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## Order Declaring the Result of Local Option Election.

In the Commissioners Court of La Salle County, Texas. The State of Texas. County of La Salle. On this the 20th day of December, A. D. 1917, at a special session of the Honorable Commissioners Court of said La Salle County, held at the Court House in the town of Cotulla in said La Salle County, there were present the following:

- Hon. G. A. Welhausen, County Judge.
- Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, C. F. Binkley.
- Commissioner of Precinct No. 2, S. J. Jordan.
- Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, J. W. Baylor.
- Commissioner of Precinct No. 4, R. C. Sutton.
- T. H. Poole, Sheriff and G. H. Knaggs, Clerk.

And thereupon the Court held said Special session for the purpose of opening the polls and counting the votes cast at an election held in said La Salle County, Texas, on the 8th day of December, 1917 to determine whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited in said La Salle County; that thereupon said Commissioners Court proceeded to open said polls and to count the votes cast at said election, whereupon it appeared and was found by the Court aforesaid that at said election there was cast in said La Salle County, 224 votes divided as follows, to-wit:

"For Prohibition" received 156 votes, and "Against Prohibition" received 34 votes, a majority for Prohibition of 156 votes.

It is therefore considered, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Commissioners Court of La Salle County, Texas, that at the said election held in said La Salle County, on the 8th day of December, 1917 to determine whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited in said La Salle County, that "For Prohibition" received a majority of 156 votes, and it is therefore further considered, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the said Commissioners Court that after the 10th day of July, 1918, the sale of intoxicating liquors within the limits of said La Salle County, Texas, shall be and is hereby absolutely prohibited, except for the purposes and under the regulations specified in Title Eighty Eight of the revised Civil Statute of Texas, and it is further ordered by the Court that this order declaring the result and prohibiting the sale of such liquors shall be published for four successive weeks in some newspaper published in said La Salle County, which newspaper shall be selected by the County Judge for that purpose. The State of Texas. County of La Salle. I. G. H.

## ONLY MEN IN FIRST CLASS WILL BE CALLED.

Washington, D. C. Jan. 3.—Provost Marshall General Crowder, reporting to Congress today on the progress of the draft, expresses for the first time a definite promise and aim of the government not to take for army duty any other men than those listed in class one of the new draft questionnaires.

This classification excludes married men entirely, whose wives or families are dependent on them for support and other men with dependents. General Crowder does this on the estimate that 1,000,000 men physically fit for army duty will be available from class one. This number, he thinks sufficient for the present military needs of the nation, but to assure the future supply for these needs he recommends that men who have become 21 years old since June 5, 1917, (the first draft) and who became of age hereafter shall be added to class one as they become available. This will insure, the general estimates a supply of 700,000 men a year.

Just before the holidays Lieut. George H. Russell was married to Miss Willie Fuller, a popular young lady of Pearsall. The groom was raised in Cotulla and was a graduate of the last Training Camp at San Antonio, receiving a commission as first lieutenant. The bride has many friends in Cotulla. Just a few days after the wedding Lieut. Russell received orders to go to New York, which no doubt means that he will soon be in France. However there many friends hope for them many happy days together—after the war.

## MATTHEW RUSSELL DIES IN SAN ANTONIO.

Matthew Russell, aged 66 years, died at 5:20 o'clock Thursday, December 21st, at his home in San Antonio, after a brief illness of a week, although his health had not been good for a year or more.

Deceased was born August 15th, 1851, in Knox county, Tennessee. He came to Texas early in life and on May 3, 1874, was married to Miss Rebecca Jane Hillard, and a year after their marriage, they settled in Montague county, where they lived for three years, removing from there to Parker county where they resided until 1904, then moving to Cotulla.

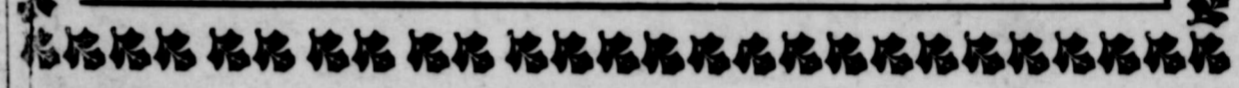
In his early days in Texas Mr. Russell did considerable work as a Cumberland Presbyterian preacher, and also considerable school work. When the Spindle Top oil field was brought in he was there and participated considerably in oil operations, making quite a bit of money. About 1904 he came to Cotulla and purchased 640 acres of land fronting the Nueces River seven miles South of town, which he named the Riverdale Farm. A few years later he devised a plan to put this tract of land into a high state of cultivation and produce onions and other truck on a big scale. Owing to distressing market conditions which followed the next few years this plan failed, but Mr. Russell always had the utmost faith in the project and had market conditions remained as when they were when the project was originated it would have been a success. "Matt" Russell, as he was known all over Southwest Texas, did much toward developing the irrigation possibilities of this section. He was an optimist and a progressive man. He spent considerable time endeavoring to interest capital to seek for oil near Cotulla, and in the last year of his life organized a company to develop certain properties South of town, and we understand this company is now preparing for operation. Mr. Russell always contended that oil in great quantities could be found in La Salle county. He had had considerable experience in oil fields and we have heard him make the statement many times that the indications here for an oil field were as good as at Spindle Top and other fields.

Matt Russell was a man with a big heart. He was always ready to extend a hand to lift up some poor unfortunate. In his life he contributed much to charity, both in deed and in money, and he did it without any glare of triumph. To our

## Rarin' For Bigger Business!

*To the people of La Salle county, we thank you for your 1917 business—the best in our history. But, we turned over the hill of the old 'year into the New with a larger stock of Casings, Inner Tubes, Accessories, Ford Parts and better equipped than ever before and we are "rarin' to go" just double the speed we did last year. We are going to get the Fords to the people who want them and we are going to give you SERVICE when you need it. We are on the job day or night and wet days as well as dry ones. Paste our Telephone Number in your hat—1-2-3.*

## Neal's Auto Sales Company.



knowledge never a Christmas gift by but what the orphan-ages of the State received some gift from Matt Russell.

Deceased is survived by his wife; one brother, Abb Russell of Estelline, Texas, a sister, Mrs. Tom Grindstaff of Weatherford, Texas, one daughter, Mrs. H. E. Plummer, of Santa Tomas, Texas, five sons, A. M. Russell, McKinney, Texas; J. L. Russell, Wichita Falls, Texas; W. C. Russell, Oklahoma City, Okla. M. H. Russell, Cotulla, Texas, and

the United States Army. All were present at the funeral except his brother, who could not reach here. Although deceased had made his home in San Antonio for the past three years he expressed his kindest affections for Cotulla and Cotulla people, and desired that his remains be buried in the Cotulla cemetery. He was a member of Alzarfar Temple of Mystic Shriners; Knight Templar, San Antonio Commandry; and Aramo Lodge No. 44, A. F. & M. From the home to the train in San Antonio the body was under an escort of the three lodges. The funeral was in charge of the Cotulla Masonic Lodge, of which he was a former member, and the impressive Masonic funeral service was read at the grave.

The pallbearers were: Judge Covey C. Thomas, Jno. P. Guinn, Carroll Thompson, Orville P. Carr, R. M. Keck and C. E. Manly.

Card of Thanks, We desire to thank our friends and acquaintances and especially the Masonic Lodge for the assistance in the funeral of our beloved father, Matthew Russell, and for the many expressions of sympathy.

The Family.

Sam W. D. Barnes Samuel W. D. Barnes, of Chester Texas, died December 23rd, 1917 at 6 o'clock a. m. He was 66 years old, and had been an active member of the Methodist church nearly all his life. Nothing made him so comfortable and happy as working for his saviour, and he died triumphant in the faith. He admonished his friends to meet him in heaven and mentioned a contribution of "khaki" testaments he wanted to make to the soldiers.

When told that his daughter could not get there until Monday Morning, he said: "Tell them that I love them and do not grieve for me, tell her that I have gone on to live with her mother and best of all, my dear Saviour."

He then sang some of his favorite songs in a strong clear voice, one, (the chorus) "There are no failures, closing assignments, losing from drouth or waterflood, all of my earnings Jesus possess them. He is accountant, trusted to save."

His wife also died on December 23rd and was buried December 24th, just ten years ago. She left this message: "I am just waiting for the Lord to take me home. X"

## PALACE MARKET

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## METHODIST NOTICE.

Next Sunday is the 1st Sunday of the New Year. We are beginning over again as it were. The year 1917 is lived forever, but we can live 1918. It may be well for us to ask the question, "What would the church have done last year if all the members were like me, if all staid away from the services as I did or attended as I did?" Again, "If all the members do as I do this year, will it help of the church, will it succeed or fail?"

Now may we begin this new year by attending the services next Sunday.

Subject 11 A. M. The One Talented Man.

Subject 7 P. M. Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall. Saul's life as a base.

Remember, Sunday School begins 9:45 every Sunday morning. Also that we have preaching every Sunday except the 3rd only as we shall announce.

"If every member of my church was just like me, what kind of church would my church be?"

R. A. Myers, Pastor.

P.S. The unsaved person is especially invited to attend these services. R. A. M.

## MUSIC RECITAL.

The public is cordially invited to attend a short recital given by the piano and vocal students of Mrs. Fullerton and Miss Zahl, assisted by the Girls Glee Club and Chorus of the High School at the School Auditorium on Friday evening, Jan. 11th at 7:30 o'clock.



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## JACK T. JOHNS.

### The Cotulla Record

C. E. MANLY, Publisher.

The drouth is still on and so is the war, but both will come to an end.

How about your New Year resolutions? All of them sticking to you yet?

One thing Cotulla has during this long drouth that comes in mighty handy and that is our water supply—none better in Texas.

Uncle Sam's soldiers and the Texas Rangers are making it mighty interesting for Mexican raiders along the border.

The Kaiser is mighty anxious for peace. When Uncle Sam gets into the scrap right, he will be ready for any kind of peace.

December was the coldest month Texas has experienced in many years. The thermometer went below 25 on three different occasions.

The hunting season is over, and you can get to work. It would be a fine thing for some people if the deer season lasted only one week instead of two months.

1917 goes down as the driest year in the history of Southwest Texas. We hope the present year will be just the reverse and our farmers will raise crops abundantly sufficient to make up for last year.

The brutal Turk under German organization has reached the height of proficiency. It is reported that they have hauled a million Greek men, women and children out into the Black sea and dumped overboard as so much garbage, to drown.

Russia has not made peace with Germany yet, and indications are she will not. Just as the civilized world expected when the showdown came Germany wanted to hog the whole thing. Russia is in a bad shape and may not be of much assistance to the allies because of internal trouble, but we do not believe there will ever be much to a peace treaty made with Germany.

Nineteen seventeen was ushered out by one of the coldest waves on record in the United States. In the larger cities especially suffering was intense among the poorer classes and in some places scarcity of fuel brought suffering among the wealthy. In Oklahoma where gas is used almost exclusively there was a scarcity in the supply in many cities and towns. In Southwest Texas the mercury went down to ten degrees below the freezing point but the skies were cloudless and while the cold was felt severely there was no suffering.

A Federal license is now required in the United States for the legal possession of explosives, any person having explosives and not holding a license therefor being subject to a fine of \$5,000 and imprisonment for one year. Only citizens of the United States and friendly countries may obtain licenses. The purchaser of dynamite must state definitely what the explosive is to be used for when obtaining his license, and will be held accountable for its use as stated and the return of any that may be left. With the strict enforcement of this law the Federal authorities hope to prevent explosives falling into the hands of evilly disposed persons, and to put a stop to all further dynamite plots.

The onion crop is about all transplanted in this section as well as in other portions of the onion belt. In our next issue we expect to publish a compiled list of the acreage in the Cotulla district.

San Antonio's Fire Chief and two others were killed and a score of others injured on New Year's eve when the Chief's car collided with a Fire truck while enroute to a fire. Two months ago an erroneous report was circulated in the city that the chief had been killed in an auto wreck, and for some time he was kept busy answering telephone calls and denying the report.

LaSalle county farmers are still getting loans from the Federal Land Bank. When many of the farmers, who bought their land on time, and have had reverses the last two years, get their obligations in the Government bank and extend over a period of years, they will be on easy street.

We haven't felt the war much yet but when the income and excess profits tax collectors begin to come around and the great spring offensive of the allies opens up and the casualty lists begin to pile up, then we will realize that war is what Sherman said it was. This year the allies are going to make a supreme effort to bury the German militarists, and it is the hope of every American that when the New Year of 1919 dawns the world will be at peace with Democracy crowned king.

Many of the boys from the army camps were at home to spend Christmas and their general appearance refuted the startling stories that have been going the rounds that they were half fed and half clothed and otherwise mistreated. Without an exception the boys are in better condition physically and weigh ten to fifteen pounds more than when they left home. We believe seventy-five per cent of the boys morally better. They were all well clothed and state their bed clothing is ample. It is true that mistakes have been made in some of the camps but every incident has been exaggerated by German sympathizers.

Germany laughed for a long time about America's invasion by air, but now that nation is becoming somewhat nervous over the subject. Especially in the most exposed parts the people have about realized that the time is coming when the invasion will be a fact and they dread being dosed with their own medicine. They now see their rulers mistaken air ruthlessness. The eyes of the Hun will be opened in a good many ways before this war comes to an end. The leaders of Germany know this and that is why they are now making such frantic efforts to bring about peace now.

### Keeping Yourself Well

#### THE FIRST STEP

Usually the first indication of a lowering of health is found in the bowels and liver. Something goes wrong—we eat too much, or work too hard—and the bowel action weakens or the liver is sluggish. That heavy feeling on arising in the morning, dryness of the throat, with bad taste, a slight headache, dull eyes—all show that food has fermented in the intestines, and that the body is manufacturing poisons instead of good blood.

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## TEXAS PEOPLE IN THE WAR

### THE STORY OF A HOME REGIMENT THAT IS TRYING TO PULL THE KAISER FROM HIS THRONE.

Few people know that there is a Texas Regiment playing a great part in the war. In its ranks are to be found a girl school teacher; a confederate veteran of 77, maimed for life in the war; there is an alderman, some locomotive engineers, a doctor, and several clergymen. Many women are in the ranks of this strange regiment.

The uniform consists of well-worn civilian clothing, the regimental motto is "Service"; its standard the Stars and Stripes.

To explain further, there is in a certain Texas city of about 12,000 inhabitants a set of people, drawn chiefly from those not rich in this world's goods, who have made up their minds that they must personally help win the war. They have read carefully the advice given by the Government, they have devised ways and means of their own to accomplish their object, and they have placed themselves on record, in writing, over their signature, that they have done certain things, and will do certain things in the future, to win this war.

Their records and pledges constitute

#### Human Stories of the Deepest Interest

Here are a few of them: "Doing without meat, give up my only boy for the cause."

"I am raising quite a nice garden, and trying to save, while my husband is away in the army."

"I am seventy-seven and one-half years of age, half of my face was shot away in the Civil War. I have nothing but the rent of a very small farm. Took \$100.00 Liberty Bond—one-fifth of all I had."

"Helpless with a broken limb, but paying \$4.00 monthly for a Liberty Bond."

"Preserved lots of food for winter use, teaching thrift and helped to sell Liberty Bonds in school. Purchased one Liberty Bond, and intend to buy more. Managing my mother's business while two brothers in the army."

"Father is a soldier, two brothers soldiers, two sons soldiers. No money because have to try to keep my own and relatives' families."

"Family of five. Try to live entirely on goods we produce. Bought Liberty Bond, and will buy one of each issue. Supporting Red Cross and Young Men's Christian Association. Am a teacher and pastor, preaching the needs of the Government."

"Am an old man of seventy-seven. Will do my best every day, and invest every dollar I can spare in Bonds."

"Buy half what I used to. Make more stuff on the farm. Bought a \$80.00 sow and pigs. Made more than twice as much farm products this year than ever, and expect to make more next year. Bought two Liberty Bonds and expect to buy more."

"Am doing work that I used to employ others to do. Will set aside money regularly for purchase of Bonds."

"Reduced living expenses to minimum. Putting aside 10 per cent of income for Bonds. Will invest everything I possess if necessary to win the war."

"Using practically no meat. Will buy \$500.00 worth of each issue of Bonds. Am working to produce more."

"Am an alderman. Economizing and working for greater efficiency in Departments under my care."

"Am a teacher. Living on half my salary, and investing the other half in Bonds."

"Am a boy. I bought Bonds and am raising pigs to help feed our soldiers."

Hats Off to Them!

True Americans everywhere pay their deepest respects to

you brave little woman "carrying on," while your loved one is fighting, and to you M'am, toiling night and day to keep the home together while brother is away. They pay their tribute to you old soldiers, still trying to "do your bit" in spite of age and poverty, and to you men, who unable to accept the heavier burdens of youth, are still denying yourself of food and recreation in order that you may help financially to win the war. They honor you men who are preaching the gospel of patriotism and service, and you one enlightened farmer producing "over twice as much as ever before." To you doctors trying to conserve health, to you men cutting down unnecessary labor, to you boys who are raising a pig to help the world's food supply, honor and credit is due.

#### What of the Reverse Side of the Picture:

You will note that not one of the members of the Regiment referred to writes in this way:

"I am a merchant. I have done a splendid business owing to good conditions in this section. Out of gratitude to the country that has educated and protected me I propose to cut out extravagances and subscribe 10 per cent of my savings to the Liberty Loan."

The one solitary pledge from a farm owner brings into strong relief the attitude of several hundreds of men in this community referred to who, undoubtedly, own farm lands. We hoped to have been able to report many replies along the following lines.

"I derive my income from products of the land. I have made more money this year than ever before. I feel it to be my duty to subscribe to the limit of my ability to the Liberty Loan, and to raise or encourage the raising of hogs, winter wheat and every thing else which will help feed our soldiers."

Unfortunately, there is but one such reply. In fairness it should be said that the farmer living out on his farm was not approached to enlist in this regiment, but the fact remains that many an owner of farm-land lives in this purely agricultural community.

Again, not one said, "I have made money to the extent that I do not have to work now. I cannot remain idle, I will get to work producing something needed by our boys 'over there'. My little fortune is at the disposal of the Government."

Hundreds of trim little houses, automobiles, and well dressed people lead one to believe that there are plenty of people in this thriving little city who could have written in this strain. They did not do so.

#### Without These People the War Cannot Be Won

It is useless for the tired little school teacher to wear herself out, for the war veteran to "do his bit" clear through to the grave. It will be in vain that the mother and the wife gave their flesh and blood and their dearest possession in life, unless the wholesale and retail merchants, the farmer, the lawyer, all come forward, throw off that indifference which hangs like a pall of death over so many of our communities, and come out strong as preachers and practitioners of economy, production, and self-denial.

May the blush of shame, and the resolution to amend come to many as they read this little story—every word of it true.

#### ISN'T IT TRUE?

When the power and resources of this Country can be applied effectively, the war will be won. Are you doing your share?

It has been reserved to the producer of today to feel the satisfaction derived from patriotism and personal profit at one and the same time.

It is not money, but goods and service that will win the war.

But as goods and service must be bought, the Government sells Liberty Bonds.

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# YOU MUST DO SOMETHING

If you are an American Citizen you must do something to help win this war. You cannot stand idly and selfishly looking on while your neighbors are giving their lives.

You realize all this, but perhaps you are not clear as to exactly what you can do to help.

If you own farm-land, see that it is used for the purpose God intended it—for the raising of crops. You will be providing food for our armies and making profits for yourself.

If you manufacture goods, economize in time, labor, and material, in your factory or shop. Work harder and more efficiently. Above all, stop waste. Again, see that you secure the business of your home town in your line of goods. This leaves the Eastern Manufacturer free to make goods for the army, and for our allies, and cuts out needless transportation expenses. Incidentally, all these things will bring you greater profit.

If you are a clerk in an office or a store, work harder—it will bring you more pay. Cut out some foolish extravagance, and so save money.

If you are a housewife, follow out Mr. Hoover's advice. Again, teach your children thrift, and the value of money. The task will repay you many times over in satisfaction and actual wealth.

What shall you do with the money you save by this means? Why, loan it to the United States Government at 4% interest. Buy a Liberty Bond. The banks have some Bonds on hand right now, and there will be another Liberty Loan issue early next year.

Imagine, if you will, that you are sitting at a table with our great President, talking this matter over, and he is asking, "What are you prepared to do to help me, to help our Country? Surely you will do something; what shall it be?"

The Officials of this bank as Agents for the United States Government, ask you this question on behalf of our revered leader.

Answer the question in your own heart and mind, and start to act upon your decision TOMORROW.

As you are an American, you will.

## THE FARMERS' WAR

Let us think for a while how the War concerns the farmer.

We went to war with Germany partly because the rulers of that country refused to let us send to Europe our ships laden with grain and cotton. They sunk the ships and cruelly murdered our sailors. Now suppose we allowed them to stop all our shipping, where would you be? None of your goods would be sold in foreign countries, with the result that you would get nothing like the prices which you get today. This war is being waged partly that you may obtain fair prices for your goods.

What is going to happen if we lose this war? Prices of farm produce will drop; the Germans will impose taxation upon you which will cripple you for the next twenty years. Worse than that, if the Germans get over here, they will treat you in just the same way as they have the farmers of France, Belgium and Italy. In these sections farm houses have been burnt to pieces, crops wasted and shorn; even fruit trees chopped down, the cattle stolen, the men sent into slavery to work for German masters, their women ill-treated in ways that cannot be talked of in print, their little children have had their hands chopped off in order that they may never fight or do any more useful work again.

You may say "such things will not happen here." They said this in France, in Belgium and in Italy. Such things will happen here just as sure as you are alive, unless we smash the Germans so utterly that they are unable to reach this country. The German fleet and the German army will take just one week to get here if we are beaten. They have made up their minds that America shall pay.

Is there a farmer who will stand forward now and say, "This war does not concern me?"

You have money that you do not need at present. Loan it to the government at good interest; when you want the money back again, you can borrow on your bond, or sell it. Uncle Sam will take care of your money until you need it and pay you interest on it.

Go and buy a Liberty Bond tomorrow.

The Banks have some Bonds on hand. They are holding them for people like yourself.

Don't be a slacker, and don't fool yourself with the idea that you are too far away from the war for it to hurt you. Remember 1914, when the Germans upset the world's shipping, and you took what you could get for your products.

Think of the twenty years starvation prices ahead of you, in case we are beaten.

This is your war, and if you won't let it go you deserve to lose your American Citizenship.

Call in at the bank tomorrow, and ask it over.

# WE THANK YOU

To wind up the Old Year without thanking you for your GENEROUS PATRONAGE would indeed leave one of our principal debts unpaid.

Our sincerest wish for your continued Health, Prosperity and a Happy New Year.

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If you manufacture goods, economize in time, labor, and material, in your factory or shop. Work harder and more efficiently. Above all, stop waste. Again, see that you secure the business of your home town in your line of goods. This leaves the Eastern Manufacturer free to make goods for the army, and for our allies, and cuts out needless transportation expenses. Incidentally, all these things will bring you greater profit.

If you are a clerk in an office or a store, work harder—it will bring you more pay. Cut out some foolish extravagance, and so save money.

If you are a housewife, follow out Mr. Hoover's advice. Again, teach your children thrift, and the value of money. The task will repay you many times over in satisfaction and actual wealth.

What shall you do with the money you save by this means? Why, loan it to the United States Government at 4% interest. Buy a Liberty Bond. The banks have some Bonds on hand right now, and there will be another Liberty Loan issue early next year.

Imagine, if you will, that you are sitting at a table with our great President, talking this matter over, and he is asking, "What are you prepared to do to help me, to help our Country? Surely you will do something; what shall it be?"

The Officials of this bank, as Agents for the United States Government, ask you this question on behalf of our revered leader.

Answer the question in your own heart and mind, and start to act upon your decision TOMORROW.

As you are an American, you will.

Knowledge of Power. Pat (watching airplane's flight)—But what poozles me, Tirence, is what the mischief kapes it up. Tirence—Shure, 'tis little ye know, Pat Casey, uv the terrific force uv gravitation.

## MAKES FOOD PLANS

France is Arranging for Supplies for 1918.

All Shipping Will Be Used for Necessities—Need 122,000,000 Bushels of Wheat.

Paris.—The purchase abroad and transportation of about 122,000,000 bushels of wheat and other cereals is one of the problems of France for the campaign of 1918. Four hundred thousand tons of shipping a month will be required for the importation of supplies the country must get on the outside.

The realization of this problem will be partly accomplished through the unified allies' purchasing board, eliminating more and more private trade with the country; the development of a ministerial department of supply will eliminate commissary department buyers, while increasing stringent measures regarding shipping will increase the tonnage available for this object.

Successive decrees now have compelled every shipowner to obtain a navigation license prescribing the particular route for each vessel and the categories of merchandise destined for the government that it would be required to take on board on each voyage, and also giving the secretary of state for merchant marine powers to limit transportation charges on products essential to the life of the country.

Henceforth all tonnage under the French flag will be systematically divided between the different categories of indispensable products, in order to assure the utmost regularity of supply. Certain voyages which were of no great utility to France have been stopped, and the transportation of coffee and other products of secondary utility to a nation at war have been suspended. Orders have been given that cotton and tobacco must be bought from the nearest market.

Navigation between France and the colony of Madagascar will be greatly reduced, and the French lines to Cuba, Argentina, Brazil and New Orleans will be reduced as regards the number of ships or sailings suspended altogether.

As a result of these measures 180,000 tons of additional shipping have been placed at the disposition of the provisioning department, and the tendency is more and more toward the intense compression of the navigation service so as to make every ton of burden count for the utmost.

He Had Faith. "Count, my father has lost all his money." "I will marry you, anyhow." "Do you really mean it?" "Yes; a man like your father can easily make another fortune."

## SAILORS LEARN GOLF

Americans Put English Club on Paying Basis.

Caddies Are Attracted From Distant Parts by Tales of Generosity of Visitors.

Base American Flotilla in British Waters.—The American officers are becoming top-notch golfers. Only a handful of them played the game "back in the states," but now every destroyer numbers three or four devotees of the sport. The season is now in full swing, and almost any fair day groups may be seen monopolizing the links. The Americans not only have revived the game in these parts, but so many of them have taken up golf that they have put the local club on a paying basis and generally made themselves popular with the residents.

When the Americans arrived the links, which are on the top of the cliffs overlooking the sea, were somewhat neglected, but they have now been put into first-class condition, the grass has been cut and the greens have been rolled as never before. Caddies have been attracted from distant parts, encouraged by the generosity of the Americans, whose tips are much sought after.

The clubhouse is a most picturesque old castle built in 1638.

Tea is served in the great room of the castle. Whitewash alone covers the rough stone walls and the ceiling.

Often an old native member of the club will drop in to regale the Americans with tales of the clubhouse or anecdotes of the game. A native who gave up making golf sticks and bags has returned to his profession since the "Yankee invasion," and he gives up his spare moments to teaching the American beginners the fine points of the game.

The course is a nine-hole affair with plenty of hazards, but the Americans can play on an 18-hole course by visiting another links some five miles from their base.

## WINS WEALTHY BROKER



Miss Belle Ashlyn, once the wife of Billy Gould, who is to wed Alanson Follansbee, head of one of Chicago's leading brokerage firms. He is now at the officers' school at Fort Sheridan.

## BEAR GOT ALL CAMP'S HAMS

Trap Is Set and Mr. Bruin Furnishes Something to Take Place of Ham.

Bangor.—With hams at present prices even a rich corporation like the Great Northern Paper company cannot afford to feed bears on that sort of fodder, and so it was a distinct relief to the boss of the company's camp on Elm stream, nine miles from Seebrook Falls, when the camp timekeeper, Raymond Dyer of Bangor, acted.

In the camp on Elm stream was a barrel of smoked hams. September 23 the barrel was full. The morning of October 1 the barrel was hamless, the cook found. Tracks of a young bear were around the building.

Dyer set a trap. Tuesday morning at three o'clock the crew were aroused by a tremendous grunting and thrashing. The ham thief was in the trap, fat, furry and furious, securely pinched by his right fore paw. A logger smashed the bear's skull with an ax. The men ate some of the bear meat and Dyer got the skin, which he sold for a good price in Bangor, and also collected the state bounty, \$5, from City Clerk Victor Brett.

## Had Teeth When Born.

Onelda, N. Y.—A daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. North of No. 118 Madison street. The baby had one tooth at the hour of its birth, this being the first instance, it is believed, where a child has been born in this city with a portion of its teeth equipped. Dr. N. O. Brooks removed the tooth.

## ABOUT THOSE CHILDREN OF YOURS

One word to the women of America who live peaceful lives in happy homes.

Let us draw a picture for you of a scene at Evian, in France. Six hundred and eighty Belgian children are leaving a train—thin, sickly, from four to twelve years of age—children of men who refused to work for the Germans and of mothers who let their children go rather than to let them starve. They are pouring off the train, little ones clinging to the older ones, girls all crying, boys trying to cheer. They have come all the long way alone. On the platform are the Red Cross workers to meet them. Those children who can walk at all march along crying. "Meat, meat, we are going to have meat." Their little claw-like hands are significant.

Two such trains pull into Evian every day.

Another picture—it appeared in the illustrated papers recently. It showed an English widow with her eight children and the wording underneath ran as follows: "If the mother recovers from her injuries she will have six less mouths to feed—a bomb smashed their poor little home to pieces."

Do you care to see a picture of Italian life where women and children are marched in front of the German army in order that the Italian soldiers may kill them if they fire?

Would you care to think of such scenes as are described in these words:—"All along the Piave River (in Italy) last night we could hear the screams of women in the hands of the Germans!"

Women of America, it is to save your children from such a fate that you are asked to economize and save and loan to the government all the money you can.

We hope our brave boys and our allies will prevent the Germans from ever reaching our shores, but even so, don't you want to help fight for the poor children of Belgium, France and Italy. Does not your mother's heart cry out to you to do your share.

Start saving now, and tell your husband to start saving now for the next Liberty Loan.

## DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH HIS MONEY

A farmer came to one of the biggest business men in the Southwest last week and said:

"I have done pretty well this season. I've \$500.00 that I can spare. It's earning me nothing in the bank. You know something about investments, tell me what to do with it."

"Well," said the big fellow, "You can put your money into Railroad Stocks, you can buy Standard Commercial Stocks, or you can take long chances and buy stock in some Gold Mine which may or may not make you a millionaire. Do you know anything about stocks, shares, or investments generally?"

"Not a thing."

"Well, what is your first requirement in an investment, do you want high interest, or absolute safety?"

"Absolute safety—no chances for me. Why I wouldn't sleep nights and my wife would never quit worrying if I took chances."

"Well," was the reply, "I can advise you to buy some good Commercial Stock but I want to warn you that owing to trade conditions being upset of course the Stock might be low just when you wanted to sell. Would you mind that?"

"Yes, I believe I would. Of course, I know all Stocks go up and down a little in price, but I must have something that can't go down too low, because I might want my money any time, and I can't afford to lose 5% to 10% of my investment just for the sake of securing 5% to 10% interest."

"So you want something that is so safe it will not cause you one moment's worry, you want something that you can purchase, hold, and feel safe about without your having to learn anything about stocks, shares, or market prices."

"That's it, exactly."

The business man had known right along what investment this man needed, but he wanted the farmer to sell himself first. "Well," he said with a smile, "What's the matter with investing with the United States Government? You won't have to sit up nights wondering whether they are going to fail. You don't have to know one thing about stocks, shares or markets, in order to get in on the proposition, and your little 4% comes around twice a year regularly."

"Oh, you mean buy a Liberty Bond?"

"Yes, why not?"

"Well, I guess I can't do better."

"Better, why, man, you can't do as well. It's the only kind of investment for a fellow like yourself who knows all about farming and nothing about finance. Your bond is the best collateral in the world, you can always sell it if you have to, and believe me there is a feeling of satisfaction about owning one of those bonds that you can't buy with any other security. The bond is Uncle Sam's certificate that you are an American in good standing and you feel that you are helping our boys in the great fight. Look at it any way you like, it's the best investment in the world."

## ORPHANS

GIVEN NEW LIFE THROUGH RED CROSS

About the American Red Cross Christmas membership campaign, which is to be inaugurated throughout the nation Monday, Dec. 17, continuing until Christmas eve, national headquarters announces that the organization already is assisting in the care of Belgian orphans who were carried by their captors into Germany and who are beginning to be released in the first groups, consisting of 500 children each, have been received into the Allies' territory.

These homeless children, sick and undernourished, all between 4 and 13 years of age, will receive the best possible care from the American Red Cross, which recognizes in them Belgium's hope for its coming generation.

Twenty miles from Limoges, in the northern center of France, on a hillside, a little town called Troche holds the famous monastery of L'Abbaye de Chartrous, unoccupied at present. There roses bloom the year around. Permission was given to use the place for the Belgian children, and it was rented from the government by the Red Cross, which supplies the funds for the work, while personnel and management are aided by the Belgian committee. In the monastery the Red Cross hopes to bring back to life and vigor these children, in whom lies the hope of Belgium.

## WOMAN NEVER LET HER HAIR GET GRAY

Her locks youthful, dark, glossy thick with common garden Sage and Sulphur.

When you darken your hair with Sage and Sulphur, no one can tell, but it's done so naturally, so evenly and this mixture, though, at home, is a tonic called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." You just dampen your hair or soft brush with it, and show this through your hair, taking all strands at a time. It will turn gray hair disappear, and, after application of two, your hair will be beautifully darkened, glossy and soft. You will also discover that your hair has stopped falling out, and that it is growing in again, though no longer, as of old age, and as we all desire, youthful and attractive appearance. It is busy at once with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur and look your younger.

**Local & Personal.**

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Carr spent the holidays with homefolks.

Lee Henrichson was up from Artesia Wells Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wheeler of San Antonio Christmas week.

Miss Eloise Reed came down from San Antonio for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Cotulla spent Christmas at Asherton.

Mrs. J. L. Dobie spent Christmas here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kerr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray M. Keek were down from Austin to spend Christmas.

W. H. Tatum of Mart, was here this week looking after his arm interests.

Dr. and Mrs. D. N. Cushing were down from San Antonio and spent Christmas with homefolks.

Miss Marie Neal has returned from Sinton where she spent the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Merriman of Pearsall spent Christmas in Cotulla with Mrs. Jodie Earnest.

Corp. Walter M. Maaly returned Wednesday to Camp Travis after spending four days at home.

George Chapman, George Newman and Walter Zahl, from Camp Travis spent Christmas at home.

Mrs. J. G. Towns of Luling returned home Thursday after a visit here to her sister, Mrs. M. T. Davis.

Dr. Moffett returned yesterday from Eina and Flatonía where he spent the holidays. He will be in his office all next week.

Owen Widener of Cement, Okla. was here to spend the holidays with his parents. He expects to stay down in this country awhile before returning.

Marion Neeley, Frederick Binkley, Marion Gaddis and Ezary Alderman, College Students, were at home Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Widener of McLennan County are here on a visit.

Clark B. Jones who is stenographer and bookkeeper for the Falfurrias Jersey Dairy Co., was home Christmas week.

C. B. Jones Sr. who has been contracting for painting and paper hanging in Big Wells and Carrizo Springs for some months spent the holidays with his family.

G. A. Sheppard, formerly in charge of the Telephone Exchange here, but now in the Telephone business at Llano, was in the city this week. Said he was doing nicely in his new location, and that that section of the state was as dry as this.

A. A. Simpson was down from San Antonio during the week. Mr. Simpson is prominently connected with a company recently organized to develop certain properties near Cotulla for oil. It is probable that drilling will begin in a few weeks.

C. F. Binkley returned yesterday from San Antonio. He didn't lose his hat this trip, but something worse happened. He was arrested for not having a number on his car. However, after a convincing argument and a volume of promises the cop allowed him to proceed after attaching a pasteboard tag.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Butler of Sasco, Ariz., were here to spend the holidays with Mrs. Butler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Carr. Mr. Butler who has a prominent position with a large mining concern, returned to his duties last Friday. Mrs. Butler will be here for some time.

Mr. Sam V. Reynolds of Laredo and Miss May Shillings daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Shillings of Cotulla were married at the home of the bride's parents during the holidays. Both of these young people were reared in Cotulla and their friends wish for them a long life of happiness. Mr. Reynolds has a position on one of the large irrigated farms at Laredo.

H. W. Earnest, merchant of Millett was down on business this week. Mr. Earnest is one of the old-timers of La Salle county, and feels optimistic about the future. "I have been Southwest Texas since 1868, and never saw an extremely dry year, but what it was followed by a fine season. I expect 1918 to be one of the best crop years this section ever knew."

Fred Dunning, Cecil Mullolland and Irvin Peoples of Camp Bowie all had ten day furloughs and spent the Holidays at home. They all looked well and have gained in weight. They say they have plenty to eat and warm clothes to wear. Cecil had been sick with measles, and while at home was somewhat under the weather and got his furlough extended six days.

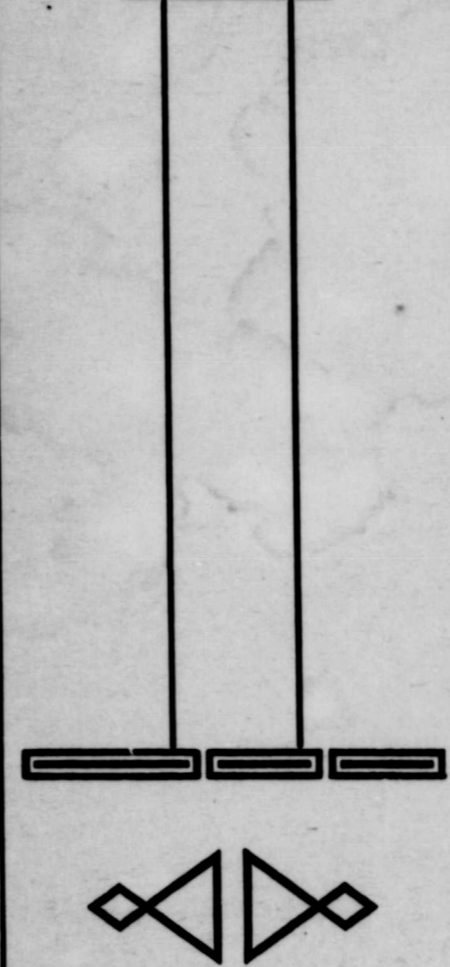
Mrs. M. P. Thompson returned Thursday from Austin where she went to attend the funeral of her nephew, Roy Taylor. The young man was a member of the National Guard at Camp Bowie and succumbed to pneumonia. He was 19 years of age. While at Austin Mrs. Thompson received the sad news of the death of her only brother Fred Perinot of New Mexico. Mrs. Thompson has the deepest sympathy of her Cotulla friends.

Chas. W. Millikin and Miss Jewel Miller of Beeville were married in San Antonio during the holidays. Mr. Millikin was among the last lot of young men who went to Camp Travis from La Salle county. Miss Miller frequently visited the Dobie ranch here. Friends of the young couple extend congratulations.

The many friends of Mrs. John W. Wilson extend to her their tenderest sympathy. She has just returned from Chester, Texas where she was called to the deathbed of her father, Samuel W. D. Barnes. He died December 23rd and was buried December 24th. Mr. Barnes visited Cotulla several times during recent years and made many friends here who will, with regret learn of his demise.

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**Social Notes**

By Mrs. C. B. Jones

Rev. and Mrs. Skinner kept "Open House" on New Year's Day, receiving the members of Mr. Skinner's Church and near

neighbors. The house which was tastefully decorated in Christmas colors and potted ferns was flooded with sunlight. The rooms well heated and comfortably arranged for the comfort of the callers.

The reception which continued through the afternoon and early evening was largely attended. Music, reading and "good will" roasts, together with a cordial welcome and dainty refreshments provided a pleasant time for all callers.

The Philathea Class were delightfully entertained by Mrs. T. R. Keek Friday afternoon, Dec. 18th complimenting Mrs. Ray M. Keek of Austin.

The hostess took advantage of the warm bright afternoon to get a snapshot at her full class on the lawn. After this excitement of trying to look their prettiest for the Kodak, the guests returned to the nicely arranged living room where they again admired the pretty hand painted vase which they had given as an Xmas present to their hostess and teacher.

New Year's Resolutions were written, each guest writing five. These were placed in a basket and shaken, each guest drew out one and read aloud. The resolution that took the prize was, "Resolved that we will go to Germany and take the Kaiser."

A contest was engaged in which was in line with the class work. Mrs. Frank Keek received a trinket tray for the best answers. Mrs. Lee Peters was a close second in her answers so received a paper doll nurse. Mrs. Keek cut the paper nurse half into saying Mrs. Peters only needed a half treatment.

Mrs. Keek served a dainty refreshment and her guests bade she and the honoree a reluctant goodbye, with many wishes for a Happy Christmas and bright New Year.

A merry crowd of young folks enjoyed a pleasant evening in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Cotulla last Saturday evening the 29th of December.

The party was informal, but nicely planned as to feature of entertainment.

and some other artists was enjoyed. Several new dance records were played, but proved no temptation to the crowd.

Hot chocolate and cake was served in the dining room which was brilliantly lighted by three dozen colored candles which burned a pretty Christmas tree. The table was in snowy white, with only a center piece, a huge red candle decorated in red satin and sprays of holly. This slowly burning red candle making a pretty bit of color.

The Music Recital given by Mrs. Skinner's class the evening of December the 21st was well attended and the program of popular and classic music nicely rendered, showing excellent training. The readings were also much enjoyed.

Both the Seniors and the Juniors of the Baptist Sunday School were entertained at the Baptist Parsonage Xmas week. These enjoyable parties were largely attended.

Games such as dominoes, rook, parchesi and eel, were much enjoyed. The most interesting game being the Onija fortune board, which is almost uncanny in its power of prediction. This lively game seems new to our young people and much fun and excitement was had over it.

Mrs. Cotulla served refreshments to a large crowd of Cotulla young folks and Miss Margurite Wheeler of San Antonio and Messrs Worthing and Strong of San Antonio.

Mrs. Ed Cohenour entertained at breakfast Christmas Eve morning Misses Justice Graham, Mildred Manly Ruth Tarver, Maurine Dyson, Mildred Talbot, Alice Kerr and her own daughter, Katharine Cohenour.

Miss Justice Graham drove the party out to the Cohenour home in her father's car. The girls enjoyed the drive and the delicious breakfast very much.

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