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A Merry Christmas To The News Readers

Before another issue of the News goes to press, Christmas, in 1918, will have passed and gone. The management of this paper wishes its many readers a merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year.

After four years of world distress, it is possible once more to approach the holiday season with that old feeling of brotherly kindness and good cheer that has always been associated with Christmas and its attendant festivities. In the millions of homes which have been intimately touched by the greatest war in the history of the world, there will once again come the thought that all is well with the world. The old, familiar message of "peace on earth, good will toward men," that has come down through all the centuries since the first Christmas day, will again have the right ring in our hearts and minds.

Time alone can heal the wounds left by the ravages of war, but as nature will in time cover with her vegetation the scars of the torn battle ground in France and Belgium just so in time the fever of hate in the minds of men will subside and our human relationship will be re-established in the way that they were meant to be.

Christmas in 1918 should be one of the happiest days in the history of the world. Right has once more prevailed over might. Out of bitter experience of these war years the world has learned the lessons that will make possible the building of a greater civilization in the years to come, a civilization that will forever prohibit such horror as war. In the months to come we will be laying the foundation of that civilization, a work in which the people of this country will play a most important part.

Keep Up Fight on "Flu" Blue Urges

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—The danger of relaxing efforts to check the spread of influenza was emphasized again today by Surgeon General Blue of the Public Health Service.

"The epidemic is not ended," the Surgeon General said. "Any statement at present that the epidemic has 'come and gone for good,' can only do harm, for it will lull the people into a false sense of security and cause them to relax precautions they should take."

Mrs. Frank Weaver, and little son, William Mack, leave tomorrow for Coleman, Texas, to spend the holidays with her parents.

A Protest From a Lynn County Citizen

There seems to be a growing tendency among people right at this time, to cash their War Savings Stamps.

Any thoughtful person knows that this practice, if indulged in excessively will defeat the very purpose for which they were issued and sorely handicap our Government.

People purchasing these War Savings stamps did so with the intention of helping our Government in a great financial need, yet at the same time 'twas a sound investment for themselves; because "Uncle Sam" doesn't ask us to give anything, but merely asks us to lend him our money, for a fair rate of interest. Then if we purchase these stamps and turn around and demand the cash, then we haven't helped our Government at all, but rather harmed her, for if this is practiced, on a large scale, it will force the U. S. to issue a new series of stamps, and this of course will incur quite an expense and she would likely have to resort to compulsion in the sale of the second series of stamps.

Now you can readily see, that if you wish to serve our Government faithfully, we must avoid this needless expense, and the way to avoid it is for everybody to, not only buy stamps, but more patriotically hold those already bought. There is no patriotism in buying stamps and then cashing them, unless you are absolutely compelled to cash them to secure money to buy the bare necessities of life.

The cashing of your War Savings Stamps is nothing in the world but German camouflage.

You want people to think you are patriotic?—Yet, deep down in your soul, you are entirely selfish about the matter.

So let me insist that every one of us make a great effort to tide over the present hard times, and let "Uncle Sam" use all the money we can possible spare, for War Savings Stamps, until January 1, 1923, when he will return us every cent with interest in full.

Mr. Louis Lipsitz, has asked me to report to the County Board, all parties, who were demanding cash for their War Savings stamps, unless I fully believed, they had to have the cash to receive the necessities of life, and that it would be the duty of the County Board to report to him, for further investigation.

Very truly yours,
J. B. WALKER, Postmaster,
Tahoka, Texas.

W. C. Wells, assistant-cashier of the First National Bank, has had full control of the business of that institution for a few days this week, the other employees of the bank being ill with the "Flu". In order to carry on the business of the concern, Mr. Wells was forced to close the bank a 1:00 p. m., each day in order to keep up with the work.

We are glad to see our good friend, R. C. Wood, back at his post of duty as Public Weigher, after quite a siege of influenza.

W. R. Griffin, of Wilson, called on the News Saturday.



City of Tahoka Working the Streets

The City of Tahoka, is this week having the streets on the public square filled in and the ditches next to the curbing cleaned out, which will make quite an improvement in the condition of the main streets of the town. When the big rains come, of which we have had some this week, the water will drain away, and not stand in pools as has heretofore been the case on some of the principal streets in the down town district. Let the good work go on, and here's giving the City Dad's full credit for this wonderful improvement.

Miss Ruth Massey, Principal of the Tahoka Public Schools, is spending the holidays at her home in Texarkana, she having left for that city last Saturday.

The News, \$1.50 the year.

Plainview Man Dies Here Saturday Night

H. F. Upshaw, proprietor of a broom factory at Plainview, Texas, died at the Stokes Hotel in Tahoka last Saturday night, of influenza pneumonia. The body was carried by truck to Plainview Sunday morning for burial.

Mr. Upshaw came here on Monday of last week on business in connection with his broom factory, and was taken ill with influenza, which ran into a well-developed case of pneumonia, from which he never rallied. His wife came here Tuesday to nurse the case, and was present when death relieved him of his sufferings.

Mrs. Upshaw was a victim of the disease before leaving this city, but was able to accompany the remains of her husband to Plainview for burial.

Read the News.

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION
The United States Government requests the payment of Pledges to buy War Savings Stamps
December 31st to 31st 1918
Notice is hereby given to all persons who have signed Pledge Cards agreeing to invest in United States Government War Savings Stamps that it is expected that all such pledges will be liquidated before December 31st 1918.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK 11th DISTRICT
R. L. Van Gauder GOVERNOR

UNITED STATES TREASURY
WAR LOAN ORGANIZATION
WAR SAVINGS SECTION
Louis Lipsitz DIRECTOR FOR TEXAS

The official proclamation, calling for the payment of all War Savings Stamp Pledges before December 31, has been issued by the Government. A facsimile of the official proclamation is shown above. The last day of grace for the liquidation of War Savings Stamp Pledges is December 31.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our dear friends who so kindly assisted us in the sickness and death of our son and brother, also your tender care during other sickness in our family. Your kind acts and words were certainly appreciated more than we can tell. May God bless each and ever one is our prayer.
MR. AND MRS. R. C. WOOD AND FAMILY.

Miss Lottie Boles is visiting friends and relatives at Lubbock. Miss Boles will return after the holidays and resume her music class in the Tahoka High School.

BORN—to Mr. and Mrs. Sid Sanders, a fine baby girl, Monday, December 16th.

Miss Mary Dunn of Sweetwater is visiting home folks this week.

Son Ill in New Mexico

Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Dunn received a message the first of the week that their son, who resides near Cloudercroft, N. M., was critically ill with Spanish Influenza. They left at once by way of Brownfield for his bedside. Mrs. Dunn became ill at Brownfield and was forced to return to her home here. Bro. Dunn proceeded on the trip alone, and since arriving at his son's home, has wired the family here that he was some better and would probably recover.

Miss Mary Flannigan, one of our High School teachers is spending the holidays in Fort Worth.

Mrs. T. L. Schaefer of Streator, Ill, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Burkhardt, east of town.

Good Rains Fall Over Lynn County

After Influenza What? Rules and Precautions

The answer may be tuberculosis. With proper care this can be avoided. Tuberculosis often follows an attack of gripe (influenza,) as do bronchitis, pneumonia or the like. This statement is made not to scare you, but to warn you. Proper precautions will help avert the danger.

After recovery from influenza, or any other infectious disease, the room should be thoroughly renovated. Disinfecting with formaldehyde, sulphur candles and the like does little good. Better to depend on good soap and water, with plenty of "elbow grease" The woodwork can be wiped off with a two per cent solution of carbolic acid. If possible, have the room repapered.

HOW TO AVOID TUBERCULOSIS,

After sickness remain in bed until all fever has gone.

Do not return to work too soon.

Do not dismiss your physician too soon.

If fever persists over two weeks, have a chest examination by your physician.

Eat nourishing food.

Take plenty of rest; more than usual.

Periodical medical examinations are good for all.

The use of patent medicines is a delusion and a snare.

Tuberculosis is both preventable and curable. If detected in time the disease can be arrested—State Tuberculosis Sanatorium Bureau of Information, Carlsbad, Texas.

More Letters From the Kiddies to Santa Claus

Tahoka, Texas.
Dec. 15, 1918.

Dear Santa:
Send me a doll, please.
HATTIE MONTY SMITH.

Tahoka, Texas.
December 16-18.

Dear Santa Claus:-
I want a doll with real hair and sleeping eyes. I want a doll's cradle, and I would like to have some sparklers. I want some oranges. I hope this is not too much.

FREDICE WEATHERS.
Tahoka, Texas.
Dec. 17-18.

Dear Santa Claus:-
I want an auto and gun and some sparklers, if you have them, and all kinds of fruits, nuts and candies.

Your friend,
KENNATE CLAY PEID.
Tahoka, Texas.
December 17-18.

Dear Santa Claus:-
I want a doll with hair, and I want a bed, and some sparklers, if you have them, and all kinds of fruits, nuts and candies.

Your friend,
LILLIE MAIE REID.

Miss Margaret Jones, one of our popular school teachers, will spend the holidays with relatives at Lubbock.

W. M. Harris, local manager of the Western Telephone Co. was a Lamesa visitor the first of the week.

The best rains received in Lynn County since June of this year have fallen over the country this week. A light shower fell last Tuesday night, amounting to 10 hundredths of an inch, according to the local Government gauge. Again on Wednesday night a slow steady rain fell throughout the night, and up to 8:30 a.m., Thursday morning the gauge had registered over one-half inch. The downpour continued most all day Thursday and up to the time the News goes to press, (Friday morning,) the precipitation amounts to a little better than 1.05 inches.

The good supply of moisture coming at this time will insure a season in the ground for early plowing, and will be of untold benefit to winter wheat; a large acreage of which has been planted over this section of the South Plains.

We have reports from over the county that the rainfall is general, and also over Terry, Lubbock, Garza and Dawson counties. Big snows have fallen on the North Plains at Amarillo and Dalhart.

Now, since this bountiful supply of moisture has come, and the assurance that more is to follow, let us all get up and play the game for all there is in it, by boosting Tahoka and Lynn County to the limit. This country is due to come again into its own and with our oil and gas possibilities, we are in line for something good during the coming year. So let us as citizens of one of the best counties on the plains of Texas, throw off that feeling of uncertainty and boost the town and country as never before. Lets bring more business to Tahoka that should rightfully be hers and what she will have if we will merely go after it. The year 1919 will soon be with us. May we grow and prosper as never before. Here's our hand for a bigger and better Tahoka during the coming year.

Teachers' Institute at Lubbock, December 30

The Teachers' Institute, which was to have met at Lubbock on the 16th of this month, has been postponed until December 30th.

The teachers from Lynn county will meet in a joint session at Lubbock this year, which is composed of several South Plains counties. This is done in order to make the session more interesting and instructive, and is a great improvement over the old way of holding the teachers' meetings in their home counties.

Become a reader of the News.



COLD, INFLUENZA, PNEUMONIA, AND TUBERCULOSIS ARE SPREAD THIS WAY

Copies of this poster can be obtained free of charge by writing to the Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

Join

All you need is a heart and a dollar



“We joined—have you?”

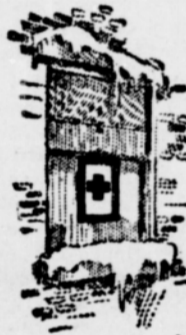
When you have that button pinned on your coat, you can look the whole world in the face—and feel proud.

It means you have answered “present” to the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call for 1919. It means that you have placed your personal stamp of approval on the work of the Greatest Mother in the World and that you have given her the moral support of your membership.

Red Cross work must go on!

As long as Americans are under arms across the sea, as long as the results of war, pestilence and famine afflict the world, the need for the Red Cross will exist.

America has never failed in doing its full duty—that duty now is universal membership in the Red Cross.



Put your
flag in
your window

Join the Red Cross
—all you need is a heart and a dollar

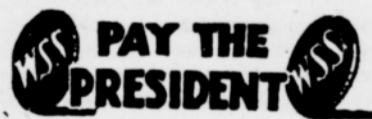


**Wear your
button**

Will you be wearing your membership button when the boys come home?

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Thomas Bros. Drug Co.

Guaranty State Bank
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Cardui Weather Chart

With Devoe's Weather Forecasts.

We have one for every family in Lynn County.

Come in and get yours and don't forget to take home a few Dolls and Toys to make the little ones happy.

Thomas Bros. Drug Co.,

Tahoka,

O'Donnell,

Texas

TELEPHONE TOLLS ARE REDUCED BY BURLESON

Washington, Dec. 17.—Sweeping reductions in long-distance and toll telephone rates by the adoption of a basic charge of 6 1-4 mills a mile, airplane mileage, and half the day rate for night service up to midnight and one-fourth the day rate after that hour, were announced today by Postmaster General Burleson. They become effective next Jan. 21.

The new rates were recommended in the first report of the committee on rate standardization of Mr. Burleson's statement said their effect is to equalize the toll and long-distance charges over the country, "removing disparities and preferences and providing a scientific basis for future reductions contemplated as unification of telephone and telegraph wire proceeds."

"A night service rate," said the statement, "which is one-half the day rate, is established between 8:30 and 12 p. m. Between midnight and 4:30 a. m. the night rate is one-fourth the day rate. These are greater reductions in night rates than have ever been made in any country, and doubtless will be extensively used, especially for social and family purposes. A person might talk from San Francisco to New York for about \$4, whereas the day rate is approximately \$16.

Must Pay for Connection.

"A station to station service is established such as now exists in the balance of the world, this is when a connection is established with the man's house or office, the opportunity to converse is provided and the station to station rate, which is the basic rate, applies and is payable whether the particular person described responds or not. The rate up to twenty-four miles is at the rate of 5c for six miles and for greater distances, 5c for each eight miles, or about 6 1-4 mills a mile. The distance is computed by airplane methods and not by pole line or public highways. The airplane distances are commonly about 100 miles when the

others would run 150 miles. It is stated by the committee that more than sixty varieties of toll rates have existed in the United States up to the present time. The effect of this uniform or basic rate in the station to station service is to reduce or not, affect about 70 per cent of the rates, though necessarily slightly raising about 30 per cent in the process of standardization.

"It requires about two and a half times as much work to establish connection with a particular person than the station to station service. Hitherto the rates have been the same for both kinds of service, nothing being paid, however great the services performed on the failure of the telephone institution to secure the particular person. The particular person service has also been used to defraud the Government out of its toll revenues. Designing persons employ codes under which, although the desired telephone is reached, the particular person is said not to be there, but words of explanation given from his phone answer all the purposes of the call under the code arrangement.

"The particular person service is not discontinued, but the rate therefore is so modified as to prevent the abuses and compensate the telephone service in part for the extra expense of labor and plant involved, and a charge of 25 per cent of the station to station rate is made for such service, when the particular person is secured and a report charge of 25 per cent of the station to station rate is made when the house or office telephone is secured and his whereabouts, or refusal to talk is reported.

"In many large sections of the country the smallest toll rate has not been less than 15c. Under the new scheme for short distances the rates are reduced to 5c and 10c for the cheapest form of service the person can talk five minutes, as compared with three minutes now, or in some cases only two minutes or one minute. Free toll areas where the exchange rate was designed to cover the free service or a low charge are therefore not affected by this order."

If the proposed international police fleet has the characteristics of a city police force, is it not likely to be pretty constantly stranded on a bar?

We are willing to quit licking the Huns but we're not willing to support them the rest of our lives.

Ask Santa Claus to give you a pair of rose-colored spectacles, and if you are lucky enough to get them, use them constantly at home and abroad. You will then be welcome everywhere.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I have opened the WEST SIDE CAFE, and will appreciate a share of your business. Remember me when hungry.

Always Open

WEST SIDE CAFE

VAN SWOFFORD, Prop.

STOMACH TROUBLE

Mr. Marion Holcomb, of Nancy, Ky., says: "For quite a long while I suffered with stomach trouble. I would have pains and a heavy feeling after my meals, a most disagreeable taste in my mouth. If I ate anything with butter, oil or grease, I would spit it up. I began to have regular sick headache. I had used pills and tablets, but after a course of these, I would be constipated. It just seemed to tear my stomach all up. I found they were no good at all for my trouble. I heard

THEDFORD'S

BLACK-DRAUGHT

recommended very highly, so began to use it. It cured me. I keep it in the house all the time. It is the best liver medicine made. I do not have sick headache or stomach trouble any more." Black-Draught acts on the jaded liver and helps it to do its important work of throwing out waste materials and poisons from the system. This medicine should be in every household for use in time of need. Get a package today. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c a package. All druggists.

ONE CENT A DOSE

A Pioneer Mothers Experiences in Texas in the Early Days

The following interesting sketch was written by S. M. Lesene and recently published in a Fort Worth newspaper:

How people used to go to Church in Brown County in the early 60's, carrying guns and plenty of ammunition for protection from the Indians, how a minister made his semi-monthly trip to Church mounted on a fast horse so he could evade the savages, and many other interesting phases of early Texas history were told me by Mrs. Martha A. Rogers, of Wheeler, at the annual session of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Clarendon.

"I was born in Choctaw County, Mississippi, June 18, 1842," said Mrs. Rogers. "In 1850 I came with my father, Edward Knight, to Jacksonville. I went to school only long enough to go through the blue-back speller but I improved my time and I can read very well, and it is a great comfort to me in my old age. My father could not read. The Bible was the first book I ever undertook to read, and I finally read it through. It has been my daily reading for over sixty years. I was received into the Church in 1854 by Rev. Enos Fisher. On my birthday in 1857 I became the wife of T. H. Rogers. He was a farmer. When a girl I carded cotton, spun thread and wove cloth for making clothing. In those days the hum of spinning wheel and the rattle of the loom were familiar sounds in almost every Texas home. Many a young man had to court his girl while she was making the old spinning wheel fairly hum. I have also done many a day of hard work in the field hoeing and picking cotton.

"In the fall of 1859 I left my dear old Christian home, going to Erath County and settling about eight miles from Stephenville. Going out in that country, then on the frontier, involved dangers and required the undergoing of many privations and the making of so many sacrifices. Those who have never had a taste of frontier life can never know the cost in suffering, heartaches and valuable treasure of redeeming and making the wilderness and waste places bloom and flourish as the rose. Even the sites of some of our prosperous towns and cities and the soil in some of our best communities have been stained with human blood, for it is remembered the pioneers had to struggle against the savage Indian and the heartless outlaw.

"But with love for my husband, baby, and Church, I was willing to go to my frontier home and make any sacrifices necessary, if by doing so I could assist in opening the way for posterity to follow and rear a higher Christian civilization upon the foundation we had laid. We had to live about a year in a small log house, daubed inside and out with red clay. The floor was dirt. I had to cook in an old style fireplace, but the Lord blessed us with plenty to eat.

"While living in this frontier mansion my husband went in his wagon to Fort Worth, nearly one hundred miles, and brought back a sack of salt and bread to last us a year. The trip was made with an ox team, and it took three weeks to go and return. Three men went with him to bring back supplies for the settlement. When the bread and salt came we lived sumptuously. Our meat was turkey, fish and deer and antelope steak. We could get any of these meats in abundance any time of the year. We also had a plentiful supply of wild honey always on hand. While my husband was gone for the bread and salt I found a bee tree in a hollow post oak, which gave us two buckets of excellent sealed honey, enough to last us all the winter. That was all the sweetening we had in the home. With honey and butter I could make what seemed to me the best tea cakes I ever tasted. When we wanted a change in meat the men would go on a hunt to Jones County and bring back an abundant supply of buffalo and bear meat.

"In February, 1860, our Indian troubles began. They raided the country, passing between our house and Stephenville. They captured and carried away a Mrs. Woods, another lady and two girls who were taken en route east of town, where the two women were killed and the girls turned loose badly abused.

"That was a lonesome summer to me. My husband had to be away most of the time hunting cattle and chasing Indians. I never knew what moment the news might come that he had been murdered by the savages. No one save those who have passed through the ordeal can fully understand what frontier life, with its trials and dangers, meant. That year we had no rain, not even a sprinkle, from April until the middle of August. It was the hottest summer I ever experienced. My husband's gun would get so hot in the rack that he

could hardly lift it with his bare hands. The heat was so intense it would melt the varnish on the bedstead in the house. We removed our beds outdoors and slept under the trees. The nights were cool. We never suffered for water. The creek on which we lived never ran dry. I had no outdoor work to do, and spent my time caring for my two children and in reading my Bible, 'Pilgrim's Progress,' my Church paper, etc.

"In November, 1860, we moved to Brown County. There was no Brownwood then. We camped one night in the valley where Brownwood now stands and wild turkeys in untold numbers roosted in trees along Pecan Bayou. We went twelve miles further west and settled on Clear Creek. Four families composed the settlement. In the following spring Brother Childress, an old frontier preacher came from Camp Colorado and organized the Church for us. It was organized in the house of Father Rogers and was the first Methodist church ever established in Brown County. It began with fifteen members. There were three families living on the creek three miles above us and three on the Colorado six miles away who used to come in ox wagons to attend services.

"They always brought their guns and plenty of ammunition for defending themselves in case they were attacked by the Indians. Then the people, hungering for the bread of life, would take chances on an Indian scarp in order to come to Church; now they are indifferent about coming where the church house is supplied with heaters, electric lights, and luxury.

"The people then enjoyed the good old-time gospel preaching and shouting religion. The dear old preacher rode a good horse for out-running the Indians. He came twice a month for two years, during which period the Indians chased him several times into thickets. The redskins killed and scalped Jim Tankersley and another man within three miles of our house.

"In the fall of 1862 my husband went to drive beeves to the army at Natchez, Miss. In his absence I, with my three small children, went in a small wagon drawn by oxen to my mother's home in Jacksonville, Texas. I took an old man and a small boy along as a kind of body guard. I drove the wagon and made the trip, a distance of 300 miles, in 14 days. Teamsters said that was the shortest time in which the trip from Brown County ever had been made. I remained there until September, 1863, when Mr. Rogers returned from Natchez. He then went from Jacksonville to Erath County, taking cotton for the women to make cloth. Mr. Rogers joined the home militia, and I, with the children, remained there in the Oxford settlement until the fall of 1865. We then went to Bell County, and I used to drive our milk cows home from the prairie where Temple stands.

"From Bell County we moved to Robertson County. In the spring of 1858 we went to Berry Co., Mo., and made that trip in an ox wagon. Returning to Texas after a sojourn of three years in Missouri, we lived eight years in Johnson County. In all I have lived in thirty counties in Texas, scattered over East and West Texas and the Panhandle. We went to Wichita Falls with the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad. When we arrived there everybody was living in tents. As I remember, there was not a house there. I ran a tent boarding house. But need not undertake to say what kind of town it was. It is sufficient to say there were seventeen saloons there, all doing business in tents.

"I have heard 2700 sermons in twenty-six years. Last year I heard 130. My friends can see how good the Lord has been to me, giving me health, strength and the means to have this good time in my old age. I have ten children living, forty-three grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren.

"This is June, 1918. It is wonderful to know how Methodism has grown in the Panhandle for the last thirty-four years. I have seen the growth of Methodism, the improvement of Churches and parsonages on the Denver from Amarillo to Wichita Falls for the last 30 years, and one has no idea of the great development unless they had seen it from the early days like I have. I can say that the most pleasure of my life is going to the District and Annual Conferences up and down the Denver, meeting with so many of my old pastors who have been such a help to me with their great preaching, too many of them to mention all of their names. But Brother John Henson for the last 30 years has been a wonderful help to me and from the way he preached at Shamrock in the District Conference in April he still gets better good further on. Well, the Lord is still good

to me, permitting me to hear so many good sermons. I have been in Yellville, Arkansas, seven weeks; had a protracted meeting which lasted over two weeks. I have heard 40 good old-fashioned sermons here, so you see the Lord is still blessing me with good preaching.

"Expect to be back in McLean, Texas, by the 10th of July. Bro. Osborn's protracted meeting will commence at McLean on the 20th of July. He is a fine preacher and everybody seems to love him around McLean. No more at present."

"September 23, 1918: I have been in the home of Rev. C. C. Wright for two weeks and attending a revival conducted by Bro. F. M. Neal. Had a fine meeting, and am leaving this morning for Clarendon, where I will hear some more good preaching by Bro. Story. For sixty-five years I have heard an average of 100 sermons a year, but this year I have heard 165 sermons already, and expect to hear 15 or 20 more by the time conference meets at Lubbock. I have gone over the top this year in hearing good preaching.

"MRS. M. A. ROGERS."
—Texas Christian Advocate.

LIVING IN PARIS STILL GOING UP; BUTTER IS \$1.60

Paris, Dec. 14.—Living in Paris is higher now than it has been at any other time since the beginning of the war and with the influx of peace delegations and the coming of Winter it promises to be higher still. Many staples are difficult to find at any price, notably butter, lentils, rice, macaroni, noodles, and potatoes. Eggs are practically unobtainable. They are worth 12 cents each. Milk is exceedingly scarce and costs 20 cents a quart. Most families are unable to obtain more than one quart daily.

Butter sells at \$1.60 a pound, cheese \$1.10, lard is unobtainable, olive oil \$2.50 a quart and wood alcohol \$1.40 a quart, but it is almost unobtainable. Vinegar sells for 45 cents a quart, coffee at 76 cents a pound, tea at \$1.40 and chocolate is 54 cents a pound, but is exceedingly scarce, sugar 19 cents a pound limited to one pound a month per person. Sardines at \$1.40 and herring \$1.20 per tin of fifty. Beans and peas cost 70 cents a quart, rice 45 cents a pound, noodles 48 cents, carrots and potatoes 6 cents a pound, small oranges 5 cents and small bananas 10 cents each, the best veal \$1.20 a pound, mutton \$1.35 and pork 90 cents, but it is becoming scarce.

Coal, the sale of which is limited by cards, is worth \$47 a ton. Even with a card it is hard to find a dealer with any to sell. The restaurants have plenty of food for people who can pay. An ordinary business lunch can be obtained for \$2, but when a person is really hungry the bill is likely to run to \$3 or \$4.

Read the label on your paper. It tells when your subscription expires.

Americanism is spelled with W.S.S.

INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE MAKES AMERICAN EFFICIENT

General Pershing's recent war report gives us a history of the American army which the American army has seen in France. The report is a concise and soldierly document, evidence without trace of exaggeration. Reading between the lines we see the high courage of our American army clearly revealed. The general clothed with a wonderful tribute to the patience and heroism of his officers and soldiers.

The work which the American have done in the war is far more than military experts foresaw as possible in so short a space of time. It was not to be expected that a host of young men drawn from peaceful civilian life and with a training but though intensified, should be able to prevail wherever they were against Germany's seasoned troops. Their success can only be attributed to the national American character. The American is resourceful. He has initiative and is full of latent possibilities. As Kipling says, he "turns a keen, untroubled face Home to the instant need of things. If he undertakes a new job he uses his mind upon it, applies the principles of his last work, so far as are applicable, figures it out and becomes master of it.

Great efficiency doubtless arises from the drilling of men to some set task. But it is not the efficiency of the American, which comes from his innate adaptability and the use of his reasoning powers.

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To the land of peace and plenty,
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Near the front lines over here,
But I know that you are praying
And I feel your presence near.
And I'll try to do your teachings,
Always, where e'er I may be,
And be worthy of the Mother
You have always been to me.

And I'll soon come sailing Mother,
Back, in answer to your prayer
To the land of peace and plenty
And the home you've made so rare.

I am somewhere, Mother, somewhere,
Near that bloody No Man's Land
Where your actions show your makin'
and your manhood takes it stand.

Dad, I know you're proud I'm serving,
Should I hesitate to start—
If I shirk to do my duty,
May a bullet pierce my heart;
So if I live I'll be worthy
Of my flag and native land—
That sweet place of peace and plenty,
And the right to shake your hand.

Yes, we're somewhere people some-
where,
In a country far away,
But our thoughts are always some-
where
In the dear old U. S. A.
Be it Kansas or Kentucky,
Texas, Maine, or Alabam,
Just so its in the borders
Of the land of Uncle Sam.
And you'll never find its equal,
Anywhere beneath the sky
Its the land of Peace and Plenty,
There let me be to live and die.

—By T. R. ALLEN,
Somewhere in France.

Jno. R. Jacobs, of the east-
ern part of the state, is in Ta-
hoka for a short while. Mr.
Jacobs is in poor health, and
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A Visit to O'Donnell and Lamesa Last Saturday

Last Saturday morning, in
company with our father and
mother, wife and little daughter,
the editor of this paper, headed
toward the towns of O'Donnell,
which is located on the south
line of Lynn County, and La-
mesa, the county site of Daw-
son County, two towns we have
always had a desire to see and
visit.

We arrived in Lamesa about
10:00 o'clock a.m., and found the
streets swarming with people
of the town and country, which
made it appear as a hustling,
thriving little city.

In making our rounds over the
town we met up with several
people we knew, and each and
every one had a good word to
speak for his town and country,
and showed a progressive spirit
on the part of its citizenship.

We soon found our way around
to the Reporter Printing estab-
lishment, and found Bro. Smith,
the editor, and his office force
busy fill orders for printing.

On our return we stopped a
few minutes at O'Donnell, and
found a good sized crowd in
town. This little town has
several nice buildings, and sup-
ports a first-class drug store,
a general merchandise store,
blacksmith shop, garage, lum-
ber yard, a modern hotel, barber
shop, postoffice, cotton gin, and
a nice little depot, making it a
most desirable little city in
which to live.

We saw some of the finest
country on the South Plains,
and the trip as a whole, was en-
joyed to the utmost. We hope
to again have the opportunity
of visiting our neighbors on the
south.

Aubry Thomas, who has held
a responsible position with the
local yard of the Higginbotham-
Harris Lumber Company for the
past year, has been transferred
to the Eastland yard, of this
company. We regret to see
Aubry leave Tahoka, but we are
glad to see him promoted to a
higher position, and wish him
every success in his new field of
labor.

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J. B. Nash, of Plainview, was
a business visitor in Tahoka
Monday, and invested in oil
stock in the Tahoka Oil and Gas
Company.

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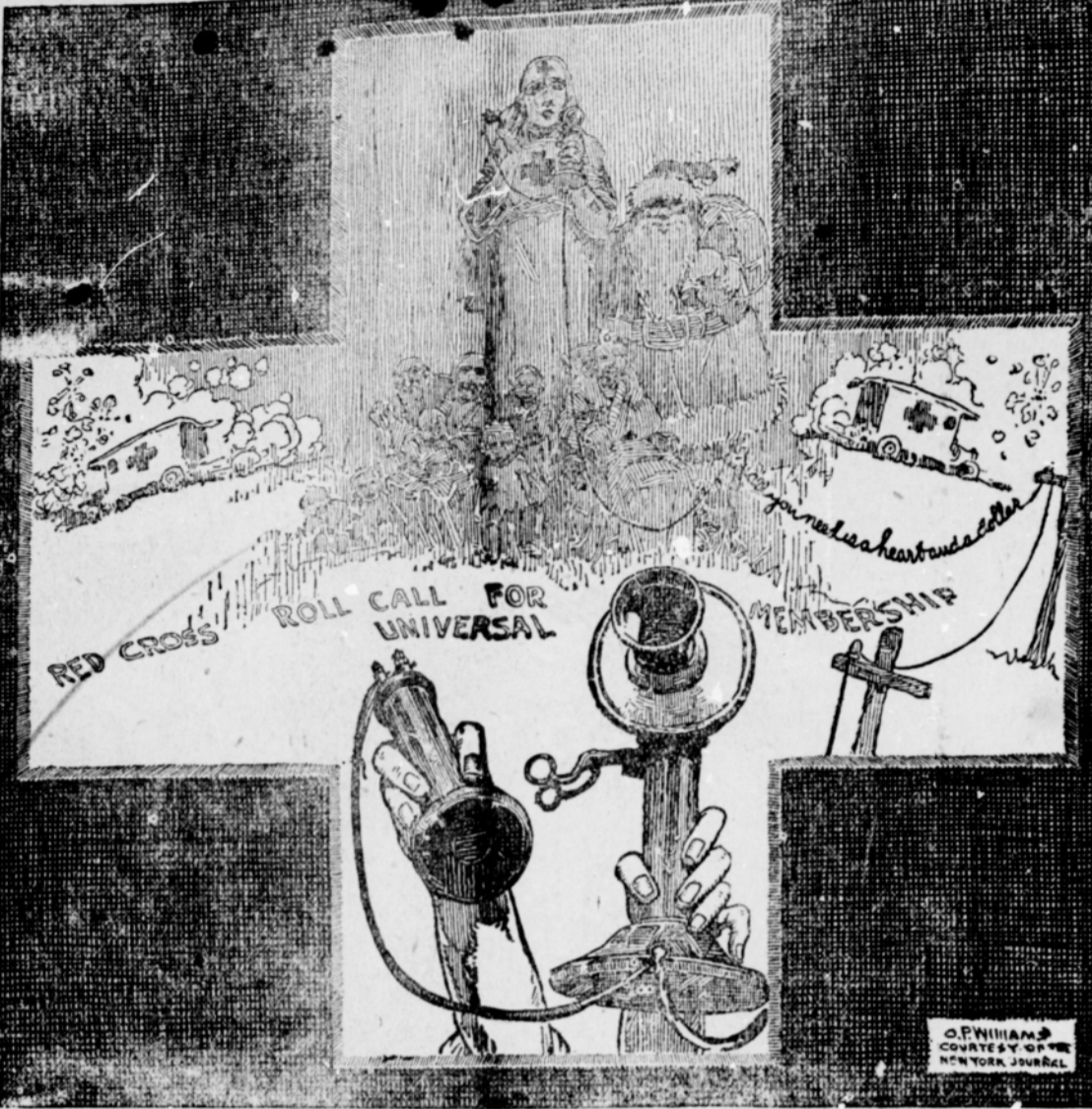
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* monthly intervals. Build up your
* strength with right living, good
* food and plenty of fresh air.
* Don't waste money on patent
* medicines advertised to cure tu-
* berculosis.
* Become a fresh-air crank and
* enjoy life.

Washington, D. C.—(Special).—Ac-
cording to a report made to the United
States Public Health Service, the epi-
demic of influenza in Spain has al-
ready caused an increase in the preva-
lence and deaths from pulmonary tu-
berculosis. A similar association be-
tween influenza and tuberculosis was
recently made by Sir Arthur New-
sholme, the chief medical officer of the
English public health service, in his
analysis of the tuberculosis death rate
in England.

In order that the people of the United
States may profit by the experience of
other countries Surgeon General
Rupert Blue of the United States Public
Health Service has just issued a
warning emphasizing the need of spe-
cial precautions at the present time.
"Experience seems to indicate," says
the Surgeon General, "that persons
whose resistance has been weakened
by an attack of influenza are peculiarly
susceptible to tuberculosis. With
millions of its people recently affected
with influenza this country now of-
fers conditions favoring the spread of
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"Come on, Texas! Hit the trail
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This is Billy Sunday's injunction
to Texans, who urges that all War
Savings Stamp Pledges be paid by
Christmas and that no one put off
W. S. S. Pledge settlement until De-
cember 31, the last day of grace.

To Texans, Billy Sunday, famous
oratorist who is now preaching in
Fort Worth, says:

"You say you are glad the war
is over, you men and women of Tex-
as; you say you appreciate the
bloody sacrifices that the boys from
Texas and the other 47 States have
made for you—that you reverence
the memories of the heroes who
have kept Hun and harm from
you; you say you are glad that there
will be no more casualty lists
blackened with the names of the
men who have dared and done for
you; but now, I ask you, have you
shown that appreciation? How have
you expressed your gladness?"

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
J. K. Millman is reported to be
quite sick at their home in south
Tahoka.

NOTICE

I will do all kinds of pipe
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On account of the epidemic of
influenza in our town the News'
local readers are not up to the
usual standard in the paper this
week. The old town has been
unusually quiet, very few people
being on the streets, except
on the prominent corners and
the postoffice, the latter place
being pretty well crowded at
mail time. We will be glad in-
deed when the epidemic blows
over and we can get back to the
usual routine of business.

Frank L. Rutter, of Fort
Worth, representative of the
popular daily, the Star Telegram,
was in Tahoka few hours Mon-
day, and while here made this
office a pleasant visit.

The Bradley Auto Company
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which was considerably damag-
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"The War is Over"

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The war is over and Allies return
home;
And the Yanks sail for America
more to roam.

I see the Allies marching through
rain and mist.
And a feeling comes o'er me that
cannot resist.

A feeling of sadness for poor Belgium
who has suffered ruin and pain;
But yet, she has fixed old Kaiser
hem, so he cannot reign.

Come read to me Kaiser Wilhelm,
plans that you read to your Crown
Prince son;

When you said the Americans
not whip you, but its already done.

Not for the German arms so might
They felt cowardly enough;
When they heard those American
sines yell, "They may have
scared boys, but they have not
us bluffed."

Through the streets of Paris, old
aimed to make a parade.
But when the Americans stepped in,
made him feel afraid.

Over to America, old Crown Prince
aimed to bring his crew;
But when he heard the Americans
whipped them, it made him
awful blue.

Through long days of preparing,
Kaiser told them to prepare
war,
But when they got licked, they call
the Kaiser liar.

Attorney J. E. Warren,
Cleburne, Texas, becomes
reader of the News this week.

Bill Duncan has returned from
Lubbock, where he was confined
in a sanitarium with a light
tack of the "Flu".

Lynn County Maps for sale
the News office. 50 cents each,
25c each, for fifty or more. Call
your map now, a limited supply
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Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Haynes
visited in Tahoka Saturday
Sunday with the News editor
and family.

Sergeant Charles F. Shook
is out of the city this week
the interest of the Tahoka Oil
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B. F. Montgomery returned
the first of the week from Plain-
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A BILL TO PERMIT SOLDIERS TO KEEP UNIFORMS

Congressman Marvin Jones of this district introduced the following bill which has been referred to the committee on military affairs:

A Bill

To provide for the retention of all uniforms issued to soldiers and sailors of the United States who have been honorably discharged, and providing also for the privilege of using same.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that each enlisted man of the Army or Navy of the United States, whether by induction or otherwise, who has been or who may hereafter be honorably discharged from the service, shall have the right to retain as his personal property all clothing, uniform, shoes, hat, and overcoat which may have been or which may hereafter be issued to him by the Government of the United States. Such individual soldier or sailor so discharged shall also have the privilege of wearing such complete uniform and clothing at any time: Provided, however, That the Secretary of War may require of any discharged soldier, and the Secretary of the Navy may require of any discharged sailor, the wearing of some character of inexpensive insignia or button on the collar, sleeve, or other part of such uniform as evidence that such soldier or sailor has been honorably discharged.

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We are very thankful indeed to all of you for the Splendid business you have given us during the year just closing and we hope that our business relations have been such that we will be able to enjoy your continued trade. The New Year is opening with bright prospects and we hope you will have a prosperous 1919, and that your improvements needs will bring you to our yard often.

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NEGRO TROOPS LAND IN NEW YORK FROM ENGLAND

New York, Dec. 19.—Rows upon rows of flashing white teeth greeted the crowd which waited on docks yesterday to meet the White Star steamer Celtic bringing troops from Europe. The bands that waited with uplifted instruments to burst into the familiar "Home, Sweet Home," suddenly laid them aside, for over the water from the approaching troopship floated the strains of "My Old Kentucky Home."

The big ship glided into her moorings, the gang plank dropped and over it came a band leader in an overseas cap and a swagger that might have created jealousy even at Great Lakes.

There wasn't much business transacted on the pier until that band got through. Young officers looked inquiringly at the pretty Red Cross cravat workers. They found themselves of the same mind and in a few minutes were floating about the pier to the dreamy strains of a waltz played as only a negro band can play it.

The police and fire department bands that waited patients to play "Home Sweet Home" never had a chance after that negro soldier band made the White Star docks.

The band was from the Eight Hundred and Fourteenth Pioneer Infantry which trained at Camp Taylor, Kentucky. There were several hundred negro troopers aboard also and they sure were glad to get back to this old U. S. A.

"The wah, it ain't so bad," declared one of the dusky soldiers, "but this heah ocean doan make no hit with me. All I asks is to be taken away from this heah ocean—dey doan ever want to see watah again, no sah."

Most of the negro soldiers aboard had been in England, as they arrived too late to take part in the fighting.

CASUALTY REPORTS ALMOST COMPLETE

Washington, Dec. 16.—General Pershing cabled the War Department today that practically complete reports of deaths in action among the expeditionary forces should reach the department by Dec. 20 and of severely wounded by Dec. 27.

General Pershing said that the number of unreported casualties in process of verification at the central records office of the expeditionary forces on Dec. 14, was 40,440.

They were divided as follows: Killed in action 390, died of wounds 275, died of disease 353, accidentally killed 51, severely wounded in action 39,371.

These include all "suspense cases under investigation," the General said.

Total casualties to Nov. 23 in the Thirtieth (Wildcat) Division (North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee National Guard) were given as 7,623. The casualties were classified as follows:

Killed in action 1,168, died of wounds 283, died of disease 15, died of other causes 5, severely wounded 1,181, wounded (degree undetermined) 805, slightly wounded 3,973, missing or captured 193.

General Pershing reported that the number of duplicated casualties discovered in the central records office since Nov. 27 would not operate to reduce the total for the entire expeditionary forces given in his summary of that date, as additional casualties reported more than offset the duplicates.

Dried corn and sweet potatoes are delicious together.

POLL TAX NOT LEVIED AGAINST TEXAS WOMEN

Austin, Texas, Dec. 21.—That the act of the Thirty-Fifth Legislature granting women the right to vote in primary elections and nominating conventions does not levy a poll tax on all women of voting age, is the opinion of State Comptroller H. B. Terrell, and he has so advised a number of County Tax Assessors who have made inquiry of the Comptroller regarding this law. Comptroller Terrell construes the statute referred to to mean that women who desire to vote are granted that privilege by paying a poll tax as required of male voters, but if a woman does not desire to participate in primary elections, she does not have to pay a poll tax, and County Assessors are without authority to levy the poll tax against her.

In answer to an inquiry from Mrs. Anna Bowman of Palestine, County Assessor of Anderson County, Comptroller Terrell sent the following:

"Replying to your favor of the 14th asking for information as to whether or not you should assess women and place their names on the tax rolls for poll tax, you are advised that the law passed by the called session of the Thirty-Fifth Legislature granting women the right to vote in all primary elections and conventions in this State, and requiring the payment of a poll tax of all women desiring to vote after the first day of January, 1919, does not levy a poll tax on all women of voting age.

Sec. 5 of this act is as follows:

"The provisions of this act shall apply and govern the voting of women in the primary elections held during the year 1919, and from and after the first of January, 1919, each woman voter in this State shall be required to pay the poll tax now required by law of each male person who desires to vote and shall be governed and controlled by all the laws of the State of Texas requiring and permitting the voting upon the payment of poll tax in this State."

"The statute quoted above does not levy a poll tax against all women, but grants women who desire to vote the privilege of doing so by paying a poll tax as required of male voters. You are therefore advised that women should not be assessed or placed on the tax rolls for a poll tax."

Mr. Terrell pointed out that Art. 7354 of the revised statute, which levies a poll tax "on every male person between the ages of 21 and 60" is not a tax for the privilege of voting, but that tax is levied on male persons whether they desire to vote or not. The Terrell election law penalizes the man who fails to pay this tax by not permitting women to vote merely charges the woman who desires to participate in elections for that privilege. If a woman does not care to participate in elections, she does not have to pay a poll tax.

CURETON RETAINS ASSISTANTS IN ATTY. GENERAL'S OFFICE

Austin, Texas, Dec. 21.—Attorney General-Elect C. M. Cureton announced today that he will retain the present office force and fill the two vacancies in the department with F. R. Smith of Snyder and W. F. Schenck of Lubbock.

Assistant Attorney General Walter A. Keeling will be promoted to First Assistant Attorney General, succeeding Mr. Cureton when the latter becomes Attorney General on Jan. 1, 1919. Mr. Keeling has been in charge of all liquor matters in the department. The other assistants will be assigned later. Under today's appointments the following remain in the department:

Luther Nickels of Hill County, C. W. Taylor of Navarro County, John C. Wall of Grayson County, W. P. Dumas of Kaufman County and W. J. Townsend of Angelina County. Mr. Keeling hails from Limestone County.

Mr. Cureton retained the present clerical and stenographic force in the department, of which L. C. Sutton is chief clerk and R. V. Nichols is special agent.

Of the new appointees Mr. Smith has been practicing law at Snyder and resigned as Mayor to come to Austin. Mr. Schenck was formerly Mayor of Lubbock and at one time County Attorney of Bosque County. He and Mayes Cureton were school boys together and became mates when attending school at Waco, also in the first days of law practice.

Potatoes can perfectly well be used in cornmeal bread.

ZONE POSTAGE RATES TO BE LOWERED JULY 1

Washington, Dec. 19.—By adopting the Finance Committee amendments to the war revenue bill affecting second-class postage and insurance companies, the Senate today cleared the way for disposal of the few other contested but important features remaining. Leaders now have increased confidence of passing the bill before adjourning next Monday.

By a vote of 34 to 22, the Senate approved the committee amendment proposing repeal next July 1 of the present zone system of second-class postage rates and substitution of a rate of 1c per pound within 150 miles and 1 1-2c beyond. Most of the day was spent in spirited discussion of this amendment and one by Senator McKellar of Tennessee, for a modified zone plan, which was rejected without a roll call.

The Senate also approved the committee plan for new rates on casualty, fire, marine and other insurance companies, except life insurance. The new rates, based on premium receipts are, respectively: Fire insurance companies 1 3-4 per cent, casualty, plate glass and similar companies 1 1-2 per cent, and marine 2 1-4 per cent on inland and 1 3-4 per cent on export policies.

Disposal of these and many minor administrative and verbiage changes left virtually only the income war excess profits, inheritance and luxury tax sections to be considered.

A substitute for the committee's bill, proposing large tax increases, principally on big incomes and war excess profits, as introduced late today by Senator LaFollette (Rep.) of Wisconsin, who is expected to make a lengthy address tomorrow in its behalf.

Fight on 1920 Taxes.

Senator Jones (Dem.) of New Mexico plans to advocate an amendment to continue war profits taxation through 1920, and Senator Thomas (Dem.) of Colorado is expressed to propose elimination of the inheritance tax provisions, with Senator Kenyon of Iowa and others prepared to urge reinsertion of the 20 per cent tax on luxuries.

Besides these questions, that of prescribing 1920 tax rates, opposed by Republicans, remains for disposition.

Disposal of the second class postage section today was regarded as removing a considerable obstacle from the bill's path. Senators Hardwick of Georgia and McKellar of Tennessee led the fight on the committee amendment which was defended by Senator Smoot of Utah.

On the roll call on adoption of the committee amendment, thirteen Democrats and twenty-one Republicans supported the new periodical rates, with fifteen Democrats and seven Republicans in opposition.

La Follette's Substitute Bill.
The substitute bill, which Senator LaFollette will advance tomorrow, proposes mainly large increases in the war excess profits rates and individual income surtaxes.

The LaFollette substitute also proposes to retain the 12 per cent tax on corporation incomes, but would cut the individual normal rates from 12 to 2 per cent and secure the bulk of individual income revenue from surtaxes.

From individual incomes Senator LaFollette estimates that his bill would raise \$1,784,000,000, compared with \$1,432,000,000 estimated under the pending measures.

In disposing of the miscellaneous provisions today, the Senate adopted committee amendments to give mutual insurance companies the same tax privileges as life insurance companies basing their taxes on net income instead of on policies issued.

GERMANY MUST PAY ANY PRICE FOR U. S. TREATY

Berlin, Dec. 15.—Discussing President Wilson's trip to Europe, Count Ernst von Reventlow, chief editorial writer of the Tages Zeitung, says:

"The German people must pay any price, no matter how high, the United States names as a condition for the resumption of their relations with the world."

Count Von Reventlow believes that Mr. Wilson's consent to the armistice conditions imposed on Germany is bound to "prove inimical to the influence of the United States in Europe and among its associates."

Eggs in potato nests are a good substitute for eggs on toast.

SOME WEATHER REPORTS FROM TEXAS POINTS

Orange, Texas, Dec. 19.—The incessant rainfall in this section for the last two days has rendered travel by automobile between Beaumont and Louisiana points almost impossible. Rice farmers, who were saving their crops at a rapid rate, have suspended thrashing because of the rain.

Cleburne, Texas, Dec. 19.—A steady rain has been falling here for the last thirty-six hours.

Colorado, Texas, Dec. 19.—A good rain fell here today and last night, amounting to one inch. This gives us the best season we have had in the ground for two years.

San Angelo, Texas, Dec. 19.—A steady downpour of rain has fallen over this entire section today.

Sweetwater, Texas, Dec. 19.—Rain fell slowly almost the entire day, precipitation being about one inch. This being the first rain since the big snow, the grain crops were in fine condition to receive the moisture.

Gainesville, Texas, Dec. 19.—Rain has fallen almost continuously since yesterday.

Abilene, Texas, Dec. 19.—A heavy rain fell here today.

Big Spring, Texas, Dec. 19.—Three fourths of an inch of rain fell here last night and today. Fall grain and winter pasture will be much benefited.

Stamford, Texas, Nov. 19.—One and sixty-three hundredths inches of rain has fallen here this week. The wheat crop is looking well.

Vernon, Texas, Dec. 19.—It has been raining here all day, giving the finest outlook for wheat in the history of the county.

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 19.—Rain fell here for several hours last night and today, estimated at one inch.

FLU SITUATION CONTINUES TO IMPROVE IN PLAINVIEW

Plainview News:

Dr. E. F. McClendon, city health officer, informed the News editor this morning that the influenza situation is improving rapidly, and while there have been two deaths since Tuesday—Merl Hester and Rev. W. M. P. Rippy—and a number still have pneumonia, the disease is letting up, and there are not very many cases in town now. The wet weather of this week has caused some people to contract the disease, especially where they have not taken the proper precautions, and the weather has also been hard on those who already had the disease or had contracted pneumonia. If the present clear and warmer weather continues the community will soon be free of the epidemic.

There were fourteen patients in the emergency hospital in the basement of the Presbyterian church last night, and they were reported to be doing well, and possibly none will result fatally.

SNOWED UNDER

It looked like we would be snowed under and we did have a good one, but we were able to deliver the coal just the same, and have plenty more to send to your bin. Begin the new year with a full coal bin.

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