

OTHER NEUTRALIS MAY FOLLOW WILSON

WANTS AMERICA TO BE CLEARING HOUSE FOR PEACE

ATTENTION OF WASHINGTON DIPLOMATS NOW TURNS TO MANEUVER IN WHICH MESSAGE IS RECEIVED IN EUROPE

SEEKS FRANK REPLY

President Trying to Make His Attitude Clear—Reports of London's Unfavorable Views are Not Unexpected

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 22.—With the purpose of President Wilson's note to belligerents clarified by official statements on the subject, the attention of the United States has turned to the reception of the note in the foreign capitals.

Diplomats here are eagerly watching for indications of whether the European neutrals will follow the lead of the United States and make a similar appeal to the warring powers.

There is a growing feeling that the United States hopes to become the clearing house for the views, and eventually for the terms of the belligerents. Several of the diplomats have advised their governments to that effect in order to guide them in the replies.

Surprise at the fast growing significance of the president's move was expressed on all sides, where it was pointed out that the first opinion revealed that the note, itself, was merely a "feeler" and that the most immediately contemplated in issuing it was the receipt of some sort of definition from the various warring nations.

That the president should let it be known indirectly, to the diplomats for their guidance that he went even farther than that, and counted on an absolutely frank reply from the belligerents which would lead to an actual opportunity for negotiations, proved only surprising, than the actual note itself.

This feeling was increased by Secretary Lansing's authorized statement yesterday that no sounding had been heard of the attitude of the belligerents, and that the note had been sent entirely regardless of the Central Powers proposals or of the reply of Lloyd George.

The question very much to the fore today was whether the European neutrals would present a united appeal. The Spanish and Swiss representatives here have been at the state department repeatedly since these proposals came out and probably know fully the plans of this government.

It is pointed out that the European neutrals have suffered beyond any other nations not actually involved in the war and that peace is more essential to them than to any but the actual belligerents. In addition, they have seen the bitterness of the war and none of its ambitions and are anxious more for the coming of peace than for the accomplishment of any other purpose.

Nevertheless, their theoretical position between the two contending forces has been so dangerous that up to now they have been able to do no more than maintain their neutrality without mixing in even to suggest peace. Part of this danger, however, is thought to be the American action.

Gradual clearing among the entente diplomats here of the president's purpose and indications that they would advise their governments to reply in a friendly spirit, proved a source of deep gratification today, as it was pointed out, both in the note itself and by Secretary Lansing's explanation, one of the dangers was that the allies would consider the note as a pro-German move. Every effort was made to remove this impression and to have the note considered entirely apart from any other events.

The entente diplomats, at first very fearful, have now accepted this view. Craze Grew reported to the state department today that the President's peace note had been received in Berlin.

Early London press comments that the note was painful because it said the objects of the belligerents were essentially the same, was not unexpected here, where attention has already been drawn to the fact that President Wilson specifically declared that the published views of the opposing statesmen left this impression.

It is stated officially that the president would not presume to say that the two groups were fighting for the same object, but merely that their official spokesmen had outlined much of the same general program without going into the actual details which he now seeks.

"AMAZING" SAY BRITISH PAPERS OF WILSON NOTE

PRESIDENT'S ACTION CHARACTERIZED BY SOME AS MOVE IN "WILSONIAN" CAUSE—GREAT SURPRISE

RECEIVED UNKINDLY

Nearly All of Headlines and Editorials Hostile in Tone and Indicate Unfavorable Attitude Toward Message of United States

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 22.—President Wilson's note is given the honor of the largest display in the morning papers relating the war news to a minor place. Head lines such as "President Wilson's Strange Peace Essay," "President Wilson's Peace Feeler," "Amazing Note" indicate a slight measure of the astonishment caused by the communication.

Much speculation is indulged in as to the motive of a message which inspired the president to send such a note after his assumption of the attitude that he would not mediate unless invited by both groups of the belligerents.

One section of the press, utterly rejecting any idea of the possibility of peace negotiations as the outcome of the recent German note, attributes the president's action to the success of propaganda conducted by Count Von Bernstorff in America and what was pointed out as the masterly inactivity of the late British government.

The more general impression is that the agitation in the America for an embargo on food exports had much to do with Wilson's action.

It is also suggested that the president may have received special information from the German government, and is aware of the extent to which Germany is prepared to go toward "reparation, restitution and guarantees." This is the view expressed by the Daily Chronicle, which also is devoted to the chances of Congress passing food export measures and possibly an embargo on cotton and wheat.

The general public had the first news of President Wilson's note from the morning papers. The matter was the subject of conversation on incoming suburban trains and throughout the country. The people, like the press, are rather taken aback as they cannot arrive at a conclusion that the speech of Premier Lloyd George had put an end to all peace talk, unless the Central Powers, in their reply, had promised to be prepared to define their terms.

That the president or any other neutral would take any action was further from their minds. Even the papers, which do not print editorials, came out with big headlines which expressed their views.

The Evening News, which is the afternoon edition of the Daily Mail, heads a reprint of the comment of the morning papers with the one word, "rot" in large black type, and adds, "Our own edition of President Wilson's note, 'No, No, No,' that is what Great Britain gives today without a moment's hesitation to the surprising note from President Wilson."

SAYS WILSON IN POSITION OF GERMAN'S INTERLOCUTOR

By Associated Press. Edinburgh, Scotland, Dec. 22.—President Wilson is declared to have placed himself in the position of an interlocutor on the side of Germany by the Scotsman which in an editorial commenting on the president's note.

"President Wilson has hitherto observed a discreet reticence which he maintained when the small nation as a whole was in conversation with him suffering unparalleled wrong. What motive can have prompted him to throw aside that reserve just at a moment when so concerned about war, to be misunderstood? It is strange that no one among his counselors had the wit to see that intervention at this juncture immediately followed the maneuvers of Berlin and before the entente powers had time to deal formally with that movement, runs the extreme risk of being misunderstood."

"His explanation on this point makes his action still more unintelligible. If he brooded over this question so long in silence what reason can have impelled to become suddenly communicative just at a moment when his perception of the prompt makes him uneasy and distrustful? It is not surprising that he feels embarrassed; for he acted so, that he became virtually an interlocutor on Germany's side. Why did he not wait for the entente reply to Germany? Why did he step into the ring with proposals which, whatever his intentions, must present themselves to the allies as a construction of a move for peace. They came from various individuals and organizations."

Official copies of Secretary Lansing's statement of yesterday on President Wilson's note to the belligerents have been sent to all American diplomats abroad for the information of the governments to which they are accredited, in order that there may be no misconception of the president's purposes.

BRITISH REPLY TO AWAIT VIEWS OF OTHER ALLIES

WILL MAKE NO STATEMENT ON PEACE NOTE UNTIL ALL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT HAVE BEEN CONSULTED

BONAR LAW EXPLAINS

Makes Announcement in House of Commons Today When Asked for Statement Regarding Communication From America

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 22.—The British government will make no statement at present in regard to President Wilson's peace note, considering it a question to be dealt with only in communication with other members of the cabinet.

Announcement to this effect was made in the House of Commons today by Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer and government leader in the House. Mr. Law was asked whether a statement could be made regarding the American note. He replied:

It would be obvious to the House that this is a question that can be dealt with only in communication with our allies and that it is absolutely impossible to make a statement now.

RECORD FOR QUICK COALING MADE AT PANAMA CANAL

By Associated Press. Ancon, C. Z., Dec. 22.—A record for quick coaling has been made by the new coaling plant at the Panama Canal at the Atlantic terminus. It recently delivered 420 tons of coal into the bins of the plant in 24 minutes, and that too with the use of only one of the four leading towers with which the plant is equipped.

There is practically never a ship comes to the plant which can take coal as fast as the plant can deliver it. The conveyors have to be stopped repeatedly to allow the coal to be trimmed evenly in the bunkers. For naval purposes, the plant is designed to have an overall handling capacity of 2,000 tons an hour for an indefinite run, and be capable of speeding up to 4,000 tons an hour in emergencies. Tests for this capacity have been run, and the plant has been found to exceed requirements slightly.

RETIREMENT OF RUSSIANS ALONG DOBRUDJA FRONT

By Associated Press. Petrograd, Dec. 22.—Russian troops in the northern part of Dobrudja, having been driven back by the whole front by numerically superior Teutonic forces, says the official statement today, have begun a further retirement to the northward.

41,953 MEALS AT CAFETERIA DURING MONTH

By Associated Press. Austin, Texas, Dec. 22.—At an average cost of thirteen and one-third cents per meal, the University of Texas cafeteria served 41,953 meals during October, despite the high cost of foodstuffs, according to the business manager of the University, who runs the "caf" as the dining hall is familiarly known to students. Sweet talk, now selling for 64 cents, as compared with 39 cents last year, is the only foodstuff which has gone up. A report shows that the average cost of board per month per student was \$12.67, ranging from a minimum of \$7.00 to a maximum of \$19.90 per month.

No profit is made and the meals are served to students as cheaply as possible. Student help is used extensively, and those serving get their board free and earn from \$3.50 to \$12.50 a month in addition.

IMPROVEMENTS MADE AT EPWORTH LEAGUE GROUNDS

By Associated Press. Corpus Christi, Texas, Dec. 22.—The erection of an auditorium and 25 summer cottages has been started at the Epworth League summer encampment property at Port O'Connor, according to W. J. Doyle, general freight and passenger agent for one of the railroads of Texas, who recently returned from a business trip to that place. Mr. Doyle said that \$75,000 is being spent by the Epworth League of Texas on this improvement. According to him, the camp streets have been graded and they are to be shelled. He said that the grounds are being fenced and that pleasure piers are in process of construction.

FEDERAL COURT PROSPECTS MUCH IMPROVED TODAY

Prospects for Wichita bills becoming a federal court post session probably brighter today, as dispatches from Washington reporting that the House Judiciary committee would report favorably still making this city a court town in the northern district of Texas. Previous Washington news indicates that the bill creating a new federal court district would not be presented here today to a court here that this city would not get a federal court, but it now appears that provision was made for this city independent of the other measures. Representative Stephens was instrumental in getting favorable action.

HOFFMAN MADE INSPECTOR FOR ALL OF TEXAS

W. C. Hoffman, who has been stationed in Wichita Falls for a year past, in charge of the tick eradication work in this county, has been appointed chief inspector for the entire state, according to advices received today. The live stock sanitary board made the appointment yesterday. Mr. Hoffman is succeeding W. A. Wallace, resigned. The appointment is effective January 15.

VILLA'S FORCES MAKE DRIVE ON TORREON TODAY

By Associated Press. El Paso, Tex., Dec. 22.—Villa's forces began an attack on Torreon at 4 a. m., according to unconfirmed reports received today. The battle was said to be in progress at noon.

DENTON DEFEATS ROAD BONDS ISSUE

Second Attempt to Carry It Results in Increased Support But Falls Short

Special to The Times. Denton, Dec. 22.—Denton county's second attempt in two months to vote a million dollar bond issue for road funds failed by 136 votes of getting the required two-thirds majority. There were 228 more favorable votes than in November and the city of Denton went heavily for the bonds, but the smaller boxes went decisively against the proposition.

HOUSE RESOLUTION TO INDORSE NOTE

Republican Leader Again Blocks Effort to Secure Consideration in Senate

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 22.—A resolution to have the House indorse President Wilson's peace note was introduced by Representative Bailey of Pennsylvania.

Senator Hitchcock made another futile effort to get consideration of a similar resolution in the Senate. Senator Gallinger, the republican leader, blocked its immediate consideration, however by asking that it go over a day under the rule. Senator Hitchcock then announced that he would seek action on the resolution immediately after the holidays.

Heavy Snowfall Is Seen at St. Louis as Result of Fire

By Associated Press. Cleveland, Dec. 22.—A loss of nearly \$200,000 resulted from a fire that started here last night and which was brought under control this morning. Thousands of pounds of tea, sugar and nuts in the seven-story building occupied by the Atlantic Tea Company and the stocks in adjoining buildings were damaged. Cold weather interfered with the work of the firemen.

GARNER TO URGE HORIZONTAL TAX ON ALL IMPORTS

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 22.—Representative Garner of Texas, democrat, member of the ways and means committee, announced today that he soon will introduce a resolution to put a 10 percent tax of from ten to twelve percent on all imports, save salt. A ten percent horizontal tax would reduce the present rate of imports, said Garner. This amount added to the sale of Panama Canal bonds would be sufficient to pay the debt. Majority Leader Hitchcock said today he had no idea at this time how more revenue could be raised.

TRAVIS COUNTY IS TO CONTINUE WET

Anti's Win Thursday's Election By Majority of 7005 Polled

By Associated Press. Austin, Texas, Dec. 22.—Travis county voters voted to remain wet. The vote was 5786 to 2219. Austin went wet by a majority of 491, two boxes voting dry. Prohibitionists consider the victory encouragingly small, pointing out that a total of 7005 votes were cast.

\$150,000 IS ASKED FOR NEW SCHOOL FOR BLIND

By Associated Press. Austin, Tex., Dec. 22.—Dr. E. E. Bramlett, superintendent of the State School for the Blind, in his biennial report to the governor, recommends additional appropriations aggregating \$150,000 for more buildings and equipment for the new school, now being constructed near Austin.

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT IS COMPILING ALBUM

By Associated Press. Mexico City, Dec. 22.—An album depicting the beauties of Mexico, its monuments, and fine buildings, which was commenced in the year 1910, during the Porfirio Diaz, rule to be published for the greatest of the constitutional authorities. This information has just been brought to the border and upon completion, copies of the album will be distributed to libraries, principal centers of learning throughout the republic.

LANSING'S NOTE IS PRESENTED IN PARIS THURSDAY

By Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 22.—William G. Sharp, American ambassador to France, delivered personally to Premier Briand between 7 and 8 o'clock last night Lansing's note to the belligerent nations. Paris newspapers this evening print the note textually.

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR CORPUS CHRISTI TROOPS

By Associated Press. Corpus Christi, Texas, Dec. 22.—Citizens of the various cities and towns which are cooperating in the Texas National Guard, now encamped at Camp Scurry, have been asked by the governor to assemble remembrances for the military and forward them to Mayor Miller of this city.

"VIEW-OF-LIFE CONVENTION" IS HELD IN GERMANY

By Associated Press. Berlin.—The impulse of the Germans to organize for every possible purpose and hold national gatherings has not been checked by the war. The other day a little national convention was held at Lauterbach, a summer resort in the Harz Mountains, the like of which has never been heard of in any other country. It was a "View-of-Life Convention." Every German who makes any intellectual pretensions at all feels that he must have his "Weltanschauung", or view of life, his theory as to the government of the Universe and man's place in it. Acting in this spirit a small circle of professors decided to hold this unique convention and read papers on the different aspects of the philosophy of life. Papers were read on "The Principal Views of Life in the Leading Civilized Nations and Germany's Cultural Mission," and "The Views of Life of our Classical Writers." One hundred and fifty persons from all parts of the Empire were present.

FIRE AT KANSAS MASONIC HOME

AT LEAST FOUR INMATES DEAD AND OTHERS ARE INJURED

RESCUES DIFFICULT

Many Flee From Blazing Structure to Be Overcome by Bitter Cold Outside

TEXAS COLD WAVE IS BELIEVED OVER

Dallas Has Lowest Temperature Since 1909, But Many Points Warmer Today

By Associated Press. Dallas, Texas, Dec. 22.—Fourteen above zero, the lowest December temperature in this section since 1909, was registered here this morning. Freezing weather extended to the coast line, according to weather bureau reports, which show temperatures of 24 above zero at Houston, 22 above at San Antonio, 26 at Galveston, 32 at Corpus Christi and 34 at Brownsville.

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR PERSHING'S MEN

Rig Celebration Planned by Members of Force—Presents for Everybody

By Associated Press. Field Headquarters, Mexico, Dec. 22.—Except for decorating the great Christmas tree preparations have been completed here and the program set for the greatest Christmas celebration the American army has ever held outside the United States.

HOUSTON AMONG LIKELY CHOICES FOR LOAN BANK

By Associated Press. Houston, Texas is among the cities to whom the federal farm loan board is paying especial attention, it is understood.

BERLIN MAY MAKE PEACE TERMS KNOWN

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 22.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch says it is announced semi-officially that should the entente allies in their reply to the peace proposal of the central powers leave the door open for negotiations, Germany will make known her chief peace terms immediately.

BRITISH REPORT GAINS IN EGYPT AND ON TIGRIS

PUSH CLOSER TO KUT-EL-AMARA IN MESOPOTAMIA—CAPTURE CITY OF EL ARISH FROM TURKS NEAR SUEZ CANAL

DEFENSES EXTENDED

The Associated Press summarizes European war operations as follows: While winter weather is causing military operations on most of the fronts to slacken, the British are making considerable gains in Mesopotamia and on the Tigris. The British have recently pushed forward close to Kut-el-Amara on the Tigris and are continuing to attack the Turkish forces in that region, evidently in the hope of rounding their long-delayed march toward Baghdad.

Now another field of activity is demanding attention, with today's announcement from London that British forces have captured El Arish in Egypt on the Mediterranean, 90 miles east of the Suez canal.

Little has been heard from the Egyptian operations for some time, but the British are known to have been making somewhat elaborate preparations to protect the canal and extend their defensive lines have been pushed far out on the Sinai peninsula. Apparently there has been a recent effort still further to extend the defensive line of which the capture of El Arish constitutes an important development.

The taking of El Arish establishes the British front at the point nearest toward the border of the British empire and the farthest eastward penetration by the Turkish forces in this area, since the Turkish ridge began.

El Arish has been the object previously of attacks by British aviators and warships and last May a combined naval and air raid on the place was reported to have destroyed the fortified station.

On the Franco-Belgian front the artillery is the only arm of the service that is displaying activity of moment as the bombardments are not of unusual intensity.

The British parliament was prorogued today for the holiday period. King George in the speech from the throne gave expressions of confidence in the government and of the entente and stated a determination to continue the war until "the security of Europe was established on a sure foundation."

GALLARD CUT SLIDES HAVE BEEN OVERCOME

By Associated Press. Panama, Dec. 22.—The slides in Gallard Cut which have been menacing navigation have been overcome. Today the channel is in better shape than it has ever been before. For a minimum width of 80 feet, as a feet deep and it is at least 100 feet deep clear across the original path.

The engineers in charge will not commit themselves to prophecy but they say the cut is in the best shape it was ever in, and the fact that they have taken away all but three slides dredges and cut out the Sunday and holiday work is a strong indication of their confidence in the situation. The three dredges are carrying to the excavation bank of the original channel line in order to establish a defensive zone to prevent encroachments with channels which are already being done to complete the channel to its full width of 300 feet with a bottom 10 feet above sea level, giving a depth of 45 feet, but it is already possible now to give passage to the biggest ships on the seas without any trouble.

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MUSICIANS CLUB CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY AFTERNOON

For their first public concert this year the Musicians Club of the city chose a Christmas Eve concert, to be given Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at the First Presbyterian Church. The club chorus and principals have been hard at work on the numbers for some weeks back under the direction of C. H. Machlin and the program as arranged sounds very attractive. It follows: Chorus: The First Nowell (Traditional); Soprano solo: "Lullabye, Greatly (Gandolf)—Mrs. W. S. Robertson; Chorus (8): "A Christmas Carol (Reincke); (9) "Say, Where is He Born?" (Mendelssohn); Piano solo: "Cavatella" (Pasquini)—Liszt; Miss Kathleen Stonecipher; Chorus: "O Sing to God" (Gounod); Soprano obligato: Mrs. Lee Clark; Double Concerto for two violins (Bach)—Second and third movements, Mr. C. J. Templeton and Mrs. Bruce Greenwood; Mr. Machlin at the piano; Chorus: Christmas Holiday Song (Edwards); Mrs. Machlin will be the accompanist.

MRS. JOHN CHAMBERS CROCHET CLUB HOSTESS

The home of Mrs. John R. Chambers on Ninth street was thrown open to the Christmas sociability of the New Crochet Club, Thursday afternoon and a pleasant two hours was spent in chatting and informal diversion varied in nature. The hostess was most attractive in its holiday adornment of holly, Christmas trees and bells and the Christmas grab bag was one of the most enjoyable features of the afternoon. The hostess served a dainty luncheon plate containing an apricot salad, sandwiches, olives, fruit cake and coffee. Members: Mesdames Sammons, Ziskind, Ziegler, Busch, Dakan, Thompson, Wilson, Dan Hardy and Cohen. Mrs. C. D. Shamburger was a guest.

GRAB BAG FOR THE SEW SO CLUB THURSDAY

Mrs. P. A. Martin was hostess to the delightful Christmas meeting of the Sew So Club on Thursday afternoon, the grab bag being held at this time. The holiday spirit found expression in the decorations of holly, mistletoe, bells, and other emblems of the season which made the entire house gay and colorful and the members in answering roll call with Christmas stories added to the merriment. Music and readings were furnished by two daughters of the house, Misses Lobs and Mary Beth Martin, and the grab bag with its many dainty hand made gifts was an added diversion. For the several children of the club members present there was also a grab bag prepared by the hostess, filled with amusing toys, which delighted the little folks highly. Refreshments consisted of fruit salad with whipped cream, sandwiches, olives, hot chocolate and cake. The members present: Mesdames Jamison, Erwin, Nicholson, Wheat, Fitzgerald, Jarrett, Williams, Martin, Clark, Fontville and Naylor. The club will meet again Jan. 4, with Mrs. H. J. Naylor.

DEBATE FEATURE OF SCHOOL CLOSING

Freshman and Junior Win in Contest at Opening of Christmas Vacation

Frank Patton and Harry Bunnenberg, freshman and junior debaters, won the unanimous decision of the judges this afternoon in the first open debate of the high school debating club this year, their opponents being Frank Cagle of the sophomore class and Alfred Hirsig of senior class. The subject was: "Resolved, that the president of the United States should be elected by direct vote of the people rather than by the electoral college as at present." The winners upheld the affirmative. The splendid showing by the boys at this first debate was the subject of congratulations to both the boys and their coach, J. W. Williams, and confidence is felt that the local high school can put out a winning team in the interscholastic debate next spring. The debate was one of the features of the program which closed the high school for the holidays, held this afternoon in the auditorium. The faculty quartet, Misses Agnew and Schmid and Messrs. Akin and King, were their first debut and received warm might-be-tempered ovation. Their selection was "Silent Night" and for an encore they rendered the same selection in German. Other numbers on the program were talks by Andrew Urban and Leslie Turner and a reading by Frank Smith, all of the department of public speaking under instruction of Miss Day.

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Wichita Falls merchants report a record Christmas trade in spite of the high cost of living.

President Wilson's Christmas ought to be a happy one. The Fort Worth Record has endorsed his peace move.

Some Britishers indignant at Wilson's move says a headline, but not the Britishers in the trenches, dear reader.

Persons told the University regents that he didn't want to act as a county attorney, apparently, all he wanted was to be judge, jury and executioner.

Both the Landthing and the Folkthing in Denmark have voted to sell the Danish West India to the United States, which means that this country is going to get the darndthing.

The Times hasn't seen the vote by counties on the school tax amendment submitted in November, but it ventures the prediction that the figures will show that the issue was swatted in the blackland counties and in East Texas, while the West Texas counties as a rule went for it. There's no use crying over spilt milk, but the result is certainly a blow to Wichita Falls.

Attorney General Looney, it is reported, is likely to be a candidate for governor in 1918. Time was when the attorney-general's office was a regular stepping-stone to the governor's chair; Hogg and Culberson both graduated from it. Texas hasn't done so well for governors since she quit making them out of her attorneys-general.

The snarl and substance of the governor's charges against University professors was that some of them bought mileage books for \$25 and charged the State with the entire expense at the regular mileage rate, pocketing the extra five dollars. This custom has been stopped by President Vinson. It had long been the practice in the University, as well as in countless business houses and has been generally condoned. It was not quite the proper thing and the new president acted wisely in stopping it, but it was a mighty puny excuse for an attempt to wreck the institution.

The suggestion made to the city council by Mr. Bartle, that a block of ground be set aside for a market square, deserves thoughtful consideration. As long as Wichita county farmers had nothing but wheat and cotton to sell, their marketing problem was simple, but now, with vegetables, eggs, chickens, milk and cream, being raised on practically every farm, it ought to be made as easy as possible for the farmer to find a regular market for his products.

CONDITION OF WOUNDED NEGRO REPORTED CRITICAL. The condition of Paul, Nix, negro, who was shot yesterday morning by May Beasley, negeess, was reported critical today, and he may not survive the wound he received in the body. The negro woman was bound over in the sum of \$50 after examining trial in Justice Howard's court.

OH! SO EASY to grind coffee for you on our ELECTRIC MILL and our coffees will please you for they run uniform and we grind them after you give us the order Kings Grocery 721 Seventh Street Phone 604

MEETING SATURDAY TO PLAN FARM LOAN

Plans Will Be Laid For Taking Advantage of New Federal Measure

Four o'clock is the hour set for tomorrow's meeting at the Chamber of Commerce when an effort to organize in a way to be prepared to take advantage of the Federal Farm Loan Bank system which is expected to be gotten under way soon after the New Year.

The meeting was called on the initiative of the District Farmers' union, but it is in the interest of non-members as well as the members for which the meeting is called. Farmers of adjoining counties to Wichita county as well as are extended an invitation to be present at the meeting and prepare with the Wichita county farmers to take advantage of the new banks.

Following the former meeting a meeting of the board of directors of the local cotton warehouse company will be held, and as it is stated that important business is on hand for their consideration all directors are urgently requested to be in attendance.

Persons: Miss Genevieve Trilly, deputy county clerk, left for her former home at Hallinger this afternoon where she will spend Christmas.

Miss Bernice Jackson returned today from Cincinnati, where she has been attending school. Walter Hall who is attending A. & M. is home for the holidays.

Miss Alice Burnside returned today from a visit with relatives in Kentucky. Mrs. Mary Robertson who is attending school in Cincinnati, returned today. W. J. Duke returned today from Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Mable Brooks is visiting in Dallas. Dillard Anderson, who is attending Rice Institute in Houston returned today.

Gen. J. E. Keller of Harrisburg, Va. returned to his home today after a business trip here. Miss Lillian Bizzell of Stamford, is here visiting Mrs. H. G. Jones. R. E. McMillampy left today to spend the holidays in Gorman. Miss Gussie Pitchford is spending the holidays in Haskell.

P. M. Harris of Frederick was in the city today.

A divorce was granted Mae Simpson from E. N. Simpson by Judge Nicholson in the 73rd district court today. Judge Bonner of the 29th district court granted the following divorces today: Lela Wiggins vs. Orville Wiggins; Ida Promer vs. L. D. Promer.

Market Report

Fort Worth Livestock. Fort Worth, Dec. 22.—Cattle receipts 2800, ten to fifteen cents lower. Hogs receipts 2500, ten cents higher; bulk \$9.55 to \$10.25. Sheep receipts none; lambs \$9.50 to \$11.50.

New York Cotton. New York, Dec. 22.—There was a very sharp rally in the cotton market today. Secretary Lanning's explanatory statement late yesterday evidently gave a more cheerful view of international conditions and there was heavy covering after yesterday's big break. Holdover liquidation and Liverpool selling was encountered around 14.55 for May, however, and about half the advance was lost before the end of the first hour. Trading was much less active with the market ruling 25 to 27 points net higher shortly after midnight. Cotton closed steadily.

Chicago Grain. Chicago, Dec. 22.—Uncertainty as to the peace outlook tended to make wheat prices nervous today but also operated to prevent wide fluctuations either way from yesterday's closing figures. Numerous offerings found purchasers early at an advance owing apparently to hopes that the revival of foreign demand would continue. Opening prices which ranged from 1.4 off to 1.24 advance with May at 1.62 1/2 to 1.65 and July at 1.26 to 1.26 1/2 were followed by moderate declines all around interrupted by temporary rallies. Wheat closed strong 2 1/2 to 4 3/4 net higher with May at 1.67 3/4 to 1.68 and July at 1.28 1/2 to 1.28 3/4. Corn reflected the rise and fall in wheat.

PREPARE FOR TEST OF SIXTY-SIX WELLS Has Reached Sand and Will Soon Be Drilled in Southside Also. Hopes that Archer county would make Christmas a Christmas present by the bringing in of one of two of the wells being drilled there were still held today by local stockholders in the companies operating there. The Sixty-Six Oil Company's well yesterday reached what is described as a very good looking sand, slightly below 1800 feet. Cement was pumped set today, preparatory to drilling in, and about a week must elapse before the result is known. Operations were still under way at the Southside well today and a test of the deeper sand was expected to be completed before Sunday. Grand Jurors Adjourn Until After Holidays—New Indictment of Williams. Adjournment until after the holidays was taken by the grand jury late Thursday afternoon, after a total of sixteen indictments had been returned. Yesterday's batch of bills included J. W. Kite, horse theft; C. E. Williams, murder (reindictment); Ernest Westmoreland, theft of over \$50; and Anderson, assault to murder in

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MEXICAN TRIES TO SHOOT CONSTABLE Officer Has Narrow Escape in Close Range Encounter, Assailant Escapes. Constable J. B. Rawls is feeling lucky as the result of his escape from a recent encounter with a bad Mexican. The constable escaped unharmed as the result of the hombre's poor shooting and the disciple of Villa got away safely as a result of the constable's poor shooting.

812-814 OHIO AVE. PENNINGTON'S 812-814 OHIO AVE. REMOVAL SALE PRICES ON ALL MEN'S HATS Lot No. 1 One-Half Price Lot No. 2 One-Third Off Lot No. 3 One-Fourth Off Attend This Sale Tomorrow 812 814 Ohio Avenue Pennington's WICHITA FALLS Popular Merchandise at Popular Prices 812 814 Ohio Avenue

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NEED FOR MARKET SQUARE IS URGED

Matter Brought Before Council. Police Department To Have Its Own Auto

Wichita falls need for a market square for the accommodation of Wichita county farmers who bring their produce here for sale was brought to the attention of the council last night by J. S. Bartle. Mr. Bartle suggested that the council take some steps toward acquiring ground near the city which would be equally accessible for the farmers and their customers, suggesting the ground at the corner of Sixth and Indiana which was formerly known as the Texas wagon yard. A present he pointed out it is practically impossible for farmers to haul their produce to town and then the retail buyer, but by establishing a market square both the buyer and seller would have a centralized and definite meeting place to the mutual advantage of both.

Although nothing definite was done last night, the council feeling that the city could not afford to purchase the ground outright and delegate it for this purpose, it is probable that something will be done in connection with other civic bodies with the object of securing funds for the purchase of the establishment of a market square.

Hereafter when an emergency call comes into the city and the police will rush out front and crank their jenny, the council last night having decided to purchase a "Tin Henry" or in other words a Ford car, for use in answering emergency calls. It was pointed out that at present the city was paying \$40 per month for the hire of cars for answering emergency calls in the outlying districts. If it is found that the possession of the car will secure a one cent reduction in the key rates accorded by the state insurance commission for a fire chief's car, the car will be a very economical one to drive and the car used in both the police and fire departments.

After some discussion it was decided to continue the Tenth street repair work for the present at least. The question was brought up by Engineer L. C. Hinkle who pointed out that there were probably at the most only thirty working days left before the ground would be frozen or the weather freezing most of the time, and that it was impossible to carry on the paving work under those conditions. However, there would be many weeks, said Mr. Hinkle, when there would be only two or three days in which the work could go on. All the time the expense of the work would go on the day of the paving specialists who were employed by the city and the rest for the special machinery and tools. However, he stated that he could employ the men on other work most of the time, and the council decided to shoulder the expense of the work during this season, being especially anxious to get the Tenth street work done. However, the matter will probably be considered again at an early meeting and it is found practical to stop the work later on without prejudice to the condition of the street such action may be taken.

A short executive session closed this short session of the council which was for the most part taken up with discussion of routine business.

Present last night were: Mayor Britain and Aldermen Richolt, Reed, J. L. Lee Jr., and Gardner.

The agents, Netherlands—Mr. London, the Foreign Minister, has asked Parliament to vote \$5,500 to establish a Dutch consulate-general for Chile at Santiago. He stated that Dutch commercial interests in that country are rapidly increasing in importance, and that there is a good chance of extension in the near future. One Dutch steamship company already is planning a regular line to Chile.

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- Sixteen Size, 21 Jewel, Hamilton
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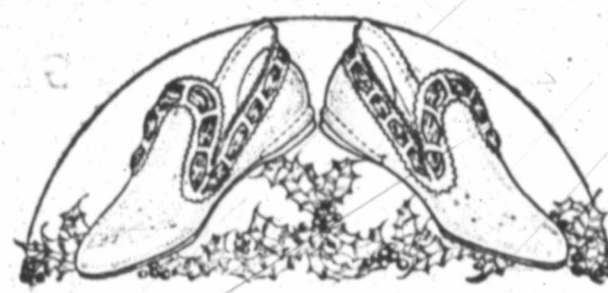
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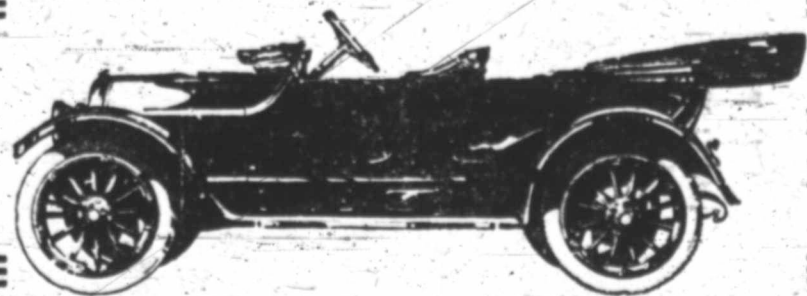
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SHOPPING SEASON TO END TOMORROW

Has Been Busier Than Expected, Merchants Say—Records in Many Stores Broken.

Tomorrow brings to a close one of the busiest Christmas shopping seasons local merchants have ever experienced. Some of them report that previous records were broken, while others declare the volume of business would "cut down" the Christmas trade, but little of establishing new

records for them. Tomorrow is expected to be a very heavy day for Christmas shoppers and merchants are all prepared for an enormous business. Christmas shopping this year has been steadier than usual, it is reported. In some years most of the Christmas buying has been crowded into a few days, in which the merchants were overworked, the rest of the shopping season witnessing activity only slightly above normal. This year there have been no such spurts, the buying being uniformly heavy for two or three weeks preceding Christmas.

"We had thought that the high price for groceries and other necessities would 'cut down' the Christmas trade this year," said one merchant today.

"but if it was you couldn't tell it at our store." Nearly everybody that wanted to work has been able to get it this fall, and for that reason the effect of the high cost of living wasn't as noticeable.

Some merchants consider that this shopping season has served to establish Wichita Falls as the shopping center for a wider retail territory than ever before, and the large number of out-of-town buyers has been the subject of much comment. High prices that have been paid for wheat, cotton and live stock are considered largely responsible for this condition.

Electric fan to be given away at Wichita Hardware Co. Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Santa Claus Is Anxious to Know of Needy Folks

Otto Stehlik is going to play Santa Claus for the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning and with his assistants will distribute Christmas cheer to those who perhaps would otherwise be neglected. Anyone knowing of needy families will do them and the church a favor by phoning Mr. Stehlik and informing him as to the conditions and their residence. Phone calls to Mr. Stehlik today, Saturday or early Sunday will be attended to.

TOMORROW LAST DAY

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.

At The Churches

Central Presbyterian Church, Rev. George O. Bachman of Chattanooga, will preach at eleven o'clock. Subject: "The Christmas Hope." Sunday School at usual hour.

Church of Christ Located 1104 Bluff street. Sunday school at 9:30. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. There will be no Christmas morning, but we hope for a good attendance. "This will be a great Christmas for America, but a sad one for Europe. We who fear God in America should be at the house of devotion today to thank Him for the blessings of peace and prosperity which we are enjoying." This is the way the morning sermon will begin. C. A. BUCHANAN.

Trinity Lutheran Church (Fourteenth and Bluff Street.) Our Christmas tree celebration will be held Saturday at 8 p. m. Sunday at 10:30 a. m. we will have Christmas services and Holy Communion. Everybody is cordially invited to worship with us. F. A. BRACHER, Pastor.

First Presbyterian Church Christmas music and sermon at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday. A quartet has been formed by the choir, consisting of Miss Winnie Benbow, Mrs. C. B. Machin, Mr. Lynn and Mr. Machin. The quartet will make its first appearance Sunday evening in Sir John Stainers celebrated quartet from the Crucifixion, "God So Loved the World." At night the theme will be, "God's Method of Exchange." Beginning the first Wednesday night in January the pastor will begin a series of lectures on the book of Revelation. The public is invited to this study hour. The lecture will be followed by an open discussion.

Lutheran Church (Mo. Synod) Sunday school (German and English classes) at 9 a. m. Bible class at 9:45 a. m. German morning worship at 10:30 a. m. Christmas Eve at 7 o'clock a special Christmas program will be rendered by the children. Monday, Christmas Day, services at 10 a. m. All the young people of the congregation are requested to meet at the church Sunday afternoon at 2. The children will meet Saturday morning at 9:30 for rehearsal. Everybody is cordially invited to worship with us. C. M. BEYER, Pastor.

First M. E. Church, South. Rev. S. A. Barnes, pastor. E. C. Hochabee, assistant. The Sunday school meets at 9:30. C. W. Snider, superintendent; T. A. Baggett, assistant superintendent. Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Rev. J. Sam Barcus will preach. At 6:30 the Epworth League will meet. Prof. H. E. McLiamary, president. In the evening at 7:30 the choir with Mrs. E. L. Fulton, director and Miss Ila Cook, organist will give a short musical program. The presiding elder, Rev. J. Sam Barcus will give an appropriate Christmas address. Special music at all the services.

First Methodist Episcopal Church Corner Seventh and Lamar. The Yuletide Festival services all day Sunday. 9:45 a. m. Sunday school. Robert Carey, Supt. a. m. sermon "Echoes from Heaven." will be a blessing to all present. Anthem with special music. 6:30 p. m. Epworth League, Homer Kjarrenbrock, Pres., a live meeting for wide awake young people 7:30 p. m. a beautiful Christmas program. A large Christmas tree with treats. The lovely manger of the Christ, an interesting program of songs, recitations, marches, etc., with the advent of Santa Claus at the last Come and bring your friends to services you can't afford to miss. HARRY F. DRAPER, Pastor.

AMENDMENT'S LOSS SEVERE BLOW HERE

The defeat in the November election of the constitutional amendment, giving school districts the right to tax themselves more than 50 cents on the \$100 valuation, is a severe blow to the Wichita Falls district, which had been counting on the success of the amendment, so that taxes here might be increased to a point where the school income would be sufficient to meet the needs of the growing enrollment.

It is said to be next to impossible to run this city's schools on an efficient basis without additional money, and with the additional tax barred by the failure of the amendment, plans for securing more revenue are to receive consideration of the trustees.

A year ago, when the financial condition of the schools was called to the attention of citizens, one remedy suggested was to have higher valuations for school tax purposes than for general city, county and state purposes. The legality of such a proceeding has not been questioned, and the trustees are expected to give it serious consideration in the near future, as there seems to be no other way of meeting the schools' needs.

The situation is brought about by the fact that the school attendance has increased more rapidly than the tax valuations. Already there are far too few teachers, it is said, for the number of pupils, while the addition of new courses and features to the curriculum has been out of the question. Had the school board been able to ask for a 70-cent tax, the additional income would have enabled them to put the schools on a first-class basis, providing sufficient teachers and making needed improvements in the work. However, if the tax valuation plan referred to is decided upon, the increase will probably be limited to an amount sufficient to care for only the urgent needs.

There is much disappointment among local school authorities that the amendment was defeated. Wichita county went for it by an overwhelming majority.

SALVADOR REPUBLIC TO INSTALL WIRELESS PLANTS

By Associated Press Mexico City, Mex. Dec. 22—Salvador republic is considering the establishment of wireless telegraph stations, according to advices which have reached this city.

As the Mexican republic already possesses many wireless stations and a corps of operators familiar with the technicalities of the system, Salvador officials have requested and been granted, the use of several telegraph experts who will instruct the Salvador force until a knowledge of radio telegraphy has been learned.

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

Miscellaneous Wants

WANTED—Cust off men's clothing and shoes, phone 434. 189 141P
AUTO repairing at Cash Garage at Leuck's shop, Ohio and Sixth street, Wichita Falls, Texas. 181 17c
WANTED—To do your auto and car repair painting and upholstery, and top finishing. 909 1-2 Scott Avenue. Phone 1253. 185-17c

Housekeeping Rooms

FOR RENT—Furnished housekeeping rooms, \$2.50 per week, 1005 Travis, phone 1550. 174 17c
FOR RENT—Two large well furnished rooms for light housekeeping, 509 Scott. 181 17c
FOR RENT—One suite of furnished housekeeping rooms, 1210 Indiana phone 2364. 190 31c
FOR RENT—2 well furnished light housekeeping rooms, modern, phone 940 512 Travis. 190 17c
FOR RENT—Two furnished housekeeping rooms, modern, phone 1850, 1004 Seventh street. 90 31c

For Rent—Bedrooms

FOR RENT—Large, south side front rooms, American Hotel. 159 17c
FOR RENT—Nicely furnished upstairs front bedroom, Gentlemen preferred, 1146 Burnett street, phone 548. 179 17c
FOR RENT—Nicely furnished bedrooms close in, call Mrs. Burstein at Jones & Kennedy's. 181 17c

For Rent

FOR RENT—Bed room, 501 Scott, phone 1741.
FOR RENT—Farm, phone 1580, 87 91c

Livestock

FOR SALE—3 span good mules, apply Peoples Ice Co., phone 81. 180 17c

Situations Wanted

WANTED—Stenographic position in Wichita Falls by young lady stenographer, employed in Dallas. Experienced. Address E. care Times. 185131P
SITUATION WANTED—By bookkeeper with experience. Address Z Times. 190 71P

For Sale or Trade

FOR SALE OR TRADE—5 passenger Cadillac 1913 model, has not been run over 15000 miles, phone 1320, C. Joline. 190 17c
TO TRADE—New Gillette razor for hay or corn, phone 1404. 192 31c

Lost

LOST—Knight Templar watch charm, finder please return to W. L. Dalton, at Oil Well Supply Co. 184 17c
LOST—Two canoes, lace and pink. Return to Colonna's, The Times office or to Dr. Campbell. 19131c
LOST—Yesterday about 5 p. m. one turkey, feet tied, between P. P. Langford residence and 1513 Twelfth street, Howard, phone 603. 192 17c
LOST—Small black purse containing \$6.00 in bills. Finder return to address in purse. 506 Lamar street. 192 31P
LOST—Between Farmers State Bank at Burnett and Wichita Falls one brown suit case with one strap around it; it contained one pair cuff buttons with large "B" engraved, two serge dresses, hand embroidered towels and other articles. For reward return to Potts' Shaving care Burnett Pharmacy, Burnett, Tex. 82 31c
LOST—Small leather purse dropped at Union Station, containing railway ticket and small amount of money, reward. Leave at Times or phone 254. 192 31c

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For Sale—City Property

FOR SALE—New modern 5 room bungalow and two vacant lots on 9th street. Phone 1227. 133 17c
FOR SALE—New five room house on Eleventh street, in the best block in town, price \$3250.00.
Six room house on Tenth street, 2000 block; a nice home for \$3500.
Five room house on 10th street, the best buy on Tenth street at \$2250.
Five room house and store building between Ninth and Tenth, on Van Buren, a bargain at \$2750.
Five room house—close in on Ninth street, a bargain at \$2750. M. E. Stevens, Room 5 Friberg Bldg, phone 201. 175 17c

For Sale—The house with style on Tenth street, 5 extra large rooms, extra grain floors, highly polished, brick mantle with tile and grate, Gen-uine fir doors, with glass door knobs, French glass doors in front, part of house, very expensive light and bath fixtures, beautiful decorations in sparkling, solid concrete foundation, concrete driveway, real nice garage and fences. The price is only \$3500.00 and a great bargain. Thomas and Blund, phone 99. 181 17c

FOR SALE BY OWNER—Good 5 room house, with bath, closet and pantry. One block from car line, cement sidewalks, call 1706 Bluff street, phone 482. 190 17c
FOR SALE—3 1-2 miles Dundee, Archer county, Texas, 240 acres 140 been cultivated, 95 per cent tillable, fenced, water school. Has oil value. Only \$10.00 bonus, \$200 fee. M. D. Bell, owner, San Pedro, Calif. 81-121P
FOR SALE—7 8-10 acres, on irrigation ditch, all tillable under fence, 2 room house, barn, 36000 place east of Holiday creek, on meridian road, Sam Stout, on place or Taylor Bros Planning Mill. 190 61P
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3 lots, 4 room house, one-story grocery store. Well established grocery trade. \$1500.00 for real estate grocery stock at invoice.
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A good 5 room house on Eighth street, two lots corner. Price \$2200. \$400 down balance like paying rent. A good chance to save a home. These two lots are worth the money asked for the property.
A good 7 room bungalow on Lucie street in Southland Addition. The most convenient home in the city. This is a special bargain at \$2700. \$300 cash.
A good two-story brick house, south front, large sleeping porch, hardwood floors, very convenient, two lots, corner, price for a few days \$4750. House cannot be built for this money.
100 acres irrigated lands near Motor factory, \$100.00 per acre. See us for irrigated land. We have special prices on several tracts.
A good business lot on Scott Avenue between Eighth and Ninth street. Price \$90.00. Lots for sale are scarce on Scott.
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800 acres valley farm 5 miles from Wichita Falls on Wichita river. Price \$35.00 per acre. Easy terms.
320 acres land near Iowa Park. Every foot farm land. A new house, well equipped, price \$300.00 per acre. See us for real bargains. We cannot advertise all bargains we have. Call on us or phone 520 and we will take pleasure in showing you what we have to offer.
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For Rent—Offices and Store

FOR RENT—Three new modern store rooms, 25x75 feet at 600 Indiana avenue. See J. G. Mytinger, 505 Kemp and Kell Bldg. Phone 860. 96 17c
FOR RENT—Modern store room, Maer building, Scott avenue. See J. C. Mytinger, 505 Kemp & Kell building, Phone No. 860. 99 17c
FOR RENT—Rooms on second floor of Jones-Kennedy building, suitable for offices, or millinery or dress making parlors. Good condition and easily accessible. Well lighted and ventilated. Jones Kennedy Co. 10141c
FOR RENT—Store building on Eighth street, 25x50 feet. J. L. Jackson, 603 Eighth street. 136 17c
FOR RENT—Business house 1004 Indiana avenue, also 10 room home furnished, phone 2083 or 150. 185 17c
FOR RENT—Store room 706 and 708 Ninth street formerly occupied by Roberts Gro Co. C. Joline. 191 17c

For Sale—Miscellaneous

FOR SALE—A limited number of Christmas trees, 7 to 5 feet on display Saturday Morning, just south Farmers Supply Store, phone 1347. J. C. Wolfe. 190 41c
FOR SALE—Chalmers five passenger automobile, 1913 model, 55 horse power motor, 6 cylinder; cost \$2800 new, will sell at a sacrifice for quick sale. J. S. Pitman. Phones 110 and 1108. 56 17c
D. M. Perkins & Company, Fire Insurance & Real Estate, 605 Seventh, Phone 520. 175 17c
FOR SALE—\$100.00 scholarship to the College of M and A for \$50. Mrs. Willie Sullivan at Kahn's Store. 184 17c
FOR SALE—One good gas heater, phone 1163. 186 17c
FOR SALE—Indian Motor, 7 h. p. first class condition, may be seen at 1004 Fifth, phone 290. 186 71P
FOR SALE—One small cash register, also 3 typewriters, cheap, for cash. Winfrey Gun Store, 711 Eighth street, phone 385. 187 61c
FOR SALE—New and Second hand bicycles at right prices, also air rifles, roller skates, foot balls, boxing-gloves, striking bats, and pocket cutlery. Gun Store, 711 Eighth street, phone 388. 187 61c
D. M. Perkins & Company, Fire Insurance & Real Estate, 605 Seventh, Phone 520. 175 17c
FOR SALE—One 5 passenger, Ford \$150. One 5 passenger Ford, 16 model almost new \$250. One 79, 5 passenger Overland in good running order \$250. Fine Roadsters \$200. Other cars for \$50. See Clark 408 Indiana Avenue. 188 51P
FOR SALE—One 5-passenger Ford, call at once. 811 Scott. 181 17c
FOR SALE—Five gum vending machines, Mills make. A bargain, call room 8 Royal Hotel. 192 61P
FOR SALE—Ford roadster, A-1 condition. Call room 8 Royal Hotel. 192 61P

Help Wanted—Male

WANTED—A messenger boy, with good wheel and willing to work, call 65 or 1792. 189 17c

Help Wanted—Female

WANTED—Woman or girl to do general house work, 1103 Scott. 190 31c
WANTED—Competent white female help at 308 Scott Ave. 181-31P
WANTED—A girl or woman to help do work at Elite Rooming House, Phone 539. 92 17c

For Sale

Two nice lots on 12th street south front in nice neighborhood. 1950, 900 each, one third cash.
Nice five room house, on 17th street, on 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.
J. S. BRIDWELL
Phone 661.

Unfurnished Rooms

FOR RENT—Two unfurnished rooms, 1305 Twelfth street. 198 17c
FOR RENT—3 unfurnished rooms, 1604 Lamar. 191-40c

For Rent—Houses

FOR RENT—Several houses. See M. B. Gornidge, Phone 720 or residence 12121c
FOR RENT—Nice 4 room house, \$15.00 per month, 1517 Fifteenth. 171 17c
FOR RENT—Six room resident, No. 1110 Tenth street, phone 496, or 373. 186 17c
FOR RENT—A nice 4 room house 1114 Filmore street, phone. 645 or 1308. 189 17c
FOR RENT—A servant house, 2012 Tenth street, phone 677. 192 17c
FOR RENT—A servant house, 2012 Tenth street, phone 677. 188 17c
FOR RENT—6 room house partly furnished Phone 1456. 191-31c

For Sale—Farms and Ranches

FOR SALE—3 1-2 miles Dundee, Archer county, Texas, 240 acres 140 been cultivated, 95 per cent tillable, fenced, water school. Has oil value. Only \$10.00 bonus, \$200 fee. M. D. Bell, owner, San Pedro, Calif. 81-121P
FOR SALE—7 8-10 acres, on irrigation ditch, all tillable under fence, 2 room house, barn, 36000 place east of Holiday creek, on meridian road, Sam Stout, on place or Taylor Bros Planning Mill. 190 61P
List of Bargains Offered by D. M. Perkins and Company
5 room cottage Van Buren street. \$2900, \$500 cash.
3 lots, 4 room house, one-story grocery store. Well established grocery trade. \$1500.00 for real estate grocery stock at invoice.
6 room house on Tenth street, 159 feet on Tenth, paved, ample room for another house. Price \$3500.00.
A good 5 room house on Eighth street, two lots corner. Price \$2200. \$400 down balance like paying rent. A good chance to save a home. These two lots are worth the money asked for the property.
A good 7 room bungalow on Lucie street in Southland Addition. The most convenient home in the city. This is a special bargain at \$2700. \$300 cash.
A good two-story brick house, south front, large sleeping porch, hardwood floors, very convenient, two lots, corner, price for a few days \$4750. House cannot be built for this money.
100 acres irrigated lands near Motor factory, \$100.00 per acre. See us for irrigated land. We have special prices on several tracts.
A good business lot on Scott Avenue between Eighth and Ninth street. Price \$90.00. Lots for sale are scarce on Scott.
11 sections land in Culberson county. 90 per cent farming land. An ideal ranch. Price \$4.50 per acre.
800 acres valley farm 5 miles from Wichita Falls on Wichita river. Price \$35.00 per acre. Easy terms.
320 acres land near Iowa Park. Every foot farm land. A new house, well equipped, price \$300.00 per acre. See us for real bargains. We cannot advertise all bargains we have. Call on us or phone 520 and we will take pleasure in showing you what we have to offer.
D. M. PERKINS & COMPANY
605 Seventh Street.

Notices

The annual meeting of the stockholders of First National Bank of Wichita Falls, Texas, will be held at the 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 for the purpose of transacting such other business that may properly come before said meeting.
RHEA HOWARD, Secy.-Treas. 191 17c
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 9, 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
Notice of Stockholders Annual Meeting
Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Times Publishing Co. will be held at the office of the company in Wichita Falls, Texas, on Monday, January 1st, 1917 at 4 p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year and for the purpose of transacting such other business as might properly come before said meeting.
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Local News Brevities

Remember that we have a fresh line of Blank Wenzel candles also a big shipment of package goods. V. E. Stampfl. 183 111c
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 17c
We guarantee every bottle of our double cream to whip. Pure Milk Products Co. 192 17c
Dance Christmas Night
Kaleity & Ladies of Security will give their Christmas ball, Christmas night All lodges of the city are invited, others must have invitation. Tickets to reject anyone reserved. 192 21c
Ladies who desire mistletoe for the holidays, call 906. 192 17c
We re-line, rad and make your furs into the new shapes, phone 1231 Home Tailoring Co. 36 17c
Alderman M. J. Gardner, chairman of the police and fire committees, will purchase the Ford car authorized by the council last night, this afternoon and it will be put into service at once. One of the firemen at the Central station will be assigned to drive the car. Chemical tanks will probably soon be mounted on the car, it being thought that the car will often get out ahead of the other apparatus and the chemicals afford a means of checking numerous fires in their incipency.
St. James, Christmas Day, December 25th, six o'clock dinner, \$1.00, music. 187 71c
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At St. James Hotel, New Year's night—Jan. 1st, dinner, \$1.00, music.
Cut flowers and floral designs a specialty. Donnelly Floral Co. Phone 927. 29 17c
We sell grade A milk and early commercial buttermilk. Pure Milk Products Co. 192 17c

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? If so, then you don't need us. But if you are not satisfied phone us, a trial will convince you, words never will. We appreciate the necessity of giving our patrons prompt and efficient service.
Home Tailoring Co.
CLANERS, DYERS, HATTERS.
PHONE 1231 709 Seventh St.

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

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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. We do repairing, no charge for small repairs.
Sansbury Tailoring Co.
Phone 1067

A. H. FELL & CO.
The Noted Makers of High Grade Candy
Are offering you a fine assortment of Christmas Candies at 15 cents per pound.
Remember, this candy is made right here in our own shop, of high grade materials. Also remember that we specialize in candy-making. That is our business and our life work, and that is why our candies are different and superior to others.
We want to call special attention to our CHRISTMAS BOX CANDIES
Our assortment of candies is greater, the quality finer and the boxes more beautiful than we have ever been able to offer in the history of our business.
A visit to our store will be a revelation to you. At this Christmas time we especially invite you to call and see our offerings.
OUR PRICES ARE OF A RANGE TO SUIT EVERY PURSE
A. H. FELL & CO.
722 Indiana Ave. Phone 626

Too Busy to Advertise—10 clerks ready to wait on you!

Knights of Pythias
Meet Friday, 8 Night
Second Floor, New Masonic Building.
H. B. HODGE, C. C.
FOR SALE—On easy terms, the great est bargain in town, one four-room house and three vacant lots near 5th court house. See Creed Bros. Phone 1215.

NATIONAL BANK of COMMERCE
WICHITA FALLS, TEX.
THE SPIRIT OF OUR SERVICE
In cooperation—willingness to assist our customers in every way permitted by the sound banking principles to which our management adheres at all times.
Public endorsement of our policy is indicated by the steady increase of our business, and by the fact that many of our new depositors are directed to us by those who are already our patrons.
No matter how much or how little money you may have to deposit, you can come to this bank with the certain knowledge that nothing will be left undone to make your connection with us of genuine value and service to you.
CHARLES W. REID
CASHIER

"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 genuine bargains in real estate or oil stocks see or phone me.
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

PERSONALS

Mrs. D. J. Carithers leaves today for Bellinger to spend Christmas.

Joe Ward, Joe Kell, J. L. Jackson, Jr., and Ralph Pond are among the Wichita Falls boys who have returned from State University for the holidays. Several other local university students will arrive tonight and Saturday, being detained by last moment examinations.

Dillard Anderson, James Potts and Joe J. Meers, Jr., students at Rice Institute, Houston, will arrive Saturday afternoon for Christmas vacation with their parents here.

K. Short, agricultural agent for the Denver has returned from a business trip to Denver, Colorado.

A. E. Winn, general freight and passenger agent for the Northwestern route to Ferguson, Mo., for the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Winn will return with him to their new home in this city.

Mrs. M. H. McClure, 911 Seventh street went to Ada today to visit relatives during the holidays.

Miss Isabelle Hines of 1012 Kemp Boulevard left today for Dallas and Ennis, where she will visit with relatives during the Christmas holidays.

Scott Colyer and Clarence Hurt of Frederick, were in the city today.

Mrs. Harry W. Pison is visiting relatives in Nacoma during the holidays.

Miss Jewell Hale who is spending the winter with her aunt, Mrs. V. E. Stannoff, left today for Sherman to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. C. W. Hinson of Graham, arrived today to spend the holidays with Mrs. H. M. Yates, 1107 Lamar.

Mrs. W. T. McWilliams of Perrin is visiting Mrs. H. M. Yates.

William S. Toney of Colorado Springs is at home to spend two weeks Christmas holiday with his parents Mr and Mrs. C. B. Toney.

W. Haysler left this afternoon for his old home at Putnam, Callahan county, where he will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives. He was accompanied from here by E. L. Harwell of Clearendon, also an old Putnam resident.

Albert McClure of Paris is visiting the family of his uncle, Fire Chief J. L. McClure.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ogle left today for Gilmer, Texas to spend Christmas with relatives.

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

WIRT ROBERTS CASE IS WITH JURY TODAY

Trial in the case against Wirt Roberts charged by indictment with aggravated assault on his divorced wife was finished in the county court and the case went to the jury early this afternoon. At 1 o'clock the jury had made no report.

LAST CALL FOR CHRISTMAS
CANDY CIGARS PERFUME STATIONERY

Just the things for the last minute gifts--
We wired for additional stock of the above items to supply the unusual heavy demand, and we now have a big supply for the last few days selling. We have had a big business, far ahead of our expectation and we have replenished our stock in many lines so that late holiday shoppers will not be disappointed at this store. We invite you

First Attention To All Orders For The Sick **Salace Drug Store** Special Attention Given Our Prescription Dept.
Phone 541-340 ONLY THE BEST Free Delivery

His Favorite Cigar

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.



The GEM

TODAY
The World's Greatest Serial
"PEG O' THE RING"
With GRACE CUNARD and FRANCIS FORD.
Also our regular Universal Program, Headed by Roberta Wilson.
DON'T MISS THIS FEATURE PROGRAM
OPEN 10 A. M.
5c—Prices Never Change—10c

Columbia Record

Pretty Baby
Baritone and Tenor, Duet
75c
SHAW-WILLIAMS DRUG CO.
Telephone 47

XMAS IS NOT COMPLETE without

Johnston's Candy
Miller Drug Store
We Give S. & H. Green Trading Stamps
Free Delivery Phone 193 or 925

I. H. ROBERTS
CEMENT WORK
GENERAL CONTRACTOR
Walks, Curbing, Steps, Cement Work, Floors, Foundations
Street Crossings.
Telephone 504

Try a Times Want Ad.

BOOKS FOR ALL AGES

Please remember a BOOK of some kind comes in mighty well in filling your Christmas Present list. Very suitable for all ages. Visit our store first, and after looking over our books we feel sure your mind will be relieved of any undecided items, besides, we get you through for less money. We make your CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EASY.
Don't Forget to Buy Somebody a Bible.
Martin's Book Store
Free Delivery
609 Eighth St. Phones 96 and 2139

GUPTON, THE TAILOR
We Lay the Tape, the Suit Fits

Phone 101

GIVE AN EASTMAN AUTOGRAPHIC KODAK



No more hating or appropriate gift could be selected.
We have them in stock, ranging in price from \$6.00 to \$27.50. Brownie Cameras, 75c to \$4.00
MORRIS DRUG STORE Eighth and Indiana

PRICES CUT ON PERFUMES AND TOILET ARTICLES

Only one more day in which to make your selection of these articles. These goods consist of the following well-known brands: Djer Kiss, Houbigant, Mary Garden, Azurea, Le Trefele, Lady Mary, Mavis, Carolina White, Lillias Reguard, Melba, Colgate's, Palmer's, Vantine's, Willis H. Lowe, Hudnut's, Lavalliere, and other imported and domestic lines.
Cold Creams, Cosmetics, of all kinds,—prices cut.

Prices Cut On Suit Cases and Hand-Bags

This stock consists of Genuine Walrus, Cowhide, Alligator, Tans and Blacks, ranging in price from \$5.00 to \$40.00. Come in and see our special 26-inch Suit Case, beautiful red silk-lined, genuine Cowhide cases, worth \$20.00 everywhere—

Our Price **\$15**

Give a Kodak for Christmas

- VISIT OUR EASTMAN KODAK DEPARTMENT.
- 3-A Folding Pocket, Autographic, Kodak—regular post card size \$22.50
 - 3 Folding Pocket, Autographic, Kodak \$20.00
 - 2-C Folding Pocket, Autographic, Kodak \$12.00
 - 1-A Folding Pocket, Autographic, Kodak, Jr. \$11.00
 - Vest Pocket size, Folding Pocket, Autographic \$6.00
 - Brownies, from, each, \$1.00 to \$9.00

WE CARRY A COMPLETE LINE OF EASTMAN FILMS FOR ALL SIZES OF KODAKS.

A Word To Us Today and Your Home Can Have A

VICTROLA for Christmas

But we ask you not to delay any longer, for the whole world seems to want VICTROLAS for Christmas. The people who wait till the "last minute" will find that all the VICTROLAS have been "gobbled up."

Prices of Victrolas: \$15.00, \$25.00, \$50.00, \$75.00, \$100.00, \$150.00, \$200.00, \$250.00 (Electric) and \$300.00.

SAY A WORD TO US TODAY.

CHRISTMAS VICTOR RECORD

"HOLY NIGHT"

—AND—

"HOSANNA"

(By Harry McDounough.)

Price 75c

MACK TAYLORS' DRUG STORE

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Phones 184-882

Free Delivery

820 Ohio Avenue

CHRISTMAS VICTOR RECORD

"WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED"

—AND—

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

(Victor Mixed Voices.)

Price, \$1.25

Have you thought of giving a pair of glasses, (ground to fit the eye) for Christmas? Well, it's easy to do. Come in and let us explain how it can be done.

Fonville Optical Co.
601 Eighth Street. Phone 2161.
Exclusive Mfg. Opticians

STOP!

Don't go to the street corner transfer man for REAL MOVING SERVICE. If you want your articles moved promptly and safely by a reputable, responsible concern that not alone has fine equipment, but also carefully trained men—come to us. No breakage or damage—no delays—that's Our Service.

McFall Transfer & Storage Co
PHONES 464 AND 14

Made by **STONE**—that's a guarantee of quality.
We add our's

Have You Considered

That probably eighty per cent of the coffee consumed is sold in quantities ranging from one to three lbs? That's the reason we are so insistent in asking for your coffee business no matter how small. WE HAVE EQUIPPED OURSELVES to take the best care of YOUR requirements with delicious blends DIRECT FROM THE ROASTER TO YOU

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 1347.

J. M. Shelton of Amarillo, accompanied by Edwin Pendleton and his two sons Malcolm and James Middleton visited in this city yesterday, stopping at the Westland.

BERT BEAN COFFEE HOUSE 824 Indiana Ave
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PREMIER'S TALK HITS RESPONSIVE NOTE IN LONDON

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"DIDN'T SLAM DOOR"

Address is Not Considered as Barring Peace Conference in Future. Answer is Made—Labor Factions are Unsettled.

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SUFFRAGE FIGHT TO BE VIGOROUS

Women Will Have Headquarters in Austin White Legislature is in Session.

Special to The Times. Austin, Tex., Dec. 20.—The fight for woman suffrage in Texas is on. Headquarters of the Texas Woman Suffrage Association are being moved from Galveston to Austin, so that they will be prepared to "camp on the trail" of Texas when they gather in Austin on Jan. 9 for the 35th Texas legislature.

1918 CANDIDATES ALREADY SHOWING

R. L. Warren of Kaufman County is Latest to Enter Race for Governor.

Special to The Times. Austin, Tex., Dec. 20.—Another name, that of Robert L. Warren of Kaufman county, has been added to the list of prospective candidates for governor in 1918.

VILLA CHIEFTAIN WHO AMPUTATED EARS EXECUTED

By Associated Press. Juarez, Dec. 20.—Baudello Uribe, a follower of Villa, who is said to have instituted the practice of cutting off the ears of Carranza prisoners and seventeen of his band, were executed by "home guards" and many Villa troops in a battle southeast of Chihuahua City, a member of the home guards reported today.

TWO YOUNG MEN ARE EXECUTED AT SING SING

By Associated Press. Ossining, N. Y., Dec. 20.—In keeping with their wish that they be executed today instead of Friday owing to the approaching Christmas, Charles Knickerbocker, aged 20, of Buffalo and Stanley J. Miletich, aged nineteen, of Utica, met their deaths in the electric chair at Sing Sing Tuesday. Both went to the chair calmly.

LULL PREVAILS ON WAR FRONTS

NO ACTIVITIES OF CONSEQUENCE REPORTED IN ANY OF FIGHTING THEATRES

ALLIES' PEACE REPLY

Developments Wait on Presentation of Answer to Germany's Proposals.

The Associated Press summarizes European war operations as follows: Further developments in the peace movement in Europe now await the presentation of the formal reply of the allies to the proposals of the central powers.

INDIANS' PROGRESS SHOWN IN REPORT

Commissioner Sells' Summary of Work Shows Material Improvement Recently.

Special to The Times. Washington, Dec. 20.—An examination of the statistical charts of the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Gato Sells, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, discloses, upon a comparison of the figures presented with other notable things, several striking facts, which are of interest to those concerned about the welfare of the American Indian.

200 AMERICANS ARE PERMITTED TO LEAVE SYRIA

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 20.—The 200 Americans detained in Syria and Palestine by the Turkish military authorities have been granted permission to leave via Beirut on condition that they intern at Beirut for a month to make valuable military information they have gathered.

STEAMER IS SUNK, CAPTURE OFFICERS

Members of Crew of British Vessel Rescued—Captain and Engineer Are Held.

By Associated Press. Beirut, Dec. 20.—The British steamer Finlayson has been sunk by a submarine. Her captain and first engineer were taken prisoners. The others of the crew were rescued.

LARGE INCREASE IN DEMOCRATIC VOTE IN TEXAS

The Democratic vote in the election for governor in Texas was 256,115. This was received by Marshall Hicks, governor-elect.

ESCAPE INTO HILLS IS WITHOUT REMEDY

Safe is Blown Open and Large Amount of Currency and Silver Taken.

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FOOD REGULATION PROVES DIFFICULT

Englishmen Find Many Ways to Get All They Want to Eat, Despite Law.

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 20.—According to some of the newspaper's two days experience of the first food control regulations which regulate the number and nature of courses served in hotels and restaurants are sufficient to prove it futile. It is claimed that there is no supply of such goods as customers find that they can indulge in several servings of the same dish without having more than one stomach.

HARRISON CASE IS REVERSED TODAY

Fort Worth Girl Slayer to Get New Trial—Deny Rehearing in Sapp Case.

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ASK FEDERAL INQUIRY OF CHICAGO COAL SITUATION

By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 20.—Following a series of conferences, Chicago coal dealers facing a possible coal famine today announced that an appeal for an inquiry into the local situation has been made to the federal trade commission.

LOOT OKLAHOMA BANK OF \$30,000

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Speakers Before Senate Committee Today Say Use of Schools is Not Practical.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 20.—Howard H. Cross of Chicago and Edward Harding of New York, representing the Universal Military Training League, argued in favor of universal service today before the Senate committee on education.

REHEARING ASKED IN SAMPLES CASE

Motions Are Overruled at Austin Today in Both Wyatt and Ligois Cases.

ENGLAND MUST FIGHT ON, DECLARES LLOYD GEORGE

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EMPHATIC REPLY

Cannot Treat With Germany Until Given Assurance Promises Will Be Kept, He Says—Discusses General War Situation

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 19.—Premier Lloyd George said in the House of Commons today that it was felt that England should know before entering on negotiations that Germany was prepared to accede to the only terms whereon it was possible for peace to be obtained, and maintained, in Europe.

The premier said that without reparation peace would be impossible. He said that there were no proposals for peace. To enter into proposals of which they had no knowledge was to put their heads into a noose with the rope end in the hands of Germany. The premier said: "We will wait until we hear what terms and guarantees there are, surer than those which Germany broke. Meanwhile, we will put our trust in our unbroken army."

"Much as they longed for it," the premier added, "the Central Powers' note and the speech preceding it, afforded small encouragement and hope for an honorable and lasting peace. "Our answer will be given in full accord with our allies. Each of the allies has separately and independently arrived at the same conclusion. I am glad of the first answer given by France and Russia."

Lloyd George said the allies would insist that the only end of the war must be a complete guarantee against Prussian militarism disturbing the peace of Europe. The formal reply of the allies, the premier said, will be given in the course of a few days.

During the war, the premier said, shipping would be nationalized in a true sense.

Premier Lloyd George announced it had been decided to give recognition to the agents of former Premier Venizelos of Greece.

When the House assembled, every seat on the floor and in the galleries was filled.

After declaring that peace without reparation was impossible, the premier asked whether "all the outrages on land and sea" had been liquidated by a "few pious phrases about humanity."

Dealing with the war situation, the premier said, he had to paint a stern, but not gloomy picture. The Roumanian blunder was an unfortunate one, but at the worst it would only prolong the war and could not affect it. It might have a salutary effect, he continued, in calling the attention of the allies to obvious defects of organization. To prevent the Roumanian situation from becoming worse, they had taken strong action.

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Speaking of the Western front, Mr. Lloyd George referred to the growth of the British armies there, and continued: "I am convinced ultimate victory is sure if the nation shows the same spirit of endurance and readiness to learn as the mud-stained armies at the front."

Turning to the more purely political of the domestic problems before the new ministry, the premier said: "We are anxious to avoid all controversial questions. The functions of the premier and head of the House of Commons have been separated because it was believed the double task was too much for one man. The organization of the new cabinet is best

Declares National Guard Has Shown Failure of Volunteer Army Plan

MAJOR GENERAL HUGH L. SCOTT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Premier Briand announced in the Senate today that the entente allies would send tomorrow a concerted reply making known to the Central Powers that it is impossible to take their request for peace seriously.

BERNSTORFF IS YET OPTIMISTIC DESPITE SPEECH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Count Bernstorff said after hearing the first portion of Lloyd George's speech: "That sounds as if they would not refuse to talk about peace, anyway. Every effort, it is said, will be made to bring about a conference for the discussion of terms."

The view was expressed in Teutonic diplomatic quarters that should Great Britain and her allies, in reply to the proposals of the central powers, ask that terms be defined, Germany and her allies would announce that they would be presented in a cabinet conference, but that the central powers would agree to set down the terms of the conference.

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The speech of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg before the German Reichstag was characterized by Lloyd George in substance as a denial of the only terms upon which peace was possible.

Premier Lloyd George said the time had come when the dominion should be considered more formally as to the war. An imperial conference would be summoned at an early date to discuss vital questions, he said.

The premier analyzed the German chancellor's speech and then declared emphatically:

"Without reparation, peace is impossible. There is no guarantee there that substitutes will not be used in future to overthrow any treaty of peace whereunto we might have consented."

"We must keep a steadfast eye on the purpose for which we entered the war. We entered it to defend England from aggression, the Prussian military machine. We must insist that there be the most complete guarantees against this."

The premier said he was convinced that each question was a test of his understanding and that he hoped this would be removed. Settlement of the Irish question, the premier added, would be a great war measure.

TO DECIDE NEXT MONTH ABOUT INSURANCE INCREASE

Austin, Texas, Dec. 19.—Decision of the State Fire insurance commission on the application of the fire insurance companies doing business in Texas for an advance in rates, is not to be announced until the middle of January, according to information given out by the commission.

SINKING OF STEAMER ASON REPORTED TODAY

London, Dec. 19.—Lloyd's shipping agency announced the steamer Ason had been sunk by a submarine in the Gulf of Mexico on November 25, 1916.

COYTON EMBARGO CAUSES DISCONTENT IN MEXICO

Tucson, Mexico, Dec. 19.—Cotton growers in this section, the cotton generally dissatisfied over the imposition of an embargo on cotton from this section by the United States government, asking that steps be taken to have the embargo lifted.

SPECIAL RULE PROVIDES PRINT PAPER INQUIRY

Washington, Dec. 19.—A special rule to bring up for immediate consideration the resolution by Representative Mann of Illinois for an investigation of the increase in the price of print paper will be reported out of the House rules committee immediately after the Christmas holiday recess.

LEGAL NOTICES



MAJOR GENERAL HUGH L. SCOTT

NOMINATIONS MADE BY LABOR COUNCIL TO TEACHERS TODAY

Will Await Next Meeting in January —New Delegates Offer Credentials

Nominations for officers of the Trades and Labor Council for the coming year were opened at last night's meeting. W. J. Hefner of the carpenters was renominated for president of the organization. H. C. Fitzgerald of the laundry workers and J. C. McCoy were nominated for vice-presidents. Ed Anderson of the barbers for chairman of the board of trustees; J. D. Lattimore of the typographical union for recording secretary and J. W. Buchanan of the ice drivers for sergeant at arms.

The nominations will be open until the next meeting when the election and installation of officers take place. As the next regular meeting might fall on New Year's day, the meeting was postponed until the second Monday night in January. A large attendance is urged at this meeting, both on account of the importance of the election and on account of the social session which is planned following the conclusion of the business session.

The attendance at last night's meeting was very good. The credentials of a number of new delegates were passed on and the obligations of the officers administered in substance. No nominations were made for the office of financial secretary was abolished. The duties heretofore performed by that officer being assigned to the chairman of the board of trustees.

TEN CENT ADVANCE IN PRICE OF HEALDTON OIL

Ardmore, Okla., Dec. 19.—The Mid-North Petroleum Company today announced a ten cent advance in the price of Healdton crude oil. The new price per barrel is 60 cents.

OPEN MEETING OF BOYS' CLUB MONDAY

Few Parents Attend, But Members Stage Program of Much Interest

Individually and collectively, the boys club members participated in their first open meeting of the season Monday night at the high school. The program of addresses, readings and music being conducted by boys only. The high school students attended the program in large numbers but the boys felt that they have not yet sufficiently educated their parents in the purposes and ambition of the club, as there were scarcely more than a dozen mothers and fathers present. They will continue their efforts of interesting the parents in the club and will give another open program some time later.

The program was quite a tribute to the efficiency and achievement of the departments of public speaking and music of the high school. All of the speakers are pupils of Miss Day, head of the department and public speaking department and the club, under direction of Miss Agnew of the music department scored a remarkable hit. The boys club quartet was unable to give their number so the girls club sang an extra selection. These singers included: W. P. Akin, Herbert Ziegler, John Pond, Luther Nelson, Robert Holt, Andrew Urban, Lester Leucker, John Alderton and Alfred Burnside. Thomas Burnside, a pupil of Miss Day, pleased his audience considerably with some very interesting readings, an address being demanded. The high school orchestra also contributed interesting numbers to the program.

The auditorium was densely decorated for the occasion and the pictures of the Elton Art Exhibit were still hanging. This will be the last meeting of the club until Monday, January 8.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IS COLLECTING EVIDENCE

Rome, Dec. 19.—The American ambassador Thomas N. Page, is gathering evidence from the Italian embassy in Palermo to support his claim that the Italian coast guard recently off the Spanish coast. This evidence tends to show that the steamship was sunk without warning and without having attempted to escape.

HIGHWAY MEETING IS CALLED AT CORPUS CHRISTI

Corpus Christi, Tex., Dec. 19.—A call has been issued for a meeting to be held in this city on Thursday, December 28 in the interest of the Corpus Christi San Antonio Link of the Right to the Rio Grande. The road between the two cities will parallel the line of the San Antonio, El Paso and Gulf railroad.

LEGAL NOTICES

ELECTION ORDER AND NOTICE.

WHEREAS, on December 11, A. D. 1916, a petition was presented to the Commissioners' Court of Wichita County, Texas, in regular session, asking for an election to be held in and for Wichita County, Texas, to determine whether horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle shall be permitted to run at large in said Wichita County, Texas, and Commissioners' Court having duly considered the same, and found it in all things in compliance with the law pertaining thereto, ordered an election to be held in Wichita County, Texas, on the 20th day of January, A. D. 1917.

Now therefore, I, Harvey Harris, county judge of Wichita County, Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me, and in pursuance of the laws of the State of Texas, and the orders of the Commissioners' Court of said county, as aforesaid, do hereby proclaim and order an election to be held in all the regular election precincts of said county, on Saturday, the 20th day of January, A. D. 1917, to determine whether horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle shall be permitted to run at large in Wichita County, Texas, at the following named places: To-wit: Election Precinct No. One, At the City Hall in Wichita Falls, Texas.

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Election Precinct No. Five, At the Mayor's office in Burkburnett, Texas.

Election Precinct No. Six, At the Commercial Club Rooms in Iowa Park, Texas.

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WANTED, 50 BOYS FOR WICHITAN TO HELP GET START

NOVEL PHILANTHROPIC PLAN IS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY A. ZUNDELWITZ OF THIS CITY, TO AID AMBITIOUS BOYS

GIVES BANK ACCOUNT

Willing to Start Youths Off on Right Path If They Will Make Pledge to Him to Lead Right Kind of Lives, He Says.

Fifty Wichita Falls boys will be assisted on the road of honesty, thrift, industry, respect and reverence and temperance by A. Zundelwitz, retired merchant and capitalist of this city, according to a plan made public by Mr. Zundelwitz today. Briefly stated, Mr. Zundelwitz aims, through the aid of boys between the years of eight and sixteen who will pledge himself not to use tobacco, or liquor, not to swear or gamble, to budget and fair to his employers, to attend some church and Sunday school of his own choice, and obey his parents, he will give a bank check and deposit on January 1, 1917 in the Wichita State Bank one dollar to the boy's credit. If the pledges are kept Mr. Zundelwitz will add one dollar through a period of five years and in addition will give the boy a nice present each year.

No money shall be withdrawn from this account except on account of urgent need and in such cases the donor, Mr. Zundelwitz, will draw four percent interest compounded annually.

Mr. Zundelwitz believes that getting a boy started right is half the battle in life. He believes a boy who saves a part of what he earns, is thrifty, sober and temperate, who is honest with his employer and who honors his father and mother has started on the road to success and happiness. He hopes that his plan will assist boys in taking the right path, and his only hope of reward is in the undertaking of the satisfaction he hopes to derive from the results.

Mr. Zundelwitz is engaged in no business from which he could expect to profit by the advertising success that might result from such an enterprise, and can give the time to the promotion of the interests of the boys who accept his offer of the undertaking as his satisfaction. It is his purpose to counsel with the boys from time to time and to assist them in every way within his power, as long as they continue in the right path.

Mr. Zundelwitz heard of a similar plan being carried out by a man in Los Angeles several years ago. He has had the suggestion in his mind ever since and some weeks ago decided to put it into operation here. Mr. Zundelwitz has no children of his own and his only purpose in coming to the city was to accept his proposal as if they were sons of his own. All that he will ask in return for what he does is that the boys strive their best to keep the pledge he will require them to sign.

Mr. Zundelwitz came to America from Russia when a lad of about 17 years of age. His early life was full of hardship and his office work, but he has succeeded in the mercantile business. He made a success in business and a reputation for fair and honest dealing. He has not been engaged in the mercantile business for a number of years but has extensive interests in Wichita Falls and in the Panhandle. He has always taken a keen interest in boys and young men and has related their successes. He will be at the Wichita State Bank from now until January 1 where he invites boys who would like to accept his offer to call and see him. Any boy under seventeen years of age who will sign the pledge will be eligible.

The pledge will be as follows: I promise not to use tobacco, alcohol or gamble. I will be honest and fair to my employer and faithfully attend some church of Sunday school. If in city school I will do my best to succeed. I further promise to be kind and obedient to my parents, other children, ladies and old people, and add to my first deposit all pennies and dollars possible.

In return Mr. Zundelwitz will give this pledge to the boy. Upon promise to faithfully keep the foregoing pledge, I will give each of fifty boys a pass book wherein is deposited one dollar to his credit in the Wichita State Bank, Wichita Falls, Texas. Each boy must add to the amount of such as possible, weekly or monthly. If above requirements are carefully kept, I promise to add one dollar per year to each boy's bank account for a period of five years. Besides I will give each boy a nice present each year. No money can be drawn from the bank, except in case of urgent need and upon the advice of the original donor. All money will draw four percent interest compounded annually. All boys must report monthly to me.

Signed, A. Zundelwitz announces that if he sees fifty boys started by January 1, 1917, and the plan works out as he hopes it will, on January 1, 1918 he will start another fifty boys on the same plan.

CONSTITUTIONALISTS IN FIGHT WITH DIAZ TROOPS

Tuxtla Gutierrez, State of Chiapas, Mexico, Dec. 19.—During fighting between constitutionalist soldiers and followers of Felix Diaz several hundred persons were killed, some in execution during the night in No. 1000 at a place near here. For months Diaz soldiers have been active in the States of Oaxaca and Chiapas and recently a large detachment appeared close to Nueva Era plantation not far from this town. Constitutionalists troops were sent to engage the revolutionary band and in a fight which followed, a so-called Diaz general, named Mazan, was killed, likewise a score of his followers. The remainder of the band was imprisoned and executed, being fired upon with machine guns. Nine officers and forty-five soldiers were among those killed.

It is said that the irregular mail service is the cause of the slowness with which news in southern Mexico reaches the outside world.

After a Bad Day

If you are weary after a fatiguing day, on reaching home take ten little rest lying prone on the back when you rise cleanse the face with cold cream, rubbing lightly across the lines and in an upward direction to correct sagging of the muscles. A cloth wet in very hot water should then be applied, followed by several applications of cold water. You will be surprised to find yourself quite rejuvenated.

CONSERVATISM IN BUSINESS IS NOTED

Effect of Foreign Developments is Seen in Numerous Lines

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HEALTH OFFICIALS PLAN TRAVELING LABORATORY

Austin, Texas, Dec. 19.—A traveling laboratory, on an especially equipped car for the public health service of this state, will be recommended to the Legislature. Water should be tested at or near the place from which the samples are obtained. It is pointed out, "When it is stipulated that the bacteria often die in transit. Often water that is impure when bottled will be pure when it reaches its destination for examination."

VACATION AT A. & M. WILL START THURSDAY

College Station, Tex., Dec. 19.—Holidays begin at A. & M. College at the conclusion of afternoon classes. The school will continue until the morning of January 2 at 8 o'clock. Special trains will leave Thursday afternoon for Dallas and Fort Worth. Waco and Houston.

BRITISH CENSORSHIP IS CRITICIZED BY NEWSPAPER

London, Dec. 18.—The British censorship is again to task by the Times on the ground that several recent important official statements, the speeches of Chancellor Holfweg and A. Bonar Law, were transmitted in such fragmentary form as to convey entirely wrong impressions as to their meaning in neutral countries.

The Times singles out as perhaps the most serious error the fact that the first version of the German chancellor's declaration was sent out, wireless, represented him as speaking of propositions which the Central powers will bring forward for negotiation. It points out that German newspaper version shows distinctly that the chancellor is not now making proposals but would do so if negotiations were opened.

WESTMINSTER REPORTED SINKING OF STEAMSHIP

The vessel referred to probably is the one built in 1905 and owned in London. It was carrying a cargo of wheat and other goods. The ship was reported to have sunk in the Atlantic Ocean on December 18, 1916.

ARGENTINE WILL BE REPRESENTED IN WEST

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—The Argentine Republic is to be represented in Western America for the first time by a consul-general, who in the person of Horacio Rosal Carcano, established his headquarters today. Heretofore the interests of the republic were cared for by an acting consul. The jurisdiction of the consul-general will include eleven western states. Senor Carcano announced himself as desirous of promoting trade between his country and the United States.

Women Who Voted For Wilson to See Him Inaugurated

"I voted for Woodrow Wilson, and I'm going to see him inaugurated," says Mrs. W. P. Russell of Spokane, Washington who is visiting Mrs. J. F. Reed and her sister Miss Mary Edmond in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Russell are on their way to spend the winter in Florida. They will return by way of Washington in March.

FEDERAL COURT OUTLOOK BETTER

JUDGE SCURRY THINGS SITUATION AT WASHINGTON HAS IMPROVED

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Equipment For Girls' Encampment Here is Promised—Witness Suffragette Stunt

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NEW YORKER'S VIEW OF LATE ELECTION

Congressman Stephens Gets Letter Giving Republican Standpoint on Present Conditions

From Monday's Daily. A recent issue of present political conditions is contained in a recent letter to Congressman John W. Stephens of this district from E. R. Dick, a New York banker and manager...

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Eight Cars of Blowup Stuff For War Zone Over Denver—Precautions Taken

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Belin, Dec. 18.—The first appeal for volunteers to the civil army is treated as an auxiliary to the army in the field was posted in Magdeburg...

RABBIT AND WOLF DRIVE AT GRANDFIELD DEC. 29

Grandfield Enterprise. On Friday, December 29 there will be a big jack rabbit and wolf drive on section 33, township 3 south, range 17 west...

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Will Visit Wichita Falls in January. Part of Statewide Campaign.

From Monday's Daily. Wichita Falls will be visited in January by a team of men and women working in connection with several state organizations...

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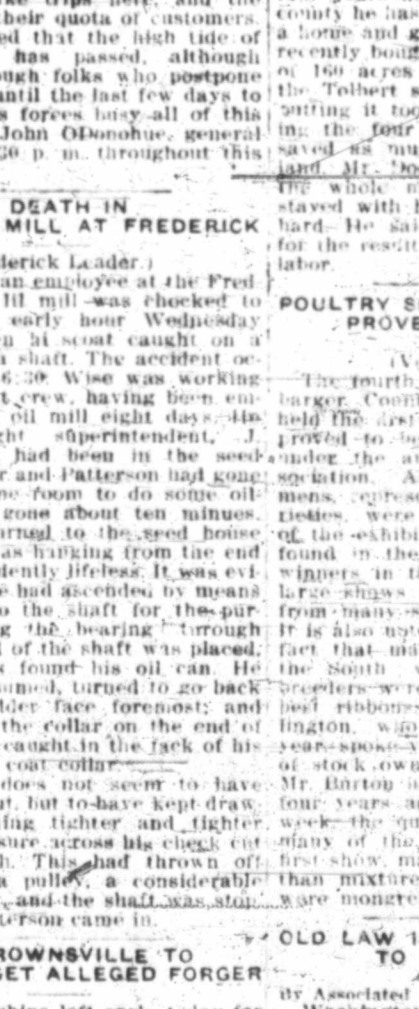
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It has been intimated in dispatches that come from Washington, which may have been officially inspired, that Germany is likely to let up on its deportation of Belgians into state slavery in Germany. It is Germany's need of the United States and other neutrals and desists from this barbarity, the world will rejoice. But if Germany chooses to continue the enslavement of the Belgian people of the United States, it is to continue its time-honored policy of abjectness from European politics, must sit by and see it done. Our protest in this instance was an innovation on our part. Protests or representations that have been made on our part heretofore have been in instances in which American rights of interests were concerned. Even when Belgium was invaded we made no protest, probably having in mind that any protest would have been futile. Our protest, then, as subsequent events have shown, would not have had no satisfaction for having introduced ourselves into European affairs. But the progress of the war has shown that whether we wish it or not we cannot isolate ourselves, and are vitally concerned in what is done in Europe or in any quarter of the globe. Our protest against the enslavement of the Belgians is our first step into affairs on the other side of the Atlantic where our own interests are not directly involved. All Americans must hope for the sake of humanity and for our own sake that the protest will be heeded.

THE DIRECT ELECTION PROPOSAL

The Nashville Tennessean, owned by Senator Luke Lea, has this interesting comment upon the proposals to substitute direct election of president and vice-president. "Perhaps a constitutional amendment for direct election of the president might not carry this year, perhaps not in this period of four years. But we believe the eleven Southern States would vote in favor of it this year. And, before many years, the necessary three-fourths of the States would vote for it."

Very likely the Tennessean has not seriously considered the proposed amendment. If it had, it would certainly favor such a change. It is very certain the eleven Southern States to which it alludes will not voluntarily favor such a surrender of political power.

Let us look at the proposition as it would affect the South. The eleven Southern States which the Tennessean alludes are Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas.

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Wichita Falls already has a stocking full and is happy and contented. But if another Santa Claus comes along and wants to leave something nice, it will be accepted.

A dispatch from Mexico City says the high prices of necessities there are oppressing the poor. Mexico hasn't got anything on the good old U. S. A. in that respect—the h. c. l. is oppressing both the poor and the well to do here.

The Denison Herald suggests that if Senator Sheppard succeeds in making the District of Columbia dry, it may result in shortening the sessions of congress, which the Herald thinks would be sufficient recompense for the enactment of almost any sort of drastic regulation.

The Mexican question still looms up like unsettled weather indications. The joint commission is holding another meeting since the return of the Mexican delegate with Carranza's reply to the protocol. But, like living a swarm of bees the questions have not yet been settled.

Plans are already being laid for local option elections in Dallas and Tarrant counties in event that the legislature fails or refuses to accede to the will of the people and submit a statewide prohibition amendment. The situation is this: If a prohibition amendment is submitted it is probable the state will be voted dry; if the amendment is not submitted a wave of indignation will sweep over the state which is likely to put a number of the counties now wet into the dry column. There isn't much comfort in the situation for the wet partisan viewed from any angle.

The peace proposals of Germany, not only concerning the countries at war, but also raises grave questions for the neutrals. Unsettled questions of diplomacy give some of our congressmen an opportunity to express their fear of complications with England and Japan. And, upon this basis, argue the necessity of a large increase of soldiers for the regular army, backed up with citizen reservists sufficient to make an army of 1,500,000. Along this line, General Hugh Scott advocates making every able-bodied man subject to call to arms for a number of years as required by Germany and other European nations.

Those Denton country folks are in dead earnest in their efforts to obtain road bonds. A county election on a bond issue was held about two months ago. In that election a proposed bond issue for road purposes was defeated. The good roads folks were not discouraged. They at once got up a petition for an election for road bonds in a district which takes in the city of Denton and covers most of the road system originally proposed, and comprises a district in which there was more than the required majority for the bond, in the previous election. A vigorous campaign is now being carried on in that district by both the proponents of the bond issue and its opponents. The election will be held in a few days.

Even in the midst of our prosperity there are some who will go hungry and who will be sad on Christmas day, and there are children who will yearn wistfully and vainly for a visit from Santa Claus who will not come. All of us can have a part in making such instances few indeed in Wichita Falls. We may look about us and find some child or some family in need and can give and be blessed, or, if we have not the time nor the opportunity to do this personally, we can make a contribution to the Salvation Army which is doing highly praiseworthy work in supplying needy families and in providing Santa Claus with gifts for children who might otherwise be misled.

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The Wichita Falls Electric Company in a paid advertisement in this paper is calling attention to the dangers of candles in lighting Christmas trees. Electrical supply houses are now offering colored electric lamps for lighting Christmas trees affording prettier effects than the old fashioned candles. Too often we read during the Christmas season of fires and deaths and burns resulting from the use of candles in Christmas tree entertainments. Where electric current and electric lights representing these candles are available, the risk in the other kind is too great not to use electricity.

The Times learns on what it deems good authority that State Senator W. A. Johnson will not be a candidate for re-election. Mr. Johnson is now serving his second term as the representative of this senatorial district and he has represented the district well and faithfully. He is not of that class of politicians described as belonging to the "peanut" variety, and should be decided to retire after having served the people of the district so ably for eight years. It is going to be no easy job to pick a successor who is able and is willing to serve his district in that capacity. The Times, of course, thinks and believes that, inasmuch as Wichita county has never yet had the honor of furnishing the senatorial candidate, it is about time the county was feeling such political recognition. But in order to make the best sort of impression on the other counties comprising the district, Wichita should put out a real strong man as her candidate. The Times does not believe the people of the district are going to take well to candidates of the "peanut" variety, and if Wichita county wants the honor of furnishing the next State Senator for this district she should be careful to put out as her candidate a strong man.

SENATOR ROOT ON RIGHTS OF STATES. In paper read before the anti-suffrage convention in Washington last week Elihu Root of New York announced his opposition to a national amendment to give women suffrage that it trespassed upon the rights of the states and violated the principles of liberty upon which the American Union was established. Had such an argument come from a southern man it would have created no interest for that is the historic position of southern statesmen but coming from former Senator Root it will attract comment. He said in part: "I am against having the constitution of the United States amended so as to impose woman suffrage on the states which do not wish for it not merely or chiefly because my judgment does not approve of women suffrage, but for a much more vital reason. It is a destruction of the right of self-government and a subjection of the people of New York to the government of others. Having failed to secure the assent to woman suffrage of such states as South Dakota and West Virginia and Ohio and New York and Pennsylvania the advocates of woman suffrage are to be compelled to accept it against their will and to compel them to carry on their local government and select their representatives in the national government, in conformity with the opinions of other states who are in favor of woman suffrage. I think such an attempt is contrary to the principles of liberty upon which the American union was established and without which it cannot endure. "Without the right of local self-government we should lose the better part of our liberty. This country is so varied in its climate, in its physical characteristics, in capacity for production, in predominant industry and in the resultant habits of living and thought as to require the exercise of such necessarily wide differences of view as to the conduct of life and to subject any section of the country in local affairs to the dictation of the vast multitude of voters living in other parts of the country, would create a condition of intolerable tyranny and to give the power of the nation to bring their conditions would be to make the nation an instrument of tyranny. It is needless to argue that this would ultimately destroy the nation. "The one exercise of national power over suffrage to prevent discrimination against the black race was made an established only upon the same grounds which justified the war and the emancipation proclamation and for the time being destroyed all local government in the seceding states. It establishes no precedent and justifies no attempt at control upon a less terrible and compelling cause."

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SANTA FE TO LET NEW CONTRACT SOON

Will Build From Shattuck into Panhandle Plains in Near Future

From Wednesday's Daily. Announcement has been made that the next few days will see the awarding of contracts to build the long talked of Shattuck line of the Santa Fe from Shattuck, Oklahoma into the Texas-North Plains counties of Lipscomb, Ochiltree and Hansford. These counties, although described as "ideal agricultural and stock raising section, have heretofore been overlooked in railroad development. The coming of the Santa Fe will do much to develop the possibilities of these counties. The line will be 82 miles long, running to a point near Hansford, county seat of the county of that name, and will pass through Ochiltree and Lipscomb counties. A total of 12 miles of siding will be built, 2,500,000 cubic yards of excavations will be necessary, 2,800 lineal feet of trestle bridging and 400 feet of steel bridging will be done.

Actual construction of the new line is expected to follow closely the awarding of the contract. Immense land holdings have been acquired in this section by the Santa Fe Colonization Company, a company composed in a large part of officers of the Santa Fe railroad. This company has been buying land in that country for the past year or more. The acquisition of land in considerable bodies by this company has come to be taken as a certain forecast of contemplated building operations by the Santa Fe road, and their advent into the realty market in the North Plains proving no exception to the rule gave rise months ago to rumors of the coming of the Santa Fe and brought about a realty boom such as that country had never known. The colonization company is said to own more than a thousand sections of land in Ochiltree county alone.

A Katy line south from Forgan to Hansford has been talked of in connection with the Santa Fe Shattuck line, but so far no definite announcements in regard to this project have emanated from Katy sources. As it is the Wichita Falls and Northwestern line which will have a tap on the new line by reason of its connection with the Santa Fe at Woodward, should handle quite a bit of business originating on the new Santa Fe line by reason of being the short line on traffic bound to Texas points.

Contracts for another Santa Fe line, 64 miles long, from Lubbock to a point southwest of Brownfield, Terry county will also be awarded at the same time as that for the Shattuck line. This line connects existing projects radiating from Lubbock over the South Plains country of West Texas and into New Mexico.

A number of citizens called at The Times office today to make contributions toward a fund for a loving cup to be presented J. A. Kemp by the people of Wichita Falls. The only purpose in receiving these contributions is to give every one who desires to have a part in this token of love and appreciation an opportunity to set in his contribution. It is not the purpose to spend any large sum, but it is believed that a great number will wish to contribute. Contributions may be left at The Times office or may be handed to John W. Thomas.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY IS CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO CITY FROM J. A. KEMP

OLD HOME TO BE IMPROVED AND DONATED

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GIFT, WHICH FILLS LONG FELT WANT HERE, IS MADE AT MEETING SATURDAY. CAUSES MUCH REJOICING

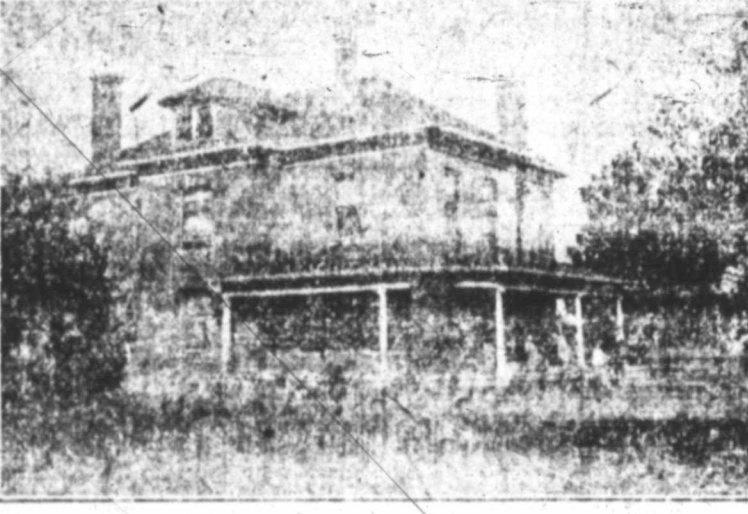
SUITED TO NEEDS

Building Large and Commodious and Close to Business District. No Trouble Anticipated in Securing Supply of Books

From Sunday's Daily. Through the generosity of J. A. Kemp, Wichita Falls is to realize an ambition of long standing and to become the possessor of a public library.



Building at Twelfth and Indiana given to Mr. Kemp.



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The lot on which the home stands is 90 by 150 feet in dimensions. The house, one of the handsomest and most substantial buildings in the city, is a two-story stone and brick structure, admirably suited for the purpose.

The building will be donated to the city of Wichita Falls and the library will be under the supervision and direction of the city council.

Mr. Kemp made his decision to present the building as this important Christmas present known Saturday at a conference called by himself with Mayor Britain, the library committee of the Chamber of Commerce and a committee from the ladies' club organizations of the city.

\$100,000 PAID ON NEW COURT HOUSE

Building Now Up to Third Story Contractor Being Even With Schedule

Nearly \$100,000 has been paid out to date on Wichita county's new court house, the exact amount being \$99,557.33. Payments are made by the county as the work progresses.

TODAY IS ANNIVERSARY OF PRESIDENT'S MARRIAGE

Washington, Dec. 18.—President and Mrs. Wilson today celebrated their first anniversary of their marriage. A family party entertained at dinner at the White House tonight.

CARDINAL MAKES PROTEST IN VAIN

CORIES OF BELGIAN PRELATES APPEAL RECEIVED IN THIS COUNTRY

GERMANY IS ACCUSED

Violation of Plagues Charges—Says Deposition in Reality to Help German Army

By Associated Press. The Cardinal Mercur's protest against the deportation of Belgians to Germany, only brief excerpts of which came in the cable from the States and Holland, is the Associated Press in its full text, as follows:

As early as October 14th we sent to the governor general a protest, a copy of which was handed to the representatives of the Holy See, of Spain, France, Italy, Holland, Belgium, and Brussels, but the governor general replied to it that nothing could be done.

At the time of our protest, the orders of the occupying power, threatened only the unemployed, threatened every able-bodied man carried by the German army and sent to the front and to the unknown parts of a land of slaves.

These men are being sent to the front and to the unknown parts of a land of slaves. The enemy proceeds by means of the deportations to our country, which rests upon the German army and the German army.

The mayor will be held responsible for the proper execution of this order which must be brought into effect to the knowledge of the inhabitants.

Between the announcement and the deportation there is an interval of only 12 hours.

The governor general replied to the protest of the Belgian government, which has not been initiated after two years of war.

Under the same decree, the right to judge infractions which have been committed by the Belgian government, both in Germany and in Belgium, and for the benefit of the German army.

True, there were other ways in which our finances might have been protected. We could have been protected.

PROHIBITION TO BE LEGISLATIVE ISSUE

Election Law Amendments, Highway Commission and Carriage Also Topics

FOR UNIVERSAL ARMY TRAINING

HEARING BY SENATE COMMITTEE OPENS TODAY ON CHAMBERLAIN BILL

ARMY CHIEF HEARD

Advocates of a System of Universal Training for Military Service to Replace the Volunteer System

Washington, Dec. 18.—Advocates and opponents of a system of universal training for military service to replace the volunteer system are heard today before the Senate military committee on Senator Chamberlain's bill for universal training.

Representatives of the organization headed by Walter L. Fisher, formerly secretary of the interior, were their reason for opposing it, a hearing today before the Senate military committee on Senator Chamberlain's bill for universal training.

President Woodrow Wilson today has reached no decision as to universal training and will not do so until the military committee has reported its findings.

Further limitations of campaign contributions, clearly defined the purposes for which money may be spent in political campaigns.

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PEANUT ACREAGE TO BE INCREASED

VERY LITTLE SO FAR

Systematic Campaign to be Waged in This County

Efforts to greatly increase the acreage in peanuts in Wichita county will be getting the early part of the coming year.

However, a few demonstration plots under Mr. Campbell's direction serve to show the possibility of the crop in this county.

The acreage was probably under 100 acres for the whole county and most of this was grazed.

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ACREAGE OF WINTER WHEAT SHOWS GAIN

Department of Agriculture Estimates Total to Be 40,000,000 Acres

Washington, Dec. 18.—Winter wheat acreage in the United States is estimated to be 40,000,000 acres.

The department of agriculture estimates that the acreage of winter wheat in the United States is 40,000,000 acres.

OIL ADVANCES AGAIN IN PRICE, IS \$1.20 TODAY

From Monday's Daily.

The third advance in oil prices in less than 10 days was posted by pipelines today.

The price of oil today is \$1.20 a barrel, an advance of 10 cents over the price of Monday.

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VALUES \$500,000 ABOVE VALUATIONS

Estimates Prepared by Mayor Britain Show Wide Discrepancy in Figures

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FUNSTON PLANS TEST OF PONTOON TRANSPORTATION

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 18.—General Funston has ordered a test of pontoon transportation to decide the best methods as between mules, motor trucks and tractor caterpillars.

SEVERAL MILKS ON GOOD ROADS

MEETING OF WICHITA COUNTY MOTOR CLUB IS HELD TUESDAY NIGHT

J. A. KEMP THANKED

Appreciation of His Recent Gifts Voted—Membership Campaign Is Postponed

From Wednesday's Daily. As soon as the final cover was placed on this little county of Wichita...

As an illustration of his first point to the effect that the building of better roads follows closely after civilization...

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Market Report

Fort Worth Livestock. Fort Worth, Dec. 20.—Cattle receipts...

Chicago Grain. Chicago, Dec. 20.—Although still somewhat unsettled by differences of opinion...

New York Cotton. New York, Dec. 20.—Heavy overnight selling orders brought in by the closing break...

Cotton closed steady, Dec. 16, 92; Jan. 17, 92; May 17, 92; July 17, 92; Oct. 17, 92.

Marines Far From Home Remembered at Christmas

Washington, Dec. 20.—Through the efforts of the American Red Cross...

Three Pistols Stolen From Hardware Store

Three pistols were stolen from the show window of the Wichita Hardware Company Monday night...

Washington Item Causes Surprise

Gays Federal Court Measure Does Not Provide For Any New District

A Washington dispatch stating that a new federal court district for West Texas...

Mysterious Stunt Will Feature Rotary Luncheon Tomorrow

The Rotary Club will have its first stunt day tomorrow when the members gather for the weekly luncheon at the Metropolitan.

Institute Will Close Tomorrow

Tomorrow is the closing day of the Wichita County Teachers' Institute which has been in session here since Monday.

To Reorganize Poultry Association Tonight

Both members of the old North Texas Poultry Association and others who are interested either as amateurs or professionalists in the raising of pure bred poultry...

ARCHER REPORTS MORE FAVORABLE

Southside Well Said to Have Found Good Sand at a Lower Depth

Reports this afternoon from the Southside Oil company's well in Archer county were somewhat more favorable than those of yesterday...

Katy Official Changes Are Announced at Dallas

Changes in officials, affecting all lines, have been announced. The Dallas News of Tuesday says:

Anderson has held his present position for the last five years. He came to Texas in 1888 and went to work for the Texas & Pacific as train dispatcher in 1887.

Several Charges of Vagrancy in City Court

I want to plead guilty to the lowest fine, said a negro arraigned before Judge Whiteley when informed that the court had charged with disturbing the peace...

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

The report that Lithuania's independence is now a reality has attracted the attention of the world...

Kentucky Club Will Honor Rev. F. F. Walters

Honorable Rev. F. F. Walters and family will leave soon for Hopkinsville, Kentucky...

Chicago Paper's Comment on 'Fair and Warmer'

'Fair and Warmer,' the clever comedy to be given at the Wichita Theatre January 1, was commented upon in the Chicago American as follows:

70,000 Tons Declared Limit of Battleship

By Associated Press. Dec. 20.—American battleships will reach their limit of size when they displace 70,000 tons...

Union Pacific Bars Competition Freight

Denver, Colo., Dec. 20.—Announcement was made today that an embargo had been placed on all competitive freight by the Union Pacific railroad...

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

That the farmer receives less than a quarter dollar, less for the crop of his bumper year than for the crop of his lean year...

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Personals

From Sunday's Daily. Miss Golden Coats of Frederick who is attending Baylor University in Waco, was in the city yesterday, returning home to spend the holidays with relatives.

O. E. Maer, superintendent for the Wichita Valley, returned this afternoon from a trip over the line. C. O. Johnson, traveling freight agent for the Denver, was a visitor in the city yesterday, returning home to spend the holidays with relatives.

WANT LEGISLATION FOR CLEAN COTTON

Law To Be Asked To Prevent Putting Foreign Matter in Cotton and Seed. From Wednesday's Daily. The cotton growers and the commercial associations of this state are planning to ask legislation which is to be introduced at the next session of the legislature which will compel the pure food legislation by requiring cotton seed and similar products to be free from foreign adulterants.

INSURANCE RATE REDUCTION LIKELY

Will Be Granted Unless Losses for First of This Year Exceed \$5,000,000 or Over. From Wednesday's Daily. With only 41 days remaining before the end of the year, and a margin of only \$5,000,000 in losses, it is believed that the insurance companies will grant a 15 per cent reduction on the rates for the coming year.

WILD DUCK FEEDING IS HIS LIFE WORK

Wisconsin Man's Theory Might Easily Be Applied at Lake Wichita. From Wednesday's Daily. A man who has made the feeding of wild ducks his life work, Mr. Terrell of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, who is now in Texas and who has made the feeding of wild ducks his life work, has been in the city today.

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COSTS 90 CENTS TO RUN FIRE ENGINE

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HOME ECONOMICS PLANS FURTHERED

From Wednesday's Daily. Plans for a three days home economics program here in March, with experts and lecturers from the State University to conduct it, were furthered this morning when the Chamber of Commerce met in session.

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NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE WICHITA FALLS, TEX. AN ACCURATE RECORD. If you deposit with this bank all the money you receive and draw a check for each item of expense, you will be able to preserve an absolutely accurate record of your financial affairs in the briefest and most convenient manner possible.

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MAKING RAPID PROGRESS ON PLANT REPAIRS. Repair work in progress at the Bul Brothers factory is progressing at a very rapid rate, according to T. B. Smock, superintendent. However, there is yet much work to be done and Mr. Smock places the commencement of operations at the factory off at least a month yet.

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SWISS GOVERNMENT PUTS LIMIT ON SALE OF BREAD. Bern, Switzerland, Dec. 20.—The Swiss government has decided to prohibit the sale or consumption of new bread in order to economize the stock of cereals.