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ALLIES SCOUT IDEA OF PEACE NOW BUT PLAN NO HASTY ACTION ON NOTE

OFFER IS RIDICULED BY SOME ENTENTE PAPERS

Although comment by entente newspapers upon the peace proposal by Germany ridicules and urges prompt rejection of the offer, there is some sentiment against hasty action by the governments.

Officially, none of the entente powers has given any indication of its attitude, further than that it has been announced that Great Britain's position will be made known tomorrow if the other allies have heard from at that time.

The position which the United States will occupy in the negotiations is the subject of much interest and it is considered probable, Washington dispatches say, that President Wilson will urge the entente powers to give favorable consideration to the offer.

The communication which the United States will transmit will not state Germany's terms; these are to be made known whenever the allies accept the offer to discuss peace. It is considered probable that the allies' answer may take the form of an announcement of the terms upon which they are willing to make peace.

The peace offer has had no effect upon the war operations, although there is no news of interest from any of the battlefields, save that in Roumania.

GERMANY READY TO DISCLOSE HER TERMS OF PEACE

PROPOSALS ARE REPORTED AND
WILL BE MADE KNOWN IF OF-
FER MADE TUESDAY MEETS FA-
VORABLE RESPONSE

COMMENT OF PRESS NOT IN GOOD FAITH

View Offer As Sign of Germany's
Strength, Reichstag Members Be-
lieve Advantage to Remain With
Germany, Whatever Outcome.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—Although Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg did not disclose the details of the peace proposals which Germany and her allies are prepared to make peace in his speech before the Reichstag, such proposals are ready and will be communicated to the entente powers if the chancellor's offer should fail upon resumption of the war. The members gathered in keen discussion of the chancellor's speech, the general expression being that the situation would be advantageous to Germany whether or not the chancellor's offer was accepted by the entente.

Commenting on the peace proposals, Germania, the Catholic organ, expresses special pleasure that the central powers appeal to the peace as well as to other neutrals. It enthusiastically approves the peace overtures, which it terms the "evils of the stronger in war and performance of the holiest of duties to humanity and Christian morality. The speech of Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg before the Reichstag in which he declared Germany was prepared to make peace was not marked by a single expression of dissent while the significant passages were greeted with heavy applause and cheers. The exact registry of the Lananos in dispute. Owned by Finlay Miller & Company of Manila, and under Philippine registry, her sale to the Norwegian firm had been reported before she left Manila.

FRENCH PAPERS CALL PROPOSAL "A CLUMSY TRAP"

DECLARE GERMANY MADE HER
OFFER SEEKING INTERNAL AND
EXTERNAL EFFECTS; BUT WITH-
OUT SINCERITY

TRYING COAL DUST AS GAS SUBSTITUTE

Pittsburgh Manufacturers Make Ex-
periments When Fuel Supply
is Threatened

Berlin, Dec. 13.—A clumsy trap is the caption under which the morning papers print Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech in the Reichstag. "The time for feints is over," says the "Petit Journal," "we are no longer in the presence of the trial efforts of those persistent appeals in interview and newspaper articles. Von Bethmann-Hollweg summoned the Reichstag not to hear his speech, but to be confronted with an act. We do not know it at Berlin there are people so naive as to imagine that the allies are likely to swallow this clumsy bait, even on the moral of the events in Roumania. In any case, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's statement shows that the military cherishes no such illusions. What is still more certain is that the treacherous German move aims at something else than genuine peace. The speech of Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg is intended to convince the people that the government is not responsible for the sacrifice of a single ally. It is an ambition. That is the explanation in the pretended moderation of the tone of the speech."

STOCK EXCHANGE IN TOKYO CLOSED BY PEACE NEWS

By Associated Press, Dec. 13.—The peace proposal of Germany and her allies caused such a violent slump in the stock exchange that the market has been closed temporarily by the directors.

BERLIN REPLIES IN LANAO CASE

BOYS SINKING OF VESSEL JUSTI-
FIED BECAUSE CARRIED
CONTRABAND

NOT AMERICAN SHIP SIXTY ARE INDICTED

Residents of Kentucky Mountains
Billed By Federal Grand Jury
For Conspiracy

Berlin, Dec. 13.—Germany's reply to the American inquiry on the sinking of the American steamer "Katharine" by a German submarine on October 28, received from the state department today, contains the information that the sinking was justified because the vessel carried contraband of war. The ship, however, was not an American, but had been transferred to Norwegian owners.

UNIQUE CHARGE OF FRAUD FILED

ALLEGED THAT FAKE BANKS AND
STORES USED TO GET TOTAL
OF \$80,000.

CANADA LOSES TORPEDO BOAT AND ALL HANDS

By Associated Press, Dec. 13.—The Canadian torpedo boat Grise, commanded by Lieut. W. Winkler, has been lost at sea with all hands. This announcement was made today by the naval service.

STEAMER GOES TO HELP BUT FINDS NO TRACE

By Associated Press, Dec. 13.—The steamer "Halla," which went out from Shelburne early today to assist the Grise, reported at noon that she had been unable to find any trace of the vessel in the position reported. The Grise sent out wireless calls for assistance last night saying she was sinking off Little Hope.

ASSAULT CASE AGAINST WATSON'S IS CONTINUED

By Associated Press, Dec. 13.—Announcement was made here this morning by District Judge A. M. Blackburn that the case against T. J. Watson and one of his sons, indicted for assault on murder State Bank Examiner Eldred McKinney which was to have begun today in the district court of Freestone county had been continued until next February.

VILLA PLANS TO HARASS BORDER

WOULD DIVIDE MEN INTO SMALL
GROUPS TO LOOT AND
BURN

By Associated Press, Dec. 13.—Francisco Villa announced in Chihuahua City he intended to divide his men into groups of 25 men each and distribute them along the American border and in the interior of the United States to loot and burn property under his instructions, a letter received from a prominent Chihuahua City business man and forwarded to Washington today, stated.

LETTER IS RECEIVED

Advices At El Paso From Chihuahua
City Tell of Bandit Leaders
Scheme.

HOLD CONFERENCE ON PAPER FRIDAY

Plans For Federal Distribution of Sup-
ply To Be Considered in New
York

By Associated Press, Dec. 13.—American and Canadian paper manufacturers whose representatives propose distribution of news print paper by the federal trade commission as a remedy for one phase of the news print situation will meet in New York Friday, instead of in Washington it was announced today, to name a committee to confer here Saturday with a committee of publishers and jobbers and members of the trade commission.

BRITISH VETERAN SAYS PROPOSAL IS "RUBBISH"

By Associated Press, Dec. 13.—General Sir O'More Creagh who succeeded Lord Kitchener as commander in chief in 1909, ridiculed Germany's offer of peace in a statement made today. He said: "My opinion can be expressed in a few words. I can only characterize this official peace offer as pure rubbish. General Creagh retired from the army in 1914 after 47 years of service. Since then he has been active in organizing the British Volunteers.

PEACE PROFFER HAS NO EFFECT ON BATTLEFIELD

GERMANS PROCEED WITH HAM-
MERING OF ROUMANIANS WHO
ARE AGAIN REPORTED TO BE IN
FULL RETREAT TO NORTEAST

OVER 7000 CAPTIVES

General one of Entente Press Com-
ments is Not Optimistic As to Prob-
able Success of Germany's Over-
tures.

The Associated Press summarizes European war operations as follows: Fighting is continuing on the battlefields of France, but interest in the operations is overshadowed by the peace promises of Germany and her allies.

Military operations within the past 24 hours have focused on Roumanian war area. Here the Teutonic armies are continuing their advance in eastern Wallachia, although, but interest in the Roumanian resistance has been overcome along the Jalomita river, where a stand had been made by the Roumanians, reinforced by Russian cavalry. The Roumanian armies are reported again in full retreat to the northeast, presumably falling upon the Hungarian front in the Balkan and southern Moldavian border.

More than 7,000 additional prisoners were taken by Field Marshal Von Mackensen's army yesterday.

The proposals are voluminously commented upon by the press, but with the handicap of lack of definite knowledge of the terms upon the Teutonic powers are willing to discuss peace. In general the tone of the entente press comment is not optimistic as to the probable success of the overtures. German papers lay emphasis upon the offer as a sign of strength rather than of weakness.

Great Britain's attitude, according to London dispatches may be known in the House of Commons when it reconvenes tomorrow provided the time proves sufficient for her, to consult with her allies.

ADVANCE IN OHIO OIL PRICES ANNOUNCED TODAY

By Associated Press, Dec. 13.—The Ohio company today added five cents per barrel to all grades of oils, with the exception of Plymouth which was raised ten cents. The new prices are: North and South Lima, \$1.52; Indiana, \$1.51; Cooper, \$1.75; Illinois and Princeton, \$1.57; Plymouth, \$1.22.

OVERLAND AGENTS HOMeward BOUND

Spending This Afternoon in St. Louis
Wichita Falls Believes in Moving
Pictures.

Special to The Times
On board Overland Special, some-
where in Illinois, Dec. 13, after 30
hours of continuous fasting, enter-
tainment and instruction at the Over-
land plant, the Texas Overland agents
are spending homeward today. The
special was contracted for 800 cars
in 1917 for this district and the
Overlanders will stop there for five
hours to be the guests of the St.
Louis Overland Company.

Everybody is imbued with en-
thusiasm after the visit to the great
Overland plant last night. More
than half of the contract of the Over-
land factory for 1917 has been com-
pleted and half of the agents are
yet to arrive.

The Wichita Falls members of the
party yesterday saw themselves in
motion pictures, which were taken af-
ter their arrival Monday and shown
on the screen a few hours later. The
whole Texas contingent was shown
the Wichita Falls members being
close up. They wore actors in a Tex-
as holdup, the baggage car on the
special, being made to represent an
old-fashioned bar. The picture show-
ed a card game and holdup scene.
"Lad" Hancock of Vernon received
a painful powder burn on his hand in
the action.

GREEKS AND FRENCH AGAIN ARE FIGHTING

Fighting is in
progress between Greek regular troops
and the French, the Overseas News
Agency announces.

The news agency says the fighting
is taking place north of Kalmaris
about 50 miles south of Saloniki and
that the Greeks have a force of 5,000
men.

WILSON MAY BE ACTIVE IN PEACE MOVE

LIKELY TO INTIMATE TO ALLIES
THAT THIS COUNTRY IS VERY
DESIROUS THAT DISCUSSIONS
SHALL PROCEED.

NO TERMS KNOWN NO HASTY ACTION

Believed to Have Been Purposely
Omitted From Chancellor's Speech
So As to Permit Basis For Opening
Negotiations.

By Associated Press, Dec. 13.—President Wilson's course of action in connection with Germany's peace proposals remained undecided today while he awaited the official proffer which the central powers have asked the United States to transmit to their enemies.

The impression grew that while the president's first consideration was to safeguard his usefulness as a peacemaker by omitting any comment that might possibly be coupled with a rejection by the entente powers, there was a disposition to find some way, however delicate and informal, to intimate the sincere desire of the United States that some basis for discussion at least might be reached.

Many officials felt that an indication of the temper of the entente governments should be available before the influence of the United States was thrown into the balance.

The United States, by reason of its dual responsibility of representing the interests of most of the Central powers and the entente governments in the capitals of their enemies, would, of course, become the medium of communication through which any reply of the entente governments to the central belligerents would be made.

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LONDON TO GIVE VIEWS TOMORROW

LITTLE CONFIDENCE THAT ANY
RESULT WILL COME FROM THE
PEACE OFFERS AS TIME IS CON-
SIDERED INOPPORTUNE.

JORDAN CONSIDERS OFFER SINCERE

American Peace Worker Says Allies
Must Consider Germany's
Proposal

By Associated Press, Dec. 13.—Dr. David Starr Jordan, member of the American Neutral Peace Conference and Chancellor of Stanford University, was quoted today as follows on the German proposal for peace: "Germany's proposals, while only an initial step, are of great importance and to be held are in my opinion, thoroughly sincere and frank. They are made at a time when the central powers have reached the height of success and necessarily must be reckoned with by the allied powers because they are fair in the matter of territorial restoration. The world awaits with anxious moment the manner in which Germany's proposals are received by the entente powers."

SWEDES BELIEVE ALLIES WILL NOT REJECT AT ONCE

By Associated Press, Dec. 13.—German's peace proposal caused the greatest sensation in Scandinavia according to a Copenhagen dispatch. The Danes in authoritative Swedish circles that it is believed there the German offer will not meet with immediate rejection by the allies. The Copenhagen politician believes that in view of what has happened in the last few days in Russia, France and England, it is unlikely the allies will agree to start peace negotiations.

BULGARIAN HOUSE HEARS PROPOSALS

Premier Says Army Will Continue to
Hold Positions Until Further
Orders

By Associated Press, Dec. 13.—Premier Radostoff read in parliament today the note delivered to the United States and Switzerland, expressing the willingness of the central powers to discuss peace. The House of Parliament was thronged when the note, the premier said: "Our armies are holding their positions and will continue to fulfill their tasks until further orders."

By Associated Press, Dec. 13.—Individual deposits in state banks at Wichita close of business November 17, this year amounted to \$173,000,267, according to a statement issued by the department of banking today.

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MAN REPORTED DEAD, INDICTED

BONES FOUND ON THE RUINS OF
HOME NOT THOSE OF
HUMAN

CHARGES OF ARSON

Both "Corona" and Wife are Billed
By Grand Jury After Investiga-
tion.

By Associated Press, Dec. 13.—Although what was thought to have been his bones have been buried, J. A. Morgan last night was indicted by the grand jury at Dimmitt, Texas, on a charge of arson. His wife, similarly indicted, has been arrested. A deputy sheriff is seeking Morgan in Sweetwater.

WILL DRIVE VILLA FROM CHIHUAHUA

General Murgueta Says Will Stick to
This Object—Thinks It Will
Take Month

AUSTRIAN NAMED TO RULE POLAND; MAY GET CROWN

By Associated Press, Dec. 13.—Vila and his followers will not get a moment's peace until the state of Chihuahua is cleared of all rebellion and brigandage, General Francisco Murgueta, the new commander, declared today. He said he was sent to Chihuahua to establish order and he intended to stick to this object until it had been accomplished. This might take, he observed, a month; he was confident it would not take longer.

STATE BANKS DEPOSITS TOTAL OVER \$173,000,000

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BONUS GRANTED TO PRAIRIE EMPLOYEES

Oil Company Gives Extra Compensation
to Nearly All of Its
Workers

GERMAN PAPER SCORES WILSON IN BELGIAN CASE

By Associated Press, Dec. 13.—The Kolenne Volks Zeitung publishes a sharp attack on President Wilson in connection with the representations to Germany regarding the Belgian deportations. The newspaper considers his action incorrect, and says: "We contest the right of the president of the United States to act as a moralist with regard to the acts of belligerents."

AUSTRIAN NAMED TO RULE POLAND; MAY GET CROWN

By Associated Press, Dec. 13.—Archduke Chas. Stephen of Austria has been selected to be regent of Poland with the prospect of election as king later.

MINERS IN NEW MEXICO REPORTED ASPHYXATED

By Associated Press, Dec. 13.—Several miners were reported to have been asphyxiated at Pinos Altos mining camp near here today when they drilled into a gas pocket in a mine. Doctors in automobiles have been rushed from here to the scene.

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**MEDICAL SOCIETY
ELECTS OFFICERS**

Annual Banquet is Held Tuesday Night—Dr. R. C. Smith is New President

The annual election of officers of the Wichita County Medical Society was held last night in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. After the election of officers and a program a banquet was given at the St. James hotel.
During the program in the Chamber of Commerce rooms Dr. M. M. Walker read his report on his visit to the northern clinics which was very interesting and instructive. Doctors Everett Jones, retired president and Q. B. Lee, retired secretary gave reports on the year's work declaring the past year has been the most successful in the history of the county association and mentioned many out of town men have been brought here to read papers on the different subjects. Dr. J. E. Baker made a very interesting talk on "What the Society Should Do."
The following officers were elected: Dr. R. C. Smith, president; Dr. Sheppard of Byers, first vice president; Dr. Bolin of Charlie, second vice president; Dr. M. H. Glover, pathologist at the Wichita Falls Hospital, secretary and treasurer; Dr. W. H. Ogden of Electra was elected to fill a vacancy in the board of censors.
The meeting adjourned at ten o'clock and went to the St. James where a banquet was served. The following were present: Doctors Lee, Jones, Walker, Kiel, Amason, Glover, Hartsook and Smith of Wichita Falls; Russell of Petrolia; Bolin of Charlie; O'Brien of Electra; Crimner of Electra; Collins of Iowa Park; Sheppard of Byers; and Lindley of Archer City. The following visitors were present: Doctors Graham of Wichita Falls; Cox of Electra; Clark of Iowa Park and Moose of Baltimore.

ADDRESSES PUPILS ON "OPPORTUNITY"
Rev. Harry F. Draper Delivers Inspiring Talk at High School This Morning
High school students this morning heard an inspiring address on "Opportunity" by Rev. Harry F. Draper of the M. E. Church, this being one of the regular series of Wednesday morning chapel talks by local ministers. Mr. Draper in his talk, took as examples four of the most successful Americans and told how they had taken their opportunity when it presented itself. Andrew Carnegie, he said, rose from a lowly railroad employe drawing meager pay to the great steel king; Westinghouse saw in a railroad accident in which he was injured the opportunity of his life time and invented the air brake and other devices which made him wealthy; Woolworth, the five and ten cent store man was once a clerk and Weyerhaeuser the lumber king worked up from a roustabout in a lumber camp. The students received the talk with much interest.

MANY PURCHASERS FROM OUT OF TOWN

Increasing Number of Outsiders Come Here To Do Their Christmas Shopping
An unusually large proportion of outside business is reported by Wichita Falls merchants for the Christmas shopping season. Farmers from Wichita, Clay and Archer counties as well as numerous residents of the towns within a radius of 50 miles of this city, are doing more of their Christmas shopping in Wichita Falls than ever before, local business men declare, while the volume of local business is as great as could be expected.
One merchant said that out of twelve shoppers in his place at one time yesterday, only three were residents of Wichita Falls. The out of town shoppers come either in their automobiles or on convenient trains and take advantage of the wider selections that the larger stores here afford. Some trade from across Red River in Oklahoma is reported, and it is that section coming to Wichita Falls to spend the proceeds of their grain and cotton yields.
Merchants report that while the "do your Christmas shopping early" propaganda was heeded by more folks than usual, there was still plenty of room for improvement along that line and the prospect for the final rush were about the same as ever.
Heavy business is reported in practically all lines; extra help has been made necessary in nearly every store and the holiday trade is giving the stores all they can handle. Last year's business which was much heavier than expected, will be easily surpassed this December it is declared.

SOMETHING WRONG WITH THIS CHARGE OF SPEEDING

A member of The Times force was among those docketed for speeding at police court this morning. He was summoned by telephone. "I haven't any automobile except a baby buggy," he told the officer. The police were finally convinced that a mistake had been made.

YOUNG MAN ENDS LIFE WITH PISTOL

Place in Flats is Scene of Suicide Late Tuesday Afternoon

Joe J. Newsome, about 23 years old shot and instantly killed himself, for some unknown reason, in a room at Bessie Bradshaw's place in the flats last night shortly before six o'clock. A 32-calibre pistol was used and the size of the hole together with the torn appearance of the wound indicates the the weapon was pressed against the forehead.
No motive is assigned for the suicide, no note being left by the deceased. One of the women at the house admitted to Night Chief McDonald, who with Officer Lenley Humphria were the first to arrive at the house, that Newsome had been "pretty drunk" and a half pint bottle of whiskey found almost empty on his person, indicated that he had been drinking. Newsome had been here only about a week and spent most of his time at this house, according to the information the officers were able to gather. One of the inmates of Bessie Bradshaw's said that she had known Newsome intimately for about four years. She seemed very much affected at Newsome's death. She said that Newsome's parents lived near Hamlin, his father being a farmer.
The father of the deceased on being communicated with directed that the body be sent to Hamlin for burial.

97 CARS PER MONTH REGISTERED SINCE JULY 1

Registrations of automobiles since July 1 have averaged 97 cars a month, or more than three per day. To date the number of cars registered has been 318. This number will not account for all the cars here on the local market for Wichita Falls is a distributing point for a considerable slice of West Texas and Western Oklahoma, and the above figures represent only the cars registered in this county.

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POLICE DECLARE WAR ON SPEEDERS

Six Arrests Made Tuesday and Five of Them Plead Guilty Today

War was declared on speeders yesterday by the police and Officer Mac Ashford detailed to work on violations of this character. Six cases of speeding before Judge Whitelaw in the police court this morning was the result of this campaign. One of the defendants showed a disposition to fight his case—which was passed until tomorrow in order to give him a chance to summon his witnesses. Five plead guilty, each of the pleas of guilty costing a five spot. "I'm going to give you boys a chance to get fully sobered up so you can enjoy a big drunk Christmas," was the remark of the court on passing \$10 fines on two section hands who were in court again right after a release from working out a fine for intoxication. They had been shipped out the morning before to work with a section gang more than a hundred miles away, but were back in town in the afternoon and in jail before night. Two other drunks got the minimum \$5, and a negro was taxed a similar amount for fighting with his brother-in-law, termed on the docket as disturbing the peace.
The Catholic ladies will serve a turkey dinner Saturday at the Hearne Cafe.

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AUCTION OF PROPERTY OF GERMANS IN NIGERIA
Associated Press Mail Correspondence.
London.—The public auction of German property in Nigeria—which aroused so much interest in and out of parliament through opposition to negotiations being allowed to bid—was commenced November 14 before a large attendance of business men interested in the West African trade. Nineteen lots of property situated in Lagos, of the total of ninety-four, were put up and disposed of to British interests for \$1,491,250.
The highest price for one lot comprising the freehold site and premises formerly occupied by the Woor mas Steamship Line, of an area of eight thousand square yards. The smaller lots were taken by Liverpool merchants interested in the African trade.
The best buttermilk on the market for sale at Pure-Milk Products Company, \$2.50

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CAMEOS WORTH \$10.00 FOR \$3.65

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 And share your luck, and follow
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"Will o' the Wisp" another lad is wooing me:
 A busy lad; a steady lad—forever he's pursuing me!
 My mother bids me choose him;
 And why should I refuse him
 For a roving heart that every man predicts will be undying me?

"Will o' the Wisp" if ill luck is to harry you,
 And if your end of rainbow quest in the mire will carry you,
 If rule you are facing
 With your wild goose chasing,
 You'll need a heart to bear you up,
 Let come what will—I'll marry you.
 —Daniel M. Henderson.

MESDAMES BEAN AND MOORE
 HOSTESS FOR WACO GUEST
 Bridge enthusiasts of the girls and younger matrons were entertained Tuesday afternoon at the B. J. Bean

horns on Tenth street, the hostesses Mrs. Bean and Mrs. Mark Moore thus paying a compliment to Miss Bess McKinney of Waco, guest for the week of Mrs. Bean. The approach of the Christmas season was noted in the flowers with which the attractive home was decorated. Carnations in red mingled with the green of ferns carried out the holiday colors effectively in the reception room and library and in the dining room a novel fruit arrangement provided the decoration. At the same time observing the chosen color motif. Ten tables of playboys marked the game's progress on miniature Santa Clauses and the favors went to Miss McKinney, silken gamsol, honor prize, Mrs. W. B. Shoberg for high score, silk hose, Mrs. Lester Burns, vice prize, individual salts in cut glass and Mrs. E. F. Sanders, low score, box of stationery. The luncheon course was in Christmas effect, the chicken salad being served in crimson cases with water and olives, the Christmas pudding was garnished with crystallized fruits and the mints were red and green. The guest list included: Misses Audrey Adickes, Blanche Kahh, Flora Reisenberg, Lucille Sherrod, Willie McNeil, Molly Flowers, Orvot Wyatt, Hazel Hunter, Kathleen Stonecipher, Mable Simpson, Mary Orth, Agnes Reid, Kemper Slinger, Maude Erwin, Cora Lee Waggoner, Mesdames Betty Lev Bacon, Walter Dauscherry, Wiley Blair, Jr., W. W. Little, Everett Jones, E. Stokes Jr., John O'Donnell, Burton Stuyton, John Humphries, Marvin Smith, John Shaw, E. E. Sanders, W. B. Shepherl, Lyon, John Gould, Holding, Carter, M. Moore, M. E. Garrison, Jerry Chesnut, Burns, Wade Walker, Ben O'Neil, Wiley Blair, R. L. Taylor, Elbert Allday and Lindsay Bibb.

MRS. E. L. SMITH HOSTESS TO MATINEE BRIDGE CLUB

The Matinee Bridge Club members Tuesday afternoon enjoyed their usual bridge and then a quail luncheon with Mrs. E. L. Smith as hostess. Christmas emblems, wreaths of holly and scarlet bells made the rooms in which the card-tables were arranged unusually attractive and the score cards were also in Christmas effect. High score prize a card table cover, was won by Mrs. Terrell. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. T. M. Courcy. Players included: Mesdames Craven, Dent, Fisher, Greenwood, Moore, Morris, Marcus, T. B. Smith, Pounds, Terrell, Harry Weeks, Fred Weeks, D. J. White, Griffin, Reese, Miss Carrie Dent, Out of town guests, Mrs. Dulston, Ward of Beaumont, Mrs. Bell of Little Rock, Ark., and Miss Nira Dent of Chicago.

MISS PHILLIPS HOSTESS TO FLORAL HEIGHTS 42

Tuesday afternoon the Floral Heights 42 Club held their last session until after the holidays, the scene of the game being the Fore home on Travis with Miss Cora Phillips as hostess. Holly wreaths, bells and garlands of red and green with a Santa Claus or other Christmas emblems used here, and there, lent color and beauty to the house. The luncheon course was also attractive in arrangement, consisting of Manhattan salad, cheese straws, pickles, olives, saffines, fruit salad and cake. Miss Julia Davis and Mrs. W. S. Curlee tied for high score. Members and guests present: Misses Smoot, Catherine and Julia Davis, Martin and Thora Fore, Mesdames, Wheat, Shamburker, Johnson, Curlee, Rountree, Beatty, Prothro and DeBerry.

MRS. GELASKE ENTERTAINS ROWENA CIRCLE TUESDAY

The Rowena Circle spent a very pleasant afternoon Tuesday with Mrs. Anna Gelaske hostess, election of officers featuring the business session. These officers are: Mrs. R. H. Hamsey, president; Mrs. Elmer Allroy, vice-president; Mrs. C. E. Bland, secretary and Mrs. Joseph South, treasurer. After the few minutes devoted to business the newspaper was read by Mrs. South and was the source of much amusement and laughter. The social hour had for its chief diversion a literary contest in which the "quick" and accurate mind were put to a test. Mrs. B. L. Richardson being fortunate in winning the handsome prize. The tempting which the "quick" and accurate mind were put to a test. Mrs. B. L. Richardson being fortunate in winning the handsome prize. The tempting which the "quick" and accurate mind were put to a test. Mrs. B. L. Richardson being fortunate in winning the handsome prize.

W. C. T. U. PLANS TEMPERANCE RALLY

Plans for a temperance rally the first week in January in which the W. C. T. U. will be assisted by the Ministerial Alliance of the city were made at the regular meeting of the union Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. E. Norton. The program was carried out as announced with unusually helpful devotionals conducted by the union. Harry Draper of the M. E. Church and the subject, "Votes For Women" was discussed by Mr. Draper, who considered equal suffrage from a scriptural standpoint which the speakers was served then the members paid a short visit to Mrs. White, one of the members confined to her home through illness. As a parting pleasure came an automobile ride, which ended in the members being conveyed to their respective homes. The members present: Mesdames Smiler, Hamsey, Allred, Richardson, Wallace, Bland, South and Gelaske. The club will meet next January 2 with Mrs. J. C. Lesgett, 511 Eleventh street.

Dried Vegetables Prove Popular as War Diet in Berlin

Associated Press Mail Correspondence. Berlin.—Berlin's establishment for drying vegetables which went into operation in July is already drying some forty tons of vegetables daily and an enlargement of the plant now building will almost double its capacity. It is operated in connection with one of the great gas plants of the city, where it obtains an abundance of cheap fuel, using altogether the waste from the gas retorts and coal cars. The drying house serves as a safety valve for the Berlin market. It often happens here as at all other great centers of population, that more vegetables come upon the wholesale market at certain times than the retail trade can absorb. Whenever this happens to the case the superior cars loaded with vegetables are switched off and carried to the drying establishment. It is chiefly for this reason that the latter war as it now believed, kept up permanently—as a regulator of the vegetable trade even after the war.

The vegetables dried are chiefly cabbages, but also spinach, carrots, turnips, kale, potatoes and some others are included. When a correspondent of the Associated Press visited the drying plant he found some 20 women occupied in trimming cabbage heads, washing, cutting, drying and bagging them. Special machinery was used for the work. The washing for example, is done in shallow tanks, through the bottom of which air is forced in many jets and under great pressure; this causes a violent boiling movement which thoroughly cleanses the vegetables within a few seconds. Before the cabbages are thrown into the slicing machines, a girl holds each head under another machine that neatly bores out the stem. The sliced cabbage is then parboiled for about one minute and then sent to the drying kilns. These are large iron furnaces about eight feet high; they hold about ten frames of vegetables at once. The frames about twelve by eight feet, have a bottom of wire netting upon which the cabbage mass is thinly spread. The drying process takes two hours. The dried product is then put into bags and piled away in the store room.

At present the dried vegetables are used only for feeding the inmates of the various charitable institutions. It is expected, however, that much of the product will be sold in the markets toward the end of the winter, when the general supply of vegetables grows scarcer.

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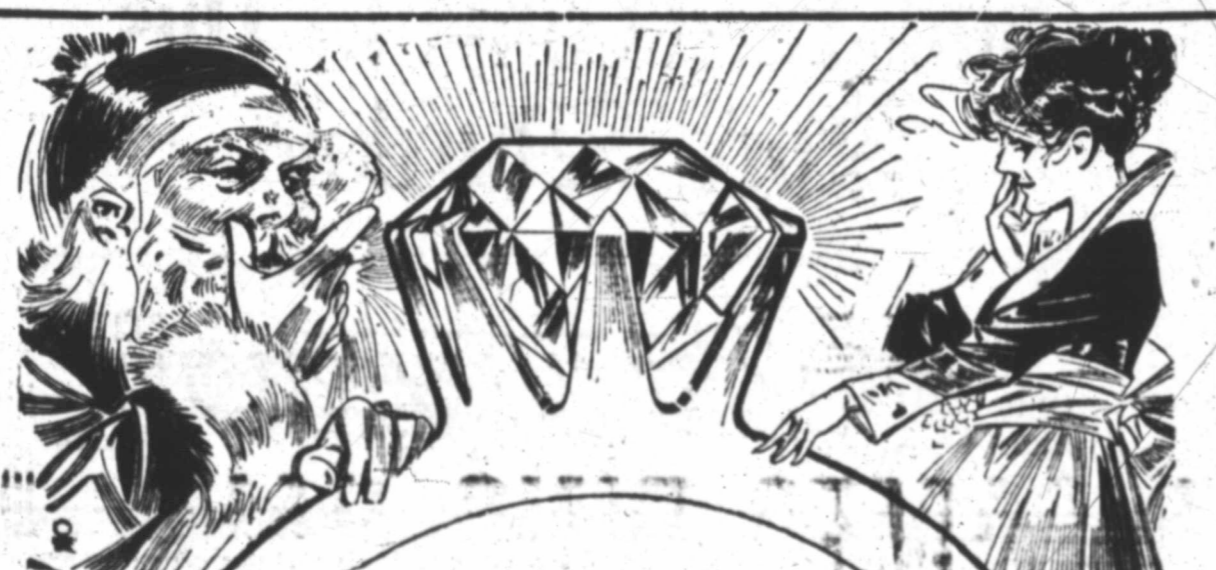
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AMERICAN PROFESSOR SERVES IN GERMAN ARMY

Associated Press Mail Correspondence. Leipzig, Germany.—One of the oldest and most distinguished men in the ranks of the German armies is Professor Gaspar Reno Gregory, native of Philadelphia, former pastor of the American chapel in Leipzig, and now professor of theology in the University of Leipzig, who, at the age of 60, is serving in the trenches as a non-commissioned officer.

Professor Gregory enlisted as a volunteer and despite his advanced age was accepted. He has risen steadily in the ranks. He not only is mentally as fresh as anyone in the ranks but is a consistent physical example to his younger comrades. He was born in Philadelphia in 1846, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1867, went from there to the theological seminary at Princeton and came to Leipzig in 1873.



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sideration in the entente councils. Rather does it seem that the world is to be tantalized with the hope of peace for a season, only to have that hope shattered and dissipated with eventual certainty.
 It is good to think that "responsibility to God, to the nation and to humanity," should be accorded even a thought in the midst of the slaughter, when it seemed to the world as if He had been forgotten. It is good to think that peace should receive as much as a passing thought in the minds of the war-lords; but that is the full measure of comfort one may find.
 Chancellor Von Bethman-Hollweg said to the entente, in effect:
 "We have beaten you on every battlefield; we have turned your strength into weakness; we have made sweet uses of our adversity; now if you wish to quit, we are willing."
 There are diverse views that may be taken of the offer. The most satisfactory view is that it is entirely sincere, that Germany, having so far been the victor, reverts to her oft-repeated declaration that hers was a defensive war, and makes the suggestion of peace because she has convinced her enemy of the futility of their efforts.
 Another view, and one which will be accepted generally in entente circles, is that the proposal is a confession, after all, of weakness; that Germany, in spite of the success which has attended her endeavors, is at the end of her string and that she realizes her inability to continue the war; that events on the Somme have convinced her that she is not impregnable and even preparation and efficiency have their limits in withstanding such odds as confront her.

WILSON MAY BE ACTIVE IN MOVE

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 The German embassy had no further advices on the terms of the central governments, but it was freely admitted that terms had purposely been omitted from the chancellor's speech and the note, because the sole purpose was to propose a conference on terms, and carefully avoiding any terms which might be made the basis of a refusal.
 The Germanic diplomats in this country reflecting the views of their governments, believe the answer of the entente allies will be an inquiry as to the basis on which Germany proposes peace and with that as a foundation they see the warring nations well on the way to a conference from which they are sanguine peace would emerge.
 The probability of the entente allies, themselves making some announcement of the terms on which they would make peace, is regarded here as having tremendous possibilities for effect upon the German people themselves.
 The president cancelled all his outside engagements today, including one to preside over the annual meeting of the American Red Cross and remained in the white house where he conferred with Col. E. M. House, his friend and advisor, who returned from Europe to sound out peace sentiment several months ago.
 Col. House may go again if the president makes a move to accompany Germany's proposals with suggestions of any character.
 The London press comment on the peace offer is known to be in accordance with confidential advice coming to this government before Chancellor Von Bethman-Hollweg's speech was published. How far this comment represents the views of the British government can only be surmised.
 In quarters of the entente allies, the opinion prevails that if the entente allies made reply, their first course might be to inquire what guarantees might be given by Germany that the terms of a peace treaty would be fulfilled and that a treaty would not be violated, as the allies contend was done in the past.
 By making such a reply, entente diplomats see the responsibility for continuing the war thrown back to the central powers.
 President Wilson has been urged by some advisers to make his address to the opening of the Conference of Governors tomorrow night the occasion to express in general terms his attitude without binding himself in a definite way.
 Col. E. M. House left at noon today for New York. He said he has no real powers on the ground that the central powers are the ground that the official word had not been received.
 Among the entente diplomats no attempt was made to disguise their apprehension that President Wilson in transmitting the German proposal might make some move toward mediation. At all the embassies it was said such an offer would interfere seriously with the plans of the allies to effect upon peace movements in this allied country also was taken into consideration in that connection.



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BANKER ADDRESSES HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

First of Series of Talks By Business Men Delivered By C. W. Reid
 The first of a series of talks by local business men to the economics class at the high school was given yesterday by C. W. Reid, cashier of the National Bank of Commerce. It is planned to have other Wichitans address the class from time to time.
 Mr. Reid's address was principally on banking, commencing with the organization of the three different kinds of banks, national, state and private. The functions of a bank were thoroughly explained, the different credit instruments and their uses, and their uses fully explained. The operation of the federal reserve banking system was explained and the conditions which brought about the establishment of these government banks was mentioned. It was pointed out that under the present federal reserve system of banks, the well managed national bank need be embarrassed for want of ready cash, as it can always receive money on securities from the government bank, regardless of the general financial conditions.
 The different kinds of money, consisting of paper and metallic were explained, and it was pointed out that the average man regards money as very largely credits. It was cited for instance that the banks of Wichita Falls have over \$5,000,000 in the banks and the city would probably not exceed \$250,000.
 Mr. Reid explained that while checking accounts in the banks vary largely from day to day, still the average of deposits is kept up by reason of the fact that while one man draws out his deposit, another one makes a deposit to take its place. The full statement period was taken up in the discussion, and many questions which were propounded by the students were answered by Mr. Reid.

Wanting to quit the game while one is ahead seems to be a propensity of natures as well as poker players.

Attorney-General Gregory again declares he will not resign. Resigning is not a habit with office-holding denizens from Texas.

The announcement that a strike of vaudeville actors is threatened comes under the caption of things not to worry about.

It is hoped that the effort to have a lyceum course here next winter will prove successful. Wichita Falls has had less than her share of that sort of entertainment, and too great a share of some other varieties.

The Gary (Ind.) Post started a crusade against gambling in Gary. The police raided the editorial room of the Post and broke up a poker game in which the city editor and several reporters were participating. Now the crusade is admitted to be successful so far as the Post is concerned.

The rebuilding of the Burnett street bridge will give Wichitans use of a park from which the destruction of the old bridge practically cut them off. Scotland Park is one of the prettiest pleasure spots in this vicinity and Wichitans were just getting wise to its attractiveness when the first bridge was washed away. When the bridge is rebuilt, the park will come into its own again. It is a natural park, fronting on the river and it roasts the city nothing.

Wichita Falls seldom stops building. At the present time, though there are comparatively few business structures going up, so many new homes are being built that it is difficult to get contractors to figure on jobs. There is room here for many more rent houses; it is a none too easy prospective tenants say, to secure desirable quarters, and light house-keeping rooms are hard to find. A new gas field or the opening up of extensive oil developments in Archer county, would bring about a reversion to the days when tents were necessary to house the incoming population.

Hughes beat himself, says William Allen White, writing in this week's Colliers. The Kansan, who pleads guilty to voting for Hughes, says that it was not the women, nor the Progressives, so much as it was the utter failure of Hughes to inspire voters in the doubtful states with any promises of action. The West voted for Wilson as the lesser of the two evils, says White, who continues with the significant statement that the West is not normally democratic and will not remain democratic unless the democratic party shows its right to be ranked as a progress organization. Just what authority Mr. White has to speak for the Progressives is not made clear, but there are some things in his article that furnish thoughtful reading for democrats.

The poor we have always with us ought not to be overlooked in this holiday season. While work has been plentiful and conditions favorable, there are now, as always, some folks to whom Christmas means little unless those more fortunate take it upon themselves to see that Santa Claus arrives in due time. The Salvation Army has undertaken the task as usual, and the efforts of Ensign Robb and his corps, ought to have the active cooperation and assistance of everyone who is able to give anything, from a nickel up. There was never a community so prosperous but some folks within its borders were in need, and the greater the measure of one's prosperity, the greater is his obligation to help bring Christmas to places where, otherwise, it would not enter.

GERMANY'S PEACE OFFER.

Germany offers peace to the world as a most precious Christmas gift; that the offer should come in this season of the Prince of Peace might be deemed a most happy circumstance, were one able to believe for a moment that the offer will be accepted. But it is hardly to be conceived that the proposals, coming under present conditions, will receive even passing con-

PLANS AUTO RACE OVER 2 HIGHWAYS

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 MORE RAILROAD RUMORS FROM RINGLING HEARD
 In addition to the building of a railroad from Ringling to Oklahoma City, recently reported, it is reported that the Ringling held probably somewhere between Healdton and Wirt. The new town in a measure will take the place of Wirt, which being situated over a point is being vacated, oil locations fast taking the places of residences.
 Construction on the new line is reported to be ready to start this week. A large quantity of railroad steel which has been at Ardmore for some time, and which has occasioned no little speculation in regard to its ultimate use, is reported to belong to the newly incorporated road.
 Ringling, besides the Ringling road from that point to Ardmore, and the new line, the Ringling and Oil Field road, is to have yet another railroad outlet according to recent reports, which rumor a Santa Fe extension from Ardmore which will parallel the original Ringling line.

ADVANCE IN OIL COMES TUESDAY; PRICE NOW \$1.10

The expected advance in the price of Northwest Texas oil came late Tuesday afternoon, effective on all runs of yesterday. The new quotation is \$1.10 per barrel, a ten cent advance and twenty cents above the figure paid a month ago.
 Local oil men look for still further advances, some even predicting that the price will reach \$1.50 before very long. However, some of them believe that the allies' acceptance of Germany's peace proposal would have a tendency to keep the price down, as the present foreign demand due largely to the war, has been an important factor in the American market.
 The present daily production in Northwest Texas is about 25,500 barrels.

"CHRISTMAS SHIP" TO SAIL SHORTLY

Brings Total of America's War Contributions Close to Fifty Million Mark
 On Dec. 12—With the sailing of the U. S. N. Collier Caesar from New York about December 11 with a Christmas cargo of food, clothing and medicine for refugees of Armenia and Syria, the United States has estimated America's contributions to war relief the offerings of war touched the \$50,000,000 mark.
 The 12,000 crates, 200,000 tons of food and clothing and \$25,000 worth of hospital and surgical supplies, included in her cargo are 1,000 cases of condensed milk for babies, 50,000 lbs. of baby food, 100,000 lbs. of sugar, 25,000 pounds of whole wheat, 50,000 lbs. of flour, 200,000 lbs. of rice, 5,000 gallons of cottonseed oil and 100,000 pounds of crushed wheat.
 The people of Armenia have little knowledge of the use of flour and do not use it. The Red Cross committee in Armenia has determined just how their countrymen like their wheat and then had mills crush it just as the Armenians do.
 The cottonseed oil is sent in place of animal fats which are not eaten in Armenia and Syria. The Red Cross was informed that olive oil was considered highly desirable but the cost was prohibitive and cottonseed oil was substituted.
 The Caesar will stop at Gibraltar to take aboard a representative of the American embassy at Constantinople and proceed to Alexandria, Egypt, where she will deliver coal and supplies to the United States cruiser Esb Moines. From there she will go directly to Beirut, Syria.
 The clothing and food were gathered and contributed by the Americans and other relief agencies. The Red Cross itself contributed the hospital and surgical supplies.
 In the beginning of the war, the Red Cross had received contributions of cash and supplies about \$3,225,000. Part of the money was spent in maintaining representatives in the field, and some was used for relief supplies. The total value of the supplies shipped to the entente allies' countries in Germany and Armenia has been estimated at \$12,000,000. Similar supplies shipped to the central powers was \$3,500,000.
 The difference in the figures is explained by the fact that for more than a year, because of British and French blockade measures, shipments to the central powers has been impossible. Arrangements now are being made however by which the Red Cross will be permitted to send medical units of physicians and nurses to take charge of a number of hospitals in Germany and Armenia. Each unit will consist of six doctors and eight nurses. Each unit will have charge of a hospital containing six hundred beds.

AERIAL ATTACKS UPON ROME LIKELY

So Far, Fear and Respect For Pope Have Prevented Such Incursions
 Associated Press Mail Correspondence.
 Rome. Notwithstanding the presence of the Pope, respect for fear of whom is supposed so far to have saved Rome from aerial attacks, it is now taken for granted that the Italian city with her countless monuments and works of art may soon be attacked by Austrian aviators.
 The Italian military authorities have been actively engaged for several months preparing to protect the city from a raid with an elaborate signal system arranged by William Marconi to warn the defenders of the city of the approach of enemy aeroplanes. The Roman newspapers recently published notices that the alarm would consist of five-organ shots, with the usual ringing of church bells as a signal that the danger was over.
 While so far it has proven impossible to prevent sporadic attacks on the city, the Italian government, has been issued by the Assembly of Panama and signed by the president. It has not, however, and will not become effective until three days after such publication.

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ROTARY CLUB MEETING AT NOON TOMORROW

J. L. Downing, whose talk on "The Only Legal Transfer" was crowded out of the last Rotary Club program, will speak on that subject at tomorrow's luncheon at the Metropolitan. It is likely that the meeting will also consider plans for the club's Christmas activities. Though nothing definite has been broached along that line as yet.
 FIVE CENT ADVANCE IN OIL AT HEALDTON
 Ardmore, Okla., Dec. 12.—An advance of five cents per barrel for Healdton crude oil was posted here today. The new price is 56 cents.

ADRIATIC SEA, A DISTANCE OF 125 MILES, BUT SHOULD THE AEROPLANES ESCAPE THE COAST GUNS AND THE ANTI-AERIAL GUNS PLANTED ON THESE MOUNTAIN TOPS, THE ADVANCING AEROPLANES WILL STILL FIND IN THEIR PATH NUMEROUS SQUADRONS OF ITALIAN MACHINES. THE CITY ITSELF IS ARMED WITH NUMEROUS HIGH POWER SEARCHLIGHTS AND ANTI-AERIAL GUNS.


TO RESTRICT BUYING AT PANAMA COMMISSARIES

Associated Press Mail Correspondence.
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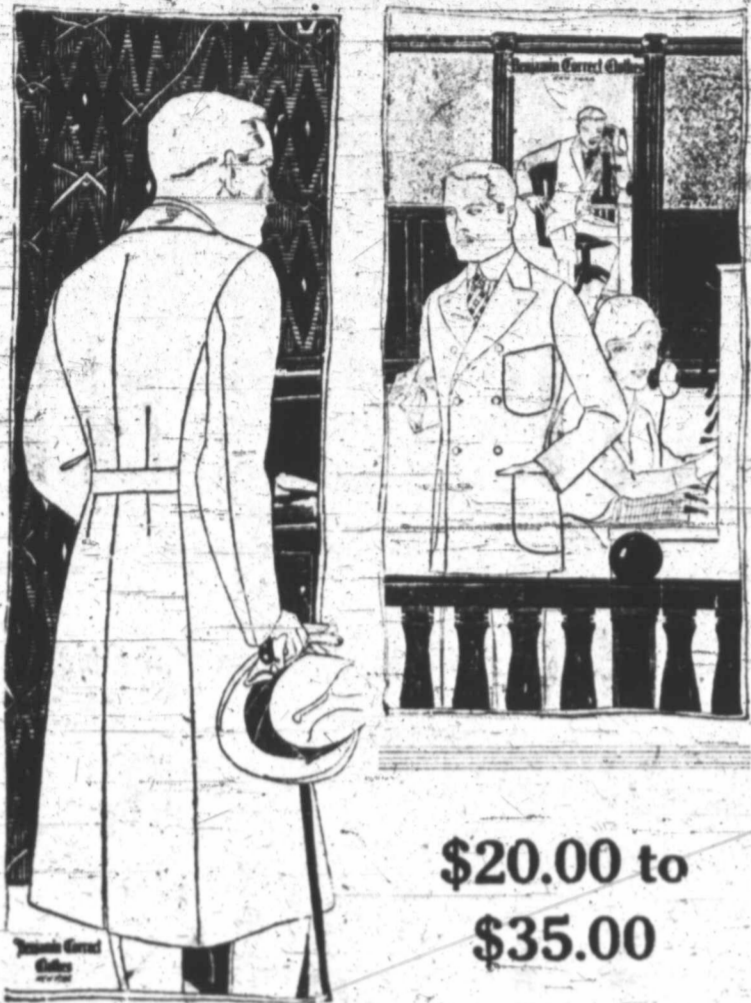
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HELP THE KIDNEYS

Wichita Falls Readers Are Learning the Way It's the little kidney pills—the name, kidney pills, back. The unnoticed urinary disorders. That may lead to dropsy and to Bright's disease.

ORDERS REDUCTION ON FREIGHT RATES ON OIL

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 12.—Reduction in freight rates on oil, February 1 on fuel and refined oils in carload lots from producing points in California, Kansas and Texas, to points in Arizona, were ordered today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

HOSPITAL BOARD TALKS ABOUT NEEDED BOND ISSUE

An election for the purpose of issuing bonds for the completion of the General Hospital according to the original plans is favored by the county commissioners, according to a statement of Dr. Joe Daniels at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the hospital board at the office of Dr. C. R. Hartwick, secretary of the board.

Called Times Office to Get Santa Claus; Very Nearly Right

The usual answer, "This is 'The Times office'" given in answer to a ringing from one of the office phones, brought forth a sob from the other end of the wire, then a snuffle and finally a childish voice cleared up enough to say, "Why isn't that Santa Claus? Central told me this was his number. I want him."

HEAVY WAR TAXES ASSESSED IN ITALY

Rome.—Italy's new war taxes, to be applied before June, are expected to bring upwards of forty million dollars. The heaviest tax, apparently, is intended to fall on manufacturers of war supplies, to the extent of 20 per cent on profits earned over 20 per cent of invested capital.

FATHER OF MARINE TRIES TO SEND PILLS

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 11.—Fearing that the government did not provide sufficient medical attention to his son who is serving in the United States Marine Corps, a little seaman-faced old man approached Sergeant Joseph L. Wedge at the recruiting station here, with the request to forward a little box of brown pills to his son, who, the visitor said, was "sick" at the Port Royal recruit depot.

Saul's Christmas Sale

Starts Friday, December 15, Lasts Till Christmas

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\$10 For Choice Any Man's Suit in Stock, Blue Serge Excepted \$10

Table with columns: Men's \$4.00 Rain Coats, 35c Poplin in any imaginable color, Misses' and Children's Black Hose, Boys' Novelty Suits, Men's extra heavy fleeced Union Suits.

\$3.98 For Choice of Any Woman's Cloak in Store \$3.98

Table with columns: Men's heavy Wool Sox, 75c Middy Blouses, Men's 75c and \$1 Flannel and Flannellet Shirts, Boys' Rain Coats, Cotton Bats for Comforts.

88c For Men's Union Made Overalls 88c For \$1 25 Men's Ribbed Union Suits 88c

Table with columns: Men's Grey Cotton Hose, Men's 75c Heavy Coat Sweaters, \$4.00 High Cut Booties, 25c White Piques, Men's best heavy blue work shirts.

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Local News Brevities

A turkey dinner will be given by the Catholic ladies Saturday the 16th at the Hearn Cafe. Dr. Scharff, Osteopath, K & K Bldg. Erwing's Grocery, 1508 Broad St. I have bought the "Broad Street grocery and expect to put in a full line of first class groceries...

D. M. Perkins & Company, Fire Insurance & Real Estate, 605 Seventh, Phone 520. Remember that we have a fresh line of Blank Wenneker candles also a shipment of package goods. Piano Tuning L. S. Robbins, 5th and Harrison-Evergreen Music Co. Phone 666. Cut flowers and floral designs a specialty. Ideally Floral Co. Phone 967. Phone Moore Plumbing Company for plumbing supplies, plumbing repairs and gas fitting. Children, when accompanied by parents, will be welcome to look over our toys. Wichita Hardware Co. 183 2tc. The Catholic ladies will hold a bazaar Friday and Saturday at the Hearn Cafe building. Articles very reasonable. E. G. Hill, Undertaker, office and parlors 909 Scott Ave. Phone 225. Prompt ambulance service. Always insist on getting Purdy Commercial Butter Milk, Pure Milk Products Co. 82 2tc. Boys, Boys, Boys. We have hundreds of air rifles, single shot, 500 shot and 1,000 shot. We want to sell you a new air rifle for Christmas. Wichita Hardware Co. 183 2tc. The annual meeting of the stockholders of First National Bank of Wichita Falls, Texas, will be held at its banking rooms on Tuesday, January 9th, 1917, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing the board of directors for the ensuing year and the transacting of such other business that may properly come before said meeting. T. J. TAYLOR, Cashier. 181 30tc. The Catholic ladies will serve a turkey dinner Saturday at the Hearn Cafe. 84 1tc. The December meeting of the Parent-Teachers Council will be held Thursday afternoon at 3:30 at the high school. All members are urged to attend. Be sure and attend the bazaar given by the Catholic ladies Friday and Saturday the 15th and 16th at the Hearn Cafe. 183 4tc. LODGE DIRECTORY. The Brotherhood of American Yeomen meet every first and third Friday of each month at new Odd Fellows hall, 705 1/2 Seventh a. reed. L. C. Robertson, Cor. Knights of Pythias. Meet Friday Night Second Floor New Masonic Building. H. P. HODGE, C. C. TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY. FOR SALE—\$100.00 scholarship to the College of M and A for \$50. Mrs. Willie Sullivan at Kahn's Store. 184 1tc.

BOYD JACKSON WELL SAID TO HAVE GOOD SHOWING

Reports that the well being drilled by Boyd, Jackson and others of this city on the Bashara farm north of Iowa Park had struck an oil sand, with a good-looking showing, were received in Wichita Falls this afternoon. The sand was struck at about 160 feet and the indications for a well are said to be favorable. A good well in that vicinity would open up considerable new territory.

SEEKING TO PREVENT BOY BEING SENT TO GATESVILLE

In an effort to prevent Leo Wright, a juvenile being sent to the State Training School at Gatesville, relatives of the youth have instituted habeas corpus proceedings in the 78th district court. The hearing was set for this afternoon, but was postponed until Saturday. Wright was ordered sent to the school after getting into trouble here several times. He was given a suspended sentence in one case and his behavior since then has been such that Probation Officer Shelton sought to have him sent to the school. The boy is now in jail.

FOSTER CASE EXPECTED TO GO TO JURY TONIGHT

Argument is being heard this afternoon in the 20th district court at Henrietta in the case of W. H. Foster of Archer County, charged with rape. The case is expected to reach the jury late today or early Thursday. At a former trial the jury disagreed.

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HEAVY SHIPMENTS OF AUTOMOBILES. More than 20 Cars Unloaded Within Ten Days—Katy Receives Nine Within Two Days. More than a score of carloads of automobiles have been unloaded in Wichita Falls within the past ten days, according to information at local freight offices. Agent A. B. Maples reports that yesterday and today the Katy freight office unloaded nine cars, consigned to several local dealers. The Denver had five cars this week and eight last week, according to Agent A. B. Maples, making a total of thirteen. Automobile shipments, once something of an event in the freight offices, are now almost daily occurrences. The total of the past few days probably means 150 machines shipped to this city within that period, as each car contains from three to seven machines, depending upon the size and extent to which the machine may be knocked down for shipment.

Market Report

Local Wheat Market. The price of local wheat remained unchanged today at \$1.55 per bushel. New York Cotton. New York Cotton. The cotton market was very nervous and unsettled this morning. The opening was easy at a decline of 17 to 24 points after selling at 18.50 January rallied to 18.57. Prices soon weakened with January selling off to 18.15 and May to 18.51 or about 37 to 44 points net lower. Another wave of selling pressure sent the market 52 to 56 points net lower early in the afternoon with January selling at 17.50 and May at 18.32. Cotton closed steadily. December 18; January 18.05; March 18.32; May 18.52; July 18.54; October 16.69.

MAJESTIC THEATRE

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Five part drama from the sensational story by Mabel Condon.

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At The Theatres

The Gem.

Today's picture which is featured at the Gem is "Honor Thy Country." A strong three-reel picture with an irresistible patriotic appeal. Story by Willis and Woods. Scenario by Allen Von Savarin. Produced by Ben Wilson, with Neva Gerber, Charles Percy, Joseph Girard and Edward Cecil, prominent in the cast. The United States torpedo boat destroyer, the "Farrant," figures in the action, by special permission of the Secretary of the Navy.

The Empress.

Edna Goodrich recently exemplified some of the risks a star faces in making a big photoplay. In her latest, Morocco-Paramount photoplay, "The House of Lies," coming to the Empress theatre today, Miss Goodrich assumed a risk that might have ended seriously. The plot requires that Edna Goodrich show a big scar on her face. This appeared at first to be a serious obstacle but Miss Goodrich voluntarily placed herself in the hands of a specialist who made a very ugly appearing scar. The scar being formed by the contraction and discoloration of her skin under the action of chemicals. In this way a genuine scar and convincing realism added to the strong plot. Fortunately an anticipated mark was left after the specialist had completed his treatments. Miss Goodrich's heroic action has resulted in a powerful picture that shows a strange condition of modern society met and overcome in a unique and drastic manner.

The Majestic.

"The Man Who Would Not Die" will show today at the Majestic in the dual roles of Ward and Clyde Kingsley, the twin brothers around whom the exciting action of Mabel Condon's intensely interesting story, "The Man Who Would Not Die" takes place. William Russell makes the most of a splendid opportunity for clever character drawing. Ward, in his early manhood has been a suitor for the hand of Agnes Pendleton, but she has married his twin brother, Clyde, a man dissolute at heart. Clyde squanders his wife's fortune and makes a proposal that she join him in an attempt to defraud a life insurance company. He suggests that he Agnes is to claim his hundred thousand for that of his own, after which Agnes is to claim his hundred thousand dollars in life insurance and rejoin him in South American parts. Word comes from the East that Ward, twin brother of Clyde is dying and Clyde hurries East to urge his brother to let his body be used for the swindle when he dies. Ward is taken west to die in Clyde's home but under the nursing of Agnes recovers. From this point the drama develops an absorbing plot full of gripping situations and thrilling action brought about by the newly awakened love of Agnes for her husband's brother and her struggle to save him from the fate which she knows he is unconsciously facing.

OIL MEN PAYING MORE ATTENTION TO GEOLOGY
Oil companies and operators are paying much attention to geology than they once did, and the demand for federal aid in studying formations and geological data has increased greatly, according to a bulletin just issued by the geological survey. It says: "The far reaching importance to the United States of an adequate supply of petroleum and gasoline has long been recognized by the United States geological survey which during the last two years has made greater efforts than ever before to assist in discovering and in developing new oil reserves. Brief accounts of the work accomplished, with titles of reports published or in preparation this year, describing the structure and oil prospects in many new and undeveloped areas, especially in the western states, in the southwest and in the midcontinent region, will be found in the record of the geologic work carried on in the several states. Even with all the funds which with justice to other mineral interests could be devoted to investigations of oil and gas, it has not been found possible to extend these researches at all in proportion to the increase

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MORE BOND ISSUES IMPROBABLE NOW

Proposed Addition to General Hospital Must Wait, May Amend Charter

No bond election in the immediate future for the purpose of completing or extending the general hospital can be expected from the council, according to Mayor Britain this morning. Mr. Britain stated that the present bonded indebtedness of the city standing as now within \$2,000 of the limit, would prevent serious consideration of the issuance of bonds for this purpose by the city council. That it might be necessary some time within the coming year for the

council to call for an election amending the city charter fixing a higher tax limitation and consequently raising the amount for which the city could be bonded was admitted by Mr. Britain. The margin now existing, \$25,000, should be preserved as a margin for an emergency. Mr. Britain said that this matter might come before the council at an early meeting for discussion if not for some action, for nothing would be gained by putting the matter off as the coming year would probably see the necessity for another bond issue, which would make a charter election then inevitable. Even should the bond limit be increased this would not mean that more hospital bonds would be voted by the city soon, it being the opinion of the council that paying and other projects had a first call over the hospital for funds available for improvements.

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New Silk Underwear, New Christmas
Novelties, New Silk Shirts

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Advertisement for Onville Optical Co. featuring an illustration of eyes and text about eye examinations.

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