

ALLIES AGREE TO ACCEPT REASONABLE RESERVATIONS ON THE PART OF AMERICA

INTERVENTION IN RUSSIA IS NOT FAVORED

PARIS, Dec. 12. (Havas).—Announcements relative to the engagements concluded by Premier Clemenceau and Premier Lloyd-George at the conference they are holding in London will be made about December 15, according to the Echo de Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—As a result of the conference being held at London by Premier Lloyd-George and Clemenceau, the American Government will be notified that in order to facilitate a compromise between adverse parties in the American senate, the Allies are willing to accept, to as great an extent as possible, the nature of the reservations to the Versailles treaty made by the foreign relations committee, according to the Matin.

YOUTH KIDNAPPED BY TWO NEGROES

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 12.—While Atlantic City is still puzzled by the death of Billy Dawson, long believed to have been kidnapped—it is confronted with another mystery in the kidnapping of James Blake, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Blake, Philadelphia.

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LARGE BATTLE TANK SUPPLIED TO GEN. DENIKIN'S ARMY BY BRITISH. FROM THE SPHERE, N.Y. (AP) PHOTO.

The above view shows a tank that makes up a part of General Denikin's army in South Russia. It is shown being sent to the front lines from a port on the Black Sea, on a flat car. This death dealing machine is expected to help the aggressive General in his campaign against the Bolsheviks.

JAPAN SEEKING ADVANTAGES IN SOUTH AMERICA

VALPARAISO, Nov. 26.—Efforts made by Japanese to establish themselves in Chile, particularly in the coal and iron mining fields are exciting considerable interest. There is talk of the opening up of mining lands in certain localities in the south in localities where Japanese would have particularly good opportunities.

DISMISS THE CHARGE AGAINST JO JOHNSON

JO JOHNSON, Fort Smith attorney, arrested here on a charge of theft of property valued at over \$50, was released late Friday afternoon following habeas corpus proceedings before Judge William M. Benner of the 30th district court. In dismissing the theft charge Judge Benner stated that there existed no authentic evidence showing that Johnson was guilty of the crime charged.

FEDERATION OF LABOR MEETING IN CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Proposed anti-strike legislation and the steel strike probably will be the first industrial problems considered at the reconstruction conference of the American Federation of Labor opening here today. The conference was called in consideration of problems affecting American workers.

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More Optimistic Over Coal Situation Today; Many Return to Work

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Dec. 12.—Coal miners throughout Illinois reported at the shaft today and continued the work begun yesterday of replenishing the nation's almost exhausted fuel supply.

SEARCHING FOR VESSELS ADRIFF IN HEAVY SEAS

HALIFAX, N. S. Dec. 12.—Wireless stations and rescue ships continued today the search of the North Atlantic for vessels disabled and adrift in the heavy sea. The United States ship, the Davidson County, crippled by the loss of her propeller, awaited the arrival of the United States coast guard cutter, the Albatross, which was abandoned yesterday by the West Toga which sprang a leak and was obliged to return to port.

RECEIVE REPORTS OF DISTRESS

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VILLA LEADS MEN IN RAIDS TUESDAY

EAGLE PASS, TEX., Dec. 12.—Pancho Villa himself headed the rebel troops which sacked Terlingua Tuesday morning and remained in the town until they were driven off yesterday. Mexican Consul G. M. Seguis said today.

WOLFE AND BURMAN FIGHT TO A DRAW

AKRON, Dec. 12.—Jack Wolfe, Cleveland, fought a draw with Joe Burman, Chicago, in their 15 round boxing contest here Saturday night. Wolfe was disappointed with the battle and many left the arena at the eighth round.

Authorize Resumption of Train Service on Monday

Houston, Tex., Dec. 12.—On the authority of S. F. Bush, southern regional director of railroads, all train service will be restored on Monday, December 15 at 12:01 a. m.

It will probably be two or more weeks before normal passenger service is resumed on the local lines, following a statement of the coal strike, according to advices from the local railroad offices. The chief concern of the railroads now is to rush the freight service to the point where they can start a flow of coal from the mines to relieve the shortage that has resulted from the tie-up and until some time later, it is considered probable that the coal strike will be at work before next Monday.

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BANQUET ENJOYED BY WOODMEN AND CIRCLE

A large number of local Woodmen and Circle members and visitors enjoyed a banquet Friday night at the Woodman hall, 605 Scott, and a very interesting program was rendered. Following refreshments of sandwiches, cake, coffee and chocolate there were several talks on "Woodcraft" and the Circle presented a very good exhibition of their drill. For the coming year, according to C. M. Mann, council commander, the Woodmen are planning great things for their degree team work. At the next meeting there are several candidates who will be initiated.

ASHURST'S RESOLUTION GOES TO COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Senate military committee Friday declined to take action on a resolution by Senator Ashurst, Democrat, Arizona, authorizing the secretary of war to employ the army to protect American citizens on United States soil from Mexican bandits. The resolution was ordered back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be referred to the foreign relations committee.

Floral Heights Methodist Church, comes to Sunday school at 9:30 in High School building. In our church services both morning and evening. Our church has a great future. He with us from the beginning. A cordial handshake and a hearty welcome. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Junior League to be organized Sunday afternoon. Senior League is at 6:15, and is fine.—W. L. TITTLE, Pastor.

Marriage Licenses
The following marriage licenses have been issued:
E. W. Lewis and Miss Dora B. Wayne,
J. S. Hillwell and Miss Thera Jones.

Notice.
Being unable to secure offices for the present, my practice is limited to calls. Dr. A. J. McNeese, phone 90, 197-21p

LEASES AND ASSIGNMENTS

John G. Doe to Charles E. Richardson, 20 acres Mangold subdivision; one dollar and other considerations.
Lawrence Lee to Charles E. Richardson, 20 acres Mangold subdivision one dollar and other considerations.
Lawrence Lee to Charles E. Richardson, one quarter of block 21, Mangold subdivision of Lawrence road; one dollar and other considerations.
J. H. Forester to C. J. Ferguson, 15 1/2 acres, Whittier Valley Farm Land; one dollar and other considerations.
C. J. Tully to Brit E. Cranfill, one acre, Wichita Valley land; one dollar and other considerations.

GERMANS DECIDE TO SIGN PROTOCOL

PARIS, Dec. 12.—The Matin declared today that the Germans have definitely decided to sign the protocol to the peace treaty although they will endeavor to obtain further concessions up to the minute of signing.

COMISKY TO CONTINUE HIS FIGHT ON JOHNSON

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—At least one of the three American league insurgents was untamed today. C. A. Comiskey, owner of the White Sox today reiterated his statements that President Ben Johnson must be ousted. Comiskey was pessimistic regarding the 1920 season in the event "the czar" is retained for another year. He did not say what, if any action, was contemplated to oust Johnson, whose long term lease on the job was an indication the insurgents might act to tie up funds of the league thereby preventing payment to Johnson, his umpire or office staff. Comiskey was confident charges against the president, growing out of the Mays case would be held in the courts.

RETURN OF RAILROADS DISCUSSED AT MEETING OF CABINET TODAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Return of the railroads to private ownership was "thoroughly discussed" at a two-hour session of President Wilson's cabinet Friday, according to Secretary of State Lansing. Rail Director Hings attended the meeting.

Union Painters.
You are hereby notified that Local Union No. 222 will elect a full staff of local and general officers on Tuesday night, Dec. 23. This meeting will be held in the new Labor Temple and you are urged to be present on this important occasion.
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Notable Lecture To Be Given at Wichita Theater Sunday, At 3:00 P. M.



W. J. Thorn of Boston, Mass., will speak on the timely topic, "Where Are Our Soldier Boys?" Thousands died on the battlefield unwept, shall our dead loved ones live again? These are momentous and perplexing questions. In this lecture Mr. Thorn will show what God's plan has in store for the dead, and will discuss in a logical and masterly way the scriptural view of the Resurrection—this lecture will bring comfort to the sorrowing as it points out God's wonderful provision for the ultimate blessing of mankind. We especially urge bereaved parents to hear this lecture. Mr. Thorn has traveled extensively and lectured in many of the larger cities of America and Canada and is noted as a Bible exegete. Come and hear the cheering spiritual message he has to give. The lecture is entirely free and the public is cordially invited. There will be no charge for admission and the seats are free, no collection of any kind. Wichita Theatre, Sunday, December 14th, at 3 p. m.—Adv. 197-11p

COAL OPERATORS WILL MEET TO MAKE ADJUSTMENT

EVANSVILLE, IND., Dec. 12.—Coal mine operators of the central competitive field will meet in Cleveland next week to "make adjustment to this settlement." Harry Little, of the southern Indiana coal bureau, said here today.

CARPENTER KILLED AT FORT WORTH

FORT WORTH, Dec. 12.—Philip Baum, carpenter, was killed by a government tender from Baron Field this morning as he alighted from a street car.

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Stories of Adventure and Love

What Really Counted With Her

By Abner Anthony



All the students at that first officers training camp it is probable that Puff was the most diminutive and youngest of the lot. He was so unlike Harlan, whom he had strangely taken up with. Harlan had formerly been in the army and was taking this means of getting back. He was a strapping big fellow and it was generally rumored that he was to receive a commission as major.

There was nothing in it for Puff—he was not trying to get pointers from his experienced friend; it was real attraction, the profound admiration the little fellow always has for the big, for Harlan was big, and wholesome, and a soldier to his socks, born to command, yet to consider, which, after all, is most essential to success.

"I was never meant for a soldier," said Puff, during his first week in camp. "I am not patriotic enough to give up my profession at age—I'm thirty—and to try to learn how to

stick knives into people. But you see I did it for her."

Harlan listened attentively without speaking. He was also past master at confidence and knew that a reply would only check the flow; and judging from Puff's recent dejection, he needed to get it off his mind.

"She's a dear girl, the dearest thing in the world, and I'd die for her," went on Puff, "but that would be a cinch beside all this. She got all worked up about the war, goes about organizing Red Cross Units, and all that, and made up her mind that she would marry an army officer and an officer only. If I happen to be that officer, all well and good; if I don't, good-night to my chances."

"Well, I got in here by the skin of my teeth and thought everything was all right with me now, for she's been nicer than she's ever been before, but she's got it into her head lately that I've got to be a captain, or nothing. It will be a general next if she keeps on. Now how in thunder can I ever be a captain with all you boaties around ready to pick the plums? No matter

what I wear I can't look the part. Why, I buy seven-dollar shirts and Knox hats and puttees better'n the captain's own, and that trench coat of mine cost more'n double all the rest of them. But any one of you can put your clothes on wrong side out and look better than I do."

And Puff pulled distractedly at his tiny well-trained mustache as if there by to add inches to his height.

"Oh, cheer up, Puff," said Harlan, comfortingly. "You're a peach of a soldier, and don't think all of the high monkey monks in the American army are Gollaths. Why, there is Gordon and Smith and Millron, not one of whom would come up to your shoulder," Ned Harlan, "and they range from brigadier-general up."

Puff looked a bit happier. "Well, of course, that may be true. But if I only go home as second lieutenant, she wouldn't let me in her back door!"

"Then we'll have to see that you get a captaincy, Puff. That's all there is to it. There's two months yet, and something's sure to turn up. Work

hard and study. That's in your line, a lawyer ought to be able to read up on the book stuff like a kid eats candy. Keep a stiff upper lip, and pretend you think you are seven feet high. You'll come out all right. I'm likely to be top sergeant for a while now, and I'll break you in all I can and give you things to do so you can show the others what you're worth."

Time went on but Puff didn't. He was a good enough soldier, but, alas, lacked that quality that men instinctively obey. Harlan knew that his record card was up on most things, but on "personal qualifications," that indescribable something which counted most of all, he was far short.

Harlan worried. He thought of the Sunday morning he had detailed Puff to get the men up for 6 o'clock breakfast, and Puff had come in breathless and indignant a few minutes later. "They won't move for me," he cried. "You'll have to come and do it!"

But there was one hope. As I said before, Puff was as game as a woodcock. He wasn't afraid of anything, and surely that is some asset for a

soldier. Harlan wished he could show it in some way. But would the opportunity present itself? It did.

They had been all week in the trenches, digging, sleeping and fighting (sham battles, of course) in a lake of mud. Now it was Saturday and they had returned to barracks, bathed, changed and were off to town for a two-days' lay off. It was good to be free again.

The road to the camp lay between fields bereft of summer crops; in places the ground had been plowed and harrowed for the winter wheat, and the leaves on the trees were turning and thinning; every wind brought a vari-colored shower to earth. In the center of the meadow stood an apple tree laden with bright red fruit ready to be picked, and this tree was to be the scene of a scene with little Puff as a star performer.

Suddenly, there was a scream, and a boy of six or seven, who had been picking apples off the ground under the tree, started for the fence, followed by a bull, foaming and roaring and covering the ground at a furious rate.

"Heavens! Look there," cried Harlan, turning his gaze from an automobile coming toward them. He was about to call Puff's attention to it, as it belonged to Captain Ingraham, the senior instructor.

Puff hadn't seen it, nor was he likely to now. He had seen the peril of the little boy, and started for the fence without hesitation.

Harlan's wits worked fast. As top sergeant he was entitled to wear arms, and now he reached instinctively for his pistol. But here was an opportunity not to be lost! The senior officer for an audience a scene all set for action and an opportunity for Puff to show what sterling stuff he had in him. Harlan dropped his hand.

The bull was fast gaining, and the boy, seeing he could never make the fence, had doubled back to the tree.

But Puff, without a word, had cleared the fence with one jump and was tearing for dear life across the field yelling and waving his arms to divert the bull's attention.

It was done very quickly. Puff

picked up the boy and almost threw him up into the low crooked branch where he hung on for dear life; but he had no time to get up himself. Then he turned and faced the bull calmly and squarely, stepping behind the tree just in time to escape the shock which followed.

But it couldn't last long. The bull now roared with fury, was stamping and going and Puff was getting too tired to keep continually out of his way. Then Harlan fired and the animal rolled over.

Now Harlan expected the senior officer to come up with congratulations, but in stead a girl got out of the car.

"Harry, Harry!" she called frantically. "I saw it all and it was the bravest thing anybody ever did."

Puff opened his arms and she went straight into them. "I don't care if you never get a commission, Harry," she said. "I know you're brave and I love you."

Harlan smiled. The grandstand play had been made to the wrong audience. But, after all, was it?

The Old Homestead

By Joella Johnson



As I see it, we might as well sell the old place while we have a good buyer," said John Curtis. "You and I, Mary, are getting too old to keep the place going and we might as well take it easy the rest of our lives." He had hoped that his wife would make some objection to the plan, but instead she made some inquiries about the would-be purchaser, the price and then became silent. At last her husband arose stiffly and looked at her with a world of tragedy in his faded eyes and axed face.

"Why couldn't our boy have been contented to stay here on the place where his father, grandfather and great-grandfather lived before him? For 125 years there's been a Curtis on

this land—ever since grand'father cleared it. When Fred was a little chap I used to dream how 'twould be when you and I got old and moved over to the little house he and his boys and I, Mary, are run it. Now he's settled on the city and we've got to leave."

"But you don't blame Fred, father," interposed his wife, "our boy couldn't help it because he didn't like farming and did like machinery and electricity."

"I ain't blaming him, but I wish he could have been satisfied here. I wonder if they knew about it if they wouldn't plan to come up before we go? I should like to be all together here once more before we leave, and his voice broke. In memory he went back to that day years before when it was decided that his son should not stay on the farm. The lad had always been interested in mechanics, and at

the end of his high school course, when the way opened for him to continue his studies, the struggle had come. His father had argued and finally begged him to settle on the place cleared by his forefathers, but Fred had stood firm, and his parents consented to his leaving. He had made good in his chosen work, and after his marriage and settlement in a not distant city they reluctantly gave up hope of his ever returning to them.

No, neither of them blamed him, and when his mother wrote her usual weekly letter she did not dwell upon the fact that he was to sell, but urged them to plan to come home in case the sale should be made on Thursday when the prospective purchaser was to look the place over.

On the appointed day the inspection was made. With aching heart Mr. Curtis tramped with the stranger

through the familiar fields, which never before had looked so attractive. They finally returned to the house to complete the details of the trade.

"I like the place," he admitted, "but I must say I think your price is pretty steep."

"You must remember," retorted Mr. Curtis, "farms are high, and the place, buildings, tools, stock, everything is in first-class shape."

"I know," rejoined his customer, "but on my other hand I'm ready to pay you spot cash and—"

The rest of his sentence was lost in the insistent call of the telephone, which Mrs. Curtis left the room to answer. In a moment she returned with a flushed face.

"It was Remick, from the station," she explained. "He gave me a telegram that had just got from Fred. It said, 'Don't sell until you see me. Coming Monday. May have a customer.'"

"Are you sure you have that right?" asked Curtis incredulously.

"He repeated it twice and had me say it over so there could be no mistake."

Curtis looked puzzled. "Well, Mr. Manson, you've heard what the boy wants—"

"I hope you won't let this make any difference in your terms," interrupted Mr. Manson, eager to close the trade now there was a possibility of losing his chance. "We had practically agreed on everything."

"I don't understand what he means about 'having a customer'; but it can't do any hurt to wait till he comes."

And wait they did through three endless days. They dared not hope his coming could make any difference, but on Monday an automobile appeared with their son and a stranger whom Fred introduced as his "boss."

"Have you sold the place?" he inquired, eagerly.

"Not exactly," replied Mr. Curtis; "that is, the writings aren't drawn. The man was here when your message came and we had practically closed the trade."

"Thank the Lord I telegraphed!" Fred ejaculated. "You may want to make a new deal. You see, our company has just bought the Remick Falls over here—dandy water power—best chance for improvement of any in the state, and I've been chosen to take charge of the work of developing them. I couldn't tell you about it, for things weren't settled Thursday, and I didn't want to disappoint you. But everything is fixed. Mr. Lyon and I have just come from there, and long-headed wife has suggested that since Falls are only a mile or so from here that we better move up into the

little house, if you had rather. She thinks you and she can run the farm for a while, and when John, Jr., and Bobby grow up, probably they will be wise enough to want what their father didn't—to be a farmer on the old home place."

His First Performance.

"Who's dead?" asked the stranger, viewing the elaborate funeral procession.

"The bloke what's inside the coffin," answered an irreverent small boy.

"But who is it?" the stranger pursued.

"It's the Mayor," was the reply.

"So the Mayor is dead, is he?" muttered the stranger.

"Well, I guess," said the small boy, wretchedly. "D'you think he's having here that we better move up into the rehearsal?"

How Would You Choose?

By Elsie Endicott



It was her last day and in fact nearly her last hour, and yet Miss May had not come to her decision. She didn't seem to be very much disturbed, however, for one trying to settle so weighty a question, for she was cozily curled up in her favorite chair reading or at least pretending to read a current magazine.

The question that she was trying to answer was the same one that many another girl has sought to answer. She did not know whether to accept Mr. December or Mr. April. Mr. December was perhaps 50, had plenty of money, a yacht and a bald head. Mr. April was young, had hard-

ly any money, rode on the trolleys and had lots of dark, curly hair. That was the proposition, and one which the wholly romantic girl or the wholly common sense-business-first girl could decide with ease, on first thought. But Miss May had a dash of romance and a pinch of hard-headedness in her make-up.

Thursday Mr. April had tempestuously proposed in her. May had found herself strangely moved by his eager, handsome face and his pleading eyes, so full of honest, tender love. She remembered afterward how his hands shook when they pressed hers. She recalled, too, the hurt look in those same eyes when she said that she could not tell him yes or no until Saturday. She must think it over, she told him. On Saturday she would let

him know which way she had decided. If it was to be "no," she would telephone; if it was to be "yes," she would send no word, but he could come and get his answer in person. And young Mr. April had to be contented with that.

On Friday, Mr. December had proposed. He did not do it in quite the same way as Mr. April had. To be sure, there was an eager look on his face; his eyes glistened, too. May noticed that his hands shook a little more than usual. As a proposal, this was not at all pretty, like the other one had been, the romantic part of May thought. But her other part had greatly admired a two-carat diamond set in a platinum ring—a lady's ring. As an answer, Miss May told him the very same thing she had told Mr.

April.

It was almost 5 o'clock now, and May still read the magazine. It was very hot, and no breeze took advantage of the window left invitingly open. The girl suddenly threw her story on the table and picked up a fan.

Outside an auto horn squeaked a message. Not a warning, but a call, like a boy whistles to another. It means the world over, whether whistled on an auto horn or a mandolin, "come on out." May went to the window and peered down into the street. Four stories below. She saw a low-slung, long, battleship gray touring car, breathing money and smoke, waiting—on the other side of the street. It was not for May.

The man manipulating the horn was alone, and he was looking up at a

window in the house opposite. Suddenly he took off his cap and waved it to the window. May noticed that his hair was gray and the moustache beneath was of the same color. A second or two later the door of the house opened and a very pretty young girl ran down the steps to the car.

May leaned on the sill, idly watching the scene below. A breeze blew in her face and it seemed to be surcharged with all the heat and smell of the city. It took her breath away for a moment. She was stifled. Below the girl had seated herself by the man's side in the motor. The huge car roared through its insolent cutoff as all huge cars seem to, and slid on to the end of the street. May still leaned from the window after the car had gone. Slowly a smile came over

her flushed face. She abruptly left the window. Then she scurried down the dusty flight of stairs to where there was a telephone on the wall.

Three hours later a tempestuous young man hurried into the parlor of the boarding house where May lived. May was waiting for him.

"Sorry, dear, to be so late," said young Mr. April. "I don't know whether you called me or not. Have not been near the office all day. Been trying to sell an old gink a bungalow this afternoon on Long Island. He kept me waiting; said he wasn't sure that he wanted it. Seemed he was buying it, planning on some girl marrying him. About 5 o'clock he said there was nothing doing as the girl had telephoned and turned him down. Foolish girl to turn down a house like

that."

"You mean a wise girl, dear," answered Miss May as she kissed young Mr. April on the mouth.

Wouldn't you have done the same?

His Sons Get a Move On.

No more the price-calls move by stealth.

To compass mischief vast.

They've got to travel for their health.

And travel mighty fast.

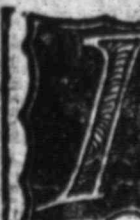
Comparatively So.

He (returning from call)—I thought Mrs. Paterly unusually interesting this evening.

She—Why, she talked of nothing but her children and the servants. He—I know that. But usually she talks about herself.

Not So Easy After All

By Phil Moore



JUST get so discouraged sometimes," said Mrs. Jones to her husband. "It is pretty hard to have to do the household work, take care of the children, and contend with these impudent servants. I had to discharge Jane this afternoon."

"Tut, tut, my dear," consoled Mr. Jones. "You don't realize what an easy life you lead. Why all you have to do is clean up after breakfast and sit down until it is time to gather together a little dinner. I don't see why you women are always complaining."

"John, you make me so sick! Pick up after breakfast and then sit down indeed! You ought to try keeping house for a while and see how you like it. You'd find it no joke," exclaimed his disgruntled wife. "Try it,

will you?"

"I'll do it," returned the man. "You go down and attend to my business and I'll run the house for a week. Then you'll realize how easy your work really is."

"Oh, will you honestly change places with me?" questioned the pleased Mrs. Jones. "I know that I can run your business easily."

"Now, don't be too sure," warned Mr. Jones. "I know that I can run your business easily."

"Now, don't be too sure," warned Mr. Jones. "I'm going to have the vacation."

The next morning Mrs. Jones slept until rather late, while her husband arose and prepared breakfast. As she leisurely dressed, she heard John telling his two-year-old son to get dressed.

"But mudder always dresses me, doesn't she, Jack?" demanded little

Paul of his six-year-old brother.

"Yes, dad, she does. While breakfast is cooking, she dresses brother and does up my school lunch. I want jam sandwiches and ginger snaps today."

"Oh, run along and get an apple, Jackie. They're very good and much better than bread." And after many protests, the young man started for school, after his meagre bread and milk repast, with only an apple.

Although disgruntled with the way her husband was managing affairs, his wife refused to help. She sat down to breakfast, and swallowed some muddy coffee and burnt toast. "Did you ever eat a better breakfast?" questioned her husband. "I'm sure I never did." And Mrs. Jones smiled to herself as she thought of the lovely breakfasts that were prepared for the man of the house, leaving the house about 9 o'clock. Mrs. Jones offered

some suggestions; but was told that none were needed. She surprised the men at Mr. Jones' office by coming to the man affairs. "My," she thought as she sat idly before the roll top desk, "poor John! So this is hard work! A buyer to buy the goods; a man to sell them; one to ship things away, a bookkeeper and typewriter to attend to the details; goodness knows what not! I wonder what the boss' work is—to sign checks? I'd just as soon be here all the time."

In the meantime, John was having troubles at home. After a good deal of trouble, Paul was dressed after a fashion. Then the breakfast dishes had to be washed. At 10 o'clock, these were finished; but the baby was missing. After a frantic search for his youngest hopeful, Mr. Jones discovered the child in the coal-bin. Then followed a lecture after which the yelling child being tied safely in bed.

John returned to "cleaning up after breakfast." By the time the beds had been made and his ashes from the evening before had been picked up, Jack was back from school, demanding his lunch.

"Didn't I give you an apple to take to school?" demanded the cruel father. "You can have another if you want. Take one to baby." For a few minutes there was peace, when suddenly the baby began to choke. Mr. Jones rushed upstairs. Soon the baby's face got so red that he called the doctor. However, by the time the doctor arrived the child was all right again.

So continued the affairs until half past five, when Mrs. Jones returned to hear her baby crying above, and to see Jack eating jam in the parlor. "Oh, John," she exclaimed, "is this how you keep house? There are your rubbers and the mud where you left them

last night. However, I hope you have a good dinner, because—"

"Dinner? I declare, I forgot!" cried the astonished Mr. Jones. "These children have been terrible all day and I have had my hands full with them, to say nothing of doing the housework. You and I'll go over to the hotel to dinner and get someone to come in and care for the boys."

"But, I'm hungry, daddy," piped in Jackie. "And, mother, baby's been in bed all day."

"Never mind, dear, daddy will take us all out to dinner, I'm sure." And, looking up at her husband, Mrs. Jones demanded.

"Is housekeeping such a joke?"

Words Could Not Hurt.

"James," said Mrs. Mellow to the man servant, "can you find out whether the tinned salmon was all eaten last night? I don't want to ask the

new cook, because she may have eaten it, and then she would feel uncomfortable."

"Please, ma'am," replied James, "the new cook ate all the salmon, an' no matter what you was to pay to her you couldn't make her more uncomfortable than she is now."

She Knew the Symptoms.

"Charlie, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins in a tone that was kind but firm, "did you tell me you were up late last night with a sick friend?"

"Yes."

"What made your friend feel sick? Was he a heavy loser?"

Too Bad.

Cajonel—Is it true you struck private Jones?

Private Maloney, (addicted to politics)—The answer is in the infirmary, sir.

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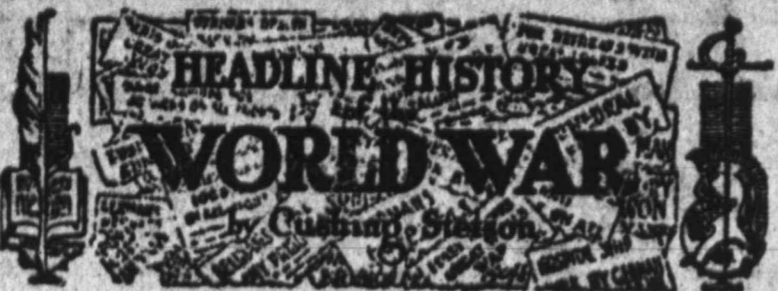
There were several announcements last summer and fall that "the peak is past," and that "ruthless prosecutions" threats had driven the profiteer into mending his ways.

It is hard to believe that there is a difference of only 6.1 per cent in prices between December 1 of this year and the same date last year.

Where will it stop is a question that apparently is causing little worry to the man in the street.

The miners' strike has ended. The miners gained a 14 per cent increase in wages now and the promised appointment of a committee of three to adjust wages on the basis of the increased cost of living.

Colorado is No. 22. The Colorado hooda, whose members are serving at the special session free, voted unanimously to ratify the Anthony amendment.



WHAT HAPPENED DECEMBER 13.

1914 Postmaster General Burleson urges government to take over phone and telegraph lines. German attack on Russian front in North Poland; advances on 25-mile front from Glogow, to flow on the Vistula River; capture 11,000 prisoners and 42 cannons.

1915 Anglo-French forces complete their retirement to Saloniki; Bulgars and Germans occupy last inch of Serbian territory.

1916 Germany seeks a round-table conference at the Hague to decide whether peace is practicable. Dutch newspaper prints new "brightfulness" policy in U-boat war if peace move fails.

1917 Russian battle still raging. German aerial bombs kill United States army engineers. Hoover appeals for more saving of food and cuts sugar allowance. Fuel Administrator Garfield warns of coal shortage.

1918 President Wilson arrives in France. Three American divisions cross Rhine; 1st, 2nd and 32nd occupy Goblens bridgehead. Postmaster Burleson takes control of cables from C. H. Mackay. French occupy Odessa; fortress and city of Sebastopol are cleared of German soldiers.

"1919—AMERICANS ARE BUYING RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEALS."

great medical institutions of the South and it will raise the remainder, for there are a dozen men in Dallas who could and would give that much alone rather than see the proposition fail.

Since the Russian soviet government is apparently the ideal of the reds, one can but wonder at the tenacity with which such snarclists as Berkman and Goldman hold on to their professed right to stay in a country whose institutions they have scorned.

Gossip before the meeting of the Republican National Executive committee was that, in a sense, the contest between St. Louis and Chicago for the 1920 republican national convention was a contest between the leading rival presidential candidates.

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PRIZE BEAUTY DANCES WITH HANDSOME MAN



The photograph of the above pretty miss was selected from 1,000 sent as being the handsomest girl in New York city. She won \$10,000 in the contest since then she has been decorated by hundreds of theatrical offers.

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Circular Track on Roof of Skyscrapers May Solve Difficult Problem in Aviation



The circular landing track could be carried on stilts above several buildings, without cutting off light or air.

LIKE any soaring bird of prey, an airplane must be in motion before it can fly. It must run along the ground before it can vault into the sky. But that is not all: It must make its running start in the face of the wind. This explains why it is possible to confine a condor or a vulture in a narrow cage open at the top.

You can see from this that the problem of flying to and from your office in New York, Chicago or St. Louis reduces itself to the providing of suitable platforms on which you can alight (also in the teeth of the wind) and from which you can start. Clearly, city streets, flanked by high cliffs of architecture, lend themselves about as well for airplane landing and starting as they do for ice-boating. Flying must adapt itself to the wind as much as ice-boating.



The idle machine stands on the circular elevator platform, which fits into the track. Thus the aviators elevate and lower their machines from and to the garage below.

of uniform height is found, particularly in the skyscraper districts of large cities. To be sure, a solution may be found in the invention of an airplane that can rise almost vertically from the ground. But the present article is concerned with the roofs and the machines of today.



A banked track of open iron grating is carried on latticed towers over a group of buildings. On such a track the pilot can start and alight dead against the wind as he always must. At one point of the track he runs off upon a elevator platform flush with the roof of a convenient building. By means of the elevator he descends to the garage below.

ings, so that sun and air would still find their way to the streets below. Imagine yourself winging your way in an airplane from your country home eighty miles to your city office. An hour after you have started from your own grounds, the lower part of Manhattan looms in sight. There are the three great suspension bridges that span the East River.

Somewhat to the east of the financial district downtown you see the banked track on top of the building on which you are to alight. You head for it. Spiraling down, you touch the bottom dead against the wind—a feat always possible with the circular track, no matter from which quarter the wind may blow. You run on the landing wheels around and around until at last you come to a very easy stop. By manipulating your elevator you prevent yourself from soaring off again.

In the picture part of the roof on which the track is built becomes a lift. It is the circular track that fits into the bottom of the track. Thus you run directly from the track upon the lift or vice versa. The picture shows still another method of combining a lift with the track.

It is just as easy to start from such a circular track as it is to alight upon it. You have but to tilt the elevator in the rear at the precise moment that the wind is dead ahead and to fly off at a tangent.

To carry out this maneuver successfully, a signal is required which automatically shifts on the track to mark very distinctly that portion which happens to be parallel to the wind, but only on that side where the wind is opposite to that of the circling plane.

This, in turn, means that the planes must always circulate clockwise.

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD GEORGIA BOY MAKES GOOD AS FOOD PRODUCER

IF producers of the "sinews of war" were given decorations in this country, 11-year-old Hal Vaughn, a Clarke county, Georgia, schoolboy, would probably be one of the very first to receive the honor. Hal has too little to go to war and fight in the trenches, and, realizing this, he stayed at home and did his full share toward producing food and practicing thrift at the earnest behest of a government that realized that it was facing a period during which it would take the united efforts of young and old alike to win victory.

During the last year, besides going to school for nine months and supplying a family of six with all kinds of fresh vegetables, he has produced \$428.45 worth of corn, hogs, chickens, Irish potatoes and garden crops. He won prizes in almost all of his work, one of them being a short-course scholarship to the Georgia State College of Agriculture, which is only three miles from his home.

Hal also cooks, cans fruit and vegetables, raises pigs, chickens and corn, and, last of all, is an artist in making miniature pieces of furniture. In fact, this youngster has done so many

things during the last year that one hardly knows where to begin the story. Princeton is the town that Hal has made famous. It is a small factory settlement lying just beyond the city limits of Athens, on the Watkinsville road. The people of the community are in no wise agricultural, but are interested in the machinery and handiwork necessary to turn cotton into thread and cloth. Hal's father has followed a great many lines of work, and today owns only a few acres of land lying along the banks of the Oconee river. His mother is a frail little woman, full of energy and enthusiasm. Two years ago she had the misfortune to have her foot hurt in an accident, and since that time she has been almost an invalid. When his father is away, Hal is the mainstay of the family, doing everything which is to be done about the little place. He has learned to feed the hogs, calves and chickens, and even to prepare a meal in the kitchen when his mother is ill. Many a time, together with his brother, aged 9, has he taken care of his two little sisters. All of this experience has made him a man, and his dark brown eyes, peeping out from un-

der still darker hair, reflect confidence of youth that is unafraid.

"Who got you interested in all this work?" was the question that drew from Hal his story.

"Our county agent gave me some seed corn last year and told me he wanted me to try for the prize that was offered," he began. "I broke my land on May 22 and got it in good condition with a section harrow. I got in my seed corn late—on May 28. I ran my rows four feet and planted 15 inches in the drill. I used eight loads of stable manure on my acre, which was gray soil, with a red subsoil. I also used some guano.

"My stand was pretty good and I plowed it out eight times! The drought hurt mighty bad and I made only a fair crop," concluded Hal.

"While the dry weather did materially reduce the yield of his crop, Hal made a better record than any other club boy or farmer in Clark county when he raised fifty-three bushels on his acre. The average yield for the county under the drought conditions was only about fifteen to eighteen bushels per acre, and so after all the boy made more than a 'fair crop.'

In the record book which the county agent gave him, Hal kept an accurate account of all the money which he spent in growing his acre of corn. His charges for seed, rent of land, rent of mule, manure and fertilizer amounted to \$40.50, and then, after crediting his fifty-three bushels of corn at \$2 a bushel, he declared a net profit of \$65.50. This was an excellent return for the boy for the time he spent in planting, growing and gathering his acre of corn. He sold part of his corn to buy thrift stamp, and the rest he fed to his pigs.

Just as the corn was maturing in the field the county agent, who had often visited him during the growing season, came to help him select his seed for this year. Together they studied the different ears of corn and Hal learned how the seed ear should be well filled out at the butt and tip; that there was an even number of rows on every ear of corn and all that sort of thing. He now sees in his selected ear of corn a mass of grains that will give strong healthy stalks in the spring; that will make more and better corn than was produced the year before. He notices that the we-

vil has less chance to get into the ear that has a close-fitting shuck and one that comes well down over the tip of the ear. He has a new teacher who works with him in the field. The county agent is his big brother.

And then, too, Hal fed some of his corn to his pigs. Last year his father gave him an old sow that seemed to have the blood of half a dozen breeds coursing through her veins, the predominant being Berkshire. She was a long, lean, hungry-looking old sow, with ten pigs, and Hal sold them after a while for \$99.50. He took excellent care of her, even though she was only a scrub, and he was fully rewarded when she farrowed thirteen pigs in her second litter. He raised all of them, selling eight and keeping the other six. He credits himself with \$104 for the second litter, and counting the \$99.50 for the first litter, the old sow brought him \$203.50 worth of pigs.

But Hal was not satisfied. He had pure-bred corn but no pure-bred pig. So recently he came to Athens and purchased a pure-bred Berkshire pig. To pay for the blooded pig he brought twelve hens to town and sold them for

a dollar each. Adding \$3 then to his \$12, he bought a pig, which he says is sure to win a prize at the state fair this fall. Hal is getting more ambitious every day. He is not contented now to win prizes in Clarke county alone, but must go out and buck up against the thousands of other boys and girls who are raising pigs, chickens, corn and other crops all over Georgia.

And in order to buy his pig, Hal brought to town hens of his own raising. He began his career as a poultry man by buying a pure-bred Plymouth Rock cockerel in January, 1918. About a month later he purchased some good Plymouth Rock eggs and hatched out sixty-seven little chickens. He gave them the very best care and attention, plenty of food and clean water to drink, and the result was that he raised fifty-seven of them, losing only ten. During the fall his young pullets began to lay and bring in extra money for eggs. At the close of the year Hal made the following business statement in his record book:

Total Receipts—Poultry.	
31 chickens sold.....	\$27.90
25 chickens on hand at end of year.....	28.60
9 dozen eggs sold.....	7.30
1 cockerel on hand.....	2.50
Total receipts.....	\$66.30
Total Expenses—Poultry.	
Cracked corn.....	\$1.00
Chicken feed.....	1.25
Cracked corn.....	2.00
Eggs bought.....	3.00
Cockerel bought.....	2.50
Dry mash.....	1.00
Total expenses.....	\$14.75

If there had been any prizes offered for poultry last year in Clarke county, Hal would have surely won them on his business showing. With an aggregate capital of \$16.75 he declared a net dividend of \$49.45 at the close of the year. This amply repaid him for all the feeding, watering, nesting and other things he did to keep his chickens strong and healthy. The boy is a level-headed business man, and everything he touches seems to pay him a profit.

Who was the "man behind the gun" in all this work that Hal Vaughn did? It was the county agent and the home demonstration agent.

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NEW YORK STOCKS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Yesterday's rally in the stock market was extended at the opening of today's session, stocks and metals leading the further recovery with shipping.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Unexpected bullish aspects of the government crop report led to declines today in the price of corn.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 12.—Ralph Greenleaf, 34 year wonder of Wilmington, Del., is the pocket-billiard champion of America.

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VALIDITY OF CONTRACTS PROVIDING FOR INCREASE COAL PRICES RECOGNIZED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Bituminous coal contracts providing that operators may add to the contract price for the full amount of any increase in miners' wages will not be set aside in the case of the 14 per cent increase granted mine workers in the strike settlement, it was said today by E. E. Harkness, counsel for the coal operators.

All bituminous contracts entered into before October 1918 and which were not restored by the fuel administration's order of November 12 after being set aside by the maximum price order of October 20 and now must operate as valid contracts under law. It is estimated that 50 per cent of the bituminous output was sold under those contracts.

Despite the agreement to end the coal strike, the railroad administration's central committee today considered further drastic restrictions on the use of coal. Stocks on hand have become dangerously low, members of the committee said, and the utmost care must be exercised until production gets back to something like normal.

Operators from all sections of the country still were here awaiting government notification on steps already taken and a decision as to their own policy. They said reports to them show that there is only a small percentage of the striking miners have returned to work.

Representatives of merchants from New York, Boston, Detroit and Washington and other cities asked the railroad administration today to lift the restrictions against the use of lights and fuel by retail stores during the Christmas rush under the promise that the stores would operate only for limited hours daily after the Christmas season. A decision by Director General Hines was expected today.

The coal situation was discussed today briefly in the senate.

Notice of Stockholders Meeting. Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of The First National Bank of Wichita Falls will be held in its banking room, on Tuesday, January 13th, 1920, for the election of directors and for such other business as may lawfully come before said meeting. J. B. Barnhart, cashier. 197-200

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P. M. M. of Ma. Hill, Okla. has leased twenty acres of land adjoining the townsite on the east for the purpose of putting in a pipe line. The leading race will be at the junction where the Rock Island crosses the M. K. & T. The local school has only 1-1/2 three days an account of shortage of coal. A model up-to-date steam laundry is now being built at this place. D. C. Dunaway and W. E. Young are the promoters.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church. (Mo. Synod) Eleventh and Holiday streets. At 9:15 all Sunday school children of the congregation and also the other children are requested to meet for Christmas practice. Morning services at 10:30 a. m. At 2:30 p. m. the Berea Bible Class will have their regular business meeting at the church. The Bible study meeting of the B. B. Class will be at the usual hour, 7:30 p. m. Everybody make it a point to be present and bring a friend. The children will also meet for practice at 1:30 p. m. Everybody is cordially invited to worship with us, especially the many strangers in the city. Come, you are always welcome.—M. BEYERS, Pastor.

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FAIR PRICES ON CLOTHING ARE ESTABLISHED IN ILLINOIS WITH SUITS AND OVERCOATS \$24.50

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Illinois will make its first massed attack on high prices at a conference here next Tuesday, called at the suggestion of Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer. The meeting will be attended by Governor Frank O. Lowden; members of all fair price commissions in the state; mayors of large cities; state attorneys and representatives of women's organizations.

Means of establishing fair prices and enforcing these prices after they are set will be considered. Miss Elizabeth Allen, chairman of the Women Commission, in Chicago, declared today a large part of the women's efforts will be devoted to economy propaganda.

"We intend to procure the co-operation of more than 75,000 women in the state who were associated with the work of the state council of defense," she said.

"We will do everything possible to teach the public, deriving our efforts especially to women. It is always necessary to purchase the most expensive to get the best." Miss Allen declared this applied to clothes as well as food.

"We wish to teach the working girls that it is not necessary to wear high stockings, fur coats and other high priced garments, specially bought on the installment plan," she said.

"At the same time we wish to educate the housekeepers to purchase cheaper grades of food." The entire work of the women's organization will be outlined at Tuesday's meeting when the starting impetus is expected.

Fair prices on clothing were set here today but there was quarrel over the interpretation of the following: some of the "minimum prices chargeable for serviceable garments": Men's suits \$24.50. Overcoats \$24.50. Women's suits \$25. Women's coats \$12.90. Women's hosiery 25 cents. Boys' suits \$12.50.

Some members of the fair price committee said there should have been a maximum price also, as for instance, women's suits at \$15.35 to \$25.00. Hardwood floors furnished, lat. scraped and finished. Howard Young, Phone 1225.

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BOXING IS DECLARED MAJOR COLLEGE SPORT PEORIA, ILL., Dec. 13.—Boxing is a major college sport today. It was officially included in the list by the "Big Ten" conference of colleges in Illinois. A tournament will be held in connection with the track championships.

Bazaar Ladies of the Catholic church will hold a Bazaar Saturday, December 13th, in McConnell Brothers Furniture Store. Open at 10 a. m.

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