

# The Silvertown Star

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## Red Cross Sale Last Saturday.

The Red Cross auction sale Saturday was well attended and considerable interest was manifested in the bidding, but hardly so much as has been shown at some places, especially at the place where the moon was sold for a nice little sum, or where a bunch of geese which was flying over was sold for \$150 before it could get out of sight.

The auctioneers were E. A. Perry and Miner Crawford and they proved themselves equal to the occasion, obtaining fair prices for the articles sold.

Mr. Fox of the Eiman ranch donated a nice yearling Hereford bull which brought \$82.50. E. D. McMurtry and Miner Crawford each donated a yearling. Perry Thomas a colt, two or three donated shoats. Two large turkeys, lots of chickens, eggs, canned fruits, vegetables, pies etc., were among the offerings, to say nothing of two young badgers which were caught and brought in by A. A. Turner.

The most spirited bidding was shown when G. S. Morris & Co., put up a sack of flour. B. D. Tindall, Dr. Breaker, et al seemed to be hungry for biscuit and run it up in a hurry, especially when the rumor went around that it was the last sack of flour in town. But after Mr. Tindall had bought it at \$16, Uncle Tom Braidfoot gave out the information that he had a sack he would put up, so it went about like the other and he immediately put up another. Just where he got these we can't say, but he put them to good account alright by letting the Red Cross have them.

A few more things were sold Monday evening making the amount of the auction sale \$320.00, which all went to the Red Cross Fund.

## Haglake School Closes.

The Hay Lake school closed last Friday, with a big entertainment Friday night, which was attended by many from here. Prof. Hinckley and family will leave for Texarkana in a few days.

## For County Treasurer.

We are authorized this week to announce Miss Ada Douglas as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Briscoe county subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

Miss Douglas is an experienced stenographer and a very deserving young lady. She has been employed in the Clerk's office and the abstract office ever since coming here more than a year ago, and has thoroughly demonstrated her ability along this line. She held a position as a bookkeeper with a large firm at Robert Lee, for several years before coming here.

She is well qualified to fill the position of trust to which she aspires and will greatly appreciate the support of our people if they give it to her.

## To Get Tulia Mail Route.

Clyde Hutsell has received his appointment as contractor on the mail route from Tulia to this place, July 1st is time for the route to change hands.

Clyde is an energetic young farmer and has been living for some time with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Huggins.

## After Press Meeting.

The Plainview News of the 28th states that Plainview is going after the Panhandle Press meeting for another year. It was held there three years ago.

but they want it again. D. H. Collier, E. B. Miller and J. M. Adams were appointed at a meeting of the Y. M. B. L. to go after the meeting and get it. Here's hoping they are successful in landing this important event, and if they succeed in getting it we are going to try to attend it, even if we have to walk over there.

## Briscoe County Over the Top.

Briscoe county went "over the top" in the Red Cross drive last week with quite a bit to spare, and one or two districts have not been heard from. The manager of the drive and his co-workers are to be congratulated on their good work. Those, if any, who failed to contribute to this fund should realize that it is an opportunity lost for doing a little towards helping the boys in the trenches in their fight for world freedom.

Amounts subscribed by the different districts:

Silvertown,	\$705.40
Quitaque,	470.65
Beverly,	260.87
Gasoline,	222.65
Rock Creek,	170.40
Milo,	95.00
Antelope,	77.50
Lakeview,	73.50
Kent,	69.50
Francis,	47.00
Hay Lake,	45.00
Wallace,	2.50
Heckman,	—
Total	\$2239.47

## Registration Notice.

The law provides that every young man in the United States who has reached the age of 21 years since June 5, 1917, or will reach that age on or before June 5, 1918, must register. The only exceptions are in the cases of men who are actually in active military or naval service.

The registration will be held in the office of the local board instead of each one registering in his own precinct. All who are subject to registration in this county must appear before the local board at Silvertown in person, unless sick. If anyone is sick he can send some competent friend to prepare his card.

Remember the date, next Wednesday, June 5th, and come before the local board at this place.

## Teachers' Examination.

There will be an examination for teachers' Certificates in Silvertown June 7th, and 8th, according to the following schedule:

Friday Forenoon: Physical Geography, Physiology, Composition, Arithmetic, Literature, Solid Geometry.

Friday afternoon: Texas History, Grammar, Descriptive Geography, Plane Geometry, Psychology, Bookkeeping.

Saturday Forenoon: Spelling, Writing, Methods and Management, Civics, Reading, Chemistry, History of Education.

Saturday Afternoon: United States History, General History, Agriculture, Algebra, Physics, Plane Trigonometry.

L. B. Richards,  
County Supt.

## Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Briscoe county, Texas, will sit as a board of equalization on the second Monday in June, 1918, the same being the 10th day of June, 1918.

Done by order of the Commissioners' Court of Briscoe county, Texas.

T. L. Anderson,  
County Clerk, Briscoe County, Texas.

## Capture Badgers.

A. A. Turner was in town Saturday with two young badgers they had caught out there. The old badger was also captured with the assistance of three dogs and Mr. Turner says some sure enough "badger fight" was pulled off then and there without the assistance of the customary "tenderfoot."

## County Board Met Monday.

The county Board of education was in session last Monday, and among other things, formed two county line districts, one embracing all of the Heckman and part of the Churchman District in Hall county, and the other in the southwest part of the county, cutting 2½ miles off the Francis district and taking in ½ mile of Floyd county.

Some trustees were appointed to fill vacancies over the county. A. N. Askey was retained in place of Jno. Burson, who was elected but failed to qualify.

The new district formed in the southwest part of the county will vote on a special tax of 50 cents and also bonds to put up a building.

## A Correction.

We desire to make the following correction regarding the cause of the death of Mrs. Alvin Davis some time ago. At the time we stated that she died of blood poison, but upon investigation find that the death certificate indicates "Uremia convulsions." This fact was called to our attention and upon inquiry, Dr. Breaker informed us that her death was due to uremic poisoning. We are always glad to correct any mistakes which occur in the Star when brought to our attention.

## Z. P. Fowler passes away.

Z. P. Fowler died very suddenly last Saturday evening of heart trouble. He was living at the wagon yard with his daughter, Mrs. H. M. McLeland, and attending the yard.

He came here a little over a year ago from Nolan county. He was a little past 80 years of age, and had been in better health for some time than common, and remarked after dinner about his good health.

His remains were laid to rest in the Silvertown burying ground Sunday evening.

The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the entire community in their sadness.

## To My Friends and Patrons.

I must ask that those having accounts due will please settle by 1st of June. I need the money. I do not wish to be forced to sell for strictly cash, but unless I can meet outstanding obligations, promptly will be forced to sell for cash, and also to turn accounts over to Collector.

Will certainly appreciate at least part payments if cant pay all.  
Resp.  
Fred Biffie.

## Strictly Cash

Beginning tomorrow, June 1st., we will be forced to go to a strictly cash basis. This means

that we must have the cash or its equivalent before the goods go out. We would be glad to continue to credit our customers if it were possible, but under existing conditions we are forced to sell for cash.

All who are due us anything on past accounts will please call and settle same at once as we are in urgent need of the money.

Thanking our customers for past business and hoping for a share of your future trade, we are yours for business.

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Owing to the scarcity of drugs and us having to pay cash for what we do get, we are forced to collect our outstanding accounts, and if we do not collect considerable by the 10th we will be compelled to demand cash before our goods go out. We have accommodated you, now help us.

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THERE'S A TIME FOR EVERYTHING  
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The psychological and brain tests to which our enlisted men are being subjected are something new in military tactics. In other wars men were not put into the ranks if they showed noticeable signs of mental infirmity. Now they do not stop with asking if he is crazy, but they go further and determine by established tests whether he is apt to go crazy if exposed to the strain and shock of battle. Doctor Gergas instituted this new examination, and under it many men have been turned back from the path to "over there" and detailed to some phase of government service "over here." They are not generally told why the change is made, but are expected to give soldierly obedience to the order. To tell them would be to set up a state of self-suspicion that would be very harmful.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

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Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*. In Use for Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

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"What is that?"  
"If a receiver ship is ordered, they can always hang up the receiver."

**A Bad Start.**  
"Why so thoughtful? Is marriage a failure?" asked the bride.  
"Opinions vary. Don't start with that assumption anyhow."

Dr. Peery's "Dead Shot" is not a "lozenge" or "syrup," but a real old-fashioned dose of medicine which cleans out Worms or Tapeworm with a single dose. Adv.

A flirt is a girl whose first love affair failed to turn out the way she expected it to.

Marriage is a raffle instead of a lottery. One man gets the prize while the other gets the shake.

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

When the old boy with a sanctimonious face breaks loose he is generally the gayest bird of all.

Beautiful, clear white clothes delights the laundress who uses Red Cross Ball Blue. All grocers. Adv.

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## U. S. NOT WAITING TO BE DESTROYED

Command of German Agents to Put Hands Down Fails to Get Approval.

### IN THE CONFLICT TO WIN

America Has Never Resorted to War Except to Avenge Insults and to Protect Herself Against Maudraders.

By ELLIS PARKER BUTLER.  
(From the Committee on Public Information, Washington, D. C.)

Clean, unadulterated nonsense can always get a laugh from me. I love it and so do most Americans. I remember one bit of Weber and Fields seriously acted nonsense that always left me gasping for breath. It was the silliest, most inconsequential bit of acting that genius ever dared to put in a show that cost the spectator \$2 a seat. It was a prize fight between Weber and Fields, and one of those matchless comedians showed the other how to do it. They put up their money and put on the gloves, and immediately the rank amateur began to batter the wise one over the head, but that was not the way to do it. The wise one explained that that was not at all the proper way to do it. He explained that he would show the poor amateur the right way. He stood the poor amateur just where he wanted him, turned his face to the proper angle and then arranged his hands. He stepped off and considered the poor amateur but he did not feel just satisfied. He arranged the hands again, placing them down at the sides of the poor amateur's legs. Then he told him to keep them there. Then he stepped up quickly and hit the poor amateur a whale of a blow in the face and knocked him clear across the stage and into the wings. It was awfully funny; everyone in the house screamed with joy. The poor amateur was such a fine example of simple-minded, confiding idiocy!

I have to laugh in the same uncontrolled way when I see the confiding manner in which some Americans are letting the wily but treacherous German peace propagandists convince them that we ought to let our hands hang at our sides, turn our faces at the right angle, and stand in idiotic poses until we get the blow in the face that will knock us into the wings. For pure, unadulterated nonsense the act being staged by the wise German agents and the simple-minded peace lovers is enough to make anyone sick with laughing.

On the one hand is a Germany in arms, with millions of veteran soldiers and an armament such as no man dreamed of 10 years ago, and, on the other hand, our simple-minded peace lovers would have us pose as the poor amateur. "Stand here, turn your head this way, put your hands down at your sides," say the German agents, and the purchased or infatuated peace propagandists echo, "Stand here, turn your head this way, put your hands down at your sides." A fine future for the great American nose if he did it!

**Germany Wants Control.**  
If America keeps her hands down, she will be knocked not only into the wings but off the stage, and off the earth. With America out of the war, the best that can be hoped is a drawn battle, ending with a "hands off" peace, and leaving Germany, as the saying is, "all dressed up and nowhere to go." Germany's "all dressed up" will mean a Germany dressed in hardened, veteran armies, in trained commanders, in the finest possible military equipment, and with an untouched navy, vast air force, and no one knows how many submarines. The "nowhere to go" will mean Africa and Asia, where Germany wanted to gain dominations. But there will be one place where Germany, "all dressed up," can go. She can come to America. She can come to South America first, or to Mexico and that is where she will come and where she has planned to come.

What happens when German agents even partially convince a goodly number of persons that the right way is to turn the cheek and hold the hands down can be seen in Russia. Russia is not a well-trained actor. She would never get a job playing a Weber-Fields burlesque in a \$2 theater. She will not keep her hands down when the German agents tell her to put them down, but she has lowered them once or twice. Russia is far, far from happy.

I cannot believe that any sane person not in German pay can wish the United States to become as Russia is today, but that is exactly what will happen if we listen to the German agents and put our hands down now. Let me put it most simply. The great body of Americans believe today, as they should, that our continued exist-

ence depends on our own military preparation. A small, noxious body of German agents and purblind peace lovers are crying, "Put our hands down! Put our hands down!" Suppose I listen to the cry and begin crying the same words. I am added to their number. I cry, "Put our hands down! Put our hands down!" You listen to me and are added to the number. You echo the cry. Suppose the majority of Americans come to that same way of thinking. The majority rules and we do put our hands down. We stand with our arms hanging, our faces exposed, and wait. For what?

No doubt the German agents will be satisfied and pack their trunks and go home to Germany. Merry thought. Hardly.

We have seen what the German agents will do; they did it before we entered the war and they would do it if we backed out of the war. They would foment strikes, race riots, class prejudice, and stir up national resentments. Having gotten us out of the war against Germany they would try to get us into a war with France, Italy, or England. They would no longer be peace propagandists but war propagandists, because we would be unarmed and easy victims. They would use German money to throw us into the state poor Russia finds herself in today. Then Germany would strike defenseless South America.

#### America Loves Peace.

It is my honest belief that Germany has had for many years two alternative plans for conquest. From Berlin she has drawn two lines, one to the southeast through Saloniki and to the Orient, the other to the southwest through Spain to South America. She hoped England would do the Weber-Fields act and keep her hands down while German armies stunned France, and then she would leap on the Orient and grasp a vast dominion there. England did not keep her hands down. She is not entirely a fool. That plan failed. It seems hopeless now.

The other plan Germany will try the moment she makes peace and gets her breath. If her agents can persuade us to keep our hands down.

I don't like war and you don't like war. We have every reason to be a peaceful people. We have vast territory, the most fruitful and productive in the world; and warlike peoples have always been those living in barren lands or who have been cramped into scant quarters. It is never necessary to preach the doctrine of peace to America, because the natural state of America is peace. America does not and never has gone to war except to avenge insults that have become unbearable or to protect herself against marauders. When the great, wise, peace-loving American people declare war there is a reason for it, and a reason that affects the honor or the safety of the nation.

Germany has insulted and injured us in a manner no decent people can stand. She has flouted our rights and she continues to do so. She was a menace to our existence before the war began and she has become a greater menace with each day her troops have been in the field. Her navy is practically intact; her people debt ridden. For half a century she has been the one warlike nation of the earth. What will Germany do if we keep our hands down when this war ends? What would you do if you were a warlike nation, careless of rights of others (see Belgium!), and craving territory? You would give a slap in the face to the fat fool with his hands down, and you would leap on South America and wrest from it the cost of the great European war.

Germany is not our worst enemy. With our fists up we can take care of Germany. Our worst enemy is here. He is the man who asks us to put our hands down and stand like a silly sheep until Germany is ready to strike.

#### Helpful Movies.

Motion pictures have recently proved helpful in making tests of artificial limbs, it having been found that neither the eyes of an observer nor the sensations of a wearer are wholly reliable. The method followed has been to fasten what is known as Geissler tubes to the subject, one along the thigh and one along the calf. The cripple is then made to walk in front of a motion picture camera in a dark room, with the gas contents of the tubes made luminous by an electric current. The pictures taken amount to a series of diagrams, lines of light indicating the changes in the positions of the legs and revealing the differences in the movement of the artificial and the natural member.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

#### American Painter's Work.

It fell to the honor of Benjamin West, an American, to become the favored painter of George III. Through painting a historical subject, Agrippa Landing the Ashes of Germanicus, for the archbishop of York. West was introduced to George III, who became his steadfast patron for nearly 30 years, his commissions amounting to about \$5,000 a year. He also painted a series of religious and historical works for Windsor.



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Receipts		Payments	
From By-products	\$24.09 26%	\$8.01 9%	Profit Selling Freight Dressing
From Meat	\$68.97 74%	\$84.45 91%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$93.06</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$93.06</b>

\* This net profit of \$1.29 per head averages 1/8 cent a pound live weight.

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Exemplifying duty is better than explaining it.

The back of a clock is always behind time.

Mistakes are opportunities for learning.—Emerson.

Insult Aunt Columbia, and note Uncle Sam spitting on his hands.

# Don't Be Afraid of Your Meals

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H. L. Kramer, the man who originated Cascarets, has discovered a safe, quick-acting relief for bad stomachs. He named it EATONIC for your stomach's sake.

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If EATONIC fails to give you prompt stomach relief, your money will be refunded; 50c buys a large box at any drug store. Or write to Eaton's Remedy Co., 1018 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, U. S. A.

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## LOCAL NEWS

Judge J. E. Daniel, Druggist C. L. Dickerson, Drug Clerk E. C. Dickerson, Postmaster E. L. Cowart and Editor R. W. Jones made a business trip to Turkey yesterday in Bob's Overland. The trip was successful in every way as far as we learned except Earl failed to kill a rabbit for breakfast.

Don't forget "Beaumont's Inheritance" by Seniors of High School, Friday Nov. 22nd.

J. H. McClendon and J. D. King made a business trip to Tulia yesterday.

Jim Page, who has been conducting a shoe shop on west side of the square has closed up and is preparing to spend the winter over in the breaks on the Smiley ranch trapping. He is an experienced trapper and usually spends the winter at that occupation.

Jeff Simpson has moved his shop to the Perry Thomas photo studio at northwest corner of the square.

Mrs. G. A. Ward of Quitaque was in town yesterday arranging some legal business.

Grandpa Sedgwick had a position in the Silverton Garage yesterday.

Miss Marie Dickerson has been assisting in the People's Pharmacy this week.

The flu epidemic takes a new hold occasionally, and seems to have a pretty good hold now.

On account of school being stopped the farmers have been greatly benefitted by the additional help, where they have not been hindered by the influenza.

Threshing and haling are the order of the day with our farmers now.

Be sure to see "Beaumont's Inheritance" by Seniors of H. S. — Fri. Nov. 22.

L. L. Rogers and son, J. T., were up from Gasoline this morning.

Sheriff Bob Stevenson made a trip to Tulia yesterday.

All of Jno. Burson's family have just had the influenza and are about recovered. Mrs. W. G. Sears stayed out there with them several days before Mrs. Burson came home. Mrs. Sears has it now.

"Beaumont's Inheritance" a comedy in 3 acts by Senior Class of High School Nov. 22—High School Auditorium.

Money to Loan on 1st 2nd and 3rd Liberty Bonds. Will loan you 90 per cent of value of Bond for 12 months. Also can loan you money to finish paying out your 4th Liberty Bonds.

Call at First National Bank or Judge L. B. Richards for further information.

Merchant T. B. Hardcastle has made several trips to the railroad since the roads dried up, to take produce and haul out supplies of merchandise.

Isaac, Wilford and Rowell Jones three of the Star force, are working on the Simpson and Fort farms north of town this week, and Wesley is just recovering from the flu, so we have been pretty short on help.

Clarence Cash, commonly known as Toad, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cash of McLean, well known to many of our readers, died one day last week of pneumonia. His sister, Mrs. Effie Phillips also had pneumonia and Dr. Donnell of this place, who was their family physician when he lived there, was called to go, but could not leave here on account of so much sickness. Toad and Effie are nephew and niece of Mrs. R. W. Jones.

For Sale.—Cattle, horses and mules, on Charley Dickerson place six miles southwest of Silverton.

While there are a number of new cases of the flu in and around town, all who have had it real bad seem to be on the improve as far as we can learn.

A. A. McLeland has been at the breaks this week getting out wood. Mrs. McLeland is still confined to her bed. Mrs. Bridges girls are staying with her.

For Sale.—One 1915 model five passenger Ford, good conditions. Will give terms. 51-2c Highway Garage.

Bob Stevenson went over to Lockney Wednesday and brought Miss Humphreys over to nurse the influenza patients at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Stevenson. Turner and the baby have both been sick, but we understand that they are better.

Uncle Tom Braidfoot was in town a day or two this week. He has charge of the Otis Reeves ranch between here and Tulia, and will "rough it" this winter feeding cattle and performing the various duties around the ranch. His daughter, Mrs. Reeves and children have been there while school has been dropped, but will move back to Plainview when it starts again.

See me for quick loans on lands, and for the purchase of first Vendor's Lein notes.

W. W. Kirk, Grant Building, Plainview Tex.

Z. G. Fogerson was down from Canyon a day or two this week.

Judge W. F. Hendrix and J. B. Johnston were business visitors from Tulia yesterday.

For Sale—2 horses, 2 mares with mule colts, two fillies two sets of harness, two milk cows, one calf, 6 shoats, about 300 full blood Rhode Island Red and Barred Rock chickens, a lot of fine pullets, also farming tools and household goods, and a lot of fine bundle feed, will sell all or part. At my place in east part of Silverton. Must sell before Nov. 15th. W. R. PAUL.

N. L. Ball has been on the road considerable the last few days hauling out supplies for the Cash Grocery.

The restaurant has been opened up again and is now ready for business. R. H. Park is conducting it until Mr. Blankenship is able to again take charge of it.

### NOTICE.

If your car curtains need new mica see me. I will be in position to do general car top repairing soon. 51-c R. H. PARKS.

Mrs. John Jago and children were up from Quitaque Wednesday after John who had been here on the grand jury.

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Local Agent

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Silverton, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whiteley were in town last Saturday. Mrs. Whiteley informed us that the last letter she had from her son Jim, who is in the famous "Panther Division" on the west front stated that his company was then to take their places in the front line trenches for a few days.

### NOTICE.

Again we call attention to the fact that we must collect some money. If you own any of our stock call at once and make settlement. We need the money.

G. S. MORRIS & Co.

Prof. Geo. Tummins and family were up from Quitaque last Wednesday.

Rev. Z. B. Pirtle is attending the M. E. Conference at Abilene this week.

Miss Olive Saunders, niece of Mrs. R. W. Jones, who was here last spring, has recently accepted a position as bookkeeper with the Amarillo Daily News, after taking a course with a business college there during the summer.

### Notice.

Those who are yet behind with us please call at once and make settlement, either with the money or note, or we could handle some feed, a yearling, hogs, or anything we can use.

Silverton Telephone Co.

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J. T. McClure, familiarly known as "Mac," who was instructor in Manual Training in our school part of last term came in last Saturday, driving the car for Mrs. Jno. Burson from Canyon, and stayed over until Monday. He was on a furlough from the Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Fla., where he helps build and repair airplanes.

Mrs. W. H. Haynes was over from Plainview this week looking after business matters.

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THE ARMISTICE PROVIDES FOR OPENING OF PASSAGE TO ALLIES TO BLACK SEA.

AUSTRIA IS IN BAD PLIGHT

Dual Government Committee Crosses Line to Parley With the Italian Commander.

Paris.—An armistice between the allies and Turkey was signed Thursday at Mudros, on the island of Lemnos, in the Aegean sea, it is officially announced.

The Turkish armistice took effect at noon Thursday.

The entire Turkish force which has been opposing the British on the Tigris in Mesopotamia has been captured. It is estimated that the prisoners number approximately 7,000.

The terms of the Turkish armistice, which are now in operation, include the free passage of the Dardanelles to the allied fleet. Another condition is the immediate repatriation of British war prisoners. Other terms comprise the occupation of the forts of the Dardanelles and Bosphorus necessary to secure the passage of the allied warships through the Bosphorus to the Black sea.

General Townshend, the British commander captured at Kuet-El-Amara, was liberated several days ago by the Turks. In order to inform the British admiral in command in the Aegean that the Turkish government asked that negotiations be opened immediately for an armistice.

A reply was sent that if the Turkish government sent fully accredited plenipotentiaries, Vice Admiral Calthorpe, the British commander, was empowered to inform them of the conditions upon which the allies would agree to stop hostilities and could sign an armistice on these conditions in their behalf.

The Turkish plenipotentiaries arrived at Mudros island of Lemnos, early this week and an armistice was signed by Admiral Calthorpe on behalf of the allied governments.

An Austrian deputation accompanied by the Italian commander, according to the official announcement.

The high command of the armies early Tuesday by means of a parliamentary established communication with the Italian army command.

Toward this step, which was animated by the best intentions, the Italian high command at first assumed an attitude of unmistakable refusal, and it was only on the evening of Wednesday that, in accord with the Italian high command, General Weber, accompanied by a deputation, was permitted to cross the fighting line for preliminary parleys.

Allies Are Advancing Everywhere.

Washington.—Italian troops have reached Ponte Delle Albi, northeast of the city of Belluno, thus definitely dividing the Austrian armies, said an official wireless message received from Rome. This is an advance of about 24 miles northward since Sunday.

The Austrians have been completely routed east of the Piave, an earlier dispatch said. Enemy masses were described as "streaming in confusion" down the mountain valleys in attempts to reach passes on the Tagliamento river.

Prisoners, guns, war material and store houses, scarcely touched, fell into the hands of the Italians. Czech-Slovak troops are operating with the Third Italian army, which is pushing ahead overwhelmingly and capturing the enemy.

In the Grappa region the Italians have renewed the attack and captured the plateau of Asiago, the salient of Solaro, Mounts Spinocchia and Prassacian, Asolone and Col Caprile and Col Bonatto.

The total number of prisoners captured now exceeds 50,000, and of the guns captured more than 300 have been counted.

East of Courtrai, in Flanders, British and French forces have torn asunder the German lines and have advanced on a wide front toward the Scheldt.

On the St. Fermeaux plateau north of the Aisne and northwest of Rethel, the French have again advanced East of the Argonne forest, the American troops have advanced north of Grand Pre and have established themselves in the southern part of Loges wood.

SUMMARY OF WORLD'S IMPORTANT EVENTS

AN EPITOME OF THE HAPPENINGS, AS TOLD IN THE NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK.

COVERING WAR ACTIVITIES

Many Occurrences of Interest and Information Recorded Here in Condensed Form.

FOREIGN—

The total monetary damage done to Belgium by the Germans up to this time is estimated at £334,200,000.

Spanish influenza of the most virulent type ever experienced is causing many deaths in England, Scotland and Ireland.

The speedy unconditional surrender of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy is probable, according to a Vienna dispatch to the Frankfort Gazette.

The English house of commons has adopted a resolution in favor of women sitting in parliament. The resolution was passed by a majority of 249.

The Austrian authorities in the part of Poland occupied by the Austrian armies have formally handed over the administration to Poland authorities.

Bombs were dropped recently by the Germans on an American hospital near Rarecourt. A Red Cross nurse was blown from her bed, but was not injured.

Denial that Germany has ordered the cessation of all destructions whatsoever on the western front is made by the semi-official North German Gazette of Berlin.

Texas and Oklahoma troops fighting with the same spirit that harks back to the days of Alamo and Texas independence, have stood their baptism of fire gloriously in France.

It is the purpose of the German government to capture every foot of the American advance on the west of the Meuse and to inflict the maximum of damage on the German prisoners captured declare.

The German chancellor states that now the Kaiser must take up his cross of concluding quickly necessary peace. He stated also that "when a fortress can no longer hold, it is no dishonor if the commander surrenders."

The Spanish government, according to the newspapers, has received an official communication from the German government stating that the German admiralty has ordered submarines to return immediately to their bases.

DOMESTIC—

The influenza situation is somewhat improved over last week.

There are about 250 cases of influenza in Buckner orphans' home near Dallas.

The first snow of the season is reported in northern Nebraska, Minnesota and South Dakota.

The Pythian home at Weatherford, Texas, recently suffered a fire loss of several thousand dollars.

Joseph S. Kendall of Dallas, Texas, has been unanimously elected president of the Missouri State Life Insurance company.

Texas state prison system finances are in a much healthier condition as a result of the marketing of the cotton and sugar crops. The total balance on Oct. 1 was \$892,934.

Gus W. Thomason of Dallas, will be in charge of the Washington office of the war industries regional district, embracing all of Texas and parts of Oklahoma, Louisiana and New Mexico.

About 2,000 selective service men from Missouri have reached Camp Bowie and will form the advance guard of the 100th division, which is scheduled to be trained there for overseas duty.

The Bankhead Pathfinding commission, which left Memphis, Tenn., on Oct. 15 for a tour through Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, will make a run through Texas, from El Paso to Texarkana, making short stops at several Texas cities.

New York banks have been advised by the Liberty loan committee to increase their margins on stock transactions from 20 to 30 per cent.

A warning to Spanish influenza sufferers against the use of alcoholic beverages has been issued by Dr. Royal S. Copeland New York health commissioner, who declared alcohol tended to increase the danger from the disease.

A little over 1,000 knitted articles made up the first shipment sent by the 133d war relief society of Dallas to the 133d Field artillery regiment in France. Most of the articles were socks knitted with the soft light gray yarn.

The first contract to be made with an independent telephone company of the southwest by the government covering federal operation has just been executed by Postmaster General Burleson with the Texas Telephone company of Waco.

The Texas state wide prohibition law has been declared unconstitutional in a majority opinion by the court of criminal appeals. Judge Prendergast dissented. The attorney general stated that a motion for a rehearing would be filed.

The first airplane flight from Texas to the national capital was completed recently when Lieutenants W. P. Bancker, Jr., Z. P. Lee and C. N. Cone landed at Washington from Ellington field, Houston, Texas. The distance of 1,700 miles was made in a trifle less than 30 hours.

According to arguments set forth in the latest bulletin issued by E. A. Peden, federal food administrator for Texas, the best answer to the question of how the milk supply shall be conserved and the dairymen receive a fair return is to be found in a closer organization of the dairymen.

WASHINGTON—

Col. E. M. House and Admiral Benson have arrived in Europe, to help frame the draft of an armistice to be submitted to Germany.

Twelve officers and 211 enlisted men of the army lost their lives in the sinking of the American steamer Ticonderoga recently in the war zone.

Because of their inefficiency, 10 to 20 ship yards now building wooden ships for the Emergency Fleet corporation will not receive any additional contracts.

Senator Chamberlain has introduced a war department bill to allow cadet flyers extra pay at the rate of \$42 per month, in addition to their pay as private first class.

Embarkation of 2,008,931 American soldiers to participate in the war overseas was disclosed by correspondence between Secretary Baker and President Wilson recently.

Permission has been asked by the San Antonio chamber of commerce to import 1,000 cars of oranges from Mexico, which the agricultural department will not allow owing to regulations.

Restrictions on the manufacture of furniture, eliminating all new patterns for the duration of the war and curtailing active patterns 50 per cent has been announced by the war industries board.

Sinking of the American cargo steamship Lake Borgne off the coast of France, without loss of life, has been announced by the navy department. The ship foundered after striking a rock.

The interstate commerce commission has asserted its authority to alter railroad freight rates initiated by Director General McAdoo, even without affirmative showing that they are wrong.

Two hundred thousand recruit for the navy will be needed in the coming year, mainly to man merchant ships in government service. Secretary Daniels has informed the house naval committee.

Cablegrams received by Herbert Hoover, chairman of the Belgian relief commission, indicate that the population of reoccupied territory in northern France is more than 1,500,000 and that of reoccupied Belgium about 800,000.

Marshals Feoh, Jeffre and Haig and Generals Petain, Diaz, Pershing and Gillian, chief of staff of the Belgian army, have been awarded the distinguished service medal by President Wilson, acting as commander in chief of the United States army.

Texas Items

The fourth Liberty Loan drive was a great success in Texas.

The food administrator for Texas calls upon the people to use less coffee.

Many cities in Texas are enforcing "the work or fight" order of the government.

Brigadier General John D. L. Hartman of Douglas, Ariz., has become commanding officer at Camp McArthur, Waco.

A carload of mohair shipped from Fredericksburg to San Antonio amounting to 36,700 pounds brought \$1 cents a pound.

Colonel W. L. Redd of the regular army has been selected as chief of staff of the 100th Division at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth.

Land six miles north of Waco has been leased by oil prospectors, and the indications for oil and gas are said to be exceptionally favorable.

About 10,000 acres of land northwest of Bronte, in Coke county, have been leased by oil promoters who will start soon digging a deep test well for oil.

The game of football that was to have been played at Houston on November 2 between the University of Texas and the Rice eleven has been postponed to November 16.

The campaign being conducted throughout the state to collect fruit pits and nut shells to be used in the manufacture of carbon for gas masks is progressing satisfactorily.

A certificate to do business in Texas has been granted by the department of insurance and banking to the Interstate Business Men's Association, an assessment society of Des Moines, Ia.

The announcement that the government has decided to pay \$4.50 a bushel for castor beans instead of \$3.50, the guaranteed price at planting time, is very gratifying to the ones who planted castor beans in Texas this season.

A respite of 28 days was granted by Governor Hobby to Frank Gilbert, who was to have hanged in Liberty county, Texas, November 1. Gilbert is under death sentence for the killing of his wife, and a 21-day respite previously granted expired November 1.

Carrying a consideration of \$75,000, the Crown Oil and Refining Company of Houston has purchased a three-quarter interest in the Allison Oil Company's twenty acres, located on Hogg Island, at Goose Creek, Texas, one producing well being located on the tract.

President R. E. Vinson of the University of Texas, after conferring with the local health authorities at Austin, announced this week that there would be a further suspension of all classes at that institution until Monday, November 4, on account of the influenza epidemic.

Orange (Texas) shipyards are to receive the aid of more than eight hundred Texas soldiers, who have already started to arrive. The soldiers are members of federalized companies who have not yet been called into service. The men are to receive the pay accorded civilians.

Delegates from local unions in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, California, Kansas and Colorado will meet in El Paso November 19 for the purpose of perfecting permanent organization of the International Union of Oil and Gas Well and Refinery Workers, a charter having been granted the organization at the last meeting of the American Federation of Labor in St. Paul.

Renewal of contracts for furnishing of 18 of the adopted text books used in Texas public schools was refused by the publishers, and the governor, in a proclamation, calls for bids for the furnishing of books covering the following subjects: Spelling, geography, arithmetic, United States history, elementary grades and general history. The bids are to be received up to noon, November 27, and are to cover a period of from one to six years.

The field officers' training school at Camp Stanley, San Antonio, for the Texas cavalry has opened.

The Texas bureau of the United States employment service has been asked to recruit 5,200 men within the next thirty days for employment in the munitions plants. That these workers must come largely from the ranks of men now engaged in non-essential work was made known in a communication received by Raymond G. Miller, examiner in charge of the Texas bureau, from H. W. Lewis of San Antonio, federal state director of the United States public service reserve.

A CROSS, FEVERISH CHILD IS BILIOUS OR CONSTIPATED

LOOK, MOTHER! SEE IF TONGUE IS COATED, BREATH HOT OR STOMACH SOUR.

"CALIFORNIA SYRUP OF FIGS" CAN'T HARM TENDER STOMACH, LIVER, BOWELS.



Every mother realizes, after giving her children "California Syrup of Figs," that this is their ideal laxative, because they love its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, liver and bowels without griping.

When cross, irritable, feverish, or breath is bad, stomach sour, look at the tongue. Mother! If coated, give a teaspoonful of this harmless "fruit laxative," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. When the little system is full of cold, throat sore, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, indigestion, colic—remember, a good "inside cleansing" should always be the first treatment given.

Millions of mothers keep "California Syrup of Figs" handy; they know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child to-morrow. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here, so don't be fooled. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company."—Adv.

Immutable Distrust. "Do you understand what Prussians mean by the word 'kultur'?" "No," replied the man of sincere resentments; "and whatever they say they mean by it, I don't believe it."

Get New Kidneys!

The kidneys are the most overworked organs of the human body, and when they fail in their work of filtering out and throwing off the poisons developed in the system, things begin to happen.

One of the first warnings is pain or stiffness in the lower part of the back; highly colored urine; loss of appetite; indigestion; irritation, or even stone in the bladder. These symptoms indicate a condition that may lead to that dreaded and fatal malady, Bright's disease, for which there is said to be no cure.

Do not delay a minute. At the first indication of trouble in the kidney, liver, bladder or urinary organs start taking Gold Medal Haarlem Oil Capsules, and save yourself before it is too late. Instant relief is necessary in kidney and bladder troubles. A delay is often fatal. You can almost certainly find immediate relief in Gold Medal Haarlem Oil Capsules. For more than 200 years this famous preparation has been an unfailing remedy for all kidney, bladder and urinary troubles.

It is the pure, original Haarlem Oil your great-grandmother used. About two capsules each day will keep you toned up and feeling fine. Get it at any drug store, and if it does not give you almost immediate relief, your money will be refunded. Be sure you get the GOLD MEDAL brand. None other genuine. In boxes, three sizes.—Adv.

Flying Safer.

Flying is becoming rapidly more safe, veteran instructors at the British-American airdrome in England tell their pupils. The proportion of casualties during training in the air force is now no higher, they say, than in any other branch of combatant service.

British Columbia Lumber. British Columbia's lumber mills can produce about 2,000,000,000 feet of lumber each year.

When Baby is Teething. GROVER'S BABY BOWEL MEDICINE will correct the stomach and bowel troubles. Perfectly harmless. See directions on the bottle.

Thousands of women in Japan earn their livelihood by working in the fields or on the docks loading ships.

Keep clean inside as well as outside by taking a gentle laxative at least once a week, such as Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. Adv.

Membership in Sweden trade unions last year totaled 180,146.

# DANDRUFF MAKES HAIR FALL OUT

A small bottle of "Danderine" keeps hair thick, strong, beautiful.

Girls! Try this! Doubles beauty of your hair in a few moments.



Within ten minutes after an application of Danderine you can not find a single trace of dandruff or falling hair and your scalp will not itch, but what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use, when you see new hair, fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—growing all over the scalp. A little Danderine immediately doubles the beauty of your hair. No difference how dull, faded, brittle and scraggy, just moisten a cloth with Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. The effect is amazing—your hair will be light, fluffy and wavy, and have an appearance of abundance; an incomparable lustre, softness and luxuriance.

Get a small bottle of Knowlton's Danderine for a few cents at any drug store or toilet counter, and prove that your hair is as pretty and soft as any—that it has been neglected or injured by careless treatment—that's all—you surely can have beautiful hair and lots of it if you will just try a little Danderine.—Adv.

### Shoes Are Stamped.

In Great Britain shoe manufacturers are required to stamp on each pair of shoes its approved retail price.

## WOMEN SUFFERERS MAY NEED SWAMP-ROOT

Thousands upon thousands of women have kidney and bladder trouble and never suspect it.

Women's complaints often prove to be nothing else but kidney trouble, or the result of kidney or bladder disease.

If the kidneys are not in a healthy condition, they may cause the other organs to become diseased.

Pain in the back, headache, loss of ambition, nervousness, are often times symptoms of kidney trouble.

Don't delay starting treatment. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, a physician's prescription, obtained at any drug store, may be just the remedy needed to overcome such conditions.

Get a medium or large size bottle immediately from any drug store.

However, if you wish first to test this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention this paper.—Adv.

New York will compile a history of all its soldiers who fall in war.

**GOOD HOUSEKEEPERS WONDER** How they ever got along without Red Cross Ball Blue. This really wonderful blue makes clothes whiter than snow. Get the genuine Red Cross Ball Blue at your grocers.—Adv.

Miners in Indiana averaged almost \$1,000 in wages for the year 1917.

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Arizona forbids barbecues for the duration of the war.

**When Your Eyes Need Care Try Marine Eye Remedy** No Smarting—Just Eye Comfort. 50 cents at Druggists or mail. Write for Free Eye Book. MARINE EYE REMEDY CO., CHICAGO

## THE KITCHEN CABINET

Home is the resort of love, of joy, of peace, and plenty, where supporting and supported, polished friends and dear relations mingle into bliss.—Thompson.

### TOMATO WAYS.

**W**HEN canning, select tomatoes that are ripe, but not over-ripe, and free from blemishes. Scald them for two minutes, then dip in cold water and remove the skins and the green core with a sharp knife. Pack into sterile jars whole for the cold pack method, fill each jar with boiling hot tomato juice, add a teaspoonful of salt to a quart jar and, if liked, one to three teaspoonfuls of sugar. Cook 25 minutes in a hot-water bath.

**Tomato Purée.**—This may be made from small or broken tomatoes. Cut and cook them until the tomatoes are soft, then press the pulp through a sieve, discarding the seeds and skins. Add one medium-sized onion, two tablespoonfuls of chopped sweet peppers and a teaspoonful of sugar and a half teaspoonful of salt. Cook all together until the mixture is of the consistency of catsup, stirring often to keep from burning. Pour it into jars and sterilize for 20 minutes in a hot-water bath.

**Dried Tomato Paste.**—Prepare the tomatoes as for canning. Put to cook with no water in an enamel kettle; when tender put through a sieve and cook the pulp until it is very thick, then place it over hot water in a slow even, where it may dry out without danger of scorching. It may be then sealed in hot sterile jars or further dried on plates, cut in squares and stored in moisture-proof containers.

**Spanish Pickles.**—Slice thin one peck of green tomatoes, four onions, and chop four green peppers. Let the onions and tomatoes stand over night in a cupful of salt. In the morning drain them and put them into the preserving kettle. Add the pepper, one-half ounce each of allspice, cloves, and peppercorns, one-half cupful of brown mustard seed, one pound of brown sugar, and enough vinegar to cover the mixture. Heat gradually to the boiling point and boil one-half hour. Pour into scalded jars and seal.

The sweetest music is not in the oratorio, but in the human voice when it speaks from its instant life, tones of tenderness, truth or courage.

### CHICKEN SOUPS.

**F**OLLOWING are chicken soups a little out of the ordinary:

**Vermont Chicken Soup.**—Reheat six cupfuls of chicken stock, seasoning with salt and pepper and a grated onion. Add one head of lettuce, shredded, and one cupful of green peas. Simmer until the peas and lettuce are done. Beat an egg, add enough stale bread crumbs to make a paste and shape into small balls. Drop these into the boiling soup and simmer ten minutes, then serve.

**New Jersey Chicken Soup.**—Reheat three quarts of chicken soup. Simmer one cupful of rice until it is tender in the stock, rub through a sieve, season and reheat. Thicken with one tablespoonful of cornstarch, rubbed smooth in a little cold milk. Add a cupful of boiling cream and one-half cupful of chopped cooked chicken; serve with croutons.

**Chicken Soup With Dumplings.**—Chop fine two ounces of suet, add half a cupful of flour and salt and pepper to season. Add enough cold water to make a paste and shape into balls. Reheat six cupfuls of stock, drop in the balls and simmer 15 minutes. Season to taste and serve.

**Chicken Soup Hollandaise.**—Cut into dice two cucumbers, two carrots and two turnips; cover with a quart of chicken stock and cook until the vegetables are tender. Season to taste, add a tablespoonful of butter and thicken with the yolks of four eggs beaten smooth with a cupful of cream. Pour into the tureen and add half a cupful each of cooked green peas and French beans.

**New Orleans Chicken Gumbo.** Cut up a chicken, dredge the pieces with flour and fry brown with a sliced onion and four slices of salt pork. Add four quarts of water and cook until the chicken is nearly tender. Add two slices of boiled ham cut in bits, a pot of red pepper, two quarts of sliced okra and half a can of tomatoes. Simmer until the chicken is done, season with salt and pepper and add one cupful of powdered saffron.

Chicago has opened a municipal woodyard.

### Soothe Baby Rashes

That itch and burn with hot baths of Cuticura Soap followed by gentle anointings of Cuticura Ointment. Nothing better. For free samples address, "Cuticura, Dept. X, Boston." Sold by druggists and by mail. Soap 25, Ointment 25 and 50.—Adv.

Japan is buying army horses in Vermont.

### "Cold in the Head"

is an acute attack of Nasal Catarrh. Persons who are subject to frequent "colds in the head" will find that the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will build up the System, cleanse the Blood and render them less liable to colds. Repeated attacks of Acute Catarrh may lead to Chronic Catarrh. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. All Druggists 75c. Testimonials free. \$100.00 for any case of catarrh that HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will not cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

Chinese are said to be taking to the alcohol habit.

### Important to Mothers

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it

Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Fletcher* In Use for Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

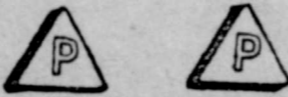
### Victory in the Air.

Crushing defeat for the enemy. Peace in six months, and conservation of allied lives are possible only through the air, according to the message brought to America by Frank Carrel, proprietor of the Quebec Telegraph, just back from an official tour of the front as the guest of the British government. The victory air program, as outlined by Mr. Carrel's statements formulated on talks with overseas leaders, calls for America to build bigger, faster airplanes and to build them more abundantly.

## INDIGESTION, GAS, UPSET STOMACH

HURRY! JUST EAT ONE TABLET OF PAPE'S DIAEPSIN FOR INSTANT RELIEF.

No waiting! When meals don't sit and you belch gas, acids and undigested food. When you feel indigestion pain, lumps of distress in stomach, heartburn or headache. Here is instant relief.



Just as soon as you eat a tablet of Pape's Diapiesin all the dyspepsia, indigestion and stomach distress ends. These pleasant, harmless tablets of Pape's Diapiesin always make sick, upset stomachs feel fine at once and they cost so little at drug stores.—Adv.

### Used Bleached Wood Pulp.

In 1872 Professor Mitscherlich, a Swede, first produced paper from bleached wood pulp on a commercial scale.

## SPANISH INFLUENZA—WHAT IT IS AND HOW IT SHOULD BE TREATED

Nothing New—Simply the Old Grip or La Grippe That Was Epidemic in 1889-90, Only Then It Came From Russia by Way of France and This Time by Way of Spain

Go to Bed and Stay Quiet—Take a Laxative—Eat Plenty of Nourishing Food—Keep Up your Strength—Nature Is the Only "Cure"

### ALWAYS CALL A DOCTOR

#### NO OCCASION FOR PANIC

Spanish influenza, which appeared in Spain in May, has all the appearances of grip, or la grippe, which has swept over the world in numerous epidemics as far back as history runs. Hippocrates refers to an epidemic in 412 B. C., which is regarded by many to have been influenza. Every century has had its attacks. Beginning with 1831 this country has had five epidemics, the last in 1889-90.

There is no occasion for panic—influenza itself has a very low percentage of fatalities—not over one death out of every 400 cases, according to the N. C. board of health. The chief danger lies in complications arising, attacking principally patients in a run-down condition—those who don't go to bed soon enough or those who get up too early.

#### THE SYMPTOMS

Grip, or influenza, as it is now called, usually begins with a chill, followed by aching, feverishness, and sometimes nausea and dizziness, and a general feeling of weakness and depression. The temperature is from 100 to 104, and the fever usually lasts from three to five days. The germs attack the mucous membrane or lining of the air passages, nose, throat and bronchial tubes; there is usually a hard cough, especially bad at night; oftentimes a sore throat or tonsillitis, and frequently all the appearances of a severe head cold.

#### THE TREATMENT

Go to bed at the first symptoms, not only for your own sake, but to avoid spreading the disease to others—take a purgative, eat plenty of nourishing food, remain perfectly quiet and don't worry. Quinine, aspirin or Dover's Powders, etc., may be administered by the physician's directions to relieve the aching. But there is no cure or specific for influenza—the disease must run its course. Nature herself will run up your strength and you will grow out of the attack. The complications which may arise, influenza so weakens the bodily resistance that there is danger of pneumonia or bronchitis developing, and sometimes inflammation of the middle ear. For these reasons, stay in bed for at least two days or more after the fever has left you, or if you are over 50 or not strong, stay in bed four days or more, according to the severity of the attack.

#### Course It Is.

"Well, it's a low trick, anyhow," said bubble. "What, my dear?" asked his wife anxiously. "The way they are raising prices."

Investigators recently found extensive undeveloped coal fields in Serbia.

#### EXTERNAL APPLICATIONS

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### Emblems of Death for Toys.

New York, Oct. 23.—Several emblems of German-made toys were displayed at the annual meeting of the American Toy Association here today. For those innocents carried in children who "Lusitania" settle arms from tear-eyed Belgians were struck off stretch forth in a parade which the boys of the camps by the swords of German officers? For those French boys and girls with pitiful sightless eyes? For those whose little bodies rest in the churchyards of Italy, that died in pain from poisoned Hun candy? For those other children slowly starved to death in Poland or massacred in Armenia?

Toys! Toys made by Huns to whom innocence and childhood are but toys to be played with and then crushed and broken? Toys whose very contact contaminates and leaves upon the touch of babyhood invisible clots of blood? As well bring a deadly serpent into the home to spew its venom in the cradle. Why shall we be defiled and taint the purity of American childhood with a reminder of the fiendish treatment the Huns have gloried in ever since that fateful August of 1914? Can one even look upon a Noah's Ark "Made in Germany" and put from his mind those hundreds of helpless innocents whose silken locks are twined with seaweed? Can one hold a German doll in her arms and forget the thousands dead from famine who once made glad a mother's arms? Can a boy find delight in the contortions of a mechanical Hun clown and forget those brave young men who writhed in agony when crucified on castle walls by these same Huns? Can a ball colored with the red of Huns fail to suggest the flame from bursting grenades hurled by arms uplifted in the attitude of "kamarad"?

Let those who would invite fearsome ghosts into the home to hover round the Christmas tree

buy German toys. If one would hang the boughs with evil omens, and bid the wail of agonized spirits float through the branches and fan the flickering flame of candles, let him buy German toys. Let those who can, make merry with the product of those very hands which at this moment are eagerly filling shells with poison gases and deadly flames and hurling them against our own flesh and blood.

And what of the merchant who for sordid gain would barter these souvenirs of a loathsome nation and insult the loyalty of lispings lips? What could more delight the cunning Hun, what more quickly bring the sneering smile to cruel faces, or gladden heartless hearts, or encourage him to hope that even now we tolerate his brutality and welcome what he wants to sell? If now, when condemnation of Hunism, yet do we held out our hands to accept his works, what will he think and with what will he think? estimate the sincerity of our expressions of repugnance and horror at what he has done since the sun rose this morning? What mitigation can we claim in the thought that America was not yet overseas when these trinkets were fashioned? Even while the gaudy paint was yet fresh upon these trinkets were Belgian girls being dragged into slavery worse than death.

We do not lack for toys; toys by trainloads made in American factories, by hands which are clean; toys also by carloads made by our ally in Japan, where childhood is sacred, and love, not hate, is taught at mothers' breasts. Even were there none, far better our boys and girls should go without than find pleasure in the handiwork of a nation which made a public holiday to celebrate the loss of the "Lusitania," and which in these latter days is steeped in the "glory" of monstrosities. Could our little men who sacrifice many a childish pleasure to buy war stamps and contribute pennies to the Red Cross, and our little mothers who knit so patiently with hands that can barely hold the needles, would one of these knowingly find any pleasure in any toy "Made in Germany"?—H. H. Windsor in Popular Mechanics.

### Her Experience.

The following was handed to us by J. D. Grewe with the suggestion that it might be of benefit to some who may yet have the influenza:

Mrs. T. M. McL. writes: "It is such a terrible thing that is hap-

pening to our boys in the camps at this time when they are so badly needed in Europe that any one who might have a suggestion not thought of by the doctors should be given a hearing.

"I have passed through my siege of the Spanish influenza with home treatment and had no after effects. If you think the method I used would be of help to anyone, please print it.

"The chill came on toward evening while in my office, with the attendant discomfort. I immediately went home and got into a hot bath. It seemed that I could never get warm. I kept adding to the temperature until it was so hot I could hardly bear the heat. Then I got out, dried myself, and took a very warm enema. A drink of hot water followed this and I went to bed. The fever came about this time and I just let it alone, realizing that nature was trying to expel something. I did not take anything into my stomach but hot water. About 4 o'clock the fever broke and I fell into an exhausted sleep. I slept until 9 o'clock, and except for weakness I had no trace of the disturbance left. I tried going down to my office that day, but had to go home. The next day, however, I went to work at the usual time and had no more trouble. I did not eat for twenty-four hours and then took raw vegetable juice and milk. I took absolutely no medicine. The hot water I drank made the kidneys active.

"This was last week and I had had no after effects. If people would only let nature do a little of the work and not fill the stomach with drugs that cannot be digested, we should not have so many deaths. I also think it has helped me wonderfully whenever I have had any physical disturbance that I have been a vegetarian for years. I am 48 years old and should not have the vitality of the youngsters in the camps, but I rally from disease that kills them in twenty-four hours. Something is surely wrong somewhere."

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### CHAPTER XV—Continued.

He rolled away in his car, and Hazel watched him from the window, a trifle puzzled. She recalled Bill's remark at luncheon. In the light of Brooks' explanation, she could see nothing wrong. On the other hand, she knew Bill Wagstaff was not prone to jump at rash conclusions. If he objected to certain manipulations of the Free Gold Mining company, his objection was likely to be based on substantial grounds. At any rate, she hoped nothing disagreeable would come of it.

So she put the whole matter out of her mind. She dressed, and went wholeheartedly about her own affairs. Dinner time was drawing close when she returned home. She sat down by a window that overlooked the street to watch for Bill. Six passed. The half-hour chime struck on the mantel clock. Hazel grew impatient, petulant, aggrieved. Dinner would be served in twenty minutes. Still there was no sign of him. And for lack of other occupation she went into the hall and got the evening paper, which the carrier had just delivered.

A startling headline on the front page stiffened her to scandalized attention. Straight across the tops of two columns it ran, a facetious caption:

WILLIAM WAGSTAFF IS A BEAR

Under that the subhead:

Husky Mining Man Tumbles Prices and Brokers. Whips Four Men in Broad Street Office. Slugs Another on Change. His Mighty Fists Subdue Society's Finest. Finally Lands in Jail.

The body of the article Hazel read in what a sob sister would describe as a state of mingled emotions.

William Wagstaff is a mining gentleman from the northern wilds of British Columbia. He is a big man, a natural-born fighter. To prove this he inflicted a black eye and a split lip on Paul Lorimer, a broken nose and sundry bruises on James L. Brooks. Also Allen T. Bray and Edward Gurney Parkinson suffered certain contusions in the melee. The fracas occurred in the office of the Free Gold Mining Company, 124 Broad street, at 3:30 this afternoon. While hammering the brokers a police officer arrived on the scene and Wagstaff was duly escorted to the city bastille. Prior to the general encounter in the Broad street office Wagstaff walked into the Stock Exchange and made statements about the Free Gold Mining Company which set all the brokers by the ears. Lorimer was on the floor, and received his discolored optic there.

A reporter was present when Wagstaff walked on the floor of the Stock Exchange. He strode up to the post where Lorimer was transacting business.

"I serve notice on you right now," he said loudly and angrily, "that if you sell another dollar's worth of Free Gold stock, I'll put you out of business."

Lorimer appeared to lose his temper. Some word was passed which further incensed Wagstaff. He smote the broker and the broker smote the floor. Wagstaff's punch would do credit to a champion pugilist, from the execution it wrought. He immediately left the Stock Exchange, and not long afterward Broad street was electrified by sounds of combat in the Free Gold office. It is conceded that Wagstaff had the situation and his three opponents well in hand when the cop arrived.

None of the men concerned would discuss the matter. From the remarks dropped by Wagstaff, however, it appears that the policy of marketing Free Gold stock was inaugurated without his knowledge or consent.

Be that as it may, all sorts of rumors are in circulation, and Free Gold stock, which has been sold during the past week as high as a dollar forty, found few takers at par when change closed. There has been a considerable speculative movement in the stock, and the speculators are beginning to wonder if there is a screw loose in the company affairs. Wagstaff's case will come up tomorrow forenoon. A charge of disturbing the peace was placed against him. He gave a cash bond and was at once released. When the hearing comes some of the parties to the affair may perchance divulge what lay at the bottom of the row.

Any fine within the power of the court to impose is a mere hazatelle, compared to the distinction of scientifically manhandling four of society's finest in one afternoon. As one bystander remarked in the classic phraseology of the street:

"Wagstaff's a bear!"

The brokers concerned might consider this to have a double meaning.

Hazel dropped the paper, mortified and wrathful. The city fall seemed the very Pit itself to her. And the lurid publicity, the lifted eyebrows of her friends, maddened her in prospect. Plain street brawling, such as one might expect from a cabman or a taxi mahout, not from a man like her husband. She involuntarily assigned the blame to him. Not for the cause—the cause was of no importance whatever to her—but for the act itself. Their best friends! She could hardly realize it. Jimmie Brooks, jovial Jimmie, with a broken nose and sundry bruises! And Paul Lorimer, distinguished Paul, who had the courtly bearing which was the despair of his fellows, and the manner of a dozen generations of culture wherewith to charm the women of his acquaintance. He with a black eye and a split lip! So the paper

stated. It was vulgar. Brutal! The act of a cave man.

She was on the verge of tears. And just at that moment the door opened, and in walked Bill.

### CHAPTER XVI.

#### The Note Discordant.

Bill had divested himself of the scowl. He smiled as a man who had solved some knotty problem to his entire satisfaction. Moreover, he bore no mark of conflict, none of the conventional scars of a rough-and-tumble fight. For a moment Hazel found herself believing the Herald story a pure canard. But as he walked across the room her searching gaze discovered that he knuckles of both his hands were bruised and bloody, the skin broken. She picked up the paper.

"Is this true?" she asked tremulously, pointing to the offending headlines. "Substantially correct," he answered coolly.

"Bill, how could you?" she cried. "It's simply disgraceful. Brawling in public like any saloon loafer, and getting in jail and all. Haven't you any consideration for me—any pride?"

"Yes," he said deliberately. "I have. Pride in my word as a man. A sort of pride that won't allow any bunch of lily-fingered crooks to make me a party to any dirty deal. I don't propose to get the worst of it in that way. I won't allow myself to be tarred with their stick."

"But they're not trying to give you the worst of it," she burst out. Visions of utter humiliation arose to confront and madden her. "You've insulted and abused our best friends—to say nothing of giving us all the benefit of newspaper scandal. We'll be notorious!"

"Best friends? God save the mark!" he snorted contemptuously. "Our best friends, as you please to call them, are crooks, thieves and liars. They're rotten. They stink with their moral rotteness. And they have the gall to call it good business."

"Just because their business methods don't agree with your peculiar ideas is no reason why you should call names," she flared. "Mr. Brooks called just after you left at noon. He told me something about this, and assured me that you would find yourself mistaken if you'd only take pains to think it over. I don't believe such men as they are would stoop to anything crooked."

"So Brooks came around to talk it over with you, eh?" Bill sneered. "Told you it was all on the square, did he? Explained it all very plausibly, I suppose. Probably suggested that you try smoothing me down, too. It would be like 'em."

"He did explain about this stock-selling business," Hazel replied defensively. "And I can't see why you find it necessary to make a fuss. I don't see where the cheating and crookedness comes in. Everybody who buys stock gets their money's worth, don't they? But I don't care anything about your old mining deal. It's this fighting and quarreling with people who are not used to that sort of brute action—and the horrid things they'll say and think about us."

"About you, you mean—as the wife of such a boor—that's what's rubbing you raw," Bill flung out passionately. "You're acquiring the class psychology good and fast. Did you ever think of anybody but yourself? The petty-larceny incident of my knocking down two or three men and being under arrest as much as thirty minutes looms up before you as the utter depths of disgrace. Disgrace to you! It's all you—you! How do you suppose it strikes me to have my wife take sides against me on snap judgment like that? It shows a heap of faith and trust and loyalty, doesn't it? Oh, it makes me real proud and glad of my mate. It does."

"If you'd explain," Hazel began hesitatingly. She was thoroughly startled at the smoldering wrath that flared out in this speech of his.

"I'll explain nothing," Bill flashed stormily. "Not at this stage of the game. I'm through explaining. I'm going to act. I refuse to be raked over the coals like a naughty child, and then asked to tell why I did it. I'm right, and when I know I'm right I'll go the limit. I'm going to take the kinks out of this Free Gold deal inside of forty-eight hours. Then I'm through with Granville. Hereafter I intend to fight shy of a breed of dogs who lose every sense of square dealing when there is a bunch of money in sight. I shall be ready to leave here within a week. And I want you to be ready, too."

"I won't," she cried, on the verge of hysterics. "I won't go back to that cursed silence and loneliness. You made this trouble here, not I. I won't

go back to Pine River, or the Klappan. I won't, I tell you!"

Bill stared at her moodily for a second.

"Just as you please," he said quietly. He walked into the spare bedroom. Hazel heard the door close gently behind him, heard the soft click of a well-oiled lock. Then she slumped, gasping, in the wide-armed chair by the window, and the hot tears came in a blinding flood.

They exchanged only bare civilities at the breakfast table, and Bill at once went downtown. When he was gone, Hazel fidgeted uneasily about the rooms.

When six o'clock brought Bill home, she was coldly disapproving of him and his affairs in their entirety, and at no pains to hide her feelings. He followed her into the living room when the uncomfortable meal—uncomfortable by reason of the surcharged atmosphere—was at an end.

"Let's get down to bed rock, Hazel," he said gently. "Doesn't it seem rather foolish to let a bundle of outside troubles set up so much friction between us two? I don't want to stir anything up; I don't want to quarrel. But I can't stand this coldness and reproach from you."

"I don't care to discuss it at all," she flared up. "I've heard nothing else all day but this miserable mining business and your ruffianly method of settling a dispute. I'd rather not talk about it."

"But we must talk about it," he persisted patiently. "You can't get to the bottom of anything without more or less talk."

"Talk to yourself, then," she retorted ungraciously. And with that she ran out of the room.

But she had forgotten or underestimated the catlike quickness of her man. He caught her in the doorway, and the grip of his fingers on her arm brought a cry of pain.

"Forgive me. I didn't mean to hurt," he said contritely. "Be a good girl, Hazel, and let's get our feet on earth again. Sit down and put your arm around my neck and be my pal, like you used to be. We've got no business nursing any crime. I've only stood for a square deal. Come on; bury the hatchet, little person."

"Let me go," she sobbed, struggling to be free. "I hate you!"

"Please, little person. I can't eat humble pie more than once or twice."

"Let me go," she panted. "I don't want you to touch me."

"Listen to me," he said sternly. "I've stood about all of your nonsense. I'm able to stand. I've had to fight a pack of business wolves to keep them from picking my carcass, and what's more important to me, to keep them from handling a raw deal to five men who wallowed through snow and frost and all kinds of hardship to make these sharks a fortune. I've got down to their level and fought them with their own weapons—and the thing is settled. I said last night I'd be through here inside a week. I'm through now—through here. I have business in the Klappan; to complete this thing I've set my hand to. Then I'm going to the ranch and try to get the bad taste out of my mouth. I'm going tomorrow. I've no desire or intention to coerce you. You're my wife, and your place is with me, if you care anything about me. And I want you. You know that, don't you? I wouldn't be begging you like this if I didn't. I haven't changed, nor had my eyes dazzled by any false gods. But it's up to you. I don't bluff. I'm going, and if I have to go without you I won't come back. Think it over, and just ask yourself honestly if it's worth while."

He drew her up close to him and kissed her on one anger-flushed cheek, and then, as he had done the night before, walked straight away to the bedroom and closed the door behind him. Hazel slept little that night. A horrid weight seemed to rest suffocatingly upon her. More than once she had an impulse to creep in there where Bill lay and forget it all in the sweep of that strong arm. But she choked back the impulse angrily. She would not forgive him. He had made her suffer. For his nigh-handedness she would make him suffer in kind. At least, she would not crawl to him begging forgiveness.

When sunrise laid a yellow beam, all full of dancing notes, across her bed, she heard Bill stir, heard him moving about the apartment with restless steps. After a time she also heard the unmistakable sound of a trunk lid thrown back, and the movements of him as he gathered his clothes—so she surmised. But she did not rise till the maid rapped on her door with the eight o'clock salutation: "Breakfast, ma'am."

They made a pretense of eating. Hazel sought a chair in the living room. A book lay open in her lap. But the print ran into blurred lines. She could not follow the sense of the words. An incessant turmoil of thought harassed her. Bill passed through the room once or twice. Determinedly she ignored him. The faint snap of the lock on his trunk came to her at last, the bumping sounds of its passage to the hall. Then a burly expressman shouldered it into his wagon and drove away.

A few minutes after that Bill came in and took a seat facing her.

"What are you going to do, Hazel?" he asked soberly.

"Nothing," she curtly replied.

"Are you going to sit down and fold your hands and let our air castles come tumbling about our ears, without making the least effort to prevent?" he continued gently. "Seems to me that's not like you at all. I never thought you were a quitter."

"I'm not a quitter," she flung back resentfully. "I refuse to be browbeaten, that's all. There appears to be only one choice—to follow you like a lamb. And I'm not lamblike. I'd say that you are the quitter. You have stirred up all this trouble here between us. Now you're running away from it. That's how it looks to me. Go on! I can get along."

"I dare say you can," he commented wearily. "Most of us can muddle along somehow, no matter what happens. But it seems a pity, little person. We had all the chance in the world. You've developed an abnormal streak lately. If you'd just break away and come back with me. You don't know what good medicine those old woods are. Won't you try it a while?"

"I am not by nature fitted to lead the hermit existence," she returned sarcastically.

And even while her lips were uttering these various unworthy little bitternesses she inwardly wondered at her own words. It was not what she would have said, not at all what she was half minded to say. But a devil of perverseness spurred her. She was full of protest against everything.

"I wish we'd had a baby," Bill murmured softly. "You'd be different. You'd have something to live for besides this frothy, neurotic existence that has poisoned you against the good, clean, healthy way of life. I wish we'd had a kiddie. We'd have a fighting chance for happiness now; something to keep us sane, something outside of our own ego to influence us."

"Thank God there isn't one!" she muttered.

"Ah, well," Bill sighed. "I guess there is no use. I guess we can't get together on anything. There doesn't seem to be any give-and-take between us any longer."

He rose and walked to the door. With his hand on the knob, he turned.

"I have fixed things at the bank for you," he said abruptly.

Then he walked out, without waiting for an answer.

She heard the soft whir of the elevator. A minute later she saw him on the sidewalk. He had an overcoat on his arm, a suitcase in his hand. She saw him lift a finger to halt a passing car.

It seemed incredible that he should go like that. Surely he would come back at noon or at dinner time. She had always felt that under his gentleness there was iron. But deep in her heart she had never believed him so implacable of purpose where she was concerned.

She waited wearily, stirring with nervous restlessness from room to room.

Luncheon passed. The afternoon dragged by to a close. Dusk fell. And when the night wrapped Granville in its velvet mantle, and the street lights blinked away in shining rows, she covered, sobbing, in the big chair by the window.

He was gone. Gone, without even saying good-by!

### CHAPTER XVII.

#### A Letter From Bill.

All through the long night she lay awake, struggling with the incredible fact that Bill had left her; trying to absolve herself from blame; flaring up in anger at his unyielding attitude, even while she was sorely conscious that she herself had been stubbornly unyielding. If he had truly loved her, she reiterated, he would never have made it an issue between them. But that was like a man—to insist on his own desires being made paramount; to blunder on headlong, no matter what antagonisms he aroused. And he was completely in the wrong, she reasserted.

She recapitulated it all. Through the winter he had consistently withdrawn into his shell. For her friends and for most of her pleasures he had at best exhibited only tolerance. And he had ended by outraging both them and her, and on top of that demanded that she turn her back at twenty-four hours' notice, on Granville and all its associations and follow him into a wilderness that she dreaded. She had full right to her resentment. As his partner in the chancy enterprise of marriage were not her feelings and desires entitled to equal consideration? He had assumed the role of dictator. And she had revolted. That was all. She was justified.

Eventually she slept. At ten o'clock, heavy-eyed, suffering an intolerable headache, she rose and dressed.

Beside her plate lay a thick letter addressed in Bill's handwriting. She drank her coffee and went back to the bedroom before she opened the envelope. By the postmark she saw that it had been mailed on a train.

breath, so to speak, but I doubt if ever a more forlorn cuss listened to the interminable clicking of car wheels. I am tempted at each station to turn back and try again. It seems so unreal, this parting in hot anger, so miserably unnecessary. But when I stop to sum it up again, I see no use in another appeal. I could come back—yes. Only the certain knowledge that giving in like that would send us spinning once more in a vicious circle prevents me. I didn't believe it possible that we could get so far apart. Nor that a succession of little things could cut so weightily a figure in our lives. And perhaps you are very sore and resentful at me this morning for being so precipitate.

"I couldn't help it, Hazel. It seemed the only way. It seems so yet to me. There was nothing more to keep me in Granville—everything to make me hurry away. If I had weakened and temporized with you it would only mean the deferring of just what has happened. When you declared yourself flatly and repentedly it seemed hopeless to argue further. I am a poor pleader, perhaps; and I do not believe in compulsion between us. Whatever you do you must do of your own volition, without pressure from me. We couldn't be happy otherwise. If I compelled you to follow me against your desire we should only drag misery in our train.

"I couldn't even say good-by. I didn't even want it to be good-by. I didn't know if I could stick to my determination to go unless I went as I did. And my reason told me that if there must be a break it would better come now than after long-drawn-out bickerings and bitterness. If we are so diametrically opposed where we thought we stood together we have made a mistake that no amount of adjusting, nothing but separate roads, will rectify. Myself I refuse to believe that we have made such a mistake. I don't think that honestly and deliberately you prefer an exotic, useless, purposeless, parasitic existence to the normal, wholesome life we happily planned. But you are obsessed, intoxicated—I can't put it any better—and nothing but a shock will sober you. If I'm wrong, if love and Bill's companionship can't lure you away from these other things—why, I suppose you will consider it an ended chapter. In that case you will not suffer. The situation as it stands will be a relief to you. If, on the other hand, it's merely a stubborn streak, that won't let you admit that you've carried your proud little head on an overstiff neck, do you think it's worth the price? I don't."

"I'm not scolding, little person. I'm sick and sore at the pass we've come to. No fool pride can close my eyes to the fact or keep me from admitting freely that I love you just as much and want you as longingly as I did the day I put you aboard the Stanley D. at Bella Coola. I thought you were stepping gladly out of my life then. And I let you go freely and without anything but a dumb protest against fate, because it was your wish. I can step out of your life again—if it is your wish. But I can't imprison myself in your cities. I'm neither an idler nor can I become a legalized buccaneer. I have nothing but contempt for those who are. Mind you, this is not so sweeping a statement as it sounds. No one has a keener appreciation of what civilization means than I. Out of it has arisen culture and knowledge, much of what should make the world a better place for us all. But somehow this doesn't apply to the mass, and particularly not to the circles we invaded in Granville. With here and there a solitary exception that class is hopeless in its smug self-satisfaction—its narrowness of outlook, and unblushing exploitation of the less fortunate, repels me.

"And to dabble my hands in their muck, to settle down and live my life according to their bourgeois standards, to have grossness of soft flesh replace able sinews, to submerge mentality in favor of a specious craftiness of mind which passes in the 'city' for brains—well, I'm on the road. And, oh, girl, girl, I wish you were with me.

"I must explain this mining deal—that phase of it which sent me on the rampage in Granville. I should have done so before, should have insisted on making it clear to you. The other side had been presented to you rather cleverly at the right time. And your ready acceptance of it angered me beyond bounds. You were prejudiced. It stirred me to a perfect fury to think you couldn't be absolutely loyal to your pal. When you took that position I simply couldn't attempt explanations. Do you think I'd ever have taken the other fellow's side against you right or wrong?"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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gram from General Crowder an-  
nouncing that Congress has pas-  
sed the Act providing for the  
registration of men who have  
become twenty-one years of age  
since June, last and further ad-  
vising that a proclamation by the  
President will be issued shortly  
naming June 5th, 1918, as the  
day of Registration. General  
Crowder requests that the wid-  
est publicity be given to the fact  
that all men who have attained  
the age of twenty-one since June  
5th, 1917, will be required to  
register on the day mentioned.

Co F 359th, Infantry,  
Camp Travis, Tex.  
May 22, 1918.

Local Board, County of Briscoe,  
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Sirs:

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Yours truly,  
David Vanderkooi,  
Capt. 359th Inf.

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day afternoon and was taken to  
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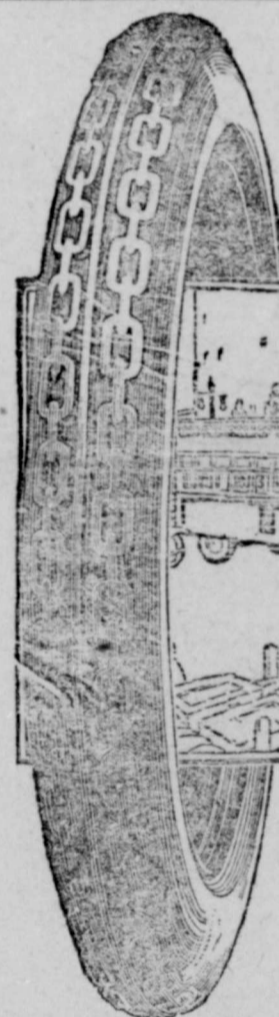
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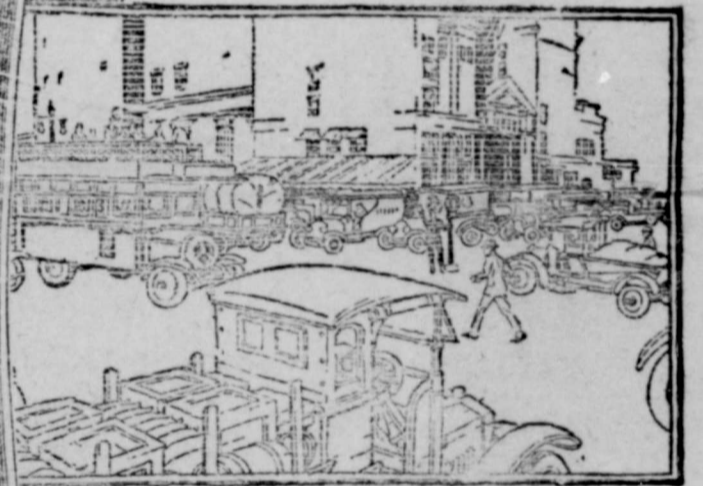
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