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Sweeping Rate Revisions On Roads In Southwest By the Commission Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Orders in the Memphis-Southwestern investigation, made public today by the interstate commerce commission, revise virtually all freight rates between Memphis, St. Louis, Arkansas and Oklahoma, and in effect reaffirms the decision in the Shreveport case that there must be no discrimination or prejudice in intrastate rates.

In prescribing a new maximum scale of rates for application in the Southwest, the commission fixed charges higher than the Arkansas intrastate rates. It is expected that the railroads will undertake to obtain an increase in Arkansas intrastate rates from the corporation commission of that state in accordance with the principle laid down in the Shreveport case and upheld by the supreme court.

The commission's report, written by Mr. Daniels, made these findings: Findings Reported. Prescribed a maximum distance scale of class rates for distances not in excess of 350 miles between points in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Southern Missouri.

Declared existing class rates between Memphis and all points on class A railroads in Arkansas to be unreasonable and unduly prejudicial to Memphis to the extent that they exceed by more than reasonable bridge tolls, the corresponding class rates contemporaneously applicable for like distances to intrastate traffic in Arkansas.

Prescribed existing rates from Memphis to points in Southern Missouri to be unreasonable and unduly prejudicial to the extent that they exceed by more than reasonable bridge tolls, the corresponding class rates contemporaneously in effect from St. Louis to the same points for like distances.

Declared existing class rates between Memphis and all points on class A railroads in Arkansas to be unreasonable and unduly prejudicial to Memphis to the extent that they exceed by more than reasonable bridge tolls, the corresponding class rates contemporaneously applicable for like distances to intrastate traffic in Arkansas.

VAST IRRIGATED AREAS IN ALBERTA TO BE EXTENDED



The Canadian Pacific Irrigation area exceeds 800,000 acres, while the total length of its canals and ditches is greater than Canada's longest river, the Mackenzie, or the rail distance from Vancouver to Halifax.

The strong movement now under way in Alberta for the extension of the already vast irrigation systems in that province has attracted a great deal of attention to the subject. In this connection it is of interest to know that about 1,500,000 acres of land in Alberta are now irrigated; that in the neighborhood of 250,000,000 have been spent in this work, \$15,000,000 of it by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

As a result of a recent meeting between Dominion government officials and the farmers of several districts of southern Alberta, the government has likewise promised immediate surveys of 500,000 additional acres, which added to the 1,500,000 acres already known to be irrigable, will give a total irrigable acreage of 2,000,000 acres.

Apparently there was not one phrase of the Premier's scheme that appealed to the Irish newspapers. Morning editions attacked it from every angle, predicting it never would be enforced if tried.

They accused the government of knowing in advance the scheme would fail, and of justifying further repressive measures. It was pointed out that the independent, which recently was raised by radicals for its attitude toward the government, was chiefly characterized by "Lloyd George's plan as 'wrong, unfair and unacceptable'."

The British parliament, the Independent emphasized, would retain control of 35,000,000 pounds out of the total of 70,000,000 pounds revenue from Ireland.

Howat Released from Jail; Promises to Urge Miners in Kansas to Return to Work

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 23.—Alexander Howat, president of the Kansas district, United Mine Workers of America, was released from the Marion county jail today by United States District Judge A. B. Anderson. Howat agreed to join the international officials of the mine workers in sending telegrams to the district executive board in Kansas in an endeavor to force a strike in the Kansas coal mines ended.

CHARGE THAT SEC. DANIELS SHOWS FAVORS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Congressional investigations charged today that Secretary Daniels has shown favoritism in awarding Distinguished Service medals by disregarding recommendations of high naval officers as under way today.

The immediate cause of the investigations is the refusal of Admiral Sims to accept a medal from the Secretary because of Daniels' alleged awarding of honors to men who, in Sims' opinion, do not deserve them.

Secretary Daniels stated he had received from Sims a letter of protest this morning in which he refused to accept the medal and one from Senator Page, Vermont, chairman of the naval affairs committee, asking complete details of the awarding of the service medals.

Representative Larkin, Massachusetts, also gave notice today that as soon as congress reconvenes he will introduce a resolution asking Daniels for a report on the awarding of naval medals. He promised that the House Naval Affairs Committee will go to the bottom of the dispute.

The department has been pleaded to award me a Distinguished Service medal as an expression of its appreciation for my service in the navy during my command. Admiral Sims is understood to have written, "but since the success of the forces abroad was chiefly due to the superior and efficient services of the officers recommended for distinction—and to them belongs the credit—I am necessarily placed in a position which renders me impossible for me to accept this award under the conditions now existing."

This becomes a serious question as to the one finally issued by Daniels for war decorations contains a number of instances of injustice to distinguished officers. It is contended upon the morale of service can not fall to be very detrimental.

The injustice lies not in the number of awards made but in the fact that the awards are issued to officers in a number of instances are not in accord with the relative merit of the services performed. The action of the awarding board is being reviewed by the department.

As soon as this data is ready, Daniels said, it will be sent to chairman Page and given to the public.

Larkin in a statement charged Daniels with arbitrary action and that Sims charges demand that the real facts be made known.

My resolution will call for the recommendations made by Admiral Sims and the other fleet commanders in the cases of the officers in their jurisdiction entitled to recognition, he said.

It will likewise call for a full report on the findings and recommendations of the board, of which Admiral Knigh was chairman, composed at the instance of Secretary Daniels to consider the case. In the third place the resolution will ask for the changes in the recommendations made by the Secretary himself and the reason for this arbitrary action on his part.

As a member of the naval committee I am convinced, however, that the matter is more far-reaching than this. When an officer of the prominence and distinction of Admiral Sims feels it necessary to decline the distinguished service medal himself, and to repudiate the entire proceedings on the part of the Secretary, incident to the award, I believe that the time has come when the congress and the people are entitled to the real facts. The awarding of a medal for distinguished service is a matter of such sacred importance to the individual naval officer, that the slightest rumor of political or personal consideration should not be allowed to go unchallenged.

U. S. TANK STEAMER AGROUND AT TAMPICO

TAMPICO, Sunday, Dec. 21.—The American tank steamer John D. Rockefeller is aground at the shore end of the jetty here. A high sea is running and it will be impossible to communicate with the tanker until it moderates.

Without attempting here to pass upon the validity of this contention, the report said, it will suffice to say that our order confining the application of the uniform distance scale prescribed, except where otherwise specified, to distances not in excess of 350 miles will apparently suffice to adjust equitably the contents of the various jobbing points and thus avoid an undue dislocation of the rates structure for longer distances.

LACLEDE TODAY PAYS HONOR TO GEN. PERSHING

First Visit to Home Town Since He Was a Captain 15 Years Ago

LACLEDE, MO., Dec. 23.—John J. Pershing, general, lauded today for his military fame, formally today and visited in this village his birthplace, and boyhood home.

When he stepped to the platform from his special car there was a rush by dozens of his boyhood chums and others to shake his hand.

Members of the committee in charge of the home coming celebration stepped forward but the general seemed to enjoy the situation for he permitted himself to be buffeted back and forth, giving a shout as he recognized some old friend.

ILLEGAL OPERATION CAUSED DEATH OF MISS MAUD TABOR

LAWTON, MICH., Dec. 23.—A signed statement accusing Joseph Virgo, of performing an illegal operation upon Maud Tabor has been made by Mrs. Sarah I. Tabor, 80 years old, mother of the brilliant linguist, whose body was found in a trunk in the basement of her home here, Assistant Prosecutor Glenn Warner announced this morning.

The statement, which is in direct contradiction to the story told by the aged woman at the inquest, covers 26 pages and was made to him, Warner declared, in jail at Paw Paw near here, shortly after midnight.

Mrs. Tabor charges that Virgo, who was married to Miss Tabor about a year before her disappearance in 1916, took her to a deserted farm house in the neighborhood of Lawton, kept her there three days and then brought her home where she died. The statement adds that Virgo crammed the body of his wife into what was to have been her "hope chest" and conveyed it into the cellar after she had prevented him from shipping the trunk out of the state.

Virgo held in jail. Virgo has been held in the county jail at Paw Paw nearly a month on a warrant charging murder.

INSANITY PLEA IN DEFENSE OF HARRY S. NEW

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 23.—Harry S. New, on trial for killing Frieda Lesser was insane at the time he shot the girl, his attorney attempted to show today through testimony of witnesses who said the youth was "queer."

New was known among his boyhood companions as "nutty" New, according to a deposition made by Mrs. Laura Porter of Indianapolis and introduced by the defense.

Other depositions said New had a habit of swearing profusely in the presence of women whenever anything excited him.

It was revealed in the depositions that New was employed as a street cleaner in Oklahoma City in 1910-11. Several depositions telling of his "queer" actions were made by his former associates in Oklahoma City.

MAKE OUT CASE AND FRAME INDICTMENT AGAINST EX-KAISER

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Law officers of the crown held a consultation with French and Belgian law officers today with regard to the former German Emperor. It is reported that the conferees made out a case against the former German ruler and framed an indictment.

BIG INCREASE IN THE RESOURCES OF BANKS AUSTIN, TEX., Dec. 23.—Resources of Texas state banks and trust companies increased \$124,309,741 from November 1, 1918, to November 1, 1919, and the number of banks increased by 56, according to a statement made today by G. W. Briggs, state banking commissioner. The 52 banks have combined resources of \$388,677,410.

CONTOVERSY RESTS UNTIL AFTER HOLIDAYS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The controversy between the operators and Attorney General Palmer regarding the coal strike settlement terms probably will not get under way until after the Christmas holidays.

The statement of Mr. Palmer that "the government will not assume that the operators will break faith, and faith in this vitally important transaction, ways will be found to keep action on the part of the operators directly concerned in the coal situation.

To just what extent the statement could be taken to mean that the attorney general's future action was today a subject of wide discussion. In some quarters it was regarded as an inner plan to force the operators to carry out President Wilson's proposal for settlement of the coal controversy.

TOPEKA, KANS., Dec. 23.—Governor Henry J. Allen declared today that "should a necessary action be taken he would not hesitate to call out volunteer coal diggers." The governor said he did not think the situation warranted such a step. He said he would be general enough to greatly curtail the output of the Kansas mines nor does he expect miners in other states to strike.

HOUSTON REPORT ON GULF COAST WEATHER

HOUSTON, TEX., Dec. 23.—Winds on Texas coast: Light to gentle southerly. Highway bulletins: Automobiles leaving today will have fair weather, light winds and moderate temperatures. Dirt roads have been drying fast, but continue heavy in places. Through journeys to Dallas and Fort Worth may be made but Grossebeck should not be included in the itinerary. Hemptend to Bellville, and Derders to Beaumont continue impassable.

KEEP TURKS FROM CAUCASUS REGION

LONDON, Dec. 23.—British forces have occupied Batum and Baku to prevent the Turks from penetrating the Caucasus region, according to a Moscow wireless.

NEGOTIATION TO BE OPENED BY LETTS

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 23.—The Lettish government has decided to open negotiations with the Soviet government of Russia for an armistice, according to advices from Riga.

MAKE PROGRESS WITH EFFORTS TO COMPROMISE

Both Sides Seem Willing to Give and Take in Treaty Controversy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—With both sides apparently willing to give and take, the effort to reach a compromise agreement for ratification of the peace treaty was progressing satisfactorily at conferences here between leaders of both sides.

Early ratification of the treaty was predicted by some senators with prospects of such action before January 16, which would give President Wilson an opportunity to lift the wartime prohibition and grant the country a wet period, before the constitutional amendment becomes effective on that date.

AMERICAN PARTY HAS MEETING IN DALLAS

DALLAS, Dec. 23.—The executive committee of the new American party in Texas met here Monday and discussed plans for its first state convention in 1920, but adjourned until June 6 without reaching final decisions. The June meeting will be held at Fort Worth. Waco was most prominently mentioned as the convention city during today's discussions.

The executive committee also called a meeting for the second Tuesday in May to decide whether the American party shall hold county conventions or primaries next year. This meeting will be held at Waco, which city was made party headquarters.

J. L. Tolson of Temple was elected campaign manager, Clusda Keast of Waco, state secretary, and W. G. Blakeslee of Austin, state treasurer. Walter I. Morris of Fort Worth was named chairman of the national executive committee for Texas, which committee will have seven members. Other members of the committee were James E. Ferguson of Temple, S. W. Porter of Sherman, A. Clark of Albany, Bruce McMeekin of Greenville, W. N. Jones of Wood county, and W. G. Blakeslee of Austin.

"Tell me." Have you heard it? Columbia record No. 2821. Shaw-Chambers Co., 697 Seventh street.

DALLAS COUPLE IS ROBBED OF \$4,000 IN NEW YORK CITY

NEW ORK, Dec. 23.—Two burglars attacked Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius Broderick, wealthy residents of Dallas, Texas, in their apartments at the Knickerbocker early today, and escaped with \$4,000 worth of jewelry. Two men were arrested in the grill room of the hotel.

The burglars pried open the door of the hotel apartment, struck Mr. Broderick over the head with a hammer, tied his wife to the bed, and then ransacked the room. They left by a window, climbing down the side of the building, "human fly" fashion. The arrests were made by three policemen with revolvers drawn.

Hundreds of persons at Broadway and 42nd street, the heart of the theater district, saw the burglars climb down the side of the building from the fifth to the fourth floor while a policeman on the street fired his revolver at them. The screams of Mrs. Broderick as the burglar struck her husband and started to bind her hands and feet aroused scores of guests in the hotel.

The two prisoners gave their names as Raymond Rodriguez and Adriano Heva, and their nationality as Spanish but refused to give their addresses.

Mr. and Mrs. Broderick arrived here yesterday from Dallas, where he is vice president of the Producers' Oil company. Last evening they attended the theater and Mrs. Broderick wore considerable jewelry. It is believed that the thieves followed them because the first question asked by them when they entered the apartment was the location of Mrs. Broderick's gems.

Mr. Broderick was stabbed in one hand by one of the burglars while attempting to prevent them from entering the apartment. After the thieves had climbed through a window in the fourth floor they slipped into the elevator shaft and slid down the cable to the grill room where they were caught.

When searched at the station a diamond mesh bag, valued at \$2500; gold watch and chain worth \$350; a diamond stick pin, diamond cuff links, and several small pieces of jewelry, all identified as the property of Mr. and Mrs. Broderick, were found in their possession, the police said. They also were equipped with a complete set of burglar's tools, it was asserted.

WIDELY KNOWN PIANIST AND COMPOSER IS DEAD
PARIS, Dec. 23.—Announcement is made of the death of Louis Joseph Diemer, a widely known pianist and composer. He was born February 14, 1842, in Paris.

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AUSTRIAN REPUBLIC NOW FACING ISSUE OF STATE'S RIGHTS

VIENNA, Dec. 6.—The Austrian republic is passing through a "state's rights" crisis very similar to that which marked an earlier stage of the American republic. Provinces are demanding a high degree of independence from the central government and in some of them such as the Tyrol and Upper Austria and Styria, it amounts almost to complete autonomy.

If their demands are eventually granted about the only thing that would be left to the central government would be foreign relations and the regulations of foreign import and export traffic and limited taxation. The states insist upon their right to levy export duties on goods destined for other states. Students of the situation say this is merely a phase of the transition stage through which the new republic is passing and will gradually cure itself.

Fire Department Called by Woman Thirsty for Booze

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Two hook and ladder companies, three engine companies, four deputy and battalion fire chiefs and a wagon load of police reserves and an insurance patrol were sent dashing through the streets of the upper west side early today all because Mary Behn, aged 40, wanted a drink of whiskey.

Mary explained that she paid \$5 to a bootlegger for a quart and that he failed to produce it. She could not find a policeman so she decided to

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ring for one but pulled the fire alarm box by mistake. She was given a drink of water in the police station and a charge of disorderly conduct was lodged against her.

GOVERNOR NOMINATES BOARD OF CONTROL

AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—Governor Hobby last night nominated as the state board of control: S. B. Cowell, Gray-

son county; A. R. Johnson, Burnet; L. W. Tuttle, Cherokee; M. L. Wigington of Hill county was named comptroller to succeed Mr. Tuttle. These appointments are effective January 1.



TOYS TOYS TOYS

Don't make the kiddies happy on the greatest of all holidays. Have an abundance of gifts of toys on the tree for them when they awake, sleepy-eyed, to see what Santa has left for them.

Hundreds of toys have been purchased and taken from our store but there are hundreds of them left for your selection.

Remember, there is only one day after tonight in which to pick the gifts for the children, the only way that we older ones can be made happy is to see the little ones happy with joy on Christmas day.

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TUESDAY, AMU THIS WEEK OF PANT WE... Marie Fitz cannot sing... the Katy... Wichita then singing, dan number was but Marie away who and "reduc gave. Last night well balance out. There the theatre, was very u... tona care a tion; the pe... waited a lon... to be plac... and the k... hands mean... women play... Miss Fitz... audience la... dium of a b... stories enfo... ally that de... was the dist... The open... Russell, lat... readers," pr... money, a "re... tugs that y... Extracting... terna, switc... the like, the... 29 minutes... speed ma... and those... and Jewish... patter, par... tions, race... chuckles. Beautiful and the mo... in the orch... vanderbilt... and compan... last night, red any st... although it... "The Gre... what elabor... did not "g... theater ma... spite the fr... more than... music exco... itself const... and we are... gram dem... name in or... receive add... beautiful w... "UPSTAIR...

AMUSEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM OF PANTAGES VAUDEVILLE WELL BALANCED BILL

Marie Fitzgibbons, who admits she cannot sing and who suffers from a cold she acquired "sitting up nights on the Katy," stole the headline honors on the new Pantages bill at the Wichita theater last night. A Russian singing, dancing and instrumental number was slated for spotlight fame, but Marie "throttled" it and carried away what little applause a frosty and reluctant audience grudgingly gave.

Last night's bill was good. It was well balanced and pleasing throughout. There were no empty seats in the theatre, but the lack of applause was very noticeable. Vaudeville actors care a great deal for appreciation; the people of this city have waited a long time for Wichita Falls to be placed on a vaudeville circuit—and the kindly thunder of clapping hands means much to the men and women playing the two-day.

Miss Fitzgibbons "reached" her audience last night through the medium of a bright collection of clever stories, enforced by a many personality that demanded recognition. She was the distinct hit of the new bill.

The opening number, Dorach and Russell, labelled the "musical railroaders," proceeded in a volume of harmony, a vein of humor and stage settings that were unusually beautiful. Extracting music from railroad lanterns, switch levers, car brakes and the like, the team held the stage for 20 minutes of genuine entertainment.

Speed marked the work of Canfield and Rose, a combination "straight" and Jewish comedian number. Their patter, parodies and idiotic recitations raced along, leaving a trail of chuckles.

Beautiful costumes, pleasant songs and the novelty of a singing-director in the orchestra pit comprised the vaudeville donation of Anita Arlins and company. The act failed to draw last night, if applause can be considered any standard by which to judge, although it deserved a good haul.

"The Kremlin in Moscow," a somewhat elaborate Russian number, also did not "get over" as well as the theater management had expected, despite the fact that the dancing was more than ordinarily good, and the music excellent. The violin solo itself constituted an entire number, and we are only sorry the theater program does not mention the violinist's name in order that the player might receive additional credit here for his beautiful work.

"UPSTAIRS AND DOWN" AT THE PLAZA TODAY

One of the best pictures the screen has ever seen—not a gruesome, soft melodrama that will make you feel like a washed out dish rag after you have seen it—but a corking, breezy, delightful comedy drama of the elite of Long Island, will be seen today at the Plaza theater, when Selznick Pictures presents Olive Thomas in the first of her series of productions under this management, "Upstairs and Down."

The upstairs and downstairs doings of a fashionable home party in Long Island furnish the main theme for this picture. Alice Chesterton, a merry little mischief-maker, who gets lights in getting in and out of scrapes, carries on a desperate flirtation with Terry O'Keefe, a gay son of Ireland, despite the fact that she is engaged to Tom Carey.

The result of a little plan conceived by the Ives, when they think that Alice has carried on her affair with Terry long enough, is that Terry no longer has eyes for the little "baby" but begins to notice Alice's sister, Betty. After many complications and laughable situations, things take a turn for the better and you will leave the theater crying through your tears.

COLGATE IS NOT ON DARTMOUTH'S CARD

HANOVER, N. H., Dec. 22.—Colgate is not on Dartmouth's 1920 gridiron card. The Hamilton collegians have been replaced by Holy Cross. According to Graduate Manager Pender, Dartmouth was not willing to play in Hamilton.

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FREE EMPRESS SHOW FOR THE CHILDREN ON CHRISTMAS MORNING

Manager T. R. Noble Jr. of the Empress theater announces a free show Christmas morning for all the children in the city. Not only will the children be admitted free of charge but each child who comes will be given an apple and a sack of pecans. The picture picture will be a western drama.

DANCE IN COMPLIMENT TO STUDENTS AT HOME

In compliment to a number of students who have returned for the holidays a dance was given at the home of Frank Nicholson, 1815 Tenth street Monday night. The Nicholson home was decorated with emblems of the season. Punch was served to about twenty-five couples who thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

The beginners department of the First Presbyterian Sunday School will hold their Christmas tree and special program Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the church.

ALL RURAL SCHOOLS IN COUNTY RECESS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

All rural schools in Wichita county recessed Friday until after the Christmas holidays, County School Superintendent Hal announced. The schools, more than thirty in number, will remain closed during the entire week and some will not work until after New Year's.

Appropriate Christmas celebrations will be held on Christmas Eve in many of the school buildings. Holiday exercises were also given on Friday afternoon in several schools.

FOUR ARE INJURED IN A TRAIN WRECK

MITCHELL, S. D., Dec. 22.—Four persons were slightly injured six miles east of here today when a Chicago and Northwestern passenger train, bound for Chicago, jumped the track.

Turkeys—Turkeys. We will have a limited supply of Christmas turkeys. Get yours early. No deliveries. F. B. Massey, 401 Lee street. Phone 397. 2052p

FLOYD F. HARDESTY IS HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Among the Christmas homecomers in Wichita Falls is Floyd F. Hardesty,

son of Mrs. Hardesty-Barclay. Floyd is first musician on the U. S. S. Olympic. Floyd who was born and reared in Wichita Falls enlisted in the U. S. navy in 1914, two months before the declaration of war with Germany. He

has been in continuous service since that time. He was stationed one year at Guantanamo, Cuba, one year at Gibraltar and about a year on the Russian and Italian coasts, a part of the time near Flume. For the past six months he has been bandmaster on the

Olympic Admiral Dewey's flagship during the Spanish-American war. He was recently discharged at Charleston, S. C. and has returned to Wichita Falls to make his home. He has a position with the Bradford Supply Co.

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Picture Show, Apples and Pecans, for all children under eighteen years of age.

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In this season of glad tidings and good cheer, permit me to express to my friends and customers my appreciation for the many favors extended during 1919.

Our people have been blessed in many ways. Our population has materially increased and our city has advanced with the times.

Let us look to the future and take advantage of the opportunities presented during the remaining days of 1919.

My wish to all is "A Merry Christmas and prosperous 1920."

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Persons subject to pay income tax and who refuse or neglect to make the proper payments are subject to criminal prosecution under federal statute, income tax officials announced Tuesday.

Income tax officials believe, however, that but few persons really desire to evade paying their income tax but that many through neglect or ignorance of the law, criminal prosecution is to be brought only against those who attempt to evade the tax with intent to defraud the government.

TEXAS COMPANY REPORTS TWO WELLS ABANDONED

The Texas Company's well in section 22, block 13, Wilbarger county, was abandoned as a dry hole on September 22, 1918, according to W. P. Corlett, manager of the Wilbarger department of the Texas Company.

OIL FIELD WORKERS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Several oil field workers narrowly escaped serious injuries late Monday when a heavy Texas Company truck crashed through a bridge on the Archer City road about three miles southwest of Wichita Falls.

LEO WITT WINS A TEN-ROUND BOUT

SPRINGFIELD, MO., Dec. 23.—Leo Witt of St. Louis won by a wide margin, the newspaper verdict in a ten-round, no-decision bout here last night, over Ray Rivers, California lightweight.

Famous Beauty Specialist Recommends Hair Tonic

A well-known Beauty Expert says SPLENIX is the remedy to use if you have dandruff. It gives hair a shining, healthy, and faded, SPLENIX will impart fresh vigor to the roots and stimulate new growth.

C. O. & W. WESTERN AND THE CHEYENNE SHORT LINE BECOME THE PROPERTY OF FRANK KELL

Acquiring interests of a number of other stockholders, Frank Kell, it has recently been learned, has become the sole owner of the Clinton & Oklahoma Western Railway, of which he is the builder and president, and of the Cheyenne Short Line, which will extend the C. & O. W. from Strong City, the present terminus, to Cheyenne, Okla., giving the line a total mileage of 60.

OFFERS TO BEGIN IMMEDIATE PEACE WITH THE POLES

LONDON, Dec. 23.—M. Tschichelin, Russian Bolshevik minister of foreign affairs, has offered to begin immediately peace negotiations with Poland, according to a wireless dispatch from Moscow. The Polish government was requested to indicate the time and place it would like the negotiations to open.

JEROME STONE PAYS \$50,000 FOR BLOCK 260 COMPRISING 18 LOTS

Jerome S. Stone Monday purchased from O. F. Marchman and J. J. Simon all of Block 260 comprising 18 lots between Eighth and Ninth streets and Brook and Grace streets. The consideration is reported in excess of \$50,000.

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PRINCE ALFONSO TO BE NATURALIZED CITIZEN

ROME, Dec. 23.—Prince Alfonso of Bourbon-Orleans, who recently renounced his title as infant of Spain and privileges of royalty, announced in an interview with the Giornale

LEADER OF TURKS IS ASSASSINATED

ROME, Dec. 23.—Mustapha Kemal, leader of the Turkish insurgents in Antolia, and head of the Turkish na-

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DECLINE IN RETAIL FOOD PRICES FORECAST IN STATEMENT ISSUED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL PALMER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Expectation of a decline in retail food prices beginning between January 1 and March 1 was expressed last night by Attorney General Palmer in a statement summing up the efforts of the government to date in forcing down the cost of living.

"The cost of living already under control," said the attorney general, "can be reduced if everyone who produces will produce his utmost, if those who buy and consume will save and eliminate extravagance and if all honest people will join with the department of justice in stamping out profiteering and hoarding."

Explaining that a downward trend in retail food prices ordinarily was shown during the first two months of a year, Mr. Palmer said it was the hope of the government "that this trend will be accelerated this year by the campaign initiated by the government which is just now getting well under way."

While waiting the enactment of additional legislation, however, the department of justice did not remain inactive. Section six of the act provided a penalty for hoarding and section seven authorized the seizure and sale of hoarded necessities. Since the Lever act was amended to provide a penalty for profiteering, 179 prosecutions will be instituted. Under provisions of that act in all cases brought to trial thus far, convictions have been obtained. There have been 99 cases of actual seizures under section six of the act and in many of these cases prosecutions are also contemplated under section six. In addition 22 cases of alleged hoarding have been called to the attention of United States attorneys for investigations, for seizures and for prosecutions if the facts warranted.

"These prosecutions and seizures have covered 18 states and the commodities seized have included eggs, butter, cheese, pork, poultry, fish, potatoes, coffee, flour and canned goods. Fifty-three of the above cases have already been disposed of by releasing the goods under bond of agreement to dispose of same within a specified time and at a reasonable price under the direction of the United States attorneys. In no case has the market been flooded by the wholesale disposal of such goods. In three cases involving hoarding, fines and jail sentences have been imposed. In one case a fine of \$100 was imposed, in another a fine of \$250 and three months in jail, and in a third case a fine of \$2,000 and five months in jail. This latter case has been appealed. Results of investigations are now being held before a grand jury in several districts and reports of large numbers of indictments are expected in the near future. Wherever possible a determined effort will be made to obtain jail sentence.

"In other words, the official data clearly show the significant fact that the cost of living as indicated by retail prices was no greater in November of this year than it was in August.

"The Lever food control act, under which the food administration operated and through the enforcement of which the department is now trying to reduce high prices, unfortunately did not provide a penalty for certain acts declared to be unlawful, and therefore the department of justice was unable to deal effectively with many cases of profiteering which came to its attention. Realizing the gravity of this situation the president appeared before the congress on August 8 and urged an immediate amendment of the food control act to extend its scope to

all the necessities of life and to provide a penalty for violations of section four of this act, which made profiteering unlawful and to extend the life of the act into peace time. The attorney general appeared before the senate agriculture committee in August and urged that amendments asked by the president be passed. Not until October 22, however, did these amendments become a law, and only since that time has it been possible to deal effectively with all cases of profiteering and hoarding.

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"Primarily, the notable factors involved in the cost of living are the needed increase in production, the elimination of extravagant buying and the determined hunting down of profiteers of all classes. I believe that the time has now come when the organization of the country has been completed to the point where real results can be shown. The cost of living, already under control, can be reduced if everyone who produces will produce his utmost, if those who buy and consume will save and eliminate extravagance, and if all honest people will join with the department of justice in stamping out profiteering and hoarding."

Maintain a Level.

Although statistics compiled annually by the government show that in previous years retail prices had increased during the fall months, Palmer said that in August such prices had been maintained on a level.

Since October 22, when peace act amendments to the Lever food control was passed, the attorney general's statement said, it has been possible to maintain on a level, hoarding and profiteering. From October 22 to date, 179 prosecutions have been instituted and prosecutions and seizures have covered 18 states, it was added.

"Retail Food Prices.

"Taking retail food prices as a basis, the index number of the United States bureau of labor statistics from 1911 to 1919, indicate that up to 1918 there has been a noticeable trend upward in such prices in the fall of the year, whereas since August this year such retail food prices have been kept practically stationary. By way of illustration, during the period of August 1 to November 1 inclusive, 1918, there was an advance in retail food prices, as indicated by the bureau of labor statistics, of 13 points; in 1917, 18 points, and in 1916, 16 points, as compared with no increase whatever in the corresponding period of 1919. Considering the four years from 1911 to 1914, inclusive, retail prices show a slight upward trend from September 1 to October 1. A greater upward trend from October 1 to November 1, and remained practically stationary from November 1 to December 1.

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"In August," the attorney general's statement said, "in connection with demands for increased wages by railroad shippers, based on the increased cost of living, the president announced to the public the view that the cost of living would be lowered as soon as there were settled conditions of production and of commerce, as soon as the treaty of peace was ratified and as soon as merchants, manufacturers, farmers and miners had a certain basis of calculation. In a statement to the shippers themselves, the president declared that the primary step was to increase production and facilitate transportation, so as to make up for the destruction wrought by the war and the terrible sacrifices it created. The president added that the government had taken up, with all possible vigor, the task of bringing the profiteer to book, making the stocks of necessities in the country available at lower prices, stim-

ulating production and facilitating distribution.

"The movement inaugurated at that time to gain control over the cost of living has been largely in the hands of the department of justice. It should be helpful to point out what has already been accomplished and what further steps are in contemplation. To assess the situation it is necessary to look back and ascertain what the trend of prices has been in the past years.

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COUNTY COURT HAS COLLECTED \$700 IN FINES DURING WEEK

Fines totaling more than \$700 have been paid in county court during the present week. More than a score of persons charged with various petty offenses have entered pleas of guilty.

Olaf Anderson, charged with the offense of carrying a pistol, entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$100.

B. Stewart, charged with a similar offense, also entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$100.

George Mound pleaded guilty to allowing minors to enter a pool hall operated by him in Wichita Falls and was fined \$50. Joe Keenan and Earl Keenan, brothers, pleaded guilty to the offense of petty theft and were fined \$10 each.

James Rosen entered a plea of guilty to a charge of assault and battery and was fined \$5.

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Former Senator Bailey and former Congressman Henry, we note from the dispatches, "buried their differences" at Waco the other night. But it is worthy of note that neither of them mentioned the other's gubernatorial aspirations or undertook to forecast if the "hatchet" would remain buried when their candidacies clashed. Mr. Bailey, professing to want a man standing for the "Fort Worth principles," so he might be prevented from "making the sacrifice" of entering the race, ought to see that man in Mr. Henry, who has come out four-square with the Bailey pronouncement from A to Z; and now that old personal and political differences have been buried, as we read they have, it is too much to expect an early announcement that Mr. Bailey, having found a man politically and personally satisfactory, has decided not to sacrifice himself on the altar of his former home state?

It is one of the anomalies of fate that Captain Alcock, after overcoming the terrific dangers of the pioneer non-stop trans-Atlantic flight, should succumb to injuries received in the comparatively tame effort of hydroplaning up the peaceful River Seine. Such occurrences as these are what make many men spell fate with a big F.

This from the Greenville, S. C. Piedmont is particularly pertinent in Texas this coming year: "Whatever the issues spouted about on the stump next year, underlying it all will be the same old inability of two sets of patriots to occupy one set of offices at the same time."

We should think by now there would be no doubt on the part of the Senate and bankers that President Wilson really wants John Skelton Williams for Comptroller.

Little Benny's Note Book
 By Lee Pope

JOINTS.
 Everybody's body has a few joints in different places to relieve the monotony and improve the motions. No matter how ungraceful a person is, they would be even worse without joints.

The neck is very common in the hands. They keep the fingers from being too much like the rest of the hand and can be cracked by some people more than by others. It is more a sign of mere amusement to be able to crack the necks than that it is a sign of intelligence.

The neck is joints half way down your leg. They are useful to need on and to prevent your feet from being set in a chair and want to keep from not doing absolutely anything. The neck is the hardest point on stockings, first hardest being the toes.

The neck is one of the most useful joints. It is just north of the shoulders and helps us to shake our head in any direction and turn it when we want to look at something. There is another joint at the other end of the arm to keep them attached to the shoulders and swing them around in a circle to keep warm. Thus preventing men and waggon drivers from freezing every winter.

RIPLING RHYMES.
 By WALT MASON.

Wint'ry Weather,
 The ice is on the river, the ice is on the lake;
 and on the shore I shiver,
 and feel rheumatic ache. I see the schoolboys skating upon the well known ice; for me, all watchful waiting must ever more suffice. Among the youthful frikers I have no place, alas! Behind my stack of whiskeys I sit and watch them pass. The snow is in the valley, the snow is on the hill, and there the children saunter; they're coasting with a will. I hear their joyous laughter, as down the slope they whiz, while I, in slat and rafter, have pangs of rheumatism. I sit behind my galley, and my little words give tongue; "your youth won't last you always, so go it while you're young!" I don't admire the gaffer, the ancient, drooping lad, who chides the young folks; "your youth won't last you always, so go it while you're young!" I don't admire the gaffer, the ancient, drooping lad, who chides the young folks; "your youth won't last you always, so go it while you're young!"

CHRISTMAS TREE AT CALL FIELD TONIGHT

The building at Call Field once used as an officers' mess will be reconverted with the merry laughter of the kiddies Tuesday night for residents of the aviation field community are preparing for a jolly yuletide celebration. The only office mess has been cleared of all furniture except chairs and an evergreen has been secured for the Christmas tree. Citizens of the neighborhood announce that there will be a gift for every child at the field. All children as well as groupings are invited to be present.

Just Folks
 by Edgar A. Guest

A CHRISTMAS MEETING.
 We shall rejoice if you are glad,
 And we shall weep if you are sad;
 No touch of pain can come to you,
 But what our hearts must feel it too;
 And so we ask of God tonight,
 Light He shall make your burdens light,
 And so protect you that you may
 Find happiness this Christmas Day.

We have but feeble gifts to give
 To smooth your way the while you live,
 We cannot stay the bitter tears
 Till your eyes, when grief appears,
 Nor change nor stop the cruel blow
 That steals your joy and hurts you so;
 We can but pray to God above
 To help you with His boundless love.

Yet if our will could rule on earth,
 No grief should ever check your mirth;
 Your fondest dreams should all come true
 And joy and peace abide with you.
 And so this Christmas-time we pray,
 That God shall grant from day to day
 Those joys to grace the life you live
 Which only He has power to give.

Side Talks
 by Ruth Cameron

Atrocious Telephone Manners.
 Why is it that so many women, who are otherwise fairly well-mannered, have such perfectly atrocious telephone manners?
 I called a number the other day and was given the wrong number by the operator and also put on the line that was already busy.
 When I was put on the line I asked at once if this was such and such a number. A feminine voice responded with great largeness that it was not, and that the line was busy. Of course I immediately tried to signal the operator to remove me and give me the number I wanted, whereupon the feminine voice, becoming several degrees tartier and shriller than before, ordered me to get off their line.
 Of course I was no more anxious to stay on her line than she was to have me, perhaps less so. I had five minutes to get a call before train time) but the only way I could get off was by signalling the operator. If she had given the matter an instant's consideration she would have known that, but she didn't. She just let herself go in a most rude and unpleasant way.
 Face to Face She Would Probably Be Decent.
 Of course she may not have been a woman of any breeding, but the first time she spoke there had been a slight suggestion of breeding underlying the tartness, and she would have known to find that she was a woman who, face to face with anyone, would use some measure of courtesy.
 You notice that I have specifically spoken of women's lack of telephone manners. This is deliberate. I think women as a whole are less considerate, less patient, less courteous telephoner than men. They are more apt to argue with the operator, quicker to assume that she is deliberately trying to block them, than men.
 Men Get Better Service, Why?
 Of course, women declare that one reason for this is that the telephone operators, being women, will serve men better than they do women.
 This may have something to do with it. But, on the other hand, I suspect that women are confusing cause and effect.
 A man, who feels sure that the reason men get better service is because they handle the operators more tactfully, told me that he noticed that when his wife gets the wrong number she always says, in a quick impatient voice, "Operator, you have given me the wrong number—please get it right this time" or something to that effect.
 "Don't Try to Put it Onto Her."
 "A man" says this admirer of his sex, "would never say that. He would say 'I have the wrong number' or something like that, that doesn't put it onto her. She may not be to blame at all, and even if she is, telling her doesn't get you any quicker service."
 That certainly is a good thought to keep in mind. And not only in regard to what you say, but as to how you say it. Nothing is communicated more quickly than nerves and impatience; nothing in the world "grinds the works" like getting the workers into a nervous irritated condition. If you can keep your voice and manner quiet and unexcited, you will get nothing of what you do for others.

HEADLINE HISTORY
WORLD WAR
 by G. S. Johnson

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WHAT HAPPENED DECEMBER 23.
 (1918 and dates 1914-1918.)

1914
 Germans in advance on Warsaw cross the Bura and Rawka rivers, also advance in Galicia. Allies launch new offensive from Rheims to Verdun on 60-mile front. France votes \$1,700,000 war credit.

1915
 French and Germans in severe local action on Vosges front. General de Castelnau, chief of staff of French armies arrives at Saloniki. British lost 112,921 men at Dardanelles; 25,375 killed.

1916
 Secretary of State Lansing admits that United States abandoning traditional policy of isolation may join League of Nations. Count Czernin succeeds Baron Buriak as Austrian Foreign Minister. Russians defend last of Dobruja against Mackensen's armies; hold but 29 square miles.

1917
 Germans advance northeast of Ypres; take first British line on 700-yard front aided by a heavy barrage. General Allenby captures six more villages in Palestine campaign. French General Guillaumat succeeds Sarrail as Allied Commander in Chief at Saloniki.

1918
 United States Senate passes six billion tax bill after long debate. "1918—AMERICANS ARE BUYING RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEALS."

GOLD WATCH FOR A CHRISTMAS PRESENT
 F. A. W. ("Whitney") Hoffing, secretary and treasurer of the local Cooks and Waiters No. 158, is sporting one of the finest Christmas gifts that a man could be given, a handsome gold Howard watch with the presentation engraved on the back. "Whitney" is very proud of the token and was showing his premature Christmas present to all of his friends Tuesday.

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 ENNYHOW!

GRAND JURY RESUMES WORK JANUARY 20TH

The grand jury will resume its investigations on Monday, January 20, after a recess of exactly one month. District Attorney Fletcher Jones announced Tuesday. While there will probably be a few changes in the personnel it is expected that the grand jury will be composed largely of the same members that served during the week prior to the holidays.

A total of more than forty true bills have already been returned by the grand jury and an equally large number is expected to be returned before final trial. Rigid investigations of various departments of the county government will also be made by the grand jury. It is announced.

Trial of persons charged on felony charges will take up most of the time of the Thirtieth district court during January. It is understood that a large number of pleas of guilty will be entered.

Union Painters.
 You are hereby notified that Local Union No. 393 will elect a full slate of local and general officers and amend the by-laws of the local on Tuesday night, Dec. 23. This meeting will be held in the new Labor Temple and you are urgently requested to be present on this important occasion.
 C. C. ANDREW,
 Recording Secretary
 Local Union No. 393.
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Miss Jewel Jones, chief deputy in the district clerk's office, left Monday to spend the holidays with her parents at Greenville, Hunt county.

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COUNCIL DISCUSSES PROPOSED INCREASE IN TELEPHONE RATES

SPECIAL AGENT FOR COMPANY PRESENT TO EXPLAIN THE NECESSITY FOR RAISE.

POSTPONE ACTION ON MATTER

Alderman Bundy Submits Report on Recent Dallas Conference on Gas Situation.

The city council, at a special meeting held Tuesday morning, went on record as opposing the proposed increase in rates announced by the local telephone company until the matter was thoroughly gone over and all of the reasons given by the company for the increase carefully considered. As the notice which the telephone company has mailed to its subscribers states, the proposed rates to take effect the first of January, 1920, are as follows: For residences, an increase from \$2.50 to \$3.00, and for business houses or commercial places, an increase from \$4.00 to \$7.00.

J. F. Henderson, special agent for the Southwestern Telephone and Telephone Co., appeared before the council to explain the position of the telephone company in making an increase in the rates without consulting the city council, as it is maintained in the charter specifically states should be done. Mr. Henderson discussed at some length the increased cost of running the telephone business due to abnormal conditions prevailing in this city, and declared that in the past year the company had lost in actual money about \$4,000 or something like \$4,000 per cent on the total money invested here. These figures, he added, were not "juggled" or "padded" in any way as they were the same as are filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Some of the arguments produced by Mr. Henderson didn't seem to make a very profound impression upon the members of the council, and while the individual members were not prepared to act with any finality on account of lack of information regarding the status of financial affairs of the telephone company, the action taken in disapproving the increase until the matter can be thoroughly threshed out was taken with due regard for justice both for the subscribers and the company.

The committee from the council charged with purchasing additional fire apparatus for the city of Wichita Falls was not ready to make a report at this meeting although one of the

members voiced the opinion that at least part of the combination apparatus should be purchased at the local factory or through local agents. Councilman Bundy, who has recently returned from Dallas where he represented Mayor Marlow in a conference with Mayor Wozencraft, of Dallas, the mayor of Fort Worth, Denison and several other cities and representatives of the Lone Star Gas Co. over the gas shortage situation gave his report of the meeting to the council. Mr. Bundy refused to cast his vote in favor of the plan suggested by Mayor Wozencraft to limit the domestic users of gas to 19,000 cubic feet a month by fixing a mounting scale of rates over that figure, so as to make any larger consumption almost prohibitive, until he could present the matter before the council.

LABOR DELEGATES IN 1920 MUST HAVE POLL TAX RECEIPT

All delegates to the Wichita Falls central labor body will have to pay their poll taxes before being eligible to take their seat. This action was taken at the meeting of the central labor body Monday night, the resolution requiring the payment of poll tax by all members of the trades assembly being passed by a large majority. The new regulation does not become effective until after New Year's.

A large attendance was reported at the regular weekly meeting of the trades assembly. Most of the time was given over to discussion of routine matters.

389 OIL COMPANY DRILLING AROUND 300
The 389 Oil Company's well in the eastern edge of Wichita Falls is down 300 feet, according to William J. Shelley. The stockholders of the company are largely members of the Wichita Falls plumbers' union and other trades organizations. The company was organized several months ago and received its unique name from the number of the Wichita Falls Plumbers' union. All stock in the company, totaling \$25,000 has been taken by union men, Mr. Shelley said.

PAINTERS UNION IS TO ELECT OFFICERS
Election of officers for the ensuing year will take place at the weekly meeting of the Painter's union to be held tonight at the labor temple. National officers will also be balloted upon and the vote sent to national headquarters of the Painter's union.

INTERURBAN LINE FEATURES MEETING DIRECTORS TODAY

The disposal of routine business, featured by few high lights of community interest, marked the progress of the weekly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce today. Of chief interest, perhaps, was a report on the status of the proposed Dallas-Wichita Falls interurban railway line, and the announcement of plans that may lead to better railroad facilities here.

A survey of the interurban has been completed, covering 125 miles of territory that the line is expected to serve. The survey and report was made at a cost of \$45,000, of which expense Wichita Falls is expected to pay one-third. J. A. Kemp stated to the directors of the Chamber of Commerce this morning his belief that the project is going to be put through successfully and that the cost of the survey will be returned. Although he and Frank Kell had pledged themselves to back the project, if necessary, the suggestion was made that a local bank advance the \$15,000 needed and that some 30 or 40 business men of this city sign a note for the loan. There was some discussion as to whether all of the benefit of the proposed line would not accrue to Dallas alone, but the directors voted unanimously to endorse the actions of Kemp, Kell and W. D. Cline in pledging local support to the project.

T. B. Noble, as chairman of the chamber's traffic committee, brought up the question of better railroad service, it being stated that the service given to Wichita Falls by the Fort Worth & Denver road is especially poor. It was pointed out, further, that the F. W. & D. is in reality a Burlington road, and that little or nothing can be done here without orders from the main office in Denver, Colo. A complete check on the service given by all roads is being made by the traffic committee, and a new and greatly improved schedule is being mapped which the Chamber of



CAPTAIN BERTRAM HAYES

KNIGHTED BY KING
Captain Bertram Hayes, commander of the steamship Olympia, was invested with knighthood at Buckingham Palace The Daily Mail says the honor to Captain Hayes as an officer of the International Mercantile Marine stamps the status as a great national service and seals the new status it has won so worthily.

Commerce will make a later effort to have adopted. A committee was appointed to take steps to obtain for the chamber the \$3100 due on the water pipe line to Call Field, in keeping with the contract between the chamber and the water company. The directors also appointed Mr. Kemp and R. E. Hoff delegates to the annual dinner of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, to be held in Abilene January 22, and referred to T. B. Smock, Frank Kell and T. B. Noble action on the minimum wage question due to come up for discussion in Austin soon.

NEARLY \$8,000 IS PLEDGED TO BUILD THE WICHITA HALL

After securing pledges for nearly nine thousand dollars of the ten thousand dollars required for building the proposed Wichita Hall at the Reynolds Presbyterian Orphanage at Albany, Mrs. Willie Addington, who has been here several weeks, returned for Albany last night confident that the remaining one thousand dollars would be pledged.

PROMINENT OIL MAN DIES AT HUMBLE MONDAY
Johnnie Webb, prominent oil operator, died at Humble Monday night as the result of injuries sustained when he fell from an oil derrick, according to advices received by local oil men. Mr. Webb had often been in Wichita Falls and was well known to oil men here. At the time of his death he was engaged as an independent oil operator and had extensive oil holdings in the South Texas fields.

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LONDON NEWSPAPERS AS A RULE ENDORSE PLANS FOR IRELAND

By ED L. KEENE
United Press Staff Correspondent
LONDON, Dec. 23.—The London press today generally accepted with enthusiasm Premier Lloyd George's plan for home rule for Ireland submitted in the house of commons late yesterday.

The premier's scheme for separate parliaments for Ulster and south Ireland was hailed by the morning newspapers as the only logical way to circumvent antipathy between these two sections.

Lloyd George's plan is a "proposal which should commend itself to freedom-loving minds everywhere," the Telegraph declared.

"It is an honest endeavor conceived with the single aim of ministering for the good of Ireland while maintaining unity of the empire," in the opinion of the Daily Mail, which characterized the premier's plan as "better than any previous government has submitted."

The premier's plan "should be suitable to all," the Chronicle asserted.

Lloyd George "struck a note, which, for a time he has failed to strike," the Times said, characterizing the premier's statements as "not worthy of his great office."

"The government should go forward boldly," the Times concluded.

Commons was packed with visitors when Lloyd George appeared to explain his heraldic plan. Many lords, prominent Irish leaders and diplomats were present. Ambassador Davis of the United States was in the diplomatic section.

Secret service men subjected all persons entering the parliament building to close scrutiny, challenging many to identify themselves.

It had been feared an outbreak might occur while the premier was speaking. There was no demonstration of consequence, however, while the prime minister spoke, although several members interrupted with cries.

Lloyd George worked up carefully to his subject. He spent half an hour going over the preliminary ground, recapitulating the troubles of Ireland in past centuries and deprecating outrages which have marked British rule in Erin.

"Ireland was more prosperous," the premier declared, "at a time when the nation was a man in the audience yelled, 'Yes and nationalism never was stronger.'"

Several members drowned the heckler with cries of "Hear! Hear!"

The premier continually referred to the United States for precedent of British's policy in Ireland.

"Great Britain will not tolerate Irish independence or secession," Lloyd George emphasized, declaring any move to separate Ireland from the empire would be fought with the same spirit the northern states in American manifested when they opposed the South's attempt to secede from the Union.

He admitted Ireland "never was so alienated from British rule as at present, but said any severance from the kingdom would be fatal to both.

Only one reference was made to the recent attack upon Viscount French, lord lieutenant of Ireland in Dublin. The premier characterized it as one of the most foolish in the history of political crime.

The premier then proceeded to explain his home rule plan with the two parliaments and provision for a

national assembly to be made up of representatives from both these bodies. The national assembly would be presided over by the viceroy.

Each of these national assemblies would bear its own expenses.

The premier's speech lasted an hour and a half. Concluding he said: "We are putting it up to Ireland."

Then, following the fashion set by President Wilson, the premier summed up his argument in 25 "points."

During debate on the foreign situation which followed the Irish plan, Lloyd George defended the secrecy of peace proceedings declaring that every one was trying to find a settlement and nobody "was playing the same against another."

CHICAGO WOMEN WIN FIRST ROUND OF BOUT

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23.—"First blood" in the fight of Illinois women against high prices went to the women today. Old Ill prices went down for the count on the first blow.

Seventy thousand women represented at a meeting here a week ago with United States Attorney General Palmer decided not to buy high priced eggs or other high costing foods. Eggs on the day of the meeting were selling for 77 cents a dozen wholesale.

Today eggs were selling wholesale for 65 cents a dozen, a drop of 12 cents and dealers were crying "help!"

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"Why, don't you know Christmas is here?" she replied in a manner that was emphatic and left little doubt of authority.

Whether the approach of the festive Yuletide instilled the desire to pop the long-delayed question, out of a desire to give "her" the best present in the world (so say the long-haired poets), whether it is to escape further demands of countless girl friends, or your own individual reason, nevertheless the license clerk is doing her best to bolster up the marriage market to offset the enormous number of divorces that have been issued the past few days.

The following marriage licenses have been issued:

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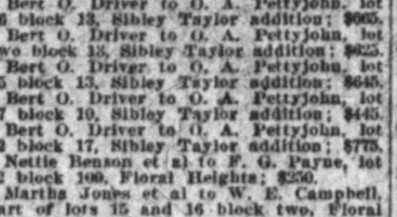
C. S. Jones to A. A. Kaufold, lot ten block 3, Floral Heights; \$1500.
Bert O. Driver to O. A. Pettijohn, lot 26 block 13, Sibley Taylor addition; \$600.
Bert O. Driver to O. A. Pettijohn, lot two block 13, Sibley Taylor addition; \$600.
Bert O. Driver to O. A. Pettijohn, lot 25 block 13, Sibley Taylor addition; \$600.
Bert O. Driver to O. A. Pettijohn, lot 17 block 10, Sibley Taylor addition; \$450.
Bert O. Driver to O. A. Pettijohn, lot 32 block 17, Sibley Taylor addition; \$750.
Nettie Benson et al to F. G. Payne, lot 12 block 108, Floral Heights; \$500.
Martha Jones et al to W. E. Campbell, part of lots 15 and 16 block two, Floral Heights; \$1 and other considerations.
Martha B. Jones et al to L. F. McClure, part of lots 15 and 16, Floral Heights; \$1 and other considerations.
Mrs. Ella Kennedy to Mrs. Aletha Barrow, lots one and two block "W," Iowa Park; \$275.
J. A. Kemp et al to E. S. Dougan, lots five, six and seven and one-half of lot four block 32, Wichita Falls; \$2500.
C. L. Fontaine to A. C. Boyles, lot 15 block 84, Floral Heights; \$2950.
C. H. Clark to Gulf Pipe Line Co., 80 acres block 31, Red River Valley Lands; \$8,000.
F. C. Carter et al to H. W. Gelbrath et al, lot ten block 32, L. Janick addition; \$5,000.

LEASES AND ASSIGNMENTS

C. W. Switzer to Neo-No-Shes Oil Co., one-third second of block 27, Red River Valley Lands; \$1 and other considerations.
Charles H. Smith to Neo Seal Oil Co., two and one-half acres block 21, Red River Valley Lands; \$10 and other considerations.
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Salina Cattle et al to E. T. Konrad, seven-sixteenths interest in two acres block 15, Red River Valley Lands; \$10 and other considerations.
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EDITOR'S NOTE—The following is the second of a series of comprehensive stories on the Mexican situation, written by a correspondent who just reached the border after an assignment to get first-hand information that carried him to Mexico City and return.

(United Press Correspondent.)
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By SAM I. FRIED.
LAREDO, TEX., Dec. 22.—Warlike moves against the United States by President Carranza in defiance of Mexican sovereignty are revealed for the first time in Mexico's "blue book." This book contains notes exchanged between the United States and Mexico and confidential messages covering the period from Carranza's overthrow of Huerta, through Mexico's neutrality in the world war. It is designed for private circulation among governments, particularly as propaganda in Latin America.

There are warlike pages, particularly in the record of Pershing in Mexico called in the "blue book" the "Columbus case." Pancho Villa raided Columbus, N. M., March 9, 1916. One of the documents contained in the book reads:
"One of Documents."
"(Document No. 10, telegram.)
"Celaya, Guanajuato, March 11.—General Manuel M. Dieguez, Empalme, Sonora.
"Am trying to prevent break with United States. Fear anything may happen. Place your troops in convenient points to prevent invasion of American troops. You should have everything ready to destroy the line from Nogales south and order the same steps to be taken in Naco and Agua Prieta. If war is declared, order construction of hand grenades that will help us greatly. Hearty greetings."
"V. CARRANZA."
Signed.
A similar message was sent to Gen. Placido Calles at Agua Prieta, Sonora on that date. To General Augustin Millan at Jalapa, Vera Cruz, Carranza wired:
"Our relations with United States are at the verge of breaking on account of Columbus incident. I suppose you are already.
"March immediately upon Vera Cruz and take every kind of precaution so that in case American marines try to land you fight them."
Telegram to Obregon:
During the negotiations at El Paso between General Hugh Scott and General Obregon, following the Columbus raid, Carranza telegraphed Obregon from Chihuahua:
"Make known to General Scott that any American force crossing the boundary line without both governments previously agreeing to a treaty to that effect shall be considered as an invading force and I will order it to be fought."
The stand was repeated in subsequent directions to Obregon. According to the highest authority it is officially the stand of the Carranza government.

ment today. "But circumstances may alter the case. For example—when the twenty-fourth United States Infantry crossed into Mexico last July and defeated Villistas who had previously whipped the Carranzista garrison.
"In his formal report on the completed parley said he did not convey the warning to Scott at that time but later, when American troops crossed into Mexico to pursue the Glenn Springs raiders, he imparted Carranza's messages.
"Message to Gen. Ricaut.
"Carranza telegraphed on May 26 to General Alfredo Ricaut at Matamoros and General Reynaldo Garcia at Nuevo Laredo, the following:
"If American forces should come across the border, I use into our territory through any point of the line under your charge you shall order your men to fight them immediately."
The following statement was made in a circular note to the Latin American governments, which appears in the "blue book" in connection with the incident at Mazatlan, June 18, 1916, when Mexicans fired on a boatload of American sailors from the gunboat Annapolis:
"The American government has ordered the immediate concentration of its army on our border, with visible hostility, wishing to draw us into a war, that neither the Mexican government nor the people have provoked. Although unfair and unequal such war seems unavoidable since the government and the people of Mexico are firmly disposed to defend their sovereignty and absolute independence even at the cost of their blood and the destruction of their wealth."
The Carranza government informed the state department during negotiations concerning proposed withdrawal of the Pershing expedition that "in case of refusing to return there's nothing left but to defend the Mexican territory by means of arms."
Nearly a month later, on June 20, 1916, Secretary Lansing replied:
"The United States government surely would be lacking in sincerity and friendship if it did not make it understood, very frankly, that the execution of such a threat would lead to the gravest consequences."
"All of the foregoing communications may be accepted on the highest authority as representing the attitude of the Carranza government today."

THREE YOUTHS BEFORE POLICE COURT TODAY
Three youths whose ages averaged less than seventeen years were haled into police court Tuesday morning on charges of agragancy. They had been arrested in the union station Monday night when they were found there asleep. They did not appear to be the usual "would be tough" type of boys and six of them said they had been working. Acting Judge Sartin admonished them for loitering around the station but let them go when they promised they would get a job. One of the boys said he didn't think there was anything wrong with sleeping in the station as he had heard of lots of people who had to sit up in the hotel bobbies and railroad station on account of not being able to get a room. However they all promised to secure work.
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CANARIES BEST SELLING PETS FOR HOLIDAY TRADE

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Canaries after valiant service in the war as "gas detectors" have won new laurels as the best selling pets of Christmas trade according to E. C. Vahle, dealer in birds and animals here.
"Americanization has reached the canary," said Vahle. "All of our best birds formerly came from the Maris mountains in Germany but now these are unable and we are forced to depend entirely on domestic canaries."
"The American canaries have not only replaced the German ones entirely but they have left them far behind in the way of prices. Domestic singers now sell for \$10 and up while we sold the German birds for \$2 and \$4."

Next to the canaries the biggest trade this year has been in fancy dogs—high priced Boston terriers, abradies, and bull pups, Vahle said.
"The high cost of upkeep for dogs does not deter people from buying them in larger numbers than ever before," he added. "Our dog sales this year have been a record. This only falling off has been in the cheaper varieties."
EPWORTH LEAGUE TREE IS LARGELY ATTENDED
A large audience attended the Epworth League Christmas entertainment at the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Tenth and Lamar streets, Monday night. A splendid program consisting of music, readings and addresses was delivered. Presents were given to all by Santa Claus, following which hot chocolate and cake were served.

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DEPUTIES INSIST ON MAKING CLEMENCEAU PRESIDENT OF FRANCE

PARIS, Monday, Dec. 22.—That Georges Clemenceau may be the next president of the French Republic is the consensus of opinion in the chamber of deputies. Despite the premier's veto upon his candidacy, several members of the chamber are resolved to place his name to the fore and are positive they can count upon the support of 450 members of the chamber and 150 senators.
Gaston Vidal, Henry Pate and Pierre Ramel told the Associated Press that the newly elected deputies were intent upon electing M. Clemenceau.
"It would be the strange irony of fate," he said, "if Raymond Poincare should be president of the council of ministers a few months after M. Clemenceau enters the Elysees Palace but that is quite within the order of events. We may have M. Clemenceau as president of the republic and M. Poincare as premier."

RATIFICATION NOW IMPOSSIBLE THIS YEAR
PARIS, Dec. 22.—Exchange of ratifications of the German peace treaty before the end of the year is considered in French official circles as impossible. This opinion was formed today when the head of the German delegation here announced that he would be obliged to return to Berlin to consult with the government on the latest allied communication.
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ILLUSTRATE FINANCIAL POSITION OF FRANCE

PARIS, Sunday, Dec. 21.—Illustrating the paradoxical financial position of France, the Petit Parisien compares the government which issues paper without covering fund to an individual who draws checks upon a bank in which he has no money. The traditional expense of Christmas and New Year's, however, is as great as ever in Paris.
No extravagance seems too great for those wishing to celebrate the season, reports from restaurants showing all seats to have been booked. Apparently the higher the price the less chance remains of finding places to eat Christmas dinner.

TO CELEBRATE MASS AT RHEIMS CATHEDRAL

RHEIMS, Sunday, Dec. 21.—Mass will be celebrated Christmas morning in Rheims cathedral by Cardinal Luçon. Part of the fire-swept, shell-shattered transept has been arranged as a chapel, a wooden roof and glass windows having been placed in the great structure by the committee of historic monuments and the Society of Friends of the Cathedral at Rheims at an expense of more than \$15,000.
Fifty children from the city who are being supported by the American Red Cross have been rehearsing Christmas carols for the service. Warm suits have been given them for Christmas gifts, there being no means of heating the cathedral.



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This doesn't necessarily mean, however, that he has reached an advanced age. Thousands upon thousands of people begin to break down, their vital organs giving evidence of fast approaching decay, long before they reach middle age simply because they fail to give Nature, at the proper time, the needed help to rebuild.
If you are beginning to show the slightest sign of a physical "let-down"—if you are losing your old time "pop" vim and vigor—if high tension energy and nervous strain are beginning to tell on you—it's a sure sign that you are growing "old"—too old for your years. You've reached that stage where your vital forces need rebuilding. Don't make the serious mistake

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- \$7.00 per month for single line business.
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- \$5.00 per month for party line business.
- \$1.00 per month for business extension.
- \$3.00 per month for single line residence.
- \$2.50 per month for party line residence.
- \$.75 per month for residence extension.

For a period extending over a year our expense in Wichita Falls has been many thousands of dollars more than our receipts. Our expenses are increasing as the months go by. With the additional revenue brought about by readjustment of rates named above, our receipts will be less than the expense which we must meet. We are hopeful, however, that conditions will become nearer normal and that we may be in a position to earn at least a small return upon our investment.

We already have under way extensions and improvements of our plant. Other improvements are contemplated. We are not sparing expense to furnish to our patrons modern improvements and the very best service possible. In every possible way, it is our purpose to try to keep pace with the fast growing city of Wichita Falls.

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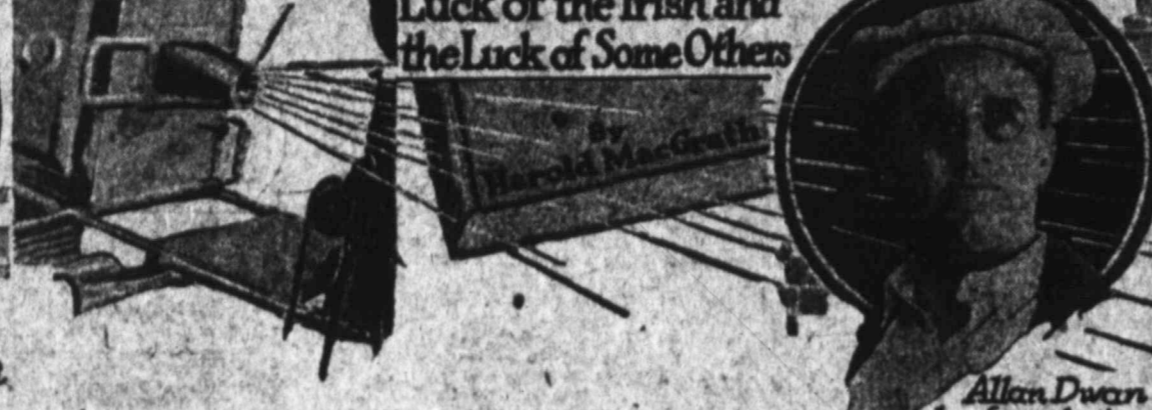
My Movie Confessions

By Harold MacGrath

Best Seller Novelist Tells His Experiences in the Motion Picture Game—Re-creating Himself in Fiction—The Luck of the Irish and the Luck of Some Others



An Interview by Harold MacGrath



Allan Dwan who forsook stars to direct authors

The movies are rapidly finding themselves. A trend of picture making has begun which, from all I can gather, will life-photoplays to a high level of art. It seems only yesterday that a surfeit of "Mysteries of the Wax Car" and other atrocious things reeled off in the studios made us despair of the movies ever doing anything worth while. Today one can see pictures that give keen enjoyment. I have seen many pictures that made me wish for nothing in their portrayal—surprising, I suppose this will seem to you, for I understand it is quite fashionable in literary circles to scoff at the movies.

Not that I think the movies perfect—oh, a long, long way from it. For one thing, too many of them underestimate the intelligence of their audience; too many deal in the obvious. Too many atrocities are still being committed on the screen. And then I recall with feeling having gone to see a production of one of my books, the picture rights to which I had sold to one of the big companies. The story was The Puppet Crown, a story I was particularly fond of, for I liked the heroine of it about as well as any character I ever drew. She was a strong character. Imagine my feelings then, when I sat in the theatre and watched my story on the screen. I could not recognize it. Back in the studio they had put it into a chapter and ground out hash. That is one thing I have against the movies—mayhem of my favorite heroine.

Yes, and The Voice in The Fog. That was another high crime. Donald Brian played the picture version of that one of my novels, and was his first and his last picture. Later I saw him and he said: "I'm through. Never again! They made me look foolish." They made me look foolish.

"Shake," I agreed. "They made me look foolish, too. Nobody who ever read The Voice in The Fog would have recognized it on the screen." The director had not begun to realize the possibilities of the tale. Did you ever notice how often, when the movies present the drawing-room of a wealthy man, they have filled with teakwood furniture? As soon as a man becomes rich, does he buy teakwood?

We hear much about the educational value of the movies. That is true, very true. The scenery, customs and all of foreign countries have been brought right into our theatres. Were a college to use motion pictures, it could educate in the modes and forms of life quicker than by any other way. But there is still a great educational work that the movies have left undone. In the studios, if they would only teach some of the stars and graduated show girls who fill in as guests at "receptions," if they would only teach them the correct use of the knife and fork! In close-up! Why, the educational possibilities of the movies are boundless.

MY FIRST MOTIE

I have watched the movies pretty closely. So many of my books have been produced that I'm ever trailing the picture theatres in the hope of catching upon one. I suppose it's a kind of morbid curiosity, a desire to see whether murder or merely assault and battery has been committed upon the story. Back in 1908, I saw the first-movie version of one of my stories. It was a short story called Rajah's Vindication. Since then, I have seen many versions of my stories, although, of course, the titles were not always the same, nor was I always down as the author; nor had I always sold my picture rights.

They tell me they have scenario writers in California who can swipe any plot, and tinker with it so an author will not recognize it. Unfortunately for my piece of mind, I seem to have a nose for plagiarism of my work.

When I went to see a production of my The Goose Girl, I got a shock. It was wonderful. The philosophy had realized everything I had ever dreamed of in the story. That quickened my interest in movies. One thought: "If they can do a thing so beautifully once, why can't they do it every time?" It showed me that the movies are capable of conveying to an audience all the romantic charm that comes to the reader of a romantic novel. But as I watched one play after another, it emphasized that such good productions were all too infrequent.

The thing obsessed me; it was like unravelling a crime. The evidence piled up to show that the guilt was double. That fearful thing which is called the "requirements of our star" was distorting good stories; and the movie magnate, one of those persons who used to press pants and now cables England to ask Charles Dickens or Thackeray to write scenarios for him exclusively, that person was to blame, too. He eager to buy more limousines and country places with Japanese gardens filled with Ohio statuary, was making his picture rights pictures too quickly. I wondered when they would get over the right track.

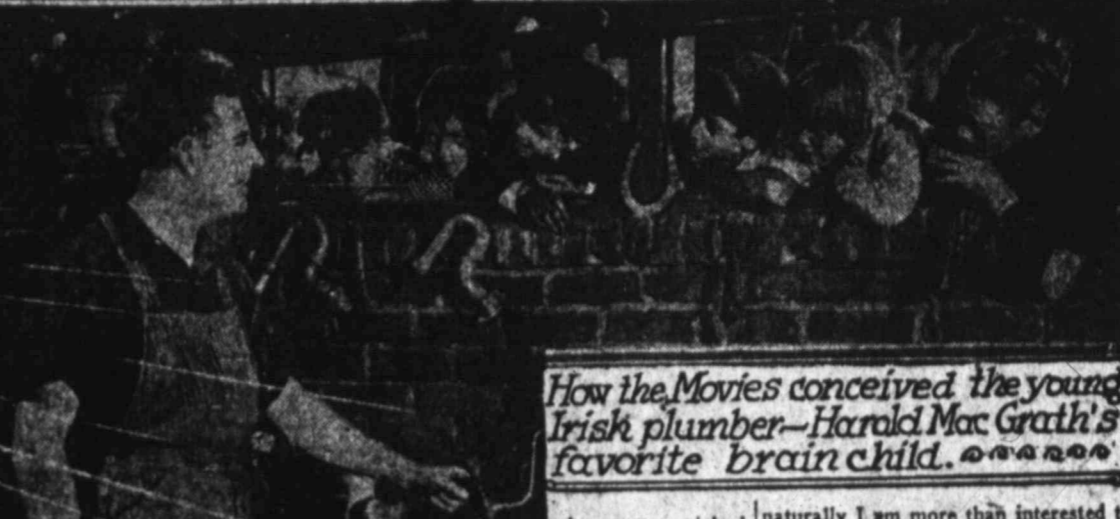
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The motion picture rights to most of my books had been sold by last winter, but there were a few left. And when I think what some of those books went for, a cold chill creeps over me. You remember The Carpet From Bagdad? Seven years ago a movie company bought the rights to that film, for—what? Five, ten thou-

sand dollars? Oh, no, for one hundred dollars! When the publishers told me they had sold the rights for that price, I had a stroke. When I heard that over my head they had not confined themselves to this one act of charity, but sold four more for the same price, I almost became a paralytic. Twenty-five thousand dollars is the price today for the movie rights to all my future work.

So many of my books have been done in pictures that I have been asked if I wrote them with one eye to selling the picture rights. Emphatically, no. I never wrote a story for the movies in my life. I think it is because I like clean romance and action that my stories have found the way to the screen. For after all the movies are far more democratic than are books. And in my writing, I always seek to entertain the great ninety per cent, holding that high privilege. Let writers who can do it better than I care for the needs of our highbrows.

Nine out of every ten writers would like to have their books done in pictures—no matter what they tell you. Of course, the war did away with much of the froth and frill in American writing and undoubtedly forced many authors to put red blood and punch in their stories. That will help the movies, add something to the story supply which seems to show signs of being quickly bought up. There are many good books that would make good pictures; that the movie people have passed by. It is easy to understand. They cry for good stories and most of them would not know a good story if it hit them. Did you know that one of the essential qualifications for a movie scenario editor is that if a he—he shall know nothing about



interest picked up. They told me that Allan Dwan had just formed his own producing company and that an organization called the Mayflower Film, a new-comer, had put almost unlimited funds behind him with the understanding that he make pictures for them alone.

I have in mind two books of my own—A Splendid Hazard and The Luck of the Irish. One company said that A Splendid Hazard had no movie in it. Our star likes to wear evening dress. Why the guy in this story's a plumber? I thought it better to wait a few years before trying to dispose of the picture rights to these books. An undying faith in the movies told me that intelligence was bound to come in.

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story construction and that—if a she—she shall be able to say: "Oh, how utterly lovely!"

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How the Movies conceived the young Irish plumber—Harold MacGrath's favorite brain child.

naturally I am more than interested to see how Dwan will conceive him.

Where do writers get their ideas for stories? One day some years ago I was in a cinema theatre in Paris. The movie I watched was entirely unusual and French. All the characters that one saw was their feet—baby shoes, jewelled slippers, pumps, brogans, riding boots, high heeled shoes. From the positions and movements of their feet it was conveyed what their owners were doing. The audience played the picture with its imagination. From that I got the idea of a young Irish-American, a plumber, working in a shop below the level of the sidewalk. Every day above his workbench he saw hundreds of passing feet and one day he fell in love with a very neat and very possible looking pair of feet. Then inheriting a fortune from an outrageously wealthy relative, he bought himself an around-the-world trip ticket, and met those feet, he loved, on the steamer, and—poor fellow. You see, a few years before I had made a trip around the world; hence that idea.

Easy, isn't it, to get a "best seller" plot? Try it—romance, lovable characters, color, action. Sometimes they ask me: "Why don't you write realistic novels?" What for? The ninety per cent go to the movie theatres and would rather see stirring, clean romance than "problems" and smut. Another point where Dwan and I agree on is that and on the "happy ending." There is no particular art in having a man blow out his brains at the close of a story or in having a deserted wife reading a love letter from her husband written during their betrothal. Americans are happy and healthy minded. And by the way, the most romantic character today is not the Irishman nor the Frenchman. He is the young American. His possibilities from a writing viewpoint are enormous. He is the quintessence of romance today.

MORTUARY.

Mary Joe Shone. 8-year-old daughter of L. A. Shone of 1408 Lamar died at the home of her parents Monday afternoon. The body was shipped by O. W. Hones the undertaker, to Denison for burial.

Die at Hospital. Mrs. Devane aged about 32 years, who lived on Burdick street, died at the general hospital Monday. The body is being held at the parlors of Hill, the undertaker pending advice from some relatives in Joplin, Mo.

PLANNING PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL BANQUET OF WICHITA CLUB

Wichita Falls—Her Tracks; a Rabbit or a Bull Moose.

Above is the subject to be enlarged by J. A. Kemp, when his turn comes at the annual banquet and meeting of the Wichita Club on the night of December 30th. The entertainment committee, headed by W. J. Martin, has selected other subjects also and many prominent men will be assigned to deliver a rapid-fire series of short talks.

Speaking, however, will be only one branch of the evening's program. Vocal and instrumental music, the best that can be obtained, and a department of fun and frolic will be added to the entertainment, the committee going on record today with the statement that no dull moments will be tolerated throughout the evening.

Invitations to the banquet and meeting are being mailed to all members of the club today. President N. H. Martin, has selected other subjects also and many prominent men will be assigned to deliver a rapid-fire series of short talks.

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SPORTS

LATEST NEWS AND VIEWS OF INTEREST TO SPORT FANS

HE IS A HERO IF IT WORKS; A "BOOB" IF IT DOES NOT

By HENRY J. FARRELL
 "The game is over," called the referee.
 NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Anything goes in football if you get away with it.

The fablest piece of judgment he comes clever strategy and great generalship when the play goes through.

The quarterback who violates all the unwritten rules of the game in trying to outwit the opposition is a hero when everything connects. But he is a hopeless boob, crowned with bone when the attempt fails.

Consider "Chic" Hays, greatest of western stars and one of the wonders of the modern game.

Hays had a habit of doing the things that the first lessons of coaches to green players said not to do.

But he got by with them in every case and he was the greatest of the great.

In the Michigan game with the ball on Ohio's 15-yard line he called for a forward pass. The terrific changes taken need no enumeration. But he got away with it. He pulled similar stunts in every game until some critics accused him of not knowing any better.

One of the most notable examples of "taking chances" occurred in the Penna. State-Pittsburgh game. It was State's ball on her own three-yard line. Hess dropped back of the goal line for what according to the unwritten law of the game should have been a desperate punt out. But Hess didn't kick. He stood there with the ball in his hands dodging Pitt tacklers. Then Bob Higgins, the sensational State end, got loose and Hess tossed the ball to him. Higgins ran 50 yards for a touchdown. The play went through and Hess was a hero. What would have happened if the throw had been blocked and a Pitt man had fallen on the ball?

They don't always work it that way, however. Sometimes the breaks go the other way.

Take the case of Herb Kempton, Yale quarterback, who took chances, and when they failed he became the target of assaults from the four corners. Early in the season he was routed for the all-American team; now he is called poor.

In the Princeton game, Kempton tried to pull a play that would surprise the Tigers. On Yale's 13-yard line, the blonde quarterback called for a lateral pass—a complicated play involving a double pass and depending upon a pass to him—10 in full speed for its effect.

Neville took the pass from Callahan and tossed it wide to Kempton who was speeding around Princeton's right end. Kempton missed and Scheerer, the Princeton end, snatched the ball from the ground and ran for a touchdown winning the game.

Again in the Harvard game, Kempton tried to outwit the Crimson defense and failed so badly that he was made to look stupid as a field general. In a march down the field, Braden and Neville had smashed through Kane, the Harvard tackle. Time after time until Yale had advanced the ball to Harvard's one-yard line. Every play up to that time had been driven wedge-like into Kane and he was badly battered. Kempton evidently thought the Crimson would guess his secondary defense behind the weak place in the line in anticipation of another drive at the hole through which all the Yale advances had been made. Kempton thought he might take the enemy unaware if he shot Braden, the big battering ram, through center. He tried that and found the whole Harvard team piled up like a big red wall in front of the smashing Eli fullback. He could not have gone through with a tank. Kempton was outgessed.

STIFF SCRIMMAGE WORK IN PROSPECT FOR OREGON TEAM

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 23.—Stiff scrimmage work was faced today by members of the University of Oregon football team who are to battle against Harvard here on New Year's day.

Huntington planned to have the Oregon string men, using Harvard players against the regulars. The men are in excellent condition and really can stand almost any amount of hard work.

Huntington has "Breck" Mitchell, assistant coach at Stanford, and Bart Spellman, who played for Oregon against Pennsylvania in 1917, helping him out on the coaching.

King Tyrus Didn't Abdicate in 1919 As Other Monarchs

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23.—Ty Cobb was one monarch who didn't abdicate in 1919. His throne as king of swat refused to topple. Batting average of the American League, made public today, showed Tyrus out in front with an average of .384.

Murphy, star, pinch hitter for the Chicago White Sox, topped the Georgia with a rank of .386 but participated in only 50 games against Cobb's 154.

The White Sox led the league as an organized gang of swatters. Their combined average being .287. Detroit, .285 and Cleveland, .277, were next in line. Connie Mack's famous experiments squeezed into eighth place with .244.

Others near the top, who played in 100 games or more, were: Veach, Detroit, .353; Brier, St. Louis, .352; Jackson, Chicago, .341.

Gill, Washington and Koob, St. Louis, preserved lustered records, each registering .300.

The averages lacked the customary standing of the clubs. Apparently President Dan Johnson did not care to indicate who should have third place money, pending the outcome of the Mays litigation.

HARVEY THORPE PUTS BOBBY ANDERSON OUT
 ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 23.—Harvey Thorpe, Kansas City lightweight, knocked out Bobby Anderson of Duquoin, Ill., in the third of a scheduled eight-round bout here last night.

ABOUT THE TROTTERS.

By W. H. SMOLLINGER
 Secretary American Trotting Association
 (Written for the United Press.)
 The topic of the hour among trotting horsemen is the yearling boom, as indicated by the prices paid for animals of that age at the annual "Old Glory" auction held in Madison Square Garden, New York, Thanksgiving week.

The "Old Glory" has been a yearly fixture for nearly a quarter of a century and during that time consignments of yearlings from practically every famous breeding farm in the United States have passed under the hammer there. The prices brought by these youngsters are considered indicative of the "pulse of the market" for trotters as is nothing else; so the results obtained have set the trotting fans agog as has nothing else in many years.

Last year a sensation was produced at the "Old Glory" when two batches of yearlings were auctioned for figures never before equaled. The top-line was the consignment of colts and fillies sired by J. Malcolm Forbes (3:8), bred and owned by James R. Magowan, of Mt. Sterling, Ky. There were fifteen of them and they sold up to \$5,500 each, the average for the fifteen being \$1,512 per head.

Second only to them in money-bringing was the consignment of twelve-yearlings by Peter the Great (2:07 1/2), sent on by Laurel Hill Farm, Indianapolis, Ind. They sold up to \$5,000; and their average price was \$916.

These figures eclipsed everything else of the kind previously known, the best average ever before obtained in "The Garden" for a consignment of yearlings having been that of Magowan's record for thirteen head by J. Malcolm Forbes in 1916.

It was a question of great interest with horsemen, and, especially, with breeders, whether at this year's auction these prices would be equalled or beaten, or whether a falling off in value would take place. The result has been that far higher prices have ruled than before, and new records have been set.

The auction opened on Monday, November 24, and that day the Laurel Hill yearlings, by Peter the Great, were offered. There were thirty-one of them, or three more than last year, yet such was the demand for them that they averaged \$1,154 each, or over \$200 more per head than a year ago.

The Magowan lot was sold on Tuesday, it numbered twelve, all, as before, by J. Malcolm Forbes, and when the last one had been knocked down, the record established last year by the same consignment of \$1,512 per head, was knocked into smithereens, for the average attained was no less than \$1,700—a gain of nearly \$400 per head.

The remarkable thing about these

sales and prices is that fact that the two sires whose offspring have returned their breeders' such record-breaking amounts, are half-brothers, Peter the Great is a son of Pilot Medium, and J. Malcolm Forbes is a son of Bligen, but both are from the same dam, namely, Santos, by Grand Sentinel.

Something like thirty years ago the late D. D. Streeter, of Kalamazoo, Mich., picked up for a comparatively small sum a bay filly that had been bred by another resident of the same town, S. A. Browne. This was Santos. As she did not promise brilliant speed, Streeter decided to use her for breeding purposes and she now ranks as one of the premier speed producers in trotting history. Bred to Pilot Medium she produced Peter the Great. He won the Kentucky Futurity, the most valuable trotting race in America, with about \$10,000 to the winner, and then Streeter sold him to the late J. Malcolm Forbes of Boston, for \$20,000.

Forbes was at that time also the

owner of the famous stallion Bligen (2:06 1/2) and Streeter decided to breed Santos to him. The produce was J. Malcolm Forbes.

These two half-brothers are far and away the two most remarkable trotting sires that any one has ever produced. The get of Peter the Great has won over three-quarters of a million dollars in stakes and purses, while the get of J. Malcolm Forbes includes no less than forty-eight that have trotted to standard records (2:30 or better) as yearlings, which is more than all other sires combined are credited with.

KETCHEL KNOCKED OUT BY FRANK CALLAHAN
 OMAHA, NEB., Dec. 23.—Frank E. Callahan, knocked out Eddie Ketchel in the third round last night with a right cross to the jaw.

CHARLES LEDOUX IS NOT ABLE TO FIGHT
 LONDON, Dec. 23.—Charles Ledoux, bantamweight champion, pulled out of a newspaper decision last night over Europe, is suffering from an attack of bronchitis and will be unable to meet Pat Moore, the American boxer, on Friday night. Eugene Cretqui, a French bantamweight, has been engaged to take Ledoux's place against Moore.

BENNY LEONARD GETS NEWSPAPER DECISION
 ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 23.—Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, gained a newspaper decision last night over Jake Abel, local welterweight in ten rounds of fast boxing.

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BIG BUSINESS BRANCH OF UNCLE SAM'S ARMY

CAMP TRAVIS, TEXAS, Dec. 22.—If you were operating the only general store in a small town, and if one evening while you were enjoying your pipe and newspaper, a man were to drive up and inform you that four million people were emigrating from Mars and would arrive at your town in a few weeks and that you would be expected to feed, clothe and shelter them indefinitely, you would be practically in the position that the Quartermaster Corps of the United States army found itself on the declaration of war with the central powers.

In the spring of 1917 there were in the United States some four million young men who were about to become soldiers, although they little suspected the fact. Before they entered the army, as well as after they were in it, these men consumed such ordinary necessities of life as food, coats, trousers, socks, shoes and blankets.

These simple facts lead directly to the mistaken conclusion that the problem of supplying the necessities of life for the soldiers in the army was the comparatively simple one of diverting into the camps substantially the same amounts of food and clothing as these young men would have used in their homes if there had been no war.

However, this is very far from being the case, as a consideration of the supplies furnished the army will show, and while the army at its maximum consisted about one-twenty-fifth of the total population, the army consumed nearly more than that proportion of the country's supplies. For example during 1914, sixty-one million wool socks were made in the United States while during 1918 the army purchased ninety-six million. Of blankets there were eight million made in 1914 and during 1918 the army purchased eighteen million.

In order to expedite the handling of the vast amount of supplies consumed, the personnel at the New York depot of the Quartermaster Corps was increased from seven officers and three hundred and four civilians to three hundred and four officers and fourteen thousand four hundred forty-one civilians. Corresponding increases were made to the personnel at other depots throughout the country.

The reason for the enormous army purchases are not far to seek. In the first place, men who went to camp received complete equipment of new articles that have been worn out. In peace time goes mainly to replace articles that have been worn out. In the second place, the supplies required for an army increases in proportion to the distance that separate the army from its base. In the third place, the consumption in action is three or four times the peace rate.

The stream of supplies going forward to an army may be likened to the water delivered against a fire by the old-fashioned bucket brigade. For every pallid thrown on the fire there must be many that have been taken

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From the source of supply and away on the way. When an Army is three or four thousand miles from its base the amount of supplies in reserve and in transit are enormous, as compared with the quantities actually consumed each month.

The rule generally followed for clothing was that there should be for each man at the front three months supply in France, another two or three months' supply in the United States and a third three months' supply in transit. Wool coats for example last about three months' in active service, and so for every coat on a man's back in France there had to be a coat in reserve in France, a coat in transit, and a coat in the States at the front, therefore, four coats were needed.

From the foregoing it will be seen that compared with the expansion of the "Big Business" branch of the army the work of the man who expanded a shoe string into a department store was not at all remarkable.

CHRISTMAS TREES SELL FOR AS LITTLE AS 50¢ ON THE CHICAGO MARKET

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Christmas trees today sold for as little as five cents, "take your pick" in some places, and ranged up to \$1.65 with the evergreens still a drug on the market. Resistance of local representatives of Santa Claus to pay the \$2 first demanded not only had driven down the price but resulted in 20,000 trees being distributed gratis last night and an additional 22 carloads being offered today.

"Tell me," Have you heard it? Columbia record No. 2531. Shaw-Chambers Co., 507 Seventh street.

will cram the stockings so full that there will not be room for a tiny doll. Saturday a big stack of money was seen on the freewill offering table in the exchange building—representing several hundred dollars. If Santa Claus misses any youngster in Vernon it will not be the fault of the big-hearted oil men, who are richer in worldly affairs by oil developments, for their money makes all hearts throbb with joy.

The Pope Oil Co., operating in section 43, block 13, has resumed drilling, following an interruption since last summer. C. H. Galewood, the secretary, states that the rumor that the contract had been forfeited is an error. He says the company ran out of water in September and were confronted with the choice of paying the drillers \$100 a day or cancelling the contract. They accepted the latter alternative, which saved a considerable sum of money. The same men are again drilling.

Leading activity has been unusually brisk the past week, notwithstanding the holidays. The Magnolia Petroleum secured acreage approximately 3,000 acres, for \$25,000. Following this, the Lone Star Gas Co. and the Fidelity Oil Co. acquired acreage in this county, which shows interest is not lagging in the Wilbarger field.

Notice: Being unable to secure offices for the present, my practice is limited to calls. Dr. A. J. McNeen, phone 90.

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