

## RAILWAY BROTHERHOODS TO GIVE VIEW ON ANTI-STRIKE ACT IN CONFERENCE TODAY

### DEATHS FROM ALCOHOL USE INCREASING

CHICOPEE, Mass., Dec. 27.—The death list resulting from the drinking of "whisky" said by Medical Examiner Fletcher to contain wood alcohol during Christmas festivities, had reached 45 in this city, Springfield, Greenfield and Holyoke early tonight. With the additional deaths in Hartford, reported to be 13 late in the afternoon, the figures were nearing the 60 mark and it was expected that before the night had passed the toll would be much higher due to the increasing number of cases coming to the attention of physicians and police.

District Attorney Ely of Westfield today questioned several saloon-keepers and hotel owners in this city and Holyoke. Alexander Terry, owner of the American House in Chicopee Falls was held under \$10,000 bail on a charge of manslaughter after pleading not guilty, was among those questioned but no word was given out by the district attorney as to the result.

Four More Died at Chicago. CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Four persons, two of them women, died from drinking wood alcohol, making a total of eight such deaths in 48 hours, or 34 since July 1. The authorities were thoroughly aroused and several arrests have been made. "Drinks containing wood alcohol, were called "coroner's cocktails" by Coroner Peter M. Hoffman, who issued a public warning against the sale of the drug and declared he would attempt to hand coroners and other public officials throughout the country to prevent the sale and consumption of poisoned liquor. The police arrested the manager of a drug department of an outlying department store after establishment of the sale of pint bottles of wood alcohol with \$2 Christmas candy purchases. A widow of a saloon-keeper who died today was arrested and she is said to have admitted mixing wood alcohol with other liquor. She said the poison was purchased from a druggist who was also arrested.

Five Dead at Newark. NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 27.—Two deaths here today from drinking wood alcohol brought the list of dead here to five during the last two weeks.

Three Die at St. Paul. ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 27.—Three are dead here by drinking wood alcohol today.

Three Dead at Memphis. MEMPHIS, Dec. 27.—Three persons have died here from drinking wood alcohol during the holidays.

Made by Italians. NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—New York detectives seeking the stores of "whisky" manufactured from wood alcohol which has caused scores of deaths in the east within the last two days tonight expressed the opinion that hundreds of barrels of the poisoned liquor were made in this city by a band of Italians and shipped to nearby states. They predicted a number of arrests soon would be made.

Two men were found dead and two seriously ill tonight from what is believed by physicians to be wood alcohol poisoning.

The hotel proprietor denied having sold the men whisky and gave the officers a bottle from his stock for analysis.

No Imported Liquors. WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Stringent regulations were issued today by the treasury to prevent intoxicants from entering the country from ships arriving from foreign parts.

Liquors properly listed must be placed under seal by the officers of the customs service and kept sealed during the time they are in port. No part of such stores may be removed from under seal for any purpose, the regulations state, which deny the ration of wine served on some ships.

Active liquor stores no longer being dutiable are subject to seizure. Customs officials are not greatly concerned over the possibility of smuggling large stores into the country and the new orders are believed to close the last hope through which intoxicants might reach consumers.

WINNEPEG LABOR LEADER GETS 2 YEARS

WINNEPEG, Dec. 27.—A sentence of two years' imprisonment was given R. B. Russell, one of the labor leaders in Winnipeg's recent general strike, who was found guilty of a seditious conspiracy today.

### LONDON COMING TO U. S. TO SOLVE PHONE PROBLEM

LIMA, O., Dec. 27.—London, England, is coming to the United States to have its telephone problems solved. London's phone service has been notorious and leading newspapers have been conducting agitation for a change for sometime.

A commission of British telephone experts recently visited Lima, Ohio, to inspect a unique system installed there. Cleveland, Ohio, also sent a delegation and is considering adopting the same system, known as the "auto-manual."

It is neither manual, as the old system generally in use, nor is it entirely automatic, but combines, it is claimed, the advantages of both types and eliminates their disadvantages. Unlike the automatic system, switchboard operators are employed, but the old fashioned switchboard, with its plugs and cords, is eliminated.

Instead each girl sits at an individual desk, with three instruments, resembling adding machines before her. The first column of the key-board is devoted to prefixes, and the other to numbers.

When a call is received an automatic "distributor" starts it down the line of desks until it finds a girl who is not busy. If one who has been passed clears her desk the call jumps back to her.

After she has punched the proper keys the further processes of the call become domestic. An automatic ring notifies the subscriber that his number is being rung, or if the line is busy an automatic "busy signal" informs him of the fact.

The system is said to furnish an average of fifteen second service, while the operator handles as many as three times the calls taken care of under the old system.

### LIVING COSTS ARE DECLINING, SAYS OFFICIAL

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—That living cost is declining, Howard Figg, assistant attorney general in charge of the government's profiteering campaign, told the housewives' league here today. He predicted a 26 per cent reduction in the price of clothing by spring and declared the price level of all merchandise was now less than it was August 1 last.

### Carranza Denies Aids U. S. Radicals

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Raymond T. de Negri, Mexican consul general in New York, issued a statement tonight in which he declared "entirely false" a set of letters made public by Senator Fall of New Mexico purporting to show that Carranza was in sympathy with radical elements in this country.

### REFUSES TO TELL WHY DIDN'T ATTEND WEDDING

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—After having persistently refused to tell why he failed to appear for his wedding with Miss Ruth Keeney at Monson, Mass., Christmas day, Dr. William Vermilye, former surgeon in the navy, who was located in a hospital here today, sent the following note to newspapers: "Gentlemen: Upon my return to the United States I was met by an invitation to my own wedding. I am not hiding from anyone. I have nothing more to say."

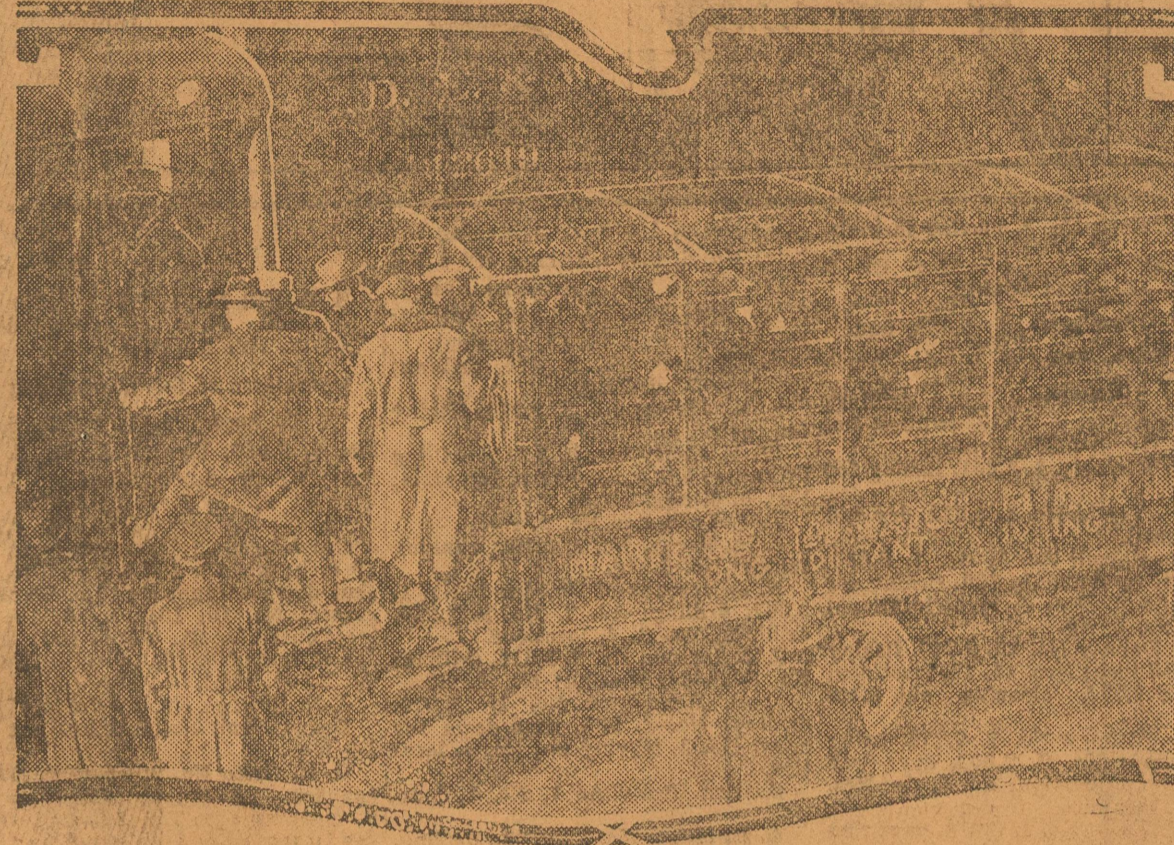
### KOLCHAK RETIRES; SEMINOFF SUCCEEDS

VIADIVOSTOCK, Dec. 27.—Admiral Kolchak, commanding the all-Russian government forces opposing the bolsheviks in Siberia, has retired from active command because of ill health and has appointed General Semionoff to succeed as commander in chief, according to a message received here today by General Semionoff's representatives.

### VILLA TO AVENGE DEATH OF ANGELES

EL PASO, Dec. 27.—Gen. Francisco Villa, in a letter received at El Paso today, expressed sorrow for the execution by Carranza troops of Gen. Felipe Angeles, intellectual leader under Villa, and hinted at reprisal on those who had part in the "assassination."

### GATHERING RED RECRUITS FOR THE SECOND SOVIET ARK



Anarchists captured in New England being placed aboard a train at Hartford, Conn. While one shipment of anarchists, including such notorious reds as Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman, is on its way to soviet Russia, another cargo is being collected at New York and will be shipped soon. "Down with the government!" was the cry of these Bolsheviki sympathizers as they were being rushed to New York to await the departure of the second soviet ark.

### ONE OKLAHOMA BANK ROBBER DIES IN FIGHT

ATOKA, Okla., Dec. 27.—One alleged bank robber was killed and two men were captured after a run fight with a sheriff's posse in the hills, nine miles south of here Friday. The posse recovered about \$1,200, believed to have been a part of the \$2,400 cash taken from the state bank of Bromide, Okla., Wednesday last.

The posse had been on the trail of the three men since Wednesday, and when it came upon a cabin in the hills, the men opened fire. Henry Passey was killed in the return fire. After his death the two other men, C. (Doc) Hayes and Chester Lane, surrendered.

### Garages Can Help Police Recover Cars

Co-operation of the garages in recovering stolen cars is asked by the police and would tend to lessen the risk of theft, locally, and aid the garages. According to a state statute made effective July 1, every garage must take the motor number and frame number of every automobile on which they work.

If this was done, the officers would have ready reference in their search for stolen cars. It would not be necessary to make a tiresome search of every garage for every car reported stolen, but a glance at the garage record would show whether any cars that had been reported from other police departments, or locally, had been repaired there.

Local officers who are detailed to stolen automobile work have lists of numbers of different makes running into the hundreds. Identification often depends on the record which the garage, according to state law, is expected to make.

### Meat Prices to Be High 7 Years

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—A shortage of 1,000,000 cattle in the year just closing will cause high prices for meats and meat products for at least the next seven years, it is declared by M. F. Horine, statistician for the Union stockyards, in his annual report made public today.

Mr. Horine says it will be impossible to make good the shortage of 1919 before 1927, and that the department of agriculture's report concerning the number of cattle in the United States is too optimistic.

### TROOPS SENT TO PUEBLA TO QUELL RIOTS

PUEBLA, Colo., Dec. 27.—An attempt was made at 6 o'clock last night on the life of Frank E. Parks, manager of the Ninnequa plant of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, according to an announcement by Mr. Parks today. As a result it is understood that state troops have been asked to come here and take charge of the situation.

The attack on Mr. Parks was made by two men as he was returning to his home from his office. Mr. Parks did not believe the shots were intended for him until he noticed his automobile this morning and found four bullet holes through it.

Riots followed resumption this week of work in the plant after it had been closed since September by the strike.

An attempt at jailbreak was made at the Pueblo county jail at 6 o'clock this evening. The escape of the prisoners was frustrated by shots fired by one of the guards, seriously wounding an inmate, by the name of Green, said to be a ring leader, who probably will die. "Turnkey" Coats was badly beaten up by the prisoners before help arrived.

50 Guardsmen From Denver. DENVER, Colo., Dec. 27.—Fifty Denver guardsmen will leave for Pueblo at 11 o'clock tonight and arrive there tomorrow morning.

### Negro Lynched in N. Carolina

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 27.—A negro named Green is believed to have been lynched at Franklington, N. C., "somewhere" after he had shot and killed R. M. Brown, proprietor of a moving picture theater.

After the killing of Brown the negro was taken from the police by a crowd of citizens, which dragged him out of town. At least fifty shots were fired after the mob disappeared in the darkness.

### WOMAN ARRESTED FOR BROWN'S DEATH

MOUNT VERNON, Dec. 27.—Convicted that jealousy was behind the slaying last Tuesday night of J. Stanley Brown, son of the former Detroit manufacturer, authorities today instituted a search in Ohio and southern Michigan for two men and a woman, the latter Mrs. Lena Bennett, being found and detained at Sandusky, Ohio.

### OKLAHOMA BANK ROBBED OF \$10,000

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 27.—Robbers entered the state bank of Kinia and escaped with \$10,000 in Liberty bonds. The robbery occurred early yesterday, it is believed.

### BODIES OF U. S. DEAD IN FRANCE SOON TO RETURN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Removal and shipment home of bodies of American soldiers buried in those parts of France not in the "old zone of the armies" which included all the battle fields and advance areas, have been approved by the French minister of the interior, the War Department was advised today by Brigadier General W. D. Connor, commanding United States troops in France. Pending the grouping and identification of French dead, the French Government was unwilling to approve removal of the Americans except in the rear areas.

General Connor expressed the belief, however, that the French Government soon would modify its orders which prohibit removal from the army zone for three years.

### WHISKY BEING SMUGGLED INTO U. S. IN HAY BALES

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 27.—Internal revenue officers have started an investigation of a report that whisky is being smuggled into the United States from Canada in bales of hay in a shipment recently received here, officers say two bottles of liquor were concealed in the center of nearly every bale.

### 75 Quarts Found

EOLIA, Mo., Dec. 27.—Seventy-five quarts of whiskey and some alcohol were found in a carload of hay here today by Pike county officials. The hay was billed to John O'Hanna, Sayre, Okla.

### Chester Crowell Seeks Solitude in New York City

Chester Crowell, former publicity director for the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, who now is writing fiction exclusively, writes to George McQuaid from New York City to the effect that he has sought solitude and quiet for work in the Hotel Navarre and is hitting off 2,000 words daily.

### MRS. IDA OTT IS INDICTED FOR MURDER

DALLAS, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Ida Ott, aged 22, was indicted today for the murder of her husband by the grand jury. She is in jail pending a habeas corpus hearing Thursday.

## "NOTHING DRASTIC TO BE ENACTED," BUT UNIONS TO PRESENT UNITED FRONT

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The attitude of the organized railway employes toward the anti-strike provision of the Cummins railroad bill will be formally stated in a declaration of principles to be drafted by the heads of all the brotherhoods at a conference here Monday with President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor.

Labor leaders declared today that "nothing drastic was to be expected" but the general view among organized workers was that affiliated trades would stand by the railway machinists' union which voted to quit work if Congress enacted the anti-strike provision. Senators and representatives now in Washington express the opinion, however, that the House would not accept the bill as it came from the Senate and that even if it should pass President Wilson would veto it.

The possibility of a presidential veto has been given serious consideration by members of Congress, who realize the necessity of enacting proper legislation before the roads are handed back to their owners March 1. Labor leaders in discussing this eventuality also called attention today to this statement by the President in his message to congress four weeks ago.

"The right of individuals to strike is inviolate and ought not to be interfered with by any process of government but there is a predominant right of the Government to protect all of its people and to assert its power and majesty against the challenge of any class."

This one sentence was variously interpreted—by brotherhood officers as a virtual announcement by the President that he would not sign a bill denying the right to strike—and by Senator Cummins and others as notice by the President that even if the right to strike was inviolate, the rights of the public stood over and above it.

Regardless of what action might be taken by the brotherhoods, the belief prevailed in congressional circles that when Senate and House conferees got through with the Cummins and Esch bills no vestige of the anti-strike section would remain. The conferees will begin work next week.

### H-K RAILROAD TO BE PUSHED ON TO DUBLIN

P. J. Neff, general manager of the Wichita Falls, Ranger and Fort Worth railroad, Capt. H. F. McFarland, headquarters engineer, and A. B. Marks, land commissioner, Saturday were in conference with the Dublin committee for the purpose of immediately closing the right-of-way from Akehamon to Dublin.

F. W. Howard, who has been engaged in work on the north end and headquarters, will be resident engineer at Dublin and every effort will be made to push construction at that end of the line.

Contracts for track laying between Akehamon and Frankell have been let to J. J. Harrison and F. A. McCabe and a track laying machine has been shipped from Oklahoma. Work will start as soon as this arrives. Jack Angstrom, town builder, has returned from the Christmas holidays at Ardmore and will go from Ranger to the new townsite of Breckwalker, between Frankell and Breckenridge, Monday.

### 100,000 FIRE LOSS AT BEEVILLE SATURDAY

BEEVILLE, Texas, Dec. 27.—Damage estimated at \$100,000 was caused by a fire here today. The opera house building was destroyed. Falling walls rushed through roofs of two one-story buildings adjoining on the west and three on the south.

"You Know What Barkis Said. Governor Coolidge, of Massachusetts, might make a fine republican candidate for the presidency.—Baltimore American.

They'll Have to Try Again. Nor is the Mexican theory that Consul Jenkins abducted wholly correct.

### DEPORTATIONS TO STOP; SCORES SEEK ENTRANCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Heavy immigration is so taxing the facilities of Ellis Island that officials expressed doubt whether there would be another concentration of anarchists there in the near future for deportation.

During the last forty-eight hours some 8,000 immigrants have arrived in port and today 1,168 were detained on the island for further examination as to their eligibility for admission to this country. The personnel at the island was not large enough to handle any more, it was said.

### Ranchman at Dalhart Slays His Hired Man

DALHART, Texas, Dec. 27.—Dave Wright, a ranchman living five miles east of here, shot and killed Dick Patton, 22 years old, a hired man on the George Cummings ranch adjoining the Wright place, after a dispute over certain pasture privileges.

Wright came into the city and surrendered to the sheriff. He is in jail.

### D'ANNUNZIO SAYS HE WILL STAY IN FIUME

FIUME, Dec. 27.—Gabriele D'Annunzio made the announcement today that he will resist any attempt to force him to leave the city.

—By R. L. Goldberg

# AL AWARDS BE PROBED BY CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Full investigation of the controversy over awards of decorations for war service of naval officers, got to a head by Admiral William S. Sims' recent protest against the tentative list issued by the navy department, will be both by congress and the department.

On the heels of Secretary Daniels' announcement that the naval board, headed by Rear Admiral Knight, had ordered reconvened to review its findings on recommendations for medals or other decorations, Representatives of the house naval committee, conferred today with members of the senate committee and stated that a joint committee would take up the whole question when congress reconvenes.

Representative Lusk, said Secretary Daniels, Admirals Knight, Sims and other members would be called before the joint committee which does not need special authorization for its inquiry. Changes made by Mr. Daniels in the board's list of awards, as well as the action by the board in each case, will be examined, he said.

Secretary Daniels said today that in receiving the list of decorations and in passing on new recommendations for awards, the knight board would be instructed to follow in general the policy he adopted in revising the original list giving new consideration to the objections voiced by officers who have criticized some of the awards.

The names of Admiral Henry C. Wilson, who commanded American naval forces in French waters during the war, and of Rear Admiral Henry T. Mayo, who was in command of the Atlantic fleet during the period of hostilities, were added today to the list of officers who have written the secretary regarding the awards.

## OPERATIONS OF VULCAN OIL CO

W. T. Davis No. 1, 3,420, producing 100 barrels; No. 2, rig.

B. A. Davis No. 1, 3,556, making 75 barrels; No. 2, 3,552, making 100 barrels; No. 3, rig; No. 4, 1,662, setting casing.

C. B. Bryant No. 1, 800, drilling; No. 2, rig.

C. F. Hamor No. 1, 945, underreaming; No. 2, 980, more water at No. 3, rig; No. 4, 2,005, pumping 170 barrels.

Millhollen No. 1, 2,049, drilling; No. 2, 2,730, drilling.

Decker No. 1, 3,508, waiting for 6 5-8 in spear; No. 2, 2,070, re-building rig.

Fletcher No. 1, 3,504, getting ready for shot; No. 2, 2,255, underreaming.

Williams No. 1, 650, have tools out; No. 2, 2,105, running 8 1-4 inch, making 20,000,000 to 40,000,000 feet gas.

Walker No. 1, 2,200, rigging up; No. 2, 1,988, gas well.

C. B. O'Neil Nos. 1, 2, rigs.

Rocher, no work in progress.

Sheppard, no work in progress.

## Operations of Prairie Oil & Gas Co.—Eastland County.

J. T. Earnest A4, building rig.

R. L. Howard No. 2, 3,530, drilling iron; No. 4, 3,550, swabbing.

E. Terrell No. 2, 3,485, cleaning out; No. 14, 2,955, drilling.

M. V. Brewer No. 2, 1,730, drilling.

J. G. Christmas A1, 3,485, cleaning out; A5, 3,240, pulling 6 5-8 inch; B2, 3,455, rigging up company tools.

H. A. Demic B2, 375, drilling.

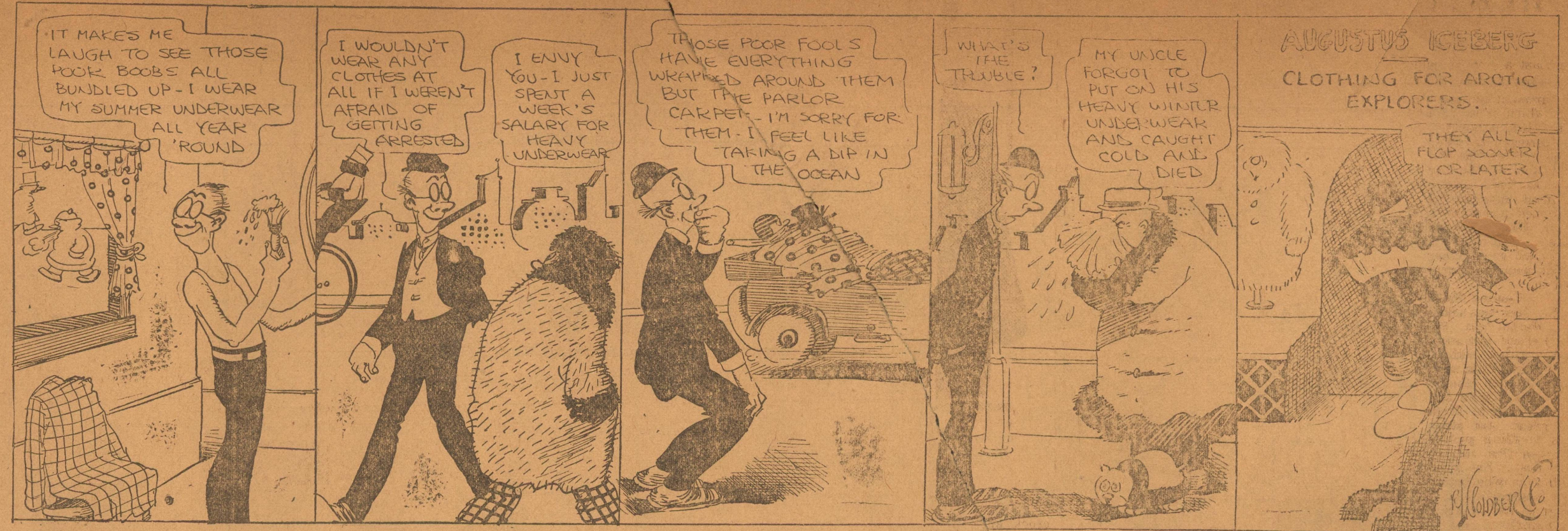
S. J. Whitson No. 1, 3,468, pulling 6 5-8 inch; No. 2, rig.

E. Roper No. 11, 3,470, cleaning out; No. 17, 3,508, waiting on shot; No. 18, 3,365, drilling.

J. T. Roper No. 9, 1,975, drilling.

R. A. Madding A1, 3,485, drilling; A2, 2,835, drilling; A3, 2,070, drill-

# RUBE GOLDBERG'S BOOBS—



ing; A4, rig; B1, 3,460, drilling; B3, B4, moving in tools B5, 3,361, drilling; B7, 1,550, underreaming.

Nannie Walker No. 1, rig.

L. P. Cunningham No. 1, 3,455, drilling; No. 4, 1,030, drilling.

W. W. Crabb No. 1, 3,560, swabbing.

C. P. Simmons No. 1, 2,730, drilling.

B. A. Danley No. 3, 3,598, to 3,601 1,668 barrels.

O. E. Meador No. 1, 3,413, waiting on shot; No. 3, 3,559, drilling; No. 5, rig; No. 6, 790, drilling.

W. R. Ashmore No. 1, 800, drilling.

J. M. Meadow No. 1, 500, drilling.

W. M. Myers No. 6, 3,121, drilling; No. 7, 2,950, drilling.

H. P. Brelsford No. 1, rigging up Stephens county.

B. F. Dempsey No. 1, 3,732, jarring on 6 5-8 inch.

A. A. Atkins No. 2, moving in tools.

H. A. Demic A1, 3,573, loosening 6 5-8 inch.

George Riddle No. 1, 2,900, drilling.

Charles Binney No. 1, 3,273, rigging up company tools; No. 2, 3,242, cleaning out; No. 3, 2,550, drilling; No. 4, rig; No. 8, 1,175, drilling.

Margie Sparks No. 1, 3,340, drilling; No. 3, moving in tools; No. 4, rigging up; No. 7, 575, drilling; No. 8, rig.

E. M. Jennings No. 1, 3,842, cleaning out after second shot.

J. M. Cook No. 3, moving in tools.

Operations of Mid-Kansas Oil & Gas Co.—Eastland County.

S. S. Griffin No. 1, 1,650, underreaming 10 inch; No. 4, rig; Nos. 5, 6, locations.

E. H. Layne No. 4, 3,010, drilling; No. 6, rig; No. 7, 2,960, drilling; No. 5, rig; No. 6, 3,200, drilling.

J. M. Rush No. 1, 3,251, fishing for tubing.

F. W. Taylor No. 1, 3,512, dry and abandoned.

C. J. Harrell Ac. 1, No. 1, 2,460, drilling; Ac. 2, No. 1, 700, fishing for tools; Ac. 2, Nos. 2, 3, 4, locations; Ac. 2, No. 5, rig.

P. J. Dabney No. 10, 2,740, fishing for 6 5-8 inch; Nos. 11, 12, locations; No. 15, 2,754, cleaning out after shot.

Y. L. Debevoise No. 1, 2,775, being abandoned; No. 2, 2,903, dry, will plug; No. 3, location; No. 4, rig; Nos. 5, 6, 7, locations.

A. M. Foote No. 1, 2,924, swedging 6 5-8 inch; No. 2, 1,860, drilling.

J. L. Jones Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, building rigs.

Dicy Smith No. 1, 750, fishing for tools; Nos. 2, 3, 4, locations.

H. O. Files No. 1, rig.

Stephens County.

Gudger et al No. 1, rig.

E. Y. Jennings No. 2, rig; No. 3, location; No. 4, rig; No. 5, location.

Phedre Satterfield No. 3, rig; No. 4, location.

J. S. Knott No. 3, 3,279, tools in

hole; No. 4, 1,440, straightening the hole; No. 5, 2,990, fishing for 6 5-8 inch; No. 6, 1,540, drilling; Nos. 7, 8, 9, rigs; No. 10, 2,350, drilling; No. 11, rig; Nos. 12, 13, locations.

J. M. Cook No. 3, 475, drilling; No. 4, 1,060, drilling.

L. W. Wright No. 3, 2,910, fishing for tools.

W. E. Carey No. 3, 3,416, drilling by bailer; No. 4, shut down for cable; Nos. 5, 6, rigs.

T. J. Ledbetter No. 2, rig.

J. H. Meenan No. 1, 3,180, running tubing; No. 3, rig.

N. J. Rosenquest No. Ac. 2, No. 1, 3,367, drilling; Ac. 2, No. 2, 1,210, drilling; Nos. 3, 4, locations.

J. R. Jackson No. 2, 1,515, drilling; No. 3, 3,364, flowing; No. 4, rig.

J. B. Herrington No. 1, 2,970, drilling; No. 2, 995, shut down for crew; No. 3, rigging up; No. 4, location.

Charles Benny Ac 1, No. 1, location.

A. B. Milam No. 1, 3,192, drilling.

J. W. Hill No. 1, 3,244, fishing for tools.

Alphonse Kloh et al, 2,857, fishing for 6 5-8 inch.

E. S. Graham No. 1, 3,284, running casing.

F. M. Magers No. 1, 2,480, drilling.

William Yates Ac. 2, No. 2, rig; Ac. 3, No. 1, 3,235, abandoning; Ac. 4, No. 1, 3,228, cleaning out after second shot; Ac. 5, No. 1, rig.

S. H. Hill No. 1, 2,520, drilling.

R. G. Stoker No. 1, 727, drilling.

S. W. Manning No. 1, 1,895, drilling.

S. R. Hill No. 1, 1,700, drilling.

A. L. Har / No. 1, 1,205, drilling.

G. W. Hill No. 1, rig.

Operations of the Texas Company.

W. T. Boyd No. 4, 2,735, shale; No. 6, 2,960, lime; No. 7, 3,000, lime; No. 9, 3,262, lime, set 6 5-8 inch at 3,253; No. 10, 1,630, shut down for 10 inch; No. 11, 3,225, shale; No. 12, 1,610, shut down for 10 inch; No. 13, 3,355, lime; No. 14, shut down account run Co. Maynard gasser; No. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, locations; No. 21, 1,625, shut down for 10 inch; No. 22, 1,955, shale; No. 23, 2,800, sand.

J. N. Bowden No. 1, 678, bad hole.

Henry Exall No. 2, 1,190, set 12-1-2 inch.

G. N. Grice No. 2, location; No. 2, connected up and on the beam; No. 9, cleaning out; No. 10, shut down for 10 inch; No. 11, rigging up small tools; No. 12, derrick run; No. 13, material on ground; No. 14, rig.

M. H. Hagaman No. 1, shut down, company tools.

M. A. Hise Nos. 2, 3, 4, rigs; Nos. 5, 6, locations.

J. C. Littleton No. 1, 3,271, lime; No. 2, rig; No. 4, rig burned; No. 6, 3,493, cleaning out; No. 8, location; No. 9, 1,740, shale; Nos. 10, 11, 12, locations; No. 13, rig; No. 14, 980, shut down for 10 inch; No. 15, 175,

shut down; No. 16, 3,277, water line broken; Nos. 17, 18, locations; No. 20, location.

Nellie Love No. 1, 1,840, underreaming, 6 5-8 inch.

H. D. Maxwell No. 1, fishing 10 inch, show.

Prater No. 2, 2,769, waiting on gas engine; No. 3, 1,710, shale.

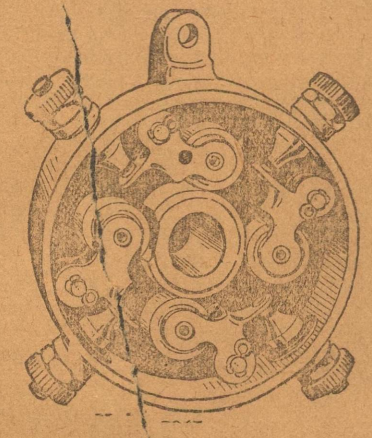
J. W. Rice No. 1, 1,830, grey lime.

F. M. Rushing No. 1, rig.

M. Stanley No. 2, 2,070, shut

down 8 1-4 inch; No. 3, 2,626, fishing for tools; No. 4, fishing for tools.

J. W. Turner No. 1, pulling 8 1-4 inch to abandon; No. 2, 2,805, slate; No. 3, 1,805, shale; No. 4, 1,660, shut down for 10 inch; No. 5, rigging up; No. 6, material on ground; No. 7, 2,510, lime; No. 8, 2,510, straightened hole ready to drill; No. 9, repairing rig; No. 10, 1,640, shut down for 10 inch; No. 11, material on ground; No. 12, building rig.



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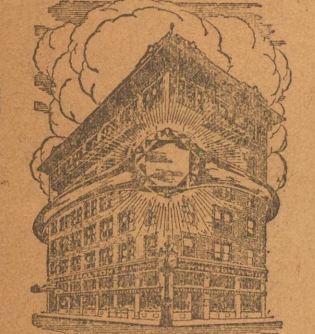
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# THEATERS

## LIBERTY

The East and West joined hands to help Bryant Washburn make his latest Paramount picture, "Venus in the East," which is to be shown at the Liberty theater today. Some of the early scenes were taken in the mining country of the West. Interiors were taken at the Lasky studio in Hollywood, Cal. Then the numerous well-filmed exteriors of New York necessitated a special trip east on the part of Bryant Washburn and his company. The result is one of the biggest and most expensive pictures that this popular young star has appeared in.

## Coming Monday

Theda Bara has achieved a strange and wonderful feat. She has stepped out of herself and stood face to face with her other self. In "La Belle Russe," the William Fox photoplay which will open Monday at the Liberty theater, Theda Bara No. 1 may be seen talking to Theda Bara No. 2. The great star plays a dual role in this thrilling picture of feminine intrigue—a film version of the great Belasco play. She is seen as a graceful ballerina who braves dire poverty for her husband's sake. She also plays the part of the ballerina's twin sister—a magnificent but utterly wicked

## PALMISTRY THRIVES IN LONDON; MEDIUM BUSY

LONDON.—These are palmy days for palmistry and allied "trades" in London.

If you want the services of a medium you hire a sleuth to find her. She's so busy with folks who know where she lives and who make their appointments in advance, that she never advertises.

Of all the hundreds who are plying the trade of delving into the future only twenty or thirty are really recognized mediums—recognized, in the sense that their powers have been tested by some society of spiritualists who firmly believe in them. These twenty or thirty do not serve the general public—receiving merely members of the societies with which they are connected, or friends, duly vouched for by fellow members.

They are booked for weeks ahead.

In the Dry Spots, of Course. Apparently the Volstead prohibition law is unconstitutional only in spots.—Indianapolis Star.

woman. In one startling scene the poor ballerina and her selfish sister confront each other.

"La Belle Russe" contrasts a story of mother love and self-sacrifice with the story of a woman's heartless ambition.

## HIPPODROME

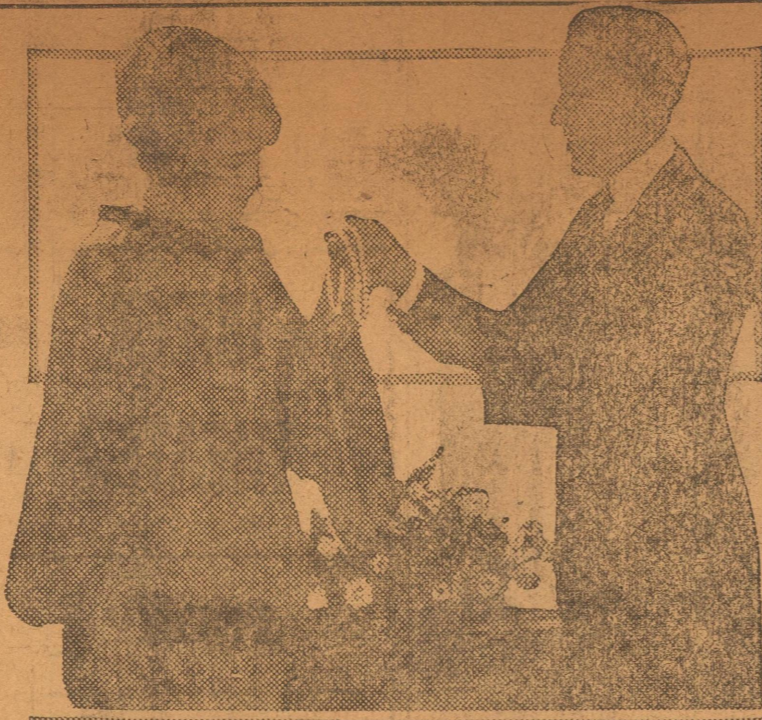
Supposing you were wealthy and living a luxurious life in New York City, being the only son of a wealthy and aristocratic family, a universal favorite under the bright lights of Broadway, could you sacrifice it all, break your father's heart, cast a stain on the family name, become a jail bird—and all because you believed your only sister had committed a crime and you have resolved to shield her at all hazards? And then later—when you have made a new name for yourself, become a power in the West, your past is brought to light! What would you do? Dustin Farnum, supported by an all-star cast, solves the problem in a sensational way in "A Man's Fight," the thrilling drama of the East and West at the Hippodrome theater today.

## LONE STAR

Enid Bennett, who is coming to the Lone Star theater Monday and Tuesday in a new picture, "What Every Woman Learns," is a great lover of birds and flowers. Surrounding her home is a beautiful garden that contains practically every variety of flower grown in semi-tropical southern California, and every tree has its bird house. Canaries, parrots and other songsters hang in cages around the spacious veranda. Her chief pets, however, are a family of Australian rabbits which a friend presented to her when she was a little girl and which she carefully brought to America with her and lodged in a pen. Miss Bennett herself has often been likened by her acquaintances to a child in her vivaciousness and enthusiasm. In her new picture, "What Every Woman Learns," on view at the Lone Star theater, she is the exuberant child-wife who becomes sobered through tragedy and learns that a philosophy of joy alone will not enable her to cope with her more serious problems. Milton Sills, Irving Cummings and Theodore Roberts are included in the cast, and the picture was directed by Fred Niblo.

## OPERA HOUSE

It has been established by scientific research that it requires more brains, ingenuity and painstaking effort to succeed in the profession of crime than in almost any other line of endeavor. Fletcher Hempstead, the real



"Will you accept this slight token of my esteem?" BRYANT WASHBURN in "Venus in the East."

At the Liberty Monday

crook and master crackman of the Vitagraph feature, "The Hornet's Nest," affords an example.

This picture, which will be shown at the Opera House today, is a crook film of high order, adapted from the novel of the same name by Mrs. Wilson Woodrow, and features Earle Williams.

Hempstead, known as The Hornet, has led a troubled experience since the days of his youth, eluding police, living in disguise, cracking safes and forever feeling himself an outcast. The opportunity arrives finally where he may redeem his good name, con-

found the uncle who has betrayed him and come into his rightful place again. All this is made possible by the entry of Ashe Colvin, played by Mr. Williams, into his existence.

## EASTSIDE

Mr. Moore's acting of the hungry tramp is flawless in his latest Goldwyn production, "The City of Comrades," which is to be shown at the Eastside theater Sunday. In the first part of the drama the star plays a down-and-out denizen of the slums who robs a house in order to get a square meal.

**WOMAN OR TIGER?**

**THEDA BARA**

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**LIBERTY THEATRE**

In his unshaven condition and his bedraggled make-up Mr. Moore typifies the class of men he portrays in "The City of Comrades." On the stage he was a hungry derelict. A half hour later, in the studio lunch-room, one would see him partaking of sweet-breads, artichoke, mince pie and imported cigarettes, chatting amiably with the while with Madge Kennedy and Pauline Frederick.

## QUEEN

Grace Darling, internationally known to patrons of the movies through the transcontinental trip which she made some time ago, returned to the screen this week at the Queen theater. Miss Darling, who numbers among her acquaintances the

leading figures of every town and hamlet in the United States, will be seen in support of E. K. Lincoln in "Virtuous Men," which the management of the theater will present to their patrons this week direct from Broadway.

Miss Darling is a native of New York, has never appeared on the speaking stage and is considered one of the few real beauties of the screen.

She was one of the first film players to appear in special gown creations exclusively designed by Lucille and other famous New York modistes, in order to properly dress the various roles in which she has appeared. The announcement of her reappearance in the world of movies in a prominent role in "Virtuous Men" will please the many fans of this city who have been inquiring for several months for her.

**TODAY**

EARLE WILLIAMS IN

**"THE HORNET'S NEST"**

A Vitagraph Feature taken from popular novel of Mrs. Wilson Woodrow.

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**MONDAY**

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**"VENUS IN THE EAST"**

FEATURING BRYANT WASHBURN

A Vitagraph Feature taken from popular novel of Mrs. Wilson Woodrow.

Directed by James Young

New York's all right—if you take it in small doses. Greeley had the right idea when he said, "Go West, young man, go West!" So quoth Bryant Washburn when he got through with "Hicksville-on-the-Hudson." He went there to court one of its Venus-like women—and he found that she had a heart like marble Venus! So "Cactus-town" dusted off of "Welcome" sign, and reclasped him to its bosom. But while he was there! THAT'S what makes this a corking picture. Come to see this famous Saturday Evening Post story, early and any day this week.

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KEEP STOCK UP  
The trouble that the city has experienced from stock roaming the streets will be lessened by the operation of the city pound, which recently has been completed near the incinerator. Mrs. Llanie Malone, humane officer, is in charge of the work of caring for stray animals and has the co-operation of every member of the Ranger police department.

Stock owners can give needed aid to the police. By making sure that traffic animals are well corralled, or stable, they can lighten the work of the officers, which already is enough to keep their schedules full.

Ranger is months past the small town stage, when loose stock was expected. Yet there have been so many of these cases that the police could not take care of all of them.

Operation of the pound, with the fees incident to impounding and care of animals, may bring the lesson home to some who have been careless in the treatment of their stock. Others will give the officers their best co-operation through motives of humanity and civic pride.

SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS  
The school situation in Texas, as regards the present shortage of teachers, is acute. A number of country schools in various parts of the state are still without teachers. Thousands of educational centers have materially lowered the standards required of instructors. Some schools have admitted young women of meager qualifications to the teaching staff.

This condition is more or less true in other states. It is estimated that 65,000 teachers in the United States have quit the profession in the last year.

The reason for this alarming defection can be summed up in two words—insufficient pay. All the salaried professions have suffered in this line. As a result the salaried class finds itself unable to live decently. The teaching profession has been hardest hit, perhaps, than others. It takes money and years of patient labor to fit one properly to be a teacher. The amount of technical knowledge required is as great as for a doctor, a lawyer or a divine.

Yet the teacher, properly equipped to do good work, finds that his knowledge and skill cannot earn him a living. The stenographer, the factory employe, almost any other kind of worker, receives far more pay with far less training. The result has imperiled the future of Texas schools.

The remedy to the situation lies in a very material increase in the salaries of teachers. Definite action should be taken by the legislature at the earliest possible time.

SCRIPTURE  
Genesis 1:1-7.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.  
And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.  
And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so.

ANOTHER NEW PARTY  
It is perhaps premature to forecast just what power the new National Woman's Democratic party will wield in the political life of the nation, but it is a safe guess that they WILL wield some power, whether in a greater or lesser degree.  
The party is composed originally of more than 100 prominent New York women. Miss Margaret Vale, a niece of President Wilson, is one of the organizers.  
According to the organizers, the party "will co-operate with the national democratic organization and is to be regarded in no way as a split in the democratic ranks."

West Texas News  
STAMFORD, Tex., Dec. 27.—The Penick-Hughes Company of Stamford and Wichita Falls rewarded its faithful employes by giving each of them a Christmas bonus, proportioned on length of service. Those in service one year or longer received a full month's extra salary; nine months or over, three-fourths of a month's salary; six months and over, one-half month's salary; three months and over, one-fourth month's salary; and those under three months, \$10.  
The company has had a very prosperous year.

Stamford's three railroads during the last six months sold \$141,011.03 worth of tickets, according to Ticket Agent M. Gamblin. Of this amount \$76,997.99 worth was sold by the Wichita Valley lines and \$64,136.64 by the Missouri Kansas and Texas lines. For the twenty-two days of December a total of \$26,451.14 worth were sold by the lines. The figures were compiled by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

During the last six months freight receipts at the three local freight stations amounted to \$346,307.51, according to figures compiled by the public department of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. Of this total the Missouri, Kansas and Texas had \$184,738.93 and the Wichita Valley lines, including the line to Spur, \$161,568.58. The amount shown was strictly Stamford inbound and outbound freight revenues. Added to \$141,011.03 worth of ticket sales the Stamford station of the roads handled a revenue volume of nearly half a million dollars in six months.

The publicity department of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will shortly begin preparations of an article of 6,000 to 10,000 words on the resources, industrial and commercial development of West Texas, to appear in booklet form and distribution to 50,000 leading business men of the East and North. The article will contain no advertisements. It will be one of the most comprehensive articles ever attempted on the West.

The heaviest Christmas traffic in years is reported by the various rail-

road lines in West Texas. Thousands of cotton pickers from the east and central portions of Texas, well "lined" with the "green" took the week off, besieged the ticket offices and caused such a cluttering of trains that numerous extra equipment was impressed in the service. Ticket sales were unusually heavy December 23. Belated trains added to the confusion.  
Thousands of acres of cotton are still to be picked. Most of the pickers who went home for the holidays left with the intention of returning. Pickers are receiving \$3 to \$4 per hundred, according to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Gail, Borden County, Texas.—Thousands of tons of maize and other feedstuff are rotting in the fields of Borden and adjoining counties because no labor is procurable, according to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. Thousands of acres are still white with the staple, but pickers are scarce. Borden county sustained a greater shock from scarcity of labor than many other West Texas counties by reason of its remoteness from railroads.

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There is some mighty fine artistry behind those appealing screen heroines that Enid Bennett portrays. And behind that winsome smile and pretty face of hers there's a very necessary ingredient—the brains of a fine actress. Several years of conscientious toil elapsed between the time Miss Bennett left her native Australia and her rise to stardom in Thomas H Ince productions. They were devoted to unceasing study and countless appearances in minor roles in the effort to perfect herself in her chosen profession. But the results were worth it. When Mr. Ince cast her as a star in her first picture, she was recognized instantly by the critics and the public as more than worthy of the honor.

Miss Bennett has the type of role in "What Every Woman Knows" that she likes and acts best—that of the disillusioned young wife. If you have seen the picture, you can easily realize how badly it could have been spoiled by over-acting and otherwise rendered inane and unconvincing by a lesser artist. Miss Bennett, as usual, has done a flawless piece of work.

As Sherman Said, War is H—I.  
The governor of North Carolina to the governor of South Carolina. It's a long time between court decisions.—Washington Post.

But Watch Publishers Reject It.  
Poet d'Annunzio continues to add new geographical stanzas to his growing international epic.—Boston

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TIMES WANT ADS FIX THAT WANT

# SOUTHERN LAD IS PINING FOR A "REAL" BRIDE

LONDON.—Judging by the vigor with which they sing the choruses, quite a lot of English girls are simply pining to get 'way down into one or other of the United States of America.

Sometimes it's Tennessee. Again the change their attitude and long for dear old Dixie. And when neither of these comes off they switch on to their old Kentucky home. And wherever it is, it must be 'way down. 'Way up is no good at all.

But what's the matter with dear old Louisiana? Doesn't anybody want to be, want to be, want to be, 'way down in Louisiana?

"Any lady?" as Harry Wellton says.

The reason we ask is that there is a nice young man—(Stand back, there! Give us air! Don't all speak at once. He isn't a Mormon. We said Louisiana, not Salt Lake City)—there is a nice young man 'way down in Louisiana who wants to get married to an English girl.

This forlorn swain has written to the London Star stating his qualifications, bank balance, references and previous experience, and on the whole it looks like a pretty sound proposition.

He addresses his love letter "To the young ladies and widows of England," and begins this wholesale proposal thus:

"I am soliciting a correspondence with you. In view of congenial companionship or marriage, I wish to state that I am 36 years old, have never been married, a brunette, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weigh 180 pounds, genuine American, dating back three generations."

Evidently the goods are good. As he would say himself: "Some spouse, kid!"

One hundred and eighty pounds of brunette husband going begging! . . . Any lady? But let him continue:

"Scotch and Irish descent, fare education, good health, no deformities. Vocation was to the age of 23 stock and farm work. Since then health, accident and life insurance. Earnings, \$150 per month. Savings about \$1,200."

There is a picture for you! Notice how frank he is. Only a fare education. Nothing exciting, and no deformities.

Evidently the goods are good. As beaming beneath the rugged exterior of our one hundred and eighty pound Scotch-Irish-American brunette insurance agent.

"I am strictly protestant," he says, "and a democrat, and can prove a good, clean, moral record."

That seems to fill the bill all right. Sound in the wind and limb and morals, with \$1,200 in his stocking. What more can a girl want?

That is all he tells us about himself, and it only makes us hanker for more. Before passing the proposal to our readers, we think it only fair that we should know:

1. What he spends on chewing per week.
2. Whether he prefers plug to gum.
3. If he suffers from cold feet.
4. Whether there are any houses to let in the district.
5. If he will chop the kindling and do chores.
6. Whether they jazz 'way down in Louisiana.

The last half of his letter describes just the sort of wife he wants.

"My desire," he says, "is a girl between the ages of 25 and 35 years old."

"She must be protestant and small in size. Blond preferred. (Peroxide is cheap today.)"

"With fare education." As long as it's as fare as the brunettes' that will do.

"A picture will be appreciated." Evidently the young man is taking no chances. He knows that a girl can be 35, protestant, blond and small in size, and still have a face like a bad dream.

Last of all, "Write soon," he says. Down, little flutterer! Be still, his heart, and please don't all speak at once.

For the third and last time, going, going—any lady?

## LIVING EXPENSES 300 TIMES HIGHER IN ODESSA

BERWICK, England.—The cost of living in Odessa is about 300 times more than before the war, says Miss Russell, sister of the local food controller, who has just returned from that Russian city. She lived there for two and one-half years.

A pair of boots, she says, cost from 2,000 to 3,000 rubles—a year's salary—and a dress was only to be had at a similar ruinous figure. In Odessa the day before she left the English pound was equivalent to 800 rubles instead of less than 10, as in pre-war days.

"The bolsheviks," she explained, are communists and the principle of the communists is everything for themselves and nothing for the rest. The others, they say, have had their turn, and they treat them with ruthless cruelty. Life for the educated people is utterly impossible. Those who have money are fast eating into their capital; those who have not are dying of starvation. That also is an expensive business, for the cost of coffins has reached a prohibitive figure."

## By All Means, More Bull Fights.

Mexicans are insisting that the historic bull ring be opened to future matadoric activities. We favor this movement. There ought to be a bull fight or two every day. When they are killing bulls, or watching the killing of bulls, our mercurial southern neighbors would have to lay off killing American citizens. Every little helps.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

But It Takes Money to Get "It." The query, "Where did he get it?" no longer refers to a man's money.—Philadelphia Ledger.



## Billy Bowlegs, Leader of the Bloody Seminole War, Was Later One of the Early Benefactors of Oklahoma

By T. B. Ferguson in Watonga Republican.

While the brave deeds of men are being recounted, and the exploits of those "names not born to die" are being recorded in fables immortal among the everglades, and told the warriors of his people that the "Great Father" had a soldier for every star in the heavens.

Bowlegs took the oath of allegiance, and at old Fort Gibson joined the United States army, and became a trusted scout among the Indians of the southwestern border. He was loyal to the government to the day of his death. His oath was never broken.

Major Bird has served as chief of administration of the affairs of the commission since the armistice. Lieutenant Knox, who is 20 years old, has the distinction of being the youngest Red Cross officer in Europe.

He was a soldier in the American expeditionary force serving throughout the St. Mihiel, Argonne and Verdun offensives. In the first drive in the Toul sector the lieutenant was cited for bravery. At the close of the war he joined the Balkan commission of the American Red Cross.

As the French say. A state budget of \$138,000,000, or \$42,000,000 more than was appropriated at the last session of the legislature, is promised for the coming fiscal year. It is time then to give notice for food. "It shall not pass."

Years ago, there lived in Blaine county a very old man, a Seminole, who had passed through the war in the everglades as a boy and was familiar with all of those horrible scenes. He said that the wild stories told about Billy Bowlegs were true to his life, and that the half was never told.

Allegiance Advised. But there came a day when the Seminoles were brought to bay in their jungle retreat. The blood hound did his work. They finally surrendered and prepared to move west into the great wilderness beyond the Fathers of Waters. They were coming to Oklahoma. With that defeated group of crushed and defeated warriors came Billy Bowlegs. He had been defeated but his spirit was not broken. He counseled allegiance to

the United States government and told his people that the "Great Father" at Washington was going to "rule the whole world," and that the Indians should obey him. He called attention to their own fruitless war in the everglades, and told the warriors of his people that the "Great Father" had a soldier for every star in the heavens.

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## To Put Out Mine Fire Burning for Twenty Years

By Associated Press

JEROME, Ariz.—The fire, which for more than twenty years has burned in the upper levels of the United Verde copper mine here, is about to be eliminated by a drastic process of lowering the entire surface of the property to a 400-foot level. All attempts to extinguish it have failed.

It is the general opinion that the fire was started by a slip in the rock producing sufficient friction heat to ignite the ores, rich in sulphur. It has burned its way through veins of copper, gold and sulphur.

The process of suppressing the fire involves the removal of 14,000,000 cubic yards of material. The area to be excavated is roughly estimated at 400 by 800 feet. Monster steam shovels are to be employed in the work.

It is expected that the task of removing the entire top of the mine, and to extinguish the fire, will occupy several years.

## SAYS MOST ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE RELIGIOUS

International News Service.

EUGENE, Ore.—College students, with very few exceptions, are religious, not orthodox, is the opinion of Miss Mary Ashby Cheek, of New York City, field secretary of student work in the Presbyterian church, who is lecturing at universities throughout the country. In a lecture delivered to the students of the University of Oregon, Miss Cheek informed the audience of young men and women that though they were perhaps unaware of the fact, they were all possessed of intensely religious minds. Miss Cheek bases her decision on the ground that education in its highest forms as taught at American universities causes an undercurrent of philosophical thought to work its way into the minds of students during their four-year curriculum and in the end to turn them out with very highly analytical minds. She states that though some students become more "material" in their religious views as a result of their collegiate training, this form is but a vindication of her original statement, for it comes as a result of having given considerable thought to religion and philosophy. She believes that if they have come to the wrong decisions their training will eventually bring

them back on to the right track and make them firmer in the correct belief than they were before entering college.

Only an Empty Honor Now. Might as well let Sir Thomas Lipton have the old American cup now.—Columbia Record.

Where There Is Rejoicing. The "wets" have won a great victory in Ohio, and we understand that the soda fountains are crowded with celebrants.—Philadelphia Press.

G'wan! Bill Never Arrived. Silver has come back. Will Bryan?—Wall Street Journal.

## TWO TEXANS DECORATED BY RUMANIA KING

International News Service.

BUCHAREST, Rumania.—Two Texans have been decorated by King Ferdinand for their work as members of the American Red Cross commission in Rumania. They are Maj. George W. Bird, of Dallas, who has been made an officer of the crown, and Lieut. Albert Knox, of Takota, who becomes chevalier of the crown.

Major Bird has served as chief of administration of the affairs of the commission since the armistice. Lieutenant Knox, who is 20 years old, has the distinction of being the youngest Red Cross officer in Europe.

He was a soldier in the American expeditionary force serving throughout the St. Mihiel, Argonne and Verdun offensives. In the first drive in the Toul sector the lieutenant was cited for bravery. At the close of the war he joined the Balkan commission of the American Red Cross.

As the French say. A state budget of \$138,000,000, or \$42,000,000 more than was appropriated at the last session of the legislature, is promised for the coming fiscal year. It is time then to give notice for food. "It shall not pass."

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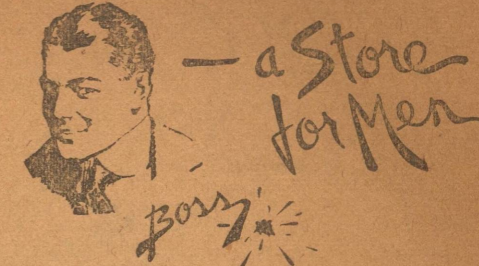
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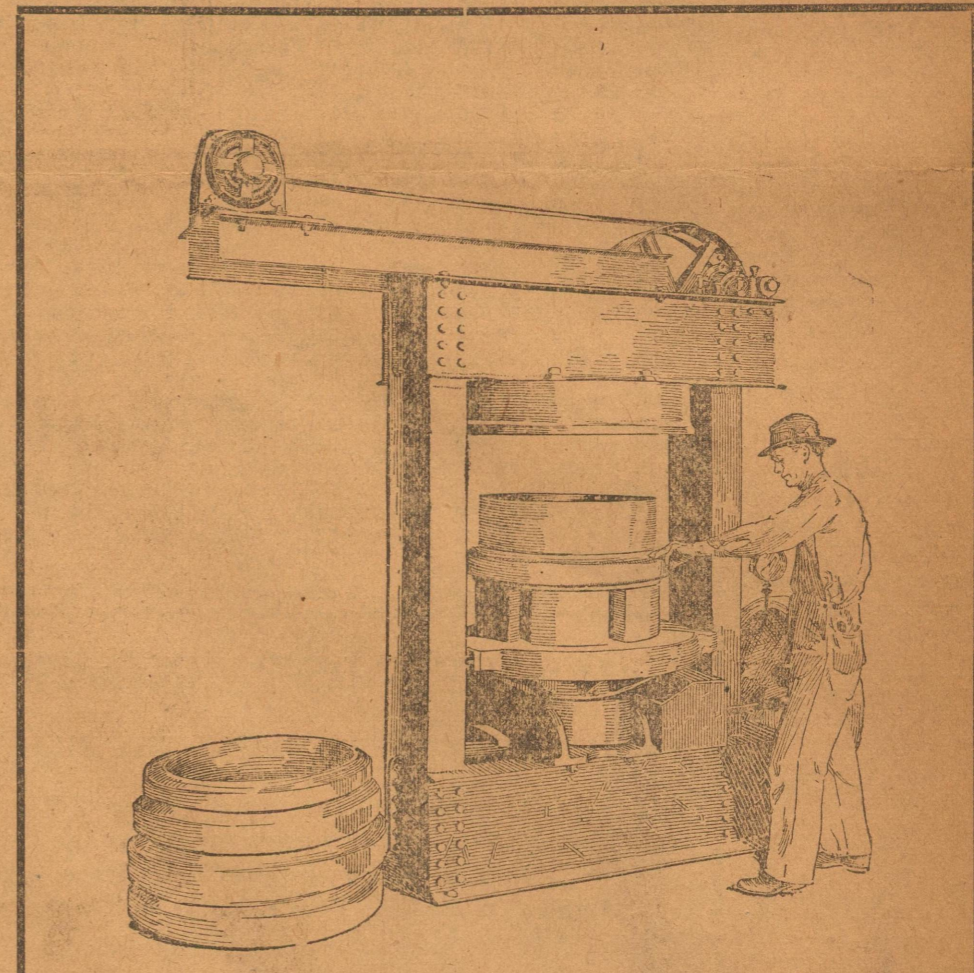
- 1—Storm proof woolen Underwear.
- 2—Solid leather traveling Bags and Suit Cases.
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# U. S. PREPARED IF FORCED TO ACT ON MEXICO

LAREDO, Tex.—If it should become necessary for the United States to send an army into Mexico virtually every movement of the invading forces would be along lines that have already been fully mapped out by the War Department. This statement is made by men who are in position to speak authoritatively on the subject. For the last 10 years the United States Government has been eventually as it is now facing with regard to Mexico, these men say.

There has never been any doubt in the minds of army officers who have been in touch with Mexican affairs that intervention would in due time be forced upon the United States. That it has been delayed this long was due only to the diverting of world attention to the great war, it is pointed out.

**Scores Agents in Mexico.**

There has been hardly a time during the last several years that the United States has not had scores of secret service men scattered all through Mexico. Even during the world war, representatives of the United States Intelligence Bureau in Mexico did not confine their operations to investigating and uncovering plots and machinations of Germans against this Government; these men, wherever they went, gathered data that they embraced into reports all with the view of being of military guidance in event of military intervention. It is stated that sites for airplane landing fields, supply depots and other things that would be required by an army of occupation have been selected in every part of the country. Every trail and water-hole leading from the northern border to the City of Mexico has been marked upon the military maps. The large staff of American intelligence men in Mexico has gone so far as to compile a fairly complete list of names of Mexican citizens of business and political prominence who may be depended upon to give moral and material support to the efforts of the United States to bring peace and tranquility to their country, it is stated.

**Couldn't Be Delayed Long.**

According to army men, the destruction of bridges and tearing up stretches of track of the railroads leading from the border would not seriously delay the movement of invading troops. Great numbers of motor trucks could be brought into use on short notice for the transportation of troops, and the repairing and construction of railroads could be carried on with the greatest dispatch.

It is estimated that there are at this time less than 300 Carranza troops on the Mexican side of the border, while the garrisons at Monterrey, Tampico, Torreon, Aguas Calientes, San Luis Potosi and Vera Cruz are small. It is asserted that it would be impossible for the Carranza Government to place a formidable army in field, for the reason that guns and other equipment cannot be obtained for the men.

## Church Services

Christian Science Services are held in the Elks' Club, 419 Main street every Sunday at 11:00 a. m. Wednesday evening testimonial meetings are held at 8:00 p. m. All are cordially invited.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday school at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m.; special music will be rendered by a soldier boys' orchestra. services will be held at the Opera House.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Services will be held at 11 a. m. Sunday morning at the Opera House. Special music by orchestra. Sunday school at 10 a. m. every Sunday.

**CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Mass at 11 a. m.

**WHY SMITH'S WATER WELL WENT DRY**

By Associated Press  
PETERSBURG, Ind., Dec. 27.—The deep tones of a masculine voice from the bottom or a well on the property of Dode Smith, living just east of Petersburg, recently startled the whole neighborhood for a few minutes.

Smith's deep-drilled water well had suddenly gone dry and he had sent for assistance from the local water company. As the men were beginning to work, a voice suddenly was carried up the well.

"What the blankety-blank are you doing up there?" said the voice.

After regaining their composure, the men called down that they were trying to get water. "There's plenty of it down here," declared the voice.

An investigation disclosed that miners were working under the well. In making "room" they had undermined Smith's property and all the water had run into the mine.

The coal company had decided to drive a big wooden plug into the bottom of Smith's well so that it will run again.

**Didn't Fool Her.**

The curtain had just gone down on the first act. "I think I'll go out and get a breath of fresh air," said Mr. Guzzler.

"I wish you would bring some of it back with you, instead of the breath you usually bring," suggested Mrs. Guzzler.—Philadelphia Record.

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## INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX TABLE

Showing total tax and convenient method of computation; prepared especially for The Ranger Times by Alfred H. Brundage, income tax consultant of Dallas.

The figures given are for a married person without dependents other than husband or wife.

Begin at the first column with the largest amount which is included in your net income and read across. The last column is the percentage rate to apply to the fractional part of your income in excess of the amount picked out of the first column, and is the sum of normal and surtax rates. Let us take for example an income of \$13,500. In the table we must begin with \$12,000. Reading across we find that \$830 is the total tax on this amount and that 13 per cent applies to the remaining \$1,500. Thirteen per cent of \$1,500 is \$195, which, added to the \$830, makes the total tax \$1,025 on an income of \$13,500.

For a single person without dependents with an income of 5,000 or less, add \$40 to this table. With income in excess of \$5,000 add \$80 to the table.

For each dependent deduct \$200 from the taxable income before making the calculation:

Income	Normal Tax	Surtax	Total Tax	Rate Pct.
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## Drink Deep and Die

Happy, Unspoken Motto of This Thirsty Cuckoo

Let his name be unknown, as it was to his benefactors. By the simple fact that he was thirsty did he enter the unrecorded annals of Ranger police history. But for the intervention of Officers Edmondson and Hamilton, he would have entered the obituary column and the pearly gates.

A simple, hearty-looking man, concrete-worker by trade, he had just come into the possession of a generous pint of denatured alcohol when the officers found him. He had purchased it for beverage purposes.

"Will this hurt you?" he asked the druggist.

"It will," was the reply.

But John B. Doe, as he might be called, the "B." standing for Barleycorn, was not to be discouraged. He was one of these earnest drinkers, who have fallen behind in their late fall and early winter drinking. He felt that he didn't much care what, nor when, nor where.

So he paid for the pint and was leaving, when the officers got him. He came with them to headquarters.

"That stuff would kill you," Dude Thompson, chief of detectives, informed him.

"So?" he inquired, looking at the innocent white liquid with a thirsty gleam in his eye.

"It got a plenty of them in the

## Too Late to Classify

FOR SALE—640 acres as good land as you find in Central West Texas; some 350 acres in cultivation; joins a small town with two R. R.'s. \$50 per acre. Higginbotham Bros., Ranger Studio, 215 So. Rusk.

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5-SECTION ranch near Littlefield; fenced and improved for ranch purposes; 80 per cent agricultural. Price \$14 an acre on easy terms. J. H. Russell & Co., Amarillo, Texas.

FOR SALE—520 acres, Randall county, 11 miles west of Canyon; all fine level land; 220 acres in cultivation; 100-acre hog pasture, good 5-room house, barns, granaries, sheds, well and windmill, 100 acres of grain goes in; give possession. Price \$32.50 an acre. Also other lands, any size tract. J. H. Russell & Co., Amarillo, Texas.

EIGHT sections in Randall county, 10 miles of Canyon; 90 per cent agricultural; improved for ranch purposes. Price \$21 an acre. This fine tract to colonize as it is worth much more in small tracts. J. H. Russell & Co., Amarillo, Texas.

RANCH bargain; Bailey county, 4 sections owned, good land, and 56 sections leased, fenced and cross-fenced, fair ranch improvements, well watered. Price \$15 an acre for the owned land and \$50 a section for the leased land, which balances unearned lease. Good terms. Also other lands. J. H. Russell & Co., Amarillo, Texas.

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## FARMING LAND IDLE AS RESULT OF OIL BOOM

Since prosperity has come to Eastland county farmers have shown a disposition to let good farming lands lie idle. A visitor to the oil regions of Eastland and Stephens counties, recently, remarked on the extent to which this practice has been carried. He stated that he passed thousands of acres of fertile looking land on which no crops were grown this year.

A similar situation has arisen in the cattle industry. Old stockmen complain that it is almost impossible to keep cattle in the pastures, since there is so much hauling and teamsters are very careless in the matter of closing gates. The cattle industry has declined to an alarming extent. The recent drought had a good deal to do with depletion of cattle herds, but there are large tracts of pasture land now unused.

A business man of this city recently made a survey of the live stock industry in the region of Eastland and Stephens counties, with the idea of establishing a large slaughter house here, if he could find sufficient cattle to keep up a source of supply. The result of his investigation was discouraging and he gave up the project.

The range is in fine condition. The land has a good season and next year may see as bountiful crops grown in West Texas as were harvested this year. In the rush of oil excitement the county should not lose sight of agricultural interests.

## Personals

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones, of De Leon, Texas, were visitors in Ranger Saturday afternoon.

H. H. Spears was host at a dinner party for ten at the McCleskey cafe Friday night. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Megede, A. C. Megede, Miss Francis Megede, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Tinney, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shultz.

**MRS. BLANNIE MALONE ILL WITH DIPHTHERIA**

Mrs. Blannie Malone, humane officer, is seriously ill with diphtheria at her home, and was under the care of several physicians Saturday. Her illness was contracted during the recent severe weather, from exposure while following her work as humane officer.

**Burger Addition Building Active**

Building is active on Burger addition, one of the choicest residence sections of the city, located east of the Young addition.

Mr. Finney, of the Sun company, is building a nice five-room bungalow, and Clark & Rickey, local plumbers, are also constructing a nice five-room dwelling.

The Mid-Kansas company is putting up their sixth house on one block in the addition. The home of W. E. Burke, manager of the Norville Wilder Hardware company, is about completed. It will be one of the finest in the city. Other nice residences will be started soon after the first of the year.

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Hercules indestructible No. 366, blue gray, 66-78, wt. 5 lbs. 6.75

Cottonwool No. 200, double assorted colors, 66-80 5.25

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GERMANS FEARFUL OF BUSINESS FUTURE SAY "AMERICA MUST COME TO OUR AID AT ONCE"

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—The spectre of the enormous emergency levy on property which threatens drastically to reduce German industrial fortunes in the next ten years makes it difficult for Germans to forecast the economic outlook of their country for 1920. Leaders in financial, political and social circles are divided in their opinions of the measures for national relief proposed by Matthias Erzberger, Minister of Foreign Finance.

There is a widespread belief among financiers, bankers and financial writers in Germany, that if two of Erzberger's plans are put into effect, Germany will face a future overcast with black clouds, if not actual ruin. The most important of these two measures is the emergency levy on property which financial writers assert will reduce industrial fortunes of 10,000,000 marks to less than 3,000,000 in a decade. The second measure is the income tax which it is claimed by some, will "beggar every modest as well as every great fortune."

Bankers say it all comes down to this that "America must come to our aid."

They wish a comparatively small, direct credit and disapprove of the much discussed international loan which, they believe would saddle the debts of England and France on the United States and thereby, perhaps, reduce the amount of credit Germany might obtain.

The opinion appears to be gaining in Berlin financial quarters that Erzberger's days are numbered and that he cannot long continue to exert his influence on the majority who pay least and therefore support his financial policy.

Berlin writers declare that Germany's political future depends in the last analysis upon the working out of the Peace Treaty and that until that document has been consummated in all its technical details, Germany will be unable to locate her fresh starting point. This is regarded here as the crux of the whole situation and Germans expect the situation to remain acute until this has been accomplished.

Germany's more conservative political leaders frankly admit Bolshevist gains at the next election. They say the Reds may capture 50 seats instead of the 22 which they won a year ago and that they may poll 5,000,000 instead of the 2,750,000 they obtained in the last national election. The conservatives, however, assert that the Independent, Socialist and Communist elements will

become less popular as the opportunities for work increases in Germany.

Political leaders say that indications point to an indefinite postponement of the elections on the ground that the present government, on the strength of its popular mandate, is entitled to continue with a program of socialization at a pace in keeping with the national economic recovery.

It is pointed out also that the new liberalism may satisfy itself with a life-long president as a substitute for a constitutional monarchy.

It is agreed by German industrial leaders that the German workers are weary of striking and that the labor situation has been improved so far as the shortage of coal and raw material permits. The authorities say that German industries are working an average of perhaps four hours daily and that this is the limit possible with the present under supply of coal.

When the coal situation improves it will be possible, they say, to make a real industrial beginning with raw materials.

Germany's recovery and progress during the next year is felt by Germans to depend on a whole succession of "ifs." Many of them believe that if Erzberger drains German industries with his taxes, there is little hope of their recovery. The same opinion declares that if the Entente does not lighten Germany's load a little bit, the nation may be driven to Communism. If German industry cannot recover some measure of its former efficiency, they say, the world will be the loser in the end.

Hammondton, N. J.—The monarch of the swamps, the first of the open deer hunting season, fell before the prowess of a band of fourteen Hammondton deer hunters led by Pete Ranere, a crack deer slayer when a big ten-prong buck fell before the guns of the party. It weighed 230 pounds. Another fine specimen, an eight-prong buck, also was brought in, the combined weight being over 500 pounds.

Ranere says his party will bring in two a day for the rest of the week, that he has them already "tagged" in the Weymouth swamp. Hundreds of hunters are still in the swamps, many from Philadelphia and New York.

Court Stopped Coal Strike—Not. Somewhere, maybe, the steel strike is still going on.—Providence Journal.

Jewelry Worn 1,900 Years Ago Displayed in N. Y.

New York.—Jewelry worn by an Egyptian princess of the twelfth dynasty, nineteen hundred years before the Christian era, was displayed at the Metropolitan Museum of Art Friday.

It is declared to be the finest collection of personal adornment ever brought out of Egypt.

When marauders entered the tomb of Princess Sathathorunat at some odd moment in the last 3,800 years they took away her mummy and even the elaborate funeral trappings, but overlooked the niche containing the wonderfully wrought ornaments she wore when attending the ancient equivalent for a first night at the opera.

Prof. W. M. Flinders Petrie, head of an English archaeological society, dug the collection out in 1914 and today it looks as bright as if it had just come from the makers.

The jewels are identified as belonging to the princess by her name and the name of her father in car-touches on the larger pieces.

EXPECTED "CLEAN-UP" AT JUAREZ BLOCKED

EL PASO, Dec. 27.—Saloonkeepers and gamblers at Juarez are today fingering light pocketbooks which might have been well filled Christmas day had their plans not been upset by a "crook fate." They had figured on a banner day's business from the American side of the international border. But the American federal authorities blocked the way to passage across the bridge except to those who held permanent passports. The one day duets were held up.

Even the Mexicans joined in the general gloom throwing. Fiscal agents collared illicit liquor which they said would have brought \$20,000 on the American side of the river, but which Mexican government agents will probably sell for \$2,000.

The thirsty were not out of luck altogether, however. Those who were "known" here could purchase bootleg whisky and "tequila," a Mexican drink, for \$5 up to \$20 a quart.

The supreme court decision is binding, although lawyers of higher ability than any member of the court may ten the reasoning of the opinion to tatters.—St. Louis Times.

A St. Louis girl ate half a wedding cake and retired to dream of her future husband. The next morning she declared she would rather live and die an old maid than marry the man she saw in her dreams.—Chicago News.

SUICIDES SHOW INCREASE IN '19 IN DENVER CITY

Orbes Parkhill in Denver Post: Suicide has been more popular in 1919 than it was the preceding year. More violent deaths will have been recorded by the close of the year than were recorded in 1918.

These are some of the facts to be gleaned from figures prepared in the police surgeon's office at the city hall.

Number of Suicides Will Be About Same.

Up to Dec. 1, during 1919, there were fifty-eight attempted suicides recorded by the police surgeons during the entire twelve months of 1918 there were but fifty-two attempts at suicide. At this rate there would be approximately sixty-five attempted suicides recorded by the end of 1919.

The number of successful attempts at suicide will be about the same for 1919 as for 1918. Up to Dec. 1 there were twenty-three successful suicide attempts, and in 1918 there were twenty-four.

The number of accidents in 1919 will be approximately the same as for the year before. In 1918 there were 905 accidents to which the police ambulance was summoned. During the first seven months of this year there have been 1,229 accidents. At this rate the final figures for 1919 will be approximately equal those for 1918. There have been more fatal accidents thus far during 1919 than there

were in all of 1918. Forty-seven accidents ended in death up to Dec. 1, this year. Fifty-one were fatal in 1918.

More Ambulance Runs This Year Than Last. One hundred and eight persons for whom the services of the police surgeons were required died in 1918. Up to Dec. 1, 1919, 119 deaths were recorded. The total number of deaths for the year should be approximately 130.

The total number of cases treated by the police during 1919, if estimates for the month of December are approximately correct. In 1918 there were 3,647 cases treated, of all kinds. Up to Dec. 1, 1919, there were 3,243. The total for the year should approximate the total for 1918.

There will have been more ambulance runs this year than last. To date there have been 1,807 during 1919, compared with 1,814 in 1918. Of this number, 1,448 in 1918 were emergency runs, and 1,014 were emergency runs in 1919.

June is the popular month for suicides, as well as for weddings. There were ten attempted suicides, and two successful suicides during the month.

TRIBUTE IS PAID TO A BRITISH AIRMAN

International News Service. BERLIN.—"Greater than the heroes of old," is the tribute to a British airman by Count Czernin, former Austro-Hungarian foreign minister.

"Baron Hiechhofen, the crack German airman, and an English airman were circling round each other furiously over the German lines in France during the war," he says, "when suddenly something went wrong with Hiechhofen's machine, and he could not shoot. The Englishman looked across in surprise and seeing what was wrong, waved his hand, turned and flew off."

World Church Men Meet Jan. 7

International News Service. NEW YORK.—In response to a call sent out by Robert Lansing, John R. Mott, S. Earl Taylor and other prominent churchmen on behalf of the Interchurch World Movement of North America, one thousand delegates of the various Protestant denominations and organizations of the United States will meet January 7 at Atlantic City for a four-day conference to determine a program of world activity by American Protestantism. The Steel Pier has been engaged for the meeting.

The conference, it is said, will be the largest and most important gathering of religious leaders ever held in this country. Nearly 100 denominations and denominational boards, including some 200,000 churches, with membership of more than 25,000,000, will be represented by the delegates.

"To consider for the first time the whole task of the Protestant churches of America, at home and overseas," says the conference call, the delegates will be given the results of the American and foreign surveys which the Interchurch World Movement has been making for the past six months. These surveys, which are said to be more comprehensive than any census ever made by a Government or other agency, covers industrial and social, as well as religious, conditions. The American survey is being made county by county and the foreign survey country by country and province by province. The latter covers Asia, Africa, South America, the principal islands and parts of Europe.

The surveys will be considered by the conference in six groups: home missionary work, both urban and rural; secular and religious education; ministerial support and relief; hospitals and other Christian benevolent institutions; foreign missionary work, and industrial relations.

On the information disclosed by the surveys, a great world-wide program for co-operative action by the Protestant elements of the United States will be prepared and the resources of men and money required to carry it through will be determined. It is expected that the date of a united and simultaneous campaign by the churches to raise the funds needed will be decided upon at the conference.

From the conclusion of the conference session on Jan. 10th to Jan. 14th there will be supplemental meetings of the various denominational groups. On January 12th the Interchurch World Movement dinner will be held, taking the place of the annual dinner of the Missionary Education Movement. From January 12 to 14, the Home Missions and Foreign Council will meet.

INCREASED PETROLEUM CONSUMPTION SHOWN

FORT WORTH, Dec. 27.—According to figures just compiled covering the first nine months of this year, the consumption of refined petroleum products has increased about 12 per cent within the past year. During the first nine months of 1919 approximately 11,580,000 gallons of refined oils were used, against a consumption for the corresponding period of 1918 of a little more than 10,267,500,000 gallons.

It is pointed out that the increase has been largely domestic, as exports have greatly decreased since the close of the war. However, there is a very heavy export demand for kerosene. The United States has used most of the gasoline, fuel oil and lubricants.

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# SALT WATER IN TAMPICO WELLS PLAYS HAVOC

By Associated Press

HOUSTON.—Oil wells in the Tampico district of Mexico, which are flowing salt water, have caused a decrease in Mexico's oil production of 750,000 barrels a day, according to dispatches from Tampico received recently by oil interests here.

"As a result of this condition of affairs," the dispatches reported, "pipe lines in Mexico are being operated from one-quarter to half capacity and unless relief is had in some way it is probable that the export of oil from Mexico will be materially affected."

"Nearly all the wells in the Casiana pool have come to salt water. One company recently lost its third big well in this field."

Some of the largest oil fields in the world were reported struck in the Tampico district, but some of the larger wells were short-lived.

One of the reasons advanced by oil men for the recent advance in the price of crude oil in this decrease in Mexico's potential production.

## AD IN NEWSPAPER FINDS FATHER MISSING FOR ABOUT 33 YEARS

GAINESVILLE, Texas, Dec. 27.—B. R. Stevens of this city has located his father, P. K. Stevens, 70, at Sylva, Ala. He had not seen nor heard of him for thirty-three years and during that time did not know whether he was living.

The elder Stevens disappeared during the yellow fever epidemic. He was employed on a railroad in Ala-

bama. B. R. Stevens was 13 years old and was with an uncle in Missouri. He wrote to his father during the yellow fever epidemic, and his letters were returned unopened.

Recently in the hope that his father was still living, he advertised in a newspaper of nationwide circulation, and a few days ago was overjoyed to receive word that his father was still alive. Stevens hopes to have his father come to Texas soon to visit him.

## Brief Texas Notes

HOUSTON.—Arrangements have been made for an exhibition of chemical warfare here January 17, under direction of the secretary of war. This will be the fourth exhibition of this kind in the county, under the supervision of Gen. W. L. Sibert, director of chemical warfare service for the war department. A battle scene, with gas shells bursting and charging infantry, will be a feature of the exhibition.

SAN ANGELO.—The son of a San Angelo man has opened a store in Constantinople to combat the high cost of living. He is Earl H. Seeley, son of Dr. A. Hall Seeley. Upon his discharge from the army in November Seeley accepted service with the American embassy in the Turkish capital and went from Paris to Constantinople where he was placed in charge of one of the largest stores Uncle Sam has opened there for benefit of Americans in the Orient. Seeley was a captain in the army.

AUSTIN.—Live quail are selling at from \$2 to \$5 a pair on the Mexican border, according to a statement from the fish and game department here. This price is caused by great demand for quail for import, as Pennsylvania and several other states are competing with Texas in this market.

The dry weather of the past three

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years reduced the number of quail in Texas considerably, and a number of Texas land owners are restocking their preserves with Mexican quail, blue quail, which do not live in the colder sections of the state, are plentiful along the Rio Grande, according to the department, but bob whites are becoming scarce.

AUSTIN.—The Texas highway department cannot allot money to assist Orange county in building a bridge across the Sabine river, the attorney general held recently, because the boundary between Louisiana and Texas is fixed as the west bank of the river, and Texas money cannot be used in extending a bridge over the water.

AUSTIN.—Offices of the federal prohibition director of Texas will be removed from Fort Worth to Austin soon, according to announcement here. The change has not been officially announced but space for the department on the second floor of the post-office building has been set aside. Clifford G. Beckman is prohibition director.

EL PASO.—Owing to little demand for coal in the Mexican state of Coahuila coal companies there have asked the Mexican government for permission to export their surplus production to the United States, according to official information reaching American Consul Dow in Juarez. The Coahuila mine operators, it is said, based their request on the fact that smelters in that state generally are closed, thus creating an overproduction of fuel.

By exporting coal to the United

States the operators say the mines will be able to keep their skilled miners employed until domestic demand increases. Otherwise, it is declared, many mines will be compelled to cease operations.

DENTON.—A tooth of a large prehistoric animal was unearthed in a gravel pit near here. It is about eight inches long, with a grinding surface seven by three inches, and the enamel was plainly visible. A part of what appeared to have been the head of the animal also was uncovered, but it crumbled quickly on exposure to the air.

AUSTIN.—Ana M. Berlanga y de Martinez, superintendent of the school for the deaf at Mexico City, who recently visited the school for the deaf here, said that "Texas should feel proud of her schools and its pupils," and that American methods of instructing the deaf are far in advance of European systems, which have fallen behind during the war. Senora Martinez plans to have several of the books in use here translated into Spanish for use in her school, which has 160 pupils. Before returning to Mexico City she expects to take a course in the vibratory system at St. Louis and to visit Washington and New York.

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MOUNTAIN HOME, Ark.—A peculiarly shaped bullet was the clew which enabled J. L. Holt, a detective, to run down Sam Williams, who is being held here on a charge of having shot and killed Hughes at the latter's home near Mountain Grove on the night of October 5.

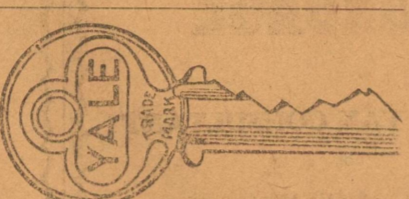
BOB FITZSIMMONS, JR., STARTS CAREER IN RING IN EARNEST NOW; SHOWS CLASS



Bob Fitzsimmons, Jr., in fighting pose his dad taught him and at his favorite exercise of chopping wood. It was zero weather at Fitz's home in Nutley, N. J., when he posed in the snow.

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POLICE KILL MAN WALKING IN HIS SLEEP

WICHITA, Kan.—Paul W. Strickland, who was killed here by police on one night last week while sleeping in his home, is believed to have been a shoemaker. Three policemen have been suspended from the police department and charges of first degree murder have been faced against them.

When the policemen arrived they saw the man on a porch of the Eckers house, with something in his hand and his hand on the window. They thought he was trying to force the window open. They surrounded him, at the snow suddenly gave way under the feet of one of the officers, with a sharp noise. The man at the window started and leaped away.

Perhaps the strongest testimony toward the sleep-walking theory was that introduced at the coroner's inquest by Mrs. Ethel Street, Strickland's landlady. She said she believed he walked in his sleep because she found a window broken at one time of which he did not tell her, and from her knowledge of his character she did not believe he knew it. At another time she had found a screen open at one of his windows, which had been occupied the night of his death.

One Teacher for Every 37 Pupils in Texas Schools

AUSTIN, Dec. 26.—There is an average of one teacher to thirty-seven pupils in Texas, according to statistics from the department of education, there being 1,059,729 school children and 29,001 teachers in the grammar and high school grades.

Considering the common school districts include the rural schools and that independent school districts embrace the suburban schools, there is another basis for comparison. There are 583,026 children in common school districts, and 476,704 in independent school districts. In common school districts there is an average of one teacher to twenty-one pupils; in the independent district there is one teacher to forty pupils. This difference is to be accounted for by the fact that pupils in the independent districts are more concentrated.

International News Service. LINCOLN, Neb.—We will tell you whether he is willing or not," says Gen. John J. Pershing for president of the first Pershing club organized in the state says. "We will draft him for the job as he drafted the boys for the army." The club has offered a prize of \$50 for the best Pershing campaign song written by a Nebraskan.

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# CLOTHING AND FOOD SOLD AT COST TO MANY

**By Associated Press**  
**PITTSBURG.**—A number of important manufacturing concerns in this city are selling food and clothing at cost to their employes in an effort to meet the advancing price of commodities.

One company buys for its workmen every two weeks a carload of hams and bacon. This is shipped direct from the packer to the mill, and there sold to the men at cost, plus the transportation charge. The president of the company endorses it as one of the best things he has ever done for his men.

Another concern has been supplying many of its mill and office employes with canned goods, wearing shoes, and even children's shoes. The saving was such as to make the wage-earners enthusiastic.

Employees of another big manufacturing plant rented a store, stocked it with groceries, bought through use of the company's credit, and in a few weeks were doing a business of \$2,000 a day. Only employes of the company can buy in the store. The price to the buyer is first cost, plus rent, light, clerk hire and freight.

"We started with groceries," said the manager, looking over his well-kept store with pride, "but now we added such clothing as the men wear while at work. Soon we will have a tailor shop for men's clothing, and next we are going to put in a line of women's wear and such things as we men must have around the house. I don't know how many of the company's 20,000 workmen buy here, but I am sure we have among our customers at least one representative of every family.

There is still one item, however, in the living cost, from which man-workers in the district can find no relief—that of high rents. Workmen's houses are scarce in every section of the district.

## COLLECT EVIDENCE IN DANSEY MURDER



Benjamin Nusbaum, above, and John P. Wilson.

Benjamin Nusbaum, above, and John P. Wilson are the detectives who have been aiding Prosecutor Edmund Gaskill in trying to find the murderer or murderers of Billy Dansey of Hamonton, N. J., called New Jersey's "perfect baby." Their efforts so far have resulted in the arrest of but two persons, Charles S. White, neighbor, and Mrs. Edith Jones, housekeeper at the White home. Both of these have been practically exonerated since by Gaskill.

### WHAT AILED HER.

"What ails your wife?"  
 "Tuh?"  
 "She seems disgruntled about her trip."  
 "Aw, she forgot to weigh Fido before she went away, and now she has to go back to see if she has gained anything or not."—Kansas City Journal.

## West Texas News

**By Associated Press**  
**AUSTIN, Texas.**—John Barleycorn added new lines to his part as a home wrecker when a prospective bridegroom, en route from San Antonio to Bartlett to attend his own wedding, told an Austin policeman that a "baggage smasher" had broken a jug of wine in his suitcase which was checked at the railroad station. The bridegroom insisted the baggageman should be held responsible for the damage, but the policeman was merely interested in the jug, and as a result the young man is charged in a local court with having in his possession intoxicating liquors and transporting the same.

**AUSTIN.**—"Merry Christmas, but keep out; this means you," was the greeting conveyed to Christmas tree hunters from a board nailed to a fence of a pasture near Austin. Cutting choice cedars from other people's land in order to procure perches for candles and tinsel became the chief outdoor sport during Yuletide, and dozens of evergreen laden automobiles returned to town.

Many land owners objected to this peaching and the sign quoted was only one of the many that warned tree seekers to go away. On the Sunday before Christmas a number of farmers and ranchmen did place all their faith in the signs, but stationed able-bodied men at the pasture gates.

Whats' in a name? John Deer was one of nine recruits accepted in one day by the El Paso naval recruiting station. He was signed up by John Limburger, chief boatswain's mate.

The Travis county spinach crop, the largest in America, is beginning to move. Two carloads have been shipped to Chicago and one to St. Louis. Growers estimate that ten carloads will be shipped before the first of the new year, and that by January 15 the harvest will be in full swing. Last season 550 cars of spinach were sent from Austin and prospects promise 1,000 cars this season. There are approximately 4,000 acres planted to spinach in Travis county.

Seven years ago practically no spinach was raised in this county and federal reports last year showed Austin to be the greatest spinach shipping point, with Norfolk, Va., a close second.

Pennsylvania farmers offer \$9.00 and three meals a day for corn huskers. Times change. Remember the old fashioned husking bee that you were glad to attend for nothing, on the chances of getting a red ear, with its attendant privilege.—Cleveland Plaindealer.

# Great Disaster Caused By Baby's Fall From Train

**COPENHAGEN.**—The most astonishing railway accident on record took place the other night near Copenhagen. A baby's fall from a train led to the death of between thirty and forty people, while the injured number over fifty.

The baby was one of a family party—mother, father and six boys and girls—traveling in a crowded passenger train that was nearing Copenhagen. The mother, with her baby in her arms, was sitting next the window. When the train was about three miles from Copenhagen the baby slipped from the woman's arms through the window and disappeared. It was a little while before the sleepy people in the compartment decided what to do. Then they pulled the communication cord, which automatically applied the emergency brake, and the train stopped.

When the guard reached the compartment and learned why the cord had been pulled, he tried the mother to get out and walk along the line with him to find the child. While the pair walked back alongside the metals, the guard flashing his lamp, the driver slowly backed the train, keeping pace with them.

### Child Unhurt.

The train had backed nearly a mile before the mother found the child—alive and unhurt save for bruises. As

she stood, clasping it in her arms, the lights of a Jutland express suddenly appeared. Before the express driver could check his pace or the other driver reverse his engine, the two trains were mingled in a mass of wreckage. No blame attaches to the express driver. The signalman at the box close by saw the backing train, and knew the cause, but was so interested in the search for the missing child that he forgot to put the signal against the following train.

Mother and child were unhurt, but the father and the other five children were crushed to death. The coach in which they were traveling and several other cars were telescoped by the express engine which plowed its way into the slow train for some distance and they toppled over a deep embankment forty-five feet high, dragging several carriages with it.

At the bottom of the slope the boiler burst. The steam from the boiler and from the broken heating apparatus scalded to death numbers of people who had not even been bruised in the collision.

### Crowded Streets.

Apart from the extraordinary cause, the disaster was the greatest in any one's memory here. When the news became known the whole city was

soon alive with motor cars and crowds of excited people filled the streets and the restaurants, which were opened.

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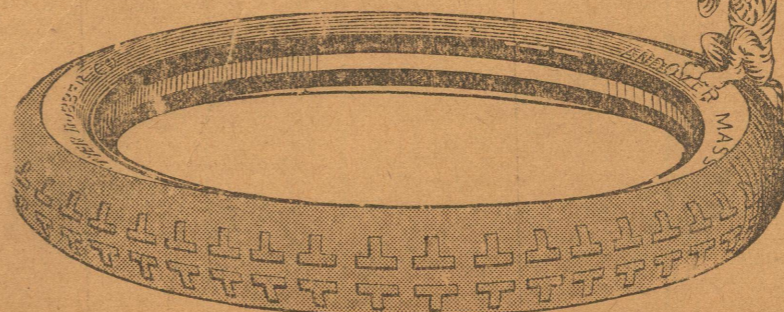
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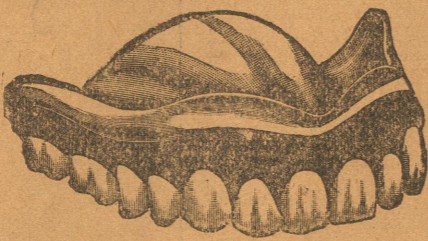


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## Bucharest Is Despair Center

(By Special Correspondent of International News Service.)

**BUCHAREST.**—Bucharest—the capital of Rumania—one imagines the porters shouting it out as one draws into some stately station. What one does see as the train crawls in twelve hours late on a Sunday morning is what looks like the whole country population of Rumania sitting on the trucks, on the roofs of carriages, climbing on the engines of outgoing local trains, and all of them minus boots, shoes, socks or stockings.

"They don't want boots," explained a Rumanian friend who had just been crying up the advanced civilization of Rumania.

Neither, I think, do they want education: certainly they don't get it any more than stockings. Never have I seen such a state of backward poverty as exists in Rumania today. It came with all the greater shock of being plunged from a civilized society into barbarism, because on our journey up from Triste we had passed through the Banat, a great district, once South Hunarv, now to be divided between the Serbians and the Rumanians.

There we saw rich crops almost eight feet high, modern towns, with electric light and tramways, and an educated, hard working people.

Tell it not in Gath, but they were Austrian Germans planted there as part of the old idea of the Austrian empire of putting a ring fence of German colonists around rebel Hungary. Well, I would rather have lived in the Banat under the old regime than in Rumania under the reign of the new world. Even the arrival at the big hotel showed that we had passed to the Orient.

"Have you rooms?" I asked the porter. "Oh, yes, sire," he replied.

"Then I want some."

"Yes, sire, but you will not get them unless you give me a pound."

Of course our luggage, registered through from Paris via Trieste and Serbia, had not arrived; nor would it arrive, for it had been detained in Serbia. For reason I applied to the Serbian legation in Bucharest.

"Your luggage? Yes, it has been confiscated by the Serbian government."

"But why?"

"You were traveling to Rumania. It is an act of reprisal against the Rumanian government."

"But what have I, a Britisher, got to do with a quarrel between Serbia and Rumania?"

"Well, it is an act of reprisal. Your luggage he is confiscated," and so it remains to this day. No Balkan state has the faintest conception of ordinary public morality, and one may as well realize this fact first as last.

Rumania has increased from a principality of 6,000,000 people to a kingdom of 18,000,000. It is like the frog that inflated itself, and is living must do unless it puts some kind of solid work and organization into its huge balloon. Of this last development there is not the slightest sign. Never have I seen such flaunting of bubble wealth as exists in Bucharest.

In the back streets people are dying of sheer cold and starvation, but take a turn into the local Peadiilly or Regent street and you will see a long procession of gaudily-dressed profiteers, speculators, politicians and their wives, pacing up and down in an endless and aimless parade, showing off the money they have got on their backs. And it is all inflation—all talk about the great Rumania with the minerals it has conquered, and does not know how to utilize, and with not a bit of genuine enterprise and work to back all this talk and this vast issue of paper money.

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## 'SLAUGHTER' OF COMMUNISTS NOW CHARGED

(By Associated Press)

**Berlin, Dec. 27.**—Appeals to world workers, especially Socialists in the United States, England, France and Italy, asking those governments to take steps to stop the alleged "slaughter" of Communists and Socialists in Hungary, are being sent out by the central government board of the Austrian Social Democrats.

It is asserted that whereas 500 victims were charged to the Belu Kun regime, more than ten times that number have been executed on conviction at a "drum-head" court martial on "flimsy warrants," issued with the alleged connivance of Admiral Horthy in command of the Hungarian government troops at present.

The Entente governments are jointly responsible for the present occurrences, the appeal declares. They diligently sought to protect the bourgeoisie from the "Red terror" but are not making any attempt to halt the counter-revolutionary rampage.

## PLANES MAY PATROL TIMBER AREA OF NORTHWEST

International News Service.

**PORTLAND, Ore.**—Forest fire patrol by airplanes of the great timbered area of the Pacific Northwest will be undertaken in 1920, if recommendations of the head of the western department of the army air service are approved. The request for ninety planes to patrol the valuable timber land of this section of the country was made of the air service by the Western Forestry and Conservation association, an organization representing the timber interests in the states of Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho and California. The area to be patrolled embraces one-third of all the standing timber in the United States and the bulk of the timber in this area is owned by the United States government. The three stations selected for this patrol work are Mather field, Cal.; Missoula, Mont., and Camp Lewis, American Lake, Wash. Each plane, it is planned, will be equipped with wireless so that the location of fires may be quickly reported to receiving stations and from these transmitted to fire wardens.

"Why did you give that tramp the dime?" "For not telling me a hard-luck story."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Our position is that there are some pipes which have no right to be smoked outside of a smokehouse.—Indianapolis Journal.

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**LONDON.**—The study of palmistry in the public schools is being advocated by Miss Julie Critten, who claims to be the leading woman palmist in Great Britain. At an address at Steinway hall she declared that the palm of every school child should be examined in order to help him or her determine his life work. Miss Critten says that one of her chief missions is to detach palmistry from the humbug which has been brought down upon it.

## Bustles Are to Return Again

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**LONDON.** Fashion, having decreed that bustles must be bare, now demands that they shall also be bustled. The bustle, however, will be but a shadow of its Victorian self. "Let no one be alarmed," is the reassuring message one prominent modiste sends to the public. "Those who have fearsome visions of the wired, ribbon-draped and lace-hung protuberances of the '50's had better dismiss that idea from their minds. The 1919 bustle is chic in the extreme, dainty and light, and delightfully feminine."

Lady Duff-Gordon (Lucille), who is in New York, has sent two of her mode bustle frocks to her London establishment. These frocks were shown by the manager to an International News Service representative. Neither of the dresses—which are suitable for afternoon or dinner wear—is at all exaggerated in style. The bunched-in back of each is achieved by concealed elastic bands, which gather the material into small, outstanding puffs.

"All the newest frocks show a decided trend toward the bustle," said Lucille's manager. "To be up to date we must be bustled, or nearly so. The bustle idea may be developed, and it is possible that by the spring nearly every skirt and dress may be designed for this effect."

"The bustle is particularly becoming to a young and slender figure; frocks with quaint outstanding frills, wired to stick out stiffly at the back, have been seen lately at some of the dances. These semi-bustled effects give a piquant and charming effect."

## NEAR-EAST HASN'T EVEN DISHES LEFT

International News Service.

**BROOKLYN, N. Y.**—When the steamer Schoodic sails from pier 22 here, she will take a unique shipment for the Near East relief, which is working to have the remnants of the Armenians, Syrians and Greeks in Asia Minor from extermination by hunger and cold this winter.

One big item of her cargo is a consignment of 10,000 cups and soup plates for use in the refugee stations in Armenia, where the survivors of the massacres and deportations are still struggling slowly back to their former homes. So thorough was the sacking and looting of their victims by the Turks and Kurds that in the majority of cases not a dish was left.

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# RANCE TO BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH RENEWED HOPE

PARIS.—France will begin the new year with far greater confidence than she has had in the past. This is in spite of formidable handicaps such as the balance of trade running against her at the rate of about 1,500,000,000 francs a month, about 50 per cent depreciation of the exchange value of the franc and the consequent difficulty of procuring raw materials and labor toward which the government has been forced to resort for reconstruction.

France's renewed confidence is derived directly from the result of the recent elections. These are regarded as having definitely stabilized internal politics, ended all danger of revolutionary agitation for some time to come and brought about a better attitude by capital and labor toward the immense effort before France.

Money is forthcoming for investments in anything that promises stability. While investments in short-term treasury bonds are continuing at the rate of nearly 2,000,000,000 francs a month, there is plenty of money for industrial and commercial enterprises and long-term loans. The 1,000,000,000-franc loan to provide immediate resources for indemnifying claims of the invasion was oversubscribed before the official opening of the subscriptions. Important banks and industrial companies have lately increased their capital to an aggregate of nearly 500,000,000,000 francs.

Transactions on the Paris bourse, which still are confined to cash deals, have exceeded on certain days records of pre-war trading when futures entered largely into the totals. The upward movement of all industrial values which began before the signature of the treaty of Versailles has been unchecked by successive liquidations. This is regarded by keen observers here as a sure sign of economic recovery.

Employers say the labor situation is improved and that the last strikes developed symptoms that the workers themselves were becoming weary of long continued disturbances of business, industry and transportation. They see a tendency against frivolous strikes and an indication that only real grievances will induce the wage earners to quit work hereafter.

Centralization of capital and industry is seen in the establishing in Normandy of textile industries to replace those in the occupied territory destroyed by the war. This movement has been greatly extended by development of waterpower in the region of the Alps and the center and south of France. Industrial leaders say that no part of the region of France hereafter will monopolize any industry and declare that this scattering will prove beneficial and result in a more equitable recovery of all parts of the country.

Powerful financial groups are at the head of a movement to transfer the 100,000,000,000-franc loan from the southeastern France, where waterpower soon will be available. Other groups are being formed to develop manufacturing centers near the coast so as to reduce the cost of transporting raw materials. Industrial leaders say that this activity on the part of capital supported by the recovery of labor from what has been characterized as a wave of "business" is a healthy tone to the situation.

Instability of the exchange value of the franc is regarded as one of the weakest points in French conditions. It is pointed out that France cannot pay twice over at present high prices for supplies she needs and that is what the present low value of the franc means. The French government is now studying a complete revision of her financial policy with a view to making such provisions to meet her obligations as will give greatest stability both at home and abroad.

Details of the new financial policy are as yet not disclosed, but it is understood that it comprises, firstly, a large interior loan to take up all short-term bonds and floating debt; and secondly, important increases in all taxes to bring the revenues up to the annual budget estimated to require 20,000,000,000 to 25,000,000,000 francs. It is not expected that any internal financial arrangement can exert more than a moral influence on the value of the franc abroad and may be said to be the object of the greatest anxiety in official circles.

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The building trades do not show any disposition to undertake important work while obliged to pay three times the normal prices for materials. The result is that construction work is being held up, although considerable progress is reported from some sections of the invaded regions. This progress, although encouraging, is not regarded by business men as sufficient to warrant the expectation that France shall be enabled to purchase date to resume exportations on a scale sufficient to materially effect

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If you are out of a job and have only \$50 in the world, spend it all on dress.

Don't envy successful men. Copy them.

Give up any idea of an 8-hour day.

Love your work, and think of it day and night.

Make mistakes.

Develop capacity to inspire others.

Take advice.

Look prosperous—act "prosperous," be an optimist. Pessimists never get far.

Never break your word. The business world is ever on the lookout for reliable men.

There are three types of business men and women—one, the largest, work for wages; the second for salaries, and the third make income.

## 23 INMATES OF STATE PEN GET FREEDOM XMAS

AUSTIN, Dec. 27.—This Christmas brings freedom, the greatest gift that can be conferred upon man, to twenty-three inmates of the Texas penitentiary. And on this Christmas three men who have been inmates of the Texas penitentiary have had their citizenship restored.

Upon recommendations of the board of pardons, Governor W. P. Hobby granted twenty-three pardons that became effective Christmas day. In most of the cases those receiving executive clemency are classed by the pardon board as "friendly." And "friendly" means that they had no one to intercede in their behalf or even write a letter to the board. Several of the Mexicans in the list could not even speak English. These friendly cases were brought to light by members of the board on a personal tour of the prison.

Kid Shine, a negro, who was under a fifty-year sentence for robbery, and who had no hope of freedom without pardon, as the majority of the others had only short periods to serve. The list is headed by eight Mexicans as follows:

C. Amador, who was convicted of criminal assault, and who has served five years and eight months of a ten-year sentence.

Pedro Cruz, conspiracy to criminally assault, sentenced to ten years and five months, with three years and eight months served.

Juan Garcia, burglary, three-year sentence, with two years and three months served.

Philip Herrero, theft, two to five-year sentence, three years and eight months served.

Jose Perez, burglary, two to five-year sentence, three years and nine months served.

M. Rivera, burglary, two to five-year term, three years and nine months served.

L. H. Samaripa, criminal assault, five-year sentence, two years nine months served.

Val Sancedo, forgery, four-year sentence, two years nine months served.

Noberry Lovejoy, white, burglary, four-year sentence, two years three months served.

Bill Mills, white, citizenship restored.

Kid Shine, negro, robbery, fifty-year sentence, sixteen years ten months served.

Gene Wims, negro, selling whiskey, eight months in jail at El Paso.

Bob Smith, white, theft, two-year sentence, expires December 30, 1919.

A. M. Aven, white, citizenship restored.

Yourses Wages, white, forgery, two-year sentence, one year two months served.

Morris McDaniel, white, forgery, eight-year sentence, one year three months served.

B. P. Shuford, white, forgery, seven-year sentence, one year and three months served.

B. H. Roper, white, citizenship restored. This man was discharged from the penitentiary fifteen years ago.

W. W. Beams, white, burglary, four-year sentence, one year nine months served.

Jessie Norwood, disloyalty, five to twenty-five-year sentence, one year and five months served. He was the first man to be convicted in Texas under the state loyalty act, and his trial, which was in DeWitt county attracted considerable attention over the state.

Will Clay, negro, violating local option laws, two-year sentence, one year six months served.

Antonio Sanchez, burglary, five-year sentence, two years ten months served.

V. J. Miller, white, forgery, two-year sentence, one year seven months served.

Seibert Houston, white, man slaughter, five-year sentence, 1 year seven months served.

George Wilbur, seventeen-year-old boy, who was sentenced to five-year for robbery, and who has served more than half his term.

William Furlough, who has served practically two-year sentence for violating local option laws.

## TEXAS BRIDEGROOM OF 86 NERVOUS IN GETTING LICENSE

DALLAS.—Robert Kirkley of Cushing, Texas, a modern Romeo of four score and six years, and Mrs. Nellie Glaze of Carrollton, a young lady of 76 summers, were married here this week. Kirkley came here for the license and appeared a little nervous when questioned by the clerk. He stroked his white beard meditatively when asked if both he and the bride were of age, and replied:

"I'm 86 and she's ten years younger. We have both been married twice before."

Kirkley waited impatiently for his bride to arrive at the court house, where the ceremony was performed. The bride was a little late because of bad roads, but the bridegroom never doubted that she would appear.

"We young people never like to put a thing of this kind off," he told the "hang-on" when they observed his nervousness over the non-arrival of the bride.

After the ceremony was performed they departed for their new home in East Texas.

Few Thirsty Left in State. But anyway one looks at the outcome of the recent election he suspects that one open saloon in Ohio would have a fair patronage.—Arkansas Gazette.

## MISSING GERMAN VESSELS FOUND IN HOLLAND

International News Service. ANTWERP.—The Belgian newspaper La Carillon tells a curious story of the war in which the Belgian Government succeeded in discovering the whereabouts of part of the German light squadron of torpedo boats, submarines, steam launches, and other small craft which were sent by Germany from Antwerp to Holland a few days before the armistice.

Some time ago a Belgian agent at a Dutch port helped a disguised German bluejacket to embark for America. In return the German told him that hitherto "undiscoverable" craft were in dock at Helvestsluis, and handed him a photograph which he sent to Brussels. A fresh demand for the missing craft was made to Holland, and when a negative answer was sent the photograph was produced. It is expected that the matter will be settled.

## 'PAT' CROWE WIRES REGARDS TO CUDAHY

NEW YORK.—"Dead broke" and out of work, "Pat" Crowe, who years ago kidnaped Edward A. Cudahy, Jr., applied at Salvation Army headquarters for work and enough money to telegraph young Cudahy in Chicago, congratulating him on his engagement, just announced.

Both his requests were granted, and after he had been installed as watchman of the army's hut in Union Square, his message was flashed west.

According to Col. William A. McIntyre, Crowe has "gone straight" for the last ten years and now is a zealous advocate of prison reform. The ransom he received for young Cudahy was spent long ago.

## He Can Help Us by Going.

If Martens is really competent to be much of a help to Trotzky, he ought to be over in Petrograd.—Washington Star.

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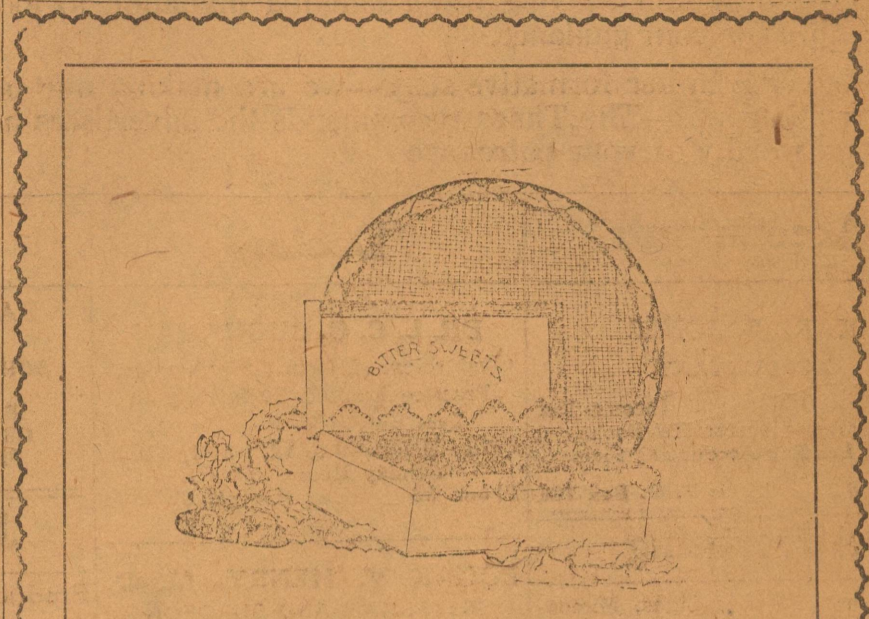
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## HIS UNUSUAL METHODS OF COURTSHIP LAND HIM IN JAIL

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Earl said that his father was a white American and his mother a full-blooded Cherokee Indian. He came to England at the outbreak of the war and secured work in a restaurant. The prosecuting witness, Miss Edith Chilman, was a waitress. She said

when Earl first saw her he asked her to meet him after working hours, but she refused. He repeated his request every day for three months. Then he disappeared, but later met the girl upon the street and threatened to kill her with a dagger unless she consented to his attentions. Earl varied his courtship by writing threatening letters to Miss Chilman and all the members of her family. He said on the witness stand that he and the girl were engaged to be married, but it developed that he had frightened the girl into consenting by throwing crockery at her.



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