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## REAL SALE ON LADIES SUITS AND DRESSES IN WHICH PRICES ARE GREATLY REDUCED



We have made substantial reductions on all of our Suits and Dresses in order to clear our racks in preparation for next season so that no suits will be carried over, regardless of price, so when the new season opens we are showing entirely new merchandise. The Suits and dresses offered are all this season's styles and materials. At prices set for this sale they will not last long, for the values are extra good. It will pay you to anticipate your future needs, for it will be impossible to duplicate these garments for twice the price now being asked.



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#### FEDERATED CLUB

The Federated Club will meet at the Baptist Church on Monday afternoon, Jan., 14, at 4 o'clock and the following program will be given: Scripture Reading—Mrs. Faust. Talk—Rev. R. A. Scranton. Election of Officers.

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#### TO THE VOTERS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

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#### DIED AT ADMIRAL

Archie Shelton, aged 25 years, died at Admiral, Saturday, Jan. 5th and was buried at Admiral Sunday by the Woodmen. Rev. R. A. Scranton conducted the funeral service. Mr. Shelton was a son of J. M. Shelton. He leaves a wife and one child. He was working in the T. & P. shops at Baird when he was taken ill with pneumonia and was carried to the home of his parents at Admiral and everything possible was done for him, but loving care could not stay the grim reaper that claims all humanity. We tender sincere sympathy to the wife and parents in their hour of sorrow.

#### A REAL BLIZZARD

A real blizzard hit Baird yesterday morning and from 8 o'clock a. m. to 4 o'clock p. m. the mercury had dropped from 50 to 16 with a good prospect of going to zero and snow is falling. Thirty years ago Wednesday the worst blizzard that we ever had struck Baird. Snow then was over six inches deep and the thermometer registered 9 below zero.

County Clerk Charlie Nordyke announces as a candidate for re-election. He has discharged the duties of the office faithfully, efficiently and courteously to the satisfaction of the public.

#### SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH.

Last Sunday was a good day with us. At the morning service the pastor spoke on the importance of the right kind of Sunday School work. Diplomas were presented to the class in Teacher Training that finished the first book in that special course. Those receiving diplomas were: Mrs. C. B. Holmes, Mrs. A. R. Day, Mrs. E. H. Dunlap, Mrs. B. L. Russell, Mrs. H. H. Ramsey, Mrs. R. L. Surles, Mrs. Frank McNair, Miss Ava McNair and Rev. Frank McNair. We hope soon to have many others finish this very helpful work for teachers.

At this hour the church observed the Lord's Supper. Services were

good throughout the day. At the evening service there was one profession of faith. Good crowds and much interest characterized the services of the day.

R. A. Scranton, Pastor.

#### OLD SHEETS WANTED

The Red Cross, of Baird will appreciate donations of old sheets and pillow cases for use in making surgical dressings. The surgical dressings must be either 16 inches or 24 inches square, and if you have old sheets or pillow cases from which you can get that size square, help the Red Cross by sending them in. They will be appreciated. Phone 48.

#### A CORRECTION.

In my writeup last week concerning the workers for the Special Christmas Membership Campaign for the Red Cross, I failed to make mention of the work at Putnam. It was not intentional at all, but purely an oversight. The workers there did splendid work and sent in \$90.00. They are entitled to the same praise as the others and I do so recognizing them.

R. A. Scranton.

W. P. (Ett) Ramsey, present County Treasurer, announces as a candidate for Tax Collector. You know him, as we do, as a capable upfight man.

# 1918

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## TO MOBILIZE LABOR FOR WAR INDUSTRIES

GOVERNMENT TO ORGANIZE 3,000,000 MEN FOR WAR CONTRACTS AND FARM WORK.

### WILL AID THE SHIPBUILDERS

Department Will Be Intrusted to United States Employment Service and Labor Bureau.

Washington.—Mobilization of 3,000,000 workers for agriculture, shipbuilding and war contract plants has been entrusted to the United States employment service by the department of labor.

Tremendous expansion of the service is in progress in preparation for recruiting men necessary to carry on the economic work in support of the military forces in the war. Solution of the labor shortage problem by this means is proposed by the department and the co-operating labor organizations in answer to suggestions that conscription of labor is necessary.

One early result is expected to be the placing of 400,000 mechanics in shipbuilding plants to aid in hurrying to completion the merchant marine problem.

Densmore to Be Director.

John B. Densmore of Montana, a solicitor for the department of labor, will be national director of the employment service by appointment of Secretary Wilson. He will have as his assistant Robert Watson of Massachusetts, and Charles T. Clayton of Maryland. Samuel J. Gompers of New York, son of the labor leader, will succeed Mr. Watson as the department's chief clerk.

Expects Decision Within Six Months.

An Atlantic Port.—The entente allies are entering the hardest period of the war, but a period which will prove richest in decisive results. "If we now how to play a good game, and it surely will be decided in the next six months," according to Captain Andre Tardeau, French high commissioner to the United States, who has returned to this country. While he pointed to the possibility of a strong German attack on the western front during this winter, "he is absolutely confident that it will be another Verdun."

Ask \$2,000,000,000 for Ship Contracts

Washington.—Plans for a \$2,000,000,000 government ship building program were revealed when the shipping board asked congress for authority to place \$701,000,000 worth of additional ship contracts. At the same time an immediate appropriation of \$82,000,000 was asked for the extension of shipyards and for providing housing facilities for workmen. Thus far the board has been authorized to spend for ship building \$1,234,000,000, contracts for most of which have been awarded.

Army Camp Health Conditions Better

Washington.—Lower death rates in both the national guard and national army divisions in this country during the week ending Dec. 28 are shown by the weekly report of the division field sanitation. In the guard there were 108 deaths, as against 120 the previous week, and in the national army there were 98, compared with 118 the week before. Slight improvement in general health conditions in the camps also is shown, there being a marked abatement of meningitis epidemics.

Hungarian War Loan Falls Short.

London.—Subscriptions to Hungary's seventh war loan totaled about 2,000,000,000 kronen, whereas the government expected 8,000,000,000 kronen, telegraphs the American correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company. Most of the subscriptions were forced on the leading banks the message adds, only an insignificant share being taken by the populace.

British Retake Trench at Cambrai.

London.—Although the weather continues cold and much snow lies on the ground in northern France, there has been considerable activity by the infantry in the Arras sector in Flanders and on the eastern part of the front along the Moselle river. Near Bullecourt, the British have recaptured in a counter-attack the sap taken from them Saturday by the Germans. In the Italian theater the big guns on both sides are hammering away at opposing positions in the hills and on the lower reaches of the Piave.

Guatemala City Dead Placed at 2,500.

San Salvador.—Newspapers of this city declare that no fewer than 2,500 people lost their lives in the Guatemala earthquake.

U. S. Aviators Bomb German Lines.

With American Army in France.—The United States aviators have flown over the German battle lines and dropped bombs, in conjunction with British and French pilots. The flight of the Americans virtually was a reprisal for the killing of two American wood cutters during a German bombing expedition a week ago. Through the courtesy of the British and French flying authorities, the American aviators also have taken part in observation and photographic work.

J. L. O'BRIAN



J. L. O'Brian, one of the country's ablest lawyers, is in charge of the war activities of the department of justice. He was district attorney for the state of New York in the Taft administration and later a member of a Buffalo law firm. Since the war all the members of the firm are devoting their time to war work.

## WILL SEND BIG ARMY TO FRANCE AT ONCE

Americans Will Be Used to Offset Defection of Russia in Drive on Germans.

Washington.—An engagement by the United States to send a great army against the Germans in time to offset the defection of Russia was disclosed through the publication by Secretary Lansing of a review of the work and recommendations of the American mission which recently participated in the interallied war conference at Paris.

American fighting men are to cross the Atlantic as rapidly as they can be mustered and trained. France and Great Britain on their part undertake not only to join in providing ships to carry them, but to see that any deficiencies in arms and equipment are made upon the other side.

Pool Fighting Resources.

This was one of the great decisions reached at the conference, through which the cobelligerents planned to pool their fighting resources and move as a unit toward driving the Germans and their allies out of conquered territory and crushing the Teutonic world domination scheme. There is to be co-ordinated effort not only in fighting on land and sea, but in production at home and in the vast shipbuilding projects upon which depends the vital problem of maintaining uninterrupted transportation in spite of the action of submarines.

21 British Ships Sunk Last Week.

London.—Eighteen British merchantmen of 1,500 tons or over have been sunk by mine or submarine during the last week, according to the admiralty statement. Three merchantmen under 1,500 tons were also sunk. This is a material increase over the previous week, when the sinkings numbered 12. Arrivals 2,111, sailings 2,074. Although the sinking of ships of large tonnage in the last week have been rather heavy, the total for December is characterized as satisfactory, being only slightly larger than for November, which established a low record.

Million Greeks Massacred in Turkey

New York.—At least 1,000,000 Greeks, men, women and children, have perished as the result of organized massacres and deportations by "the Turco-Teutons" in Asiatic Turkey, according to a statement by Lazaros George Macrides, son of a leading merchant of Trebizond, made public through the Armenian and Syrian relief committee here. Macrides, says he was of a party of 2,000 Greeks which was rescued by the Russian fleet that bombarded the town of Ordu last August and took the refugees aboard.

England to Go On Ration Basis Soon

London.—Compulsory rationing is to be put into effect in England at an early date, according to Lord Rhondda, the food controller. He pre-announced his announcement by saying that he was afraid that compulsory rationing would have to come, and then declared that his department had completed a scheme and that as soon as the sanction of the cabinet had been received, it would be carried out. Lord Rhondda warned that there would continue to be a shortage though conditions would improve.

Allied Air Raids Arousing Germans.

London.—Allied air raids over Germany are awakening the people to a recognition of their ruler's mistaken air ruthlessness, according to the Amsterdam correspondent of the Times. There is great nervousness throughout Germany, especially in the more exposed parts, he says, owing to the reported intention of the Americans to invade Germany by air. The object is discussed universally, though efforts are made to calm anxiety about "American bluff."

## GERMANY DISTURBED OVER PEACE PLANS

GREAT EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO PREVENT FAILING AWAY OF SOCIALISTS.

### THE SITUATION IS SERIOUS

Germans Say Stockholm as Place for Peace Meeting is Impossible Because of Allied Diplomats.

London.—An official statement issued at Berlin announced that because of the Russian request to transfer the peace parliaments from Brest-Litovsk to Stockholm, the central powers had temporarily suspended negotiations with Russia.

Much Unrest at Berlin.

A dispatch from the correspondent of the Associated Press in Berlin shows there was great political perturbation following the meeting of the main committee of the Reichstag. The meeting lasted barely 45 minutes, a motion for adjournment being presented by all factions except the Independent Socialists.

Immediately on adjournment all the parties entered into caucus sessions, which lasted throughout the day and until late at night. The indications pointed to an indorsement of the government's attitude against moving the peace negotiations from Brest-Litovsk to Stockholm.

Stockholm Meeting Impossible.

The Liberal Tageblatt reflects the general attitude of the press in declaring that negotiations at Stockholm would be impossible. The newspaper says that British, French and American diplomats and their numerous agents are buzzing about Stockholm and would probably weave a net of intrigue around the conference and that espionage would flourish and make successful negotiations impossible.

A dispatch from Amsterdam says the hitch over Brest-Litovsk is considered to endanger the cohesion of the reichstag majority, but that great efforts are being made to prevent the falling away of the Socialist majority.

Situation is Serious.

The Berlin Vorwaerts, the Socialist organ, refers to the declaration by the chancellor on the endangering of the peace negotiations as having fallen on the spirit of the nation like a black cloud. The newspaper says the situation is extraordinarily serious.

### MILITARY DUTY ON SINGLE MEN

All Men for War Armies Will Hereafter Be Drawn From Class One, Under New Policy.

Washington.—All men for the war armies still to be raised by the United States will come from class 1 under the new selective service plan. That means the nation's fighting is to be done by young men without families dependent upon their labor for support and unskilled in necessary industrial or agricultural work.

Provost Marshal General Crowder announces the new policy in an exhaustive report upon the operation of the selective draft law submitted to Secretary Baker and sent to congress. He says class 1 should provide men for all military needs of the country, and to accomplish that object he urged amendment for the draft law so as to provide that all men who have reached their twenty-first birthday since June 5, 1917, shall be required to register.

One Million Men in Class 1.

Available figures indicate that there are 1,000,000 physically and otherwise qualified men under the present registration who will be found in class 1 when all questionnaires have been returned, and the classification period ends Feb. 15. To this the extension of registration to men turning 21 since June 5 of last year and thereafter will add 700,000 effective men a year.

Ten Deaths From Cold in New York

New York.—A lengthening death roll, a rapidly dwindling coal supply and weather bureau officials' predictions that the record-breaking cold spell would keep the mercury hovering about the zero mark made winter's grip on New York and vicinity a grim actuality. Ten persons had perished from the cold. Police stations, theatres, libraries, churches, charitable institutions and places available for use as shelters have been converted into refuges for the thousands of poor and homeless.

Russ Fort at Kronstadt Blown Up.

London.—One of the forts at Kronstadt, the naval base near Petrograd, has been blown up by an extremely violent explosion, according to a Petrograd dispatch. There are no details.

Transfer 300,000 Poles to Germany.

Petrograd.—The Germans are reported to have transferred 300,000 civilian Poles and Lithuanians forcibly to Germany. General Korniloff, former commander in chief and one of the leaders in the movement against the Bolsheviks, has arrived in the district of the Don Cossacks. The death of General Korniloff has been reported. The members of former Russian governments under arrest have abandoned their hunger strike.

ROYAL C. JOHNSON



Congressman Royal C. Johnson of Aberdeen, S. D., has enlisted as a private in the regular army and is stationed at Camp Meade. He has not resigned his seat in congress.

## RUSSIANS REJECT PEACE PROPOSALS

TEUTONS ARE ACCUSED OF TRYING TO EVADE NO-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT.

London.—Developments in the Russo-German negotiations, the Daily Chronicle says, are likely to cause the western powers to give de facto recognition to the Lenin government in Russia. A statement of the entente allied policy of a democratic character, it says, shortly will be sent to Russia.

Petrograd.—The Bolshevik foreign minister, Leon Trozky, has declared that the government of the Russian workers would not consent to the German peace proposals.

M. Trozky's declaration was made before the central committee of the council of soldiers and workmen's delegates, during an address in which he denounced in scathing terms "Germany's hypocritical peace proposal." Asserting that the government of Russian workers would not consent to such conditions, he said that if the central powers did not agree to free disposal of the destiny of the Polish and Lettish nations it would be urgently necessary to defend the Russian revolution. He said the needs at the front would be satisfied, whatever efforts might be necessary.

Representatives from all the fronts who attended the meeting declared the troops would defend the revolution, but said bread and boots were necessary.

### TAKE OFF HUNDREDS OF TRAINS

McAdoo Discusses Work Hours With Rail Men and Takes Up Wage Question.

Washington.—Hundreds of passenger trains on railroads east of the Mississippi will be withdrawn from service under orders soon to be issued by Director General McAdoo based upon specific reasons made by a committee of eastern passenger traffic officers. The committee was divided as to the advisability of withdrawing most parlor and sleeping cars, leaving only those considered most necessary for important travel routes.

Hours of labor of railway employees under government operation was discussed by the director general with heads of the four railway union brotherhoods and the question of wages will be taken up at further conferences.

National Debt Jan. 1 \$5,615,000,000.

Washington.—The United States entered the new year with a national net debt of \$5,615,000,000, more than five times greater than when it entered the war nine months ago, but only one-third of the debt which promises to develop by the first of next year. The debt per capita is about \$51 and the percentage of debt to estimated national wealth is 2 1/4 per cent. Great as the national debt seems it is only about one-fourth that of either Great Britain, France, Russia or Germany. The debt of all of America's cobelligerents is about \$84,000,000,000, or 14 per cent of the estimated wealth of those nations, and the Teutonic allies' debt is about \$40,000,000,000, or 28 per cent of their estimated wealth.

Higher Demurrage Rates Adopted.

Washington.—To promote the more prompt unloading of freight cars, Director General McAdoo has established new railroad demurrage rules for domestic traffic, effective Jan. 21, containing the present two days' free time, but providing for increases ranging from 50 to 100 per cent charges thereafter. The director general appealed to shippers and consignees to keep on releasing cars to meet the emergency, and to make special efforts to clear terminals.

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# King of the Khyber Rifles

## A Romance of Adventure

By TALBOT MUNDY  
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### CHAPTER XXI—Continued.

But out of the corner of his eye, and once or twice by looking back deliberately, King saw that Ismail was taking the members of his new band one by one and whispering to them. What he said was a mystery, but as they talked each man looked the better pleased they seemed. And as the day wore on the more deferential they grew. By midday if King wanted to hold his stirrup and ten to help him mount again.

Four thousand men with women and children and baggage do not move so swiftly as one man or a dozen, especially in the "Hills," where discipline is reckoned beneath a proud man's honor. There were many miles to go before Khinjan when night fell and the mullah bade them camp. He bade them camp because they would have done it otherwise in any case.

When the evening meal was eaten, and sentries had been set at every vantage point, there came another order from the mullah. The women and children were to be left in camp next dawn, and to remain there until sent for. There was murmuring at that around the camp, and especially among King's contingent. But King laughed. "It is good!" he said.

"Why? How so?" they asked him. "Bid your women make for the Khyber soon after the mullah marches tomorrow. Bid them travel down the Khyber until we and they meet!" "But—" "Please yourselves, sahibs!" The hakim's air was one of supreme indifference. "As for me, I leave no women behind me in the mountains. I am content."

They murmured a while, but they gave the orders to their women, and King watched the women nod.

Even as Yasmini had tested him and tried him before tempting him at last, she must be watching him now, for even the East repeats itself. She had sent Ismail for that purpose. It was likely that her course would depend on his. If he failed, she was done with him. If he succeeded in establishing a strong position of his own, she would yield. With or without Ismail's aid, with or without his enmity, he must control his eighty men and give the slip to the mullah, and he went at once about the best way to do both.

"We will go now," he said quietly. "That sentry in yonder shadow has his back turned. He has overheard. We will rush him and put good running between us and the mullah."

Surprised into obedience, and too delighted at the prospect of action to wonder why they should obey a hakim so, they slung on their bandoliers and made ready. Ismail brought up King's horse and he mounted. And then at King's word all eighty made a sudden swoop on the drowsy sentry and took him unawares. They tossed him over the cliff, too startled to scream an alarm; and though sentries on either hand heard them and shouted, they were gone like wind-blown ghosts of dead men before the mullah even knew what was happening.

They did not halt until not one of them could run another yard, King trusting to his horse to find a footing along the cliff-tops, and to the men to find the way.

### CHAPTER XXII.

"Whither?" one whispered to King. "To Khinjan!" he answered; and that was enough. Each whispered to the other, and they all became fired with curiosity more potent than money bribes.

When he halted at last and dismounted and sat down and the stragglers caught up, panting, they held a council of war all together, with Ismail sitting at King's back and leaning a chin on his shoulder in order to hear better. Bone pressed on bone, and the place grew numb; King shook him off a dozen times; but each time Ismail set his chin back on the same spot, as a dog will that listens to his master. Yet he insisted he was her man, and not King's.

"Now, ye men of the 'Hills,'" said King. "listen to me who am political-offender - with - reward - for - capture-offered!" That was a gem of a title. It fired their imaginations. "I know things that no soldier would find out in a thousand years, and I will tell you some of what I know."

Now he had to be careful. If he were to invent too much they might denounce him as a traitor to the "Hills" in general. If he were to tell them too little they would lose interest and might very well desert him at the first pinch. He must feel for the middle way and upset no prejudices.

"She has discovered that this mullah Muhammad Anim is no true muslim, but an unbelieving dog of a foreigner from Farangistan! She has discovered that he plans to make himself an emperor in these hills, and to sell hillmen into slavery!" Might as well serve the mullah up hot while about it! Beyond any doubt not much more than a mile away the mullah was

getting even by condemning the lot of them to death. "An eye for the risk of an eye!" say the unforgiving "Hills."

"If one of us should go back into his camp now he would be tortured. Be sure of that."

Breathing deeply in the darkness, they nodded, as if the dark had eyes. Ismail's chin drove a fraction deeper into his shoulder.

"Now ye know—for all men know—that the entrance into Khinjan caves is free to any man who can tell a lie without flinching. It is the way out again that is not free. How many men do ye know that have entered and never returned?"

They all nodded again. It was common knowledge that Khinjan was a very graveyard of the presumptuous. "She has set a trap for the mullah. She will let him and all his men enter and will never let them out again!" "How knowest thou?" This from two men, one on either hand.

"Was I never in Khinjan caves?" he retorted. "Whence came I? I am her man, sent to help trap the mullah! I would have trapped all of you, but for being weary of these 'Hills' and wishing to go back to India and be pardoned! That is who I am! That is how I know!"

Their breath came and went sibilantly, and the darkness was alive with the excitement they thought themselves too warrior-like to utter.

"But what will she do then?" asked somebody. King searched his memory, and in a moment there came back to him a picture of the hurrying jezailchi he had held up in the Khyber pass, and recollection of the man's words.

"Know ye not," he said, "that long ago she gave leave to all who ate salt to be true to the salt? She gave the Khyber jezailchis leave to fight against her. Be sure, whatever she does, she will stand between no man and his pardon!"

"But will she lead a jihad? We will not fight against her!" "Nay," said King, drawing his breath in. Ismail's chin felt like a knife against his collar bone, and Ismail's iron fingers clutched his arm. It was time to give his hostage to Dame Fortune. "She will go down into India and use her influence in the matter of the pardons!"

"I believe thou art a very great liar indeed!" said the man who lacked part of his nose. "The Pathan went, and he did not come back. What proof have we?" "Ye have me!" said King. "If I show you no proof, how can I escape you?"

They all grunted agreement as to that. King used his elbow to hit Ismail in the ribs. He did not dare speak to him; but now was the time for Ismail to carry information to her, supposing that to be his job. And after a minute Ismail rolled into a shadow and was gone. King gave him twenty minutes' start, letting his men rest their legs and exercise their tongues.

Now that he was out of the mullah's clutches—and he suspected Yasmini would know of it within an hour or two, and before dawn in any event—he began to feel like a player in a game of chess who foresees his opponent's move in so many moves.

If Yasmini were to let the mullah and his men into the caves and to join forces with him in there, he would at least have time to hurry back to India with his eighty men and give warning. He might have time to call up the Khyber jezailchis and blockade the caves before the hive could swarm, and he chuckled to think of the hope of that.

On the other hand, if there was to be a battle royal between Yasmini and the mullah, he would be there to watch it and to comfort India with the news. "Now we will go on again, in order to be close to Khinjan at break of day," he said, and they all got up and obeyed him as if his word had been law to them for years. Of all of them he was the only man in doubt—he who seemed most confident of all.

They swung along into the darkness under low-hung stars, trailing behind King's horse, with only half a dozen of them a hundred yards or so ahead as an advance guard, and all of them expecting to see Khinjan loom above each next valley, for distances and darkness are deceptive in the "Hills," even to trained eyes. Suddenly the advance guard halted, but did not shoot. And as King caught up with them he saw they were talking with someone.

He had to ride up close before he recognized the Orakzai Pathan. "Salaam!" said the fellow with a grin. "I bring one hundred and eleven!"

As he spoke graveyard shadows rose out of the darkness around and leaned on rifles. "Ye ye men all ex-soldiers of the raj?" King asked them.

"Aye!" they growled in chorus. "Who gave you leave to come?" King asked.

"None! He told us of the pardons and we came!" "Aye!" said the Orakzai Pathan, drawing King aside. "But she gave me leave to seek them out and tempt them!"

"And what does she intend?" King asked him suddenly.

"She? Ask Allah, who put the spirit in her! How should I know?"

"We will march again, my brothers!" King shouted, and they streamed along behind him, now with no advance guard, but with the Orakzai Pathan striding beside King's horse, with a great hand on the saddle. Like the others, he seemed decided in his mind that the hakim ought not to be allowed much chance to escape.

Just as the dawn was tinting the surrounding peaks with softest rose they topped a ridge, and Khinjan lay below them across the mile-wide bone-dry valley. And while they watched, and the Khinjan men were beginning to murmur (for they needed no last view of the place to satisfy any longings!) none else than Ismail rose from behind a rock and came to King's stirrup. He tugged and King backed his horse until they stood together apart.

"She sends this message," said Ismail, showing his teeth in the most peculiar grin that surely the "Hills" ever witnessed. "Many of her men, who have never been in the army, are none the less true to her, and she will not leave them to the mullah's mercy. They will leave the caves in a little while, and will come up here. They are to go down into India and be made prisoners if the sarkar will not enlist them. You are to wait for them here."

"Is that all her message?" King asked him.

"Nay. That is none of it! This is her message: THOU SHALT KNOW THIS DAY, THOU ENGLISHMAN, WHETHER OR NOT SHE TRULY LOVED THEE! THERE SHALL BE PROOF SUCH AS EVEN THOU SHALT UNDERSTAND!"

Ismail slipped away and lost himself among the men, and none of them seemed to notice that he had been away and had come again. It was a little more than an hour after dawn and the chilled rocks were beginning to grow warmer when the head of a procession came out of Khinjan gate and started toward them over the valley. In all more than five hundred men emerged and about a hundred women and children. Then:

"Muhammad Anim comes!" shouted a voice from a crag top.

They snuggled into better hiding, and there was no thought now of leaving before the mullah should go by. It needed an effort to quiet them when the mullah rose into view at last above the rise and paused for a minute to stare across at Khinjan before leading his four thousand down and onward.

He was silent as an image, but his men roared like a river in flood and he made no effort to check them.

He dismounted, for he had to, and tossed his reins to the nearest man with the air of an emperor. And he led the way down the cliffside without hesitation, striding like a mountaineer. His men followed him noisily.

It was thirty minutes after the last of the mullah's men had vanished through the gate, and his own men in dozens and twenties were scattered along the cliff-top arguing against delay with growing rancor, when a lone horseman galloped out of Khinjan gate and started across the valley. He rode recklessly. He was either panic-stricken or else bolder than the devil.

In a minute King had recognized the mare, and so had the eyes of fifty men around him. No man with half an eye for a horse could have failed to recognize that black mare, having ever seen her once. In another two minutes King had recognized the Rangar's silken turban.

Most of the men were staring downward at the Rangar's head as he urged the mare up the cliff path, when the explanation of Yasmini's message came. It was only King, urged by some intuition, who had his eyes fixed on Khinjan.

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mare on the path below missed her footing and fell a dozen feet, only to get up again and scramble as if a thousand devils were behind her, the Rangar riding her grimly, like a jockey in a race. Three more shocks followed. A great slice of Khinjan suddenly caved in with a roar, and smoke and dust burst upward through the tumbling crust.

There was a pause after that, as if the waiting elements were gathering strength. For ten minutes they watched and scarcely breathed. Rewa Gunga gained the summit and, dismounting, stood by King with the reins over his arm. The mare was too blown to do anything but stand and tremble. And King was too enthralled to do anything but stare.

"That is what a woman can do for a man!" said Rewa Gunga grimly. "She set a fuse and exploded all the dynamite. There were tons of it! The galleries must have fallen in, one on the other! A thousand men digging for a thousand years could never get into Khinjan now, and the only way out is down Earth's Drink! She bade me come and bid you goodbye, sahib. I would have stayed in there, but she commanded me. She said, 'Tell King my love was true. Tell him I give him India and all Asia that were at my mercy!'"

While the Rangar spoke there came three more earth tremors in swift succession, and a thunder out of Khinjan as if the very "Hills" were coming to an end. The mare grew frantic and the Rangar summoned six men to hold her.

Suddenly, right over the top of Khinjan's upper rim, where only the eagles ever perched, there burst a column of water, immeasurable, huge, that for a moment blotted out the sun. It rose sheer upward, curved on itself, and fell in a million-ton deluge on to Khinjan and into Khinjan valley, hissing and roaring and thundering.

Earth's Drink had been blocked by the explosion and had found a new way over the barrier before plunging down again into the bowels of the world. The one sky-flung leap it made as its weight burst down a mountain wall was enough to blot out Khinjan forever, and what had been a dry, mile-wide moat was a shallow lake with death's rack and rubbish floating on the surface.

The earth rocked. King was up on his feet in a second and faced about. The Rangar laughed.

"So ends the 'Heart of the Hills'!" he said. "Think kindly of her, sahib. She thought well enough of you!"

He laughed again and sprang on the black mare, and before King could speak or raise a hand to stop him he was off at wondrous speed along the precipice in the direction of the Khyber pass and India. Two of the men who had come out of Khinjan mounted and spurred after him.

King collected his men and the women and children. It was easy, for they were numb from what they had witnessed and dazed by fear. In half an hour he had them mustered and marching.

### CHAPTER XXIII.

They reached the Khyber famished and were fed at Ali Masjid first, after King had given a certain password and had whispered to the officer commanding. But he did not change into European clothes yet, and none of his following suspected him of being an Englishman.

"A Rangar on a black mare has gone down the pass ahead of you in a hurry," they told him at Ali Masjid. "He had two men with him and food enough. Only stopped long enough to make his business known."

"What did he say his business is?" asked King.

"He gave a sign and said a word that satisfied us on that point!" "Oh!" said King. "Can you signal down the pass?"

"Surely." "Courtenay at Jamrud?"

"Yes. In charge there and growing tired of doing nothing."

"Signal down and ask him to have that bath ready for me that I spoke about. Goodbye."

So he left Ali Masjid at the head of a motley procession that grew noisier and more confident every hour. Ismail began to grow more lively and to have a good many orders to fling to the rest. "You mourn like a dog," King told him. "Three howls and a whine and a little sulking—and then forgetfulness!"

Ismail looked nasty at that but did not answer, although he seemed to have a hot word ready. And thenceforward he hung his head more, and at least tried to seem bereaved. But his manner was unconvincing none the less, and King found it food for thought.

The ex-soldiers and would-be soldiers marched in four behind him, growing hourly more like drilled men, and talking, with each stride that brought them nearer India, more as men do who have an interest in law and order. Behind them tramped the women from Khinjan, carrying their babies and their husbands' loads; and behind them again were the other women, who had been told they would be overtaken in the Khyber, but who had actually had to run themselves raw-footed in order to catch up.

assured them that, ridiculous though it sounded, the British were actually willing to forgive their enemies and to pardon all deserters who applied for pardon on condition of good faith in the future.

That they prayed to Allah like little children lost and found. The women crooned love-songs to their babies over the clear fires and the men talked—and talked—and talked until the stars grew big as moons to weary eyes and they slept at last, to dream of khaki uniforms and karnel sahibs who knew neither fear nor favor and who said things that were so. It is a mad world to the Himalayan hillman where men in authority tell truth unadorned without shame and without consideration—a mad, mad world, and perhaps too exotic to be wholesome, but pleasant while the dream lasts.

Over in the fort Courtenay placed a bath at King's disposal and lent him clean clothes and a razor. But he was not very cordial.

"Tell me all the war news!" said King, splashing in the tub. And Courtenay told him, passing him another cake of soap when the first was finished. After all, there was not much to tell—bathery in Belgium—Huns and guns—and the everlastingly glorious stand that saved Paris and France and Europe.

"According to the cables our men are going the records one better. I think that's all," said Courtenay.

"Then why the stiffness?" asked King. "Why am I talked to at the end of a tube, so to speak?" "You're under arrest!" said Courtenay.

"The deuce I am!" "I'm taking care of you myself to obviate the necessity of putting a sentry on guard over you."

"Good of you, I'm sure. What's it all about?" "I don't mind telling you, but I'd rather you'd wait. The minute you were sighted word was wired down to headquarters, and the general himself will be up here by train any minute."

"Very well," said King. "Got a cigar? Got a black one? Blacker the better!"

He was out of his bath and remembered that minute that he had not smoked a cigar since leaving India. Naked, shaved, with some of the stain removed, he did not look like a man in trouble as he filled his lungs with the salt-peterish smoke of a fat Trichinopoly.

And then the general came and did not wait for King to get dressed but burst into the bathroom and shook hands with him while he was still naked and asked ten questions (like a galling gun) while King was getting on his trousers, divining each answer after the third word and waving the rest aside.

"And why am I arrested, sir?" asked King the moment he could slip the question in edgewise. "Oh, yes, of course. Try the case here as well as anywhere. What does this mean?"

Out of his pocket the general produced a letter that smelt strongly of a scent King recognized. He spread it out on a table, and King read. It was Yasmini's letter that she had sent down the Khyber to make India too hot to hold him.

"Too bad about your brother," said the general. "The body is buried. How much is true about the head?" King told him.

"Where's she?" asked the general. King did not answer. The general waited.

"I don't know, sir." "Ask the Rangar," Courtenay suggested.

"Where is he?" asked King. "Caught him coming down the Khyber on his black mare and arrested him. He's in the next room! I hope he's to be hanged. So that I can buy the mare," he added cheerfully.

King whistled softly to himself, and the general looked at him through half-closed eyes.

"Go in and talk to him, King. Let me know the result."

He had picked King to go up the Khyber on that errand not for nothing. He knew King and he knew the symptoms. Without answering him King obeyed. He went out of the room into a dark corridor and rapped on the door of the next room to the right. There was a muffled answer from within. Courtenay shouted something to the sentry outside the door and he called another man, who fitted a key in the lock. King walked into a room in which one lamp was burning and the door slammed shut behind him.

He was in there an hour, and it never did transpire just what passed, for he can hold his tongue on any subject like a clam, and the general, if anything, can go him one better. Courtenay was placed under orders not to talk, so those who say they know exactly what happened in the room between the time when the door was shut on King and the time when he knocked to have it opened and called for the general, are not telling the truth.

What is known is that finally the general hurried through the door and ejaculated, "Well, I'm d—d!" before he could close it again. The sentry (Punjabi Mussulman) has sworn to that over a dozen campfires since the day.

And it is known, too, for the sentry has taken oath on it and has told the story so many times without much variation that no one who knows the man's record doubts any longer—it is known that when the door opened again King and the general walked out with the Rangar between them. And the Rangar had no turban on, but carried it unwound in his hand. And his golden hair fell nearly to his knees and changed his whole appearance. And he was weeping. And he

was not a Rangar at all, but She, and how anybody can ever have mistaken her for a man, even in man's clothes and with her skin darkened, was beyond the sentry's power to guess. He for one, etc. . . . But nobody believed that part of his tale.

As Yussuf bin Ali said over the campfire up the Khyber later on, "When she sets out to disguise herself, she is what she will be, and he who says he thinks otherwise has two tongues and no conscience!"

What is surely true is that the four of them—Yasmini, the general, Courtenay and King—sat up all night in a room in the fort, talking together, while a succession of sentries overstrained their ears endeavoring to hear through keyholes. And the sentries heard nothing and invented very much.

But Partan Singh, the Sikh, who carried in bread and cocoa to them at about five the next morning, and found them still talking, heard King say, "So, in my opinion, sir, there'll be no jihad in these parts. There'll be sporadic raids, of course, but nothing a brigade can't deal with. The heart of the holy war's torn out and thrown away."

"Very well," said the general. "You can go up the Khyber again and join your regiment."

But by that time the Rangar's turban was on again and the tears were dry, and it was Partan Singh who



He Said He Was Nearly Sure He Heard Weeping.

threw most doubt on the sentry's tale about the golden hair. But, as the sentry said, no doubt Partan Singh was jealous.

There is no doubt whatever that the general went back to Peshawar in the train at eight o'clock and that the Rangar went with him in a separate compartment with about a dozen hillmen chosen from among those who had come down with King.

And it is certain that before they went King had a talk with the Rangar in a room alone, of which conversation, however, the sentry reported afterward that he did not overhear one word; and he had to go to the doctor with a cold in his ear at that. He said he was nearly sure he heard weeping. But on the other hand, those who saw both of them come out were certain that both were smiling.

It is quite certain that Athelstan King went up the Khyber again, for the official records say so, and they never lie, especially in time of war. He rode a coal-black mare, and Courtenay called him "Chikki"—a "lifter."

Some say the Rangar went to Delhi. Some say Yasmini is in Delhi. Some say no. But it is quite certain that before he started up the Khyber King showed Courtenay a great gold bracelet that he had under his sleeve. Five men saw him do it.

And if that was really Rewa Gunga in the general's train, why was the general so painfully polite to him? And why did Ismail insist on riding in the train, instead of accepting King's offer to go up the Khyber with him?

One thing is very certain. King was right about the jihad. There has been none in spite of all Turkey's and Germany's efforts. There have been sporadic raids, much as usual, but nothing one brigade could not easily deal with, the press to the contrary notwithstanding.

King of the Khyber rifles is now a major, for you can see that by turning up the army list.

But if you wish to know just what transpired in the room in Jamrud Fort while the general and Courtenay waited, you must ask King—if you dare; for only he knows, and one other. It is not likely you can find the other.

But it is likely that you may hear from both of them again, for "A woman and intrigue are one!" as India says. The war seems long, and the world is large, and the chances for intrigues are almost infinite, given such combination as King and Yasmini and a love affair.

And as King says on occasion: "Kuch dar nahin hai! There is no such thing as fear!" Another one might say, "The roof's the limit!"

And bear in mind, for this is important: King wrote to Yasmini a letter, in Urdu from the mullah's cave, in which he as good as gave her his word of honor to be her "loyal servant" should she choose to return to her allegiance. He is no splitter of hairs, no quibbler. His word is good on the darkest night or wherever he casts a shadow in the sun.

"A man and his promise—a woman and intrigue—are one!" (THE END.)

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The New York World upbraids the South for what it alleges is a desertion of the Northern democrats by voting for submission of a nationwide prohibition amendment. The World reminds the Democrats of the South that the Northern Democrats stood by the South in its day of trial after the Civil War and now the Southern Democrats desert their former friends and are trying to dictate to the Northern people what they shall eat and drink. While not a prohibitionist we do not like the carping tone of the editorial. In the first place the World assumes that all Northern democrats are anti-prohibitionist, to whom the Southern democrats are trying to dictate what they shall or shall not drink. This is an arrogant assumption but suppose it is true the World has no just grounds for its criticisms of the Southern democrats. There is a wide-spread demand for nation wide prohibition and a majority of the Southern democrats by their vote said they were willing to let the States decide. Is this undemocratic; is this trying to dictate to Northern democrats? The World seems afraid to trust the people and in that shows that it is not democratic itself. It requires the endorsement of three-fourths of the states to adopt the amendment and it seems to us that the World in appealing to sectional prejudice on the prohibition issue has made a bull in its argument. Divided on sectional lines there are twice as many northerners as southern states, then why should the World upbraid the South for lack of gratitude for services rendered by the noble democrats of the North, like Sam Randall, Dan Voorhees, Blue Jeans Williams, S. J. Tilden, McDonald, Hendrix, and others. How does the World know that these men would favor the liquor traffic under present conditions if they were alive today? The World has not been considered as a leading democratic paper of late years. It is more sectional than cosmopolitan; and in its tirade against Southern congressmen for voting to submit nationwide prohibition shows its narrow-mindedness more than ever. If the World cannot muster thirteen states against prohibition then it is in a hopeless minority, and abusing the South won't help its cause any. Perhaps it is the fear that three-fourths of the States will vote for prohibition that prompts the World to turn its visals of wrath upon the South.

**CAMP TRAVIS NOTES.**

The health of the Camp is splendid at this writing. There are not many Companies under quarantine at present. Each Company allowed 50 per cent of the boys to go home on four days furlough, and it was rather amusing to stand by and observe the eagerness of each one as he went forward to draw his number to see whether he was lucky. There are quiet a number of recruits arriving at present, so the old recruits have a chance to show their ability as instructors. The poor old mail carrier caught it during Christmas. He had to summon all the boys to assist him in carrying the goodies from home-folks. He came in with packages piled sky-high and his pockets crammed with letters. We began to fear that our turkey dinner Christmas day would be missing as the shipment was reported lost, but it finally arrived and I must tell you home-folks that you don't want you missed. The following men, Sergeant B. L. Clinton, and Corporals Robert E. ... of Callahan County, and now in Co.

40, 10th Bn. 165th Depot Brigade, Camp Travis, Texas, wish their home-folks and friends a Bright and Happy New Year.

**SOME "DONT'S" FOR THE BOYS WHO WILL SOON BE CALLED INTO SERVICE**

Experience of thousands of members of the National Army upon reporting for duty at Camp Travis has developed some "dont's" that may be timely for the second contingent of men selected to serve their country, who will soon leave for training camps. The first one of these is an admonition against overloading with all kinds of personal effects. Some men have brought trunks, for which there is no room and no place. A suit case is the best thing in which to bring spare clothes and is a good thing to have in which to keep clothes, whether you bring anything in it or not.

Don't overload with underwear, socks, shirts, etc. Uncle Sam issues underwear and socks and you must wear the kind issued, so that your other articles will have to be disposed of or returned to your home. Don't wear your best clothes or even your good clothes to camp. It may be several days before your uniform can be issued to you and you will have fatigue duty to do in your good clothes. It is best to bring clothes you can give away to the Belgian Relief Society. Your civilian clothes cannot be kept in camp and will have to be sold or sent to your home.

The same thing applies to your shoes. It is not bad however to have some light slippers or moccasins to slip on when you have taken off your marching shoes.

Three bath towels and as many face towels is more than enough. Don't bring a half dozen of each or more. They will be in your way. You will be issued several towels by the Government.

Don't wear a good hat, or one that you want to keep.

It is well to bring your shaving and toilet articles. A soap box is almost necessary. An unbreakable mirror is desirable and will last a life time. Shoe brushes or rags will also be needed. A clothes brush would not be out of place, or a whisk broom. Get a "housewife" or some needles, Olive Drab thread and a few bachelor buttons for underwear, etc.

In bringing handkerchiefs the Olive Drab or bandana style give the best service, however a half dozen or more white handkerchiefs could be used.

One or two soft bosom shirts with cuffs attached can be used. They are worn with the uniform blouse together with a white standing collar or stock.

Bed clothes will not be needed. Blankets, bed sack and quilts are issued by the Government. A small pillow can be purchased here at the camp exchanges if desired.

The Government issues in addition to bedding summer and winter clothes, overcoat, poncho or rain coat, sock, underwear, woolen shirts, hat, hat cord, belt, barrack bag or laundry bag, comb, brush, soap and towels, shoes, one pair for dress and one for marching and drilling, gloves and leggins.

A mess kit is also issued which includes knives, forks and spoons, plates and drinking cup.

Practically everything desired can be purchased at slightly above cost price from the Exchanges operated throughout the camp. The profits of these go to the funds of the various organizations in camp and are used for their benefit entirely.

Division Publicity Office,  
Camp Travis, Texas.

We call special notice to "Uncle Tom" T. H. Floyd's announcement for District Clerk. He is known all over the county, having had the office of County Surveyor, and Justice of the Peace, Pre. No. 1. He is qualified and worthy of your support. Remember the old Confederate soldier when you cast your vote.

**TO THE VOTERS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY**

I take this method of coming before you, as a candidate for Sheriff, of this county.

I have been a citizen of this county for seventeen years and have served as deputy sheriff for several years which gives me some knowledge of this office, and I promise the voters of Callahan County that if you will trust me with this office I will do my whole duty without fear or favor, and I will thank each and every one for his influence and support in the coming Primary Election.

Wishing each and everyone in Callahan county a Happy and prosperous New Year, I remain very respectfully  
C. H. Corn.  
6-11-adv.

**TO THE VOTERS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY**

I take this method of announcing my candidacy for the office of District Clerk of Callahan County, and I most earnestly solicit your support. Should I be elected to this office, I assure you that my every effort will be put forth to make an exacting, courteous, conscientious and efficient clerk.

I am thoroughly acquainted with the duties of a public servant, having been interested in public enterprise for some seven or eight years, six of which were spent teaching in the public schools. Therefore, I know I am competent to fill the place for which I am asking, and shall very much appreciate your consideration. Truly,  
Mrs. Katie Burkett-Grubbs.  
6-11-adv.

**OBITUARY**

Silas Taylor was born Dec. 16, 1861 in the state of Alabama. Moving to Texas, when about 5 years of age. Was married July 4, 1888, and had been a consistent member of the Baptist Church for more than 30 years at the time of his death, the last day of Nov., here in Clyde. We are not familiar with all the particulars of the life of the deceased, but we do know that Clyde has lost a good man, and Callahan county a useful citizen. We have been with him in the home, in the office and on the banks of the rivers. We have enjoyed his personal friendship and his hospitality, and have never known him to flinch from his duty. He graciously carried every just burden when dealing with others, and always maintained a brotherly feeling toward mankind.

Silas Taylor was a public spirited man and did many things for the good of his community. He has lived in Callahan county, for twenty years, and now in his departure he leaves a wife, son and six daughters, together with a large number of friends to follow him. Let us hope to a home of permanent peace after the trials of life and the ravages of war with us are done. It seems vain and futile to offer praise for him who has passed beyond the river; but we wish to speak the truth, and we are glad that we treated him right while he lived here and went with us through many of the joys and the battles of life. Heaven would lose half of its glory if we did not hope to meet these, good, common, plain and honest men, whom we have known and loved here below.

High-minded citizens, bow their heads in sorrow, because they feel that in the passing of Silas Taylor, they recognize the loss of a good neighbor and a strong and devoted friend.  
M. C. Council.

**CITATION ON APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL.**

The State of Texas,  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting:

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THE BAIRD STAR

estate of B. P. Stewart, Deceased. Susan C. Stewart, has filed in the County Court of Callahan County, an application for the Probate of the last Will and Testament of said B. P. Stewart, Deceased, filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary, which will be heard at the next term of said Court commencing on the 1st Monday in March, A. D. 1918, the same being the 4th day of March A. D. 1918, at the Court House thereof, in Baird, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, Chas Nordyke, Clerk of the County Court of Callahan County  
Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Baird, Texas, this 7th day of January, A. D. 1918.

Chas. Nordyke, Clerk  
County Court, Callahan County Tex.  
By Rex Gilliland, Deputy.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original writ now in my hands.

J. A. Moore, Sheriff,  
6-3t. Callahan County, Texas.

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The State of Texas,  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published in The Baird Star, a newspaper regularly published in Callahan County Texas, for three consecutive issues exclusive of the day before the return day hereof first publication copies of the following notice:

The State of Texas,  
To all persons interested in the Estate of R. N. Hargrove, Deceased, Mrs. E. L. Hargrove has filed in the County Court of Callahan County, an application for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of said R. N. Hargrove, Deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the 1st Monday in March A. D. 1918, the same being the 4th day of March A.

D. 1918 at the Court House thereof, in Baird, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court on the first day of the next term thereof this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Baird,

Texas, this the 7th day of January A. D. 1918.

Chas. Nordyke, Clerk  
County Court, Callahan Co., Texas  
By Rex Gilliland, Deputy.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Writ now in my hands.

J. A. Moore, Sheriff,  
6-3t. Callahan County, Texas.

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**FRIDAY, Jan. 11th**

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**"STINGAREE"**

in another exciting adventure. A Black Cat Feature and two good comedies

**THURSDAY,**

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# Greetings For The New Year

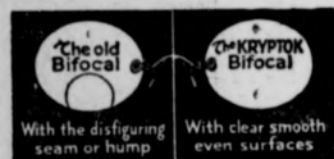
We thank you for the liberal patronage the past year, and trust that our service to you will merit a continuance of your trade with us. With best wishes for a happy and Prosperous New Year in 1918.

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## PERSONALS

Hillery Windham, of Tecumseh, was in Baird, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cutbirth of Burnt Branch spent Wednesday in Baird.

Mrs. Kate Leverette, of Putnam, was the guest of Mrs. Lewis Hall the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cutbirth of Burnt Branch, were in Baird, yesterday.

Miss Mary M. Nance of Texarkana, spent several days recently with Miss Jean Powell.

Gray Powell of Abilene, spent New Year's day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell.

Mrs. John Fraser returned home last week from a visit with relatives at Fort Worth.

Prof. Chatfield stopped over in Baird a short time yesterday, sorry we did not meet him.

Candidates cards printed on short notice at THE STAR Job Office.

Harry McGowen, who is the U. S. Army, is visiting relatives here and will go from here to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

Mrs. R. Smalley has returned to her home south of Belle Plaine after a six week's visit with her parents in Missouri and relatives in Illinois.

Mrs. S. C. Pack, Mrs. Chas. Pack and daughter Betty, of Slaton, Tex. were the guests of Miss Ada Lea Powell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Scott and little son, Jackie, and Mrs. Harry Meyer, made an auto trip to San Angelo the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. White and son, J. L. Jr., spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Tull Newcomb, of near Stamford.

Carl Mahan, who spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mahan, has returned to his duties in the Katy Ry. Shops at Parsons, Kansas.

C. W. (Charley) Conner announces for Tax Assessor. He served as County Treasurer for four years and the people know him as an upright and capable man.

J. B. Walker has returned to his home at Texola, Okla., after a visit with his brothers and sister, F. L. Walker and Miss Susie Walker, of Baird, and J. A. and J. P. Walker, of Admiral, during the holidays.

Mrs. W. J. McGowen, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Julius Norton at Ft. Worth, for several weeks, returned home last week, accompanied by Mrs. Norton, being called home by the illness of her son H. C. McGowen.

County Judge, W. R. Ely, of Baird, announces this week as a candidate for District Attorney. The announcement was handed in too late to give Judge Ely the write up we desire and will have it ready for next week.

Roy Kendrick, of the Eagle Cove country announces for Tax Collector this week. Roy Kendrick is a native of Callahan County, son of Harvey Kendrick and brother of County Commissioner, A. E. Kendrick. He is a splendid young man and well qualified for the office.

The announcement of G. W. Williams, of Clyde, for Sheriff will be found in this issue. We are not personally acquainted with Mr. Williams, but he has lived in the south part of the county, and later at Clyde. Give his claims a fair and impartial consideration.

Jack Jones of Baird, announces as a candidate for Tax Assessor. Jack Jones has been in this county so long we do not know when he came here and perhaps twenty years or more has been in the barber business in Baird. He is worthy, capable and will appreciate the support of the voters.

## MCCOY—MILLER

Will McCoy and Miss Ola Miller stole a march on their many friends by coming to Baird Sunday night and being married. They were accompanied to the Methodist parsonage by Earnest Hill and Miss Catherine Howell, cousin of the groom and chum of the bride. Rev. Switzer read the ceremony, after which they were taken to Clyde, where they caught the midnight train for cities of interest "some where in Texas," for a short stay, after which they will be at home, McCoy's ranch, south of Baird.

These popular young people are of old and prominent families. Mrs. McCoy being the youngest daughter of W. R. Miller, of Eula Mr. McCoy, a son of Mrs. Jasper McCoy, of the Bayou. Both by their winning ways and sterling worth have won a host of friends, who join us in wishing them a long and happy life together.

G. H. Corn, of Putnam, announces as a candidate for sheriff. We are not personally acquainted with Mr. Corn, but understand that he has held the office of Constable in the Putnam precinct for several years, which indicates that he stands well with his home people.

Lieutenant Harold D. Austin, who won a commission as second lieutenant at the Leon Springs training camp, has been promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant, which is pleasing to the many friends of this young officer here. Lieut. Austin is stationed at Camp Travis, San Antonio.

Wm. Burson of Cottonwood is moving to Mitchell county. He shipped his household goods the first of the week and was to leave next day with his family, but one of the little boys took sick with the messles. They are at the home of Mrs. Barclay. Mr. Burson has been in bad health for sometime and we hope the change will help him.

W. W. Hatcher, yard foreman of the T. & P. here, was painfully injured this morning when he was struck on the head by the step of a car. He was in the act of stooping to turn a switch, when struck. After having his injury attended to, he was able to continue his duties.—Big Springs Herald.

Mrs. Katie Burkett-Grubbs, of Clyde, announces as a candidate for District Clerk. We do not know Mrs. Grubbs personally, but do know her father and brothers, and all are among our best citizens. She is a daughter of J. H. Burkett and a sister of District Judge Burkett and O. H. Burkett, former County Commissioner of the Putnam precinct. Mrs. Grubbs has taught in the public schools of the county for the past eight years.

**AUTO CASING FOUND**—On Baird, Coleman road. Owner can get same by calling at THE STAR office, proving property and paying 25 cents for this notice.

**J. W. SIMMONS, M. D.**  
Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist of Abilene, will be in Baird on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Office with Dr. Griggs 6-11

## HOLIDAY PARTIES..

Mrs. Arthur Johnson entertained Monday night with a "Watch Party." Delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. I. C. Pratt entertained Thursday night with a "Patriotic Party," in honor of Carl Cornet and Bennie Halsted, soldiers from Camp Bowie.

The house decorations were red, white and blue. Games and progressive "42" were played, after which refreshments were served.

Little Miss Elaine Pratt entertained a number of her little friends on Thursday, Dec. 27. The occasion being her third birthday. Numerous games were played and tiny favors given, after which dainty refreshments were served. The little guests present were: Juanita Smith, Cliff Johnson, Ruth Nelson, Joe Rue Blount, Mildred Terry, Aynelle and Elaine Pratt.

# 1918

Is now here and we wish to thank all our customers for their courtesy and patronage to us during 1917 and we will put forth an extra effort to merit your trade during 1918. To those whom we did not have the pleasure of selling in 1917, we ask you to call and inspect our stock and at least try us for 1918. Again thanking you and wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year, we are

Respectfully yours,

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What Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Did For Ohio Woman.

Portsmouth, Ohio.—"I suffered from irregularities, pain in my side and was so weak at times I could hardly get around to do my work, and as I had four in my family and three boarders it made it very hard for me. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended to me. I took it and it has restored my health. It is certainly the best medicine for woman's ailments I ever saw."—Mrs. SARA SHAW, R. No. 1, Portsmouth, Ohio.

Mrs. Shaw proved the merit of this medicine and wrote this letter in order that other suffering women may find relief as she did.

Women who are suffering as she was should not drag along from day to day without giving this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a trial. For special advice in regard to such ailments write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass. The result of its forty years experience is at your service.

Professors of physical culture lack the nerve required to recommend the wood saw and the washboard.

To keep clean and healthy take Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They regulate liver, bowels and stomach.—Adv.

A liberal dose of printer's ink has kept many a man from making a fool of himself a second time.

**To Drive Out Malaria And Build Up The System**  
Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 60 cents.

**His Game.**  
"How did he make his fortune?"  
"Promoting hazards for worthy charities."

**IMITATION IS SINCEREST FLATTERY**  
but like counterfeit money the imitation has not the worth of the original. Insist on "La Creole" Hair Dressing—it's the original. Darkens your hair in the natural way, but contains no dye. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

**Mahogany Embargo Removed.**  
Consul General Skinner reports from London that the controller of timber supplies announces the withdrawal, until further notice, of the restriction on sales of mahogany of all kinds. Notice was given recently that the board of trade had taken possession of all stocks of mahogany exceeding 5,000 feet.

**Important to Mothers**  
Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the *Signature of Dr. J. C. Williams* In Use for Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

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"Miss Bings is very sensitive about her large feet."  
"That accounts for it."  
"Accounts for what?"  
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**HEALTH WAS WRECKED**  
Nothing brought relief until Doan's was used. Wonderful improvement was effected.

"I had such awful cutting pains in the small of my back and hips, I often had to cry out," says Mrs. Ernest Wietheoelter, 550 Madison St., St. Charles, Mo. "The pain was knife-like and I couldn't turn in bed, in fact I was almost helpless. My feet and ankles swelled badly, my hands were puffed up and there were swellings under my eyes.

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"By chance I read about Doan's Kidney Pills and bought some. After I had used half a box there was a change and I continued to improve; the pains, aches and swellings left and my health returned."

Write to before me, WM. F. WOLTER, Notary Public, ALMOST TWO YEARS LATER, May 25, 1917, Mrs. Wietheoelter said: "I think as highly of Doan's as ever. Whenever I have used them, they have benefited me."

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## PROPER CARE AND FEED FOR YOUNG CALF



CALVES SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO EAT ROUGHAGE.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

All things considered, the best-developed calves make the most profitable cows. From the time the calf is born it should be kept growing and the high price of feed should not prevent the feeder from supplying a growing ration. This does not necessarily mean that the ration be expensive for the best calf raisers are able to develop their young stock on substitutes for high-priced feed.

Usually a vigorous calf begins during the second week to pick at the bedding or other material within its reach, and at that time both grain and roughage of the best quality should be provided. Clover hay, alfalfa hay, or, if these are not available, the most palatable roughage on hand should be given the calf after the second week. If alfalfa is used, care should be taken that it does not cause scours; this feed should be fed sparingly at first and increased only after the calf gets accustomed to it. The essential points are that the roughage be of good quality and kept clean. The usual mistake in providing roughage is that it is not kept clean. It is either placed on the floor, where it soon becomes contaminated with the droppings, or is put into a manger or feed box, so placed that the calf can easily spill it. Hay should be furnished at first only a handful at a time and placed so that it cannot get soiled. A lattice-work rack, of metal or wood, is useful if it is placed high enough from the floor so that the calf cannot soil the hay in any manner but still have it within easy reach. This rack can be so constructed that it can be hung on the wall or framework of the stall or pen and removed when not needed. For the first six months, at least, the calf should receive all the roughage of good quality that it will eat up clean. The quantity taken up to the time it is one month old is very small. The rack should be emptied every day and fresh roughage supplied.

### Care in Feeding Silage.

Silage may be given after the calf is one month old, but the utmost care should be observed to be sure that it is fresh from the silo. For this reason very young calves, except in the hands of a very careful feeder, should not be fed silage, as it ferments rapidly when exposed to the air. Care should be used in starting with silage, using only a little at first and gradually increasing the quantity as the animal becomes used to it. Generally there is no danger that the calf will get too much roughage if it is clean and of the proper quality.

If the calf has access to good pasture during the first six months it need not receive other roughage. Pastures used in summer should contain plenty of shade. It is not advisable, however, to have a calf under two months of age on pasture in the early spring.

### Grain for Calves.

Whole milk is "nature's balanced ration" for the calf. When skim or separated milk is fed, other feeds are used to supply the fat which has been removed. Proprietary calf feeds or meals, for feeding with separated milk, have been put on the market. Many of these have merit, but by using the feeds usually found on the farm or in markets nearby the farmer can generally mix a grain ration which is as good, and costs less.

Wheat bran is a grain which is readily taken by young calves. Inasmuch as one of the essential points is to induce the calf to eat grain as early as possible, bran in many cases is one of the ingredients in the mixture. Corn, a feed very commonly found on the farm, has an excellent physiological effect upon cattle of all ages and to a great extent may take the place of the fat removed from the milk. It is therefore one of the very best grains to use with skim milk. Experiments in Virginia tend to show that corn fed to calves should be cracked rather than finely ground. Cracked corn and wheat bran therefore should be the basis of the feed mixture. Ground oats are very good for the purpose, but they are not grown on the farm so commonly as corn, and in many cases cost much more per unit of feed than corn and bran. The following mixtures are recommended:

1. Three parts cracked corn and 1 part wheat bran.
2. Three parts cracked corn, 1 part wheat bran, and 1 part ground oats.
3. Three parts cracked corn, 1 part wheat bran, 1 part ground oats, and 1 part linseed meal.
4. Five parts cracked corn, 1 part wheat bran, 1 part ground oats, and 1 part blood meal.
5. Oats, ground.

### Grain in Second Week.

When the calf is in its second week it should begin to receive grain, and when one month old it should eat about half a pound a day. After this time

the quantity of grain may be gradually increased, feeding the calf all that it will take until three pounds a day is reached; this will probably be some time during the third month. Grain when fed with separated milk should never be put into the milk. It is questionable whether the preparation of grain in any way, such as soaking or boiling, is advisable under any circumstances. Grain should be furnished in separate feed boxes placed so that it cannot be soiled by the droppings of the calf, but at the same time where the calf can get at it readily. There should be no corners in which wet feeds may ferment, and the utmost care should be taken to keep the grain fresh and clean at all times.

## BREEDING OF LIVE STOCK IN WARTIME

Shortage of Animals and Products Should Be Stimulus to Improved Production.

The shortage of animals and animal products in this country should be a stimulus to improved live stock production. There has not been such a great shortage in the live stock population in many years. It is doubtful if there has ever been so great a shortage of live stock in view of the needs of humanity.

It has been repeatedly said by men acquainted with conditions that the wise live stock man will not only continue in the business, but increase his holdings. A good many farmers, however, have hesitated until recently to increase their live stock because of unusual conditions. High prices and the urgent need for increased production have induced farmers and live stock men to increase production. This is a good time therefore for a step toward more profitable production.

The advantages of community live stock breeding which existed before the war still hold good, and present conditions emphasize the importance of community breeding more than ever before. Wonderful progress could be made in live stock improvement if the increase which undoubtedly will be made could be obtained from purebred sires. Thus, a relatively larger percentage of high-grade animals could be produced than if the improvement were started when the live stock population of the country was normal. If better sires are used at this time the resulting increase in the total live stock population will contain a larger percentage of good blood than the live stock population of this country has ever had.

Communities can obtain sires, to be used on the existing females, which an individual could not afford. In many communities there is no one who is willing to make the necessary outlay for a good sire, and no person should be expected to bear the entire burden of live stock improvement for the community. If the community co-operates in live stock breeding they can obtain the services of a good sire at a comparatively low cost. Most successful community breeding involves organized and specialized production. Co-operation therefore is necessary to the successful outcome of the plan.

Co-operative breeding helps the small breeder, offers opportunity for the exchange of sires with other communities, affords co-operative marketing and buying. It also stimulates community spirit just as any other live, working organization will do. It serves as an excellent advertisement for the community, as has been demonstrated in several Missouri counties.

Details concerning community live stock breeding will be found in Extension Circular 33 of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture. Persons interested in organizing community breeding associations should obtain a copy of this circular. The agricultural extension service of the college will furnish constitution and by-laws for such organizations. These may be adapted to local conditions.

### APPLYING MANURE TO SOIL

More Effective When Worked Into Land Than When Used as Top Dressing—Apply Daily.

The sooner manure is worked into the soil the better. This is where it should rot. Manure is more effective when worked into the soil than when used as a top dressing. Daily application of manure to level fields is preferable to poor storage, no matter what season of the year.

# HOME TOWN HELPS

## MORE HOME GARDENS NEEDED

Necessity Will Be Greater Coming Year and Organization and Co-Operation Should Be Begun Now.

Co-operation has been suggested as a solution of many problems in farm production, and now J. T. Rosa, Jr., of the University of Missouri college of agriculture suggests co-operation as a means of reducing production cost for the vacant lot gardener. The average city gardener is not in position to plow and prepare a garden plot himself. Mr. Rosa suggests that a number of gardeners in a given neighborhood employ a man and team to prepare their gardens. In this way the expense can be divided among them and the man and team can be kept busy throughout the day. If the community garden movement is extensive enough men and teams may be hired by the day or week, and each gardener's plot can be fitted in turn. In this way the work can be done more cheaply than where each gardener hires his plot prepared by the job. A great deal of trouble can also be eliminated. Other advantages, such as purchasing fertilizers, manure, seeds, plants and other garden supplies can be had through co-operative effort.

Since the spring garden should be planned in the fall, Mr. Rosa suggests that organization be effected immediately. The advantages of fall plowing and fall manuring have been demonstrated. The work should be done while the weather permits.

Co-operation will also provide efficient means of marketing the surplus products. Mr. Rosa suggests that every town have an organization of this sort. If the project is not supported by some other civic organization, the municipal authorities, or some industrial concern, the community garden movement should be organized on an independent basis. If the movement is large enough a technically trained man or woman might be employed to supervise the work. This would be advisable only where the community garden plan was extensive and where the gardeners were well organized. While it may not be possible to organize the whole town, it is entirely possible for neighbors to obtain some of the benefits of the organization by co-operating in preparation of their garden plots. The necessity for home gardens will be greater than ever in 1918, and plans should be made immediately, so that the garden work will be more efficient and give better results during the coming season.

### WINTER STOPS THE INSECTS

Black Ground Beetles and Others Not Killed, But Merely Experience Suspended Animation.

With the coming of the frosts and freezing weather the insects are silenced, and as long as the temperature holds below 50 degrees Fahrenheit they are rendered also inactive, according to a writer. Above that the harder beetles and grasshoppers, along with a few spiders, are moving about, and when the sun warms the air more and more certain moths and butterflies and two-winged flies, including the gnats, are on the wing.

Some species of insects feel the effects of cold far less than others, and this does not seem to be induced by sturdy bodies, hairy coverings or the situations in which they are found. The gnats are among the most fragile species, but they and the slim-bodied water striders are found active later in the autumn and earlier in the spring than any other creatures, excepting perhaps the mourning-cloak butterfly and the wasps, all of these creatures responding to the sunshine on the warmer, thawing days of winter. The black ground beetles also are quickly resuscitated by slightly warmer airs.

This proves the fact that most insects are not normally killed by cold, but merely experience suspended animation, and are ready to resume their activity after any length of time.

### Hidden Seas.

In boring for oil, it is a common experience for the drill to strike enormous flows of salt water. Formerly this salt water was supposed to be rain water, which soaked through beds of salt on its way down to some chasm in the bowels of the earth, says Rochester Union and Advertiser. The latest scientific opinion is inclined to believe that the salt water comes from prehistoric oceans, buried in the earth by geologic changes, in much the same way that buried forests gave rise to the coal beds. These hidden oceans are not conceived as lying in a subterranean space or hollow, but as filling the billions on billions of crevices in beds of porous rock.

### Petroleum From Shale Banks.

An important new process for extracting petroleum from the enormous banks of oil-bearing shale of certain western states is indicated in announcements from Nevada. Such a process if successful would help greatly in solving the gasoline problem. The new process, which is now being tested, was developed by a prisoner in the Nevada state prison. A special pardon was granted him to give him an opportunity to continue his chemical work.

# IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By E. O. SELLERS, Acting Director of the Sunday School Course of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

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## LESSON FOR JANUARY 13

JESUS BEGINS HIS WORK.

LESSON TEXT—Mark 1:12-22. GOLDEN TEXT—Repent ye, and believe in the Gospel.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FOR TEACHERS—Matt. 4:1-11; 8:15-22; Luke 4:1-13; 9:57-62; Heb. 4:14-16; Acts 9:1-9; John 4:1-26.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus chooses four helpers.

MEMORY VERSE—Come ye after me.—Mark 1:17.

INTERMEDIATE TOPIC—Overcome temptation.

MEMORY VERSE—I Cor. 10:13.

SENIOR AND ADULT TOPIC—How Jesus faced his task.

I. Introduction (vv. 12, 13). Mark devotes little or no attention to the early incidents of the life of Jesus, and only suggests the events immediately following his baptism. Indeed, for the record of the Temptation and the Sermon on the Mount, we have to look to the other Gospel writers. In teaching the lesson we must not, however, overlook making some reference to these two outstanding events in the life of our Lord.

II. John the Baptizer (vv. 14, 15). This section not only disposes of John as having been put into prison, but immediately plunges Jesus into his public ministry. Jesus' entry into Galilee was a part of his connection with John, inasmuch as he withdrew himself to that place (See John 4:1-3), and made Capernaum his headquarters (Matt. 4:13). The message here recorded as proclaimed by Jesus was the identical summons which John the Baptizer had uttered. Jesus speaks of this new kingdom as being already come, referring, of course, to his own person and ministry, but in its actual establishment it was not really "at hand" until he shed his blood upon the cross and the Holy Spirit descended on the day of Pentecost, when there was opened the fountain for sin and uncleanness for the world at large.

III. His Helpers Called (vv. 16-29). In this record, we have the call of four of his helpers: Simon, Andrew his brother, James and John his brother, the latter being the sons of Zebedee. Luke tells us (5:3) that Jesus was teaching. Those called were certainly at work and God always issues his call to those whose time and effort are being occupied, even though perhaps for selfish purposes. There is no place for an idler in the spiritual kingdom. This call was to "come ye after me" (v. 17), the purpose being that they might become "fishers of men." Notice he began upon the common, familiar ground of fishing, something mutually and thoroughly understood, and led them from that to a spiritual truth. In this we see a good pedagogical hint and a wise suggestion to the preacher and teacher, viz., that we must begin to teach our lessons through the medium of past experience and of present interests. Simon (Luke 5:5) appears to have been a doubter when Jesus called him. Nevertheless, he was willing to try Christ at least once, and so at his word, he let down the net. The evidence of obedience is found in verse 19, and Matthew (4:8) also Luke (5:11) tells us that when they left their nets, "they left all."

IV. His Helpers Trained (vv. 21, 22). The result of this call was (see v. 21) that as they went into the city they entered into the synagogue, where Jesus taught them. The inference, of course, is plain. Whenever God calls a man into his kingdom, he begins at once to teach him the duties and responsibilities of the kingdom. Notice that in becoming fishers of men, then began close at home. Brother sought brother. This was not the first time that Jesus had called these brothers. (See John 1:40, 41). In the call, as accorded by St. John, we are led to believe that John (the unmentioned disciple) first sought an interview with Christ. The question of harmonizing the various calls which Jesus gave to his disciples is an interesting one and one which has given rise to a good deal of discussion. The one recorded in the first chapter of John occurred in Judea; this one occurred in Galilee. As to whether this is the one recorded in the fifth chapter of Luke, there seems to be a general opinion that it is not the same, though we can with profit compare the two callings in teaching this lesson. The probabilities are that there were three calls: First, the one recorded in John 1:35-42; second, that one recorded in Matthew 4:18-22; and the third and last was that which occurred just before their appointment to become apostles, the one recorded in Luke five.

Conclusion. When Jesus faced his great task, he did not face it alone. He had first of all the approval of God the Father. He also had the anointing of God the Holy Spirit, and he called in the co-operation and help of human agents. Jesus met his temptation and his tasks not in his own strength, but in the strength of the Spirit of God. At the same time being in turn were to become fishers of men, leaders of others. His call to these disciples was three-fold: (a), to discipleship, (b), to fellowship (Phil. 3:10); and (c), to service.

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### FIVE NEGRO SOLDIERS GIVEN DEATH PENALTY

Ten Others Draw Prison Sentences in Last Court-Martial at San Antonio.

San Antonio.—Death penalties five and prison terms for the remaining ten constitute the net findings of the general court-martial which recently tried 15 negro soldiers, members of the Tenth battalion, Twenty-fourth United States Infantry, on charges of murder and riotous and mutinous conduct in connection with the Houston riot of Aug. 23, 1917.

The five men will be hanged, provided the court's findings are affirmed by President Wilson.

In the cases of the ten other prisoners, three of the sentences are for ten years each and seven for seven years each. None of the 15 defendants were acquitted.

The prison sentence carries dishonorable discharge from the army and forfeiture of all pay and allowances due or to become due.

### ASKS SPECIAL SESSION FEB. 10.

Central Committee Adopts a Resolution Requesting Governor to Issue Call.

Austin.—A joint session of the house and senate investigating committee adopted a resolution asking the governor to call a special session of the legislature, not later than Feb. 10. A substitute by Leonard Tillotson to postpone until report of the committee shall have been completed received one vote. Twenty voted against it.

The committee adopted a resolution by Speaker Fuller that house and senate committees act jointly in considering subcommittee reports and in voting on them. Members of the house subcommittee were invited to participate in the proceedings and report of the committee.

A roll was called of the several subcommittee chairmen and responses indicated that many subcommittee reports will be made during the week.

### BRITAIN'S WAR AIMS STATED.

Lloyd George Declares War Not One of Aggression—Will Stand By France.

London.—The British prime minister, David Lloyd George, has set forth Britain's war aims more specifically and at greater length before the delegates of the trades unions than he had ever done before.

Having first declared that it was not a war of aggression against Germany or the German people, and that the breaking up of the German peoples or the disintegration of their state was not one of the objects for which the allies were fighting, he proceeded to mention the fundamental issues for which Britain and her allies were contending.

First among these was the restoration of Belgium and reparation for the injuries inflicted. Next came the restoration of Serbia, Montenegro and the occupied parts of France, Italy and Roumania. France must have Alsace-Lorraine, and to this end, said the premier, the British nation would stand by the French democracy to the death.

The question of Russia was touched upon, and Mr. Lloyd George said that Britain, as well as America, France and Italy, would have been proud to fight beside the new Russian democracy, but now Russia could only be saved by her own people.

### Confine 800 Soldiers at Camp Bowie.

Fort Worth.—A large number of enlisted men, probably as many as 800, are held in the various guardhouses at Camp Bowie for leaving camp without permits during the holidays and for failure to return on time when their furloughs expired. A few have not returned and if they do not by a certain time they will be declared deserters and court-martialed if captured. Among men in the guardhouse are 200 men of the 144th Infantry, many belonging to company B, which was organized at Dallas.

### Guatemala City Totally Destroyed.

Washington.—The complete destruction of Guatemala city, with the loss of many more lives, by a second series of earthquakes, beginning Jan. 3, is reported to the state department in official advices from the American charge d'affaires. The city is now a total ruin. The manager of the telegraph company at San Jose reports that steam is issuing from fissures in the streets. He fixes the number of additional dead at 300.

### Allied Nations Food Situation Grave.

Washington.—The food situation in the allied countries of Europe is graver than it has been at any time since the beginning of the war and is giving American government officials deep concern. Official reports picture extreme food shortages in England, France and Italy. The fact that conditions in Germany and Austria are far worse offer the only grounds for optimism in viewing the situation. In England and France the situation is described as critical.

### RAISE COTTON IN WORM AREA

Farmers in Affected Zone Offer Plan For Segregating Infested District.

Galveston.—A petition in which plans are proposed for growing cotton another year in the pink bollworm district of South Texas was sent to federal and state officials by the cotton growers of Galveston, Harris, Brazoria, Chambers, Hardin, Jefferson and Liberty counties following a conference between officials and farmers at Galveston. The cotton growers have requested through the petition that the pink bollworm area be segregated and made safe by establishing around it a second zone entirely free from cotton.

It was suggested that the zone of safety surrounding the segregated district might be from five to 25 miles wide and would be a safeguard to surrounding territory by reason that no cotton could be grown in this zone.

### Fire Loss Offset Premiums Collected

Austin.—It is considered probable that the fire insurance companies operating in Texas about "broke even" on 1917 operations when considered as a whole. Some of the companies made money, while others lost, but it is known that the losses did not approach those of 1916. In 1916 the loss ratio was slightly over 92 per cent. Added to the loss ratio of 1916 was the expense cost, estimated at 35 per cent, making 127 per cent, or \$1.27 paid out for every \$1 collected.

### Drouth Relief Plans Discussed.

Austin.—Members of the state council of defense, the special drouth relief committee named by Governor Hobby, which has been at work since early November in an effort to secure an emergency appropriation from the federal government for drouth sufferers, not as an act of charity, but as a loan, and others, were in attendance at the meeting here. It developed that the appropriation for the council has been exhausted.

### Large Deposit Gains by Texas Banks

Dallas.—Deposits in the banks of Texas increased approximately \$200,000,000 from Sept. 11 to Nov. 20, 1917. This is shown in figures gathered by Judge W. F. Ramsey, federal reserve agent. The increase in state bank deposits for the period given was \$60,364,483, the total being announced by the state bank commissioner. A telegram received by Judge Ramsey from the comptroller of the currency said the increase in national bank deposits in Texas between the dates was approximately \$140,000,000.

### Gov. Postponed Guard Organization.

Austin.—Governor Hobby has announced that the organization of the new national guard must be indefinitely postponed owing to the fact that the war department is unable at this time to give any assurances as to when it will be able to furnish new Texas organizations with supplies and equipment. In view of this fact, the governor is not in a position to consider applications for commissions and the same will have to be deferred pending definite instructions from Washington.

### Coal Prices for Texas Mines Fixed.

Washington.—New prices for coal mined in Young, Erath, Palo Pinto and Wise counties, Texas, to be effective as of last Nov. 16, and to apply only to coal shipped to points within the state of Texas, are announced. For coal mined in Young, Erath and Palo Pinto the new prices are: Run of mine \$3.60, prepared sizes \$4.40, slack or screenings \$2.25. For Wise: Run of mine \$4.25, prepared sizes \$5.05, slack or screenings \$2.25. To these prices may be added 45c by all operators who comply with the president's order of Oct. 27 relating to the wages of mine workers.

### Britain Responsible for 30c Cotton.

Sherman.—Before an audience that packed the large theater here to the last inch of standing room, Clarence Ousley told the people of Grayson county that "if the United States had accepted Germany's terms for peace last February and agreed to send only one ship a week to England, your cotton wouldn't have been worth 2c a pound. You owe your 30c cotton today to the British navy." Mr. Ousley came to Texas in his official capacity as assistant secretary of agriculture to tell the people of Texas what the government asks them to do along the lines of conservation and production to help win the war.

### Cotton Sells for 31 Cents at Houston.

Dallas (Wednesday)—Spot markets, middling closing: Dallas firm, 50 points higher at 20.60c; Galveston steady, 40 points higher at 30.75c; Houston steady, 90 points higher at 31c; New Orleans steady, 25 points higher at 30.38c; New York quiet, 40 points higher at 32.15c.

### Figures on British Shipping Destroyed

London.—The following shipping figures have been obtained from a reliable source: British seagoing ships over 1,600 tons in August, 1914, 16,841,519 tons; loss by enemy action and otherwise, less new construction, purchases and captured, 2,750,000 tons. Remaining January 1, 1918, 14,091,519 tons. These important figures tell the story accurately of the results of the submarine campaign against British shipping.

### NO WAY TO EVADE THE INCOME TAX

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### RETURNS DUE BEFORE MARCH

Heavy Penalties Provided for Failure to File Them—Government Officials Will Be in Every County to Assist the Taxpayers.

Washington.—"Must I pay an income tax?"

That is the question that thousands of Americans are asking. The answer, in a general way, lies in this statement:

Every unmarried person having a net income of \$1,000 or more, and every married person or head of a family having an income of \$2,000 or more must file a return. These returns must be in the hands of the collector of internal revenue in the district in which the taxpayer lives or has his principal place of business between January 1 and March 1, 1918.

The man who thinks to evade this tax is making a serious error. Revenue officials will be in every county to check returns. Failure to make a correct return within the time specified involves heavy penalties.

"Net income" means gross income less certain deductions provided for by the act. The law defines income as profit, gain, wages, salary, commissions, money or its equivalent from professions, vocations, commerce, trade, rents, sales and dealings in property, real and personal, and interest from investments except interest from government bonds, or state, municipal township or county bonds. Incomes from service as guardian, trustee or executor; from dividends, pensions, royalties, or patents, or oil and gas wells, coal land, etc., are taxable.

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The normal rate of tax is 2 per cent on net incomes above the amount of exemptions, which is \$2,000 in the case of a married person or head of a family and \$1,000 in the case of a single person. A married person or head of a family is allowed an additional exemption of \$200 for each dependant child if under eighteen years of age or incapable of self-support because defective. The taxpayer is considered to be the head of a family if he is actually supporting one or more persons closely connected with him by blood relationship or relationship by marriage, or if his duty to support such person is based on some moral or legal obligation.

Debts ascertained to be worthless and charged off within the year and taxes paid except income taxes and those assessed against local benefits are deductible. These and other points of the income tax section of the war revenue act will be fully explained by revenue officers who will visit every county in the United States between January 2 and March 1 to assist taxpayers in making out their returns.

### Officers to Visit Every Locality.

Notice of their arrival in each locality will be given in advance through the press, banks and post offices. They will be supplied with income tax forms copies of which may be obtained also from collectors of internal revenue.

The bureau of internal revenue is seeking to impress upon persons subject to the tax the fact that failure to see this official in no way relieves them of the duty imposed by law to file their returns within the time specified.

The government is not required to seek the taxpayer. The taxpayer is required to seek the government. Persons in doubt as to whether they are subject to the tax or not or as to how to make out their returns, will readily understand, therefore, that a visit to this official may mean the avoidance of later difficulties.

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### As to the Farmers.

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Mrs. J. R. Price

## CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

The State of Texas.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summons the heirs of Andrew Jackson Dawkins, Walter Dawkins, and Archie Dawkins, deceased, whose names are unknown and Thomas D. Dawkins, Jefferson Dawkins, J. A. Dawkins, Malissa Dawkins, Rufus Dawkins, Cynthia Green, Dowd Green, Elizabeth Joiner, R. C. Ray and Gus Ray, who are non-residents of the State of Texas, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Callahan County, to be held at the Court house thereof in the City of Baird, Texas, on the 25th day of March 1918, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 28th day of November A. D. 1917 in a cause numbered 1584, wherein Mrs. R. C. Dawkins is Plaintiff and Thomas D. Dawkins, Rufus Dawkins, Jefferson Dawkins, J. A. Dawkins, Cynthia Green, Dowd Green, Elizabeth Joiner, Doc Joiner, R. C. Ray, Gus Ray, Malissa Dawkins, John H. Johnson, Dallas Burnham, John Burnham, Ode Johnson, Brinton Johnson, Bulah Johnson, Vida Johnson, Jewel Johnson, Miles Dawkins, Charlie Worthy, Lois Whithorn, Grady Whitehorn, Dallas Worthy, Oliver D. Worthy, Fona Worthy, Riley Clinton Worthy, and the heirs of Andrew Jackson Dawkins, Walter Dawkins and Archie Dawkins, whose names are unknown, are defendants, the cause of action being alleged as follows:

Suit in trespass to try title for title and possession of the following described tract of land, viz: Eighty acres of land situated in Callahan County, Texas, being the East half of the Southeast quarter of section of No. 44 Deaf & Dumb Asylum land; patented to B. F. Dawkins by Pat. No. 286 Vol. 2. Alleging ownership in fee simple of said land alleged that Plaintiff deceased husband, R. C. Dawkins, filed on said land and made an application to purchase same from the State of Texas, in the name of B. F. Dawkins, that B. F. Dawkins died on the 28th day of December 1882 and that after the death of said B. F. Dawkins said R. C. Dawkins took possession of said land as his own, paid all purchase money and all fees due to the State of Texas, and all taxes due thereon up to the time of the death of the said R. C. Dawkins on July 14th, 1906, and that Plaintiff has paid all taxes due thereon since her husband's death. That said B. F. Dawkins nor his heirs ever paid any of said purchase money, said fees or said taxes, and Plaintiff further alleges that claiming to have good and perfect right and title to said land she has had and held peaceably the said land and adverse possession of the same, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for a period of more than ten years after defendant's cause of action accrued.

You are further commanded to serve this citation by publication, by publishing the same once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof in a newspaper published in your county.

Herein fail not, and have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Baird, Texas, this 3rd day of December, A. D. 1917.

A. R. Day, Clerk, District Court, 6-4t. Callahan County, Texas.

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