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## RAILROAD BOYS TAKE

### FIREMAN HITT TO HOSPITAL

T. W. Hitt, Santa Fe fireman who has been sick at the Santa Fe Reading Room for several days with the flu, was taken to the hospital at Lubbock Sunday evening in a special train furnished by the Santa Fe. The train men made up a crew and volunteered to take Mr. Hitt to the hospital if a train could be made up. The officials furnished an engine and caboose for the trip, and the boys were very appreciative of the courtesy. Ben Dodgen, engineer, and Clyde Pogue, conductor, had charge of the little special. Mr. Hitt's condition is very serious.

Mr. Hitt's father and brother of Hamlin came up to be with him.

War Savings Stamp pledges now due for liquidation and day of payment is December 31st.

Lubbock County is still pretty low on the list of War Savings Stamp sales.

Fred Baldwin, from north of the Brazos Canyon, was in Slaton Saturday with a small bunch of hides which he sold to M. A. Pember. He had coyote, skunk and badger hides and the bunch sold for \$46.00, which was quite a nice little sum of holiday money from a few hours spent with the gun and the trap.

The December storm period run over the fifteenth this month and Monday and Tuesday gave us several light showers of rain. These indications are in line with former manifestations for next year's rainfall to be sufficient for a good crop year. Two or three inches of snow fell at Clovis.

A fellow with a bucket of eggs on his way to the grocery store said: "I have heard of eggs being 75c a dozen but I never dreamed that I should ever have the privilege of selling them at that price." And then to think that dealers predict they will be \$1.00 a dozen before spring!

Candies, confections or tobaccos? You get the very best service at Teague's Confectionery.

## WATCH FOR THE RED CROSS

### 1919 BUTTON ON THE STREET

One hurried glance at coat lapels or blouses the week of December 16-23 will tell a lot about the ideals of Slaton men and women.

If the 1919 membership button of the Red Cross is being worn, the glance will register a flattering impression. This button is to be given to every adult who pays the one dollar membership dues, but the dollar is the least significant thing about the transaction.

What the American Red Cross wants this Christmas is to have the world see that the American people are behind the Red Cross spirit. Universal membership will prove this. To record such a membership the Red Cross Roll Call is to be held the week before Christmas. No quota has been assigned to Slaton, because it is planned to enroll everybody.

The membership button has a blue rim with a red cross in the center of a white background and the figure 1919 under the red cross. For homes, stores, factories and offices there is a Red Cross Service Flag to be displayed in windows. It has a double blue border representing the second membership appeal and a red cross in the center of a white background and the figure 100 per cent, for a business house which has enrolled every person employed there.

No family in Slaton should be content to display a Service Flag with only one cross. There should be added a small Red Cross for each member of the family. The aim is to enroll families 100 per cent equal with business concerns. A Red Cross can be added for each membership.

The White House in Washington will have a 100 per cent Red Cross Service Flag, and President Wilson, who also is president of the Red Cross, asks every home in the country to follow suit. He has said, "I summon you to the comradeship," and Slaton homes will accept the invitation.

## The Way Submarines Were Sunk

One soldier boy home on a vacation tells the Slatonite editor how the Allied navies put the submarines out of commission, and it seems easy enough when you know how they did it. The submarines maneuver to get within five hundred yards of a victim before letting loose a torpedo. They usually "sight" at one thousand yards and then come up to five hundred yards before firing. The subs nearly always come to the surface before firing because a torpedo turned loose while the

sub is submerged has only a small chance to be aimed accurately. The small, fast destroyers travel on the water with the speed of an express train, and they have a Y shaped gun that shoots simultaneously two heavy depth bombs. When a submarine is sighted a destroyer goes immediately to the spot where the submarine submerged and starts in a circle, dropping or shooting "ash cans" or depth bombs. The two bombs which leave the Y gun at one shot explode simultaneously under the water about one hundred yards apart, making the radius of their effectiveness about two hundred yards. The destroyer in making the circle drops four shots of depth bombs or eight bombs. The destroyer on top of the water travels so much faster than the submarine under the water that it can cover a large area in making this circle and dropping the bombs before the sub can get outside of the radius of their effectiveness. So you see what a small chance a sub has to get away when once sighted by a destroyer. Kaiser Bill sent his men to a horrible death when he sent them out in subs to sink allied ships.

## Lubbock News, From the Avalanche

On account of the epidemic of influenza, the District Teachers Institute has been postponed until December 30th, when it is expected that the disease will be thoroughly under control, and it will be safe for the meeting to be held.

Developments in the flu situation last week were such that the physicians of the town advised that the public schools be closed and all other gatherings be prohibited till midnight of December 29th. By that time they hope to have the disease under control and it is hoped that the ban can be removed.

The Grand Jury met and were empaneled Monday, by District Judge Spencer and excused till Monday, December 30th, when they will begin work. All the juries have been excused till that time. The flu situation having become so serious that it was thought best to put off the court for a few weeks.

B. O. McWhorter sold two steers to Mr. Wilhite, of Rotan, this week that topped the market bringing \$360.00. They are twins and were raised by Noah Bell, of Terry county. Mr. Wilhite will put them on feed until spring and then place them on exhibition at the stock shows. They weighed about fifteen hundred pounds, each.

Wednesday morning the people of Lubbock were shocked to learn of the death of Oscar L. Porter. It was not generally known that he was sick, and he had not been sick but two days.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Porter, have been living in Jacksonville, Tenn., for several months, and considerable difficulty was encountered in locating them with messages of the death, but notice was finally delivered to them and they started to Lubbock Wednesday night.

Mark Kuykendall, one of Uncle Sam's Regulars stationed at El Paso, came home last week on a furlough to visit his parents and other relatives in this city. Mark has been in the army for nine years and was a member of Pershing's expedition into Mexico, but for some reason the military authorities have kept his company of seasoned soldiers at El Paso instead of sending them to France. Mark is a great admirer of General Pershing and says the general is a favorite with all the soldiers.

It's a  
Pointed  
Question?



"WHAT AND WHERE TO BUY"

The country has a lot to be thankful for this Christmas; but the boys away from home and of those who won't come back should make us all pretty serious; no one is going to feel like giving and doing useless and impractical things this Christmas.

Give Only the Things That Are Useful

You'll find this store a good place to come for the things men want; for the things they buy for themselves.

Our name in any article is a sign of quality; it means that whoever gets your gift will have respect for your taste.

Here Are Some Suggestions:

Handkerchiefs	Silk Hosiery	Underwear	Collars
Bath Robes	Neckwear	Gloves	Shirts
House Coats	Belts	Hats	Caps

Hart Schaffner & Marx ulsters, fur coats, Chesterfields, box coats. Hart Schaffner & Marx suits for business men, young men, Preps.

**ROBERTSON**  
DRY GOODS COMPANY

The home of Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes

We Wish for You All  
a Merry Christmas

James Burleson, son of our esteemed townsman J. W. Burleson had the honor to accompany the President to France as a part of the guard. He has been in the Navy for over a year and is making good. Here's congratulations Mr. Burleson on such an excellent son.—Lamesa Reporter.

Plainview has organized a United Charities Association on almost exactly the same lines as the organization in Slaton. A monthly subscription is taken, the money to be placed in a common fund, and people are urged not to contribute to any person soliciting aid. All applications for help in Plainview must go to the United Charities.

W. E. Lyon, presiding elder, will hold the first quarterly conference of the fiscal year at the M. E. Church next Sunday. He will preach at both the morning and evening services.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Nix at Ft. Scott, Kans.; on Dec. 12th. The girl weighed eight pounds.

## We Butcher Beeves That Are Prime for the Table

In securing our meat for the City Market we buy only young beeves that are really fat enough to make the meat tender and juicy. The beeves must pass our inspection and prove to be in the prime of health before we butcher them.

The meat must be nutritious, palatable and tender.

Butcher only top beeves, and have for you at all times of meat you want. Steak, boiling piece, roast or ground meat. Remember, we are here all the time and ready to serve you. We solicit your trade.

## CITY MEAT MARKET

WILLIAMS & SELMAN, Proprietors

FLOYD WILLIAMS, Buyer SAM SELMAN, Meat Cutter

## W.S.S. You Must Make Good Your Pledge

BEFORE DECEMBER 31st

Start the New Year with a Clean Sheet

## THE SLATON STATE BANK

A GUARANTY FUND BANK

C. M. McCULLOUGH, President CARL RIPPY, Cashier  
A. L. ROBERTSON, Vice Pres. RAY STEPHENSON, Asst. Cash.

## Jewelry Store OPENING

We are opening a First Class Jewelry Store at the J. W. Williams place and will carry a nice stock of Jewelry for the trade. We do the best class of watch and clock repairing and guarantee the work.

We are busy now trying to get our new Jewelry Store arranged but invite you to call and get acquainted. Bring in your work; we will turn it out promptly for you. Your patronage will be appreciated.

Watch our announcements.

**E. T. Jernigan Jewelry Company**  
Paul Owens, Manager West Side Square, Slaton, Texas



EXPERIENCE WITH A BANK ACCOUNT SHOWS that it is a great time as well as worry and money saver. If you have an account at the First State Bank you can count your money once when you make up your deposit and that ends it. Open an account and save the time that others waste.

**THE FIRST STATE BANK of Slaton**  
J. S. EDWARDS, President J. H. BREWER, Cashier

## SHELF AND HEAVY Hardware

Farming Implements

Furniture and Kitchen Utensils

Let Us Supply You

**FORREST HARDWARE**

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Advertising Rates among the locals 10c per line each issue.

The Rev. F. A. Whiteley was in Dallas from Friday until Tuesday.

M. D. Jones was at the wholesale centers last week buying goods for Everybody's Store.

Candies, confections or tobaccos? You get the very best service at Teague's Confectionery.

A. L. Hoffman at the Second Hand Store buys and sells new and second hand furniture. Handles the Watkins goods.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Harris spent four days in Amarillo last week with their daughter, Margaret, who is in school at St. Mary's academy.

C. B. James, who recently returned home from service in Uncle Sam's navy, reported last week for service with the Santa Fe. He is a brakeman.

Laurence S. Davis of Lubbock was reported Sunday among the soldiers in France who had returned to duty, after having been previously reported as missing.

Chas. Marriott reported last week for duty as a brakeman. He had been off duty for a month with a broken wrist, caused by being bumped off of a caboose while switching in the yards at Snyder.

Mrs. J. M. Johnson, wife of the man who was a candidate for county treasurer twice before the primaries, died at Lubbock last Saturday of influenza. Mr. Johnson himself was seriously ill in the hospital at the time with the same malady.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Marriott gave a reception at the Reading Room Thursday night of last week for Clarence James and Chas. Graves, both Santa Fe brakemen who have been serving in the navy. A number of friends attended the reception and a most enjoyable evening was had.

Dr. G. H. Branham returned home Wednesday afternoon a month with his father in Mo. His father is hale and hearty at 99 years of age, and incidentally showed his boy, who has long since been a grandfather himself, that he did not know how to play checkers with a man of mature mind. "Doc" is some checker player himself.

Our Weather Forecaster Again

"Say, Loomis, what day is this?" said out official weather prophet Wednesday. "It's the 11th of December." "Well, do you see what the weather is?"

And this reminded us that his line on weather forecasts for this winter and next summer is running pretty true to form for the months of September, October, November and December, the months which to a large extent will foretell the weather next spring and summer. In order to run true the weather Dec. 10th to 15th should be stormy, either fog, mist, rain or snow, a kind of weather breeder. You can judge for yourself the correctness of the line on it.

French Lassie Writes Letter

The following copy of a letter written by a French lassie to an American soldier boy will prove quite interesting, as the girl, eighteen years of age, knows only the English that the soldier taught her. The letter was written to Luther Witt, after his company had been moved from a city in France where it was stationed for some time, and Luther sent the letter to his parents in Slaton. The hand writing is exceptionally good. The letter is given as it appears, diction, capitalization, punctuation, etc. It follows:

Bar Sur Aube, 23 Octobre 18  
Dear Luther.

We to come of to receive your letter qui fifteen days for to come. We good health you alike.

Finisch Bar Sur Aube for soldiers americans town much sad. War finisch Christmas you to set out Amerique and to forget miss frenchman. You forehad no good for soldiers.

Much Good morning for (Spidy, Roy Scott, Page)

Bar Sur Aube much cold soon snow, finisch walk.

Miss no good to speak with you. Miss Bar Sur Aube very good much to speak.

Good friendship for Marcelle et Lucie.

(Answer quick)

Those who heard the French officer address the Slaton crowd at the War Relic train can readily understand that this French English is much similar. We would interpret the lassie's message as follows:

"We have your letter which took fifteen days to come. We are in good health and hope you are the same. The American soldiers have moved away from

Bar Sur Aube and the town is very lonely. The war will be over by Christmas and you will go to America and forget Miss Frenchman. Your disposition is such that you don't like the routine of soldier life. Tell Spidy, Roy Scott and Page good morning for us. The weather is cold, it will soon snow and we can't go walking any more. We can't talk English and can't write very much to you. Bar Sur Aube likes to entertain American soldiers. Kindest regards from Marcelle and Lucie. Answer soon."

Engineer Bill Eads was severely injured Sunday when his engine stripped a caboose while switching in the yards. The caboose was not clear of the switch and the engine hit it in passing.

Notice Stewards M. E. Church

The stewards of the Methodist Church will hold regular sessions during the current year on the second and fourth Sunday after noon in each month. The stewards will keep this in mind, and all members who wish to attend are cordially welcome.

A. I. Kuykendall,  
President.

A Card of Thanks

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to all who were so kind and sympathetic during the illness and death of my wife, and for the assistance given the family in our hours of bereavement. We are especially grateful to the ladies who rendered us such friendly help and to the Rebekahs for their assistance and the floral offerings.

F. V. Williams.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

I have sold a half interest in the Sanitary Grocery to my son, Dick Ragsdale, who has returned from school and we shall endeavor to give you every service possible in the sale and delivery of groceries. Dick Ragsdale will have entire supervision of all the outside work and the delivery wagon and this will insure us delivery service that will be a pleasure both to you and to us. I will have charge of the indoors business of the grocery, the buying and the sales departments.

We always endeavor to merit your patronage and hope for the continued liberal patronage of our old customers, and that many new names will be added to our books. Respectfully,

H. W. Ragsdale,  
for Ragsdale & Son.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

We, the members of Slaton Rebekah Lodge No. 46, I. O. O. F., extend to Bro. F. V. Williams and his children our heartfelt sympathy in the great bereavement that has come to them in the death of a faithful and loving wife and a fond mother. Madalina B. Williams has gone into the great unknown to explore the mysteries her eyes of faith so oft desired to penetrate, and while we deeply deplore her departure, yet we are not of those who mourn without hope.

The memory of her sterling worth as a friend and sister will ever bloom with perennial beauty in our hearts and affections. To the grief-stricken husband and children, we as a sisterhood would have every symbol point upward to a reunion beyond life's earthly existence, and we offer the consolation of our order in these hours of sorrow.

"Weep not for her; she will greet you again in the land where no sorrow nor sadness shall reign."

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minute book, a copy be given to Bro. Williams and a copy be published in the Slaton Slatonite.

Mrs. Josie Sledge,  
Mrs. Mary E. Laverett,  
Mrs. Ella J. Short,  
Committee.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPER!

We have just received a handsome line of Ties, Silk Shirts, Crepe de chine Shirts, Collars, etc., for the Christmas Shopper. Nothing makes better presents for the men than some useful articles purchased at a Men's Furnishing Store. We have all kinds of useful furnishings for the Christmas Shopper. Come and see our stock. The prices are right. We can help you in buying.

*De Long*  
THE MERCHANT TAILOR

CALL ON US NORTH SIDE SQUARE SLATON, TEXAS

The report of cotton ginned in Lubbock County to Nov. 21st was 1,442 bales and Crosby 2,683.

Mr. Robinson, father of Mrs. Joe Smith, died at the Smith home, 1405 Filmore St., Amarillo, Wednesday morning of heart failure. The body was brought to Slaton yesterday on the noon train and the funeral was announced to be held at the M. E. Church at 2.30 o'clock and interment made in the Smith lot in the Slaton cemetery. Mr. Robinson was a Federal soldier, a veteran of the Civil War, and was well known in Slaton as he had made his home here with his daughter much of the time during the last seven years.

MADALINA BEULAH WILLIAMS

Mrs. F. V. Williams died at her home in Slaton early Saturday morning after an illness of about ten days from pneumonia. Mrs. Williams had passed the crisis of her illness and her family was in hopes that she was on the way to recovery. She was much better than usual Saturday morning when her husband talked to her, and her breathing had become easy and natural, when she suddenly passed into eternity without any warning that death was near. Her children had all had the influenza, but she developed pneumonia without any appearance of having been attacked by the epidemic.

The funeral services held by the Rev. T. C. Willett were conducted from the home Saturday evening and interment was made in the Slaton cemetery. Pretty floral offerings were furnished by the ladies of the Rebekah Lodge.

Madalina Beulah Williams was born in Kansas on April 21, 1885. She was married to Floyd Williams on Nov. 29, 1907, and four children came to bless their home, three daughters and one son, the oldest girl being ten years of age.

Mrs. Williams was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a splendid woman, highly esteemed by all who knew her. Mr. Williams recently moved to town from the farm and became a partner with Sam Selman in the City Meat Market. He and his wife had just purchased the Dr. Wall residence property in South Slaton and were planning about improving the property and making a permanent home there when the illness came that carried her to another world. The husband and children have the deep sympathy of a large number of friends in their bereavement.

JAMES ORAN BELL

J. O. Bell died in Slaton early Monday morning after a long illness of tuberculosis. The funeral was held Monday afternoon and interment was made in the Slaton cemetery. The services were conducted by the Rev. A. E. Faust. Mr. Bell's father and a brother were the only relatives present. James Oran Bell was born in Limestone County, Texas, on July 16, 1881. He was 37 years, 4 months and 23 days of age when he died.

Mr. Bell had been a citizen of Slaton for three or four years,

and once went to Arizona to improve his health. He became worse there and returned to Slaton and has operated a tailor shop here until this fall when his health broke down altogether with the cold weather, and he gradually failed until his spark of life flickered out and his soul was called to eternity. Mr. Bell was a splendid fellow and he had a host of friends in this city who gave him every comfort and consolation they could while he lay an invalid from the inroads the disease made on his system.

His father, who has been nursing him a few weeks, has gone to Council Bluffs, Mo., to live with a daughter. The brother lives on a ranch west of Lubbock.

Don't Take It For Granted

that just because you are in business, everybody is aware of the fact.

Dr. L. W. Kitchen  
Veterinary Surgeon

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Calls answered anywhere in West Texas either day or night

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Estimates furnished on short notice. All work given careful and prompt attention. Give us a trial.  
North Side of the Square

Christmas Goods

and Appropriate Gifts

We have a nice line for you to select from and we invite you to call at our store and make your selections.

Red Cross Pharmacy

R. J. Murray

W. T. Knight

R. J. Murray & Co.

OLDEST REAL ESTATE FIRM IN SLATON  
TOWNSITE AGENTS: FARM LOANS: LAND

See us for choice Residence Lots at the original Santa Fe list price. We will be glad to be of assistance to you in selecting a location.

R. J. Murray & Company

7 Years in Slaton

Lots of Presents for  
the Little Folks  
AND  
Appropriate Gifts for  
the Home

*Howerton's*  
FURNITURE-HARDWARE-UNDERTAKING

Help Us to Help You Help Santa

## The Kaiser as I Knew Him For Fourteen Years

By ARTHUR N. DAVIS, D. D. S.

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CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK

No measure that was taken by Germany, no matter how atrocious or inconsistent with the world's idea of what is permissible in civilized warfare, ever brought a word of condemnation from the German public as a whole, although, of course, there were some notable exceptions. The great majority of Germans who discussed these matters with me, however, not only defended everything Germany did, but complained because more rigorous measures were not taken.

Merely by way of example, and not because her suggestion was any worse than hundreds of others raised by my German patients, I may mention the surprising viewpoint expressed by the Countess Sierstorff, a relative of Von Henckel-Donnersmarch. It was after Italy had joined the allies and when German resentment against that nation ran very high.

"What we should do at the very first able opportunity," she declared, "is to destroy every single work of art, every landmark or art treasure should be left standing. Then when the war is over and Italy no longer derives the enormous revenue she has been collecting for years from tourists, she will be sorry for what she has done to Germany!"

Did the German people countenance the submarine warfare and the slaughter of innocent women and children, in defiance of all rules of international law and the dictates of common humanity? They had only one criticism to make of it—it was not comprehensive enough! It was absolute folly, if not a crime, they said, for Germany to prescribe safety lanes for neutral vessels to use. The whole world should have been declared a war zone, that death and destruction might be dealt wherever and whenever the opportunity offered. Every ship that sailed should be sunk, and every American who ventured within range of a German gun, on sea or land, should be shot. That was the universal sentiment.

The suggestion that a continuation of the submarine warfare would inevitably bring America into the war did not perturb the people in the slightest.

"How can America do us more harm than she is now doing?" they asked. "American bullets are shooting down our men, American food is sustaining our enemies, American dollars are working against us in every possible way. Let America come into the war and give us a chance to pay her back for what she has done to us. She couldn't harm us any more if she were a belligerent. Why allow her to remain neutral and go unscathed?"

The jubilation with which the news of the sinking of the Lusitania was received by the German people was general. It was so significant that I believe America would have declared war immediately had it been known. I have failed to find a single German who did not exult over the dastardly crime, and the activity of the Zeppelins in their raids on open towns evoked similar demonstrations.

That the views which the people held regarding the conduct of the war were influenced by the public press was absolutely controlled by the government, was only to be expected.

The fact that in peace time the press of Germany was perhaps the most reliable in the world, made of it a particularly valuable tool in the hands of the government in time of war.

The German newspaper is gospel to the people. The last word in any argument was always furnished by proof supplied by some newspaper article. "Es steht in der Zeitung," liberally translated, "The paper says so," was always final and conclusive. Nothing the papers declared was too preposterous to be believed.

The press was used to excellent advantage to conceal reverses and to make the utmost capital out of successes. Right from the start the newspapers declared that Germany was fighting a defensive war; that the nations of the world had jumped on Germany's neck because they were jealous of her growing power.

The importance which the kaiser and his leaders placed in public opinion among the German people is clearly illustrated by the announcements they made and the measures they resorted to from time to time, for home consumption.

When in December, 1916, for instance, the kaiser realized that the resumption of unrestricted submarine warfare, which he had determined upon, might bring neutral nations, including the United States, into the war, he felt that it was necessary to do something to uphold the spirit of his people. It took the form of a proposal of peace to the allies.

This proposal was designed to accomplish two distinct purposes: First, it was to convince the German people that their kaiser was really the peace-loving monarch he had always professed to be; second, it was to demoralize the allies by dividing them against themselves.

This much is certain: The kaiser never intended the allies to accept the proposal he made. He admitted that much to me, as did also the Prince von Pless, his most intimate advisor. It was termed in such a way that the allies could not possibly accept it. But it served one of the purposes which it was intended to achieve, and nearly accomplished the other.

### CHAPTER XVII.

#### Germany in Wartime.

While the German people have always been in thorough accord with the kaiser's ambitious project which is so significantly described by the popular slogan: "Deutschland über alles!" when the great war, which was to achieve Germany's aims, commenced, it came almost as much as a surprise to the Germans as it was to the rest of the world. They knew it was inevitable and they looked forward eagerly to "Der Tag," but when it arrived the bustle and excitement, not to say panic, which developed throughout Germany was so pronounced that in some cases it approached the ludicrous.

Obviously the people were kept in ignorance of the plans of their war barons in order that hostilities might come as a complete surprise to them and give color to the government's contention that the war was forced upon Germany.

So little thought did we give to the complexities of the political situation that on Friday, July 31, 1914, my wife and I started off on a motor trip. We had heard so many rumors of war within the previous ten years that we saw no reason why an amicable solution should not again be found as it had always been before.

On our way out the Charlottenburger Chaussee we passed the kaiser and the kaiserin driving to Berlin from Potsdam at about sixty miles an hour, and there were other indications of activity, but we attached little importance to them.

When we reached Potsdam, however, and saw thousands of tons of coal heaped up between the railroad tracks which were ordinarily kept clear, we realized that preparations for war were being made in earnest and we stopped to consider whether it would not be better after all to return home. Such was our ignorance of war that we decided that, even though it were not advisable to motor in Belgium and France, where we were bound, we might safely plan a tour in the Black Forest in Germany.

We had left Berlin late in the afternoon, in one evening, when we arrived at Gotha, we found that the younger waiters in the restaurants and hotels had already left and that the older reserves expected a general call the next day.

The next morning we started for Frankfurt. As we passed through village after village, war preparations became more and more evident. Measures were being taken everywhere to arouse enthusiasm—youthful men gathered on school steps were singing patriotic songs, students were marching and speeches were being made in the market places.

About five o'clock that afternoon we arrived in Frankfurt. The whole place was in a fever of excitement over the mobilization posters and their resentment against the French was being aroused by "extras," which were handed out without charge, announcing that the French had already dropped bombs on the railroad at Nurnberg and that French officers in autos had over-ridden the borders. The ridiculous statements about French flyers dropping bombs on the railroad at Nurnberg had not the slightest foundation, of course.

The older people who had lived through the war of 1870 had interested audiences for once while they related past experiences and gave advice as to what preparations to make. A possibility of food shortage seemed to be uppermost in all minds, and the groceries were stormed with eager buyers. Salt suddenly jumped to 75 cents a pound and other things in proportion.

On Sunday, August 2, all the gasoline in the country was commandeered, and we heard of many American tourists being put out of their cars in the cities and even on country roads, no matter how inaccessible to trains they might be. We accordingly decided to stow our car away in an old wagon shed attached to a hotel and sought to return to Berlin by train.

At the railway station there was such a tremendous crowd that it was quite impossible to get anywhere near the ticket office, and anyway no promise could be given as to trains to Berlin.

Trunks and bags were piled high in every available space and it was months before that enormous pile of baggage was finally sorted out. We decided to defer our effort to reach Berlin until Monday, since there seemed no hope of getting away that day.

On Monday morning, the streets were filled with excited crowds destroying every sign with a French word on it and looking for spies. The papers had announced that the country was full of French spies, women as well as men. I saw the crowd stop an automobile, take a woman out and literally tear her clothes to shreds before the police succeeded in rescuing her from the mob and took her to the police station. The general supposition was that all the man spies were masquerading as women and the first thing the mob did was to pull out hair pins to see whether the hair was real.

On Monday evening, we managed to edge our way into the last through train to Berlin. We were side-tracked innumerable times to allow troop trains to pass through, and we were required to keep our windows closed so that no enemy passenger could drop bombs on the bridges we crossed. It was a hot August night and the lack of ventilation was most oppressive.

Our compartment was crowded with officers on their way to join their regiments and very grand and important they felt in their new field-gray uniforms which may have long been put away in moth balls for just this opportunity, but which took the German people as well as the allies completely by surprise.

At Naumberg, which is about halfway between Frankfurt and Berlin, a company of soldiers boarded the train and guarded the corridors while a non-commissioned officer questioned the passengers.

My wife, who was asleep in a corner of the coupe I, was the only woman in the compartment. Believing that her sleep might be feigned and she might, in fact, be a man in woman's clothing, the officer yelled at her: "Where are you going?" Her American accent, revealed when she answered him, incensed him the more and he demanded angrily: "What right have you to use this train? Where is your passport?"

The press began advising the people to conserve food but at the same time said that if care was taken there was no danger of there not being enough for all. School teachers gave daily talks to the children to eat everything on their plates. One went so far as to announce: "I always lick my plate, children, and you should do the same!"

The result of these warnings was merely to increase hoarding and buying from food speculators. I never knew of a single German who voluntarily deprived himself of a single article of food out of patriotic motives. The only sacrifice a German is willing to make for his country is the one he cannot escape.

As time went on and England's blockade became increasingly effective, the internal condition of Germany went from bad to worse, and long before I left Berlin, on January 22, 1918, conditions had become well-nigh unbearable.

# Holiday Supplies

With our large stock of Groceries we are amply prepared to fill your Holiday Orders, and our shelves hold as large a variety as the market can supply. Phone us your orders and we will give them careful attention. We handle hay and feed and make prompt delivery. Your patronage solicited.

## Lanham & Smart Grocery

By that time I had produced all the papers of identification I could find and tried to tell him that my wife and I were returning to our home in Berlin, but he was too excited to listen and had bought up every available pound of food and soap which had not already been commandeered by the government. Butter, potatoes, eggs, milk, flour, sugar, soap, bread and meat and dry groceries were all rationed and it was now no longer necessary for women to stand in line in front of the shops, sometimes all night, to await the morning opening.

Shopping by the card system was very complicated and the quantities permitted by the ration cards so small that a well-balanced meal was an impossibility. To dine in a restaurant it was necessary to take a whole pocketful of cards and make a careful analysis of them before ordering the meager meal which the law allowed.

Empty boxes were used to decorate the depleted show windows of the shops. The fact that they were empty was not known to the public and very often the windows would be broken by hungry mobs who couldn't resist the sight of what appeared to be so much food. This led the government to order the shopkeepers to label the boxes: "Empty Boxes" in order to avert such disturbances and riots.

There was simply nothing to buy in the food line except substitutes, and of these there were hundreds, each worse than the last. The remark: "If things get much worse, we shall soon be eating rats as the Parisians did in 1870" brought the rejoinder: "Well, that wouldn't be so bad; what I'm dreading is the time when we shall have to be content with rat-substitute!"

When we finally had cards for coffee-substitute I gave up interest in substitutes and commenced to patronize the speculators, figuring that it was better to risk the penalties imposed by the law for such violations of the food regulations than to ruin our health through undernourishment.

For a long time we were permitted to receive "presents" of bacon, ham, sausages, eggs and butter from Denmark, but this was finally prohibited through the influence of the Central Einkaufs Gesellschaft (The Central Society for Buying Food From Other Countries) which found that it was interfering with their graft.

This society was formed by a company of clever Jewish business men to buy food from foreign countries and sell it to the people, a small percentage of the profits going to the government. It not only developed into a most successful enterprise from the standpoint of profit, its prosperity being augmented by graft, but it provided a haven for the slacker sons of the proprietors and stockholders. Just before I left Berlin, this company, to hide their war profits, bought a building for three million marks, which they claimed was needed for the business.

One of the subterfuges resorted to by some of the war profiteers to conceal the extent of their gains and escape taxation was to invest their surplus earnings in works of art and other expensive luxuries. As the tax assessments were based principally upon the individual's bank deposits and the tax-collecting machinery was very much out of gear it was comparatively easy to evade the law by careful manipulation of one's bank account, and by disbursing profits received without having them go through the bank. A German whom I knew told me that he had disposed of an oil painting which had cost him \$300 for no less than \$85,000, the price of works of art and antiques having increased to a remarkable extent because of the demand for them from tax dodgers.

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### CHAPTER XVII.

#### The Economic Situation in Germany.

By the spring of 1916, butter and meat had become extremely scarce in Berlin. My wife had remained in America, where she had accompanied me in the summer of 1915, and during her absence I dined at hotels and restaurants where the food was still rather good. In June, 1916, I left for America again and just as I was leaving meat cards were issued for the

first time.

I returned to Berlin with my family in October, 1916. Conditions had changed considerably for the worse during the summer. I found that every one who had the money had bought up every available pound of food and soap which had not already been commandeered by the government. Butter, potatoes, eggs, milk, flour, sugar, soap, bread and meat and dry groceries were all rationed and it was now no longer necessary for women to stand in line in front of the shops, sometimes all night, to await the morning opening.

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Statement of the Ownership, Management, Circulation, etc., required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912, of The Slaton Slatonite, published weekly at Slaton, Texas, for October 1st, 1918.

State of Texas, County of Lubbock. Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared L. P. Loomis, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the publisher of the Slaton Slatonite and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption as required by law, to-wit:

1. That the name and address of the publisher, editor, managing editor and business manager is L. P. Loomis, Slaton, Texas.

2. That the owner is L. P. Loomis, Slaton, Texas.

3. That there are no bondholders, mortgagees nor other security holders.

Signed, L. P. LOOMIS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of December, 1918.

J. H. BREWER, Notary Public.  
My commission expires June 1, 1919.

F. L. Ruter of Clovis, N. M., representative of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, was in Slaton last week in the interests of the Star-Telegram's list of subscribers here. The Star-Telegram is rapidly becoming one of the leading dailies of the South.

No person receives a penny for services in getting members and collecting the money—their labor and sacrifices are free—and besides that, they contribute all they can. AMERICANS have never been known to graft off the AMERICAN RED CROSS. The books are open to the world.

Letter writing is an art. Most people do not understand that a good letter is one that tells of the little incidents of the daily life. Almost every one in writing undertakes to tell of the big things. Nobody except expert newspaper writers schooled in the descriptive art should undertake big subjects in just a little friendly letter. It's the little intimate things that concern the writer which make a letter interesting. The Slatonite editor reads every soldier's letter that appears in the exchanges, and occasionally finds one that is a real gem. A letter in the Abilene Times, week before last was perhaps the best letter from a soldier who has been over the top that we have yet had the pleasure of reading anywhere. It was a dandy and a thriller from start to finish. A letter in the Clarendon News was also highly interesting and of much merit.

Bob LaFollette was acquitted of all charges of treason to the United States, and it developed that the trouble came about by some person, whom it is presumed was a political enemy of LaFollette, in reporting one of his speeches inserted the word, "not," in the sentence in which the speaker had stated that the United States was justified in intervening in the Allies' favor in the European War. The misquoted sentence made him say that the United States was NOT justified in helping the Allies. So it is with a country editor. Some fellow who has a grouch, so often fancied and not justified, against the editor of the Slatonite reports to some other fellow that Loomis said so and so in the paper and should be called on the carpet for it. The second fellow, without reading the article himself, sends the report on down the line, and the first thing we know there are a lot of good fellows criticising us and we are not entitled to any of the cussing. The fact that the report wasn't true in the first place doesn't count; the word has been passed down the line and the harm inflicted. Sometimes when we are so unfairly criticised we wonder why a country editor anyway.

**NEW STARS AND WIGGLES**

A new star has appeared in the northern heavens, and astronomers say it is a far off sun many times larger than the sun. Here's hoping that it won't take the wiggles, as did two stars discovered some months ago by Editor Loomis of the Slatonite.—Plain view News.

Count on a lady's man like Jess to be the first to secure an introduction to every new star that appears on the stage.

It just depends, Bro Adams, on whether you persist in wiggling to the new star by radiogram or telepathy the formula you are perfecting in extracting spirits cordiale from buttermilk. It is reported that the star, Venus, had never been known to display the wiggles before she "listened in" on an airogram you sent to Mars about your secret formula for brewing a drink that would exhilarate but not intoxicate, would furnish the heluva of a time without the dark brown taste the morning after, and which in the face of the impending calamity of national prohibition would make the name of Adams a new star in the financial firmament, an oasis in the desert of a bone dry existence; a by word on the lips of those who wanted to get well organized without getting in bad with the peace officials. The formula seems to have met with such a reception from Venus that she has become a hopeless, inebriated vampire, reveling in the buttermilk wiggles but never drunk.

Better get off the buttermilk stuff, Jess, now that the war is over, and give the nerves a chance to become stabilized again.

It seems strange that those who are under obligations most to a local paper are often the first to criticise when the editor innocently says something that displeases some one. We could clip from the files of the paper news items and personals about some individuals, put those items in one string and its length would astonish everybody to see how many times over and over that person may be obligated to the editor. And yet to our disappointment that person may be the first to get miffed at the editor. The next time you want to cuss the editor stop and count up the number of times your name has appeared in a favorable way in the paper. To our sorrow, we make mistakes once in a while, but we try to be fair and honest all the time. We are doing our very best to give Slaton a paper and as long as we have to do the work and pay the bills we are going to be the boss of the sheet.

We would rather some other than Secretary Burleson should be made director general of railroads. He has made some radical rulings in post office affairs that have not yet proven satisfactory and handling railroads is probably a bigger job than running the postal affairs.—Snyder Signal.

Men, woman, children, of Slaton—let us each firmly resolve that, so long as we are blessed with life, health and prosperity, we will never say "NO" to the pleadings of the American Red Cross membership solicitors.

**MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN RED CROSS FOR NEXT YEAR**

Will you have a Red Cross membership flag in your window next year? It looks now as if you will, for the eagerness with which the people are joining, it appears that Slaton and vicinity is going to be 100 per cent for the Great Cause. We hope that you will not be overlooked. We hope that you will not overlook the opportunity.

Make this, of all Christmases, a Red Cross Christmas—it may be, probably will be, our last opportunity.

Monday, December 23rd, is the

last day you will have the opportunity to become a member of the Red Cross for 1919. JOIN and take your children in if you possibly can. If the solicitors overlook you, hunt them up and join. Here are the names of those authorized to take your membership:

Mrs. H. A. Tait, at Red Cross Rooms.

Mrs. Rose M. Perry, at the Harvey House.

Mrs. Geo. Marriott, at the Santa Fe Reading Room.

Mrs. Fred Vaughn, in South Slaton.

Mrs. W. H. McKirahan, in South Slaton.

H. C. Egbert, at Santa Fe Round House.

Perry Everline, at the Santa Fe Depot.

Prof. Claude V. Hall, at the School House.

Boy Scouts.—All that region between Division St. and the railroad.

Keith Wallace, Garland Tait.

Noel Loomis, Harry Green.

R. A. Baldwin, anywhere you find him.

Those residing in the Country will have to look up some one of the above workers in order to join.

Very sincerely yours,

R. A. Baldwin,

Local chairman.

L. O. Ross sold the Shoe Shop the first of the week to C. A. Cozby. Mr. Ross and his family went to central Texas yesterday on a visit and he has not decided where he will locate. The Santa Fe shop boys bought the Shoe Shop for Mr. Cozby.

The meeting of the District Stewards of the Lubbock District Northwest Texas Conference, M. E. Church, was held at Slaton Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. W. E. Lyon presiding.

Art Green returned to the training camp at Austin Monday.

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**City Cafe**  
I have opened a Short Order Restaurant at the old stand in the Brannon Building, and will serve the public at all hours, day or night. Your patronage will be appreciated.  
**Brannon Building J. T. Swan Slaton Texas**

The American Red Cross canteens, which serve at railroad stations, important points on highroads, and in towns and villages throughout the Italian zone of war, are now serving American troops. These canteens have been operating during the past six months for the benefit of the Italian army and its allies, greeting the soldiers in their passage from one point to another with coffee and American crackers and jam. But it is only recently that the khaki-clad fighters from across the sea have been added to the number of those served at the Red Cross rest stations.

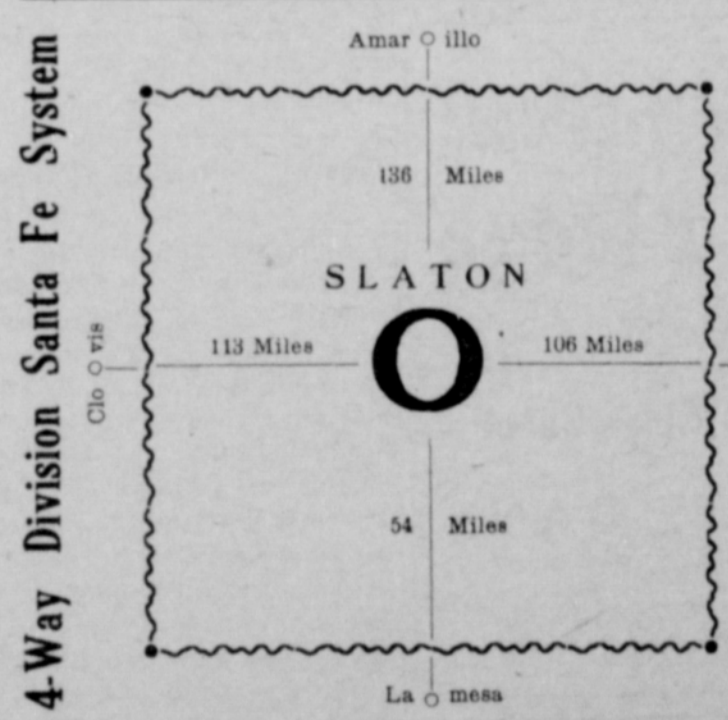
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