

FEAR OF U. S. BEING DRAWN INTO WAR CAUSES WILSON TO ASK NATIONS TO MAKE PEACE TERMS

"DRAWING NEARER VERGE" SAYS SECRETARY LANSING

Entitled To Know What Belligerents Want In Order To Regulate This Country's Conduct

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 21.—The danger of the United States itself being drawn into the war by reason of its increasingly critical position as a neutral, was one of the moving considerations in President Wilson's dispatch to all of the belligerents requesting them to propose terms of peace.

Secretary Lansing today authorized the statement that the material rights of the United States had not been the paramount consideration. America's rights, he said, were being more and more involved by the belligerents, and as the United States was "drawing nearer the verge of war," it was entitled to know exactly what each belligerent seeks, "in order that we may regulate our conduct in the future."

Secretary Lansing's statement, upon which the white house refused to comment, was as follows: "The reason for the sending of the note was as follows: "It was not our material interests we had in mind when the note was sent, but more and more our rights are becoming involved by both sides so that our situation is becoming increasingly critical."

"I mean by that that we are drawing nearer the verge of war ourselves, and there we are entitled to know what each belligerent seeks in order that we may regulate our conduct in the future. "No nation has been sounded. No consideration of the German overtures or of the speech of Lloyd George was taken into account in the formulation of the document. The only thing the overtures did was to delay it a few days. It was not decided to send it until Monday. Of course, the difficulties that faced the President were that it might be construed as a movement toward peace and in aid of the German overtures. He specifically denied that was the fact, in the document itself."

"The sending of this note will indicate the possibility of our being forced into the war and that possibility should serve as a restraining and governing force safeguarding American rights. It may also serve to force an earlier conclusion of the war. Neither the President nor myself regard this note as a peace note; it is merely an effort to get the belligerents to define the end for which they are fighting."

early conclusion arises out of the manifest necessity to determine how best to safeguard those interests if the war is to continue. "In German quarters the conviction that the president's action would surely lead to some sort of consideration of peace terms was expressed in the following authorized statement by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador: "Now I am perfectly convinced that there will be a conference. Despite the fact that President Wilson's notes state specifically and unequivocally that he is not proposing peace, is not offering mediation, and is not authorized to discuss such a nature as will compel belligerents to make more of a reply than a mere acknowledgement of receipt. British embassy officials made no attempt to conceal their surprise at the president's action. They were not alone, however, for all official Washington had been led by officials to believe that the president, transmitting the German peace proposals without comment, had taken all the action that was to be expected from the United States for some time to come, unless there was some unforeseen development in world affairs."

The secrecy with which the preparation of the notes and their dispatch was surrounded was complete and nothing was known about them until they were well on their way to the belligerent capitals. The definite proposal of the United States for a league of nations to insure peace and justice throughout the world is interpreted as a step, which if carried through, would mean the abandonment of the theory of "selfish isolation" which Washington has attached to the fact that the president uses the word "isolation" rather than "enforce" as indicating that he had not committed himself to any one program to accomplish that end, but that he is open to whatever suggestions may seem best to the other world nations.

Repeated efforts have been made to rally the American government in some sort of international agreement involving responsibility, but always the answer has been that the United States would stand alone. Several months ago President Wilson spoke most earnestly before the League to Enforce Peace, of his hope that the United States would join in some such international agreement, but until now he has known to have made the proposal officially to the warring nations.

It is thought here that along these lines President Wilson's note will find its most ready reception abroad for all parties have indicated their belief that the war will have to cease unless from it some guarantee comes against its repetition. Former foreign minister for England, Edward Grey, Premier Lloyd George for France and Hoover for Germany have all committed their nations to some sort of international reorganization to secure the ends laid down in this president's note, and the official offers of the central powers together with Lloyd George's speech in reply have accentuated that purpose.

As yet, however, the actual procedure that may be adopted appears uncertain. Germany apparently has given up her earlier opposition to disarmament which merely split the League of Nations conference. No official statement has come from either England or France on this subject in the present circumstances. It was England, however, at the Hague conference, seconded by France and the United States that insisted on taking this view in favor of disarmament.

Deeply as the nations are united in the probable time of the belligerents' reply, it is assumed that the members of each group of allies will conform to a common agreement on a uniform statement of their views, but whether that statement will be joint, identical or different in each case is not known. The solidarity which the central powers have shown in their response is expected to be continued here.

ENGLISH ANSWER NO SURPRISE TO BERLIN PAPERS

SOME ARE HOPEFUL

By Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 21.—The Berlin press, whether all possibilities have now vanished and answers its own question with a faintly hopeful reference to various French, English and Italian expressions, as showing that the German overtures are not judged by the public exactly as by the parliament.

In the view of the Vossische Zeitung the reference to the noose is nothing more than a recognition of Germany's strength and the failure of the entente military enterprises. The Vossische contends that in a tortuous thing that Germany possesses military might to withstand the entente ambitions.

The most significant sentence in the Deutsche Tages Zeitung is Count Von Reventlow's comment on Lloyd George's reference to Napoleon. He says: "Conditions were 'different a century ago and above all, there were no submarines.' "The Kreuz Zeitung is pessimistic. "We now have learned that our enemies do not want peace, but war to the knife, so we must abandon all our hopes and grasp all means of war at our disposal."

VOTING ON LIQUOR AT STATE CAPITAL

HOLLAND COUNCIL MAKES PEACE MOVE

By Associated Press. The Hague, Dec. 21.—The peace resolutions adopted by the Netherlands Anti-War Council and which have been sent all the belligerent governments declares that the chief aim of all fighting nations being apparently a wish to protect themselves and the rest of the world against future wars, an understanding is not impossible. It calls attention to the fact that the leading statesmen of Great Britain, France and Germany have repeatedly avowed a willingness to join an international peace league and thus a safeguard is obtainable, that right instead of might may govern international relations in the future and Europe be delivered from militarism.

SUBMARINE WAR RENEWAL THREAT

PROMISE TO AMERICA

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 21.—The Exchange Telegraph Company's Amsterdam correspondent quotes from the Berlin Tassochel Rundschau regarding the reference made in the House of Commons by Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, to the case of Captain Blakeie of the British steamer Caledonia taken prisoner by the Germans. The Berlin paper says: "The German government has now formally taken the position that England's armed commercial and passenger steamers are men of war, being armed auxiliary cruisers. The promise given to America, which has since hindered our submarine warfare, that these vessels before being torpedoed must be stopped and be examined, falls to the ground. They are warships and must be treated as such even when Americans are on board."

WOULD FINE MINORS ENTERING SALOONS

Fort Worth Commissioners Pass Ordinance Planned To Protect Saloon Men

Special to The Times. Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 21.—Putting into effect a theory that has been advanced and which has been the basis of legislation introduced at Austin at nearly every session for many years, the city commissioners have enacted an ordinance providing a fine of five dollars to \$200 for any minor who enters a saloon. The ordinance was passed to protect saloon keepers who are subject to forfeiture of license if they sell to minors and yet who have, they claim, no means of protecting themselves against minors who enter their places and loiter there.

PRESENT BRIEF ON INSURANCE RATES

Companies Seeking Advance Declares Losses Have Far Exceeded Premiums

Special to The Times. Austin, Tex., Dec. 21.—That the fire insurance companies operating in Texas have paid out \$110 in losses for every \$100 they have collected in premiums is their claim, presented in a brief to the state fire insurance commission recently. The brief was filed in connection with the insurance companies' application for an advance in rates on about 80 per cent of the insurance classes of the state.

HEAVY SCHEDULE FOR LAW MAKERS

PLATFORM DEMANDS

Governor's Message Expected to Deal Chiefly With These—Prohibition and Suffrage

By Associated Press. Austin, Tex., Dec. 21.—When the 25th legislature of Texas convenes Tuesday, January 9 at noon, what promises to be one of the most important sessions of the lawmakers of the state has been in this city for some time under way. Hundreds of bills are expected to be dumped into the hoppers for consideration.

BRITISH TROOPS REPULSED AFTER TAKING TRENCH

By Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 21.—British troops penetrated German positions north of Arras yesterday, the war office announces. Subsequently they were ejected by a German counter attack.

FRENCH CRUISER WRECKS ITALIAN BOAT IN CRASH

By Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 21.—The sinking of an Italian steamship in a collision with the French armored cruiser Ernest Renan, is reported in a dispatch from Marseille. The steamship which was taking Italian soldiers home on leave, was cut in two. Several persons, most of them passengers, were drowned. The number of survivors is given as 120.

SAYS PREMIER TRIED TO CLOSE DOOR TO PEACE

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 21.—The Daily Mail, which is close to Premier Lloyd George this morning gave prominence to the following: "The German and neutral press views on Lloyd George's refusal of the German peace offer larger than the standpoint that he did not close the door to peace. The actual fact, however, is that he entirely declined peace on anything except the allies' terms and the door obviously remained open only if Germany is willing to accept those terms, which are complete reparation and restitution and official guarantees."

DRY MEASURE REPORTED TO SENATE TODAY

TEXAN OPPOSED

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE BY VOTE OF THIRTEEN TO THREE OPPOSES TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF PROHIBITION.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 21.—The national prohibition constitutional amendment, materially altered from the form in which it was reported to the House, was ordered favorably reported by the senate judiciary committee today by a vote of thirteen to three. Senators Culbertson, Reed and Brandegee voted against it. As reported by the committee the resolution reads as follows: "The sale, manufacture or transportation of intoxicating liquors within the jurisdiction thereof into and exportation thereof from the United States and all territories subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes are hereby prohibited. "The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by all appropriate legislation. This article shall not be construed to bridge the power of several states to enforce prohibitory laws."

DAVIS TRYING TO COMMERCIALIZE RABBITS

By Associated Press. Austin, Texas, Dec. 20th the plans of Commissioner of Agriculture Fred W. Davis to carry the rabbit into commercial production in Texas, since he gave a Jack and Cottontail rabbit show in his city, inquiries have been received from persons and firms in all parts of the state.

RESOLUTIONS ON WILSON'S PEACE NOTE IN SENATE

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On motion Chairman Stone of the Senate Foreign relations committee, the note was ordered printed in the Congressional Record.



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Only blackened tottering walls remain this morning of the almost completed Travis school building, corner of Third and Adams as the result of a fire of unknown origin which broke out soon after five o'clock this morning, entailing a loss in excess of \$15,000. Although only the floors and ceilings of the building were of inflammable material, their destruction has so weakened the building that after a conference of Fire Chief McClure and Mayor Britain this morning it was decided that the walls must be torn down, which will be done tomorrow. In the meantime Chief McClure has issued a warning to the public against venturing near the site of the building, stating that the walls are likely to fall at any moment.

Firemen were first warned of the fire by the insistent blowing of the whistle of a switch engine near railroad yards, and were ready to start when the alarm, turned in in the usual way over the telephone by a member of the engine crew, reached them. The building was already doomed on the arrival of the fire apparatus, being described as a veritable furnace. Although soon coated with ice from the freezing of the water in the near zero weather, the members of the fire department fought the spreading of the flames until it had quieted down to a pile of smoldering ruins.

"Providence was surely with us last night or we would have lost several houses," said Chief McClure, in speaking of the fire this morning. "Showers of fire were blown far up town as Seventh street for more than an hour." The firemen were called on to fight incipient fires from the roofs of a number of nearby residences. On most of them the sweeping away of the blazing sparks finding lodgment on the roofs was sufficient to stop the flames. On two or three of them hand chemicals were necessary to check the spread of the flames.

The cause of the blaze is as yet undetermined and no one is reported to have been in the vicinity at the time. Although it is admitted that the fire could have been of incendiary origin, this is not believed to be the case. Several reports are reported to have been in yesterday warning the workmen doing the interior work and the possibility that it might have originated from one of these, or from one of the stores of paints being used by the decorators, which might have become ignited by spontaneous combustion, is considered the more likely explanation.

The loss will fall entirely on the contractors who were working on the building. Blakemore and Carr had the general contract for the work, called for the payment of \$14,735. They had already been paid for \$11,600 worth of work, but the value of the work already completed was considerably above that figure.

While it is reported that they held \$12,000 insurance on the work done, as neither of them could be seen this could not be confirmed. Chief McClure stated that so far as his information went there was only \$5,000 insurance held by the contracting firm.

Neither Robert Elliot nor the Southern Electric Company, who have the plumbing and wiring contracts respectively carried insurance. The plumbing contract was for \$1,528 of which \$764 had been completed. About \$400 worth of materials to be used on the plumbing however was not in the building and consequently was saved. The wiring contract called for only about \$250 worth of work of which something over \$50 worth had been completed. Carpenters and other mechanics suffered no incalculable loss in the loss of their tools. Some of them had only moved their tools to the building yesterday afternoon, intending to go to work in the morning. Fifteen minutes delay was suffered by the fire department in getting a stream of water, due to the fire plug near the building being frozen. The plug was thawed out by the use of palings torn from nearby fences.

The school board will suffer no loss whatever, according to W. J. Bullock, president of the board, as the property responsibility remained with the contractors until the completion and acceptance of the building. All contracts were covered by city bonds calling for the completion and delivery of the building. The chief loss to the schools will be the delay in getting into the building, which was so near completion that they were planning to go into it in January. It will not be possible to rebuild before the beginning of next year's school term. Mr. Bullock stated that the school board would give the contractors ample extension of time on the work to enable them to collect insurance policies before beginning rebuilding operations.

While running very close it is not expected now that this fire will destroy the fire record of the city, as was at first anticipated. A margin of \$15,000 within the limit remained before the fire with which to play an expert game of 15 per cent reduction obtained by light licenses in three successive years of which this will be the last.

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LOCAL CHARACTER IS FATALLY SHOT
Joe Bell, Several Times in Trouble Here, Dies of Wounds at Frederick

Joe Bell of Frederick, Okla., who was well known here on account of being frequently in the hands of local police authorities on various charges, died in Frederick this morning from the effects of a pistol wound self-inflicted in the attempt to shoot Constable Lee Carter of Frederick last Sunday night.

Bell was first brought into the public notice here last summer, when after being arrested at the instance of Frederick officers on a bootlegging charge, he made a sensational but unsuccessful resistance of extradition proceedings.

On the occasion of his recent arrest, he put up quite a fight against the arresting officer, Desk Sergeant A. J. Chambers of the local police department. After extradition papers were honored Bell was carried back to Frederick by Constable Carter, who probably on account of his resistance to local police authorities, handcuffed him, which is reported to have aroused Bell's anger against the officer.

Bell, in an intoxicated condition, according to reports of the shooting, walked into the Corner Drug Store in Frederick Sunday night and whipping out a revolver was apparently endeavoring to shoot Constable Carter, when his arm was seized by Mayor Z. Z. Rogers and the course of the bullet deflected into Bell's own boot, entering in the right side of the stomach and coming out on the left side in the small of the back. Although lingering until this morning his recovery was not expected at any time since the shooting.

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with a view of making it more effective, is to be introduced, also.

The general irrigation law is also to be amended according to plans, as is to give the state board of water engineers more administrative powers and also greater scope in the adjudication of water rights. It is proposed to make changes in the state warehouse and marketing law; this is a party platform demand.

Measures calculated to attract and encourage foreign capital are also to be presented for consideration and it is said the governor may have something to say in his message on this subject. The state penitentiary system is also to come up for consideration, and it is said there may be certain changes made in the law governing the penal system. "Such changes as are necessary," the democratic platform says.

A bill also is to be introduced to appropriate approximately a million dollars to pay back debts of the penitentiary system contracted before the Ferguson administration. The governor says the legislature should dispose of the old debts. The penitentiary system is now said to be up on a self-sustaining basis.

Sale of the Texas state railroad is another matter which will be left to the Texas legislature to consider. That the state is willing to sell the property is generally known.

As the state has approximately sixteen million dollars for the support of the state government for the next two fiscal years will be asked. With the present tax rate, authorities assert the appropriation may be made without the state going on a deficit.

There will also be an effort made to appropriate approximately a million dollars for the support of the agricultural and mechanical college, to be situated in the western portion of Texas, a new state insane asylum is proposed with an appropriation of \$100,000 for tick eradication will be brought to attention of the lawmakers.

James T. Denton, representative from Jefferson county, will introduce a bill which, if passed, will make tick eradication by dipping compulsory.

There also is to be presented for consideration a bill which will more clearly define the purpose for which candidates for office may spend in campaigns for office and requiring such candidates to give more publicity to such expenditures.

Establishment of a \$100,000 quarantine station at Sabine Pass will also be argued in a bill prepared by Mr. Denton.

It is said that a more liberal appropriation for the live stock sanitary commission will be sought.

As the legislature is traveling laboratory to make bacteriological examinations of water and for other purposes as well, will be recommended, it is understood.

BRITISHERS FACE STILL MORE TAXES
Radical Proposals for Raising More Revenue Now Advanced By Economists.

London.—What can we do next? is the question which financial advisers of the government are puzzling over as the time draws near for next year's budget. With the cost of the war steadily mounting, any proposal that bids fair to realize a few thousand pounds per year without increasing the individual's tax and without increased cost of collection is worth careful scrutiny.

The new French tax on all who buy extravagant meals at safe restaurants is being favorably watched from the English side of the channel, and at the same time even the small-potatoes of public revenue are being examined to see if they can be made to yield more.

A writer in the "Economist" suggests the revision of the numerous license duties, other than liquor licenses. For example, a manufacturer of wood alcohol now pays an annual license of 10 pounds, 10 shillings, while a manufacturer of petrol or gasoline only pays one pound. "The number of firms involved is less than eighty," says the writer, "but it is believed that they could safely stand a considerable increase in charges. A similar increase is possible in the case of makers of these commodities. Almost as much more could be obtained by increasing the licensing fees for selling patent medicines from five shillings to 10 shillings. These licenses, moreover, are at present collected only in Great Britain, and could be extended without great injustice to Ireland, as well.

"It must be said," writes another tax expert, "that so much of an annual duty as five shillings ought never to have been imposed for any purpose. The

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The Gem "The Heritage of Aite" the forty-second Red Feather Production showing today at the Gem. Director Burton George has cast Roberta Wilson for the first time in her life, in a role which calls for more than the conventional prettiness and sweetness of

the stage or picture ingenue. In this dramatic story of an inherited vendetta, by Walter Woods, she has the role of a child born under a cloud, who resolves to dedicate her life to the avenging of the wrong done to her mother by the rich and successful shipping merchant, who is her unacknowledged father. Alone she plans his ruin, in the accomplishment of which she is assisted by a group of foreign plotters, to whose interest it is that the shipper of munitions to Europe shall be brought to destruction. Miss Wilson handles the difficult role with its many emotional contrasts, like a veteran, and her versatility argues well for the future of the girl who has been less than a year a motion picture actress.

The Empress "Sins of Her Parents" is the new William Fox photoplay which will open at the Empress Theatre today. Gladys Brockwell, who has supported William Farnum in several of his biggest features, is the star of this production. Miss Brockwell is really a double star for she portrays the parts of both mother and daughter.

AFGHANISTAN PLOT OF GERMANS FAILS

Unable to Induce Native Rulers to Revolt Against Great Britain Says Report

Associated Press Mail Correspondence. London.—After nearly two years of silence regarding the situation in Afghanistan, it is now known that German agents had been active in the early days of the war, the British government has issued an account of the failure of a German plot for a great Afghan uprising. The sponsors of the scheme, it is said, expected little difficulty in obtaining the assistance of the Amir of Afghanistan and planned that the uprising would spread quickly across the borders into India. The Amir, however, dismissed the German emissaries, refusing to do with their plots or their offers.

The British government's account, as given in the House of Commons by Austen Chamberlain, secretary of state for India, is as follows: "In the spring of 1915 the German government decided to send a mission to Afghanistan. For this purpose they selected from among a number of Indian anarchists in Berlin a young landowner from Oudh, who posed to them as a ruling chief, and who was received in audience by the emperor.

"This person was accompanied by a party of German officers, some Turkish, and another Indian anarchist, a Moslem. The principal German officer, Lieut. Von Hentig, was the bearer of a letter from the German chancellor to the Amir of Afghanistan, the latter was invited to advise the pretended Rajah how best India might be liberated from British tyranny.

"Von Hentig was also charged to make important revelations to the Amir regarding the relations which the German government hoped would in future exist between Afghanistan, Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey. "The mission broke up in Persia, and succeeded in making its way in small parties into Afghanistan in the late summer. They were arrested on arrival and eventually conveyed to Kabul towards the end of the year. There is reason to believe that the Amir and his people quickly apprised these Germans and the Indian adventurers by whom they were accompanied of their true value. "It is true that the intervention of Turkey under German influence created a complication, and placed his Majesty the Amir in an exceedingly difficult position.

"But at the outbreak of the war his Majesty gave the Viceroy of India the most solemn assurance of his intention to preserve the neutrality of his country, and it is with great satisfaction that I acknowledge on behalf of his Majesty's government the loyalty of the Amir to his pledged word—as sacred to the true Moslem as to ourselves. "His Majesty has firmly refused the inducements—seductive as they are—unrealizable—held out to him to induce him to forsake his ally and has used his influence to prevent disturbances on the frontier between Afghanistan and India. "The estates of the Indian landowner have been sequestrated by the government of India. "Letters were also addressed by the German ambassador to a number of ruling chiefs."

FINANCIAL ABSURDITY NOTED IN SWITZERLAND

Associated Press Mail Correspondence. Geneva, Switzerland. "It is a veritable financial absurdity," says the Tribune de Geneve commenting on the low price of the dollar in Switzerland, which is now worth five francs four tenths, whereas the normal price is five francs eighteen tenths, while Swiss money is at a great premium in Paris, London and New York. In Paris, for example, a 100 franc Swiss note is worth 114 to 118 francs today. Americans living in Switzerland are taking by the excess rates. The Tribune adds that the situation is extraordinary because, whereas America is full of gold and lending millions to belligerent nations, Switzerland is surrounded by the Japanese, who have contracted a debt since the war of over 700,000,000 francs, but its credit is increasing as the war progresses. The Swiss government is endeavoring to raise another loan of 100,000,000 francs for mobilization and other purposes.

BRITISH ORDER IS BLOW TO JAPANESE INDUSTRY

Associated Press Mail Correspondence. Tokyo.—Great Britain's war ban on importation of knitted goods will probably prove to be a great blow to the Japanese knitting industry. During the ten months ending October 31 the total value of this line of goods exported to Great Britain reached \$9,000,000. In addition contracts entered into call for delivery of additional goods up to next June, amounting to \$6,000,000. Exporters have held conferences urging the Japanese government to strive for the rescinding of the order. It is claimed that the order is not a friendly measure of an allied nation and that it will injure the friendship between the two countries. It is also feared here that similar bans will affect other lines of Japanese manufacture. The immediate effect of the British order will be the suspension of many factories and the throwing out of employment of thousands of workmen.

DUTCH HONOR MEMORY OF CAPTAIN FRYATT

Associated Press Mail Correspondence. Amsterdam, Netherlands.—The Dutch branch of the League of Neutral Countries has presented to the Great Eastern Railway Company a marble memorial plaque, with a bronze medallion portrait in relief, in memory of the shooting by the Germans of Captain Fryatt, of the Steamship Brussels.

AEROPLANE'S VALUE SEEN BY PERSHING

Worth Far More Than Cavalry in Scouting—Figure in Recent Maneuvers

Field Headquarters American Punitive Expedition, Mexico.—Striking demonstrations of the value of aeroplanes in the last field manoeuvres brought forth the declaration by Major General J. P. Pershing, commander of the expeditionary force, that the scout plane is worth far more than a regiment of cavalry for reconnaissance work. The admirable work of a motor truck in the transportation of troops and threatened points also brought warm commendation.

The problem which the troops at field headquarters sought to solve and in which aeroplanes and trucks were used for the first time involved an attempt to ford the Casas Grandes river at one of the three points. These fords, three miles apart, were defended by a regiment of infantry at war strength, a battery of field artillery and a squadron of cavalry. The defenders also had the use of a truck train of 27 cars. Each side had one aeroplane. Flying about 2,500 feet above the earth, a distance considered ample since the forces had no anti-aircraft guns, Capt. Davenport Johnson, for the defenders, was able to follow the movements of the cavalry from the moment they left their base twelve miles from the river, to the point where a squadron was detached to make a feint at the south ford while the main body dashed toward the north passage. His work enabled the commanding general to move his infantry at the ford threatened by using the motor trucks.

The aero scout for the attackers, Capt. Maxwell Kirby, had a more difficult task. His objectives were screened by the trees along the river. Movements of troops also were more or less concealed with the camp of the attacking force. In spite of this he was able to locate the artillery where it had been concealed under the trees and to fix definitely the points where the main body of the infantry were posted. Both aviators were in the air four hours with only a few landings to rest them. Messages were sent by means of parachute bombs, which were dropped in spite of the fact that the lack of piloting an aeroplane in puffing air, observing and writing messages taxed the pilots to the utmost. At one time there was considerable excitement for it was thought the airmen were staging flight above the clouds. The impression was the result of the closeness of the machines and the fact that both were firing smoke bombs.

Perfects Invention to Make Aeroplanes Safe as Automobiles

Dayton, Ohio.—The aeroplane made safe as the automobile, that is the dream of Orville Wright, who, with his brother Wilbur, now dead, gave man dominion over the air a decade and a half ago. That dream is said to have become a reality with his new applied for patent.

When the aeroplane first took shape in the brains of the famous Wright brothers, years ago, they knew that the craft of the ground and to keep it in the air until it was the will of the pilot to descend, the first problem, both lived and died, was to get the craft to stay in the air. His solution, he believes, will mark another epoch with the aeroplane. With its efficiency established, he believes the stabilizer will be secured with his new device.

Never prone to talk much, Orville Wright is even more reticent than usual on the subject of his latest invention. With patents not obtained, naturally he will not divulge secrets until it is assured that he will reap the rewards of the service. On the question of what he will do, however, he is not so secretive. He believes air craft will be as safely and easily piloted as the most humble "flier."

Mr. Wright met almost as many discouragements and disappointments with his most recent invention as when he and his brother developed their first biplane. He perfected his work while harassed by lawsuits and patenting and costly litigation to protect what he had developed. More recently he has been confined to his home with a painful neuralgia, which developed from a fall he suffered years ago in trying out an aeroplane for the government.

His new stabilizer substantially rejects the gyroscopic, heretofore always deemed necessary as a fundamental. Instead it enters the domain of electricity. By a unique arrangement of batteries, augmented by a pendulum swinging in a liquid bath and a minor propeller placed almost directly over the pilot's head, absolute, unswerving, automatic stability is said to be maintained.

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COST OF LIVING IN FRANCE CLIMBING

Apparently No Way to Prevent Steady Advance in Prices of Necessities. Paris.—Nothing has availed to check the increase of the cost of living in France. Bread only has escaped the tendency. Everything else considered it costs at least 75 per cent more to live in France today than it did three years ago. War, of course, is the first explanation but economic experts

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lected waterways remain to be built one of them lateral to the Rhone will continue the system from Havre and Paris to Marseilles by way of Lyons and will enable the Rhone to compete with the Rhine for Swiss trade to the Mediterranean; another connecting the Rhone with the Dordogne—France turning first of all, in the matter of public improvement, to the question of transportation. Two of the most important projects

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Farmer Gets Less Money for Bumper Crops Than When Yield is Small

That the farmer receives less money for his bumper crop than he gets for his lean ones, although the bumper crop is usually more labor than the other, is the contention of a statement made by Washington economist... The farmer receives less money for his bumper crop than he gets for his lean ones...

REMOVAL SALE
ON ALL MEN'S HATS
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But some anti-freedom in your disposition...

It will make Christmas happier for you and other folks, as well.

Northwest Texas wheat can stand a little more of that snow, Mr. Weather Man.

Anyhow, Governor Ferguson hasn't any notions about being president of the University.

There is still lots of room in the Salvation Army pot, and lots of need for the pot's contents.

Remember that in your Christmas shopping.

Never consider that the world is run exactly right as long as automobile radiators are covered with warm blankets while unblanketed horses are permitted to shiver in the cold.

Cold weather will never be as bad it might be in Wichita Falls while folks can get a warm fire in the morning by striking a gas jet.

Wichita Falls was going to get a reduction in insurance rates in 1917, which reminds us that the Romanians started out to capture Budapest several months ago.

When the women of Texas got the vote there's one thing sure: they can't make a worse mess of things than the men have done in some instances.

What will be boys back home at the round house think of Warren Stone, head of the Engineers Brotherhood, when they read about his speaking before the "society of ethical culture"?

The past ten days have been notable in this city's annals. Not in a commercial or industrial way, but nevertheless along lines that are tremendously worth while.

It seems fairly certain now that Wichita Falls will have a home economics course, with experts from the University of Texas, next March.

Wherever these experts have lectured and demonstrated, they have given information of immense value to the housewives and to the men as well.

Perhaps it is a little early to begin the agitation of the question of who will be the next democratic candidate for President it may be that in the next two or three years some man not now thought of as being of presidential size will make his appearance, but in the event that such does not happen the party always has Bryan.

And that reminds us also that Bryan apparently, is more popular today than ever before. Everywhere he goes or appears this fact is clearly emphasized.

The Rotarians by a rising vote, upon motion of Rev. N. F. Grafton, expressed their appreciation of the gift made to the city by Mr. Kemp and Saturday of a public library.

Good wishes for two departing Rotarians, Rev. F. F. Walters and E. Stanley Field were also voted.

NEW NORTHWESTERN ROADMASTER NAMED

J. H. Pruitt, recently transferred to the Northwestern from the Smithville district, has been appointed roadmaster with jurisdiction from Wichita Falls to Elk City and on the Wellington branch.

A nation cannot play at war. It is a business and has to be handled that way.

Great Britain seems to have realized this at last, after two years of muddling and messing, and now with Lloyd-George at the helm of the ship of state, it may be expected that the Brits will soon come to realize the immensity of the job they undertook in 1914.

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR ROTARY CLUB

Members Receive Appropriate Gifts at Today's Session. Concert is Feature.

A Christmas tree which bore appropriate gifts for all Rotarians was the "stunt" provided at today's meeting of the club.

An unusually large attendance was recorded for the occasion, and those gathering found a good sized tree loaded with presents for all members.

Some of the gifts were deemed singularly appropriate, and the committee intended for Secretary B. Johnson of the Chamber of Commerce.

He was not present to receive it, however.

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Lithuania, Heralded as New Kingdom, Has Old and Troublous History

The report that Germany's peace offer stipulates the establishment and recognition of the kingdom of Lithuania calls attention to a Russian province which little is known in this country.

Lithuanians and 1,300,000 Letts who inhabit the land gain in a livelihood chiefly by the culture of agriculture and the raising of cattle and horses.

The Lithuanians are an independent branch of the Aryan race, and owing to the swampy nature of their homeland, were able to maintain their integrity as a people in spite of the pursuits of any sort and the 2,000,000 Lithuanians and 1,300,000 Letts who inhabit the land gain in a livelihood chiefly by the culture of agriculture and the raising of cattle and horses.

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HOLLAND AFRAID OF GERMAN RULER

Hohenzollern Prince in Line of Succession of Throne Should Princess Meet Death

The Hague, Netherlands.—Only two lives, those of the reigning Queen and of her seven year old daughter, Princess Juliana, are the way in the natural order of things to the accession to the throne of the Netherlands of a German prince.

As regards the exact form that the proposed constitutional revision should take, Prof. D. P. Fabius, yet another writer on the subject, gives in favor of simply putting all possible claimants besides Princess Juliana out of court of binding the country in no way to any house or person outside the offspring of Wilhelmus.

No sign has yet been made by the government as to whether they would contemplate taking up the matter at this juncture. Probably a good deal depends upon the view entertained at the Royal Palace.

COMMERCIAL SLAVERY APPEARS IN GERMANY

Berlin.—German commercial organizations are making a strenuous protest against a form of "commercial slavery" which they say is beginning to make itself known.

Most business firms, since the beginning of the war, have voluntarily agreed to the relative of employees called into the army, a portion of such employees' salaries or wages. Some of them, particularly in the Rhine-land, are now making the employees enter into an agreement to work for their firms at least three years after the arrival of peace, on pain of having their voluntary payments to their relatives ceased.

The salaries may or may not be raised during that time. They also are asked to sign a sort of note which is in effect a promise to repay the aggregate of the payments made to relatives, at five per cent, if they leave the employ of the firm within three years.

Chambers of Commerce that have taken the matter up, while agreed that the burdens upon many firms of paying salaries to employees' relatives are sometimes inordinately severe, are convinced that stringent steps must be taken against a practice as "unsocial" and "unpatriotic" as the plan adopted by the Rhine-land firms.

JAPANESE LAUNCH BIG NEW SUPER DREADNAUGHT

Kobe, Japan.—In the presence of Prince Higashi Fushimi, the superintendent of the navy, was launched at the Kawasaki shipyard. When a chain was severed with a commemorative silver axe the warship slid into the sea amid the booming of guns and cheers.

The new battleship of the Yamashiro class, with a length of 652 feet and displacement of 2,260 tons. Her armament will consist of twelve 14-inch guns, twenty-four 5.9-inch guns, four 3-inch guns for destroying aeroplanes, four machine guns, eleven 2-inch guns for landing parties and four torpedo tubes.

HALL OF FAME FOR MOVIE PRODUCTIONS

Fox Plans Mausoleum in Which Notable Films May Be Stored for 50 Years

Special to The Times. New York, Dec. 21.—A motion picture mausoleum or "Hall of Fame" to cost a million dollars and endowed for a similar amount, for the preservation of historic photoplays, is planned by William Fox.

He has already commissioned John Frederick Harbeson, a young architect of Philadelphia, who is a member of the faculties of both the Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts and the University of Pennsylvania, to proceed with the plans.

An immense building will be erected out of the generosity of Mr. Fox, and permission will be sought to place it in Central Park, New York City, for the service of mankind.

The plan is to place in the mausoleum such films of contemporary scenes, movements of thought and development of human experiences, as will prove of the greatest historic value to the generations to come.

There will be in the mausoleum immense vaults for storing the films in air tight holders to prevent decomposition. A large projection room will be in the main part and around it will be the vaults, space for a library devoted exclusively to writings on the cinema, and a scenario room which will contain autographic copies of the stories of the films which have been awarded a place of honor.

A requirement will be that each film must lay in its air tight compartment for fifty years in that an anniversary of its deposit. It will be projected before an audience of historians and after that before the general public. The vaults and regulations will provide for at least ten films a year to be decided on by the board of trustees.

FRANCE AND CHINA NOW IN DIPLOMATIC MUDDLE

Peking.—France and China have become involved in a hopeless diplomatic muddle as a result of the forcible seizure by France of an addition to the concession in Tien-Tsin, on October 21, as previously reported in these dispatches.

Sir John Jordan, the British minister and dean of the diplomatic corps at Peking, attempted to bring about a compromise by proposing to convert the disputed territory, which consists of about 350 acres, into a Sino-French settlement to be administered jointly by the French and the Chinese.

The Chinese press and much of the Chinese public opposed such a settlement and criticism of the French officials was so harsh that the negotiations came to an end. The British minister has left for England on a four months' vacation, and the Tien-Tsin dispute is at a standstill.

Spasmodic runs have been made by Chinese on French banks, both in Peking and Tien-Tsin, and many of the Chinese newspapers are advocating a general boycott against the French.

Local News Brevities

The Wichita Junk Co. pays cash for used sacks, phone 2249. 190 2tc. Remember that we have a fresh line of Blank Wrenker candies also a big shipment of package goods. V. E. Stampfl. 183.11tc. Community Silverware at Wichita Hardware Co. 190 2tc. We have just got in a nice assortment of rugs which make appropriate Christmas presents. Call and inspect them: Patton Furniture Co. Phone 1669. 710-12 Seventh street. 187 4tp. The Wichita Junk Co. pays cash for used sacks, phone 2249. 190 2tc. Christmas trees, a lot of nice Cedar trees, from 4 to 8 feet high, to be delivered on 22nd or 23rd of December. Phone 1611. 187 4tc. Community Silverware at Wichita Hardware Co. 190 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. W. W. GARDNER, Cashier. 188 3tc. The following suits have been filed in the Seventy-eighth district court: J. J. Wilson vs Electric Hardware Company et al. Injunction; Nanette Duke vs. Moody Duke, divorce. Phone Moore Plumbing Company for plumbing supplies, plumbing repairs and gas fitting. 45 1tc. D. M. Perkins & Company, Fire Insurance & Real Estate, 605 Seventh, Phone 526. 175 7tc. All Union Barber Shops will be closed all day Christmas Day, Dec. 25th. 491 1tc. We are taking from our ovens Christmas cakes in all sizes which we will sell at a wide range in prices. These cakes have a touch of Christmas color and brightness about them and are as delicious as any we have ever baked. Come in and see them. Cream Bakers. 191-3tc. Mr. Santa Claus Please don't forget that we carry rifles, 26-gauge shot guns, rolling skates, air rifles, foot balls, boxing gloves, bicycles, striking bats, bicycle tires and pocket cutlery at live and low prices. We have some bargains in guns and shells. Winfrey Gun Store, 714 Eighth street, phone 288. 186 6tc. We re-line, rag and make your fur into the new shapes, phone 1221 Home Tailoring Co. 26 1tc.

heard and taken under advisement by the court. At St. James Hotel, New Year's night Jan. 1st, dinner, \$1.00. Music. Why not buy a nice automobile robe? Wichita Hardware Co. 190 2tc. The Wichita Junk Co. pays cash for used sacks, phone 2249. 190 2tc. Cut flowers and floral designs a specialty. Donnelly Floral Co. Phone 237. E. G. Hill, undertaker, office and parlors 900 Scott Ave. Phone 225. Prompt ambulance service. 92 1tc. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wichita Falls Sash and Door Co. will be held at the office of Anderson and Patterson, 616 Eighth street on Tuesday, January 9th, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and for the purpose of transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. V. H. Shepherd, Secy. and Treas. 190 10c. Phone Moore Plumbing Company for plumbing supplies, plumbing repairs and gas fitting. The following marriage licenses were issued today: B. P. Jester and Effie Robinson, J. D. Frost and Mrs. Clara Ella Frost, John McCarter and Miss Ethel Sims. County Commissioners Krouch and Laster spent several hours in the county jail here today, as a result of their failure to obey an order of the district court recently that divide the county into new commissioners' court districts, as nearly equal in population as possible. Krouch and Laster were sent to jail by Special Judge Brown of Stillwell, presiding in place of District Judge Wilson, after their refusal to comply with the order of the court and to pay a fine of \$5 and costs. The commissioners remained in jail only a short time, when their release was secured by habeas corpus proceedings filed in the Supreme Court. The case arose from an effort of Shawnee taxpayers a year ago to secure a redistricting in the Shawnee district had more than 50 per cent of the population and more than 50 per cent of the taxable property of the county. Judge Wilson ordered that the commissioners proceed to redistrict. The commissioners formed new districts, but the court held them to be not in compliance with his order and another order was issued. Krouch and Laster, sitting as the board of commissioners, then adopted a resolution not to redistrict to was for this act they were adjudged guilty of contempt and sentenced. The supreme court has set Dec. 26 for the hearing of the writ of habeas corpus. The terms of both commissioners expire in January. POULTRY SHOW PRIZES TO BE SENT AT ONCE Mailing lists for all prizes awarded at the poultry show of the North Texas Poultry association held here lately have been received from Rev. T. E. Cannedy of Oklahoma City, secretary-treasurer of last year's show, at the Chamber of Commerce today. Checks will be drawn and ribbons and other prizes sent out to exhibitors immediately after the return of Secretary B. F. Johnson, who is expected tonight. FAILS TO KEEP PROMISE AND IS FINED AGAIN After being released from the police court yesterday morning where he was charged with intoxication on the plea that he wished to go to Electra and go to work, a certain energetic individual made a reappearance in court this morning after having according to the evidence in court, "mooched" enough money to get drunk on and committing an assault on top of it. A fine of \$10 was assessed by Judge Whitelaw. Three others got the minimum—\$5 for intoxication and another was found not guilty. Two affray charges against negroes resulted in a \$10 fine in one case and the other was passed. A charge of disturbing the peace also brought a \$10 fine and a negro woman charged with vagrancy was adjudged not guilty. LODGE DIRECTORY. The Brotherhood of American Yeomen meet every first and third Friday night of each month at new Odd Fellows' hall, 708 1/2 Seventh a rept. L. C. Robertson, Cor. Knights of Pythias Meet Friday 4 Night Second Floor New Masonic Building. H. P. HODGE, C. C.

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TAX AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION PROBABLY LOST

Special to The Times. Austin, Dec. 21.—Practically complete official returns on the school tax submitted at the November election, indicate that the November election, indicate it was defeated by about 7000 votes.

NEGRESS JAILED AFTER SHOOTING

One of Her Boarders Wounded in Breast and is Taken to Hospital. May Beaseley, negress, was placed in the county jail this morning on a charge of shooting Paul Nix, a negro boarder at her house in the negro section early last night. The shooting is said to have been caused by the negro-maid's refusal to continue taking his meals at the house. The shot took effect in the breast bone which stopped further progress. The bullet was cut out but as it is thought that the negro was probably injured internally by the shock he was removed to the general hospital for medical attention. A 32 calibre revolver was used.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Joia C. Scott of Clovis, New Mexico, arrived today to spend the holiday at Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown, of 1309 Fifth street. Mrs. J. T. Gibson of Electra, was a visitor in the city today. Mrs. H. Tom Brink of Electra, who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clegg, of 1317 Fourteenth street, returned home today. William Goodman of Altus, who had been attending the Southern Baptist College in Decatur, was in the city today, on his way home to spend the holidays with relatives. B. S. Merrill of Kemp Kori, returned today from a business trip to Chicago. Benjamin Alexander and Clifford Woods of Frederick, were visitors in the city today. Mrs. Hattie J. Cowling of Decatur, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lawrence E. Jones, of 911 Seventh street, returned home today. Mrs. J. T. Gibson of Electra, was in the city today on her way to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in St. Jo. Miss Hazel Thornton of 911 Seventh street, went to Mangum, Okla., today to spend a few days with friends. Mrs. D. J. Hunt of Haskell, who had been visiting Miss Annie Fitzwater, went to Comanche, Okla., today. General Jno. E. Roller of Harrisburg, Va., arrived yesterday, to look after his property interests here. J. H. Ingram of Frederick, was in the city today, between trains. Miss Myrtle Welch of Barkburnett, who has been attending the Wichita County Teachers' Institute, returned home today. Frank Kell returned last night from Dallas, where he attended the periodic meeting of the Federal Reserve board for this district. Nothing of unusual importance came before the board, says Mr. Kell, only routine matters coming in for consideration. Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Linville, formerly of Littlefield, Texas, left today for Mexico to make their home. They have been visiting Mrs. Vera Hardwick for several days. Misses Mable and Annie Pirkel returned last night from an extended visit in Chicago and Oklahoma City. W. L. Bartosh left last night for Minneapolis, Minn., to take a course in mechanical engineering and machinery.

New Store, New Stock Low Prices, Largest Selection Take advantage of this VERY SUPERIOR COMBINATION in buying GIFTS Haltom & Friedly Jewelers and Diamond Merchants. 614 Eighth St. Phone 575 The Jewelers of West Texas

JUST ARRIVED! Today's Express Brought us a Shipment of GOLD WATCH BRACELETS and STERLING SILVER VANITY BOXES This shipment had been delayed and should have been in ten days ago. There are only two more shopping days until Christmas, and we are going to sell these dainty Christmas goods. That's the reason we are telling you about them. They are the very latest word in jewelry, and are of beautiful design. To sell them in the two days that remain before Christmas, we have priced them EXCEPTIONALLY LOW Come in and see them, and look over our splendid jewelry assortment. Kruger Bros. Jewelers 725 Ohio Ave.

Mr. Santa Claus Please don't forget that we carry rifles, 26-gauge shot guns, rolling skates, air rifles, foot balls, boxing gloves, bicycles, striking bats, bicycle tires and pocket cutlery at live and low prices. We have some bargains in guns and shells. Winfrey Gun Store, 714 Eighth street, phone 288. 186 6tc. We re-line, rag and make your fur into the new shapes, phone 1221 Home Tailoring Co. 26 1tc.

P.B.M.C. DEPARTMENT STORE A Christmas Display of Remarkable Completeness It Is True Economy To Buy Quality Merchandise P.B.M.C. DEPARTMENT STORE

ONLY TWO MORE DAYS To Take Advantage of the Tremendous Price Reductions Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats, Ladies' Suits and Coats going at HALF and less than HALF PRICE. New Christmas goods, just received, going at ONE-THIRD OFF. Every article in the house marked down to the lowest possible price. STORE CLOSED NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT TO INVOICE ALL GOODS LEFT. KAHN'S RETIRING FROM BUSINESS SALE Open evenings until 9 o'clock.

HOPE TO BUILD UP POULTRY INDUSTRY

North-Texas Association Reorganized Last Night—To Improve Annual Show

The upbuilding of poultry raising in Wichita county to the point where it will compete on equal terms with the rest of the state...

Work on next year's show will begin soon after the first of the year...

Although the campaign for the attraction of outside exhibitors and professional exhibitors will be conducted throughout the year...

A minimum entrance fee of \$1 per bird will be charged next year for all entries competing for prizes...

HOW MOUNTAIN WAR FRONT OF ITALY IS MAINTAINED

Headquarters of the Italian Army.—The transport of munitions and supplies to the 450 mile mountain front...

Market Report

Fort Worth Livestock. Fort Worth, Dec. 21.—Cattle receipts 4500, steady...

New York Cotton. New York, Dec. 21.—There was an advance of about two dollars per bale in cotton early today...

Chicago Grain. Chicago, Dec. 21.—President Wilson's price message slashed wheat prices five to seven cents a bushel...

HAROLD MURPH CLAIMS BRIDE IN FORT WORTH

The following clipping from this morning's Fort Worth Star-Telegram will be of much interest locally...

Miss Ruby Lee Pemberton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pemberton, of Essex avenue and Mr. Harold Murph of Wichita Falls...

Fogaras.—The legend, 'Roumania Mare' and paper ribbons in the Roumanian national colors...

INSTITUTE HEARS R. B. COUSINS TODAY

Adjournment is Taken After Five Days Session—Resolutions are Adopted

The Wichita County Teachers' Institute came to a close this morning after being in session since last Saturday...

In his talk, Mr. Hall told of plans for the work of the coming year and asked for the cooperation and assistance of the teachers in making 1917 a thoroughly successful year...

He spoke of the importance of choosing one's life work carefully and of being sure that it was suited to one's ability and temperament...

He resolved, that since there is considerable uncertainty as to whether the constitutional amendment covering the matter of community taxation, won or lost in the recent election...

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS START TOMORROW

St. Mary's Academy To Close For Christmas Vacation as Well as Public Schools

Wichita Falls school folks will be at leisure for a matter of several days after tomorrow...

FEDERAL AID SOUGHT IN CHICAGO COAL FAMINE

By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 20.—With Chicago householders facing the possibility of a fuel famine...

ALAMO TOTS HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE

Program is Demonstration of Work of New Kindergarten Teacher

Miss Isabel Killido, exponent of both the Froebel and Montessori methods of kindergarten instruction...

The Christmas tree was hung with bright colored lanterns and festooned with paper chains and other attractive bits of ornaments...

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HOPE TO RECOVER \$10,000 DIAMOND

Sensational Jewel Robbery of Two Years Ago at Dallas is Recalled

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 21.—A \$10,000 diamond, stolen from the window of a local jewelry store two years ago in a sensational daylight robbery...

TONIGHT'S COUNCIL SESSION PROMISES TO BE BRIEF

Prospects are for an extremely short and uneventful meeting of the council tonight according to Mayor Britain...

STUDENTS FROM THREE COUNTIES FORM CLUB

Denton, Tex., Dec. 21.—The 42 members of the "Ar-Cla-Wich" Club, composed of students attending the North Texas State Normal College...

ONLY TWO MORE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Of course, our salespeople will be unusually busy during the next two days, but not too busy to help you select suitable gifts for the whole family...

- Men's Overcoats \$6.85 and \$9.85
Young Men's Mackinaw \$4.85 and \$5.85
Misses' Wool Coats \$1.98 and \$2.98

We have hundreds of small articles throughout the store at just the prices you want to pay, all of which would be useful and suitable presents...

The Seventh Street Store Nussbaum's The Seventh Street Store
J. N. We Give GREEN STAMPS J. N.

PLEAS OF WIFE AND CHILDREN BRING LENIENCY
Wichita Falls and vicinity. Most of the Clay delegation are from Petrolia...

"WHERE SANTA CLAUS IS."

(BY EDGAR RYAN)

Far up north in Mystic Land, On the shores of Golden Sand, Where the wild waves dash...

Yes, boys and girls! Old Santa Claus will come, When the sun is high...

across the heavens. You can see him there in his gorgeous sleigh, drawn by his team of fleet-footed reindeer...

Baum & Gardner's EXCLUSIVE STYLES
Christmas Specials Friday and Saturday
Men's and Boys' Neckwear 20 Per Cent Discount on all Boys' Clothing
Children's HATS HALF Price 25 Per Cent Discount on all Men's and Boys' Mackinaws

POSTOFFICE HAS BROKEN RECORDS

Far Ahead of Last Year—Money Order Business Wednesday Sets New Mark

All previous postoffice records for Christmas have been smashed both for the month of December up to the close of business yesterday and for any single day. Up to last night receipts at the postoffice were \$1,595 ahead of receipts for the corresponding period of last year.

SUSTAINS INJURY IN CRANKING CAR

J. R. (Richard) Bradshaw Must Undergo Operation—Machine Was Christmas Present

While cranking an automobile purchased as a Christmas present for his parents, J. R. Bradshaw of 1406 Augusta, yesterday sustained serious injuries. He secured an unusually severe rupture as a result of his exertions in starting the machine and today plans were being made for an operation which physicians state is urgently necessary.

A good supply of toy wagons, velocipedes, air guns, autos, roller skates, etc., at Wichita Hardware Co., 130 2d St.

WATCHES!

- Eighteen Size, 21 Jewel, Vanguard
Sixteen Size, 21 Jewel, B. W. Raymond
Sixteen Size, 21 Jewel, South Bend
Sixteen Size, 21 Jewel, Hamilton
Sixteen Size, 17 Jewel, Howard
Twelve Size, 17 Jewel, Elgin
Twelve Size, 17 Jewel, Waltham



Any Kind of Bracelet Watch You Want

Diamonds, Jewelry, Cut Glass and Sterling Silver

E. S. MORRIS & CO. Dependable Jewelry

Eighth and Indiana Ave.

Through the Rockies in November

18 Miles per Gallon of Gas Easy Starting--No Carbon No Engine Trouble

This from the driver of a stock Maxwell who is using only—

TEXACO GASOLINE and TEXACO MOTOR OIL

on a coast-to-coast trip.

He left Newark, N. J., November 16th and wrote from Flagstaff, Arizona, November 25th, stating that he had covered 3048 miles on 166 gallons of Texaco Gasoline and 5 3/4 gallons of Texaco Motor Oil.

Texaco Motor Products will give the same dependable performance in your car—under all conditions of roads or weather. Look for the Texaco dealer's sign.

THE TEXAS COMPANY

HOUSTON, TEXAS DEALERS EVERYWHERE

YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

should breathe your own personality. How better attain this than by giving PHOTOGRAPHS

the only truly economical gifts, bearing with them the spirit of Christmas Day.

Portraits Taken, Hair or Shines, Over Morris Drug Store.

WICHITA STUDIO

802 1-2 Indiana Ave.

Make your appointment early—Xmas is our busy season.

Storage Batteries and Auto Work

We re-charge and rebuild all kinds of Storage Batteries. We are open day and night. We do all kinds of Auto repair work.

Shuler & Wallace Phone 2169 704 Scott

Christmas Savings

Our Christmas Savings Club has been very gratifying. On January 2nd, we will open our 1917 series, Pass Books made especially for this club will be used.

CITY NATIONAL BANK Capital, Surplus and Profits of \$480,000.00

J. A. KEMP, President C. W. SNIDER, Cashier F. R. LANSPORD, Vice President W. L. ROBERTSON, Asst. Cashier WILEY BLAIR, Vice President T. T. REESE, Asst. Cashier

TRY TIMES WANT ADS FOR QUICK RESULTS

CHRISTMAS TREE AT KINDERGARTEN

Exercises, Wednesday Afternoon Are Attended By Parents. Training Results Shown

Thirty seven eager, brightfaced children and a teacher every bit as interested as the children formed a circle around a Christmas tree Wednesday afternoon.

The mothers and the father had a perfect right to enjoy the tree for did it not contain presents for each one of them, fashioned by the loving little hands of their sons and daughters.

Mrs. Anna Bell Farquhar, the kindergarten teacher, has had the children in preparation for the Christmas program almost since the Thanksgiving holiday, working up their interest by telling the Christmas story and filling them with a love for the holiday and giving them the real meaning of the Christmaside.

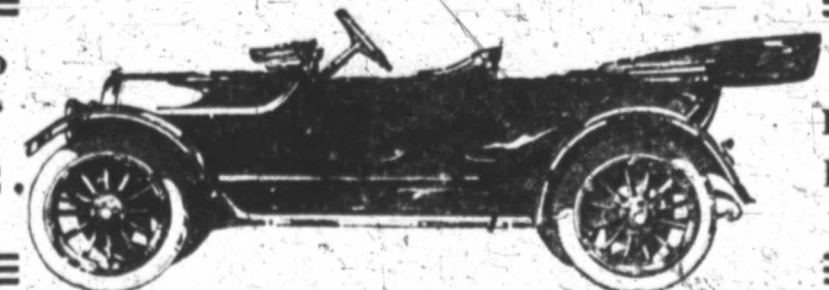
Attention Churches!

Play "Safety First" and use electrical decorations for your Christmas tree this year. Any electrical dealer will be glad to show you some Christmas tree lighting outfits.

Wichita Falls Electric Co.

Wichita Auto & Taxicab Co. Under New Management

723 Ohio Avenue. PHONE 1518



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We Go Anywhere at Any Time. Our Service is the Best. Train Calls Promptly Attended to CECIL BAILEY and CARL FLEMING, Managers

TO OUR PATRONS!

On account of the great shortage of milk around Wichita Falls, we have been unable to get material to manufacture Commercial Buttermilk.

We wish to state now that we have succeeded in getting a larger volume of milk, and in the future we can fill all orders for buttermilk.

Pure Milk Products Co.

ANDERSON & PATTERSON Insurance of all kinds—Loans, Real Estate and Rentals. 616 Eighth.

MANY IN WICHITA FALLS TRY SIMPLE MIXTURE

Many Wichita Falls people are surprised at the QUICK action of simple buckhorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adolka. This simple remedy acts on BOTH upper and lower bowel, removing such surprising foul matter that ONE SPOONFUL relieves almost ANY CASE of constipation, sour stomach, or gas.

AVIATOR WITH PERSHING'S TROOPS ARE MAKING GOOD

Associated Press, Mail Correspondence. Flight Headquarters, etc., as mixed in Adolka. This simple remedy acts on BOTH upper and lower bowel, removing such surprising foul matter that ONE SPOONFUL relieves almost ANY CASE of constipation, sour stomach, or gas.

no idea where he was. When he realized that manipulation of his controls produced no effect, he glanced at his compass. It was turned sideways, indicating that his plane was falling with its wings at right angles to the earth. Carefully he reversed his controls, fearing that too quick reversal would crumple the planes. Several times he did that. At last he felt them take hold.

WANTED TO BUY Second Hand Furniture and Stoves Phone 1011 Star Furniture Co.

Miscellaneous Wants

WANTED—Cast off men's clothing and shoes, phone 434. 180 1410

For Sale—City Property

FOR SALE—New modern 5 room bungalow and two vacant lots on 9th street, phone 1227. 133 162

Unfurnished Rooms

FOR RENT—Two unfurnished rooms 1205 Twelfth street. 188 116

Ror Rent—Houses

FOR RENT—Several houses. See E. B. Goring, phone 799 or residence 62. 1224c

ARE YOU SATISFIED

With the service you are getting from your cleaner and presser? Are your clothes clean and delivered just when you want them?

Home Tailoring Co. CLANES, DYERS, HATTERS PHONE 1231 709 Seventh St.

We Clean, Press, Repair

Clothing sent to our shop for dry cleaning or pressing always gets the same careful attention whether it be a hurry up order or one for which we have plenty of time.

Sansbury Tailoring Co. Phone 1067

Housekeeping Rooms

FOR RENT—Furnished housekeeping rooms at 1496 Broad phone 244, 151 116

For Rent—Offices and Store

FOR RENT—Three new modern store rooms, 25x75 feet at 609 Indiana ave and Kell Bldg. Phone 466, 96-116

Help Wanted—Male

WANTED—Energetic solicitor, splendid opportunity for advancement. Apply 1408 Eighth street from 7 p.m. on or Jewell Tea Co. 189 210

MONEY TO LOAN

Plenty of money to loan on first class real estate securities, at reasonable rates. Terms to suit you.

Wichita Southern Life Insurance Co. Fifth Floor Kemp & Kell Building

Morgan of Plainview Has Figured Some In Court Annals Before

J. A. Morgan of Plainview, who was recently convicted and sentenced after an only a few days to collect his life insurance, has figured in North-west Texas and Panhandle court records extensively before. It is learned, Morgan's latest stunt followed the burning of his house, scorched beyond being found in the ruins.

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and our coffees will please you for their uniform and we grind them after you give us the order

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For Rent—Bedrooms

FOR RENT—Large, south side front rooms, American Hotel. 169 116

For Sale—Farms and Ranches

FOR SALE—3-1/2 miles Dundee, Archer county, Texas, 240 acres, 140 best cultivated, 95 per cent 4000 lbs. feed, water, school, 240 oil value. Only \$1000. San Pedro state, M. J. D. Bell, owner, San Pedro, Calif. 81-120

For Sale—Miscellaneous

FOR SALE—A limited number of Christmas trees, 1 to 5 feet on display Saturday Morning, just south Farmers Supply Store, phone 1247, J. C. Wolfe. 190 416

CAVALRY IS BACK WARNING AGAINST NUMBER IN FRANCE CHRISTMAS FIRES

Mounted Forces Have Had Little To Do Since September of Last Year. State Fire Marshal Points Out Danger in Decorations and Fireworks

Associated Press Mail Correspondence. French Front.—Just fourteen months have passed since French cavalry has appeared on the battlefields of the Franco-German front as a mounted force. The last occasion of their employment in their real work was September 25, 1915, when a single squadron of Hussars crossed the German lines in Champagne and brought back some prisoners.

Reason Is Out

Never in the history of the United States was there a better opportunity for home building or the purchasing of a home than at the present. Plenty of money, low interest rates, money seeking safe investments. Buy and build when lots are cheap, act now, today, don't delay. Right now is your ideal opportunity, don't miss it this time.

For Sale

Two nice lots on 12th street south front in nice neighborhood, \$500.00 each, one third cash. Nice five room house on 17th street, in the car line, gas, lights and water in house. Sewer in street but not connected. Owner must sell, price \$1400.00, one third cash. 75x150 feet on the corner of Lee and Fourth streets, with sidewalk, gas, water and sewer tap on lot. A fine location for some rental houses, and at a bargain at \$750.00 one-third cash.

A. L. HUEY

Phone 1478 Office 604 Eighth Street

WE HAVE A 200-ACRE FARM, 4 MILES FROM TOWN, OWNER WANTS TO TRADE.

The owner wants a larger farm and will take a cheap grade of land, as pasture land is the main object.

STEHLIK & BABER

OTTO STEHLIK JAMES BABER Room 5, over Collier & Hendricks. Phone 2331

THE QUESTION OF ECONOMY

is often a matter of considerable moment when the yearly Christmas list of gifts is made out. By giving photographs or Xmas you can discharge all your obligations at comparatively low expense without favoring one person over another—and still your gifts will have that intimate personal touch that carries with it the real spirit of Xmas.

WICHITA STUDIO

802 1/2 INDIANA Over Morris Drug Store We Do FRAMING, Tool

For Rent—Bedrooms

FOR RENT—Large, south side front rooms, American Hotel. 169 116

For Sale—Miscellaneous

FOR SALE—A limited number of Christmas trees, 1 to 5 feet on display Saturday Morning, just south Farmers Supply Store, phone 1247, J. C. Wolfe. 190 416

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Situations Wanted

WANTED—Monographic position in Wichita Falls, by young lady stenographer, employed in Dallas. Experienced. Address E. care Times. 180 210

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For Sale or Trade

FOR SALE OR TRADE—passenger Cadillac 1913 model, but not been run over 1500 miles, phone 1229, C. 40 line. 190 210

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Help Wanted—Female

WANTED—Woman or girl to do clerical house work, 1183 Scott. 190 210

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List your Lots With Cravens Walker & Co. Kemp & Kell Building Phone 694

For Sale

FOR SALE—On easy terms, the great bargain in town, one four-room house and three vacant lots near the main house. See Creed Bros. Phone 1210.

THE QUESTION OF ECONOMY

is often a matter of considerable moment when the yearly Christmas list of gifts is made out. By giving photographs or Xmas you can discharge all your obligations at comparatively low expense without favoring one person over another—and still your gifts will have that intimate personal touch that carries with it the real spirit of Xmas.

WICHITA STUDIO

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Visit The Store Of Men's Gifts

The Yuletide Spirit Is In Evidence Everywhere

Menfolks always appreciate those practical gifts that lend personal comfort, and there is no better place to look for these articles than this men's store. Our selections have been assembled from the best markets and from manufacturers of reputation. We have conveniently arranged complete stocks and assortments for ready selection. Shop here and select those quality articles he would choose. Give him a

Benjamin Suit or Overcoat

HE WILL APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS,—and, besides, we are making some special prices, which make them still more attractive. All Suits and Overcoats in season's best styles and fabrics:

\$15.00 values at.....	\$10.25
\$17.50 and \$18.00 values at.....	\$13.95
\$20.00 values at.....	\$14.95
\$22.50 values at.....	\$17.95
\$25.00 values at.....	\$18.75
\$30.00 values at.....	\$21.75

SEE OUR WINDOW DISPLAY.

20 percent discount on all Mackinaws—Attractive prices on Boys' Suits and Overcoats.

- Suggestions for Busy Shoppers**
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| Dress Suits | Suspenders |
| Silk Hats | Lounging Robes |
| Hosiey | Bath Robes |
| Silk Shirts | Smoking Jackets |
| Jewelry | Pajamas |
| Fancy Waistcoats | Underwear |
| Handkerchief Sets | Negligee Shirts |
| Gloves | Sweaters |



"ABSOLUTE RELIABILITY"



Order Feed Friday

We will be closed from Saturday, 2:00 p. m., until Tuesday morning.

Maricle Coal & Feed Co.

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MASQUERADE BALL

Aerie No. 1889, F. O. E., will give a Masquerade Ball Friday night, December 22, in their hall, 810 1/2 Ohio Avenue, for Eagles and their families only.

GRAND MARCH STARTS 8:30 P. M.

JUST RECEIVED

Ten Dozen Pairs Felt Juliet Slippers Assorted Colors

Choice **95^c**

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617 Indiana Avenue

IN THE SPHERE OF WOMANKIND

THE COMING OF THE KING

Waiting! The whole earth feels the secret spell Of hushed expectancy. And reads the ancient prophecy And all the lores and legends that fore-tell

The coming—
The coming of the king!

The "signs are in the sun and in the stars,"
As said the gospel lines of old;
And all the hidden things unfold,
And lifted are the sealed gates and the bars.

For the coming—
The coming of the king!

And shall not we who catch the prop-
hecy sweet
And glimpse what souls may not for-
get,
Shall we not rise and softly set
The home-within-our-hearts—in order
meet!

For the coming—
The coming of the king?
—Sara Beaumont Kennedy.

BIBLE CLASSES HOLDS GRAB BAG TUESDAY

Inside all was cheery and bright, full of the Christmas spirit, quite in contrast to the gloomy, wintry weather when the Women's Bible Class of the M. E. Church, South held their Christmas grab bag and social Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. M. Baker with Mrs. T. B. Hickman being hostess with Mrs. Doké. The afternoon was spent in ways most pleasing to the members with the gift drawing as the feature and the hos-

HOW GOOD THAT MUSTEROLE FEELS!

at Gets to That Sore Spot Like Magic

A-a-ah! That's delicious relief for those sore rascals, those stiff joints, that lame back.

Musterole is a clean, white ointment, made with the oil of mustard and other home simples.

It does the work of the old-fashioned mustard plaster, minus the plaster and minus the blister!

You simply rub Musterole on the spot where the pain is—rub it on briskly—and usually the pain is gone. No more, no blister. Just comforting, soothing relief—felt a gentle glow, then a delightful sense of coolness. And best of all, no blisters like the old-fashioned mustard plaster used to make.

Use Musterole for sore throat, bronchitis, tonsillitis, croup, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, headache, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and aches of the back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, bruises, chilblains, frosted feet and colds of the chest (it often prevents pneumonia).



esses served tempting sandwiches, pickles, waters and coffee with whipped cream. Those enjoying the afternoon were Mesdames Brown, Clausen, Biand, Marcum, Gwinn, Robertson, Nelson, Masie, Hartsock, Hartou, Ford, Mann, Humphreys, Temple, Muldrow, Deaton, Priebe, Bullard, Dobson and Rahl. The class will be entertained next on Jan. 2 by Mrs. Fannie Rahl.

ENTRE NOUS CLUB HOLDS CHRISTMAS GRAB BAG

A contest and a grab bag in which the club members' Christmas gifts were deposited made the meeting of the Entre Nous Club Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. J. G. Quinn hostess one of unusual pleasure. Mrs. W. McLemore of Oklahoma City and Miss Inez McMillan were club guests and in the contest Mrs. McLemore and Mrs. McMillan won high prizes with the booty going to Mrs. F. O. Trawek. The hostess served a daintily arranged salad plate, the collation consisting of fruit salad, sandwiches, pickles, potato chips and tea.

The members present Mesdames Everton, E. H. Brown, E. E. Trawek, Shappell, McMillan, Barringer, A. C. Trawek and Little.

W. O. W. BOX SUPPER HELD; RIFLES FAIL TO ARRIVE

Unpleasant weather notwithstanding, the box supper given by the W. O. W. Camp 3001 Wednesday night was quite a success, more than \$46 being realized for the benefit of the equipment fund. A short program was given including an address by George Smoot and song by Baby Orr. J. M. Stanley was auctioneer for the sale of the boxes and the supper provided a highly enjoyable feature.

Being disappointed by the failure of the rifles to arrive the drill team gave their special number which, as usual, it is now thought that this rifle drill can be made a part of the next regular meeting.

FRENCH RAILROAD DEFICIT IS STEADILY INCREASING

Paris.—Increase in the cost of coal, truck material and rolling stock have added to the operating expenses of French railroads that notwithstanding a considerable increase in receipts since 1914, they show a deficit of 715,000,000 francs for the two fiscal years following the outbreak of war.

The principal lines spent two billion francs in the year 1915-16; they received 1,500,000,000. For the fiscal year 1916-17 the anticipated outlay is 2,500,000,000. An increase of seventeen per cent in receipts is expected, but this will still leave a deficit of 2,500,000,000 for the year.

An idea of what coal prices mean to the railroads is seen in the fact the Paris- Lyons and Mediterranean lines spent 20,000,000 francs for coal in 1915 and 170,000,000 francs in 1916. Steel rails that cost 130 francs a ton before the war have gone up to 550 francs. Railroad ties cost 122 per cent more, locomotives are 20 per cent higher and are going on toward a 100 per cent increase while cars have gone up from 200 per cent to 290 per cent since 1914.

The deficit of the state railroads was 76 millions in 1914; it is estimated at 204 millions for the current fiscal year. M. Ribot, minister of finance points out the necessity of increasing freight and passenger rates.

TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE DESTROYS MUCH GOOD WINE

London.—The action of Rosalind, Countess of Cadogan, in pouring away into the ground about 1,000 bottles of wine, as evidence of her strong temperance views has aroused a storm of criticism in letters to the newspapers.

The Countess is president of the British Women's Temperance Association. She has been a lifelong total abstainer and temperance advocate.

The wine was of old vintage and was stored in the cellars of Castle Howard, the Yorkshire estate of the Countess. She inherited the stock, but

The BIG CHRISTMAS RUSH IS NOW ON!

The Demand For Gift Goods Is Brisk

Therefore we urge you not to delay making your purchases for another day. By carefully selecting from our complete line of

CLASSY JEWELRY

Your Christmas Shopping Is Made A Pleasure

Our looking ahead in buying makes the cost to you very reasonable. We have just replenished our stock from the eastern markets and with the aid of a traveling salesman's trunk, we are now ready to fill your wants.

Let Us Help You To Decide What To Give

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| Some of the inexpensive gifts for men are toothpick holders, in gold, Walde mar pencils, knives, pocket combs, cigar cutters, belt buckles. | Lingerie clasps, spot pins, hat pins, small pieces in ivory, small brooches, rings, tating shuttles, bodkin sets, trinkets, are practical gifts for ladies. |
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High-Grade Diamond Goods For The Person Of Some Means

We have some very special stones, one and two carats in weight, of very fine quality, that we will sell you at a bargain. Come and see the goods and get our prices. We will make it worth your time.

Our line offers desirable selections for all, whatever your requirements may be. Come at once, for time is speeding fast away.

AT YOUR SERVICE. **B. T. BURGESS JEWELER**

713 Eighth Street Phone 165

MANY OF ARGENTINE'S VESSELS HAVE BEEN SOLD

Buenos Aires, Argentina.—The whittling away of the Argentine merchant marine, freighters, passenger boats and fishing fleet continues rapidly outside in the foreign demand for vessels. The best known of the shipping companies in the River Plate has parted with passenger and cargo steamers without it appears any im-

mediate intention of replacing them. The sale of two more river boats is announced, the purchasers being European firms who have paid 100,000 pounds sterling for them. Two modern tugs have also been disposed of for 50,000 pounds the pair.

A good supply of toy wagons, velocipedes, air guns, roller skates, etc., at Wichita Hardware Co. 190 2d

TRY TIMES WANT ADS FOR QUICK RESULTS

PERSONALS

Dr. and Mrs. Grant and children of Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Hayden Head and small son and Phil Bullock of Sherman, will arrive Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Baker, 1301 Lamar.

Miss Elizabeth Youngblood has returned from Colorado Springs, where she has been studying violin and will spend the holidays here.

Miss Ellen Agnes Robertson, who has been studying in Crescent College, Eureka Springs, Ark., is at home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Robertson.

T. B. Noble Jr., John Mackechney and John Salm, students in Kemper, Booneville, Mo., are at home for the holidays.

Luther and Henry Robertson are at home to spend Christmas. They have been attending Baylor University at Waco.

Miss Helen Hines and Miss Mary Herron will arrive today from Fort Worth, where they have been attending Texas Woman's College.

William Ward, a student at Georgia Technical Institute, Atlanta, will arrive Saturday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ward.

Misses Mary Lou Thomas, Bruce Dickson and Rhea Gardner, students at S. M. U., Dallas are expected home Friday.

A. Eckert left this morning for Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Shumake and son, C. J. Jr., have returned from Haskell and Beymour, where they visited relatives. C. J. Jr. is home from Terrill School at Dallas for the holidays.

Dr. J. W. DuVal Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat First National Bank Building

MEMBER OF PROMINENT NOBLE FAMILY KILLED

Associated Press Mail Correspondence. Nuerberg, Germany—Lieutenant Behaim von Schwarzbach, son of one of the oldest noble families in Germany and the last male member of the family, has been killed at the eastern theatre of war.

Lieutenant von Behaim is a direct descendant of Martin Behaim, a renowned explorer and sailor, who is said probably to have been a colleague of Columbus and who himself undertook at end of the fifteenth century, trips to the coast of Africa that extended as far as the cape of Good Hope. He is said to have completed the first "globe" of the world, which is still in the possession of the Behaim family in Nuerberg.

THE CHRISTMAS BOX

Supreme is the one that contains a bottle of nice Perfume. No matter what else you give, a bottle of Perfume is just the thing to make it a finished Christmas package.

The choosing of Perfume here is easy, as we have every popular odor and in very pretty specially selected boxes for Holiday Gift Giving variously priced at . . . 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and up to \$15.00

First Attention to All Orders For The Sick Salace Drug Store Special Attention Given Our Prescription Dept.

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Our big stock of cigars has been selected so as to appeal to smokers of discriminating taste. We know the preferences of more smokers, probably, than anybody in town.

WE HAVE THE CIGAR TO SUIT HIS TASTE. They are put up in gift boxes containing from 12 to 100, and the prices are from 50 cents up.



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Today The popular Universal stars, ROBERTA WILSON and WM. QUINN

"THE HERITAGE OF HATE"

A RED FEATHER production by Walter Woods; a story of an inherited revenge and its accomplishment by a beautiful young girl, who learns at last to change hate for love.

Don't Forget—"PEG O' THE RING"—Friday

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We have a large and beautiful stock, mounted in every conceivable way, and the quality is such that they give everlasting pleasure to those who receive them.

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WILL THERE BE A VICTROLA IN YOUR HOME THIS CHRISTMAS?

There's a Victrola here for you this Christmas

- \$15 \$25 \$40 \$50 \$75



- \$100 \$150 \$200 \$250 \$300

In fact there is a complete line of VICTROLAS in every style, from which you can choose the exact instrument that will fit into your home.

And, whichever style you choose, it will fit into your heart, and into the hearts of your whole family. For the VICTROLA brings the greatest artists to entertain you and inspire you in every one of your music-loving moods. Ask us to show you a list of the great singers, musicians, comedians, bands and orchestras that the VICTROLA alone can bring to your home. VICTOR artists form the greatest congress of musical genius in the world. Invite them to your home this Christmas. Enjoy them in the midst of home comforts. Have them always at your hand to fill your life with melody. THERE IS NO BETTER DAY THAN TODAY TO CHOOSE YOUR VICTROLA. The Christmas demand is always greater than the supply and you won't want to get left.

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The variety and completeness of our stock of VICTOR music assures our patrons of getting just what they want. In addition to the general records, we offer a fine choice of special CHRISTMAS MUSIC, including many of the compositions whose lofty and ennobling beauty has won them immortality. We have a complete list of this music, which you may have for the asking.

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December Victor Record "Girl from Brazil" (Medley One-Step) and "Flora Belle" (Medley One-Step) Price 75c

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NOTICE Just received my car of trees and shrubbery. If you are interested call and be convinced as to the quality and price. Just south of the Farmers Supply Co. J. C. Wolfe, phone 1847.

Assistant County Attorney John Davenport went up to Electra today on business.