the caboose arrived with the men.

H. L. Kelly, round house foreman for the Fort Worth and Denver here, and J. H. Kelly, traveling engineer hurried to the scene of the explosion in an automobile when the news of the accident reached here.

MAN WHO WAS HELD IN HIGGINS CASE PUTS END TO LIFE

By Associated Press. Sweetwater, Texas, Mar. 22.—By Bostick, who was arrested in Garza county Tuesday in connection with the killing at Clairemont of C. C. Higgins, former district judge hanged himself in jail here last night. His body was found today by Sheriff Yarbrough hanging by his belt and a torn sheet. He leaves a wife and three children.

Fort Worth, Mar. 22.—Si Bostick, a suspect in the Judge Higgins assassination at Clairemont was the son of J. F. Bostick who was killed near Roisan two years ago. Alf Rasberry was accused of killing the elder Bostick and Judge Higgins was the chief prosecutor. Si Bostick was a witness for Rasberry and Higgins is said to have criticized the son severely for apparently turning against his own flesh and blood.

Lee Rasberry, brother of Alf Rasberry, was killed a number of years ago.

TWELVE OTHERS DIE AS RESULT OF COLLISION

By Associated Press. Fort Worth, Mar. 22.—Twelve additional deaths as result of the collision between the destroyer Manley and a British man of war, March 19 were announced today by the navy department.

This brought the death list to 16. John C. Holmes, carpenter's mate of Boston, Mass., was one of the twelve men reported killed today. The names of the eleven others have not been received. It was announced also that ten men not reported yesterday also were injured. All of those hurt were reported doing well.

REICHSTAG WOULD HOLD TO ISLANDS AND AID FINLAND

By Associated Press. Amsterdam, Mar. 21.—The main committee of the German Reichstag has voted, twelve to ten, against a motion of the Independent Social Democrats to evacuate the Aland islands and not interfere with the internal affairs of Finland, by the dispatch of troops and the supplying of arms.

By Associated Press. San Angelo, Texas, Mar. 22.—Officers today are scouring Devils River country for Gregorio Diaz, Mexican, who last night shot and killed Oscar Dronan, former Sutton county deputy sheriff and stockman on a ranch near Sonora.

GERMAN RAIDER IN PACIFIC IS CAPTURED BY AMERICAN VESSEL; OUTFITTED ON MEXICAN COAST

By Associated Press. Pacific Port, Mar. 22.—A German raider operating in the Pacific Ocean has been captured by a United States cruiser and is now being towed to this port, according to a report received here today. The raider is said to be a comparatively small vessel but capable of sinking any merchant ship in the Pacific.

GERMAN'S CLAIM CAPTURE OF 16,000 PRISONERS IN INITIAL OFFENSE

LONDON, March 22.—(BULLETIN)—SIXTEEN THOUSAND PRISONERS AND TWO HUNDRED GUNS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY THE GERMANS, ACCORDING TO A GERMAN OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION RECEIVED BY WIRELESS TONIGHT.

CLOTHING FOR BELGIANS BEING COLLECTED HERE

Collection of used clothing for the Belgians began this morning. Boy Scouts assisting T. E. Orth, the chairman of the collection appointed by the Red Cross. A large number of bundles have been collected and a great many more will be needed if Wichita Falls does its share in the collection of 5,000 tons of clothing which has been asked from the United States.

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS REACH WICHITA FALLS TO MAKE ADDRESSES TONIGHT

"To make the people realize, if we can, that the country is at war. To show them that if the war is won it must be through their efforts, that the bravest soldier in the world is helpless without equipment and that the people at home must furnish the money, must give, give, give, until there is no more need, this is the message we are trying to bring."

Tonight at the Wichita Theatre four forceful speakers of wide prominence will bring the message, summed up above by one of the party, to the people of Wichita Falls, this being the first of the preliminaries to the Third Liberty Loan campaign.

This message of the war will be brought to the people of Wichita Falls tonight from four viewpoints; a civilian to civilians, presented by Judge J. C. Pritchard, of the U. S. Circuit court of civil appeals; a woman and a nurse of stricken Belgium to men, women and children of a nation new to the war, one who has seen all the horror which the imagination could picture to a people who has all this to learn, presented by Miss Marie Van Gassel; one who has been in the conflict, a survivor of a regiment that has been practically wiped out time and time again to men who will perhaps in's short time be in the conflict and to their relatives who will have to wait at home, presented by George E. Pearson, one of the Princess Patricia; and lastly the viewpoint of a soldier of the United States, one who is preparing to "carry on" as long as is necessary, who will tell the civilian what the United States soldiers will expect of those for whom they are fighting, presented by Captain C. R. Kelly, of the United States Regular Army, now on the staff of the commanding officer at Camp MacArthur, Waco.

Organizes Woman's Week. These four people make up the lecturers party which arrived in Wichita Falls this morning. Accompanying the party is Miss Lavinia Engle of Washington, sent out to organize the women's work in the Third Liberty Loan. Miss Engle's work is done with the women and she does not take part in the public programs.

A short talk will be given to the soldiers at Call Field tonight by Mr. Pearson and Miss Van Gassel, this to precede the program at the Wichita Theatre.

ATTACKERS FAIL TO REACH OBJECTIVES THEY EXPECTED TO GAIN IN EARLY STAGES

(BULLETIN) British Army Headquarters in France, Mar. 22 (2 p. m.)—Germans today continued their assault against the positions in the Cambrai sector, notably in the region of Croiselles and Hargicourt. At least forty divisions have been identified on the battle front. No such concentration of artillery has been seen since the war began.

The status of the great German offensive, long heralded, is summarized by the Associated Press today as follows: The first stage of the great German offensive on the western front has passed and it is to be scored as a failure, the enemy having fallen short of realizing his aims in the first great smash, according to dispatches from British headquarters today.

After attacking all day yesterday and until a late hour last night, the Germans let down in their smashing operation along fifty miles of the British front and had not resumed their heavy assaults at the latest advices from Sir Douglas Haig. Further hard fighting was ahead, however, the field marshal predicted.

The enemy was still being held in the British battle positions he reported, which means that the British line is intact, although admittedly it has been bent backward at points under the terrific Teutonic assault. The battle line has not moved in only one direction, however, the British having struck back spiritedly at the German masses and regained some of the positions which they had temporarily abandoned. The German official statement received today reports that the British positions were attacked from a point southeast of Arras to Laferre, the British first line being captured. The dispatch from British headquarters purposely omits giving the exact position of the British line at present for the stated reason that the enemy might be given valuable information if the line were accurately traced.

Artillery Still Rages. While the infantry is being held temporarily in check, the artillery battle is still raging, according to indications in the news dispatches. Great numbers of Austrian cannon are declared to have been transferred to the western front to reinforce the German artillery. Hungarians too have been brought into the field by the German command, it is declared, the understanding being that they are to be used as a strategic reserve.

Tomorrow the indications are that the Central Powers have massed all possible forces at their disposal on the west front for their present drive. The prospects seem, however, that they will meet very many of them if they keep up their attack along with anything like its initial force, as all the reports indicate that the German losses have been terrific under the withering fire of the British artillery and machine guns. The German artillery too, has suffered heavily through counter battery work by the British. The news dispatches say that the German guns fire targets for effective destructive work.

Kaiser to Front. The German war trinitrate, Emperor William, Field Marshal Hindenburg and General von Ludendorff, are being urged to go to the front if the attack is in progress. Meanwhile the Italian front is beginning to attract more attention. Rome today reports operations becoming more active along the entire line. The American troops in France have done some further active work in patrol fighting and raiding. In the sector east of Lunerville the German first and second line positions on part of the front were found by American raiders to have been completely destroyed by American artillery fire.

Withstand Attack. British soldiers have met and withstood the most stupendous attack Germany has hurled against the western front in three and one half years of warfare in a front of more than fifty miles the armed hosts of democracy are at grips with the forces of Prussianism and what may be the decisive struggle in the great war is raging in Northern France.

In their first onslaught the enemy after a gigantic bombardment from great masses of guns passed the British outposts at some points and attained the battle line but so where did the Germans gain the objectives planned. Regiment after regiment was hurled against the defenses of the British front and Field Marshal Haig reports the German losses as exceptionally heavy.

Desperate Fighting. Desperate fighting continues all along the lines from the Senese to the sea and especially on the Cambrai sector. Enemy efforts before Cambrai were aimed principally to the north and south of the salient left after the fighting ceased there last November with the evident purpose of cutting off the salient and driving through toward the old battle field of the Somme.

Germany's latest offensive finds both sides prepared for the shock of prolonged and sanguinary combat. For the most part the Germans have been training troops and moving up guns and supplies behind their lines between Arras and St. Quentin. The British also have been active and were prepared for any blow the enemy might deliver and had anticipated that the offensive movement would come where it did.

Field Behind Lines. Behind the British lines is the devastated area over which the Germans retreated last March. Field Marshal von Hindenburg declared at the time that the devastation was carried out not only to hamper the allied armies but to provide a battlefield for the future. The German attack may be only a feint but a large branch in the British line might involve the safety of Paris and Antwerp, and the French channel ports from the mouth of the Seine to Belgium.

German artillery fire also has been intense on a lengthy front north of the La Bassée Canal and in the Ypres sector in Flanders. On the French front the Germans have carried minor attacks northeast of Verdun and in Lorraine. French troops repulsed both attempts with loss.

Aircraft Attack. British monitors and naval aircraft have made a combined attack on Ostend, Belgium, a German aerial and submarine base, and British seaplanes have attacked enemy mine sweepers near Heligoland with machine gun fire. In the attack on Ostend British airmen brought down German machines while the monitors bombarded the town heavily.

KAISER BILL AND HIS TWO BOWERS TO SEE ATTACK

(Bulletin) London, Mar. 22.—Emperor William, Field Marshal von Hindenburg and General von Ludendorff have gone to the western front to witness the German attack, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

Bulgarian and Austrian troops are now on the western front, the dispatch reports. The Bulgarian troops, which have arrived on the western front, will be used as a strategic reserve, the dispatch says. The number of Austrians on this front is not large, but Austrian cannon in great amounts have been concentrated there.

The Austrian war minister, von Steiner, who is now in Berlin, is said to have promised Field Marshal von Hindenburg that the Austrians would take over the work of guarding the eastern front when the offensive in the west began.

DUTCH MAY BREAK OFF RELATIONS WITH U. S.

(BULLETIN) Amsterdam, Mar. 22.—A dispatch from The Hague to the Handelsblad says one of the most prominent members of parliament intends to ask the government whether it is not time to recall the Dutch minister at Washington and hand passports to the American minister at The Hague.

DUTCH PRESS COMMENTS ON WILSON PROCLAMATION. By Associated Press. Amsterdam, Thursday, Mar. 21.—Commenting upon President Wilson's proclamation regarding Dutch shipping the Aigmen Handelsblad says it considers that there now devolves upon the allied powers the moral duty of maintaining international traffic routes which cannot exist without it. Continued refusal to permit Holland to obtain grain from Argentina it says would be a serious matter for both parties.

The Telegraph says it is wrong to speak of rejection of the allies ultimatum by Holland. It asserts that the Dutch government acceded to the proposal of the allies as far as was compatible with its position at a non-belligerent and adds: "The ultimatum was thus accepted in principle, but in such a form as to maintain Holland's rights as against America's unlimited power. The Dutch government thereby acted in accordance with the principles set forth by President Wilson in considering a future peace based upon right above might."

The Nieuws van Den Dag says it is a similar fact that both the Dutch and the allied governments seem to have little knowledge of the course of events. It adds: "One would be inclined to ask whether there is some one in between who is holding us reports."

CHILD DELINQUENCY ACT SIGNED BY GOVERNOR. By Associated Press. Austin, Texas, Mar. 22.—The governor today signed the bill extending the child delinquency act, so as to apply to girls, thus permitting girls to take advantage of the benefits of this act.

SNOW IS FALLING IN DALLAS COUNTY. Fort Worth, Texas, Mar. 22.—Snow has been falling for twelve hours at Perito in Dallas County, according to reports received here today. It is melting about as rapidly as it hits the earth.

DEVILS RIVER COUNTRY SCoured FOR MEXICAN. By Associated Press. San Angelo, Texas, Mar. 22.—Officers today are scouring Devils River country for Gregorio Diaz, Mexican, who last night shot and killed Oscar Dronan, former Sutton county deputy sheriff and stockman on a ranch near Sonora.

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NEW RESTRICTIONS ARE ANNOUNCED BY FUEL CONTROLLER

EASTERN COAL FOR THE EAST AND WESTERN FOR THE WEST IS PLAN.

Wiley Blair, federal fuel administrator for Texas, has received details in regard to the zone system to govern the distribution of coal. The plan has just been completed by the fuel administration in connection with the director-general of railroads.

The general effect of the system is to restrict eastern coal to eastern markets and to fill the vacancy in Central and Western states with nearby coal produced in those states adjoining.

The restrictions which will affect Texas are taken up in detail, and H. A. Garfield, fuel administrator calls upon the patriotism of every consumer and retail dealer in co-operating with the plan. Mr. Garfield emphasizes the need for constant accumulation of coal in Texas during the summer months to supply the need in the winter. Otherwise, he predicts a serious shortage. The plan in detail is:

Order as Issued.
 Dallas, Tex., March 20, 1918.
 I have received from Mr. H. A. Garfield, the following telegram, today:

"The United States Fuel Administration, in co-operation with the Director-General of Railroads, announce the completion of a zone plan to govern the distribution of bituminous coal during the coal year, beginning April 1st 1918. The general effect of the system is to restrict Eastern coal to Eastern markets, and to fill the vacancy in Central and Western states with nearby coal produced in those States and States adjoining.

This system will eliminate the long haul of many millions of tons of coal by having the nearest fields of production furnish all domestic requirements. The restrictions imposed on the movement of coal by the zone system will make necessary readjustments in fuel practices in various communities affected by same. The United States Fuel Administration confidently expects the patriotic co-operation of every coal consumer and retail coal dealer, who will be affected under the zone system.

Coal for special uses, such as Blast-Furnace Gas, black-smithing coal, and Metallurgical coal will be exempt from the above restrictions. Permits will be issued to the individual dealers and consumers of this class of fuel, and applications for these permits must be made to the Permit Bureau of the United States Fuel Administration in Washington. The zone system affects all bituminous coal, except coal for railroad fuel, for which special arrangements will be made.

Receipts for Year.
 The total receipts of coal in Texas for the year 1917 amounted to 3,337,000 net tons of 2000 pounds each, and under the zone system, same will be affected as follows:

1st—The movement of coal to Texas from Illinois, Southeast Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia will not be permitted.

2nd—Producing coal districts in Alabama and Western Kentucky will be permitted to ship coal only to points on the Houston, East & West Texas Ry. from Shreveport to Houston, thence via the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Ry. from Houston to Galveston and all points in Texas east of the above line.

3rd—All coal producing districts in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas will be permitted to ship coal to all points lying between the Houston, East & West Texas Ry. from Shreveport to Houston and the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Ry. from Houston to Galveston and the Pecos River in the West.

4th—There will be no change in the movement of coal from the producing districts in Colorado, and New Mexico to Texas points. They will be permitted to ship to all points as heretofore.

The zoning plan outlined above prohibits the movement of coal into the entire State of Texas from the producing districts in Illinois, Southeast Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia. It prohibits the movement of coal to all points west of the Pecos River in Texas from the producing districts in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas; it prohibits the movement of coal from the producing districts in Alabama and Western Kentucky to Texas points west of the line of the Houston, East & West Texas Ry. from Shreveport to Houston, thence via the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Ry. to Galveston.

In the West.
 The producing districts of Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas will furnish approximately 120,000 tons of coal, which will not be permitted to come to Texas from the Illinois, Southeast Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia fields, and the re-

RIGHT FIELDER GRIFFITH NOW WITH CINCINNATI REDS TO PLAY HERE FIRST OF MONTH



Tom Griffith

Right-fielder of the Reds, who was purchased for \$10,000 from Indianapolis three seasons ago bats left-handed but uses his right wing for throwing. He started his professional career with New Bedford as a pitcher, but became an outfielder before he made his major league debut with the Boston Nationals.

His best season with the Cincinnati team was 1916 when he ranked second among National League batters. He was in poor physical condition at the start of the 1917 race and although he improved a great deal in his work after the removal of his tonsils, he did not get on his real stride. He wintered

ed well, however, and is expected to return to his 1916 form.

Many experts consider the Reds' outfield, the best in either major league, as a whole, and with Tom going at his real gait and Koush and Neale squalling or exceeding their records of 1917, the trio will be big factors in making the Reds contenders for the Championship.

Baseball is not the only role in which Griffith is before the public. He has gained an excellent reputation as a song-writer and on occasions renders his productions in public.

The Reds play the Detroit Americans here on April 4.

stricted movement from Alabama and Southwestern Kentucky fields.

Mr. Garfield wires that consumers in Texas will suffer a serious shortage next winter, unless they begin to fill their bins at once and to continue to accumulate their winter supply during the summer months. The mines that will furnish coal to Texas consumers can fill the normal requirements of these consumers, provided they are kept running every day of the week during the entire year. Hence the necessity of all consumers making their arrangements, buying, carrying home and storing during the months of April, May, June, July and August, as much of their summer, fall and winter requirements as they can possibly secure.

Your usual kindness and co-operation will be appreciated in giving wide publicity as possible to the above through the columns of your valuable paper. Will also appreciate you requesting all weekly papers in the State to copy same.

The Federal Fuel Administrator for Texas will set a price in the next few days at which dealers will sell coal to consumers, and all consumers are advised in placing orders, to do so subject to the price that will be named.

Yours truly,
 WILEY BLAIR,
 Federal Fuel Administrator for Texas.

CIVIL SERVICE VACANCIES ARE TO BE FILLED

POSITIONS FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN ARE IN THE LIST

Again the government has sent out circulars announcing vacancies under the civil service, and setting a date for examination for each offered. These vacancies cover a wide field of work and most of them offer some choice as to location and bring good salaries. Any information concerning the qualifications required and definite explanation of the work may be had by inquiring at the local post office. In the list which follows, positions are open to both men and women, where not otherwise specified, and salaries are for one year.

At any time:

- Inspector of material for small arms (male) \$1,600 to \$2,400
- Assistant inspector of material for small arms (male) \$1,000-\$1,500
- Photographic Expert (male) \$1,500 to \$2,400
- Apprentice Draftsman (male) coast and geodetic surveyer, \$900
- Engineer of tests of ordnance material (male) \$1,600 to \$2,400
- Assistant engineer of tests of ordnance material (male) \$1,000 to -1,600
- On April 9th:
- Examiner of Accounts (male) Interstate commerce commissioner Grade 1, \$2,200 to \$3,000
- Examiner of Accounts (male) Interstate commerce commissioner grade 2, \$1,800 to \$2,100
- Railway Mail Clerk (male) \$900
- Inspector in Bulk Grain handling (male) \$2,000 to 2,500
- Negative Cutter, \$1,000 to \$1,200
- Construction Draftsman (male) \$1,400 to \$2,000
- Superintendent of Gun-Forging Plant (male) \$3,000 to \$5,000
- On April 24th:
- Typewriter machinist (male) .60 per hour
- Market assistant (live stock and meats) \$1,000 to \$1,400
- Field and Laboratory Aid in Plant Pathology, \$720 to \$1,080.

Gasoline Station Will Be Installed At 408 Indiana Ave.

Permit was given to Mahl and Brininstool to install a gasoline station at 408 Indiana at last night's session of the city council. A new voting box was ordered for the city hall and after these matters had been disposed of the council used the hours from then until 12 o'clock in a discussion of the election and the water supply, arriving at no conclusion on either, according to reports.

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| RESOURCES | LIABILITIES |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Loans and Discounts \$2,970,207.24 | Capital Stock \$250,000.00 |
| U. S. Bonds at par 250,000.00 | Surplus and Profits 223,628.50 |
| Certificates of Indebtedness 200,000.00 | Res. for Taxes 6,847.50 |
| Liberty Loan & other bonds 307,850.00 | Res. for Interest 26,000.00 |
| Federal Reserve Bank Stock 10,500.00 | Dividends Unpaid 100.00 |
| Furniture and Fixtures 70,100.50 | Individual Deposits \$2,847,148.00 |
| Real Estate 22,184.42 | Bank Deposits 608,147.00 |
| Int. earned but not collected 6,000.00 | |
| Cash in bank 120,541.00 | |
| Cash with U. S. Treas. 12,500.00 | |
| Night Exchange 673,603.00 | |
| Total \$4,411,622.70 | Total Deposits \$3,655,295.00 |
| | \$4,411,622.70 |

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SOCIETY

SOUTHERN METHODISTS WORK WITH RED CROSS

A number of women of the first Methodist Church, south, met for the usual work at the Red Cross on Thursday. The work was continued throughout the day, and many articles completed.

BAPTIST WOMAN'S ALLIANCE WORKS WITH RED CROSS

Thursday was the regular day for Red Cross work by the members of the Baptist Woman's Alliance. 33 representatives working. The work was in both the surgical dressing and hospital supply rooms, a number of articles being completed.

WICHITA TRAVEL CLUB HOLDS GOOD MEETING

The regular work was done by the members of the Wichita Travel Club on Thursday morning. Several hours were spent in the surgical dressing department. Those working were Mesdames Bell, Urban, Cooper, McGregor and Fontlepy.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH WOMEN BUSY WITH KNITTING

On Thursday of each week the women of the First Methodist Church gather in several groups for Red Cross knitting. A large number of garments have been completed and many others will soon be ready for the Red Cross authorities.

THURSDAY FORTY-TWO CLUB ENTERTAINED BY MRS. SILK

The Thursday Forty-two club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Silk Thursday evening. The attractive rooms were decorated with early lilacs artistically arranged. Forty-two billiards, and bowling were enjoyed until a late hour. Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Curlee and little Miss Helen Snider were the guests of the evening.

The members present were Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Langford, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Noble, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Snider, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. A. Guest, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Reese, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Huff, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Clint Woods.

MERRY MATRONS' CLUB HOLDS GOOD MEETING

The members of the Merry Matrons club were delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. D. W. Fitchford on Thursday afternoon. The guests were busy with fancy work during an afternoon of enjoyable social intercourse. Those present were Mesdames Hill, Prothro, Walker and Wiley.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS HOLD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

The regular business meeting of the Royal Neighbors was held Thursday afternoon. A membership campaign has been launched by the organization and the members are divided into two divisions, the "White" and the "Purple" for work in the campaign. Plans for an unusually interesting meeting are under way, but no statement can yet be made.

MUSICIANS CLUB MEETS FOR STUDY OF OPERA

Mrs. Laura Burris was the leader of the study of the opera at the meeting of the Musicians club on Thursday. The story of "Martha" was told in the discussion of "Early Opera" by Mrs. Burris, and was followed by solos from "Martha" by Mrs. Wade Walker, and Mrs. F. C. Barron. The regular program will be rendered at the home of Mrs. Walker next week.

MRS. LUMMUS HOSTESS TO U. C. T. MEMBERS

Mrs. A. N. Lummus was a delightful hostess to the members of the U. C. T. club Thursday afternoon. Early spring lilacs made an attractive decorative motif for the room. Forty-two was the chief diversion of the afternoon. The usual Red Cross offering was taken, amounting to \$5.55. Mesdames Mack, White, Alday, and Nix were the guests of the club, the members present being Mesdames Moulder, Drinkard, Baker, Allen, Stroud, Reynolds, Hensley, Vanderveer, Brown, Deaton, Harrison and Conn.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ENJOY AN OUTING

The Senior class of the high school motored out to the country Tuesday afternoon. Lunch was spread in picnic style, after which several interesting games were enjoyed. Those present were Nettie Friberg, Katie Eshbanks, Morrison, Goldie Mariele, Annie Lee, Lois Morgan, Sybil James, Leta James, Dot Foshee, Gessie Pritchard, Ione Bivings, Lucille Johnson, Rany Lee Martin, Ruth Myers, Sadie Willis, Mary Leah Tevis, Fannie Craig, Ruth Bernard, Margaret Ackerman, Blanche Clark, Louise Bentley, Andrew Urban, Graham Alkinson, Donald Ross, Chester Dallas, Edwin Bell, T. J. Waggoner, Herbert Ziegler, Paul Bond, Harry Billmeyer, and Robert Ferguson.

ABIATORS TO BE ENTERTAINED BY BAPTIST WOMEN

With the members of the woman's Alliance and the Young Woman's Alliance as hostesses, the soldiers at Call Field and the members of the First Baptist Church will be entertained with an informal reception at the church Saturday evening. Several committees have been appointed to arrange a delightful evening. An informal program is planned as a part of the entertainment.

MRS. LLOYD WEAVER ENTERTAINS DELIGHTFULLY

Celebrating the birthday of her sister, Mrs. W. P. McCurdy, Mrs. Lloyd Weaver entertained a number of friends at her home on Wednesday. The rooms were beautifully decorated with carnations and sweet peas, bringing out an attractive color scheme.

The affair was a surprise to the honoree, the guests assembling before her arrival. In the center of an artistically appointed table, a large basket adorned with the flower decorative motifs, held the birthday cake. Music and conversation were the chief features of the entertainment, with a delicious refreshment course served at a late hour. The guests were Mesdames Taylor, Walker, Fox, Adams, Smith, Annie Smith, Deborah, Blanche Erwin, Miss Cecil McCurdy and Mr. O. B. Cecil. Mrs. McCurdy was the recipient of a number of charming gifts from her friends.

SURPRISE PARTY GIVEN ON TWELFTH BIRTHDAY

Celebrating her twelfth birthday, Miss Louise Deaton was given a delightful surprise party on Thursday afternoon. The afternoon was spent with a number of interesting games and a tempting refreshment course was served. Those enjoying the anniversary with the hostess were Frankie Addicks, Elizabeth Carrigan, Dorothy Nohles, Marietta Hunt, Mary Frances Collier, Maurine Smith, Margaret Fuller, Jene Nelson, Jaunita and Zena Bechman, Edith Maricle, Olive Kay, and Catherine Kylander.

Labor Secretary Plans to Organize Papers of Country

By Associated Press. Madrid, Mar. 22.—Secretary of Labor Wilson today announced the plan of organization by which 736 daily newspapers will be made branch offices of the United States Employment Service. These newspapers will be used for this work where the department has no regular employment office.

Each newspaper will be registered and assigned a serial number. A member of the staff will be made a federal agent at a salary of \$1 per year and he will be expected to edit the labor department which the newspapers are asked to conduct. At least four inches of space in each issue is asked containing news of local labor demands and supply.

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Spanish Premier Has Formed New Cabinet, Says Madrid Cable

By Associated Press. Madrid, Mar. 22.—Antonio Maura, the former premier has succeeded in forming a cabinet to succeed that of the Marquis De Albuernas. Senor Maura will be premier; former Premier Dato will be minister of foreign affairs; Count Romanos, minister of justice and General Marino, minister of war. The Marquis De Albuernas will take the interior portfolio. Count Romanos also is a former premier.

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STATEWIDE PROHIBITION AND FERGUSON

All of Texas will soon be included in the ever increasing national territory that is safe from liquor. Governor W. P. Hobby, who himself suggested the ten mile zone bill to members of the legislature, has signed the state-wide measure which passed both houses by large majorities.

In so doing, the Governor announces that he took this step in spite of the fact that many lawyers had warned him that the measure may not be held constitutional.

We do not doubt that those who made this plea to the governor in seeking him not to sign bills without again submitting the matter to the people are the same who, in days past also argued that under any circumstances prohibition legislation is unconstitutional because it interferes with the "personal liberty" guaranteed under the constitution to the citizens of the United States. This being the case, the Governor took no very great chance when he affixed his name at the foot of the bill.

The people of Texas need also to remember that during the regime of one James E. Ferguson they voted in favor of submission in such strength as to indicate most emphatically that a "dry" Texas was in the not far distance. But the same James E. Ferguson, conducting the machinery of government according to his own private ideas and with little regard for the people whom he was supposed to represent, declined to submit this question as the people had directed him to. Therefore, on that score too, Governor Hobby may feel reasonably comfortable in the knowledge that he has a majority of the voters of Texas with him.

There is considerable discussion at Austin it may be noted, of a measure for revision of the Terrill election law. No doubt the law should be revised. But there is a movement to make it impossible, under this measure, for Ferguson to again be a candidate for governor of the state, as he wants to be.

On general principles, The Times feels that one against whom such serious charges were proven as those against Ferguson, should not be allowed to make a spectacle out of the state by appearing in a race for the highest office the people have to offer, even though such an one possesses a sufficient amount of brass to offer again for that position.

But experience is said to be the greatest of all teachers. James E. Ferguson has had some small experience as to the settlement with reference to the attitude of the state toward such an administration of its affairs as he was held guilty of, but it seems that he has learned little of the real sentiment of the every day voter. It might be a good idea to let him experience the contempt of these same, piled high by ballot, and it might be a good idea to let the next example teach all others of such stripe what they make expect from the sovereign voters of this state.

It really is not a matter to quarrel over—this question of whether Ferguson's name shall be permitted upon the official ballot or not. The result, in either case, will be the same.

CADET IS KILLED AT HICKS FIELD; FAINTED ALOFT?

By Associated Press Fort Worth, Texas, Mar. 22.—Cadet S. W. Arnheim, Royal Flying Corps, was killed yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Hicks Field. He was an American but had joined the British service. His address was 246 West 22nd Avenue, New York. Officers say he fainted while 4,000 feet in the air.

STUDENTS HEAR BELGIAN NURSE ON WORLD WAR

MARIE VAN GASTEL SPEAKS AT HIGH SCHOOL IN AFTERNOON.

For several hundred high school students the war took on a new significance, as they listened this afternoon to the story of Marie Van Gastel, a Belgian girl, but little older than the majority of the students, who was an actor in the tragedy of Belgium. Miss Van Gastel is a member of the Third Liberty Loan advance party which will speak tonight at the Wichita Theater and Mrs. Harrison, chairman of the Junior Red Cross of the county, secured her to speak to the high school students.

Was College Girl. Herself a college girl when the devastation of Belgium was begun, living with only the thought of the pleasures of today and those which tomorrow would bring, Miss Van Gastel could appreciate the attitude of the mind of the young students and her story of how she was awakened and how the country was awakened was heard by a spellbound audience.

Her own story, only one of thousands, is especially interesting. When war rumors first came she quit school and took up the Red Cross training course. Nine days of instruction she had had when the siege of Antwerp was begun. The conditions under which the nurses were accepted were such that only girls of independent means were able to serve, as they paid all their own expenses.

Many Volunteers. There were several hundred of girls who had volunteered for this service but when the news came that Antwerp was to be bombarded the wealthy families retreated and took their daughters with them. Miss Van Gastel's father did not go, so she was left to keep on with the temporary hospital. Only four girls were left and none of these had any experience. Miss Van Gastel with her nine days experience was put in charge of the Antwerp hospital, then of the field hospital. During the terrible retreat she was with the army, going through all the horrors of the early days, spending days and nights in the crude field hospital, trying to relieve dying men, helping bring wounded from the battle front, performing all the duties that devolved upon the few women who were with the army as nurses in those first terrible days.

Was Wounded. Finally she was wounded and taken to England, two years ago she came to the United States. She is now doing an active service in using the story of her experience to stir the people of this country into activity, but she is anxious to go back to be really doing something she says. It has been four years since she heard from her parents. For four years they have been behind the German lines and she had heard no word.

All Draft Age Men Married Since May Ordered to Report

All men who have married since May 18, and before September 18 of 1917, are asked to call on the local exemption board immediately. The board is ready to take up discussion of any case but this will have to be done within the next few days as the district board's report on all claims and appeals from Class I are in and that class of eligibles must be settled before the call of the first of the second draft next week.

PERSONALS

E. A. Thomas of Dallas, organizer for the War Savings and Thrift Stamp Campaign, arrived here this afternoon for a several days' visit in the interests of the campaign in this county.

Mrs. W. W. Clinton, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. P. Adams, left today for Fort Worth where she will spend several weeks before returning to her home in Houston.

W. H. McAbee, of Tulsa, and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McAbee of Amarillo are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. McAbee.

Mrs. J. E. Carlton is visiting her sisters, Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Crydol in San Antonio. She will be out of the city for about 2 weeks.

A. M. Bundy is in Fort Worth on business.

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PEOPLE WARNED WATER MUST NOT GO ON GARDENS

Mayor A. H. Britain has issued a proclamation, which will be published in full on Sunday, asking that the people of Wichita Falls conserve water to as great an extent as possible on account of the present scarcity.

People are warned not to use water for sprinkling lawns, or watering gardens or for washing their automobiles from the supply furnished by the Wichita Falls Water Company. Unless this warning is heeded it may become necessary to turn off the water except for a short period in the morning and afternoon, the proclamation states. Mayor Britain in this proclamation cites the fact that many other cities in the state are facing a similar water shortage and asks that the citizens do all in their power to conserve the supply. The consumption can be cut to 50 percent by proper economy, Mayor Britain believes.

MORTUARY

Mrs. J. W. Eysteone. Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. J. W. Eysteone, mother of Mrs. A. R. Watland, of this city, in Mount Vernon, Iowa. Mrs. Eysteone had been confined to her bed for several months before her death. Mrs. Watland having been with her since Christmas. Mr. Watland is the local manager of the Penny Dry Goods company having come to the city when the store was opened about one year ago.

Mrs. Rose Kendis. Mr. and Mrs. D. Dellis will leave tomorrow for Chickasha to attend the funeral of Mrs. Dellis' mother, Mrs. Dora Kendis, who died at her home in Lebanon, Oregon, on Wednesday. Two other daughters, Mrs. H. K. Wilson, for several years a resident of Wichita Falls, and Mrs. L. J. Gray will accompany the body to Chickasha. Mrs. Kendis had many friends in Wichita Falls having spent much time with her daughter, all of whom are in Lebanon last October. The death of Mrs. Kendis came as great shock to Mrs. Dellis, who on Tuesday before the death received a letter from her mother, who reported herself in good health.

TEXAS COMPANY BRINGS IN GOOD WELL IN STEPHENS

The Texas Company has brought in another good well in Stephens county. The well is on the Lawrence tract and is reported good for 200 barrels. Details as to the depth at which the sand was found and its thickness were not available today. The well is located south of Breckenridge.

COL. H. O. S. HEISTAND OF DUTY

By Associated Press Rockford, Ill., Mar. 22.—Colonel H. O. S. Heistand was relieved as adjutant of the 86th division at Camp Grant today by Major Irma Pauline Swift. Colonel Heistand will go to the army and navy hospital at Hot Springs Ark. for a period of rest after which he will return to the Central Department under his old chief, General Barry.

A MESSAGE FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT will be delivered to the citizens of Wichita Falls on Friday, March 22nd, at THE WICHITA THEATRE at 8 p. m., by JUDGE J. C. PRITCHARD Former United States Senator Supported by MISS MARIE VAN GASTEL of Belgium Eye witness of the European war, will tell her intensely interesting and dramatic story—wounded and captured by the Huns. CAPT. C. R. KELLY of the United States Army will address the meeting. GEO. E. PEARSON A member of the the famous Princess Pat Canadian Regiment will tell his story of actual warfare. ANDERSON & PATTERSON Insurance of all kinds—Loans, Real Estate and Rentals 616 Eighth.

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We quote below, a paragraph from the issue of Dec. 29-31 Colliers Week-ly. Read it carefully, consider it from the viewpoint of the careful investor. "One Co., which this year manufactured at the peak of its output 27,000 tires a day, plans to be running daily by next June 50,000 a day. For the past six months at this writing, the business of this company has exceeded \$10,000,000 monthly." After reading the foregoing, would you say the tire business was safe from an investor's standpoint?

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DESERTERS SURRENDER

Report That 800 Gas Shells Were Sunk Against U. S. Troops Some Falling on Hun Positions

By Associated Press. With the American Army in France, Thursday, Mar. 21.—Enemy first and second line positions on a part of the sector east of Lanchy have been destroyed completely by American artillery fire. After the raid into the German positions last night, the American gunners shelled the positions heavily all night and this morning.

Today a patrol without assistance from the artillery crossed No Man's Land and found that the first and second lines had been wiped out.

The patrol, with additional information and returned without casualties the Germans apparently having decided not to molest them.

Artillery firing by both sides on this sector continued all day.

Deserters Surrender. On the sector northwest of Toul a number of Germans deserted last night and surrendered to an American patrol in a certain wood. The Germans approached the Americans shouting, "Don't shoot."

The prisoners were turned over to the French. Much information of value was obtained from the deserters who said they were "fed up" with the war and decided they would rather be prisoners.

Included in the information obtained from the men was the statement that during the gas projector attack against the American lines on February 27 nine hundred projectiles were employed. Half of the projectiles fired fell within the German lines, and the gas overcame many of the Germans. The next day, according to the deserters, eleven Germans were killed and thirty wounded while taking out the dead.

Doubt Story. American intelligence officers are inclined to doubt the story regarding 800 projectiles. American information is that only 75 were used.

An American patrol last night entered the enemy first line and remained there six hours but did not see any of the enemy. The trench in which the Germans recently had constructed trenches that are concrete half way up inside.

Great activity continues behind the enemy lines. Within the last four days a number of rock crushers and concrete mixers have been brought up and there are signs that the Germans intend to construct a number of new pill boxes over the American front. Several trains of material have arrived at towns in the German lines during the last twenty four hours.

Today's reports say that three German airplanes flew over various parts of the American front line at daybreak and fired their machine guns on our positions. Their efforts, however, were without result.

OIL BELT HIGHWAY IS NOW ORGANIZED; HUFF IS PRESIDENT

EXCELLENT MEETING OF ROAD ENTHUSIASTS HELD AT BRECKENRIDGE

Complete organization of the Oil Belt Highway, with the election of R. E. Huff of this city as president and Porter C. Whaley of Brownwood as secretary and treasurer, was effected before adjournment of the meeting held Thursday in Breckenridge, those who attended the meeting from here report. A board of directors composed of vice presidents chosen from each of the towns will meet on Monday, April 1, again at Breckenridge to elect a manager to take active charge of the work of promotion of the highway, and organization of the counties to vote bonds.

Large Crowd Present. The delegation from Wichita Falls which attended the Breckenridge meeting reported that there was a very large delegation present, Brownwood especially being very strongly represented. Delegates were also present from Eastland, Gorman, Rising Star, Owen, Comanche, Olney and one or two smaller towns the delegates could not name. Much enthusiasm for the proposed route was manifested as was shown by the fact that some votes as many as 150 persons voted; each town was given one vote. Organization was finally perfected by the election of R. E. Huff of Wichita county as president of the Association and Mr. Whaley of Brownwood as secretary and treasurer and one vice-president from each of the counties, C. F. Rodgers, vice-president from Wichita county; J. H. Melugin from Archer; M. K. Graham from Young; W. H. Green from Stephens, Mr. Frost from Eastland, one from Brown county and one from Comanche county.

Show Great Hospitality. The citizens of Breckenridge showed great hospitality, providing a free dinner not only for the delegates, but also for all in attendance, having made arrangements with the ladies of the Red Cross of Breckenridge for that purpose, the expenses being paid by the Chamber of Commerce of Breckenridge; a voluntary contribution from the delegates was taken for the Red Cross, which it is thought would amount to at least \$15.00.

A large delegation from Shackelford county attended the convention, having with them a band, who asked admittance to the association with a view to building a "lateral" highway from near Opler to Albany, and the committee on permanent organization recommended that this delegation be admitted but upon objections from some of the counties South of Stephens who feared that the admission of Shackelford county for this purpose

might lead to a diversion of effort, Shackelford was refused admittance. interested would be glad to cooperate but was asserted that the counties with them, but under a separate organization.

Delegation Well Pleased. The Wichita delegation returned highly pleased with the enthusiasm shown and the bulk of them said it was the biggest and most enthusiastic road meeting they had ever attended. The Wichita County delegation was composed of Hon. Harvey Harris, County Commissioner; J. J. Jackson, E. E. Huff, Frank Kell, G. E. Bodden, Roy B. Jones, Ed Sanders, J. J. Perkins, R. O. Harvey, Walter Cline and E. W. Calvert.

The features of the trip according to those who had a right to know best, R. E. Huff and R. Harvey, was the driving of J. J. Perkins over bridges.

HUNS ANNOUNCE BATTLE WILL BE DECISIVE

By Associated Press. London, Mar. 22.—"We are now entered on a decisive battle for general peace, says the Tagliche Rundschau of Berlin, according to an Exchange Telegram received from Copenhagen, in announcing that the commencement of the German offensive in the west is received with great felicitation by the German people who will follow it with feverish interest. The newspaper adds:

"A single combat between England and Germany which is to decide the war, our future position in the world and whether the Anglo-Saxons shall continue to press their will on the world, opened today."

FAMOUS KELLY FIELD ORCHESTRA TO BE HERE

Audiences are to have an opportunity of seeing in action the organizer of the first band ever assembled by the aviation corps of the United States Army. His name is Edward A. Hallway, and he is coming to the Wichita Falls orchestra on Wednesday and Thursday March 27 and 28 as conductor of the famous Kelly Field orchestra, which is on tour with the Folies Militaires. As a composer and conductor Hallway enjoys an enviable reputation in American musical circles, he having been in the public eye for a number of years, prior to his enlistment in the military.

Though only twenty-eight years old, Hallway, at his own request, was entrusted with the responsibility of organizing a band when he was sent to Kelly Field from St. Louis. Laboring under a great handicap, in that no appropriation had at that time been set aside by the war department for the maintenance of an aviation band, Hallway prevailed in his work, and eventually succeeded in placing a firm and efficient basis a band and orchestra that long have been the subjects of discussion in and about San Antonio.

ORDERS MOUTH CLOSED AGAINST HUN AVIATOR

By Associated Press. With the American Army in France, Feb. 21.—What is known back in the United States as a "kisser" cannot be suppressed, even in a front line trench in France.

Seven men were standing in a trench section. All looked as they might have been rolling around in the mud and they were well-bearded. High in the sky an airplane circled round and round over the German lines. A his field glasses.

"Boche" said he. Then a moment later he added, "Headed this way."

The machine came closer, and closer over head. One young private who had just come up from a replacement division and had not seen many air planes—especially German airplanes—before watched this one intently. His head kept going back, back, until his neck was on a right angle with his body. And his mouth which had opened just a little as his head started going back, finally was wide open, mouthed, "Yes," the sergeant saw him.

"Hey there," cried the sergeant. "You better close that. First thing you know that Boche will see that opening, think it is a dugout door and drop a bomb in it."

LOCAL ATTACK MADE BY HUNS AGAINST FRENCH

By Associated Press. Paris, Mar. 22.—Local attacks were made by the Germans at various points during the night but they achieved no success, the war office announces.

Tax Upon Dogs Is Now Due Announces Police Department

The 1918 dog taxes are now due and tags have been received by the city police department. Notice is given to all dog owners to pay taxes as soon as possible, as the dog wagon will start soon and it does not carry without this year's tax their owner will have a penalty to pay in addition to the amount of the tax.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's.

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 60 cents.

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It Soothes and Relieves Like a Mustard Plaster Without the Burn or Sting

Musterole is a clean, white ointment, made with the oil of mustard. It does all the work of the old-fashioned mustard plaster—does it better and does not blister. You do not have to bother with a cloth. You simply rub it on—and usually the pain is gone!

Many doctors and nurses use Musterole and recommend it to their patients. They will gladly tell you what relief it gives from sore throat, bronchitis, croup, stiff neck, sciatica, neuralgia, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and aches of the back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, bruises, chilblains, frost-bitten feet, colds of the chest (it often prevents pneumonia).

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WATER SECURED FOR CITY UPON DOWNING TRACT

MANAGER LAWTON EXPECTS TO HAVE BOUNTIFUL SUPPLY SHORTLY.

RIVER WELLS USED, TOO

Drilling for Fluid Will Continue Until Sufficient Quantity Can Be Secured for Mains.

Between three and four hundred gallons of water a minute are being pumped from three wells on the Downing farm south of the city on which the water company has leased. The water right and is sinking wells.

This water is being conveyed through the ditch to the pumping plant and is being pumped into the city mains, supplementing the water pumped from the river.

Other wells are being dug and new wells will continue to be put down as long as water in quantity can be obtained from them, and until an adequate supply for the city's needs is secured, it is declared.

F. N. Lawton, manager for the water company, is hopeful that enough water to supply the city can be secured from these wells and says that his company will continue the search until sufficient water is found or until relief comes from some other source.

The aggregate capacity of the wells drilled in the neighborhood of 400,000 gallons daily. If three more wells of this size can be found, enough water for the ordinary uses of the city will have been secured. There is some question however as to whether the wells will maintain their flow.

The tremendous artillery duel was heard more distinctly than ever in Kent last night. Houses were continuing to be hit as the result of the violent concussion.

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WAR DEPARTMENT ASKED TO STATE REASON FOR ORDER

By Associated Press. Washington, Mar. 22.—A resolution by Senator New of Indiana asking the war department to advise the Senate as to its reasons for not making public the addresses of American soldiers killed and wounded abroad, was adopted today by the Senate without a record vote.

Sherman High School Girl Found Poisoned; Death Occurred Today

By Associated Press. Sherman, Texas, Mar. 22.—Miss Pearl Savage, student at the Sherman Central High School, who was found in the basement of the school building late yesterday suffering from the effects of poison, died early this morning.

LONDONERS ARE PLEASED BY OFFICIAL REPORT

By Associated Press. London, Mar. 22.—The eagerly awaited British official statement of today, which was expected to give further details of the tremendous fighting indicated in last night's reports was read with great satisfaction, in so far as it revealed that the enemy had been held and had suffered great losses.

If this turns out to be the great German offensive that has been predicted, the preliminary round appears to have gone in favor of the entente, although as the official report points out, further heavy fighting is still to be expected.

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200 Easter Suits, Coats and Dresses on Sale Tomorrow at the Fashion Store in All the New Spring and Mid-Summer Shades and Styles

Splendid values and a large selection. This lot of Easter Suits, Coats and Dresses going to be placed on sale tomorrow at only \$24.75

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75 trimmed hats to sell at \$5.95, \$7.50, \$9.75 to \$14.75

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at \$2.95, \$3.95, \$5.95, \$7.50 to \$12.00

Dress Skirts at \$5.95, \$7.50 to \$12.50

New Spring Petticoats at \$3.95, \$5.95, \$7.50 to \$9.75

One lot of New Spring Dresses—tomorrow's selling at \$19.50

BIG CORSET SPECIAL

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WANTED—Lace curtains to laundry. Prices 35 cents per pair, also blankets and quilts, price 50 cents each. Felix Lindsey, Phone 1951, 243-2610.

WANTED—To buy 4- or 5-room houses on tenth St. Must be modern and a bargain. Phone 1535 or call at Harry Sample Shoe Store, 254 1/2-1/2.

WANTED—2 furnished light housekeeping rooms, reference exchanged. Phone 1588, 254-1/2.

BETTER HAVE your rugs cleaned now leaving Wichita soon to be gone sometime. Phone 3268, R. A. Bailey, 267-1/2.

FOR MATTRESS work of all kinds call Price's Mattress Factory 805 1/2 St. Phone 1625, 257-1/2.

SEE PATTON Fur Co. for new and used of mattress work. We guarantee to make your old mattress just like new. Phone 1660, 264-1/2.

WE BUY, sell, exchange and rent second hand furniture. Micks Furniture Co. 908 Indiana. Phone 538, 261-2/2.

WANTED—To buy cast off clothing and shoes at 515 8th. Phone 553, 261-1/2.

TELL YOUR troubles to 'The Quickest' at Vot Repair Shop. All kinds of pipe work and plumbing repair. Prices reasonable, work guaranteed. Anderson Bros., 210 1/2 Indiana, Phone 2583, 261-1/2.

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SEE PATTON Fur Co. for all kinds second hand refrigerators. Phone 1660, 264-1/2.

WANTED TO RENT farm consisting of 150 acres in cultivation and 100 or more acres in pasture, located not more than 7 miles from town. G. H. Weakley, Gen. Del. city, 268 1/2-1/2.

WANTED—3 unfurnished rooms to store furniture in. Will pay well for rooms. N. Q. Monroe, phone 2454, 268-1/2.

WANTED—To buy ten or twelve White Leghorn hens. State price. Address P. O. Box 985, City, 269-3/2.

WANTED—To rent 4 or 5 room cottage by couple without children. Permanent. Call 2053 before 6 p. m., 269-4/2.

WANTED—2 or 3 furnished housekeeping rooms, by refined couple, in private family will not consider rooming houses. References exchanged. Call Mr. Dornhard 772, 269-5/2.

HELP WANTED—Male MESSENGER boy with wheel wanted at Richardson Drug Co. 254-1/2.

DRILLER WANTED. We have four wells to contract at Sunshine Hill. Must begin immediately. The Osage Oil & Refining Co., 503 Heraklitis Bldg., Oklahoma City, Okla., 257-14/2.

WANTED—First class cement finisher. Apply 1506 Bluff, 260-1/2.

WANTED—At once two colored boys for shoe shining. Metropolitan Shine Parlor, 72 1/2 Ohio, 267-3/2.

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Want men with teams to plant corn, men with families to work on farm. Self sustaining man with three or more workers for share crop. The very best of Red River valley land. Ed Foster, 14 miles north Iowa Park, 268-3/2.

UNFURNISHED ROOMS FOR RENT—2 nice unfurnished rooms, modern. Phone 2764, 267-2/2.

FOR RENT—2 unfurnished rooms on Southland car line. Phone 267-2/2.

FOR RENT—3 unfurnished rooms 1405 Austin, 267-3/2.

FOR RENT—Three unfurnished rooms 1804 12th St. to parties without children. Phone 1841, 269-1/2.

FOR LEASE IF INTERESTED in all oil leases, write or wire E. W. Austin, box 635, Wichita Falls, Texas, 257-26/2.

FINANCIAL MONEY to loan—Farm and city property notes bought, sold and extended. Stehlik & Baber, 222-1/2.

FOR RENT BUSINESS HOUSE FOR RENT—One of best locations in Wichita Falls, corner of Seventh and Indiana. Will be vacant April 15th. This is a splendid corner for the country as well as city trade. Mrs. Alex Kahn, Phone 22, 268 1/2.

FOR RENT—By first of April brick business house at 619 Indiana avenue, Linn A. Boyd, 603 8th street, phone, 1881, 267-1/2.

FARM FOR RENT—J. B. Jamison, 2410 Ninth Street, Phone 1044, 267-1/2.

GARAGE FOR RENT, 813 Bluff Street, Phone 2416, 269 3/2.

FOR RENT—Farms & Ranches FOR RENT—225 acres Improved land 700 Austin street. Phone 2857, 264-1/2.

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For County Treasurer: T. W. (Tom) McILAM

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For County Judge: SHIELD HEYSER, W. T. CARLTON

For County Commissioner, Precinct 11: M. K. EMMERT, STEPHEN SHERROD, JOHN FOLEY

For Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1, Place 1: J. P. JONES

For Constable Precinct 11: R. V. GWINN, W. W. HUMPHRIS

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BUTTER AND EGG MARKET WILL BE INVESTIGATED

By Associated Press
Kansas City, Mar. 22.—Francis J. Heney, general counsel for the Federal Trade Commission, conducting an investigation of the meat packing industry of the southwest here, announced today that he expects to open a general investigation of the butter, egg, poultry and canned goods market in New York next week.

Mr. Heney announced that he would go to Washington at the conclusion of the Kansas City hearing and thence to New York.

N. Douthett of Kansas City, a livestock loan broker, was the first witness placed on the stand when the Federal Trade Commission's investigation of the meat packing industry of the southwest was resumed here today by Francis J. Heney, special counsel of the commission. He was questioned as to the system of making loans to cattle shippers and feeders.

Additional Deaths Among Crew Members Of Manley Reported

By Associated Press
(BULLETIN). Washington, Mar. 22.—The navy department was advised today of three or four deaths among members of the crew of the destroyer Manley who were reported injured yesterday in the explosion of a depth charge when the destroyer collided March 19 with a British warship. An officer and three men were killed in the accident.

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Food Demonstrator Will Teach Negroes As to Substitutes

This morning, Miss Sadie Oliver, food demonstrator, visited the colored school in order to make definite arrangements for a food demonstration to be held at that place in the near future. The work there will be along the same lines of substitution as in previous demonstrations.

A wheat flour substitution demonstration was held at Cashion this afternoon. Mrs. Summerville, of that place offered her home as a meeting place for the housekeepers of the community, and a very interesting and helpful meeting was held.

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Price of Crude Oil In North Texas Is Advanced to \$2.25

The posted price for crude oil in North Texas advanced on March 20, from \$2.00 to \$2.25 per barrel. This is the biggest advance ever made at one jump by the pipe line companies in this section.

Based on an estimate of 30,000 barrels production daily in the North Texas fields the increase means \$1,500 additional daily for the oil producers of North Texas.

Two negroes charged with disturbance of the peace and vagrancy, were found not guilty at this morning's session of police court. One drunk, a transient, was dismissed for cause and another drunk was fined \$5.

Anti-Air Craft Guns Are to Be Employed At Training Station

By Associated Press
Great Lakes, Ill., March 20.—To give the men at the Naval Training Station here practical instruction in the manipulation of anti-aircraft guns, the Navy Department has authorized the installation of a three-inch, fifty calibre, anti-aircraft battery. This announcement is made in the Great Lakes Bulletin, the new daily paper edited and printed by the sailors.

Present intentions are to mount the guns on the lake front so that men can be trained by target practice at captive balloons and box kites. For drill purposes, in connection with aviators at the station, it is planned to have airplanes make day and night "attacks." All guns will be fully manned, ready for instant action when an airplane puts in an appearance. The searchlight station will be constantly in readiness to pick up airplanes making a "night invasion."

Airplane detectors, similar to those used at the European battlefronts, are being installed, and experiments with types of projectiles for attacking airplanes will be carried on.

Another innovation about to be adopted is a "land battleship," equipped with modern appliances for the destruction of submarines. The ship has been built upon the lake front and

will be equipped with the fire control and searchlight installations in use on the latest type American battleships. A cage mast and a battery of three-inch, fifty calibre guns will be mounted for use in target practice. As a result of the "landship" training, men will be qualified for gun positions when they leave the station. The ship was planned by Captain W. A. Moffett, station commander, and Lieutenant Commander Chester S. Roberts, executive officer.

SAMUEL N. LEE DIES IN KANSAS CITY, MO.
Kansas City, Mar. 22.—Samuel N. Lee, widely known as a railroad cooperator in connection with the building of the Kansas City Southern Railroad, died here last night. Until he disposed of his interests a few months ago, Mr. Lee had large holdings of land in Texas, being associated with William R. Stubbs, former governor of Kansas, in a 300,000 acre ranch.

Mr. Lee was born in Birmingham, Ala., in 1855, but had lived in Kansas City twenty five years.

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Hungary Birth Rate Cut Result of War One Half, Is Report

Washington, Mar. 22.—The birth rate in Hungary has been cut more than half by the war, as shown in statistics read to the Hungarian chamber of deputies recently and made public here today in an official dispatch. In the year preceding the war 746,000 children were born; in 1917 the number was 328,000.

The peace time infant mortality rate was 34 per cent. In 1916 it had increased to 60 per cent.

Government Would Cut Down Parcels Sent to Soldiers

By Associated Press
Washington, Mar. 22.—In an effort to induce the people to cut down the volume of parcel post sent to troops in France the postoffice department today issued a list of things which the soldiers are able to purchase at the army canteens abroad. The list shows that the canteen prices are as low and sometimes lower than the prices in this country. The list includes the following:

Biscuits, books, brushes, bouillon, candies, candles, canned goods, holiday cards, chewing gum, chocolate, cigarettes, cigars, combs, dental creams, various soft drinks, flashlights, fruit, handkerchiefs, heaters, jam, knives, leather goods, malted milk, condensed milk, evaporated milk, mirrors, nuts, pencils, pipes, razors, shoe polish, shoe laces, soap, sponges, tobacco, towels and woolen gloves.

The statement says that an investigation of six thousand sacks of parcel post disclosed 3,374 pounds of candy; 1,222 pounds of chocolate; 1,227 cakes and 2,828 packages of chewing gum.

The statement concludes by calling attention to the fact that "every

MEXICAN CONSUL DENIES KNOWING OF CAPTURE

By Associated Press
Douglas, Ariz., Mar. 22.—Ives G. Leleyer, Mexican consul here, said today that he knew nothing of the capture of Benjamin W. Bourne, said in a message received by E. A. Bourne of Joplin, Mo., to have been taken prisoner by Mexican bandits across the Mexican border from Douglas. Mr. Leleyer said he knew of no bandits in northern Sonora.

The police department located the bicycle belonging to W. B. Ashabraner which disappeared some time ago, and returned it to its owner today. The bicycle was left in the yard of the residence of F. B. Massie on Lee Street.

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SUBSTITUTE DEFEATED

Senator Smith of Georgia Would Have Limited Powers of President to Certain Departments

By Associated Press. Washington, Mar. 20.—Retaining substantially the legislation asked by President Wilson to give broad powers to reorganize and coordinate government departments and agencies in prosecuting the war, the Overman bill advanced as an administration substitute for the Senate Military committee's war cabinet and munitions director measures, was ordered favorably reported today by the Senate judiciary committee by a vote of 11 to 7. A substitute by Senator Smith of Georgia proposing that the president's authority be limited to the war and navy departments, the shipping board, the emergency fleet corporation, and the bureau of mines, was defeated in the committee, ten to eight. Senator Smith said he would offer his substitute in the Senate and members of the senate military committee plan to offer the war cabinet and munition director bills as amendments. Senator Overman of North Carolina, who introduced the measure, said today he expected to report the bill immediately but that debate probably would not begin for a week or ten days.

ALLEGED SPIES ARE ONLY TO BE SHIPPED ABROAD

By Associated Press. Washington, Mar. 20.—Investigation has convinced the department of justice that the two women and the two men, claiming French citizenship, reported by New York on suspicion of connection with the German spy ring, can only be classed as undesirable citizens, rather than as spies. On the conclusion they will be deported.

SHIP YARD MEN RETURN TO WORK OFFICIALS SAY

By Associated Press. Baltimore, Md., Mar. 20.—The six hundred riveters, caulkers and reamers employed by the Baltimore Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company, who struck yesterday for higher wages, returned to work today, an official of the company stated.

DOUG FAIRBANKS MAY NOT BE WITH SPEAKERS FRIDAY

BELGIAN NURSE AND DISTINGUISHED ORATORS, HOWEVER WILL ARRIVE.

Mr. Marie Von Gastel, Belgian nurse, captured by the Germans and an eye witness of the siege of Antwerp, and Judge J. C. Prichard, of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals of North Carolina, and George E. Pearson of Toronto, well known contributor of the Saturday Evening Post, will make up the party which will speak here Friday, March 22, in preparation for the Third Liberty Loan. This information was received here this afternoon from the publicity department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Nothing is said of Douglas Fairbanks, and it is supposed that circumstances have arisen that will prevent the movie hero from being one of the party. This will be a keen disappointment to the public, who were anticipating a smile from Doug, with fully as much excitement as they were looking forward to hearing the experiences of the Belgian nurse and the Canadian writer and listening to the eloquence of the noted jurist.

TAX SLACKERS WILL BE VIGOROUSLY PROSECUTED

By Associated Press. Washington, Mar. 20.—Tax slackers who fail to file their income tax report by April 1 will be prosecuted as vigorously under the war revenue act as draft slackers were under the selective service act, according to a statement made today by Daniel C. Roper, commissioner of internal revenue.

SHELL EXPLODES NEAR BAKER BUT HE IS NOT HURT

WANTED TO STOP AND INVESTIGATE BUT CHAUFFEUR FELT DIFFERENTLY

HE GOES INTO TRENCHES

Talks With Large Number of Men, Asking Homely Questions, During Journey Along Front.

With the American Army in France, Tuesday, March 19.—Secretary Baker had his baptism of fire this morning in the front line trenches, and while he was returning a German shell burst within less than fifty yards of his motor car. He was not injured. The secretary went into the trenches in a sector, the location of which must not be revealed, where American troops face the enemy nearby. For half an hour he plodded over the duck boards, the Germans maintaining an active fire with heavy pieces and machine guns. Nevertheless, Mr. Baker made his way to an advanced sap, entered a listening post and talked for several minutes with the soldier on duty there. But the narrowest shave was on his return to headquarters. The German snail, of 165 millimeters, roared down and burst within less than fifty yards from the automobile containing the secretary of war and the escorting officers. The shell hit a roadside dugout, digging a big crater. Mr. Baker wished to stop and ascertain whether there were men in the dugout but the chauffeur, realizing the danger, opened the throttle and made his best speed until the danger zone was passed.

His Hardest Day.

This was the secretary's hardest and most exciting day in France. On Monday evening, accompanied only by a general commanding division and one other officer, he motored to a point accessible to the sector selected for his inspection. He dined and slept in the chateau of French friends of the officers. The secretary rose at four and taking breakfast quickly, he drove through the misty dawn to his destination. As the lines were approached the steady reverberation of guns signaled great activity of the artillery. This was dugout, digging a big crater. Mr. Baker wished to stop and ascertain whether there were men in the dugout but the chauffeur, realizing the danger, opened the throttle and made his best speed until the danger zone was passed.

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Mr. Baker displayed the keenest curiosity in the surrounding, so strange to him, asking explanations of everything unfamiliar thing. "Ah, that a machine gun," he exclaimed when one opened up from the American trench. Often the secretary stopped to speak to the men, asking homely questions such as: "Well, how is it going?" "Where are you from?" "Fine, sir," "Going very well, sir" was the usual reply. Once the secretary asked a private if much was going on. "It's pretty quiet, sir," came the easy response.

Mr. Baker's questions showed familiarity with trench construction and technicalities, which had been gained from study. There was no mistaking his untrained and eager interest. Troops from Ohio were among those in the trenches. Several of the men were known personally to Mr. Baker and he talked freely with them about their homes and families. The man said he was from Iowa, another from Chicago. The secretary kept up running comment upon the strangeness of the circumstances under which men from all over America were fighting in distant France. Once he remarked: "I have been from farm to factory at home, and now I am in the front line."

REPLY OF HOLLAND IS NOW BEING RECEIVED

Washington, March 20.—Holland's reply in the shipping negotiations is on the cables, the government has advised today, and is expected to arrive before night. London, March 20.—The condition laid down by the foreign minister for the acceptance of the demands of the associated governments as regards the shipping board, under which the plug are not likely to be acceptable to those governments, according to a Reuter dispatch from The Hague, filed yesterday. It adds, however, that a concession may be made to the extent that the arming of the Dutch vessels may not be insisted upon.

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ELECTRA LANDING FIELD FOR PLANES SOON TO BE CHOSEN

MAJOR BROOKS PAYS VISIT TO VARIOUS SITES THAT ARE OFFERED

Inspection of land around Electra with a view of designating an auxiliary landing field for Call Field students has been made with the past week by Major J. B. Brooks, commanding officer and Majors Walsh and Miller, flying officers. The site chosen will probably be announced within a few days. It is now practically certain that Electra will be designated as one of the official landing fields for flyers according to officers at the camp.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE MEASURE AGAIN BEFORE SENATE

BALLOTS FOR WOMEN ONE TO BE WORKED, AMENDMENT PROVIDES

By Associated Press. Austin, Texas, Mar. 20.—Consideration of the woman suffrage bill was resumed when the Senate met today. Action occurred on an amendment offered by Senator Johnson of Harris county for separate voting booths for women. Senator Lattimore opposed the amendment on the grounds it may result in the law being held unconstitutional, besides he said, certain counties may not comply with such a provision, which would result in the election in that county being held invalid. Senator Bee also opposed the amendment on the grounds it would destroy the secrecy of the ballot.

HOTEL CLERK IS FATALLY STABBED AT SAN ANTONIO

By Associated Press. San Antonio, Texas, a.M. 20.—Al B. Jernigan, clerk at the St. Anthony Hotel was found dead from stab wounds when police answered a call to the home of Ferdinand Huth, 216 Perdida Street at 10:30 o'clock this morning. Huth was arrested. Jernigan was 28 years old and was well known to the traveling public of Texas.

WINFREY NAMED MEMBER PRISON BOARD BY HOBBY

By Associated Press. Austin, Texas, Mar. 20.—Governor Hobby today announced the appointment of R. L. Winfrey of Dallas to be a member of the prison commission to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John H. Bickett. The appointment becomes effective on April 1. Mr. Bickett gave ill health as his reason for resignation. He was an appointee of former Governor Ferguson. Winfrey is police commissioner of Dallas.

SWISS BELIEVE TALK OF OFFENSIVE IS MERELY INTENDED TO CONFUSE ALLIES

PERSHING AWARDS FIRST MEDALS TO THREE AMERICANS

By Associated Press. With the American Army in France, Tuesday, March 19.—General Pershing, the American commander in chief has approved the awarding of the first new American military crosses for extraordinary heroism. The recipients are Lieut. John O. Green, Sergeant William Norton and Sergeant Patrick Walsh. Lieutenant Green and Sergeants Norton and Walsh all have received the French war cross, Norton and Walsh being decorated personally by Premier Clemenceau on March 17. Green, an artillery officer, was wounded by shell fire early in March. Sergeant Norton, a veteran in service, formerly resided in Arkansas, was decorated by Premier Clemenceau for his act in killing a German lieutenant and two German soldiers. He was challenged by the lieutenant to leave his dug out and led out his men fighting. Sergeant Walsh, formerly of Chicago, also is a regular army veteran. His French decoration was received for heroism on the Toul sector. He took command of a detachment in front of the American wire entanglements when his captain was killed and continued the fight. Sergeant Walsh was selected by General Pershing to act as orderly to Secretary of War Baker during his present visit to the American army in France.

Fall Of Petrograd Is Declared Imminent As Huns Advance

(BULLETIN) Washington, Mar. 20.—Renewal of German talk of a great west front offensive this spring is ascribed in official dispatches from Switzerland today as due to the desire of the German general staff to confuse the allies as to Germany's real intentions.

COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS SALARIES FIXED

HIGHEST TO BE PERMITTED IN TEXAS WILL BE \$2,000. By Associated Press. Austin, Texas, Mar. 20.—After prolonged discussion the House today passed to third reading the Senate bill fixing the salaries of county school superintendents, amending it so as to make the maximum salary \$2,000. The maximum in the Senate bill was \$2,500. The bill as amended provides for a graduated scale of salaries as follows: In counties above 10,000 schoolists, \$2,000; counties from 8,000 to 10,000, \$1,800; 6,000 to 8,000, \$1,700; 4,000 to 6,000, \$1,500; 2,000 to 4,000, \$1,300, and \$1,000 for counties less than 2,000. The free conference committee report on the commission of appeals bill was adopted by both houses today. As amended it fixes the salaries of the six members of the new court at \$1,500 annually and provides they shall begin work in October, 1918 and quit in June 1920. Bills providing that tax assessors and collectors for water improvement districts, and drainage district commissioners, be elected, were finally passed by the house. The bill providing for instant appeal bonds in justice court cases of a criminal nature also was passed finally.

Washington Officer Shoots Four Then Ends His Own Life

By Associated Press. Washington, Mar. 20.—Mounted Officer Lawrence H. Farquhar of the Washington police force last night shot and killed Mrs. Harry White, probably fatally wounded Mrs. Mary Farquhar, his wife, seriously wounded Harry White and Clarence W. Triplett and then killed himself. The shooting took place at the residence of Harry White, where Mrs. Farquhar, who has been estranged from her husband for some time and had sued him for divorce, was boarding. According to the police Farquhar climbed into the window of the White home and went through the house shooting every one he encountered. The police said all of Farquhar's victims were in their beds when shot.

GRAIN SHIPMENTS HALTED GOING TO ALLIES

By Associated Press. Buenos Aires, Mar. 19.—Grain shipments to the entire allies from the port of Rosario again have been halted by a strike of workers. Notices posted throughout Rosario today give details of charges that German influences have been behind the labor troubles there during the last six months. The proclamation gives the number of checks drawn on a German bank, the proceeds from which were used for strike purposes.

Senator Broussard Reported Seriously Ill In Louisiana

By Associated Press. New Iberia, La., Mar. 20.—United States Senator Robert P. Broussard was reported critically ill at his home here today. Two specialists from New Orleans and local physicians early this week performed an operation on Senator Broussard for infusion of blood, which they said was successful, but other complications developed, bringing on a serious condition, according to the physicians.

ARREST IS MADE RESULT KILLING OF C. H. HIGGINS

SI BOSTICK IS HELD NOW IN CLAIREMONT JAIL FOR SHOOTING

By Associated Press. Ft. Worth, Texas, Mar. 20.—Si Bostick, who is charged with killing former district Judge C. Higgins at Claremont, Kent county, Sunday night is now in jail at Claremont, carefully guarded. Officers, it is reported here today, fear an outbreak and have taken steps to protect the suspect. Bostick is a son of J. F. Bostick, slain a few years ago near Nolan. Higgins was the prosecuting attorney in this case. Details of the assassination of the famous plains judge are just beginning to reach here. The shot that killed him was fired through a window. Five Claremont residents were conversing in the lobby of the hotel at the time and all ran immediately for shelter. It was some little time before the pursuit therefore was taken up. Early the next morning it was discovered where a saddlehorse had been tied to hitching rack near town. This animal was then tracked into the post road leading west. Bostick was arrested Monday at midnight twelve miles northwest of Post City by Sheriff Goddard of Kent county.

GERMAN AIRPLANE DROPS GAS BOMBS ON AMERICAN LINE

By Associated Press. (BULLETIN). With the American Army in France, Tuesday, March 19.—A German airplane, both last night and this morning, flew over the American sector north of Toul and dropped rubber balls eighteen inches in diameter, filled with liquid mustard gas. This is the first time, so far as is known, that an airplane has been thus employed. The effect of the gas was not serious but the American troops were infuriated by what they termed the "dirty warfare." A sample of one of the rubber containers has been obtained.

By Associated Press. London, Mar. 20.—Raids attempted by the enemy last night in the neighborhood of Falgout were successfully repulsed by Portuguese troops, says today's official communication. With exception of some artillery activity on both sides in the Passchendaele sector there is nothing further to report.

RUSSIAN VESSELS LEAVE ODESSA AS GERMANS ARRIVE

By Associated Press. Washington, Mar. 20.—Russian war ships at Odessa escaped to Sebastopol when the German took Odessa, according to a dispatch to the state department today from American consul Summers at Moscow. Recent press dispatches quoted Berlin authorities as declaring that fifteen ships were taken when the city was occupied.

SHIPPING OUTPUT AND LOSSES TO BE GIVEN BY ENGLAND

By Associated Press. London, Mar. 20.—Figures on the shipping output and tonnage losses of Great Britain will be given regularly hereafter. It was announced in the House of Commons today by Sir Eric Campbell Geddes, the first Lord of the Admiralty, during the debate on the navy shipbuilding bill.

AMERICAN MISSION IS TO PAY VISIT TO SIBERIA

By Associated Press. Petrograd, Tuesday, Mar. 19.—An American mission to visit Siberia to investigate reports of the arming of prisoners of war. There have been persistent reports from Harbin, Peking and Tokio recently that the White Russian forces in Siberia had been armed and were assisting the Bolsheviks in putting down opposition. Armed German prisoners were said to have assisted the Bolsheviks in their campaign against General Semenov, the Cossack leader near the Manchurian border.

NEARLY THREE THOUSAND VESSELS SUNK IN YEAR

By Associated Press. London, March 20.—Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty is expected to make a statement in the House of Commons today on the amount of tonnage destroyed by submarines and the tonnage built to take its place. The Daily Mail today publishes a Paris dispatch which says the Germans sank 2,938 ships last year. Commenting on the dispatch the newspaper says that the figures suggest that publications which exaggerate the amount of tonnage sunk have been decided upon.

MISSOURI LEADS IN STAMPS SALE SAYS STATEMENT

By Associated Press. Washington, Mar. 19.—Missouri with a total of \$9,015,588 leads the country in the sale of war saving stamps, according to the first detailed statement of the campaign issued by the National War Savings committee.

Table with 2 columns: State, Total sales. Missouri: \$9,015,588; Kansas: 4,365,894.16; Texas: 3,311,375.17; Oklahoma: 2,982,482.73; Arkansas: 1,112,871.29; Tennessee: 1,180,910.51; Louisiana: 802,010.40.

AMERICAN GUNNERS BOMBARD GERMANS IN TOLL SECTOR

NUMBER OF GAS SHELLS ARE USED WHILE GUNNERS DO GOOD WORK

By Associated Press. With the American Army in France Monday, March 18—American artillery on the Toul front today bombarded towns within the enemy lines. On several occasions a considerable number of gas shells were used. The gunners also dropped projectiles on German trenches. Some shells hit in the town of Lacey and others in Montsec.

Enemy Eludes Americans. An American patrol between Renner Wood and Juy Wood (between Sechepray and Flirey) encountered an enemy patrol east this morning. For an hour and a half the American patrol tried to make some of the enemy prisoners, but without result. Although a number of fights with pistols and rifles occurred as the Germans retired, jumping from tree to tree, American snipers made a number of lucky shots today and Germans were seen to fall.

The American telephone wires with the American lines were tapped again during the night, not far from where the patrol encounters occurred. The enemy artillery fired a number of gas shells at our lines.

The weather last night and today was well suited for aerial work and much was accomplished. American anti-aircraft guns drove off at least six enemy airplanes, while others crossed the lines at such a height that they were out of range.

Last night airplanes from the rear of the American lines crossed over to the German zone. Soon after many explosions and flashes were heard and seen in the direction of Metz. American planes discovered during the night that the Germans are strengthening their second line. It is known that the first line in many places virtually has been abandoned. It is believed that an accurate American artillery fire has had something to do with this.

ELECTORATE REFORM BILL APPROVED BY DIET

By Associated Press. Amsterdam, Mar. 19.—The franchise committee of the Hungarian diet has approved the electorate reform bill, according to a dispatch from Budapest. There was one dissenting vote.

The Hungarian electorate reform bill would give the vote to every Hungarian, male or female 24 years of age and able to read and write. Provision is made for secret voting.

JUDGE HIGGINS FATALLY SHOT EATING SUPPER

ASSASSIN WHO FIRED FATAL CHARGE AT CLAREMONT MAKES GOOD ESCAPE

RANGERS GO ON CASE

Officers Instructed to Make Every Effort to Apprehend Persecutor Who Are Responsible

By Associated Press. Fort Worth, Tex., Mar. 19.—C. C. Higgins, for eighteen years district judge out on the plains around Snyder and Claremont who was shot through the back while eating supper at Claremont, Kent county, died at Spur this afternoon at 12:30 o'clock, according to a message here Judge Higgins, who was identified with some of the biggest civil and criminal trials in the history of West Texas, was shot Sunday night. The body will be shipped to Snyder for burial. His family was with him in the Claremont hotel when the shooting occurred.

Higgins, when elected a district judge, was the youngest judge in Texas. It is related that once upon a time he fined his own father for coming into the court room with his spurs on. The judge, according to friends here, objected to the noise the rowdy who came into his court made with their spurs and announced he would fine the next one who thus violated the court's rules. His father is said to have been the first offender.

RANGERS ARE SENT TO MAKE INVESTIGATION

By Associated Press. Austin, Texas, Mar. 19.—Rangers were today detailed by the adjutant general department to inspect at once to Claremont, Kent county to investigate the shooting of Judge Cullen Higgins. The shooting occurred while he was at supper. The Rangers were instructed to make a strong effort to capture the party or parties responsible for the shooting. Judge Higgins was district judge in Kent county for 18 years and was well known in that portion of the state. After firing the shot the assassin escaped.

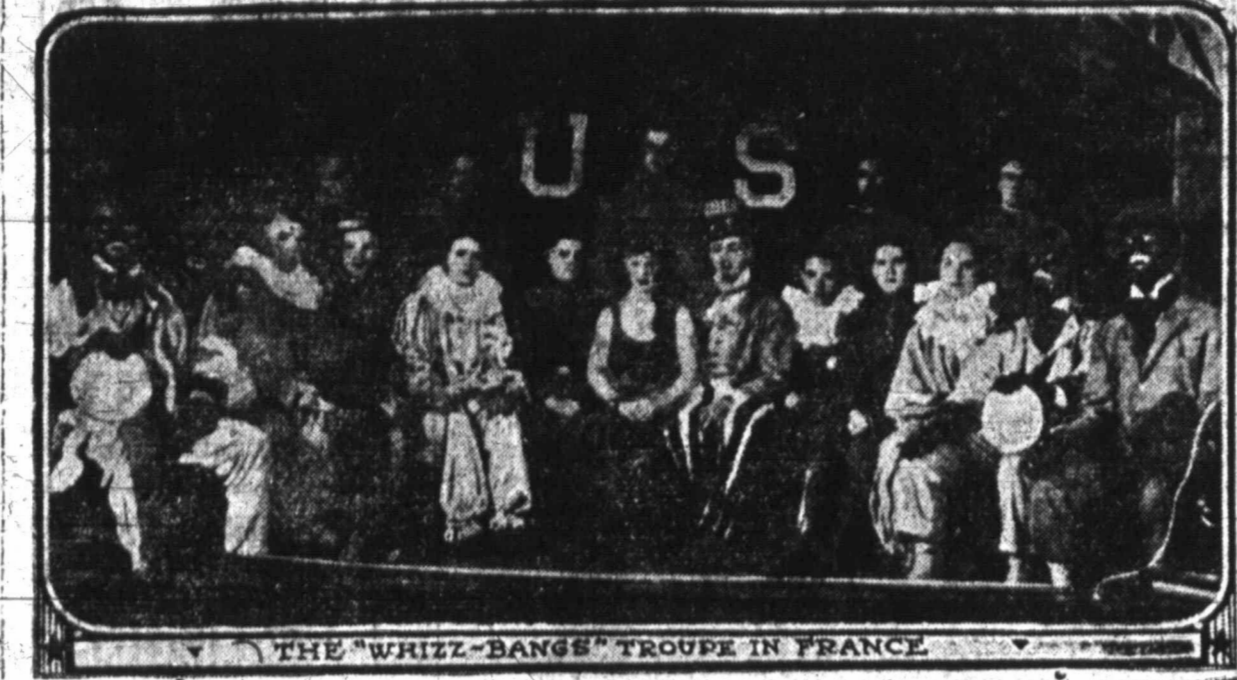
FORT WORTH MAN IS MADE MARSHAL IN THIS DISTRICT

By Associated Press. Fort Worth, Mar. 19.—Judge John I. Terrell of Fort Worth was nominated United States marshal for the Northern District of Texas, the appointment being announced yesterday, according to U. S. Deputy Marshal Robert Goodfellow who was in Fort Worth yesterday. Mr. Goodfellow and U. S. Commissioner Lantz and Federal Agent Heyser returned this morning from Fort Worth.

Producers of Farm Products Appointed Advisory Committee

By Associated Press. Washington, Mar. 19.—Twenty-four representative producers of farm products and livestock have been named to form the advisory committee recently authorized by Secretary Houston of the department of agriculture and food administration Hoover and which will hold its first meeting here March 25. An announcement says that they were selected with reference both to the larger agricultural interests and to geographical considerations. The persons included are Marion Ransom, Fort Worth, Texas and W. G. Gordon, Humbolt, Tenn.

"WHIZZ-BANGS" ENTERTAIN AT CONCERTS FOR FIGHTERS IN FRANCE



The "Whizz-Bangs" pumber eighteen, formed into what in the States would be called a minstrel troupe. All belong to United States Army Base Hospital No. 5, the Harvard unit. John S. Houlihan, himself a "Whizz-Bang," tells of the minstrel of the front in sending a photograph of the troupe taken in the hospital unit's recreation hut. He explains that one of the minstrels looks like a girl, but he adds hastily, "such is not the case. All are men. Our concert party is a regular American minstrel show, with plenty of good ragtime dancing and music. We do all our rehearsing whenever we get the opportunity, as our work is rather trying and permits us only a few hours a day to ourselves. We give concerts at all the other hospitals, rest camps, Y. M. C. A. huts and wherever we can find space to put on our stunts. We are very much in demand, and the soldiers of other nations always give us a hearty reception, which is very pleasing to all of us. It is sometimes rather annoying, though, when we are just putting in our best legs to have all the lights go out and then to hear 'Fritzies' overhead in his aeroplane dropping bombs and trying to add to his already long list of atrocities. We always continue

ARMY RECRUITING OFFICER HERE IS MADE SERGEANT

From Tuesday's Daily. Promotion to Sergeant has come to Corporal John I. Buchanan, in charge of the Wichita Falls recruiting station, the sergeant receiving his promotion this morning. Promotion to men on recruiting duty comes only when vacancies occur and this vacancy was created by a sergeant formerly on recruiting duty in this district winning his commission as captain at an officers training camp. Sergeant Buchanan is assisted in the duties of the local office by First Class Private McCann.

Local Office Praised. Praise is given the work the local office is doing by Major C. W. Farber of Dallas, in charge of the recruiting work of the district, who returned Monday to the Dallas office after a visit of inspection. The local officers gave a report of 12 recruits secured during the past week, all of whom have already been forwarded to Fort Sargent, San Antonio.

Two brothers, Ernest and Emmet Moody, aged 21 and 18 respectively, enlisted together, choosing the coast artillery branch of the service. The coast artillery is a favorite branch of the service with the recruits secured recently. Sergeant Buchanan reports, with the aviation next in place.

The list of new recruits follows: Benjamin R. Crow, Jr., Childers, age 18, coast artillery; William C. Dorris, Benjamin, Tex., age 20, coast artillery; Oscar L. Graves, Henrietta, age 19, aviation as chauffeur; Henry G. Thurston, Menard, age 20, aviation as chauffeur; Oscar D. Lowmeling, Vinson, Okla., age 23, aviation as painter; Thomas B. Thompson, Stamford, age 20, field artillery; Ernest L. Moody, Bowie, age 21, coast artillery; Emmet M. Moody, Bowie, age 18, coast artillery; Horace H. Johnson, Hedley, Tex., age 20, coast artillery; Charles S. Johnson, Wichita Falls, age 18, aviation as chauffeur; Roy L. Johnson, Benjamin, age 18, coast artillery.

Sergeant Buchanan makes the following statement as to the men needed: "We need men for field artillery, cavalry, infantry, medical department and the quartermaster corps in as need of cooks and bakers. These men who will be trained for cooks and bakers must be able to read and write the English language, but no qualifications as cooks and bakers are required as they will be placed in a school to learn the trades. We are also in need of men for stevedores' regiments, better known as longshoremen. All men must be between the ages of 18 and 40 and not be registered, which means we can accept only those between the ages of 18 and 21 and 21 and 40.

There is a good opening for men who want to help their country and are past 21 in the U. S. Guard. These men are not sent over seas but are placed on guard around federal buildings. They are enlisted under the same conditions as men in other branches of the service for the duration of the war and these men will be placed as near their homes as possible.

About Allotments. "Concerning the allotment for married men: A soldier who is married must make an allotment of \$15.00 a month to his wife and the government will make an equal allotment, making the amount received by the wife \$30. If there are children an additional allowance is made of \$4 for the first child, \$7.50 for the second and \$5 for any additional children. The soldier is left \$15 of his pay for himself and when a man is promoted his pay increases accordingly and promotion is rapid for good men. For further information call or write the Wichita Falls recruiting station, room 6, 605 Seventh street."

CHAMBERLAIN BILL HELD IMPORTANT TO ALL HIS SECTION

BILL MEANS IRRIGATION FOR THOUSANDS OF ACRES IN THIS STATE

From Tuesday's Daily. Passage of the Chamberlain bill, which it is our purpose to urge upon Senators and Representatives by sending representatives from all over the state to Washington and by writing letters to congressmen, is in reality a war measure and for that reason should not be delayed a single hour beyond the time necessary for putting the measure through the proper channels. It will mean that many hundreds of thousands of acres of land in this state and others as well, we are of course particularly interested in Texas, will be added to the producing area, increasing the production of food and feed.

J. A. Kemp, who will leave tomorrow for Washington to lobby the interest of the Chamberlain Bill, Senate Bill 758, House Bill 940, adds to the above statement the request that every man in Wichita Falls who has an acquaintance with any congressman from any state write to him at once and ask him to use his vote and influence towards the passage of the bill. The bill does not require any appropriation of Congress and the government will not make any risk as the bonds are backed by all the real estate and personal property in the districts, similar to any other municipal bond. It merely makes it possible for the districts voting bonds to finance irrigation projects to be changed their bonds for government certificates. At present the large Liberty Loans make it practically impossible for irrigation districts to sell their bonds and as immediate cultivation of all lands possible in order to produce more food and feedstuffs is asked by the government as a war measure, it is felt that this reclamation work should receive consideration along with all other war legislation.

Judge Edgar Scurry left this afternoon for Washington in the interest of the measure. Both he and Mr. Kemp expect to say in the national capital about 10 days. Various other delegations from all parts of the state will be in Washington at the same time and the Texas Valley cattlemen have organized an association expressly for putting through this Chamberlain Bill. The cattle raisers in that section of the state are expected to be interested in the measure, as it will mean increased feed for their cattle and will prevent in future losses such as were suffered during the past summer, fall and winter, and which are again threatening.

ALL CONGESTION ON NORTHWESTERN NOW CLEARED UP

According to A. F. Winn, general freight and passenger agent for the Wichita Falls division, all congestion of freight has been cleared over the entire Northwestern line, and the service has assumed a normal aspect. Mr. Winn also reports a clear line between Wichita Falls and Denison on the Katy.

ENGLISH TROOPS CARRY OUT RAIDS

By Associated Press. London, Mar. 19.—English troops carried out successful raids last night in the neighborhood of Villers-Guislain, La. Valenciennes and Beaumont; captured a number of prisoners, the war office announces. "The enemy's trenches east of Neve Chapelle were raided by Portuguese troops who brought back prisoners and two machine guns.

REJECTED MEN TO UNDERGO SPECIAL EXAMINATION SOON

From Tuesday's Daily. Forty-seven men who have been rejected or discharged by the local exemption board as physically unfit for military service, have been called to stand a special examination Thursday of this week, to be conducted by Dr. Walker of the board and Dr. M. A. Beckman, examining physician. A reserve list to be formed of men of draft age who are unfit to serve in the regular army but who may be assigned to special duty as the need arises and the local board is anxious to classify all men in the county as fit for some sort of service if possible. Registrars whose names appear in the following list are notified to present themselves for this special examination on Thursday.

- Herbert Scott Goodman, Eula Curtis Miller, Will Mayron (col), Claude Clifton Wilson, Earl Chester Bobb, Geo. Washington Simmons, William Franklin Gillis, James D. Nelson, Everett R. Hightower, Emmett B. Robinson, Elmer Emmitt Adams, Salsbra Pitts, Richard L. Fitzgerald, Earl Joseph Borders, Joe Star Gullaborn, Robert Menton, John Finley Johnson, Edgar S. Lato, Clarence A. Spahn, Thomas Bradley Cudd, Garfield Burton (col), Wayne Louis Oliver, P. A. McIntosh, William James Price, Treeman M. Myracle, V. J. Baker, Elijah C. Hahl, Fred Cole, Merie Jesse Belser, C. A. Wilson, Robert S. Lato, Luther Frank Miller, Daniel Debit Sullivan, Charlie Titte, Ralph Avery, Edgar James Branch, David J. Collie, Fred Hutchison (col), Charles A. Powell, Everett Lantz, R. H. Sherman, J. E. Cochran, J. D. Biltrey, Henry C. Arnold, Ray R. Rick, Samuel H. Vernon, Julius C. Head.

SEED STATISTICS SHOW BIG AMOUNT IS NOW ON HAND

By Associated Press. Washington, Mar. 19.—Cotton seed statistics for the period from August 1 last to February 25 announced today by the census bureau, show: Receipts at mills 3,802,905 pounds; crushed 3,203,433 and on hand February 25th, 633,399.

Cotton seed products statistics for the same period show: Crude oil produced 971,110,040 pounds; on hand 199,220,773. Refined oil produced 700,326,567 pounds; on hand 247,754,954. Cake and meal produced 1,540,913 tons; on hand 113,278. Exports, including 829,019 bales of 500 pounds; on hand 266,549. Hull fiber produced 138,951 bales; on hand 6,567. Imports of seed 7,452,821 pounds; exports 22,804,028. Exports of cake and meal 17,642 tons; of linters 120,776 running bales.

BERGANT DIES SUDDENLY AT TRAINING STATION

By Associated Press. San Antonio, Texas, Mar. 19.—Sergeant Fred D. Padon, of Mineral Wells, Wisconsin, a student officer at the Camp Stanley training school, died suddenly at the Leon Springs reservation early Sunday. An autopsy conducted at Fort Sam Houston base hospital has not as yet determined the cause of death. Padon ate breakfast at 7:15 a. m. and had just walked from the mess hall when he fell and was dead when nearby comrades reached his side.

CLOTHING NEEDED FOR BELGIANS BY LOCAL RED CROSS

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ARE SET ASIDE FOR COLLECTION OF ARTICLES

Friday and Saturday of this week have been set aside for the collection at Wichita Falls of used clothing to be sent to Belgium by the Belgian Relief Commission. The commission has asked that 5,000 tons of clothing be sent to Belgium at this time and Wichita Falls is asked to furnish as large a quantity as possible. The Red Cross is supervising the collection and T. H. Orth is chairman of the work.

Wagon Will Call. Arrangements have been made for a wagon call at each home in Wichita Falls on Friday and Saturday and all who have clothing that is good and can be of use to the stricken population of Belgium and Northern France are asked to save them wrapped in bundles, so that the wagon will not need to wait. All bundles should be marked with the name and address of the donor, so all articles not available may be returned.

The Belgian Relief Commission has made the following appeal to the people of Belgium and France has never been sufficient. Even the well-to-do are short of necessities; the poor are in dire need. Before the exhaustion of native supplies prospective mothers were given satchets—little bundles containing all the warm clean garments and various supplies so necessary to the babies with which to clothe and provide for the new arrivals into the world. Of late, these women have been turned down because of the committee, and their newborn babies are abandoned in rags. Light warm cotton flannel and other kinds of cloth are needed, from which to make these things. On your generosity alone rests the responsibility for these young lives.

High Costs in Belgium. Last year in Belgium one paid \$7.00 to have a pair of shoes resoled. The Commission for Relief is solving them with sections of discarded material stamped out to fit the various sizes; tens of thousands of pairs of these cut-soles were thus produced. We must have shoes, and we must have scrap leather with which to repair those you give, and the other shoes now being worn over there.

It is useless to send a garment which is not made of the strongest and most durable materials. As the clothes are subjected to the hardest kind of use. But this does not mean that all garments must be in perfect repair. There are upwards of a hundred thousand women in Belgium and northern France who will do anything for a little work, and who were mobilized and trained into a marvelously efficient organization for the making of new clothing while they were a raw material—or the repairing, mending and remaking of old clothing.

These women are happiest when at work, having less time to dwell upon their misery and they look forward with dread to the day when their material is exhausted and the garments finished, they must lay down their work and await their turn to receive the next supplies.

While the Red Cross is caring for the helpless, and the destitute French and Belgians behind the allied armies, the Commission for Relief is caring for the helpless and the destitute French and Belgians "in there" behind the German lines.

The cry for clothing comes from the Commission for Relief. The clothing to be sorted and packed, must go to the warehouses of the Commission. From there, it goes to the docks, and thence by ship to Rotterdam.

Four or five times a month general cargo vessels will take hundreds of tons of this clothing; every week the grain ships will carry as much more. To meet the situation, and the opportunity, the week of March 18-25 should see not less than 5,000 tons of clothing collected and on its way to the Commission warehouses.

A Few Don't's. Please do not send any of the following: stiff hats, derby, straw, dress; men's stiff hats; women's fancy slippers, goods containing rubber in any form as suspenders, garters, etc. as leather goods not in the best condition deteriorate in shipment. Kindly see that the shoes you send in are free from mud. Do not send in damp clothing. Do not put any notes or messages in the pockets of garments as no written matter can be sent into the occupied territories with the Commission's goods.

"UNSELFISH" SAYS HERTLING ABOUT RUSSIAN TREATY

DECLARES THAT HE DOES NOT WANT TO ANSWER GERMAN'S ENEMIES.

By Associated Press. Copenhagen, Monday, March 18.—Chancellor von Hertling on the first reading in the Reichstag of the peace treaty with Russia today declared that he did not wish to discuss the opinion of Germany's enemies regarding the treaty.

"Hypocrisy," the chancellor added, "has become second nature to the enemy whose untruthfulness is made worse by its brutality. Every attempt at calm explanation and every real deliberation must fall when the enemy, at the very moment they are laying a heavy hand on a neutral country dare to speak of a policy guided by complete unselfishness."

The treaty with Russia contains no conditions disgraceful to Russia, if the provinces breaking away from Russia say it is in accordance with their own wish and the wish is accepted by Russia.

The imperial chancellor declared that Courland and Lithuania were united to Germany politically and economically and militarily, and added: "Lithonia and Esthonia are the eastern frontier fixed by the treaty but we hope that they will also have close and friendly relations with Germany—not, however, to the exclusion of their friendly relations with Russia. Poland is not mentioned in the treaty and we shall endeavor to see if it is possible to live in stable and neighborly relations with the new state."

"If the Reichstag adopts the peace treaty, peace on the whole eastern front will be restored, as I announced February 24 but among the entente powers there is not the least inclination to finish this terrible war. The responsibility for bloodshed will be upon the heads of those who wish the continuation of the bloodshed."

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OVER THERE AND OVER HERE



News from the British mine sweeper to the first ship that ever brought Major O'Leary attaching a message in the North Sea.

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THE SPY

According to a report from one of the sectors in which American troops are holding trenches in France, a spy is believed to be numbered among the men of the army. Flashing as of signals, were seen appearing from the upper window of a house behind the lines, but the sentry on entering was unable to find anyone.

No one knows just what information this spy was transmitting to the Germans. In view of the impending offensive, it may have been information as to the strength and disposition of the American troops who were holding the trenches.

In all ages and in all wars there have been traitors—men unworthy of the country in which they had been reared for. But we doubt whether any country in any part of the world has been more honeycombed with such traitors as the United States. The best of them are persons who would be the last to be suspected. They are persons who have a regular occupation, who have lived for years in a community, who have established themselves as having interests identical with their neighbors, but all the time and for many years they have been in closest touch with Berlin, working under the perfect system of espionage with which the Huns blanketed practically every nation of the world, the head of which was the German foreign office.

Wonderful progress toward routing out such traitors has been made by the United States Secret Service, but in the nature of things, it would be impossible for all who have had a connection with Berlin to be placed under surveillance at the very beginning.

But this single instance upon the American front in France shows conclusively how grave is the menace of the German sympathizer to the American army and how necessary that the greatest precaution be taken regarding the personnel of the officers and men who are inducted into it.

No man against whom there is the slightest shadow of suspicion should be permitted to be sent to the European battle fronts. There is work enough in this country along the Mexican borders or in the Philippines for men who "may be" sympathizers but against whom, in fact, there is no real evidence.

At any rate, the lives of the American forces upon the battle front are far too valuable to be needlessly risked.

STATUTORY MEASURE

Governor W. P. Hobby has signed the ten mile zone law, but, as yet, has not affixed his signature to the state-wide prohibition measure.

It is evident that the Governor recognizes the evil of the liquor traffic. Otherwise he would not have proposed and had passed a measure to prohibit the sale of intoxicants within ten miles of any military training camp in the state. It is prohibited because intoxicants are considered by all the world to be bad for the health and the morals of men and ruinous to army discipline.

Even this is true and the Governor recognizes that intoxicants are not good for soldiers, we do not believe that he will have any conscientious scruples against signing a measure which a majority of the people's representatives have enacted to prohibit the manufacture or sale of intoxicants within the confines of Texas.

While the Governor is delaying the final rite, we believe that in the end his signature will be affixed to the bill.

There is more of Texas than the West that will soon suffer from drought.

These new inventions, such as airplanes, which sail through the atmosphere in any old direction, make old John Barleycorn look like a Has-Been. John was always a high flyer but his system is out of date. For he can't always pick out his landing.

Further steps are being taken almost weekly to insure conservation of the nation's supply of wheat flour. The people expected to find some handouts entailed by these measures, but in many instances the substitutes permitted are just about as acceptable as the wheat flour.

SAVING DAYLIGHT

The daylight savings bill has been enacted by Congress.

This means that the business which now opens its doors at nine o'clock in the morning will open them at eight o'clock after the measure be-

comes effective. But it also means that clerks who now leave the store at 5 o'clock will leave at 5 o'clock and thereafter have an opportunity to work their war gardens or do some knitting for the soldiers at their homes.

The plan is to give all more hours of daylight in which to do worth while work. It is very likely, however, that the person who now goes to bed at 10 o'clock will remain up until 11 o'clock after the law becomes effective.

Therefore, we advocate more and better alarm clocks.

HUNS BLUFFING?

The Germans seem to be practicing that which has always been granted to the United States—bluff!

Weeks ago they announced that the greatest of all offensives was to be launched momentarily against the Allied armies on the western front.

Reference to this long heralded drive has been made from time to time. The most recent was the statement that the Huns are prepared to lose 300,000 men in its prosecution.

But now it begins to look as if the Teutons sought to keep the Allied armies so busy preparing their defenses that they, themselves, would have no opportunity to move forward against the German lines.

There can be no doubt, however, that large numbers of men have been brought from other fronts to this line by the Germans, and with both sides in the pink of condition, it is not improbable that a great battle is not far in the distance.

And in this connection it is comforting to remember that the Americans are now doing their part.

THE LABOR PROBLEM

It is generally known that America's ship building program has not been carried forward as swiftly as was at first intended.

There has been trouble getting materials, trouble in keeping the forces at work on vessels satisfied, troubles here and trouble there and the net result has been delay.

Now comes another announcement of a strike of workers at the Baltimore yards where a demand for a further increase in pay has been made. It will be remembered that these are the same men which received an increase in their wages only a few months ago.

It is useless for the government to raise a great army if it cannot transport the trained men to France. It is useless to transport a great army to France, if the food and equipment for them cannot be supplied by ship. It is useless to send either men or the food for them to France, if the American government cannot feed the Allied armies, which may be defeated by lack of food as certainly as by shot and shell.

We have long advocated the drafting of labor in all lines. At the same time we believe in paying the laborer a sufficient money to permit him to take care of his family properly during this period of high prices. But it is just as fair, when the whole war hinges upon industrial unity at home, to draft a man for what he knows and what he can do toward supplying the forces abroad, as to draft a man for the purpose of sacrificing even his life for his country.

It now begins to look as if some such plan would be essential before the end of the war, particularly with reference to the forces which are constructing ships for the government.

Patriotic laborers, we believe, would welcome this as a solution of the problem which has been so real to them as it has been to the government. Others would be forced to do their duty, since it would be for them that such a law was passed.

Higher Salaries For Judges Urged By Governor Hobby

By Associated Press. Austin, Texas, Mar. 18.—Governor Hobby today submitted to the legislature an act to provide for additional compensation to all judges of the district courts, district attorneys of the state, and to the judge of the criminal district court of Harris and Galveston counties and allowing compensation for actual necessary expenses when engaged in the discharge of their official duties in counties other than the county of their residence.

Other subjects submitted by the governor today are: Repealing appropriations made for the support of the state pension department; to validate the charters of cities of five thousand population or less; providing for the redemption by the owner of land or lots heretofore sold, or that may hereafter be sold, for taxes; road law for Henderson county.

Nine Lieutenants Are Commissioned At Aviation Camp

Nine more second lieutenants were commissioned from the flying cadet R. M. A. class the latter part of last week at the men completing their final tests Saturday afternoon. All have gone today on ten days' leave and will at the expiration of that time report to Carl Field for assignment.

Those in this last class: R. T. Allen, F. W. Bailey, B. J. Birnbaum, H. W. Brown, G. E. Johnson, P. A. King, E. R. Schreth, Floyd Snider and M. H. Stoddard.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS "OVER HERE" IN POISON GAS DRILL



SOLDIERS TRAINING FOR THE ENEMY'S GAS ATTACK AT A NATIONAL ARMY CANTONMENT AT UNDERWOOD, N.Y.

In preparation for battles against the deadly gas used by the Germans, the American soldiers throughout the United States are being taught daily just how to best combat the fumes. British and French officers, who have been at the front and many who actually have been gassed, are teaching American soldiers what formation should be observed, how best to adjust their gas helmets and what action should be taken when an attack of this kind is launched against them. The accompanying photograph shows American soldiers in a National Army cantonment meet a real poison gas attack. The gas can be seen floating across the trench. Even the photographer taking this picture had to wear a gas mask.

FIRST KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UNIT NOW MOBILIZING TO GO TO FRANCE



SPORT SUPPLIES FOR BOYS IN FRANCE

The first of the units of Knights of Columbus chaplains and field secretaries that will be sent at frequent intervals from now on to join the American Expeditionary Force is mobilizing and will leave soon for France. It is composed of about twenty persons, three of whom are women, who will do office work. Each field secretary will take over his personal baggage, enough equipment to stock a small town sporting goods store—two sets of boxing gloves, full baseball outfits and materials for playing indoor games. The head of the expedition is Walter N. Kernan, Overseas Commissioner of the Knights of Columbus, who recently returned from France, where he laid the foundation for the organization of recreation huts and travelling chaplain service.

ALL TEAMS FOR COUNTY MEETING BE KNOWN TODAY

From Wednesday's Daily. In the debating contest held Tuesday evening at the High School preliminary to the county contest, Harry Dunneberg and Abe Bashara were given first place on the team, and Temple Shell and Walter Nelson, second place.

The winners of first place presented the negative to the issue: Resolved: That rule 1 of the debating rules of the University Interscholastic League should be amended by committing the word "male"; so that girls may participate in the league debates on the same terms with boys.

Narrative themes written by Leslie Turner, Harry Dunneberg, and Lynette Miller were awarded first place in the essay contest. Today and this evening all the preliminaries will be brought to a close.

TWENTY-TWO ENTENTE PLANES BROUGHT DOWN BY HUNS

By Associated Press. Berlin, via London, Mar. 18.—Twenty-two entente airplanes were brought down by the Germans yesterday on the Franco-Belgian front, army headquarters announced today.

"Follies Militaire" Will Be Shown Here At Wichita Theatre

"The Follies Militaire" will be here Wednesday, March 27 for a matinee and night performances at the Wichita Theatre. The proceeds to go to war benefits. A group of recognized vaudeville stars who are now in the National Army and encamped at San Antonio have formed into the "Follies Militaire" company and have been given permission by the commanding officer of the southern department to stage performances over Texas. The actors are assisted by twenty girls from the leading families of San Antonio and they have arranged a number of real "big time" sketches.

The proceeds will go toward building a home in San Antonio, on ground given the company, for soldiers who return from the war in a disabled condition. The "Follies Militaire" will be here only one day, Wednesday, March 27.

Pigs Being Bought For New Members of Club in this County

Pigs owned by members of the Wichita county pig club are being bought by County Agent J. W. Campbell to be furnished to new members of the Club, who are being recruited daily. Mr. Campbell reports: Most of the members of the club last year did well with their pigs despite the drought and the high prices of feed, and many of them have fine animals which they can sell to new members to start new herds.

BASEBALL THROW SENDS GRENADES LONGEST DISTANCE

By Associated Press. San Antonio, Texas, Mar. 18.—Major General Henry Allen has determined from reports from brigade and regimental commanders that the Texas and Oklahoma boys seem able to throw hand grenades further and more accurately if permitted to use the baseball swing of the body and arms. When compelled to follow the prescribed rules laid down by the department, as was the result in what is desired, the general is permitting the baseball throw.

GERMAN TROOPS OCCUPY MORE RUSSIAN TOWNS

By Associated Press. London, Mar. 18.—German troops have occupied Bakhmach and Konotop, in the province of Tchernigov, about 350 miles southwest of Moscow) but were forced to retire from Brinsk in the province of Orsk, 200 miles southwest of Moscow, toward the Main base, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Moscow dated Saturday. Austro-German troops are moving on Voroshilov and Karkov (capital of the province of the same name and about 400 miles south of Moscow). Orders have been given to evacuate Kharkov.

COTTON GINNED LAST SEASON OVER 11 MILLION BALES

CENSUS BUREAU FORMALLY GIVES OUT ESTIMATE OF TOTAL CROP

By Associated Press. Washington, Mar. 20.—Cotton production from last season's crop was 11,236,999 equivalent 500 pound bales exclusive of linters, the census bureau today announced in its final report of the season's ginning. Linters produced to March 1 amounted to 339,019 equivalent 500 pound bales.

In December the department of agriculture estimated the production at 10,945,000 equivalent 500 pound bales. Early indications were that a crop of more than 12,000,000 bales would be produced but a heavy killing frost about the middle of October resulted in damage estimated to have reduced the crop by a million bales.

Production in the 1916 season was 11,449,930 equivalent five hundred pound bales and for the 1915 season 11,191,829 bales.

Included in last season's figures are 153,422 bales which ginneries estimated would be turned out after the March canvass. Round bales included are 189,096 compared with 192,339 for 1916 and 111,716 for 1915. Sea Island ginnings are 32,561 bales compared with 117,559 for 1916 and 91,844 for 1915.

The average gross weight of bale for the crop, counting round as half bales and excluding linters, is 502.4 pounds compared with 503.3 for 1916 and 505.6 for 1915.

The number of ginneries operated for the 1917 crop was 20,304 compared with 21,624 for 1916.

Ginnings by States: Alabama, 717,279; Arizona, 20,899; Arkansas, 973,399; California, 55,506; Florida, 67,821; Georgia, 1,881,403; Louisiana, 635,388; Mississippi, 962,237; Missouri, 60,681; North Carolina, 616,673; Oklahoma, 967,676; South Carolina, 1,235,725; Tennessee, 6,677; Texas, 3,374,185; Virginia, 18,522; All other states, 4,652; Ginnings of sea islands by states: Florida, 27,200; Georgia, 47,383; South Carolina, 7313.

Violent Explosions Cause Sixteen Deaths To the North of Paris

By Associated Press. Paris, Friday, March 15.—Two very violent explosions today in a factory at La Courneuve, north of Paris, caused the deaths of sixteen persons and the injury of a large number, mostly slightly, according to an official announcement made tonight.

Later it was said that the number of deaths was thirty. General Debail, the military governor of Paris, has instructed Captain Lucher, the judge advocate of the first court martial of Paris, to open an investigation of the accident. The causes of the explosions have not yet been definitely determined. La Courneuve is seven kilometers from the Cathedral of Notre Dame in the direction of St. Denis.

American Red Cross and army ambulances were among the first at the scene. A large fleet of ambulances, kept at the American hospital at Neuilly for emergency purposes, started for the scene after the explosion with two men on each car.

A number of wounded were carried away in motor trucks of the American army. American soldiers approached to within a few hundred yards of the burning buildings and carried the injured across fields to vehicles awaiting to move the victims to hospitals in Paris and the suburbs.

An American officer dressed the wound of a child cut by flying glass nearly a mile from the scene of the disaster. The child was one of several seen in a school in which every window was shattered.

Firemen were unable to approach the burning factory nearer than eight hundred yards.

Survivors declared that the accident was due to a man dropping a box of percussion fuses which set off a box of grenades.

In every quarter of Paris windows were shattered and furniture overturned.

Die From Fright. In a public school at Auberville there was a panic and four girls died from fright.

Nearly 1,000 persons are shelterless as the result of damage to their homes. The American Red Cross, cooperating with the prefecture of the Seine and the local authorities, is providing for them.

Regarding the assistance given the Red Cross by American soldiers the municipal councillor of Bourget, near Paris, where the explosion occurred, said: "We must pay homage to the manner in which the American Red Cross organized assistance. American soldiers showed devotion not to be forgotten in finding the injured, giving first aid and moving the unfortunates to safer locations."

AMERICAN ARTILLERY'S AIM PROVES TRIAL

By Associated Press. Paris, Mar. 15.—American artillery last night again bombarded supposed gas projectors detected in the German lines northwest of Toul. Photographs taken later showed the complete destructiveness of their gun fire.

The enemy replied rather weakly, but maintained frequent periods of fire during the night.

SCHOOL BOYS HERE LISTEN TO APPEAL TO HELP WIN WAR

WORKERS' RESERVE IS EXPECTED TO BE WELL RECRUITED IN THIS CITY

From Wednesday's Daily. High school boys and the Austin school boys over 16 years of age heard an appeal for their enlistment in the Boys Working Reserve of America this morning at a special patriotic meeting, when they were addressed by the state director of the enrollment for the Boys' Working Reserve, Homer L. Holsington of Dallas. A large number of boys asked for cards to take home with them to be filled out by their parents and a very creditable enrollment for Wichita Falls is promised by the interest shown in this morning's meeting.

Need For Workers. Mr. Holsington told of the great need for workers in the fields, shops and shipyards, and showed how the boys could help in many ways by working during their vacation, and thus release man power to take part in the actual struggle against Frisianism while the boys are the home reserve, working steadily so that the war may go on at the front without cessation. He said that the plan is to give each boy a certificate and badge that the government will give each boy who does what he is called upon to do and assured them of his experience and the feeling of self-satisfaction which will come with more than repay a few months of vacation food times sacrificed. He made a strong appeal to the patriotism of the individual and his talk made quite an impression, as was seen in the number who asked for enrollment cards. The cards are to be returned tomorrow.

Would Do Something. Many of the high school girls asked that they be permitted to do something and were disappointed to learn that as yet no form of labor other than that in the Red Cross has been opened to them.

They suggested that they could pick berries and do other farm work.

The high school orchestra gave several special numbers and the chapel program was one of the most interesting ever held at the high school.

"Keep Chickens Up" Warning Issued By Police Department

"Keep your chickens up," is the warning given poultry fanciers by the city police. Gardens have gotten to the coming up stage, and it is imperative, if they are to do their part in helping win the war, that they not be tipped off in this stage by unguarded chickens. The chickens are on the statute books, and chicken owners are asked to see that it is not violated.

YOEMEN'S BROTHERHOOD HAS GOOD PROGRAM

The following delightful program was enjoyed at the social meeting of the Brotherhood of American Yoemen held Tuesday evening: Reading, Fred Smith; Violin and Piano, Duell, Joe Bailey and Janie McAllister.

Solo, George Taylor. After the program several interesting and unusual games were in order in the "mysterious social." George Taylor won a prize as the tallest man present, Mrs. Alred as the tallest woman, and Baby Taylor as the smallest guest. Hooverized refreshments were drawn from a "fish pond." The hall was appropriately decorated in green, with carnations, donated by the Donnelly Floral company as a special feature.

QUILT IS COMPLETED BY MEMBERS OF CIRCLE NO. 1

The members of Circle No. 1 of the Ladies Aid of the First Methodist church completed a quilt in the work done at the home of Mrs. C. E. Frisberg on the evening of Tuesday, March 13. The quilt is a beautiful affair, and will be used for the people of Belgium.

MRS. CLASBY HONORED BY WOMAN'S CLASS

The Woman's class of the First Baptist church honored the leader, Mrs. S. J. Clasby, in a delightful entertainment given at the home of Mrs. J. W. Clasby Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. S. J. Clasby organized the woman's class about 20 years ago and has been leader almost constantly since that time. She is planning to spend several months in Dallas in the near future.

An excellent program was rendered and an enjoyable afternoon spent.

Iowa Park Man Is On Trial Here On Charge of Assault

Jim Parker of Iowa Park went on trial this afternoon in the county court on a charge of aggravated assault, alleged to have been committed on the person of Henry Constable McCreeary of Iowa Park about three weeks ago. McCreeary was attempting to arrest Parker at the time and it is alleged that Parker in resisting struck him a stone. McCreeary striking him in the head and inflicting severe wounds.

ENGLISH TROOPS CARRY OUT SUCCESSFUL RAID

By Associated Press. London, Mar. 18.—English troops carried out a successful raid last night south of Acheville and captured several prisoners with little loss to themselves. It is today's official communication of the success of the raid. The enemy in patrol encounters northwest of Zonnebeke.

Hostile artillery was active during the night, south of the Enzennes Canal road and in the neighborhood of Lens and there was considerable activity against our forward areas between Warneton and Zonnebeke.

Food Administration Officials Notified to Give Their Testimony

By Associated Press. Washington, March 18.—Joseph F. Cotton, chief of the Food Administration's most important committee, Agriculture, committee investigating the food situation, Mr. Durand will testify tomorrow and Mr. Cotton Wednesday.

SPY IS BELIEVED TO BE AT WORK IN AMERICAN ARMY

IS THOUGHT TO BE AMONG TROOP IN THE SECTOR NORTHWEST OF TOUL.

SENIOR SEES SIGNALS

Enters House But Fails to Find Enemy—Enemy Planes Are Especially Busy.

By Associated Press. With the American Army in France, March 17.—American intelligence officers were informed last night of the conclusion that possibly a spy may be at work within the American lines northwest of Toul. Early this morning an American sentry saw flashes of a signal light from a window in the direction of the enemy lines. He fired, through the window and dashed into the house but failed to find anyone.

Four hours earlier important telephone wires within the American lines were found to have been cut. An American patrol last night entered the enemy trenches at one end of the sector and penetrated them for a distance without difficulty. Much valuable information was gathered. As they were about ready to return they established contact with the enemy, who opened fire with a machine gun. The Americans jumped to a safe position and hurried grenades at the enemy gunners, silencing the gun. Returning to the American side of No Man's Land, the raiders brought back with them a German rifle breech, protected by a plastic cover over the muzzle and a snap clip cover, both of which operate quickly and efficiently. Officers declared it was the best thing of the kind they had ever seen for protecting rifles. The mechanism was turned over to the intelligence department with a recommendation that the attachment be furnished the American troops.

Another patrol on the other end of the sector reported that the enemy first line was strongly held. While the raiders were inspecting the German positions, the enemy fired upon them several times with rifles and machine guns, which are unusual at this point.

Bullets Are Bombed. Our artillery bombarded effectively billets, troops and a new enemy works at Lahayville, St. Bausant, the villages of Montec, Richcourt, in the Quart de Reserve along the Chemin de Monsard road, and a considerable body of troops northwest of Buxieres. They also battered to pieces another battery of gas projectors which had been set up in a double line of trenches.

The enemy has shelled various parts of our positions rather heavily, many gas shells being used with high explosive gas. Some American soldiers who happened to be near or who walked through the shelled areas afterwards said that there were indications that the enemy was trying to isolate one of our positions with shell fire. The visibility was exceptionally good today and the weather was like summer. A great number of wagon trains and small groups of Germans were seen walking behind the enemy lines.

Several times during the day the air was crowded with airplanes and on one occasion several enemy machines were overhead at the same time. Airplanes from the rear of our lines carrying American observers maneuvered to get into a fight with the enemy machines but they were unsuccessful. American anti-aircraft guns drove off a number of enemy machines and kept the others high in the air.

Observers Are Busy. American observers succeeded in accomplishing much work which the recent ground haze had prevented. They obtained badly wanted photographs and observed certain things back of the German lines.

American troops in the Lunerville sector have received and fairly heavy bombardments during the past twenty-four hours, but have been giving the enemy as much as received. Patrols at two points established contact with the enemy last night and this morning. After brief firing, the Germans retired. American soldiers are still holding the Mecklenburg trench, less than two days ago and which it is now serious to name. The anti-aircraft guns east of Lunerville were extremely busy today in driving off enemy airplanes.

SMOCK RECEIVES NEW RULING UPON SALES OF FLOUR

Previous rulings of State Food Administrator Peden restricting flour sales to 12 and 24 pounds at a time for city and rural consumers are all nullified, beginning March 15, when the new national ruling of 6 pounds of flour per person per month went into effect. T. S. Smock, Wichita county food administrator, receiving instruction to this effect this morning.

The responsibility of properly proportioning the flour allotment rests with the retailer and will be held accountable under the new rationing system. Flour can be sold without the usual amount of substitutes, the same rule obtaining in regard to this as formerly. There has been no change in the articles regarded as substitutes.

KEMP IS TO GO TO WASHINGTON TO URGE BILL

WILL FAVOR PASSAGE OF CHAMBERLAIN BILL ON IRRIGATION.

J. A. Kemp was appointed by the Chamber of Commerce directors at a meeting in Dallas this morning to go to Washington to work for the passage of the Chamberlain bill, now before the senate, which will make it possible for immediate financing of a Wichita Falls irrigation district, as soon as bonds are voted. Mr. Kemp will go to Washington the latter part of the week.

Highly endorsement of the bill was voted by the Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Kemp was authorized to take whatever steps necessary in the name of the organization. All members of the Chamber of Commerce and all other local business men who have friends in Congress are asked to write to these friends and ask them to use their influence to secure immediate passage of the measure.

Many Texans To Go. A number of Texas delegations will be in Washington in the next week or so in the interest of the Chamberlain bill, according to Mr. Kemp, who spent last week in Austin working on getting the Tillotson amendment, which provides for organization of irrigation districts, through the state legislative bodies. El Paso, Pecos and the Rio Grande districts, which have worked hard for the measure, are sending representatives.

As this is in reality a war measure, which will make it possible to cultivate thousands of acres of land now lying idle when the river has been dammed and a system of irrigation in operation, Mr. Kemp is expected to get the recommendation of Herbert C. Hoover of the food administration, C. G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, and other cabinet officials. A careful study of the matter for a number of years has convinced Mr. Kemp that no time is to be lost in providing for the irrigation district, and that while it is lamentable that no such action has been taken before now, it is still better to act now, and prepare for the future.

Grandfield To Get Hearing. The Chamber of Commerce also granted a hearing to Grandfield people interested in building a concrete bridge over the river, setting the date of the hearing at March 26. Iowa Park and other towns of this county are also said to be interested in the project and as the construction of a bridge at this point would fit in nicely with the Chamber of Commerce road committee's plan of a permanent hard surfaced highway through Oklahoma City is also a good deal of local interest. T. R. T. Orth presented the request of Grandfield for the hearing.

Mr. Orth also brought the matter of Belgian Clothing Week before the Chamber of Commerce, asking for their endorsement of the plan to collect surplus clothing for shipment to Belgium. Mr. Orth is chairman of this work and will collect the clothing through the aid of the local Boy Scouts. The Chamber of Commerce readily endorsed the movement and offered any aid that Mr. Orth might find necessary.

Kell in Oklahoma City. The special meeting this morning will take the place of the regular Tuesday meeting. Frank Kell is now in Oklahoma City and will present the proposition of an Oklahoma Oil Belt Highway, which the local chamber is working on, and will probably have a report for the next meeting, when the Grandfield party will present its bridge proposition.

WICHITA COUNTY CROP ACREAGE IS REPORTED SHORT

A twenty per cent decrease in the area devoted to crop growing this season is noted by J. W. Campbell, county demonstration agent in answer to a questionnaire sent out by the food administration at Washington. Mr. Campbell attributes this decrease to the drought, scarcity of labor and the inability of farmers to finance additional crops.

BRAVE FAG-AN-BALLAGH FIGHTERS AND MANY OTHERS WHOSE IRISH VALOR IS CLEARING THE WAY IN FRANCE



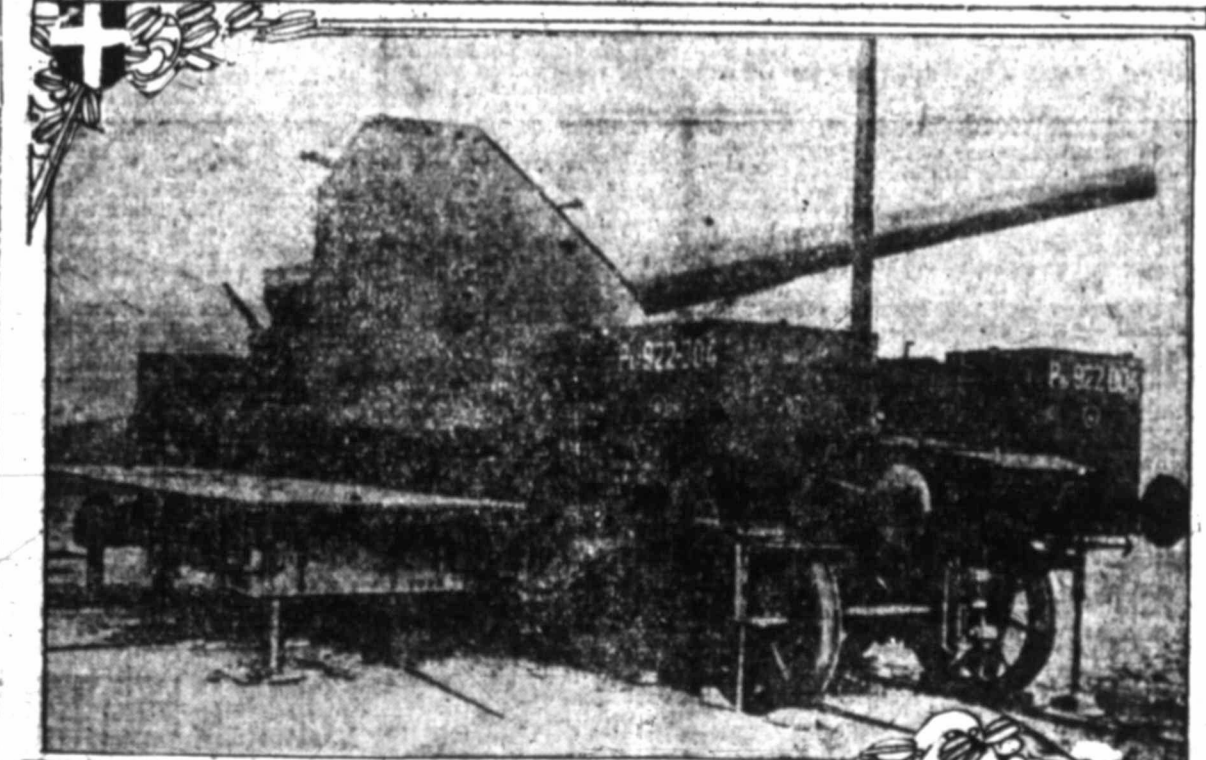
IRISH TROOPS IN GERMAN TRENCH

There are no better fighting men in the British Army than the Irish troops. They have proved this in many a hard-fought battle. The Royal Irish Fusiliers are called 'Fag-an-Ballagh' boys, a Gaelic phrase indicating that they 'clear the way.' There are so many famous Irish regiments that all of them cannot be named here. Among the best are the Munster Fusiliers, the Royal Irish Fusiliers, the Royal Irish Regiment, the Royal Irish Rifles and the Connaught Rangers, with whom Brigadier General W. A. White of the British and Canadian Recruiting Mission saw strenuous service in South Africa.

These splendid soldiers came from both the north and south of Ireland. One of the first heroes of the present war was Private Michael O'Leary, who single-handedly attacked and killed an incredible number of the enemy and won the Victoria Cross. O'Leary started his war service as a private in the Connaught Rangers, and he is now a captain. His whole career indicates that he does not know what the word fear means.

Another splendid fighting man who has served bravely in New York the other day to join the recruiting forces of the British and Canadian Recruiting Mission. His name is Captain Thomas F. McMahon, of the Irish Guards, and he won the Military Cross in the Battle of the Somme. In September 1917 the Irish Guards saw very strenuous fighting in the Battle of the Somme. They carried all their objectives in their attack and then found themselves flanked by a nest of machine guns known as The Quadrilateral, and were subjected to a heavy fire from the rear.

ARMORED TRAIN OF LONG RANGE GUNS PROTECTS EASTERN COAST OF ITALY



Everybody knows that one of the most difficult problems for the Italian General Staff at the beginning of the war was that of protecting the shores of the Adriatic Sea, which for about 625 miles are exposed to enemy attacks without any natural defence. A solution was found in the adoption of a system of armored trains and automobile carriages, on which are mounted long range naval guns. These guns are now sufficient to protect the eastern coast of Italy.

BOY SCOUTS WILL AID IN CAMPAIGN FOR BELGIANS

Boy Scouts are to assist T. R. T. Orth in the collection of clothing for the Belgians this week. Mr. Orth has been appointed in charge of the work of collecting a large amount of used clothing, suitable for shipment to Belgium to be made over for the people of the war devastated and poverty stricken land by the Red Cross, which will supervise the shipment of the clothes collected and he has asked the Boy Scouts to assist him.

CONTRACT CLOSED FOR WATER RIGHTS ON DOWNING TRACT

Contract was closed last week with J. L. Downing by the Wichita Falls Water Company, for water rights on his land south of the city. Several wells have been drilled by the water company on the Downing farm and it is understood that water from the wells was being pumped into the mains today.

COURT MARTIAL REFUSES TO ADD GREATER PENALTY

When the original findings of the court martial reached the war department, Secretary Baker ordered them returned for review. Army officers today revealed that the court martial held to its original sentence and nothing remained for the department to do but to carry it out. Another similar case also was sent back with the expectation of a more severe penalty. That case is now in the president's hands and it is understood that again the trial court has stood by its original findings.

LOCAL COMPANY HAS ALREADY DRILLED SEVERAL WELLS THERE

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MERCHANT SHIPPING MINISTER APPOINTED

London, Mar. 18.—The Daily Mail says that Barry P. Ferris, chairman of the Harland and Wolff Shipping Company, has been offered the post of minister of merchant shipbuilding. This offer was made after a conference with Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, who will make important changes relative to shipbuilding.

SMITH AND TOWNES HARLED FROM CAR WHICH LOSES WHEEL

AMARILLO ARCHITECTS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH NEAR CLAUDE.

While speeding along at the rate of 40 miles an hour on their way to Fort Worth, the Saxon chummy roaster, in which were W. C. Townes and J. R. Smith, of the firm of Smith and Townes, architects, Amarillo, cast a front wheel, the car being driven into an embankment on the side of the road, Smith being hurled through the wind shield and Townes being catapulted over it, according to reports received here from Claude, near which the accident occurred yesterday. This morning the car was brought here for additional repairs before the journey to Fort Worth was continued.

Officers who are rather tough customers' remarked Mr. Townes, who seen here today. 'As neither of us was badly hurt. We had the car pulled into Claude, where temporary repairs were made and we were able to have the job completed here today.'

Mr. Townes is enroute to visit his brother at Fort Worth, an artillery officer. Mr. Smith will continue to Washington where he has been ordered to report for service in the drafting department of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. In recognition of assistance rendered by the firm, however, which conducts a large business, expects to continue under the name of Smith and Townes, there being no change due to the temporary absence of one of the partners.

PRELIMINARIES BEING HELD FOR MEET IN ELECTRA

Elimination contests preliminary to the county meet to be held at Electra on March 29 are being held this week at the local high school. This afternoon preliminary games in girls and boys doubles in tennis were held, and the track contests begun. Tomorrow spelling and declamations preliminaries will be held and the track work finished. Wednesday all names of winners in the preliminaries will be turned over to the county contest manager at Electra. Keen interest is shown in the student body of the local school and the rivalry both in the preliminary and actual contests is intense.

REGISTRANTS MAY NOT ENLIST NOW IS LATEST ORDER

All voluntary inductions of registrants into the army have been stopped for the present by order of the war department. The local exemption board is thus obliged to cancel its call for men to enter the medical corps. Three men, who were inducted before the order was received, will leave tonight for Fort Riley, Kansas. These are B. S. Smith, J. Dow Kemp and J. B. Dittus.

MANY TRENCH RAIDS AND MINOR ACTIONS REPORTED ON WEST

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DUTCH SHIPPING SEIZURE PLANS ARE UNDER WAY

HOLLAND'S REPLY ALREADY SENT TO LONDON, AND AMERICA IS WAITING

Washington, Mar. 18.—Plans for operation of the Dutch shipping which will be acquired by the United States and Great Britain, either by voluntary agreement or by requisition, were going forward steadily today while the governments awaited the reply of Holland to the demand that she accede to the terms of the contract which Germany blocked, or suffers seizure of all her tonnage in American and British waters.

Holland's reply, which has been dispatched to London, is expected by officials to conclude the negotiations there today. Seizure of the ships in American waters will be delayed, however, until the reply is received here. Operation of the shipping board. Announcement of the trade to which they will be put has been withheld but it is understood that most of them will be used under the American flag and adequately armed, to carry food through the war zone to the allies.

Use of Power Is Charged to Entente. By Associated Press. Amsterdam, Saturday, March 16.—Discussing the Dutch shipping question the T. J. D. says: 'We shall have to acquiesce but such rough misuse of power will not be forgotten by our people.'

Germany's Threat of Offensive Not Causing Concern. By Associated Press. Washington, Mar. 18.—Germany's threat of a great spring offensive on the western front no longer impresses American military men.

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New Englanders in Action Upon Chemin-Des-Dames. By Associated Press. BULLETIN.—With the American army in France, Sunday, March 17.—The American troops who have been in action along the Chemin-Des-Dames are a division composed exclusively of New England units from all the New England states, troops from Massachusetts having been especially active.

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LOCAL BOARD IS REVERSED IN FEW OF ITS DECISIONS

TWENTY THREE MEN WILL BE MOVED OUT OF CLASS ONE BY HIGHER BODY.

ARE MANY AFFIRMATIONS

Few Claims Are Agricultural or Industrial Grounds Are Allowed by District Board.

From Wednesday's Daily. Twenty three appeals of registrants placed in class 1, by the local exemption board have been allowed by the district board, out of the first list on which reports of the district board's action were received Tuesday afternoon. Decisions of the local board revealed amount to only about 2 per cent, according to George Thorburn, the secretary, who states that decisions in case of marriages since May 18th have been left strictly to the district board. Some appeals have been made for agricultural and industrial reasons and the percentage of those claims allowed is small, about 18 per cent.

Of the appeals granted three were placed in class 3, Horner Mills Hurley, Ira O. Scales and Milton George Ostep.

Placed in Class 2. Twenty others were placed in class 2. Their names follow: 1127 Lucian F. Saylor, 877. Hugh O'Reilly Jr., 834 Lawrence Johnson, 836 James D. Nelson, 1529 V. Jones, 1806 Walter Reefard McCreath, 1968 David William Anderson, 2298 Dominick Edward Kessler, 2506 Samuel Lee Bradshaw, 2517 Wm. Goltfried Koch, 2586 Thomas Edison Lewis, 2500 James Elie Cochran, 2823 George Batley Nix, 2851 Samuel Andrew Norton, 2877 Cornelius Hy Arnold, 3148 E. K. Mathis, 3216 Greer Benjamin Wise, 3350 Hugh Hyram Trussell, 2623 Rudy Shrehot.

Class Sustained. The local board's classification of the following registrants in class 1, was sustained.

194 Howard Dyer (col.), 555 Frank Will Davis, 746 Thos Fred Hitchcock, 752 Lee McGee, 789 Mack Smith, 874 Nero Herman Smith, 901 Joe Ernest Bartosh, 904 William Clark Hyde, 912 Claude Eugene Newland, 929 Simon Clay (colored), 954 Daniel Wood (colored), 971 Harry Hawkins Bales, 972

Homer Clarence Brauman, 1010 Harold Moore (colored), 1052 Roy Thomas Pierce, 1063 Robert F. Abernathy, 1119 Emmett Bickley Robinson, 1131 Jess Van Ballard, 1180 James Kalle Cooper, 1269 Vernon Bobanon, (col.), 1276 Walter Alex. Roberts, 1277 Claude Revayo Tonyers, 1295 William Duncan Ripley, 1368 Lester Hilary Cooper, 1428 John Allen, 1487 John Labon Cooper, 1504 Howard Sanders (col.), 1527 Barton Edgar Harmon, 1608 George West, Boston, 1617 John Antonio Neitzler, 1640 Richard Delaney, 1717 Luther Allison Walker, 1772 Daniel Donovan Walch, 1827 Ollie Simas (col.), 1916 Samuel Heyd Jones, 1941 Wm. Thimian McQuerry, 1993 Elijah Andrews, 2033 William Walter Jefferson, 2104 Jodie Derwood Nix, 2111 Julius Edward Kelster, 2242 John Brosiu Brongholm, 2327 Lawrence L. Smith, 2388 Roy Simon Vankooze, 2414 Lovie P. Childers, 2620 Robt. T. Williams, 2656 Albert Tyrus Sharp, 2678 George W. Emmert, 2739 Whelney Haney, 2681 Richard H. Sherman, 2742 Harry Parker, 2771 Henry T. Langston, 2796 Old Clifty Crates, 2894 C. F. Boone, 3028 Lee Hill, 3047 John Hobgood, 3066 Arley Kenneth Arbuckle, 3121 Joseph Dolph Smith, 3131 Elmer Olie Walters, 3163 Cecil Cedric Crowell, 3304 Arthur Stipe, 3370 Louis Beryolofsky, 3376 William Green Beckham, 3381 Jesse James Dorsey.

Railroad Commission Will Grant Hearing On Rate Adjustments

By Associated Press. Austin, Texas, Mar. 19.—Acting on a petition from the Texas Industrial Traffic League, the railroad commission today gave notice that it will take and consider on Tuesday, April 9, a proposed adjustment of differential rates. The effect of such adjustment, if granted, will be to place in common point territory, all stations on the Panhandle and Santa Fe railway, resulting in the cancellation of all differentials.

News Print Paper Is Reported Scarce in Country; Little Fuel

Washington, Mar. 19.—News print paper production in the first two months of the year is put at 192,999 tons against 222,840 for the same period last year, in estimates given today by the federal trade commission. Standard news production decreased from 206,333 tons to 176,852. The decrease is ascribed to the fuel shortage. Total mill stocks on hand March 3, were news print 30,192 tons, standard news 24,886.

A. K. Albert was arrested today on a federal warrant, charging running a bawdy house within a military camp, in default of \$750 bond to appear before U. S. commissioner Lantz Thursday for a hearing.

A TYPICAL RUSSIAN FAMILY JUST BEHIND THE LINES



The above picture shows a typical family group behind the lines in Russia. There is the father with his sheepskin coat with the wool inside, the wife with her bright colored skirt of a check of portentous size and her baby with its frilled cap of white linen. They are seated on a felled tree. The whole house is timber built with primitive shutters on the windows.

NATION TO SPEND MANY MILLIONS ON ITS THOROUGHFARES

The nation this year will put \$262,064,410 into highway improvement, an increase of 82 per cent over any previous year, is the statement made by officials of a prominent touring bureau. One million dollars of that amount will be spent in Wichita county.

The bureau officials estimate the national expenditure at \$2.35 per capita. The railroad situation in regard to the war, accounts for a large part of the increase, calculations by government officials showing that motor trucks and motor vehicles, with good highways, are capable of carrying about 200 per cent more freight than the railroads. According to the same calculations, the nation's highways are valued at \$5,240,000,000. Officials consider the work already planned as only "a drop in the bucket" in comparison to what should be done during the war. The productive possibilities of communities, it is reported, are being considered above all else in determining sums to be allotted for road improvement, thus the south and west exceed all other sections, with Texas leading with \$25,000,000 in sight for the work, an increase over last year of \$20,000,000. Of this amount, only \$875,000 was appropriated by the federal government, the state and counties being responsible for rest.

The auto-registration fees, estimated at \$30,000 cars at an average fee of \$8.32 will be used for highway maintenance. Other States. Illinois and Indiana follow Texas in amount to be spent with \$7,000,000 and \$7,380,000, respectively. Nevada reports the least activity, planning to spend only \$500,000.

J. L. Measles was found guilty of running a bawdy house, a jury in the county court Tuesday afternoon, fixing his punishment at \$200 fine and imprisonment for 20 days in the county jail.

HIGHER COURTS

by Associated Press. Austin, Tex., Mar. 20.—The court of criminal appeals today affirmed the case of Abbie Lewis from Morris county. Lewis was given a term of 50 years in the penitentiary on conviction of the killing of Rupert Edwards.

The court reversed and remanded the case of N. C. Patterson from Parker county, Patterson having been given 20 years in the penitentiary on the conviction of murder.

Because of error in the court's charge the case of C. J. Cannon from Motley county, was reversed and remanded. Cannon was convicted on two counts, poisoning a reservoir of water with intent to injure certain persons and the other with an attempt to injure and kill W. W. Waldrup; he was given four years in the penitentiary.

The following proceedings were had in the court of criminal appeals today. Affirmed. Will Chambers from Dallas; John Sherman from Dallas; Bob Goss, from Grayson; Abbie Lee from Morris; C. C. Thompson from McLennan.

Reversed and Remanded. C. J. Cannon from Motley; N. C. Patterson from Parker; Henry Griffith from Tarrant; Motion for Rehearing Overruled. James Benton Morgan from Dallas; Leonard Dodd (death), from Dallas. Submitted on brief and oral argument for both: Lowry Glascock from Hunt; Ira W. McLaughlin from Smith; Lawrence Houstonhamler from Clay.

On Brief for State. George Daggett from Tarrant; Elijah Young from Smith; C. W. Roberts from Young. On Brief for Both: D. Y. Loy from McLennan. On Record. Ike Alderfer from El Paso; Albert Hamilton from Newton; Ernest Carpenter from Denton; Richard Berry from Upsher.

MAYOR BRITAIN RETURNS HOME FROM THE EAST

From Wednesday's Daily. Major A. H. Britain has returned from a two weeks visit to the east, including Washington, Philadelphia and New York. While in Washington Mr. Britain made a study of the income tax law and visited the treasury department. One glance at the streets of Washington is calculated to bring a realization of the fact that the country is at war, according to Mr. Britain.

All over the city offices have been opened for some new branches of some department, made necessary by the war. Even in the residential districts war activity has an office there. The streets are full of soldiers at all times, and almost every informed man seen is an officer, Mr. Britain says.

He also found that the problem of finding a place to stay, serious in ordinary times, was one that was practically impossible of solution at present. Mrs. Britain and small daughter accompanied the mayor on the trip and remained in Cleveland, Ohio, for a visit with relatives.

FORMER WICHITAN BUILDING PLANT IN CALIFORNIA

According to news received here P. C. McAbee, brick contractor, formerly of this city, has completed arrangements for the construction of a cannery to be located in San Fernando, California, and to be owned and operated by himself and a few associates. The building alone will cost \$70,000 and the work will be based on a broad scale. Two hundred men will be employed, with a weekly payroll of \$5,000 and the plant will turn out 5,000 cases of cans goods per day.

Mr. McAbee, the son of Mrs. B. L. McAbee of this city and is well known here, having made his home in Wichita Falls for seven years before going to California about 5 years ago. His wife, formerly Miss Lena Walkup of this city, is also well known and liked. During his residence here, Mr. McAbee was a brick contractor, having learned his trade in this city.

NORTH TEXAS CO. ANNOUNCES THAT RATE IS RAISED

FIFTY CENTS A THOUSAND IS NOW TO BE CHARGED FOR GAS

From Wednesday's Daily. Effective April 20th, the North Texas Gas Co., which serves a large portion of the fuel for Wichita Falls announces an increase in its rate to 50 cents a thousand feet. The company's announcement appears elsewhere in this issue of the Times. For several years the company has been charging less than the maximum rate allowed in its franchise.

GRIFFIN SPEAKS TO LIONS CLUB DURING LUNCHEON

The Lions Club heard an interesting talk at its luncheon at the St. James today from Mr. Griffin, manager for the Woodworth store here. Mr. Griffin told of the growth of the Woodworth store from a concern with \$500 capital thirty odd years ago to a concern doing \$98,000,000,000 worth of business last year.

The Club gave its endorsement to the Oil Highway project and four of its members announced that they would attend the meeting at Breckenridge tomorrow.

The publicity committee was instructed to communicate with Wm. G. Shepard, the war correspondent who is to be in Dallas soon to see if he could not be brought here for a lecture under the auspices of the club.

Loan Committee Is Appointed By Kemp To Arrange Rally

J. A. Kemp, chairman of the Liberty Loan campaign in this county, appointed the committee on arrangements for the Third Liberty Loan Rally, to be held Friday, March 22, this afternoon, before leaving for Washington. The committee consists of W. W. Reid, W. R. Ferguson, M. J. Gardner and R. E. Shepherd. Full power to conscript any one to assist them was given with the appointment according to Mr. Kemp.

Judge Meek Orders Court Adjournment Until April Eighth

U. S. Commissioner J. A. Lantz today received an order from Judge E. R. Meek now holding court at Fort Worth, ordering adjournment of the court term which would have opened here next Monday, March 25, for two weeks, until April 8. Judge Meek will preside at this coming term of federal court.

INDICTMENTS ARE RETURNED AGAINST FIVE LOCAL MEN

HARDY, SPLAWN, LANKFORD, FLOWERS AND ELLIOTT TO ANSWER FEDERAL CHARGES

From Wednesday's Daily. Two indictments each, charging conspiracy to bribe a United States officer and conspiracy to transport liquor into Oklahoma, were returned in Fort Worth by the federal grand jury on Monday, against D. M. Hardy, H. M. Splawn, Jack Langford, J. B. Flowers and Jim Elliott. Complaints had been filed against those indicted more than a week ago with the exception of Elliott. The hearing had been twice postponed and it was somewhat of a surprise when news came of the indictments made in Fort Worth.

SAYS THAT HOLLAND CANNOT GIVE SHIPS

By Associated Press. The Hague, Saturday, Mar. 16.—It is impossible for Holland to give an affirmative answer to the entente's proposals concerning Dutch ships, says the Nieuwe Courant.

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For Mayor: E. G. HILL, J. B. MARLOW. For City Marshal: D. D. McIVER, R. L. McDONALD, LENLY HUMPHREIS, FRED K. SMITH.

For City Recorder: L. P. WEBB, A. W. HIGH, R. H. (Uncle Bob) WHITWORTH, J. R. (JOB) OGLE. For City Tax Assessor and Collector: H. F. ROBERTSON.

For City Attorney: RALPH MATHEIS, W. LINDSAY BIBB. For City Clerk: J. W. WALKUP, R. S. DUNNWAY. For Alderman: C. E. McCLITCHEN, W. H. WALKER, STANLEY CRAWFORD, W. I. CAMERON.

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