

SEVERANCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BERLIN BELIEVED LIKELY TO RESULT FROM SUBMARINE NOTE

NOTE MAY ALREADY BE EN ROUTE TO GERMANY

No Official Statement as To Policy--Believe Allies Will Protect Shipping

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 1.—Indications in official quarters this afternoon in connection with Germany's note of Wednesday, declaring for unrestricted submarine warfare were that a note has been sent, or is about to be sent, to Germany, placing the severance of relations as the next step if Germany persists in breaking her pledge to the United States.

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing discussed the situation for an hour today after Secretary Lansing had worked all morning on a document which he took with him to the white house.

After the conference Secretary Lansing refused to say what had been decided upon.

A warning to Germany that a severance of diplomatic relations will follow the putting into effect of such a campaign of ruthlessness as she has announced, or an actual severance of Germany's announcement as it stands, are among possibilities.

There is official ground, however, for stating that either of these courses has been selected though one is generally expected.

It is generally admitted that a course of action has been decided upon but it is said certain steps must be taken before it is announced.

President Wilson, upon whom rests the burden of determining the nation's course, was alone in his study at the White House until late in the night, with a copy of the German note. He was not called, but is understood to have had several telephone conversations with members of the cabinet and to have sent a summons to Col. E. M. House, his close friend and constant adviser on foreign affairs. Col. House, leaving his home in New York at midnight, reached here early this morning.

Apparently it is agreed that there are but three courses open—giving Count Von Bernstorff his passport without further ado, sending at once a warning to Germany that she will violate American rights at her peril, or awaiting development of the new anti-war campaign against England, announced to begin today.

The president has given no indication of the trend of his thoughts since he expressed incredulous amazement yesterday when informed of what was coming in Associated Press dispatches from Berlin.

So far as could be learned early today no arrangement had been made for him to appear before Congress as he did last year to announce the dispatch of the Sussex note informing Germany that unless the imperial government pledged the conduct of submarine warfare with regard to the principles of humanity and the rights of neutrals the United States would be obliged to break off diplomatic relations.

The new German warning carries the situation back practically to where it was upon the original proclamation by Germany that she would wage a war zone around the British Isles. That proclamation called forth the famous "strict accountability" note from the United States. It was followed by the sinking of the Lusitania and the virtual ultimatum from the United States which resulted in the German pledge not to sink "liners" without warning and provision for the safety of those on board. Then came the long series of alleged violations of this pledge, culminating in the attack upon the channel passenger steamer Sussex.

In her final note in the Sussex case Germany extended a pledge to cover the peaceful merchant craft but gave notice that if what she termed Great Britain's illegal blockade was maintained, a new situation would be created in which she would reserve full liberty of action. The exchanges closed with the United States accepting the new assurances in a terse note which informed the Berlin government that it was taken for granted that observance of American rights was not contingent upon the outcome of negotiations between the United States and another nation.

The new situation has arisen and the reserved liberty of action is to be used. According to information from Teutonic sources here, Germany has from 300 to 500 submarines ready to wage relentless war upon shipping in

Says Germany Accepts Challenge From Enemy

By Associated Press. Berlin, Feb. 1.—Chancellor Von Bethman-Hollweg and other ministers attended an important meeting of the ways and means committee of the Reichstag today at which the entire war situation was gone over and new steps by the Central Powers were considered. The chancellor opened the sitting with a speech of which the keynote was:

"We have been challenged to fight to the end. We accept the challenge and shall be victorious."

In his address the chancellor explained why in March and May of last year he had opposed unrestricted submarine warfare and why again in September "according to the unanimous judgment of the political and military authorities the question was not considered ripe for discussion."

In this connection the chancellor repeated his previous utterance that as soon as he was in agreement with the supreme army command that ruthless submarine war would bring Germany nearer a victorious peace than the U-boat war would be started. "That moment has now arrived," he continued, "last August the time was not yet ripe but today the moment has come when with the greatest prospects of success we can undertake the enterprise. We must therefore, not wait any longer."

Interned German Vessel At Charleston Scuttled

By Associated Press. Charleston, S. C., Feb. 1.—The interned German freighter, Habensals, began sinking slowly at nine o'clock today and marine men believed she had been scuttled. This belief seems to be borne out by the fact that the captain declined the aid of tugs.

An hour after it was noticed the vessel was sinking, her bow was high in the water and her stern was gradually settling. At that time Captain Klettenhoff with five or six officers still were aboard. The crew of lascars were sent to their homes soon after the vessel tied up here at the outbreak of the war.

England Awaiting Action Of Washington On Note

By Associated Press. London, Feb. 1.—The German declaration of unrestricted war at sea has created a profound sensation in England, where it was unexpected.

All interest centers on the policy which neutral maritime nations will adopt.

The decision of the United States is awaited with the most intense interest as it is recognized that it will have a strong influence on other neutrals and be the most important factor in the solution of one of the most serious crises of the war.

Officials declined to discuss the question formally at present. It is pointed out that inasmuch as the note is addressed to neutrals and not to Great Britain, it is essentially for them to deal with.

to allied commerce is to be expected.

Officials think it quite possible that Great Britain may assemble fleets of merchantmen and take them through the danger zones under heavy guard of fleet swift submarine destroyers. A circle of such ideas about the merchantmen, it was said, would make it exceedingly dangerous for a submarine to come up to operate and while an occasional "hit" might be tolerated, the greater number could be protected.

SPANISH MINISTER FEARS DISORDERS

Asks Newspapers to Maintain Composure in Discussion of Germany's Action

By Associated Press. London, Feb. 1.—A Reuter dispatch from Madrid says the Spanish minister of the interior, on communicating to the newspapers the comment on the German note, appealed to them, in view of the necessity of preserving their neutrality, and of account of the gravity of the situation, to observe the greatest composure. The minister said he feared that when the purpose of the note became known, disorders might follow.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS CONSUMING MUCH ALCOHOL

Associated Press Mail Correspondence. Paris.—The need of the government for 200,000 gallons of alcohol per day in the manufacture of certain high explosives, it is said has had a more effective influence on the alcohol question in France than the efforts of temperance advocates. The consumption of alcohol for this purpose if it continues long at the present rate, will amount annually to 12,500,000 gallons more than France produced before the war. The government has already bought 17,500,000 gallons abroad. Alcohol serves as a solvent in the manufacture of the powder used as a propulsive explosive in the largest call by guns.

PRACTICALLY ALL OF TEXAS COLD TODAY

Temperature Fourteen Above at Dallas—Below Zero at Some Points in Southwest

By Associated Press. Dallas, Tex., Feb. 1.—The weather bureau reported a temperature of 14 degrees above zero here at eight o'clock this morning. Almost the entire state suffered from the cold wave.

TEMPERATURE RECORDS FOR WINTER ARE BROKEN

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Feb. 1.—Temperature records for the present winter were broken throughout the southwest early today according to the weather bureau reports showing of local readings of 15 degrees below zero at Concordia, Kansas, 12 below at St. Joseph, Mo., zero at Oklahoma City, eight below at Fort Smith, Ark., 12 above at Fort Worth and unofficial readings of 16 below from Jefferson, Junction City, Kan. The entire district was reported as having fair weather today and the prediction was made that cold weather would continue throughout the week with the same temperatures or probably much colder tonight.

FAVOR CLOSING OF COTTON EXCHANGES

Augusta Members Would Stop All Trading Until Situation Has Cleared Up.

By Associated Press. Augusta, Ga., Feb. 1.—The Augusta cotton exchange members today adopted a resolution providing that all exchanges be requested to close during the uncertainties caused by the German note. No definite steps were taken here other than omission of the posting of spot prices.

NEW YORK PORT STOCKS, COTTON OPEN TO SHIPS, AND WHEAT SEE CLOSING DENIED HEAVY DECLINES

G. AND NOT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION DECLARED TO HAVE CAUSED ORDER—SHIPS SAIL AT THEIR OWN RISK

MANY VESSELS WAIT GRAIN OFF 8 CENTS

Shipping All Along Coast Held Up. Boats Owned by Warring Powers to Be Under Strict Admiralty Instructions

By Associated Press. After being sealed off for a period of destruction and total blockade, the New York stock exchange today opened for all incoming and outgoing shipping.

The second cause by the collector of the port was that ships could not be admitted to clear as usual.

A Washington statement declared that the heavy fog and not the military situation "interrupted" the orders of last night.

The effect of Germany's declaration of a sea blockade of the entire Atlantic coast, and the fact that every vessel was ordered to leave without further notice, is felt today in every part of the Atlantic.

Owners of a great number of ships, neutral sailing in doubt as to their future course of action and it is believed that most of them will keep their ships in port until instructions are received from their governments.

In the offices of British and French consuls here it was said that there would be no interruption in the trade with the United States, but that the carrying of the files of the entire fleet, to meet just such an emergency as this, the British government has assembled in a large fleet of small fast cruisers to be used as submarine chasers.

These vessels, said to number 400, will be available to keep the sea lanes clear of raiders and submarines and act as convoys.

No shipping of any kind was permitted to leave the port of New York last night.

Announcement was made here this morning by a representative of the shipping line that the steamer liner, the passenger liner, the day looked to leave at 2 p. m. today with 300 passengers and cargo for Copenhagen had been indefinitely postponed.

It was understood on good authority that the movement of all entrances will be from now on, be controlled to an extent greater than heretofore by orders of the British admiralty.

Prompt action was taken however by representatives of neutral lines who have been touching at New York and Baltimore for examination.

The American liner steamer St. Louis will sail Saturday as scheduled and effort will be made to point the ship in conformity with the regulations prescribed by the German government as a guarantee for the safety of the vessel flying the American flag, according to announcement today by officials of the line.

SAYS SHIPPING WAS STOPPED ONLY ON ACCOUNT OF FOG

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 1.—The treasury department issued an official explanation that ships had been prevented leaving New York harbor last night because of fog, for which other reasons were denied.

TWO AUSTRIAN STEAMERS INTERNED AT HOUSTON

By Associated Press. Houston, Feb. 1.—There are no German ships interned in any of the Gulf ports of Texas. Two Austrian steamers which interned at Galveston today, the war zone being now at the turning basin of the Houston ship channel.

SEVERAL GERMAN BOATS ARE AT NEWPORT NEWS

By Associated Press. Newport News, Va., Feb. 1.—The German prize ship Appam, the German steamer Aradja and the Austrian steamer Budapest are tied up here, nearly a year and the other two steamers, the Appam claimed by both the British and the Germans has been here since the outbreak of the war was declared by Germany. Two British steamers both carrying supplies for the British, left here today.

ASK SPECIAL REPORTS ON CHARLESTON INCIDENT

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 1.—Special and quick reports from customs collector at Charleston were called for by the treasury department today at the instance of the navy department.

POST OFFICE RECEIPTS FOR JANUARY SHOW GAIN

Receipts at the Wichita Falls post office again registered a gain over the corresponding month of the previous year, the figures for 1917 being \$6,537.24 against \$5,958.73 for January 1916, the difference in favor of the present year being \$578.51 or nearly 10 per cent.

NOT GUILTY IS VERDICT FOR SPANELL

SAN ANGELO TRIAL ENDS IN ACQUITTAL OF MAN ACCUSED OF SLAYING HIS WIFE AND ARMY OFFICER AT ALPINE

JURY OUT 2 HOURS

Receives Case at 12:15 and Returns Verdict Early This Afternoon—To Be Tried at Once for Killing of Officer Venne Summoned

By Associated Press. San Angelo, Texas, Feb. 1.—A verdict of not guilty was returned after less than two hours deliberation today by the jury trying Harry J. Spanell of Alpine in connection with the killing of his wife, Chrystal Holland Spanell, last July. The case went to the jury at 12:15.

A special venire has been ordered in the district court here today in the case in which Spanell is being charged with the killing of Lieut. Col. M. C. Butler, but was excused yesterday.

SAYS SENATE SHOULD AID PRESIDENT IN PEACE MOVE

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 1.—Prefacing a prepared address on world peace to the Senate tomorrow, republican of North Dakota, referred to the German submarine blockade and declared that while it was inappropriate for the Senate to invade the field of diplomacy it was desirable for it to aid the president in securing a world peace.

NO CHANGE PLANNED IN FRENCH POLICY

Note Will Not Affect Sailings, Owners Announce—Means Increased Rates

By Associated Press. Paris, Feb. 1.—The central committee of French ship owners today declared that the new German submarine policy will cause no change whatever in sailings from France. The Germans it was declared, can do no more with their submarines than they already have done and the only result will be to increase insurance rates and freight charges.

WOULD HAVE PUBLIC VOTE ON NEW JOBS

Senators Want Question of Creating Commissions Submitted to Texas Voters

By Associated Press. Austin, Tex., Feb. 1.—Senator Henderson today introduced in the Senate a resolution that it is the sense of the Senate of the state of Texas that no office should be created by the enactment of bills, such as the public utilities commission and other commissions without such matters having been submitted by constitutional amendment to the vote of the people. Senator Henderson makes an exception as to the state highway commission. Eighteen other senators joined Senator Henderson in his resolution.

CRISIS CAUSES FURTHER DELAY IN LEAK PROBE

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 1.—On account of the international crisis, the New York hearing in the leak inquiry will close with today's session. The investigation will be resumed in Washington tomorrow afternoon at 2 p. m.

HOLLAND TAKES UNEASY VIEW OF NEW SITUATION

By Associated Press. London, Feb. 1.—A Reuter dispatch from The Hague today says: "Germany's announcement of a ruthless submarine warfare is regarded in official circles here with great anxiety."

MORMONS LEAVING MEXICAN COLONY

Baby is Born to Woman in Party During Journey to American Border

By Associated Press. Columbus, N. M., Feb. 1.—A party of 25 Mormons under the leadership of A. B. Call crossed the border into the United States here today, having fled from their homes in Mexico in the party was a five day old baby born just before the party left Colonia, General Pershing conveyed the mother and babe to the border in a motor ambulance.

INDICT WHITE MAN AT MINDEN TODAY

Bills Are Returned Today in Connection With Christmas Eve Tragedy

By Associated Press. Minden, La., Feb. 1.—Four indictments charging murder were returned today against Henry Waller and John Long, white men under arrest for alleged participation in the killing of five members of the family of John Nelson Reeves last Christmas eve. Waller and Long are said to be in jail at Alexandria, La. They will probably be arraigned here February 26. A date has been fixed for the trial but it is being kept secret.

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SEVERAL NORTH TEXAS COUNTIES BEING LEASED ACTIVELY IN GRAYSON

YOUNG COUNTY PLANS

Ex-Governor Colquitt Active Through Other News and Views in Oil Circles

The present high prices paid for crude, the ease with which favorably situated acreage may be sold for big money and the facility with which funds may be obtained for further efforts have all resulted in an abnormal amount of wild-catting throughout Texas, and much new territory will be tested with this year. Grayson county is one of the counties where much acreage is under lease, several big blocks of land having been taken up by prospectors. It is understood that two wells in opposite corners of the county are to be drilled shortly. There has already been some drilling in Grayson county, but no oil was found. In Cooke county showings of oil have been encountered in wells and some territory there is favorably viewed by experienced oil men. In Montague county still further west, efforts are being made to form a company to put down one or more tests on land which has been reported favorably by geologists. Lamar and Dallas counties are both to be the scene of tests within the near future, and there is a well going down near Wolfe City. It is said to be easy to obtain plenty of acreage in unexplored sections, land owners who have heard of fat royalties being not difficult to persuade.

Young county may soon be the scene of drilling operations and one O. B. Colquitt is said to have been giving that section the once over recently with a view to starting a well. The ex-governor is a newcomer in the oil game. Some leasing has been done, according to Young county buyers in the neighborhood of a region loved of fishermen. The Goose-neck bend vicinity has also been the scene of some leasing. Young county folks have long had hopes that oil would some day be found there.

John Gaillard, the newly made millionaire of Goose Creek, near Houston, who recently sold his 263 acre farm after drawing down about that much previously in royalties and bonus, is being pestered by folks who are kindly volunteering to help him invest his money. Gaillard is a retiring, modest sort of person, it appears and is not enjoying the publicity which his wealth has brought him.

The town of Horton, Kansas claims to have an oil well that is showing the ready refined product. A well back of a grocery is producing a yellowish oil, similar to kerosene. The presence of this oil is either a joke or a mystery. It is reported that the well has been pumped for about three years ago. F. I. Gaucha, a Horton baker, noticed that the water from the well smelled strongly of kerosene. He pumped the well dry and put the water in barrels. The next morning he found several inches of clear, pure oil on the top of each barrel. The mystery was accounted for by the fact that years ago a kerosene tank in the rear of a grocery store next to the bakery had leaked a considerable amount of oil and it had run into the well. Gaucha, who had kept pumping oil from the well, using it to start his bake oven fires and to burn in kerosene lamps. It burned well, but a wax like substance collected on the wick. Since the oil in the well was first noticed, hundreds of gallons of oil have been pumped from it. The leaky oil tank in a neighboring grocery store served as an explanation. There is no oil in this part of the state, and it is estimated that the Texas fields are already reduced to some extent by the ground anyway. So the leaky oil tank got the credit. But the well still produces oil and during the past three years hundreds of gallons have been pumped from it. A sample was recently sent to government experts for analysis and was pronounced a crude oil of the very highest grade. Oil stories have circulated around Horton freely since and a number of Horton people have been leasing land on all sides of Horton. Statements that some big oil company will start a prospect hole in the spring are often heard, but no one is found who knows anything definite about it. The mysterious oil well back of the bakery still produces already refined oil. If the oil tank leaked all of the oil that has been pumped from this well, it must have been a mighty expensive oil tank for the grocery man.

There are 484,000,000 barrels of oil remaining underneath the hills and prairies of Northwest Texas, and the crude produced to date is only eight per cent of the total content of the sands in this district, according to figures published recently by geologists of the Wyoming-Montana field. The government experts estimate that a smaller percentage of the total amount of oil has been produced so far in the Northwest Texas field than in any other in the country. The figures were prepared in answer to Dr. Oscar E. Bransky of the Standard Oil Company who recently gave out a warning that the supply of refinable crude is nearing exhaustion. He estimated that the Texas fields are whole, including those of the Gulf coast, to be 80 per cent exhausted and pointed out that the world is using petroleum faster than it produces it. The bureau of mines estimates that there are 7,829,000,000 barrels of oil yet to be produced in this country, and at the rate of consumption for 1915, 55,000,000

barrels, this would be sufficient for 138 years. The figures follow: The first column representing the estimated percentage exhaustion of oil content and the second column the estimated amount of petroleum remaining in the fields:

Alabama	481,000,000
Illinois-Indiana	93,210,000,000
Illinois	21,244,000,000
Mid-Continent	25,187,000,000
North Texas	22,124,000,000
North Louisiana	13,1,500,000,000
Gulf Coast	65,6,000,000
Colorado	2,540,000,000
Wyoming and Montana	26,2,345,000,000
California	26,2,345,000,000

The plans of Harry Sinclair, Oklahoma oil man, head of the new fifty million dollar corporation, indicate that his company will rival the Standard in the extension of its operations. Fast upon the heels of his announcement of plans to build a pipe line from the Houston field to Houston, came the news that he has leases on nine million acres in Costa Rica; one of the little republics somewhere down near the Panama Canal and is contemplating drilling in that country will be undertaken. Sinclair, who can count on his fingers, perhaps of one hand, the number of years since he was just about that broke, is also expected to build a pipe line to Chicago some of these days. He says that he did not organize the company to be a competitor of the Standard, but that it was actuated simply by a desire to share in furnishing the world with petroleum and its products. Whether the Standard takes the same semi-atriscular view of the matter is not stated.

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erations is dwindling as a result. Water is being hauled in tank cars from Wichita Falls for some wells but this is expensive. Practically all stock tanks in that section have been so nearly depleted that farmers are unwilling to sell off men any more, except for the high prices which prevail for water.

Deaths Filed

N. Henderson to Thomas R. Register, lot 6 Snoddy's subdivision Acre block 2 Bellvue addition; \$750.
E. V. Friberg to Mrs. Ida Byman, half interest in lot 8 block 3, Kemp and Jackson's subdivision block 11, Bellvue addition; \$1,500.
George B. Aitchell, Sr. to B. C. Ellis, lot 12 acres Jacob Waldschmidt survey, quit claim deed; \$750.
G. E. Friberg, executor, to Mrs. Ida Byman, half interest in lot 8 block 3, Kemp and Jackson's subdivision block 11, Bellvue addition; \$1,400.
R. S. Glenn et ux to Lucy E. Vickers, half interest in lot 11 J. S. Bridwell subdivision of lots 4 and 5 block 250; \$700.
M. J. Gardner et ux to J. S. Walker, 50 by 100 feet out north end of lots B and C, Anderson to P. Carpenter, subdivision lots 2 and 3 block 248; \$1,200.
W. E. Thomas Lumber company to J. G. Herbin, lot 21 block 35 Burkhardt; \$2,500.
C. S. Allen to Allen Oil company, first tract, all subdivisions 225 and 249, Waggoner colony lands; second tract, 430 acres, subdivisions 224 and 229, Waggoner colony lands; third tract, half interest in 351.9 acres subdivisions 160 and 161, Waggoner colony lands; fourth tract, lot 6 tract three, 192.2 acres out of block 8 tract three and block 7 tract three, Louise Netherly survey; \$50,000.
W. T. Cline et ux, to J. E. Staley, 200 acres from Lower Pinto Irrigation Agricultural and Manufacturing company survey 7; \$10,000.
M. J. Gardner et al. to M. D. Walker et al., lots 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, block 41, Floral Heights; \$2750.
J. E. Jones to P. Carpenter, lots 1 and 2 block 135; \$9,000.
W. T. Harris et al. to J. C. Straus, lots 5 and 10, block 35 Floral Heights; \$3,350.
W. W. Gardner to John W. Thomas, half interest in lot 1 block 25 Floral Heights; \$1501.
E. P. Greenwood to Charles H. Clark, lot 5 block 38, 42 and 44, block 11, Floral Heights; \$600.
J. E. Jones to B. P. Winn block 11 Southside Acres; \$600.
George L. Woodward to H. B. Seales subdivision 394, Waggoner colony lands; \$25,000.
Oil Well Supply company to Louis Brown, first tract, lots 23 and 25 Bellvue addition to Port Worth; second tract 15-16 interest 40 acres survey 14 H. & N. S. Co.; \$900 and other considerations.

Memories of the old Spindletop days

received the Standard district in South Texas, and some substantial fortunes have been banked by those who got in early. In that field leases on submerged land are now being made. A Houston banker shut his eyes and stuck his finger into a map of that section; he filed on the land shown where his finger hit, paying \$60. He got out for \$15,620. A Houston newspaper man paid \$45 for a submerged lease and got \$14,000 for it. Late Senator L. H. Bailey is said to have about \$200,000 better off as a result of filling on some submerged leases.

The Curran-Myers gasser at Goose Creek is still running wild efforts to cap it having so far proved futile. It is estimated that enough gas to supply Dallas and Fort Worth could be pumped out of it. The gas already gone to waste there. South Texas gassers blow their heads off in a short time, however, and have never been found. There is considerable gas in that section starts off making 25 to 30 million feet and a month or two later is making practically nothing at all.

2 MORE SHOWINGS IN ARCHER COUNTY IN NEW GAME LAW

Gulberson Well on Waggoner Ranch Attracts Attention Holiday is to Have Bank

Oil showings in the Gulf well just southeast of Holliday and in the Big Hill well northeast of Holliday recently have tended to encourage Archer county operators. Both showings are said to have been heavy, though no tests were made. That on the Big Hill was struck at 650 feet, being the second showing in this well. The Gulf well was not made public.

Another showing, not in Archer county at present, is that of the W. Gulberson well in the shallow well well on Waggoner Brothers ranch. This well has been under way for a number of months and has been the subject of repeated rumors. Yesterday eight or ten barrels of oil were bailed from the hole, and it is believed that a 25 or 30 barrel well will be developed. There is considerable gas production in that vicinity, which encourages lease holders in the belief that some deep sand production will be encountered.

Measure Pending at Austin, Backed By Sportsmen Who Differ on Open Seasons.

Local sportsmen have received letters recently from the Associated Hunters & Fishers club of Houston, which organization is taking an active part in the game law rights in the Legislature. With the Bonar-Metcalf bill, unfavorably reported hunters are being asked to urge passage of the Swope-Caldwell measure, a summary which is given below.

The chief objection here to this bill is the dove season, which opens September 1 and ends September 30. In the first place it is considered too early for the doves, as many young ones are still unable to fly at large themselves at that season. In the second place, if hunters are permitted to kill doves in September, thoughtless ones will be very apt to shoot quail at the same time. If the warden isn't around, it is thought here that the dove season should be the same as that for quail, December and January.

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FEWER ARRESTS BY POLICE IN JANUARY

Amount of Fines Collected, However, Is Somewhat Above Average

Although number of arrests made and cases docketed in the police court last month was the lowest for a number of months, the amount of fines assessed was on a par with some of the heaviest months during the previous year, and the amount of cash collected proportionately greater than in some time. Fines assessed during January amounted to \$175.50, and cash collected to \$67. Fines worked out in jail amounted to \$86.50 and on the streets to \$194.50, both items being somewhat over the usual. The balance, \$476.50 represents the fines assessed for good behavior, the fines of prisoners released for various causes and the amount against prisoners escaping from the street game.

"ICY MOUNTAINS" POEM AUTHORSHIP IS ISSUE


Associated Press Mail Correspondence London.—The famous hymn "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" was the subject of official discussion this week in the prize court. The witness on the stand was J. Banggaard Jensen, governor of Greenland, who was supporting the Danish government's claim to a cargo of fish seized by the British government as a prize of war.

FREDERICK MAN INVENTS COTTON-PICKING MACHINE

(Frederick Leader.)
J. P. Brown, a Frederick man, has invented a cotton picking machine, upon which he has been granted letters of patent by the United States government. Cotton pickers have been patented before, and some of them were quick cotton, too, but the trouble has been that they were too costly to come into general use. Mr. Brown has perfected a machine which he believes can be manufactured and sold for about \$500, and which is so easily handled that it can be manipulated by a child. In the Brown machine barbed spindles in gangs, travel about in a triangular path, engaging the cotton, while the spindles are in a vertical position, so as to remove the raw cotton from the pods without breaking the plant or crushing the pods. The spindles are set in a staggered position, so that what one misses the other gets. After the spindles have taken the cotton from the plant, they are turned to strippers, which remove the cotton from the spindles and it goes from them to a conveyor, and thence into a sack. The driver sits in the rear of the machine and steers it from there. It may be drawn by any kind of power and is easily handled. Mr. Brown has been working on this invention since the summer of 1915, but only got his patent Monday of this week. He has not decided as to what course he will take to have the machines manufactured.

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Summer long fled—and lo, a purple veil
Wide flung to hide the naked, trembling trees,
A mournful note was in the brook's low song.
A minor key re-echoed in the breeze.
The blossoms fell and faded, one by one,
As southward, ever southward, moved the sun.
And then you came, and stood beside my chair,
Clasped close my hand, and looked into my eyes,
Laid tenderly your cheek against my hair—
You seemed a messenger from Paradise.
A visioned angel that could heal the smart
The years had left upon my vanquished heart.
Outside the dead leaves whirl in eddying gusts;
But what to us is wind or stormy strife?
The sunshine of a summer, memory clasped,
Has left one mirrored ray across my life.
There is no autumn now of doubts and fears,
For us, united after many years.
—J. Adelaide Sherman.

Recipe for Canning String Beans (By Mrs. H. F. Ehrert)
Boil green string beans in salt water as if preparing for immediate use. When tender fill jars with beans and cover with the water in which they have been boiled, leaving room for one tablespoon of vinegar in each quart jar. Seal when wanted for the table drain of the water and rinse, then boil as if fresh beans until done.
(Beans canned by this method are said to keep excellently and have no sour taste as when other preservatives are used. This recipe is one which there has been several requests for. Any other recipe will be hunted out if housewife please their wants to The Times, 1671.)

MRS. J. H. SIMMONS HOSTESS TO NEW IDEA CLUB
Mrs. J. Houston Simmons was hostess on Wednesday afternoon to the New Idea Club. There was music on the piano to entertain while the members sewed and late in the afternoon the hostess, assisted by her sisters, Misses Nettie, Estelle and Edmontine

Friberg served a luncheon course of hot rolls, butter, cranberry jelly, cherry salad, sweet pickles, prune with whipped cream, cake and mint sticks. Members present: Mesdames M. E. Carey, G. E. Friberg, J. J. Simon, E. V. Friberg, Ross Corlett, Harry Thornberry, Schubert, D. Dellis, Wilson, T. E. Johnson. Guests: Misses Rose Kendig of Chickasha, Misses Nettie, Estelle and Edmontine Friberg, Doll Schubert and Emily Winkler of Ohio.

ART LITERATURE CLUB MEETS WEDNESDAY
With Miss Julia Davis as leader the Art Literature Club studied Japan Wednesday, the meeting being held at the home of Mrs. W. L. Beaty. The roll call was current events as usual and the Bayview subject was "What Japan is Thinking of Us." Two papers of much interest were given in addition to the literary discussion: "Marie Antoinette" Miss Weston Moore and "Peculiarities of Some Musicians" Mrs. John Pressley. During the business session the club contributed \$2.00 towards the "Children's Relief Fund." The hostess assisted by her son, Thomas, served a tempting luncheon of deviled crabs with a salad course. Mrs. T. J. Farrington was a guest, the club members being: Mesdames Arnew, Filco, Hall, Rountree, Dakan, Shaumburger, Gelbart, Delery, J. Rossley, Misses Phillips, Moore and Julia Davis.

NEW CENTURY CLUB STUDIES AMERICAN WOMEN
The American Woman in the concrete and abstract as well formed the topic of discussion at the meeting of the New Century Club Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. C. J. C. McDowell being hostess. Roll call was responded to with favorite authors and after a business session with the vice president Mrs. G. C. Wood in the chair the lesson was taken up with Mrs. C. B. Montgomery as leader. Papers read were: "American Authors," Mrs. T. P. Adams, "Settlement Workers," Mrs. M. Daniels, "Woman in Business," Mrs. E. McCutchen, "Her Future," Mrs. Marcus. The club plans an open meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Wade Walker sometime in February, preliminary arrangements being discussed at this meeting. The hostess, assisted by her sister, Miss Kiddoo, served a most delightful refreshment course to Mrs. J. M. Davidson of Pittsburgh, guest of the afternoon, members, Mesdames Daniel, Wood, Felder, Adams, Sisk, Montgomery, Hartaok, Barnard, McDaniels, Marcus, Jay, Clifford, Whitney, Gardner, Burnside and McCutchen.

DELPHIAN SOCIETY MEETS WEDNESDAY MORNING
The English literature from Burns to the Victorian era was studied by the

KINDERGARTEN LEGISLATION TO BE DISCUSSED FRIDAY
The need of free kindergartens and a discussion of the bill now before the state legislature on the subject will be given by Miss Isabel Kiddoo, kindergarten teacher Friday afternoon at the meeting of the Mothers Club of the Alamo school. All members and others interested are urged to attend this meeting and hear Miss Kiddoo's talk. The meeting is called for 3:30.

EASTERN STARS TO HOLD ALL DAY MEETING
Thursday, February 8 was set as the date of the next all day meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star, the regular business meeting having been held last night at the Masonic Temple. There was one candidate initiated and a good meeting was held. At the all day meeting a chicken pie dinner will be served and the families of the Masons and Eastern Stars are invited.

DELIGHTFUL RECEPTION TO HONOR FORT WORTH GUESTS
Springtime, now not far removed, formed the motif of the reception given Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Fred Weeks, 1415 Tenth street to honor Mrs. H. G. Lucas and Mrs. S. M. Anderson of Fort Worth, guests of Mrs. Harry Weeks 1106 Austin. Mrs. Harry Weeks and Mrs. Harry Baum shared with Mrs. Fred Weeks in the honors of hostess and the callers, more than one hundred despite the unpleasant winter wind, were entertained by a most graceful house party, assisting the hostesses, Eaves and violets with their fragrant blooms being the witness of the thoroughness with which the winter was still on hand and the flowers lent an added charm to the attractive pink bouquets. Vases and baskets of the pink roses and the deep purple violets were arranged in the reception hall and the other receiving rooms and in the diningroom the decorations were especially lovely. The table was centered with a rustic log, resting on a nest of violets and smilax and filled with overflowing with pink roses. Small or large, filled with violets and roses were at the end of chains of smilax radiating from the central log. The color scheme furnished by the flowers was repeated in the refreshment menu, consisting of pressed chicken, olives, wafers, ice cream moulded into roses and glazed grapes. Misses Audrey Adams, Helen Stone, Pauline Riebel and Frances Urban assisted Mesdames A. D. Anderson, J. D. Avis and Hood in the diningroom. In the sun room the refreshment table was dispensed by Misses Cecelia Adams, Gretchen Ayis and Lulu Wood.

The callers were welcomed at the home of Mrs. Blair and then greeted by the hostesses and honored. Mrs. Lucas wore a handsome gown of ruby panne velvet and Mrs.

Anderson's gown was a creation of gold brocade. Mrs. Fred Weeks wore blue panne velvet with pink Killarney clover, Mrs. Harry Baum's gown was a robe of blue panne velvet with corsage of cream rosebuds and cornflowers and Mrs. Baum's frock was of yellow tulle. Her accessories were cream coses and cornflowers. The house party included: Mesdames Piner Avila, E. P. Greenwood, Pounds, Garrison, Chesnut, Terry, Jones, Moore, T. E. Smith, Frank Griffin, Harvey, Walker, Carter, McGregor, Lester Burns, Wiley Blair Jr., John O'Donoghue, Messrs. Kathleen Blair, Arroyo, Gold, Mable Simpson, Carver, Stringer and Bertha Mae Kemp. Orchestra music entertained the callers throughout the afternoon.

IRISH POTATOES AT CIVIL WAR PRICES
Grocers Now Paying \$2.20 Per Bushel—Onions and Cabbage Also Going Up
Irish potatoes are now costing Wichita more than ever before in the city's history. They are quoted at \$2.20 per bushel, wholesale, which means that the consumer must pay 60 to 70 cents per peck for them, and the margin of profit for both is declared to be very narrow. A rather sharp advance in the club competition potatoes long distances in specially equipped cars are responsible for the high prices. The present figure is said to be the highest since the Civil War.

Cabbage is not to be had on the local market at any price and folks who would substitute it for potatoes cannot do so. At points where cabbage is to be had it is bringing ten cents per pound. Onions are also unusually high at present, retailing at eight to ten cents a pound here. Beans have advanced again and are worth 12 1/2 cents wholesale, as compared with four cents not so very many months ago.

ELEVEN DEGREES TEMPERATURE HERE
Gas Pressure Reduced to Barely Enough on Account of Shortages Elsewhere
The temperature was 74 degrees in Wichita Falls Tuesday afternoon, Thursday morning the temperature was eleven degrees, with the bluest of blue northers prevailing.

The present cold weather is not quite the coldest a present winter, but the previous spell when a temperature of nine above zero was recorded was not so unpleasant as there was not the cold wind to face at that time.
The gas pressure here was at the lowest point of the season this morning, being 2 1/2 pounds at the regulator of the North Texas Gas Company at the city limits. This was sufficient for all needs here, and all gas that could be spared from the Wichita Falls line went to Dallas, Fort Worth and intervening points, where the usual shortage was in evidence this morning. A Wichita Falls resident, who has been a man over long distance this morning asked him how the gas pressure was. The Dallasite answered that he didn't know as there wasn't any gas at his house to gauge the pressure by. Manager Hodges of the North Texas Company said that the pressure here was reduced to as low a figure as was dared.
Temperature rose slowly this morning under the influence of the sun which was bright enough to dispel any hopes that the production of rain or snow would be fulfilled today. However at noon the mercury was still far below the freezing point.

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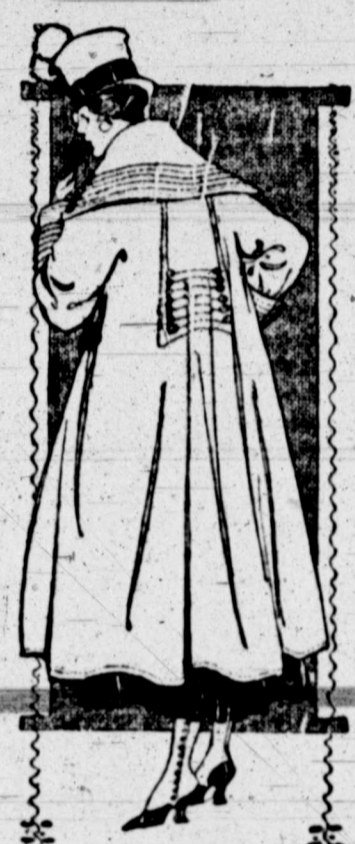
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Dug-Outs Often Prove to Be Death Traps For Their Occupants

By Associated Press.
With the British Armies in France, Jan. 1. The dugouts of the German lines, some of which have been marvels of underground construction, are becoming more and more frequently death-traps for their occupants. The trench raids which go on nightly from one end of the British lines to the other, are conducted largely for the purpose of bombing these subterranean chambers. No estimate is possible for the number of the enemy killed in this manner.
When a khaki raiding party pounces over the parapet of a German trench in the dead of night, the first alarm of their presence sends the defending soldiers, immediately, to the dugouts of their dugouts. Once inside, however, their doom is sealed. There is a call for surrender, a reasonable wait, and then doom for the dugout, and many more as may be necessary to completely wreck the place and set it on fire. There have been cases where dugouts have been connected up by tunnels and Germans have escaped through these, but generally speaking the dugouts stand alone. Crouching in the far recesses of a gallery one of these enemy soldiers very often will not surrender when the first bomb is tossed in but later they are glad to get out alive. Sometimes they have to be dug out by their captors.
The story is told of a French Canadian who was in a "mop up" section of the raiders one night. Approaching a dugout which looked entirely deserted he stuck his head in the doorway and called out:
"Any person down there?"
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"I say, is any person down there? Last call for any person down there?"
Again no reply. So the Canadian fired a gallery full of gas and sent it hurtling into the dark.

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COLQUITT, JONES AND WEBB REPORTED ON OIL DEAL (Mineral Wells Index)
Sidney Webb, Morgan Jones and Oscar Colquitt were here on Saturday and it is rumored formed a syndicate, and it is rumored formed a syndicate, leased from the State a large acreage of the bed of the Brazos river in Palo Pinto county and will soon begin operations for the search of oil and gas. While the above is only a rumor, the frequent visits of these prominent men to our city lead one to believe that these gentlemen are either figuring on the above proposition or something else equally as important.
The echo of the explosion had not died away when he heard sepulchral cries from below. "Kamerad, Kamerad!" Twenty-two Germans were later lifted out of the debris at the entrance to that cave.
In some of their recent fighting at Beaumont-Hamel, the British have had to face two distinct battles, one overland and one underground. They have advanced to a point where they had depended upon its shelter.
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bad cold contracted en route, consequently am not prepared to write an interesting communication at this time. It is worthy of comment, that distance makes but little difference in the daily life of the American people. The scenic conditions in San Diego are almost duplicate of San Antonio. Especially the lawns and shrubbery in the residential section. EDGAR RYE.

A SUGGESTION FROM MR. VAN HORN

Mr. Editor: Since there is quite an agitation for a county good roads bond election in certain sections of this county, I beg leave to make a few timely suggestions upon this topic. My experience tells me that in order to make a success of a proper beginning in very necessary. Then if these good roads proponents will begin aright no trouble will be encountered.

I note that the greater part of this agitation emanates from one of three sources: the Commercial Club, The Rotary Club and the Auto club of Wichita Falls with a number of individuals in the other sections of the county. These are all good orders and the membership are among our most progressive citizenship. They are not only agitators but doers, willing at all times to lend a helping hand to push over a worthy enterprise. But right here let me make one suggestion; if you wish the country people to get the spirit of this movement so much so that they will become as great aggressors as those already now enlisted, you will have to show us by an example, for as we now understand it the laws will not permit the expenditure of a county road fund upon the streets and alleys of a city or town.

Let Wichita Falls and the other towns call an election and vote upon themselves a sufficient amount to put the connecting streets in a similar condition to that to which they wish to put the public highways in the rural district. We need assurance. We need conviction. We need a simple, determined progressiveness. We need to see at least a proper beginning of this great undertaking. There would be no rural districts get the feverish spirit of this great and gigantic improvement by experience we have learned that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, also that you can pull no greater load than the worst boggy place will permit. We people north of the river know that the road is the life of the country. It is within the city limits of Wichita Falls and no doubt this is true elsewhere to a degree at least, but thanks to the effort of late years to make it better. Then would it not be proper to start from this central part of your city and expand by degrees, for would it not be easier to handle this large amount of material if the streets were already prepared for it? We all recognize that Wichita Falls is the county's hub and that the railroads and public highways are the spokes and the outlying districts the wheels and tire. But of what use is a wheel with a deficient hub or whose spokes are a sorry scum? How can you expect a good road to be built unless you get a big support from the rural territory?

I do not think it proper for the county and cities to be opposed to each other in large scale enterprises in which both surely have a very great stake. Cooperation ought to be the motivating factor of both. Thus it seems to me if we are to have the good roads election we should see to it that we begin at the proper place so that no bad results may be left open to do later. The rural territory is the beneficiary of the expanded time and efforts. Knowing as I do that there are a great many country voters who will not favor a county expenditure as great as this will require if the city does not first show her willingness to make the work complete, I believe it would be prudent to call an election in your cities first and have the final results depend upon the approval of a like action upon the part of the rural territory. Let me illustrate this as a matter of fact. I today suppose the county should vote to do this work and we should begin at the Clay county line and build to Wichita Falls then amount of money his bonds and does would build to the county line. Then build to Iowa Park then skip again 2 1/2 miles of incorporation, then build to Electra and again skip that incorporate by including in the same sort of a west county line. Would not this be a reflection upon each of these towns? Would not strangers who know nothing of our county, expenditure as a whole, as they pass through our country? Let us do this by a system of cooperation and not by recklessnes. What every we do let all be done to the upbuilding of the common interests of the whole people. May justice, right and equality prevail, as well as the people be served. Respectfully yours, J. VAN HORN.

MANY TENANTS MAKING MONEY

Editor Times: I was out of town on the 29th, on my return my attention was called to an article in your paper of that date, in which you gave publicity to the report on "Farming Credit in Texas," which gave statements of Banker land owners and tenant farmers as to the conditions and results of several years of farming in this section, and as the report of the various tenants mentioned does not give the true facts in general as to actual results, and in justice to this section and the better class of tenant farmers, I am compelled to answer that article. I am sure that you will find this result in every line of business, and you would not condemn that line of business and that community in which it was located, on account of its failure. A great many of the dissatisfied farmers become so on account of the farming habit they have acquired during the past few years. Many years ago these nomads will occupy a farm long enough to acquire enough of the ways-withal to keep body and soul together until another suitable location is found. Some of these "nomads" always bring under favorable conditions. Not all tenants are made of this material. I am going to say that for every tenant who has lost money and who has not acquired something in this section, I will produce three who have made farming in this section profitable. It all depends on who he

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ants you will not find him increasing the grade and number of his stock; you will not find him raising his own produce at home; you will not find him selecting the best seeds for the next crop, but generally find him loitering around town during the better days of the year. I do not mean to cast any reflection on the tenant farmers in this section. Above all, I do say that you have as fine a class of tenant farmers here as you will find elsewhere, and the majority of them have made money.

I know of many farmers who came to this section several years ago, having left the malarial districts for the health of themselves and family, and have either bought a farm and paid for it with its own products, or meeting their payments or have acquired additional stock, machinery, good credit at the banks and have made a comfortable and responsible citizens and ride to town in an automobile, and as tenants can occupy the farm as long as they desire. Of course I will admit that some good tenants have made failures in this section on account of adverse conditions of one kind or another, but the article referred to mentions only those who have been failures.

I have associated some of those referred to some I know personally, and the statements made therein are not all true, and one of those who claim adversity and failure made in one year over \$2,000 in one crop alone, not to mention two other staple crops which brought considerable money, and many of the statements made against the landlords as taking advantage of the tenants' condition, and meddling in the affairs of state and local politics. This is also a mistake. Nowhere will you find the landlord so anxious to let his tenants work out his own ideas as to politics as his conscience and judgment dictates than in this progressive section of the state, where will you find the landlord more willing to co-operate with his tenants in anything that tends to better the conditions of this section, and if he be said of the bankers, well, however, they sometimes fall short of this on account of inferior land, timber and other conditions which the Extension Department is trying to correct, and I am in sympathy with all efforts along these lines, and I am prompted to write this article because I believe I am acquainted with the actual conditions and results than the majority, and I have written this article in justice to this section, and to the better class of tenants in this and surrounding communities.

UPHOLDING THE RIGHTS OF THE STATE

The decision of Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis that the individual states possess the right to regulate interstate commerce, charged by rail roads within their own borders is of particular interest to the people of Texas. Texas was a pioneer in the establishing of a commission to have supervision of railroads and the rates charged by them. The innovation did not meet with the approval of the railroads, and voters at that time and but for the support given it by such men as John H. Reagan, the bill giving life to a railroad commission, never would have become a law. But there are today in Texas few men who do not agree that the railroad commission has entirely justified the expectations of those who stood square for it.

And the efforts of the Federal government and particularly the efforts of the Interstate Commerce Commission to do away with all authority of the state to regulate interstate commerce, is a direct affront to the rights of the state. The federal body has decreed that roads should charge a passenger rate of 2 cents a mile. The latter order, the roads could not obey both mandates and took the case to the Federal court in order to have the law in their favor. The Illinois case will finally be decided by the supreme court of the United States, but the issue will not be settled. It is imperative that congress set itself the task of placing a limit to operation of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Until congress shall so act, the commission will continue to arrogate to itself rights which the framers of the law giving it life did not contemplate and which do violence to those principles upon which the states found common ground in the American Union.

IS AGITATION REAL SUBJECT?

The failure of the prohibitionists to muster a two-thirds majority for their amendment in the House is a sad commentary on their fighting. They were out-generaled and put, morally, in a worse strategic position than they had been when they entered the arena. They are now in a position which if written into the Constitution, would prohibit the manufacture of, and the sale of, intoxicating liquor, provided the sale of such liquor be for one's own use, and one would be equally free to import it from those states where the sale is permitted. Hence it is a limited prohibition which this amendment would impose. The surprising thing is that

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when the prohibitionists were besought to make their amendment one of an unlimited prohibition, and prevention against the use of intoxicating liquor within the state, and thus present the issue in a decisive way which would make the result conclusive for many years at least, they refused, and could not prevent the drinking of intoxicating liquor, and thus present the issue in a decisive way which would make the result conclusive for many years at least, they refused, and could not prevent the drinking of intoxicating liquor, and thus present the issue in a decisive way which would make the result conclusive for many years at least, they refused, and could not prevent the drinking of intoxicating liquor.

"PEACE WITHOUT VICTORY"

President Wilson uttered a profound historical truth when he asserted in his address to the Senate that a durable peace "must be a peace without victory." The classical example of modern times is furnished by the American Civil War. The North completely crushed the military power of the Southern Confederacy. It made an end to slavery and secession, but it imposed no conqueror's terms upon the vanquished. The Southern states were brought back into the Union as they had been before the war. The Southern leaders and soldiers were restored to citizenship without pains or penalties. One of them today is Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, the others are judges in the federal courts. The only kind which must be taken with a grain of salt. This Cornelius Hamilton was not convicted of being dead on circumstantial evidence unsupported by a more direct kind. And in every court there recollections of men who have been punished for crimes they never committed because the jury was willing to convict on circumstantial evidence alone.

WIFE WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT JOHN L. CANADY

An inquiry has been received here from Mrs. Addie Canady who gives her address as Route 1, Box 47, Newark, Arkansas, making inquiry for her husband, John L. Canady, who worked somewhere in this section in the oil field about three years ago. Mrs. Canady writes that she has had no word from her husband in three years and is anxious to have some word concerning him. Any person knowing anything about Mr. Canady might help a troubled woman by writing Mrs. Canady at the address above given.

to define the terms of peace to Europe but he has undertaken to define the fundamental principles of peace, and if those principles are not true, then the Declaration of Independence is a living lie.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE

According to press dispatches from Peoria, Ill., seven witnesses at a coroner's inquest identified these men when ever called. They swore to their knowledge. And then the uncertain Cornelius Hamilton called the coroner up over the phone and indignantly denied that he was dead. There are frequent discussions of circumstantial evidence and its value to the conviction of persons accused of crime. Learned attorneys differ in their views as to whether or not a conviction should be sustained on circumstantial evidence unsupported by that of a more direct kind. And in every court there recollections of men who have been punished for crimes they never committed because the jury was willing to convict on circumstantial evidence alone.

PARENT-TEACHERS COUNCIL CALLED TO MEET FRIDAY

A called meeting of the parent-teachers council will be held at the high school Friday afternoon promptly at 3:45 and all members are urged to attend. The session will last only 30 minutes and necessary plans for some work to be undertaken shortly will be given, so that a full report may be made at the regular meeting of the council, to be held Thursday, Feb. 8, at the high school.

business placed in bankruptcy or a man thrown out of employment, we discover that the testimony was, circumstantial evidence or—worse still—that it was malicious falsehood. It is too late then. The damage is all done. And reparation cannot be made. But we can learn the lesson not to be too ready to believe any testimony, either direct or circumstantial, that is damaging to a fellow man.—Houston Post.

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Several Who Own Their Houses Remain—Officers Maintain Careful Vigilance

While most of the houses in the flats were lighted up as usual last night and the laboring strains of music ground out by the quarter in the slot pianos were given to the breeze from one or two, those women who remained for the final night were called on to entertain few callers.

Nearly all of the women in the neighborhood last night were proprietresses, the girls practically all having gone during the week. Some what larger numbers than usual left yesterday.

Officers are exercising special vigilance today in order to forestall any possible attempts to move up town on the part of the women to move to the residence or business districts.

Several such efforts were made about seven years ago. When it became known in other cities that Wichita Falls officers had taken this action, women literally flocked here to play their trade in downtown buildings.

of indictments would be returned, arrested, fined and jailed terms assessed, without notice, at least the conditions.

The times when Wichita Falls was without a "district" have been very few in the history of the city.

For a number of years the "district" placed upon slot over the railroad tracks used by every train entering this city from the south and east.

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New Movie Censorship Rules Will Eliminate Nude Figures and Such Things

The national board of review, which is censoring motion pictures, has announced the adoption of new standards.

During the last year, 1916, in the course of motion picture developments presented on the screen regarding the moral effect of such questionable pictures are held by persons of refinement and of serious interest in public welfare.

choice in order to keep on the good side of the law.

Preparations have been made by local officers to prevent the evicted women from taking up stations in the business or residence district.

"We can't do it by ourselves," said one officer, "we can't be everywhere. A man will know as well as he knows his own name that there's a place like that next door to him."

Just how many women resided in the district before the closing order took effect is a matter of conjecture.

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CONGRESSMAN ELECT POINTS OUT WEST TEXAS REDISTRICTING NEEDS

Justice for West Texas and West Texas is assured by Judge Thomas L. Blanton, who has introduced a bill in the "jumbo" district of the state.

Since the census of 1910 and the reapportionment thereunder, Texas has been divided into 33 congressional districts.

The law provides that the State shall be divided into districts, as nearly equal in population as practicable.

"The interests of no individual or set of politicians should keep this State from being redivided," if a Congressman can't be elected from a new district into which he is apportioned, he ought to retire or devote life and soul to the Texas House or Senate.

"So far as my own political interests are concerned, I don't care how the State is divided, and I have always been an ardent supporter of the 'Boner' bill, being redivided, regardless of where there was proposed a bill just and fair to Central and West Texas.

"The present Congressmen elect of Texas were recently elected for a term of two years and will go in office March 4, 1917, and their term of office will not expire until March 4, 1918.

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in which the female nude is displayed. Censoring companies, members of the national association of motion picture industry, have accordingly agreed not to permit in their studios the production of any photoplays using such a feature.

"Discussions of sex problems, which are being conducted throughout the country, belong to a distinct and different category and deserve dramatic treatment on the screen as well as on the stage.

"The board has 700 correspondents throughout the country, and it was through these that the sentiment of the movie public in regard to the reforms was obtained.

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TOMORROW Mme. PETROVA "THE BLACK BUTTERFLY"

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PERSONALS

Charles Poggenohl, local manager for the Western Union, left this afternoon for Dallas where he will attend a meeting of managers for the company.

W. A. Thompson, an oil man of Ardmore, was here on business today.

Miss Pearl Gull left today for her home in McLean after a visit with Mrs. L. P. Hammond.

Mrs. C. E. McCutchen was called to Dallas today to attend the funeral of a friend.

Miss Genevieve Carver left last night for Tyler to attend a house party.

Oscar McLain arrived today from Denison and will again make this city his home.

His family will follow within a few days. Mr. McLain will take a position with Jones-Kennedy. He has been with the Jones-Kennedy store at Denison which is being consolidated with the stores owned by that firm here and at Amarillo.

Mrs. H. L. Gendlin of Fort Worth who has been visiting relatives in Burkhart, was in the city today on her way home.

Mrs. C. P. Elam, 907 Bluff returned yesterday from a visit with relatives at Grandfield.

Sheriff Austin Perryman of Frederick was in the city today on his way to Fort Worth where he will set a negro prisoner.

Mrs. J. C. Chesnut of Henrietta who has been visiting Mrs. R. C. Chesnut, 1394 Austin returned home today.

Mrs. John Hunt of Lake Arthur, N. M., who has been visiting Mrs. Gordon Burnett, 704 Burnett returned home today.

Miss Louise Reed went to Grandfield today for a few days visit with relatives.

W. H. Burns of Clarendon was in the city on his way to visit relatives in Petrolia.

Mr. and Mrs. C. DeLoach of Copeland, Okla., arrived today for a few days visit with Miss Gertrude Brick, 1005 Seventh street.

Mrs. P. M. Nunn of Goodnight, who has been visiting Mrs. Harry Brown, 681 Ohio returned home today.

Robert Murrell of Frederick, was in the city today.

Mrs. C. F. Hanover of 704 Travis left today for a visit in Stator.

Mrs. J. B. Altman of Iowa Park who has been visiting Mrs. C. H. Clark returned home today.

W. N. Henley of Tangle was in the city today on his way to visit his father in Childress.

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A. C. Henson, who is critically ill at his ranch near Iowa Park, is reported as no better.

Rev. W. E. Barber, formerly pastor of the Methodist church at this place but now of Marysville, Texas, writes that on the 15th of this month twin babies at his home.

Mrs. D. E. Holcomb and children, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Gaunt and son, Will, drove to Haskell Saturday in Mr. Gaunt's car and visited with relatives, returning home Sunday. Mrs. Holcomb was accompanied home by her cousin, Mrs. T. J. Mansell.

Walter Sisk of Wichita Falls, visited in Iowa Park Friday.

A fine boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wilcox on the 23rd.

Rev. Will Ferguson, who has been attending school at Decatur came in Sunday for a few days' visit with friends.

E. A. McCleskey and son, Henry, returned home Saturday from a prospecting trip in the Panhandle.

Tom Cobb, who has been visiting his brother, J. J. Cobb, returned to his home at Tulsa, Texas, Saturday.

Mrs. S. S. Fassett of Decatur, Mich., came in last week for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. T. W. Parker was a visitor in Electra Saturday.

Sam Hill and Miss Jewel Terhune surprised their many friends by slipping away to Wichita Falls Saturday night and getting married.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Love and children, Mrs. M. A. Love and little grand daughter, Helen Love, drove over to Wichita Falls Sunday.

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