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THE WORLD WAR IS NOW ENDED

Right Triumphs At Last—Germany Signs Treaty—Peace Conference Dissolves

Versailles, June 28.—The world war was formally ended today by the signing of the peace treaty with the Germans.

The epochal meeting in the hall of mirrors began at 3:10 o'clock and the German delegates, the first to sign, affixed their signatures at 3:15 o'clock.

The German delegates left the hall first, the allied representatives remaining in their seats. Those who had assembled in the hall then went to the terrace to see the fountains playing.

The state department issued this official statement on the special arrangements made for sending the news of the signing of the peace treaty to Washington:

"The first news of the signing of the greatest of all peace pacts was flashed to the United States today over a special government circuit between Versailles and Washington. Over this wire of approximately 3,000 miles of ocean cable and land telegraph set up for almost instantaneous transmission came to the department this first outline of the proceedings of the day with London, Newfoundland and New York the only points on the long stretch of line.

"The American mission at the peace conference had advised the department of state several days in advance that on the day of the signing the circuit would be arranged and messages sent over it from the mission at Versailles to be given immediately to the press to facilitate the news to the American public."

Warning Sent

Washington, July 7.—The Russian Soviet Government was warned by the United States today in a message sent through the American Legation at Stockholm that reprisals against the American citizens in Russia would arouse intense sentiment in the United States against the Soviet heads.

The warning was contained in a cablegram sent by Acting Secretary of State Phillips in reply to a protest from Soviet Foreign Minister Tchitcherin against the reported arrest of I. A. C. K. Martens, the Soviet representative in New York. The protest indicated that reprisals might be taken against America in Russia.

Ferguson Defends Loyalty

Belton, Texas, July 1.—The case of former Governor James E. Ferguson vs. the Houston Post went on trial in the district court here this morning, the former Governor praying for damages to the extent of \$100,000 as a result of an article published by the Post June 30 last year, questioning his loyalty. The item in question was in the form of a resolution adopted by the Hobby Club at Columbus, Texas, during the campaign for the office of Governor.

Four other cases of a like nature are pending in this court aggregating libel claims for half a million dollars. Former Governor Ferguson defended his loyalty on the stand yesterday.

LOST—Ford hood between Merkel and Sears well. Please leave at Warren Bros. and will pay for your trouble. Chas. Russell, 411c

Rose Hill Cemetery is a disgrace to the living and shows a terrible lack of respect for our honored dead. It ought to be cleaned up.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURE LAW EFFECTIVE

Austin, Tex., June 7.—The Mayor, Merkel Texas: On June 18th, the new Weights and Measures Law will become effective. By the terms of this law, it will become our duty to inspect all weighing and measuring devices in use throughout the State. Under the terms of this law all city inspectors of weights and measures automatically become state inspectors, remaining, however, under the appointment of the city authorities, but are subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by the State Superintendent of Weights and Measures, who is Hon. F. C. Weibert. Some time ago I mailed you a copy of this law, in order that you may be fully informed as to its provisions.

I hope that you have a thoroughly efficient inspector of all Weights and Measures, who will take an active interest in this work, because it is one of the most vital duties affecting the economic welfare of the public generally. What I particularly desire is an inspector who is familiar with gas meters, water and light meters, and other measuring devices of like character. The gas problem causes a great deal of dissatisfaction, as well as the water and light problem, in the different cities of the State. I want the inspector to be capable of carefully testing and certifying to the correctness or incorrectness of all such measuring devices.

Will you kindly inform me as

OIL PROSPECTS LOOKING EXTRA FINE

The Sears well is down about 1500 feet, in the Pennsylvania formation, and the shale is the same that is found in the Ranger field. The formation so far is more favorable than that found in any well drilled in this vicinity. The oil men are highly enthusiastic over the prospects, even so much so that they are expecting a nice showing of gas and oil at any time, even with the possibilities of a gusher. Some leases are selling, but those who have leases in the vicinity as a rule refuse to sell. Experienced men are watching the well day and night for development.

Butman Well to Drill

Representatives of the parties who propose to drill the Butman well have been in town this week. They state that they will not delay a minute getting material on the ground and the derrick built. While their time is growing short, they only ask the

to who your inspector is, and whether he is familiar with this line of work or not, and if not, will it be possible for you to put upon your list of inspectors another employee who is familiar with gas meters, water and light meters, and like measuring devices. Your inspector may be thoroughly efficient in other lines of work, but may not understand the method of inspecting this

assurance if they go right ahead, using every effort at their command, that they will not be hindered by some overzealous citizen trying to reclaim his lease. They are working in co-operation with the Sinclair people, and the requirements of these people are such that operations could not have begun sooner. The Sinclair people have dozens of wells, drilling and the fact that they are interested, the promoters claim, ought to insure rapid drilling operations.

The Bland Well.

Maitland & Son, contractors for the Bland well, are getting everything in shape looking to rapid development just as soon as they can spud in. On account of rain they have been hampered in getting their tools and machinery on the ground. They anticipate no further delay on this account and are hopeful of getting up full steam within a very few days.

class of measuring device it will result in a great saving to the people of the State, if a careful system of inspection can be installed in every city and town in the State.

I do not ask you to make any change whatever in your force, and hope that you will not do so, but I am calling your attention particularly to this class of work, with a view of securing a thor-

oughly competent man for the work.

Your very truly,

D. A. GREGG, Chief Clerk.

In reference to the above, Mayor Stallings holds that the elected Weigher is the proper man to do the duties as outlined above. J. M. Garrett is the man elected by the people to do this work. The law, in his opinion, calls for this action. The law would indicate that weights through any other party would not be acceptable in commercial transactions, and would be strict violation of the law.

THE RETURNED SOLDIERS

Following are the names of returned soldiers reported returned the past week, and this week. If we have omitted any name, we would like to have our attention called to it, as we want the Mail to show a complete record:

- Pete White.
- Lloyd Sheppard.
- Clarence Melton.
- Frank O'Briant.
- W. L. Diltz.
- Grady Collins.
- Roger Haines.
- G. N. Reynolds.
- J. Ceausseaux, Trent.
- Odell Sype, Trent.
- Will Smith, Trent.

Try American Beauty Flour. You will like it. Crown Hardware Company

Through the Merkel Realty Company, W. A. McSpadden purchased the home place of J. S. Thomas. He will not likely move to the place for a few months.

Grain sacks at G. M. Sharp's Grocery Store.

URGE ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREATY

President Wilson Says the League of Nations Lays Foundation for Great Forward Strides.

Washington, June 28.—President Wilson, in an address to the American people on the occasion of the signing of the peace treaty, made a plea for the acceptance of the treaty and the covenant of the League of Nations without change of reservation.

His message, given out here by Secretary Tumulty, said:

"Fellow Countrymen: The treaty of peace has been signed. If it is ratified and acted upon in full and sincere execution of its terms, it will furnish the charter of a new order of affairs in the world. It is a severe treaty in the duties and penalties it imposes upon Germany but it is severe only because great wrongs done by Germany are to be righted and repaired; it imposes nothing that Germany cannot do; and she can regain her rightful standing in the world by the prompt and honorable fulfillment of its terms.

"And it is much more than a treaty of peace with Germany. It liberates those people who have never before been able to find the way to liberty. It ends, once for all, an old and intolerable order under which small groups of selfish men could use the peoples of great empires to serve their ambition for power and dominion. It associates the free governments of the world in a permanent league in which they are pledged to use their united power to maintain peace by maintaining right and justice. It makes international law a reality supported by imperative sanctions. It does away with the right of conquest and rejects the policy of annexation and substitutes a new order under which backward Nations—populations which have not yet come to political consciousness and peoples who are ready for independence but not yet quite prepared to dispense with protection and guidance—shall no more be subjected to the domination and exploitation of a stronger Nation but shall be put under the friendly direction and afforded the helpful assistance of Government which undertakes to be responsible to the opinion of mankind in the execution of their task by accepting the direction of the League of Nations.

"It recognizes the inalienable rights of nationality; the rights of minorities and the sanctity of religious belief and practice. It lays the basis for conventions which shall keep the commercial intercourse of the world from unjust and vexatious restrictions and for every sort of international cooperation that will serve to cleanse the life of the world and facilitate its common action in beneficent service of every kind. It furnishes guarantees such as were never given or even contemplated for the fair treatment of all who labor at the daily tasks of the world.

"It is for this reason that I have spoken of it as a great charter for a new order of affairs. There is ground here for deep satisfaction, universal reassurance and confident hope.

"WOODROW WILSON."

Ex-Crown Prince Escapes

Brussels, June 30.—The former German Crown Prince Frederick William escaped from the island of Wieringen Sunday, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Soir.

MAP OF THE MERKEL OIL FIELD



The above is a map of the Merkel Oil Field, of which, it is very likely, the world will know in a remarkably short time. The map is issued by the Board of Trade and a copy will be furnished to any address upon request. They will be issued in pamphlet form in a few days. Call in at the Merkel Mail office and get a few copies and mail to your friends. Give them a chance to become millionaires by obtaining some acreage now. Tomorrow may take from them the opportunity they so much desire. Goods reports are continually coming from the Sears well. Bland well soon in operation. Business picking up.

SERVICE

AND

--COURTESY--

Ask Our Customers

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas

NOODLE NEWS

Health of the community is good.

The grain has been harvested and the thresher is busy.

Mrs. W. C. Thompson and children of Stamford are visiting relatives here.

J. L. Beene of Merkel spent Saturday night and Sunday at the home of W. V. Beene.

Mr and Mrs. Mancel Mitchell spent Saturday and Sunday with C. R. Monroe and family, returning home Monday, accompanied by Ruth Thompson, who has been visiting relatives here.

Lucille Beene is on the sick list this week.

Rev. W. K. Horn preached a splendid sermon at the Methodist church Sunday night. . . .

Edgar Grayson was a Noodle visitor Sunday afternoon. . . .

B. N. Wheeler and family have moved back to make this their home.

Pearl Huber is visiting Quinia Roundtree this week.

Remember the 10th and save your discount by paying your Electric accounts.

We have a good house for sale cheap. It can be torn down or moved. Make fine granary or barn or addition to house.

Merkel Realty Company.

Fresh candy, cake and bread at the Metropolitan Bakery and

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarah that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarah Medicine. Hall's Catarah Medicine has been taken by catarah sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarah. Hall's Catarah Medicine acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions. After you have taken Hall's Catarah Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarah Medicine at once and get rid of catarah. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

We want to list your vacant lots, your houses, in fact whatever you have to sell. The Merkel Realty Company.

TRENT NEWS

Mrs. Alex Williamson and Miss O. D. Robinson entertained at the formers home Saturday night in honor of the soldiers and sailors. Quite a delightful time was spent in games and conversations. Refreshments of apricot ice and cake were served to about thirty guests.

The singing at the Methodist church Sunday night was well attended and all present enjoyed the splendid song service. Sunday is the regular singing day and the class will meet again at the Methodist church.

The families of Carlos Robinson and A. C. Terry together with Mrs. Billings and daughter, Beatrice left last week to visit at different points in the east. They are making the trip in cars.

Mr and Mrs. Will Smith stopped off and spent a few days last week with the formers parents, Mr and Mrs H. N. Smith. Mr. Smith and wife were enroute to their home at S. Wetwater, he having recently received his discharge at Camp Bowie.

Mrs. B. Dingle is visiting relatives at Weatherford this week. Sam Rosson is home from the navy. He will go to Dallas the 11 of the July, where he will receive his discharge.

Mrs. Steadman and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Walker Steadman are visiting in Fort Worth.

Willie Bishop is home on a furlough for a few days.

Leonard Bogart, who saw service with the 36th Division has been visiting his uncle, Joe Brown. He left Sunday night to go back into service, as he re-enlisted in the aviation corps.

Several of the Trent people are planning to celebrate the 4th by attending the picnic at Abilene.

For fresh Groceries and right prices see A. L. Jobe. 4t2c

Geo Boyce set a mighty good example on his vacant lot opposite the Woodrum Hotel by cutting the weeds. Others might follow his example.

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Thos. Johnson, Cashier

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. M. E. O'Briant is visiting her son, Wm. O'Briant, and family.

Remember the 10th and save your discount by paying your Electric accounts.

Brittain Jobe visited relatives in Thurber and Eastland. His brother, Cecil of Eastland returned home with him.

Fresh candy, cake and bread at the Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Miss Ova Hurst has returned from Albany after six weeks visit to relatives. She is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff. She said she had plenty of fish to eat while there and we know from her looks she is telling the truth.

I have a nice variety of second hand furniture on hand. If you want to buy or exchange, see me. J. T. Darsey.

Mrs. Harry Bullock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris, left Wednesday for her home at Cad-do.

If you are going to want a loan on that farm you had better see W. O. Bonev at once.

Tuesday evening W. H. Orr of Putman joined his wife who is visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs J. R. Lamar.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other states. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive, Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

Good Time for Second Choice

Most of our "leave overs" are better goods than ones that were made during war and disturbed labor times.

YOUR POCKET BOOK

may be a little shy of bills now, so don't be quite so particular whether you buy a low cut or a shoe now as the season is nearly at hand that you can make no mistake to buy either a shoe or low cut.

THE ABOVE STATEMENT

is equally true about other goods, for using a second choice soon will be a first choice.

WE CAN HELP YOU, IF YOU ASK US

The Brown D. G. Co.

LOCAL NEWS

Misses Annie Mae Swann, Ona Fae Bland, Lola Armstrong and Louise Warren of Simmons were home visitors the past week.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

Miss Minnie Fergusson left for Abilene Monday to enter the business college.

Through our advertising columns you will find appreciative merchants; merchants who keep their stock up-to date and who solicit your business with an idea to service.

Mr and Mrs. T.G. Bragg and Mr and Mrs Emory McDonald and Misses Nell and Lucy Tracy visited Mr and Mrs. J. S. Barnes at West brook Sunday.

Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days

"LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is a specially-prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual Constipation. It relieves promptly but should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to induce regular action. It Stimulates and Regulates. Very Pleasant to Take. 60c per bottle.

A. V. Dye has been right sick this week.

Ira and Will Armstrong of Dallas visited in Merkel this week. They are connected with the tractor business, invented by Ira Armstrong, and are elated over the prospects of a big demand.

Champion Potato Raiser.

John Thomas Watts claims the distinction of being the champion potato raiser in this section. We have on exhibit in the Merkel Mail office a potato he raised that weighs 17 ounces. The vegetable grew in his garden in Bettis Heights.

KILL THE BLUE BUGS

And all Blood Sucking Insects by feeding Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask Sanders Drug Store. 9My6m

Test Beer Sales

Washington, July 1.—Test cases on the sale of beverages containing more than one-half of one cent of alcohol will be brought immediately by the Department of Justice in all jurisdictions where such cases now are pending.

"We propose to make immediate arrests of persons who violate the war-time prohibition law, according to our interpretation thereof," Attorney General Palmer said today. "The department does not intend, however, to be swept off its feet the first day that prohibition comes into effect. We will proceed in an orderly fashion to establish whether intoxicating beverages proscribed by the law include those having less than 2 3/4 per cent alcohol."

Palmer reiterated that all persons violating the law might expect "early and vigorous prosecution." While there remains a question as to whether 2 3/4 per cent beer is intoxicating, the Department of Justice will not attempt wholesale arrests, but if a decision in the pending case at Baltimore is favorable to the Government prosecution will result promptly.

JARS—JARS—JARS

Plenty of quart and half gallon, wide mouth self sealing fruit jars at A L Jobe's Prices right. 412c.

Cotton Crop Estimated

Washington, July 1.—The cotton production this year is forecast today to be at 10,986,000 equivalent 500 pounds bales by the Department of Agriculture, basing the estimate on the condition of the growing crop June 25 which was 70 2 per cent of normal.

The area under cultivation was 33,960,000 acres

No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 50c per bottle.

There is More Sunshine in Life with a Hoosier to Save Work

HOOSIER

— the Kitchen Cabinet that saves miles of steps



- ☛ Isn't it a fact that Kitchen Slavery "gets on your nerves" quite often?
- ☛ Haven't you envied the seeming ease with which men accomplish their daily task?
- ☛ Why, then, do you not follow the example of successful men and surround yourself with time and labor-saving methods?
- ☛ Don't delay another day, come now and select the Hoosier you prefer.

We Have Just Received

- ☛ The prettiest line of dining-room furniture we have ever had, besides a number of beautiful suits.
- ☛ A big assortment of odd pieces, such as Tables, Buffets, China Closets, Sewing Tables, etc.

- ☛ We find that we are overstocked on Library Tables and for the next few days we will sell these at an exceptionally low price.
- ☛ We will appreciate a visit from you, and will take pleasure in showing you our goods.

Barrow Furniture Co.

WAR PROHIBITION STANDS

Washington, June 28.—It was officially announced early tonight at the White House that war-time prohibition would not be lifted by President Wilson, and that the dry order now in effect would continue.

Washington officials said that a detailed statement on the President's stand would be given out later in the evening.

President Wilson Starts Home
Washington, June 28.—President Wilson and his party will leave Paris at 9:30 o'clock tonight for Brest to sail for home. Secretary Tumulty was notified today.

The cable from President Wilson said "all well."

President Wilson has consented to an official reception for him on his arrival in New York. A committee of citizens through Secretary Tumulty had asked that they be allowed to prepare an unofficial greeting. This is the first intimation of where the President would land.

ADLER-I-KA HELPS SON!

"My son had inflammation of bowels and was greatly bloated (with gas) After giving Adler-i-ka he is completely CURED. Doctors did no good." (Signed) M. Gerhard, Ferdinand, Ind.

One dose Adler-i-ka relieves sour stomach, gas and constipation instantly. Removes all foul matter which poisons system. Often Cures constipation. Prevents appendicitis. We have sold Adler-i-ka many years. It is a mixture of buckthorn, cascara, glycerine and nine other simple drugs. Sanders Drug Store advl

Miss Glenn Broughton, who underwent an operation at Abilene a few days ago, is reported doing nicely.

Worms interfere with the growth of children. They become thin, pale and sickly. Get rid of these parasites at once if you would have healthy, happy cheerful children. WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE destroys worms and benefits the whole system. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

E. W. KELLEY WRITES

Dinuba, Cal., June 24.—Merkel Mail: As promised, will give the people of Merkel a few lines with reference to the San Joaquin Valley. Same is located in South Central Cal., just west of the Rocky Mountains. The whole country for one hundred miles each way is planted in grapes and fruit trees, all under irrigation. The land is very fertile and productive. No rainfall in Summer, quite a good deal in winter, warm climate the year round.

Apricots are being gathered, grapes and other fruit will soon begin to ripen. The whole San Joaquin Valley has the best crop, already produced, that she has ever known, with best prices ever known.

My family and myself landed in the Valley Friday, June 13th. I went to work Tuesday, 17th, for the Alta District Lumber Company, Dinuba.

Best wishes to the big hearted people of Merkel. Would be glad to have a line from some of you.

Yours very truly,
E. W. Kelley.

Every sack of Marechal Neil flour guaranteed, or your money back. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

Fruit Raised Here

That Merkel is a great fruit country is amply attested by a sample brought us by T. W. Ferguson, who resides just west of Merkel. We weighed a peach that was a little over 10 ounces and measured ten inches around. Now there is some size and some eating in a peach of that kind. The collection also contained plums as fine as any we have seen grown anywhere. If Mr. Ferguson can grow fruit like this, it seems that others might profitably follow suit.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 5th day of July, 1919, at Castle Peak School Building in Common School District No. 26, of this county of date of 12th day of county as established by order of the commissioners court of this county of date of 12th day February, 1914, which is recorded in Book G, page 74, of the minutes of said court to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property taxpaying voters of that district desire to tax themselves for the purpose of supplementing State school funds apportioned to said district and to determine whether the commissioners court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually the tax of and at the rate of 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property in said district for said purpose.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and county and who are resident property tax payers in said district, shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Said election was ordered by the County Judge of this county by order made on the 28 day of May 1919, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order. Dated the 4th day of June 1919.

J. S. Bond,
Sheriff of Taylor County Texas.

YOUR EYES

Have moved into office over, Crown Hardware Store, where I will be glad to examine your eyes and fit your glasses. Correct work guaranteed and charges reasonable. "Kryptek" work a specialty.

Come and see me.
H. C. FOLYD, Optician. 25t2c

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 50c.

A BIG PICNIC

Nolan and Fisher counties will celebrate the return of their soldiers on July 9 at Old City Lake, Sweetwater. Old time barbecue, baseball game, carnival novelties, bathing, boating, music and basket picnic will be the feature of the day. Those attending are urged to carry basket filled with something to eat. A general invitation is extended to all to come and participate.

LOSS OF APPETITE

As a general rule there is nothing serious about a loss of appetite, and if you skip a meal or only eat two meals a day for a few days you will soon have a relish for your meals when meal time comes. Bear in mind that at least five hours should always elapse between meals so as to give the food ample time to digest and the stomach a period of rest before a second meal is taken. Then if you eat no more than you crave and take a reasonable amount of outdoor exercise every day you will not need to worry about your appetite. When the loss of appetite is caused by constipation as is often the case, that should be corrected at once. A dose of Chamberlain's Tablets will do it.

List your property with the Merkel Realty Company, if you want it sold.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sears and family of Abilene spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sears and family. Their son, John Coomer, has just returned from France, and came with them to enjoy the day in Merkel.

B. N. Wheeler and family have moved back to his farm at Noodle, from McKinney, Texas. Mr. Wheeler said he was glad to be back home again.

CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

Thrift is not necessarily a habit but a conviction Get convinced now and buy. W. S. S.

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YOU know the realm of childhood dreams is a land of sweets.

Make some of those dreams a delightful reality by taking home

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If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

PATRONS OF THE MAIL, who do not receive their paper regularly will confer a favor upon the management by reporting the fact. You should also watch the label of your paper to ascertain when your time is out and renew before your name automatically leaves our list, as all papers stop when the term of subscription expires.



No. 2 wheat sold on the streets of Merkel Wednesday for \$2.08 per bushel. This is better than most people expected.

Those who have been accustomed to wet their whistles in "fire water" had better come in and let's join the Buttermilk Club.

Fashion is something women wear. We don't know just exactly what it is. Some one has suggested it is clothes, but we are often reminded it is a woeful lack of them.

We are sorry for baldheaded men. They seldom wash their face, and then only when they have their hats on so they can tell where their faces stop and their heads start.

The only reason we can see how a woman can endure a husband who constantly chews tobacco, that filthy weed, is that she can talk to him just as she pleases and if he talks back he will lose his chew.

And now autocracy is dead to the world except in Japan. That single nation now represents just about what Germany represented. The fires of democracy have been kindled and we believe will not burn themselves out until the last vestige of putrifying autocracy is dead and a new Japan springs forth in pure democracy.

It was suggested some time ago that a picnic be pulled off on the 4th, but on account of the plans made by Abilene, it was thought best to consolidate the movements and have a great time. Many Merkel people will spend the day in Abilene. It will be a great time; it ought to be a great time. It is the one 4th that will be remembered as long as the present generation lives. Let the glory of the day fill the hearts of those present with the blessed sunshine of world liberty.

The editor of the Mail has become very popular. Two or three chautauqua promoters have visited the city the past week, and some of our good citizens have directed them to the editor as one of the "most public spirited citizens." We appreciate the compliment, but if these worthy citizens will with the same complimentary spirit just direct a few land and lease buyers this way, we will love them lots more.

Wholesome Food Keeps the Children Well

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder is made from Cream of Tartar derived from grapes, a delicious, healthful fruit, and that is why it produces wholesome food, superior in texture and keeping quality.

Prudent mothers avoid cheap baking powders because they frequently contain alum, a mineral acid. No matter how much they are urged to change, they stick to

DR. PRICE'S CREAM Baking Powder

They KNOW it is absolutely pure
Contains No Alum—Leaves No Bitter Taste

We don't know why we should be made the "goat", unless our friends knew that we were constitutionally opposed to allowing every graft that can be conjured up to be foisted upon our citizens. We don't mind, fellow citizens, for you to send the good ladies around to see us about these things, except that we are married and would very much dislike to arouse jealousy on the part of our better half. Then again it occurs to us that perhaps we are the only one who failed to "get stung" in a former chautauqua engagement and our friends seem determined that we should walk the rope. And then maybe our friends take us for grafters and feel inclined to unload everything that looks like graft on us. Well, fellows, just get a little stiffness in your backbone, for low these dry years have afforded plenty of time for the schemers to work out their plans and they are ready to unload on West Texas in the day of her prosperity as the vultures of the air over a good ripe carcass.

Our "Church News" department is open for the use of the different churches of Merkel and surrounding country. We give a cordial invitation to every church to use these columns. If announcements are not made, it is the fault of the church and not ours. We seldom write announcements for any church, they being turned in by others. We write this in view of some seemingly unjust criticism, and that, too, coming from parties who know that we are very liberal with our space. We want to let the people as a whole know that we publish all legitimate church news, and we think that every denomination in and around Merkel can make the publicity we offer worth while.

The boys are about all back. A few more will come. They haven't been back long enough to be sized up. We know they are not the same boys as those who left us. We know that the varied experiences of the men during two years of camp life have wrought a change in them. The question now is, has this influence been for their betterment and for the benefit of their native land, or has it been degrading to them and will their influence on America be degrading to their native land. We know that Rome conquered Greece, and yet Rome imbibed the degrading practices of Greece and in time Greece morally captured Rome. What sort of influence are these boys bringing back? Are they going to stand for the highest type of civilization of which America boasts, or are they going to imitate the things that have caused the downfall of foreign powers. We believe the boys will stand

for America from first to last, but at any rate the matter is worthy of serious thought, and in spite of themselves, some of the best and some of the worst of foreign life must be heaped upon America.

Summer Complaint in Children
There is not anything like so many deaths from this disease now as before Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy came into such general use. When this remedy is given with castor oil as directed and proper care is taken as to diet, it is safe to say that fully ninety-nine out of every hundred cases recover. Mr. W. G. Campbell of Butler, Tenn., says, "I have used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy for summer complaint in children. It is far ahead of anything I have ever used for this purpose."

Operators to Resume
St. Louis, Mo., July 1.—The members of the Order of Railway Telegraphers throughout the country were notified today to resume handling the business of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies, cancelling the order which went into effect June 12 in connection with the national strike of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union.

Elder Joe Warlick returned to his home in Dallas Sunday evening, following the close of a very strenuous week of evangelistic activity.

A MERCILESS JUDGE
One Who Shows No Favor.
A merciless judge is Father Time. Before him the weak and the wanting go to the wall. Only the truth can stand. For years the following statement from a Merkel resident has withstood this sternest of all tests.
T. J. King, night watchman, Kent St., says: "I didn't know my kidneys were causing my back to ache so, though a neighbor kept after me to use Doan's Kidney Pills, saying that my kidneys were causing all my trouble. My back ached nearly all the time and bothered me when I was lying down. I finally decided to try Doan's and I found the trouble was from my kidneys because after I had used Doan's Kidney Pills awhile the trouble left me. Two boxes of Doan's cured me." (Statement given April 16, 1915.)
On May 5, 1919, Mr. King added: "I always have faith in Doan's Kidney Pills and I cannot recommend them too highly, because they cured me. I have had no return of kidney complaint since and have been in perfect health."
Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. King had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

Massey-Ford Wedding

Roy J. Massey is a benedict. He is one of the soldier boys just returned from oversea service who is tired of this single blessedness. Last Sunday afternoon, just following a downpour, a couple of cars rolled up before the Baptist parsonage and it was soon evident that Rev. E.E. Dawson had a job. From her blushing countenance, Miss Eunice Ford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Ford of Stith, betrayed herself to those present as the bride to be. The ceremony was entirely informal, as the young couple remained in the car. Quite a number of young people had gathered for the B. Y. P. U., but took advantage of the occasion and attended the wedding, and more than once we heard the whisperings, "I hope it will be my time next."

Both the young people number their friends by the score. They are full of worthy ambition, industrious and possess that tenacity of purpose that insures success. We congratulate them over their selection of life partners and wish for them many years of happiness and prosperity. They will reside in Merkel for the present.

Miss Fanny Pearl Moore returned to Fort Worth Wednesday after a few days visit to homefolks.

When the baby is suffering the double affliction of hot weather and bowel disorders, the remedy needed is McGEE'S BABY ELIXIR. It reduces the feverish condition, corrects the stomach and checks looseness of the bowels. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

RELIGION BY FORCE

The proposal to welcome Taylor County's returning soldiers with a street dance was a graceful compliment and was not intended as a mark of disrespect for the parents of men killed in battle, and the parents of these dead heroes would not so construe it.

When the Ministerial Alliance of Abilene caused the Abilene City Commission to refuse the granting of a permit for a street dance, the Alliance lent itself—unwittingly, we presume—to the principle of religion by force, which is an abhorrent principle and should have its bitterest enemies among enlightened ministers of the gospel.

Religious mandates enforced by the state authorities which the state then controlled caused the initial revolts against the Roman Catholic Church.

Religious intolerance more than any other one thing drove the Pilgrim fathers across the Atlantic to establish a new empire—America—whose cardinal principle was to be absolute religious freedom.

We may be painfully ignorant of the Bible but we recall no instance of Christ invoking the aid of Caesar's armed legions in making men good. In fact, our memory has it that the Divine teacher used precept and example and gentle persuasion—unless you would count the instance where He scourged the money changers, single handed. Even then, although he must have known in advance that the money changers would be in the temple, no effort was made to have the Roman Senate pass a law against their presence.

It appears to us pitiful as well as absurd to attempt to legislate a man's soul either out of hell or into heaven.

That minister who calls on the authorities to force men and women by law into following his individual code of morals appears to us to be thereby admitting himself a thorough failure in his chosen profession.—Taylor County Times in issue of July 3.

Now wouldn't that article enlighten the religious life of America. Talk of the Ministerial

Alliance unwittingly making a mistake of the magnitude attributed by the Taylor County Times. Then see what they say about religious intolerance. And then about legislating the people good. Now isn't that absurd? The Ministerial Alliance does not enforce men to go to church, they do not enforce them to be good, but the Ministerial Alliance is anxious that they be decent.

Now who is entertaining these soldier boys? Is it not all the people? Then do not all the people include the religious people of this country? Now if all the people are to do the entertaining, ought not the nature of the entertainment be such that all the people might approve? These ministers and church people are as eager to show a welcome to the boys as any one else, then if it is not intolerant to force something on them that they can not stand for, why is it intolerant for them to use every means at their command against that thing they oppose. Of all articles that reflect on the standing of a city that is proud of its churches, its schools, its high standard of citizenship, the above article is the climax. It betrays total ignorance of the religious nature in men's souls, it shows an absurd lack of proper perspective, it is a reflection on decent thought, a slur on the city from which it emanates and betrays a mind run riot in a moment of excitement.

Such an attitude would strip a city of its churches, would establish villainy in high places, would have no respect to morality, would fling virtue to the winds. No, we think the Taylor County Times for one time lost its equilibrium. It is not a question of religion at all; it is a question of morality, and a man does not have to be religious to be moral.

We have an ideal house for granary and barn, boxed and weather-boarded, at a bargain. Merkel Realty Company.

The weeds are still growing unmolested along the streets. The City Council ought to do something looking to their destruction.

Try American Beauty Flour. You will like it. Crown Hardware Company

When you feel lazy and out of sorts and yawn a good deal in the day time, you can charge it to a torpid liver which has allowed the system to get full of impurities. HERBINE cures all disorders produced by an inactive liver. It strengthens that organ, cleanses the bowels and puts the system in good healthy condition. Sold by Sanders Drug Store

Mrs. Will Evans and children of Anson, who recently resided here, are visiting relatives and friends in and around Gainesville, Ga.

Frank Counts and Clifford Rose left Thursday morning for Fort Worth, Burk Burnett and other points in that section.

Chase and Sanborn high grade coffee at Bob Martin's Grocery.

For the best Bread buy American Beauty Flour at the Crown Hardware Company

Mrs. J. B. Warren and daughter, Miss Irene, returned Monday from an extended visit to relatives in Waco.

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

Stings or bites of insects that are followed by swellings pain or itching should be treated promptly as they are poisonous. BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT counteracts the poison. It is both antiseptic and healing. Sold by Sanders Drug Store

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Mrs. J. S. Burkhead of Eastland is the guest of Mr and Mrs J. B. Bell

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy

This medicine always wins the good opinion if not the praise of those who use it. Try it when you have need of such a remedy. Summer Complaint Quickly Relieved.

"About two years ago when suffering from a severe attack of summer complaint, I took Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy and it relieved me almost instantly," writes Mrs. Henry Jewett, Clark Mills, N. Y. This is an excellent remedy for colic and diarrhoea and should be kept at hand by every family.

INVEST NOW

The oil situation is rapidly developing. The time has come when Merkel must take a step forward. It is our advice to all those who are renting property to seriously consider the purchase of a home while it can be had at bargain figures. Let us show you what we have on our list. We sell more homes in Merkel than all others combined. We have the best bargains. Those who want to sell list with us. Buy now—Merkel Realty Co.

White Swann syrup at G. M. Sharp's Grocery Store

FARMS WANTED

We want more farm listings. Have a call now for a small farm. Also list your large places and ranches with us. We can sell them. That is our business. Make the best price you can and stand by it. If you want to leave the country, we will try to let you take the value of your farm with you. List now. Merkel Realty Co.

Farm Loans AND Farm Insurance

Our farm land loan facilities are the very best. On good land we can handle your loans quickly.

We have just made arrangements to take on a line of insurance covering farm buildings. We can write you a policy and deliver it immediately. Protect your property against fire.

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INDEPENDENCE SALE

SALE OPENS
Saturday
JULY 5TH

LADIES KNIT UNDERWEAR
At less than wholesale cost.

\$1.00 Ladies knit union suits at 69c
75¢ Ladies knit union suits . . . 59c
65¢ Ladies knit union suits . . . 49c
35c vests 25c
25¢ vests 15c
15c vests 12½

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One lot men's Palm Beach suits at the old price \$6.50 to \$8.50

SPECIAL PRICES

On all men's summer wool suits.

SHOE SPECIALS

One lot men's oxfords worth \$8.50 on to days market, going at \$3.95
One lot men's oxfords, odds and ends, valued up to \$5.00 Special at \$2.95
One lot men's black tennis oxfords going at 49c
One lot ladies white canvas oxfords and pumps worth \$2.50 to \$3.50 at 98c
One lot men's button oxfords in values to \$4.00 at \$2.95
One lot men's oxfords worth \$5. at \$3.95

EXTRA SPECIAL

A table loaded with good shoes just the kind to finish the Summer with. Values to \$3.50 Sale price \$1.95

WORK CLOTHES

We guarantee to save you money on overalls and blue shirts.

MEN'S AND BOYS HATS

A complete stock of summer-time hats at reduced prices.

OUR STORE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, JULY 4, TO CELEBRATE THE GLORIOUS INDEPENDENCE DAY. SATURDAY, JULY 5, WE WILL OPEN OUR DOORS TO OUR MANY PATRIOTIC CUSTOMERS WHO APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT A DOLLAR DOES ITS DUTY AT THIS STORE. EVERY PIECE OF MERCHANDISE WILL BE SOLD AT A BIG SACRIFICE TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE IMMENSE STOCK OF FALL GOODS WE EXPECT TO BUY.



Ready-to-Wear and Millinery
At Half Price

Following our custom of not carrying a garment over in this department, we put our entire stock of georgette crepe, crepe de chine and taffeta dresses on sale at half price.

ALL SILK SKIRTS ON SALE

\$12.50 silk faille skirts at **\$7.95**
\$10 and \$8.50 plaid & novelty silk skirts at **\$5.95**

WASH SKIRTS

Beach cloth skirts sold at \$4.95 on sale at \$2.95
White gabardine skirts sold at \$3.95 on sale at \$2.95
White pique skirts worth \$2.95 on sale at \$1.95

SPECIAL PRICES on all childrens ready made dresses.

CHILDREN'S HOSE

35c childrens half hose 27c
25c childrens half hose 19c

BRASSIERS AND CORSETS

A big showing of Brassiers in white and flesh all styles, priced at 50c to \$1.50
One lot open front brassiers values to 75 cents on sale at ... 45c

\$6.00 Gossard corset on sale at \$3.95
\$3.50 Gossard corset at ... \$2.45
\$3.00 Gossard corset at ... \$1.95
Red fern and Warner corsets at One half price.

LADIES SUITS

Colors: Sand and grey, one half price.

LADIES WAISTS

At less than cost of material.
\$2.50 organdy waists \$1.98
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\$1.50 Voile waists 98¢

LADIES COLLARS

One lot Ladies collars values to \$1.00 choice 25c

COTTON GOODS

We guarantee to save you 5c to 15c on every yard of cotton goods you buy

27 inch percale worth 20 cents now 14c

36 inch percale light and dark patterns worth 35¢ now 29¢

34 inch percale worth 30c at 24c

36 inch printed Voiles worth 50¢ on sale at 39¢
27 inch printed voiles worth 35c on sale at 29c
36 inch printed voiles worth 65c on sale at 49c
35c good dress gingham ... 27c

REMNANTS REMNANTS
Each day as remnants are left in shelves they will be thrown on the table at a big sacrifice.

36 inch bleached domestic .. 25c

36 inch unbleached domestic on sale at 20c

39 inch unbleached domestic on sale at 25c

SALE CLOSES
Saturday
JULY 12TH

SILK HOSE SPECIAL

Several dozen pair Ladies silk hose in black, tan and white cheap today at \$1.50 Special sale price 89¢
A few dozen silk hose well worth \$1.00 on sale at 50¢
Good lisle hose in black and white on sale at 25¢

CURTAINS AT HALF PRICE

The biggest bargain in the house Lace, scrim and swiss curtains. Values to \$3.50 at \$1.75
\$2.50 curtains at \$1.25
\$1.00 curtains at 50¢

MIDDY BLOUSES AND DRESSES

One lot childrens midly blouses and dresses, carried over and soiled. Values to \$1.50 at 29c

LADIES WASH DRESSES AND APRONS

One assortment of carried over dresses and aprons values to \$5. on sale at 50c.

SILK PETTICOATS

One dozen assorted colors—too long in stock. Choice 50c

EXTRA SPECIAL

Several dozen ladies corset covers, slightly soiled on sale at 25¢

FANCY SILK PARASOLS

Valued to \$3.50 choice during the sale at 98c

SILK GLOVES

Ladies long silk gloves all colors. On special sale at ½ price

LACE SPECIALS

A thousand yards of lace insertions worth 10 cents per yard, on sale at 4c

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It is years back since smokers have heard of any NEW quality in a cigarette.

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Here's a cigarette that *satisfies*—Chesterfields.

Chesterfields touch the "smoke-spot." Chesterfields let you know you're smoking. Chesterfields—and Chesterfields only—SATISFY!

It's all in the blend—a blend of the finest selections of Turkish and Domestic tobaccos. *And the formula for this blend is the manufacturer's secret. Unlike a patent, it cannot be copied or even closely imitated.*

Light up a Chesterfield, some time today, and see how promptly *your* smoke-sense will put the O. K. on "satisfy."

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They SATISFY!

Moisture-proof package keeps them firm and fresh, whatever the weather.

Pastor Turns Down Flattering Call

J. Frank Norris, pastor of the First Baptist Church, at Fort Worth has received a call from the People's Baptist church of Chicago, which is one of the largest churches in America, which church is seeking to secure the services of the popular Texas minister.

Although the pastorate of the Chicago church carries with it a salary more than double the amount now being received by Rev. Mr. Norris as pastor of the First Baptist church here, he has refused to even consider the proposition, and has so notified the Chicago church officials.

Remember the 10th and save your discount by paying your Electric accounts.

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Energy comes of health—of good appetite and good digestion; of restful sleep and nerves that are all in order. Nervousness, sleeplessness, poor digestion—that generally run-down feeling takes all the energy out of you and renders you unfit to do your part in the world's work.

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Beginning at 9 o'clock

Thursday, July 3rd

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, amen."—Phil. 25.

NEW RAIL PLANS ON SOUND BASIS

Congress Determined to Make Certain Future Growth of Transportation Facilities.

PLANS AGREE ON PRINCIPLES.

Return of Roads to Owners With Assurance of Adequate Revenues.

Washington.—One of the big problems before the new Congress is getting the railroads back on a peace basis. These 260,000 miles of steel highways were taken over by the Government as an indispensable arm of the national defense; but now that their war service is over, there is a country-wide demand that the Government restore them to their owners to be operated on normal American business standards of efficiency.

But, as has been pointed out by President Wilson as well as by many men in public life who have given this subject years of careful study, it is not enough simply to say to the railroad companies, "Take these railroads and give the country the best transportation service that money and brains can provide."

Old Laws Obstruct Growth.
The President recently said that it would be a serious mistake to return to the old conditions of railroad regulation without reforming the antiquated laws that were obstructing the free development of transportation facilities. The Director General of Railroads has recently made an inspection trip from coast to coast, and he has been telling the people that the time has now come to put the railroads on a sound foundation.

The plans for a better system of national control of railroads are as varied as were the plans for banking and currency reform when Congress received a mandate from the people to provide insurance against financial panics. The public now demands insurance against a breakdown of railroad transportation, and the new Congress is undertaking this work as secondary only to insurance against international warfare. Congress solved the banking problem seven years ago as a non-partisan issue, in which all the people had a common interest, and Congress evidently is tackling the railroad problem with the same spirit.

While the many plans that have been proposed differ in the methods to be adopted in reaching the desired goal, it has been pointed out by Senator Cummins of Iowa, that all these plans have really very much in common—so much so that he is confident that Congress will have little difficulty in framing a bill that will meet with popular approval, and that will take the railroad question out of politics for many years to come.

Many Plans with One Aim.
The Iowa Senator has a commanding position in this Congress because he is the ranking member of the Interstate Commerce Committee of the United States Senate, and it is in this committee that the new railroad bill will take final form. In an address before a national meeting of business men at St. Louis Senator Cummins stated that since the close of the war, fully thirty complete plans for new railroad legislation had been submitted to him by business men, economists, bankers, railroad officials and owners, Government officials, railroad workers and just plain citizens.

The basic principles upon which all of these plans, with one exception, agree are as follows:

1. Private operation is more efficient and more economical than Government operation, and the public interest will therefore be served by a return of the roads to private management.
2. To make certain that new capital will be attracted to the expansion of railroad facilities, there ought to be greater certainty that a fair return will be earned on the investment.
3. The merging of weak and strong roads into large competing systems should be encouraged.

The making of a formula to provide a fair return on railroad capital seems likely to be the phase of the problem most thoroughly debated in Congress. The Director General has been urging that the Government ought to guarantee a certain return and share in any excess earnings. Leading bankers, especially some of the international bankers in Wall street, who have in the past marketed many hundreds of millions of railroad securities, also look favorably on the suggestion of a Government guarantee, which will make it easier to sell new securities, and will also stabilize the market for the old bonds and stocks.

Government Guarantee Opposed.
But the proposal that the Government shall guarantee the interest and dividends on private capital invested in railroads will undoubtedly meet with very vigorous opposition in many quarters. Even railroad executives, who might be supposed to take kindly to the idea of a Government guarantee against failure, have frankly stated that they do not want it, because they believe it is un-American in principle, would tend to lessen efficiency, and would involve the roads in a Government partnership that would inevitably lead to Government ownership.

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\$1,000,000 LIBEL CASE IN 8TH WEEK

HENRY FORD—CHICAGO TRIBUNE CASE STILL HOLDS THE ATTENTION OF COURT.

FORD CALLED "ANARCHIST"

Soldiers Testify That The Ford Co. Held Places Open For Them And Helped Families.

The Case to Date

The Chicago Tribune in an editorial printed June 23, 1916, declared "Henry Ford Is An Anarchist." It followed this with the charge that Mr. Ford would not hold jobs open for the men in his employ who were called to the Mexican border, nor would he assist any of their dependents who might be in need.

Mr. Ford brought suit for libel against the Tribune for the sum of \$1,000,000 and the case, after many legal battles, was brought to trial in Mt. Clemens, Mich.

In an effort to justify the printed statement, The Tribune has summoned a large number of witnesses from the Mexican border to testify to the state of unrest which prevailed at the time The Tribune was calling for armed intervention and Mr. Ford was counselling gentler methods.

Mr. Ford, in presenting his case, summoned a large number of employees who left the Ford Motor Company to serve on the border and overseas. All of these men testified that their jobs were waiting for them when they returned. Wives of the men also took the stand and testified that they had received regular financial assistance from the Ford Motor Co. while their husbands were in the service.

Mt. Clemens, Mich.—In its sixth week and rapidly approaching its seventh, the Henry Ford—Chicago Tribune \$1,000,000 libel case promises to break all records for legal battles of this kind.

When attorneys for Mr. Ford closed their case, after occupying a full week with the testimony of soldiers and their dependents, the defense opened by calling witnesses from Texas and proceeded to re-create for the benefit of the jury, the situation which existed on the Mexican border at the time The Tribune called Mr. Ford an anarchist.

All of this testimony has been admitted by the court over the general objection of the plaintiff's attorneys who claim that the case should be confined to the "four corners of the editorial" and who declare further that The Tribune cannot find justification for calling Mr. Ford an anarchist in the mere fact that he is a pacifist.

Big Business Blamed.

One of the witnesses called by The Tribune has been Norman Walker, Associated Press bureau chief in El Paso, Texas. Mr. Walker thrilled the spectators at the trial with his personal story. He was captured by the Mexican Federal forces in 1911 and narrowly escaped being executed as a spy. During the course of cross-examination, Mr. Walker stated that he had heard representatives of American business interests in Mexico insist that armed intervention was the only way out of the trouble. This is one of the points at which Ford counsel is driving. One of their contentions is that The Tribune advocated intervention in Mexico because its owners and stockholders were interested in the Standard Oil and International Harvester concerns, both of which have large business interests in the country. Further than this, the Ford attorneys make the distinct charge that The Chicago Tribune was pro-German up to the time the United States entered the world war and that in advocating war with Mexico it was playing Germany's game.

The Tribune's witnesses are probably the most picturesque ever produced in a middle-western court case. They wear their border garb of mule-skin clothes, high leather boots, high crowned velour or felt hats and most of them are bearded with beautiful pistols.

Ford to Take Stand.

The Tribune has announced that it will call both Henry Ford and his son Edsel Ford to the witness stand. It has also announced that, if the court permits, it will air the entire question of national preparedness to show that in his endeavors to promote peace, Mr. Ford became a dangerous enemy of America.

Counsel for the plaintiff, on the other hand, keeps calling the jury's attention to the issue in the case, which is that The Tribune called Mr. Ford an anarchist. This was libel, they insist because, it is their contention, the charges on which the editorial was based—that men who entered the service of the nation would not be given employment when they returned and their families would be permitted to suffer want and privation while they were gone—were utterly and maliciously false.

"Meats in Storage"

Every working day of the year 75,000,000 pounds of meat are required to supply home and export needs—and only 10 per cent of this is exported.

These facts must be kept in mind when considering the U. S. Bureau of Markets report that on June 1, 1919, there were 1,348,000,000 pounds of meats in cold storage. If the meat in storage was placed on the market it would only be 20 days' supply.

This meat is not artificially withheld from trade channels to maintain or advance prices.

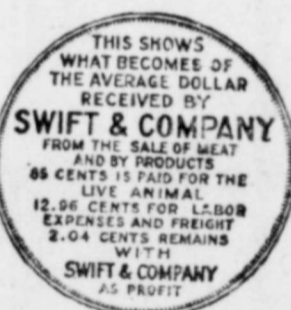
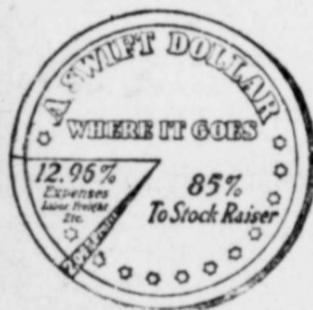
Meats in storage consist of—

- 65 per cent (approximate) hams, bacon, etc., in process of curing. It takes 30 to 90 days in pickle or salt to complete the process.
- 10 per cent is frozen pork that is to be cured later in the year.
- 6 per cent is lard. This is only four-fifths of a pound per capita, and much of it will have to go to supply European needs.
- 19 per cent is frozen beef and lamb, part of which is owned by the Government and was intended chiefly for over-seas shipment. If this were all diverted to domestic trade channels, it would be only 1 1/2 lbs. per capita—a 3 days' supply.

From this it will be seen that "meats in storage" represent merely unfinished goods in process of curing and the working supply necessary to assure the consumer a steady flow of finished product.

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CHURCH NEWS

Methodist Church Notice

There will be a special service next Sunday morning at 11, for the old people. We want all the old people of the town who are not obligated to attend some other church, to come and worship with us. We will sing the old songs and try and bring back the happy days of the long ago. Please let the members see to it, that all the old people have a way to come. I will be glad if there are those that have no way would phone me and I will see that someone comes after you in a car. There will also be a special service at night. Our Sunday School will have their regular annual Sunday School day service. The School will have charge of the entire service and will render a program worth your

while to see. Sunday School at the regular hour, 9:45. Let every one be on time and make it a great day.

W. M. Murrell, Pastor.

League Program, July 6.
Leader, Wallace Bragg.
Song.
Scripture Reading
Matt. XX: 20—28, Ulyses McNeess.
Leaders Talk.
How Service Tells, Josie Smith Duett, Mesdames Sanders and Permitter.
Unrecognized Opportunities, Georgia Moore.
Diversity of Service, Vida McNeess.
Reading, Lorena Dry.
Quartett, Benediction

At The Baptist Church
Services will be held as usual at the Baptist church. The morn

ing and evening services will be conducted by Pastor Dawson, who will return from his trip to Nashville, Tenn., in ample time to fill his appointment.

Sunday School will meet at 10 o'clock. The attendance is holding up remarkably well, and it is especially urged that the adult classes come out strong Sunday.

B. Y. P. U. will meet Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Holland Teaff has charge of the program. Every member is urged to be present.

At The Presbyterian Church
The new pastor of the Presbyterian church, Rev. C. C. Dooley, arrived Thursday and will occupy the pulpit Sunday morning and evening. Rev. Dooley was here a short time last year and made a very favorable impression upon the members of his congregation and those who were fortunate enough to make his acquaintance. He comes to take up the work in earnest, and it is the wish of the members of his congregation that every member and friend of the church be on hand at both services Sunday. Sunday School will meet at the usual hour. A cordial welcome is extended to each and every one to be on hand.

LOCAL NEWS

M. L. Estes is spending the week at Comper, assisting his son with his wheat.

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Dr. Armstrong is still under the weather and is advised by a specialist at Dallas to be quiet for a while. He will not be able to do long night work for some time yet.

J. C. Baker, who is teaching in the Normal at Canyon, is spending the week-end at home.

Thrashed maize for chick feed at G. M. Sharp's Grocery Store.

Mrs. J. D. Boring of Fort Worth is visiting friends here and looking after her affairs. She takes the Mail and says it is like a letter from home.

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L. B. Howard returned Monday from Dallas, where he accompanied Mrs. Howard to the sanitarium for an operation, which was successful in every way. She will remain at the sanitarium several days more, and hopes to return home in a couple of weeks.

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Taylor.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 5th day of July 1919, at Castle Peak School Building in Common School District No. 26 of this county, as established by order of the Commissioners Court of this county, of date the 12th day of February, 1914, which is recorded in Book G pages 74 of Minutes of said Court, to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property taxpaying voters of that district desire the issuance of bonds on the faith and credit of said Common School District, in the amount of \$2400 the bonds to be denomination of \$100 each numbered consecutively from one to twenty four both inclusive, payable twenty years from their date, and bearing five per cent interest per annum, payable annually on April 10th of each year, to provide funds to be expended in payment of accounts legally contracted in constructing and equipping a public free school building of wood material within said District and to determine whether the commissioner's court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually while said bonds of any of them are outstanding, a tax upon all taxable property within said district sufficient to pay the current interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal at maturity. All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and county and who are resident property tax payers in said district, shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Said election was ordered by the County Judge of this county by order made on the 28 day of May 1919, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order. Dated this the 4th day of June, 1919.

J. S. Bond,
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