Leased Wire Service

The Times receives the full day and Sunday morning leased wire service report of the Asociated Press.

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Weather Forecast

West Texas: Thursday generally fair and warmer; Friday fair.

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NEW LUXBURG LETTERS SHOW GERMAN PLAN FOR ANTI-AMERICAN LEAGUE

Washington, Dec. 20.—Evidences of a German plot to align the nations of South America against the United States is revealed telegrams sent t oBerlin by the notorious Count Luxburg, former German charge in Argentina, made public today by the state department.

Washingtn, Dec. 20.—Forty telegrams sent by Count Luxburg of "spurles versenkt" fame, former German charge in Argentine, and costituting another chapter of the intrigues of German diplomacy in neutral capitals, were made public here today by the state department.

One of the messages revealed that Luxburg had induced the president of Argentina to seek a secret agreement with Chile and Bolivia, a "mutual reapproachment for protection against North America."

SUGAR SHORTAGE IS CHARGED TO UNTRUE STORIES

EARL D. BABST IS AMONG WITNESSES TESTIFYING EARLY TODAY.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Foundation for the sugar shortage was laid while refiners held large stocks last February by sensational stories of a threatened famine and strikes caused by the I. W. W., Earl D. Babst, president of the American Sugar Refining Company, testified today at the sugar investigation. He did not say who he believed was responsible for the stories.

Consumers Hoard.

Consumers began to hoard, he said, and during the spring and summer demands on the refiners were unprecedented. When consumers began to hoard, retailers raised prices, he said, but refiners did not increase prices correspondingly as they did not desire to increase the alarm.

Added to the scare stories came reports of a Cuban revolution and destruction of cane fields which stimulated the demand greatly, Babst said. Then after stocks became low there developed a difficulty in getting raw sugar and when it was impossible to supply the eastern trade with cane sugar the car shortage prevented new beet sugar from being sent east.

Domestic Consumption.

Americans consumed 400,000 tons more in 1917 than the year previous, Babst said, and 200,000 tons of Cuban sugar usually coming to this country went abroad. He described the situation with the adage "you can't eat your cake and have it too." The demand as a result of the canning campaign was enormous, he said, and added "that instead of sugar being in sugar bowls, it is in fruit jars."

Waterfront Guards Are On Duty in Galveston; Come From Oil Fields

By Associated Press.

San Antonio, Dec. 20.—A battalion of the 19th infantry has taken station at Galveston to guard three miles of water front it was announced at headquarters of the southern department this morning. It is under command of Major John McE. Pruyn. The battalion was on guard duty in the oil fields and was relieved by a detachment of the 57th infantry which has been at Brownsville. Illinois troops, also on guard in the oil district was relieved at the same time.

Vet. Favors Raising Standard in Texas; He Gives Testimony

By Associated Press.

Austin, Dec. 20.—Dr. N. F. Williams, a veterinary surgeon of Fort Worth, testified today before the legislative investigating committee relative to that profession in Texas. Dr. Williams believed the standard to practive veterinary surgery in this state should be materially raised and thus eliminat many who have not properly qualified to practice in that field of endeavor.

Quite a number of members of the various sub-committees will leave tomorrow for their respective homes to spend the Christmas holidays and will return on January 2 to complete their reports.

Twenty Newspapers In Foreign Tongues Must Talk English

By Associated Press.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 20.—Twenty foreign language newspapers now being published in San Antonio hereafter will have to file translations of any reference to the war which appears in these papers with the postmaster before they will be allowed newspaper mailing privileges. This order came direct from postal authorities in Washington yesterday and is effective immediately.

The majority of the twenty papers in San Antonio printed in languages other than English are printed in Spaish. The next highest number are printed in German and there is one Polish paper.

"Flatter Argentines."

The correspondence deals largely with efforts made by the German minister to prevent any rupture of relations with Argentine and thruout the dispatches there was a warning to his government to flatter the Argentinians and to word the note in reply to the Argentine protest against the sinking of the steamer Tore in such a way as to not to offend them.

Evidence of the apparent pliability of the Argentine president and of the opposition of minister of foreign affairs Puerreyden is disclosed in many of the dispatcnes. Frequent reference is made by the charge to difficulty he was having in dealing with the foreign minister, but emphasis placed upon the ease with which he communicated with the president.

Three Not Published.

In a statement accompanying the telegram, the Argentine foreign minister announced that there were three messages not published as they related solely to Chile and Uruguay. They have been delivered to those governments.

An indication of the means used by Count Luxburg to avoid detection in communicating with his government is found in one dispatch where reference is made to his fear that "the secret wire" has been discovered. Another refers to an interruption of his wire to Mexico.

Enters Secret Agreement.

In one of the messages, of which there are some forty, Luxburg reports that he induced President Irigonyon, of Argentina to enter into a secret agreement with Chile and Bolivia, a "mutual reapproachment for protection versus North America," and did his utmost to have Peru included in such agreement.

Translations of the dispatches were given out by the state department in agreement with the Argentine minister of foreign affairs, who in an accompanying statement gave general denial to Luxburg's acount of the negotiations with his government.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Some two score of telegrams which passed between Count Von Luxburg, German minister to Argentina and the German foreign office will be made public today by the state department by agreement with the Argentine government which also will publish them simultaneously at Buenos Aires. Exposure of Count Von Luxburgs "sink without trace" telegram by Secretary Lansing was what caused a rupture of diplomatic relations between Argentine and Germany.

Effect In Argentina.

How the public mind in Argentina, already pressing President Irigoyen to go to war with Germany, will regard further exposures of German intrigues is of no less interest to officials here than is its probable effect upon the general Latin-American attitude to a so-called neutrality conference just called at Beunos Aires, to attend which Luis Cabrera, Mexico's representative unceremonously left the United States while this government was waiting to begin negotiations over food exports to Mexico.

Those Most Inactive.

While public sentiment for entering the war on the side of the United States and the allies has been spreading through all Latin-America, the conspicuously inactive ones have been Mexico and Argentina.

The sudden visit of Cabrera at this particular time at the so-called neutrality conference in Buenos Aires has caused much speculation. Whether there can be any connection between the new Luxburg exposures and the relations between Mexico ad Argen tine excites much interest.

Aditional 15,000 Men to Be Placed At Kelly Field Soon

By Associated Press.

San Antonio, Dec. 20.—Kelly Field, already the largest concentration camp for aviators in the United States soon will be still further enlarged by the addition of 15,000 men, Colonel W. D. Chitty, commander, was advised today in a communication from Major General George O. Squier, chief signal officer. The new contingent will give Kelly Field a population of 40,000.

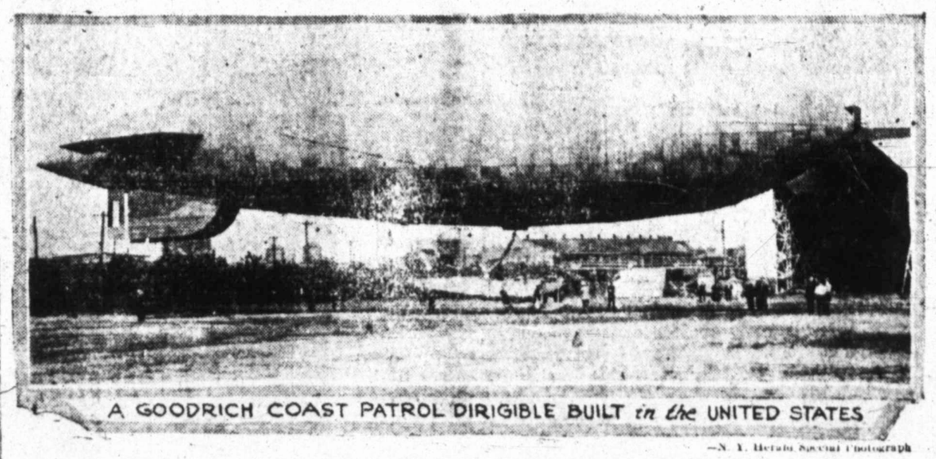
Major General Scott Returns From Europe To Instruct New Army

By Associated Press.

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 20.—Major General Hugh L. Scott, United States army, who is to be assigned as chief instruction officer of the new national army, returned today from Europe on an American steamship. He has been at the front in France.

GERMANS PLAN TO OFFER GENERAL PEACE TO ALLIES

DIRIGIBLES TO DO THEIR BIT IN PROTECTING AMERICAN COASTS



A GOODRICH COAST PATROL DIRIGIBLE BUILT *in the* UNITED STATES

—N. Y. Herald Special Photograph

The Goodrich coast patrol dirigible, built in the United States, is the type of aircraft being constructed for patrolling and protecting American coasts, and men are being trained to navigate them. The "sausages" are capable of staying at one place in the air, and if properly designed can reach higher altitudes than airplanes. The lifting power of the dirigible is immensely greater than the aeroplane, while the only drawbacks are that the dirigible is slower than the airplane and that it is more vulnerable to the enemies' artillery.

German Terms Reported Contain These Provisions

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 20.—What purports to be an outline of the Kaiser's much advertised "Christmas peace terms" has reached here through the same neutral diplomatic channels which early in the week received information to support intimations from aboard that that a new peace offer was coming.

In the main the terms as described follow the lines of those said to have been written by German Foreign Minister Von Kuehlmann last summer. At that time they were denounced as having been written for purely political purpose.

The terms must be appraised only at their face value and are said to include the following:

To leave the disposal of Alsace Loriance to a plebiscate of inhabitants.

England to pay Germany for her lost African colonies and the money to be used for the rehabilitation of Belgium, Serbia, Rumania and Northern France.

Russian provinces bordering the Baltic, the Black Sea and Prussia to become independent under the German plan.

Poland to be called an independent state under Austrian suzerainty.

Disarmament, freedom of the seas and commerce to be left to the peace conference.

Rumania, Serbia and Montenegro to retain their original boundaries with the right of access to the sea being granted to Serbia.

Turkey to remain intact.

Whether such a proposal of terms is merely another step in the German propaganda to impress the public mind that the allies are responsible for a continuance of the war or whether it is a feeler to peace, is a subject for the estimate of the governments concerned.

Kaiser's Peace Terms.

At first glance some are inclined to regard them as the Kaisers much advertised Christmas peace terms, probably designed in large part to keep the German people under the illusion that they are fighting a really defensive war against foes who insist on the dismemberment of their country.

There is a very decided impression in competent quarters however, that Germany having gained advantages in Russia might think it to her advantage to yield to allied demands in many other directions, which in the estimate of her own statesmen, would strike a balance.

One of Reasons.

This is one of the reasons why some close observers believe an offer of peace coming at this time probably has more real intentions of peace behind it than the previous ones. No one here believes Germany's best terms would be put on the table at the first offering and those inclined to this view think a proposal of peace now is at least an attempt to start a discussion of terms.

From what may be gained of the war aims of the allied governments as expressed by their statesmen and by President Wilson, such an offering of terms as outlined in the foregoing could not be considered as the basis of a satisfactory peace although it might contain some of the elements.

SHIPPING BOARD PROBE TO BEGIN HURLEY IS CALLED

SENATE WILL SEEK TO KNOW CAUSE OF SHAKES-UP IN LAST FEW MONTHS.

INFORMED OF QUERIES

Vice Chairman Stevens and John A. Donald Also Expected to Be Heard on Stand.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Investigation of the government shipping board and emergency fleet corporation operations under the resolution of Senator Harding, which the senate adopted, the Senate Commerce Committee decided today will begin tomorrow afternoon with Chairman Hurley as the first witness.

Other witnesses will be Vice Chairman Stevens and John A. Donald of the board. At its meeting today the committee called on Chariman Hurley for the following information:

Information Wanted.

An itemized list of all statements for contracts of both steel and wood ships with the full name of each contracting person, firm or corporation, when organized and when in operation, and the place where the shipbuilding under each contract has been or is being carried on.

The number of ships constructed, where and by whom.

Number of ships now under construction, where and by whom and the proportion of work done.

Copies of all ship building contracts.

LIGHTLESS NIGHT TO BE OBSERVED ALL OVER NATION

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The first week day "lightless night," will be observed throughout the country tonight in strict compliance with the rules of the fuel administration, reports received here from public utilities companies supplying electric current for display lighting and advertising express complete willingness to co-operate with Fuel Administrator Garfield in his attempt to relieve the heavy drain on the nation's coal supply.

ELEVEN MEN KILLED IN BARBOUR MINE RESULT EXPLOSION

By Associated Press.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 20.—Eleven men were killed in an explosion in the Barbour Coal Company's mine near Nemo, Tenn., late yesterday, according to advices received here todday.

CHICAGO PACKERS AND STOCK YARDS "HIGH FINANCIERS"

INVESTIGATION INTO CHICAGO PLANT IS BEGUN BY COM. MISSION.

DISCLOSURES SENSATION

Members of Trade Board Are aBcked By Figures Gathered By Experts Prior to Opening of Hearing.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Sensational disclosures of "high finance" between the Chicago packers and the stock yards and terminal railroads there—and promises of more to come—featured today's session of the federal trade commission's investigation to get at some of the innermost causes of the high cost of living.

Backed with an array of facts and figures gathered by trained investigators working under the new $250,000 fund recently appropriated by congress, Francis J. Heney, in charge of the investigation for the commission began cracking one sensatio with another.

One Big Operation.

Today's session had wholly to do with a big operation which a $2,500 clerk was the medium of forming an $8,000,000 corporation which took the risk of the Chicago Stock Yards and Terminal Railways being moved further west and developed testimony to show how the packers in return, to use the language of one of the participants, got their share of "the plunder" and took their "pickings." J. Ogden Armour, it is said, got all the profits over nine per cent.

The point of the whole transaction as brought out by today's testimony, was that the packers were threatening to move away from Chicago; that a corporation was formed to take over the stock yards properties and assume the risk of their becoming valueless and that as a result the enormous profits of the wards and terminal equipment was divided with packers as an inducement to them to continue their business in Chicago and not move further west.

Has Other Facts.

While today's testimony dealt only with that phase of the packing industry it was said the commission is in possession of facts which will broaden the investigation to show whether there is not a gigantic combination in practical control of the country's food supply.

The inside story of how the big transaction came about was laid bare by the introduction of evidence of letters passing between the organizers of the holding corporation and the stockholders of the companies which formerly controlled the yards and the railways.

One letter said that the directors, fearing a court decision against the reorganization plan tried to get it through before the decision came down.

Another, telling the reasons for the organization of the new company said:

"For a long time some of the western railroads have been endeavoring to induce the packers to move west and it has only been on account of pecuniary considerations which your compay has given the packers from time to time that they have remained in Chicago. Suit has now been entered to prevent further payments of this sort and in addition there is still pending in the Illinois legislature to regulate the charges made by your company.

Form New Company.

"Under the circumstances it was thought best to form a new company

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British Casualties For Week Make Total Of 17,976, Is Report

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 18.—British casualties reported for the week ending today totalled 17,976 officers and men as follows:

Officers: Killed or died of wounds, 231; men 3,181.

Officers: Wounded or missing, 1,039; men 13,425.

RUSSIANS ARE URGED TO SECURE OTHERS CONSENT TO CONSIDER NEW TERMS

By Associated Press.

Petrograd, Dec. 19 (Delayed)—According to press reports Russia has been informed by the Central Powers that they intend to make peace proposals to the allies.

This report is published in the Evening Post, which says the representatives of the central powers, at the first preliminary peace conference with the Russians held yesterday, announced that their government intended on principle to put the question of peace before all the powers and that they had asked their allies to do likewise. The Russians are required to take similar steps. It is stated the Russians are endeavoring by all means to sound the allies.

Basis Offered.

The Evening Post says the Germans have officially informed the Bolsheviki headquarters that the Central Powers are ready to consider the arrangement of peace on the basis of no annexations and no indemnities but pointed out that self-definition of nations was impracticable.

The representatives of the Central Powers informed the Russians they were ready to discuss peace preliminaries but desired to knew the result of Russia's efforts to induct the allies to join in the negotiations before proceeding with them.

Might Make Separate Peace.

They said this point of view might be changed, however, and that they might be willing to discuss peace with Russ a alone. The Germans were of the opinion that the Russian armistice might influence the other fronts.

The first conference was devoted merely to a discussion of who would participate in the negotiations.

By Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Russian embassy today was entirely without advices of the progress of peace negotiations between the Bolsheviki and the Central Powers and whatever advices the government was receiving through American Ambassador Francis or other sources was not made public.

NEGOTIATIONS BEGINNING TO ASSUME IMPORTANCE.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 18.—Peace negotiations between Russia and the Central Powers, an armistice having been reported, are assuming an aspect of importance. Dr. Von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary and Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister are both said to be on their way to Brest-Litovsk being accompanied by advisory suites from various government departments. It is also indicated from Berlin that the main committee of the Reichstag will be summoned to meet in special session in connection with these sessions and some newspapers say that the will of the peoples representative is about to assert itself.

Another result of the armistice is that Ensign Krylenko, the Bolsheviki commander in chief, has been able to move divisions from the northern front against General aKledines who is reported to be gaining new successes. There is no direct confirmation of the report that Former Premier Kerensky is in the vicinity of Petrograd with an army.

Meanwhile the Bolsheviki administration is adopting drastic methods against its opponents including the reinstatement of the death penalty.

A dispatch from Tammerfors, Finland, says that the Russian troops are preparing to evacuate Finland, their transportation already having been arranged.

Lloyd-George Again Outlines British War Aims; Emphasizes Fact Shipping Losses Light

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 20.—Speaking in the house of commons today David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, said that the margin of losses at sea was narrowing. The sinking by submarines, he declared, was decreasing, while shipbuilding was increasing.

The premier said the sinking of submarines was increasing. Although the merchant tonnage was down by twenty per cent, he added, the loss had been only six per cent of imports over that of last year.

Regarding the military situation, Mr. Lloyd George said it was idle to pretend that the hopes formed had been realized. This disappointment he attributed to the Russian collapse.

The Germans, the premier said, had had only one success, which was due to surprise and this was now engaging inquiry. The Germans, he stated, had lost 100,000 prisoners, valuable positions and hundreds of guns.

Complete restoration of the territorities later by the enemy together with compensation was demanded by Premier Lloyd George in explaining the war aims of the government.

The premier said that the losses in shipping had been lighter by 100,000 tons than he had anticipated in his August statement.

AMERICAN FLYERS BEING TAUGHT IN CAMP IN FRANCE

By Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The wonders of a vast American training camp for aviators in Central Paris are described enthusiastically in the Petit Parisien by Paul Ginisky, who has just visited the camp. With the exception of a few huts, he writes, all the material was brought from America. The work was begun in September under the direction of 250 men. From this camp fully tra ned pilots will be sent to the front. French aviators are there to give the benefit of their experiences.

Mr. Ginistky also was greatly impressed by a table at the aviation camp which records the progress of each pilot from the time of his first flight until he is performing acrobatic tricks in the air.

Girl Leads Mob on Trail of Negro Who Had Defamed Woman

By Associated Press.

Pueblo, Col., Dec. 20.—Led by the girl who asserts she was attacked by a negro soldier, 75 armed Austrians made a second attempt last night to get Lewis Smith and lynch him. Only after permitting members of the mob to ascertain for themselves that the negro was not in the city jail the mob was finally dispersed.

SPECIAL WARNING ISSUED AGAINST USE OF CANDLES

By Associated Press.

Austin, Dec. 20.—Mayors, city fire marshals and fire chiefs were advised today by State Fire Marshal Wallace Inglish to immediately issue proclamations and otherwise advise the people in their respective cities and towns not to place lighted candles behind the Red Cross flag in the window on Christmas Eve. This action was taken upon receipt today by State Fire Marshal Inglish, of a telegram from F. C. Wallace, general manager of the national board of fire underwriters, who points out that such a practice would greatly increase the fire hazard. It develops that some time ago the American Red Cross advocated the placing of candles behind the Red Cross service flag as an act of patriotism, but when the hazard feature was called to its attention, the suggestion was immediately withdrawn.

Half of Camp Bowie Get Furloughs For Christmas Holidays

By Associated Press.

Fort Worth, Dec. 20.—The war department granted permission this morning to General Greble to give half of his men at Camp Bowie Christmas furloughs. Originally, the department restricted the furloughs to five percent.

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The complete statement issued follows:

To the Public:

We are informed that the Questionaires will be mailed out in this county on the 20th inst. and subsequent dates and we therefore request any registrant receiving the same to follow the following advice:

1st. Carefully read over the entire Questionaire as it is very important to you to understand it.

2nd. A committee of lawyers on the Legal Advisory Board will be at the service of each registrant at the Court House on the 21st inst. to give assistance in filling out these Questionaires a Committee will be there each day except Sundays and Holidays in order to give this assistance.

3rd. The registrants are requested to bring with them all parties they may desire to make supporting affidavits so as to prevent delay and confusion.

4th. If you do not need the assistance of the Legal Advisory Board do not appear.

5th. Be well prepared to answer the Questionaire promptly because these Questionaires must be filled out and returned within seven days from the date of the receipt of the same, and it will require a great deal of extra work on the part of the Legal Advisory Board to perform this carefully read the Questionaire.

6th. Each member of the Legal Advisory Board must write the following on the left hand margin of front page of the Questionaire: "Aid given by me;" and sign the name of the member showing whether or not he is a permanent or associate member of the Legal Advisory Board.

A. H. CARRIGAN,
JOHN L. KAY and
T. R. BOONE,
Members of the Legal Advisory Board.

EXTENSION WORK FOR WAR SERVICE UNIVERSITY PLAN

Special to The Times.

Austin, Dec. 20.—The "Announcement of Extension Work for War Service," as compiled by Dr. E. D. Shurter in a recent bulletin from the University of Texas, is an interesting summary of the University's activity in the war. Not satisfied with the giving of five hundred students directly to the army and navy, nor with the establishment of courses in military instruction in the University, the authorities have considered it the distinct duty of the University to extend its influence wherever possible in the line of patriotic service. To this end the Department of Extension has been reorganized somewhat and the following lines of war-time activity have been engaged in.

Extention of Lecturers.

The extension lecturers in Home Economics and the Home Economics Department itself are busy with a state-wide campaign to help with the problem of food conservation. Miss Mary E. Gearing is head of the division of Home Welfare and is serving as state chairman in co-operation with the A. & M. College and the Federal government.

The Department of Extension is actively engaged in the teaching of French in the army camps at San Antonio. This work will be extended to other Texas camps as rapidly as possible. Lecturers and other kinds of entertainment will be afforded the soldiers from time to time.

Co-operative work is being carried on with the American Red Cross. Arrangements have been made with Alfred Fairbank, director of the civilian relief for the Southwestern Division of the American Red Cross, to send lecturers and demonsfrators to aid in the home service work of Red Cross chapters in Texas.

Thrift Campaign.

For some time the Department of Extension has been carrying on a campaign among the schools of Texas in regard to thrift and savings. All schools are now advised by the department to devote savings to the purchase of war saving certificates. This work is under the direction of Roy Bedichek.

The University Interscholastic League will be used for the same general purpose as other branches of extension service. For instance, in all declamation contests patriotic selections are required. In the essay contest, each student will have as his subject, "What I Have Done to Help Win the War." Plans are further more being made for the proclamation of a Liberty Day to be observed by all the schools of Texas.

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MANY MECHANICS ARE STRIKING IN ILLINOIS.

Madison, Ill., Dec. 20.—More than 800 mechanics are out of work here today following the cancellation of a contract for 6,500 steel cars for the Russian government being filled by a local foundry company. Officials have refused to discuss the cancellation.

COAL SHORTAGE HALTS YOUNGSTOWN STEEL PLANTS.

By Associated Press.

Youngstown, Ohio, Dec. 20.—Approximately fifty per cent of the steel making capacity of Youngstown plants representing fully ten per cent of that of the entire United States, is idle owing to coal shortage.

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WAGGONER-RICHARDSON WEDDING TAKES PLACE TODAY

Today at one o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Waggoner, 2100 Tenth Street, their younger daughter, Cora Lee, became the bride of Powers S. Richardson, Rev. S. A. Barnes of the M. E. Church, South, reading the impressive ring ceremony. A Christmas note was given the decorations for the nuptials, red and white carnations being mingled with the green of Southern smilax in the living room and reception hall. At the foot of the broad stairway was erected a floral altar and here the minister stood to await the coming of the wedding party. Mrs. Lester Jones, only sister of the bride, played the accompaniment for Mrs. Merle T. Waggoner's song, "I Love You Truly," then the Mendelssohn Wedding march was begun as the bride, attended by her maid of honor, Miss Alice Frazier, appeared at the head of the stairs. The groom, attended by his best man, Jack Barnard, entered from the rear of the lower hall meeting the bride and her attendant before the altar.

An informal reception followed the wedding, the guests congratulating the young couple before their departure on their wedding trip which will include a visit with the groom's parents in St. Louis. Punch was served in the dining room by Misses Louise Bryan of Timpson and Hallie Adams and Helen Snider.

The bride, an unusually attractive girl, wore her travelling suit, a modish blue gabardine of tailored cut. A small black tailored hat, grey gloves and boots and handsome Hudson seal furs completed the strikingly attractive costume. She carried a bridal boquet of rosebuds and lilies, in showed effect. Her attendant, Miss Frazier, wore a taupe charmeuse frock, combined with georgette crepe. Her hat was of silver lace and she wore a corsage cluster of Richmond buds and maidenhair. Miss Bryan's frock was of blue and silver changeable panne velvet. Mrs. Waggoner, mother of the bride, wore a robe of blue and silver charmeuse, trimmed with silver lace.

This wedding is one of much interest to a large circle of friends, due to the prominence of the family of the bride and her personal charm as well. Having lived here since childhood and gone through the public schools of Wichita Falls she has many friends and since her finishing year at Southern Methodist University at Dallas has been a favorite in local society. The groom, travelling representative of Carleton Drygoods Company of St. Louis, has made this city his headquarters for the past two years and during that time has made a place for himself in the business and social life of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson will be at home after the first of March at 2010 Tenth Street.

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DINNER PARTY FOR BRIDE AND GROOM WEDNESDAY

In compliment to the Waggonner-Richardson wedding party Mrs. T. J. Waggoner, mother of the bride was hostess at a formal seven o'clock dinner Wednesday evening at her home, 2100 Tenth Street. The Christmas motif was featured in the arrangements, the dining table being centered with a miniature Christmas tree. Wedding favors in the holiday colors formed the souvenirs marking the places. A six course menu was served to: Powers S. Richardson and Miss Cora Lee Waggoner, honorees; Misses Louise Bryan of Timpson, Alice Frazier, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Waggoner, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barnard, Homer Crawford, Ralph Pond and Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner.

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PATHFINDER CLUB TO HOLD MEETING TOMORROW.

The PathFinder Club will hold its regular meeting in the Red Cross rooms instead of at the high school, at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The meeting is important and all members are urged to be present.

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PUPILS OF MISS COOK PRESENT RECITAL.

The pupils of Miss Katherine Cook will be presented in recital at the Harrison Everton concert hall at 8:15 this evening. Miss Cook's class will be assisted by Charles Cook, pupil of C. J. Templeton.

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MRS. THORNBERRY HOSTESS TO NEW IDEA CLUB

One of the delightful affairs of the pre-Christmas season was the holiday luncheon with which Mrs. Harry Thornberry entertained the members of the New Idea Club Wednesday. The attractive bungalow was gay with Christmas wreaths bellsand other emblems of the season and poinsettias and red carnations were the favored flowers. The luncheon table was centered with a basket filled with bright colored fruits. Covers wer laid for seven and marked with tiny poinsettas as favors. The luncheon service featured the Christmas colors. The pressed chicken being moulded in green gelatine, the salad course in red and following the dessert mixed Christmas candies were served. Mrs. Thornberry's hospitality was enjoyed by: Mesdames L. W. Newton, C. A. Andree, J. J. Simon, T. E. Dodson, club members, and Mrs. A. C. Thornberry and Miss Claire McCarty.

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OKLAHOMA YOUNG PEOPLE MARRIED HERE WEDNESDAY

A quiet wedding took place at nine o'clock last night in the Player Piano Parlors of the Harrison-Everton Music Co. Ernest E. Benton and Miss Alto Jones being united in marriage by Rev. O. L. Powers.

Mr. Benton is one of the leading young business men of Tipton, Okla. being the owner of the Dixie Theatre in that city, while Miss Jones a most charming young lady is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Jones home and real estate interests are at Aaltus, Okla.

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DELPHIAN SOCIETY AIDS RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

The ladies of the Delphian Society devoted their time to the Red Cross membership campaign yesterday instead of carrying on the usual work in the work rooms.

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ART LITERATURE CLUB ENJOYS PECIAL PROGRAM

A special Christmas entertainment was enjoyed the members of the Art Literature club yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. W. Rountree. The house was beautifully decorated with Christmas motefs. A handsome vase filled with carnations held the place of honor at the table.

A short business session preceded the program, during which the members voted to become members of the Red Cross during the Christmas campaign.

The program, consisting of vocal solos by Mrs. Young and Miss Moore, short Christmas stories by the members, a reading by Mrs. Akin, and a piano solo by Miss Gladys Herron, was unusually enjoyable. Mrs. Dakan was the fortunate winner of a guessing contest and was presented with a miniature Santa Claus, after which the living room doors were opened and a beautifully arranged Christmas tree, holding a present for each member, was disclosed. Delightful refreshments consisting of chicken salad, sandwiches, cocktail, olives, coffee, and fruitcake were served to Mesdames Filgo, Dakan, Blankership, Young, Womack, Templeton, and Misses Moore and Herron.

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GETTING WHISKEY FOR SOLDIERS IS CHARGED TO MAN

J. J. Baker will appear before the federal grand jury at its next sitting here as a result of his accomodating some soldiers passing through the city this morning. Baker procured some liquid refreshments for the soldiers, it is said, and unfortunately had City Attorney Nutt as one of the witnesses to the transaction. His bond will be placed at a few hundred dollars, according to Commissioner Lantz.

At the Theatres

The Gem.

Today Harry Carey is showing in "A Marked Man" a Butterfly special Molly Malone, the little actress with a name like an Irish love song, makes her third appearance in Butterfly pictures as leading lady for Harry Carey in "A Marked Man." She was the heroine of their recent success, "Straight Shooting," and before that she appeared with Mignon Anderson in that other Butterfly hit, "The Phantom's Secret." Molly, though not yet twenty years old, has seen and done a great deal for a person of her years. She was born in Denver, and educated in this country and Europe. Before she had put her hair up she had made long trips through her own country and Mexico. She spent a year with relatives in South America and later took a trip around the globe. Two years ago she took up a picture career.

The Emoress.

The "Sunshine Maid," June Caprice, wil soon be with us again. In a stirring William Fox photoplay, called "Miss U. S. A.," she will appear at the Empress Theatre, today.

The "Sunshine Maid" will not be all sunshine and smiles in this new screen drama. She has determined, active work to do to serve her country in a drama that takes place in Virginia soon after the United States declared war on Germany. She hunts out spies and is twice face to face with death while doing this work. Her name is Capitola. Her father died before her birth and her mother soon after. Her father was Eugene Lenoir, wealthy and of one of the most prominent families in Virginia. Her mother too was of a well known family. At their deaths Gabriel Lenoir, brother of Eugene, forces the nurse, Nance Wilson, to swear she will take the newly born baby away and kill it. He does this to get his brother's fortune. The nurse, however, gives the infant into the hands of a family living in a tenement in New York. When the story opens the nurse has just returned to Virginia and has confessed to Major Warfield Capitola's uncle. He brings Capitola, now sixteen years old, back as his ward, Miss Black. Then comes the war, and camps and spies.

It turns out that Gabriel Lenoir is the arch spy. He is arrested and denounced and the fortune returns to Capitola.

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"THE MIRAGE," IS USED IN "THE OLD HOMESTEAD."

One of the last things one would connect with "The Old Homestead," which comes to the Wichita Theatre on Christmas matinee and night, is a work of sculpture. No one expects when going to witness a performance of this rural play that there is any place in it where a piece of artistic nude statuary would fit into the plot, but like many other surprises in the play, such is the case. The title of the statue is "Mirage" and it was made entirely from life by Miss Edith F. Jones, a young western girl who has won fame in the Old World as well as in America for her artistic creations in statuary. It makes a beautiful picture in the second act of the play as it stands in an alcove of the rich man's home, surrounded by palms and flowers. To simple old Uncle Josh Whitcomb on his first visit to the big city, it is quite a shock, but his whimsical humor comes to the rescue as he naively asks the other guests of "she was a New York lady before she died." The figure represents a young woman unconsciously assuming a graceful pose, while gazing into a small mirror which she holds in one hand while she arranges her hair with the other. There has been no attempt to "idealize" the human form, the body being treated with the utmost frankness and with true artistic skill and poise, the result of Miss Jones' keen study of anatomy and her application of it, coupled with her long and thorough training in art modeling.

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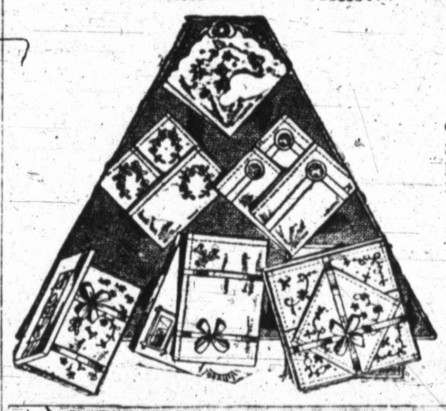
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THE RIGHT SPIRIT—AND A FOOLISH RUMOR

The people of Wichita Falls, by the hundreds and the thousands are cheerfully shelling out their dollars for 191' memberships in the American Red Cross.

This is entirely fitting.

The Red Cross stands for the best in America. Its purpose is lofty; its work alleviates suffering and betters the condition of suffering humanity in many nations; its particular charges are the soldiers who are being sent abroad to battle in defense of our country and of that freedom of thought, expression and action guaranteed to each of us by this government.

There are few of us who are so poor that we cannot spare the one dollar necessary for a year's membership in this organization. The sum is so small, the cause so great, the circumstances so pressing, that it is neither strange nor improper for the members of the committee who are conducting the canvas to desire to learn why any one refusing to subscribe does so refuse.

No free born American citizen would brook a threat that he "must" give money, either to the Red Cross or any other cause, unless the law required the payment. Nor would a threat sit well with the high principles for which the American Red Cross stands. To tell one he "must subscribe to this fund would be to strip from the organization the last vestige of that respect in which it has always been held by the American people.

The beautiful phase of the Red Cross work has always been that it has been volutary upon the part of the people; that the generous funds with which it has been supplied have been paid in by generous people with generous hearts in the spirit of helpfulness—the spirit which actuated the deeds of mercy done by the Savior—done, not because they had to be done, not because a threat overhung Him—but because it is right to do all that one can in a good cause.

We believe that rumors of threats in connection with this campaign should be nailed at the outset, for the American Red Cross could not hope to overcome in many years the changed attitude of the people toward it were such slanderous accusations against it permitted to go unchallenged.

Under the circumstances, we are convinced that the members of the committee have a perfect right to know why this person or that does not subscribe. If it is a question of general opposition to the Red Cross—an refusal based upon opposition to the government and the magnificent cause which it has espoused—an opposition based upon an unwillingness to safeguard the thousands upon thousands of brave men from our very midst who will offer their lives for their country—then the American Red Cross and the United States Government most emphatically have a right to know—and a right to act as seems best under the circumstances.

It is said that unauthorized threats in the name—mark the words—"in the name" of the Red Cross have been made by some canvassers, probably because they themselves have been laboring under a misapprehension.

It is positively known that the American Red Cross does not sanction such atcion, that the spirit of the Red Cross campaign is the anthesis of such an attitude; and that Chairman W. D. Kline and other leaders in the local canvas for funds are in no way responsible for putting the matter before the public in this light.

But the reason why you do not subscribe is asked. It is proper, in time of war, to seek the information. And you, being at patriot, will explain in the same kindly spirit as the question is asked—wishing no more to hurt the feelings of the canvasser than the canvasser desires to hurt yours by his (or her) necessary query.

Ford Car Overturned On Lake Road and One Man Is Hurt

A Ford car in which three men were riding overturned in a mud hole last night on the Lake Road near the aviation camp. Two of the men were thrown clear of the car when it turned over, but one was caught underneath it, one door pressing upon his chest and the other holding his ankles. His companions were unable to extricate him. His cries attracted the attention of parties on their way to the aviation camp and soldiers lifted the car from the man's body. He was able to return to town with his companions on a street car. The two front wheels of the car were smashed. The names of the men in car were not learned.

Aviation Activities In England Detailed In Official Report

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 19.—Aviation activities by the British air service are reported in an official statement tonight as follows.

"On Tuesday thick haze again limited flying to the northern part of the front where a great deal of artillery photographic work was done. During the day over 500 bombs were dropped on the enemy positions and many rounds were fired from the air into trenches and billets.

"Fighting in the air on this part of the front was intense all day and resulted greatly in our favor. Nine hostile machines were brought down. Three others were driven out of control. Three of our machines are missing."

Dallas Officer Finds Bomb Over His Door; Inquiry Is Launched

By Associated Press.

Dallas, Dec. 20.—Will Allen, veteran local officers who has been active in investigating alleged anti-government activities, and who has made several arrests in that conection, this morning found a bomb concealed in the woodwork over the front door of his home. An end of the fuse attached to the bomb protruded and attracted his attention.

Examined at police headquarters the bomb was found to contain powder and dynamite. Detectives are investigating the case.

Austrian Children, Poorly Nourished, Reach Switzerland

By Associated Press.

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 18.—Living proofs of the terrible economic conditions in Austria were furnished yesterday by the arrival at Buchs, on the frontier of 576 pale and suffering children between the ages of seven and nine. They are from Vienna and other Austrian towns. The children had not tasted milk for months. They had received bad bread in insufficient amounts, stomach diseases resulting. Their clothing was mostly scanty and there was no fuel in their homes. They will be distributed among various places in Switzerland until their health is restored.

American People to Send Toys to Little Folks at Halifax, N.B.

By Associated Press.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20.—An American Santa Claus must provide toys for hundreds of crippled children in hospitals here. Limited stock carried by the local dealers has been exhausted.

A committee of women to which was assigned the duty of bringing Christmas cheer to victims of the explosion and fire found today that unless shipments were received from the United States within the next few days plans for filling the stockings of destitute children could not be carrie dout.
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of those blinded by the explosion is available, it is believed the number may reach 1,000, including those who lost the sight of one or both eyes. Many of these are children and their gifts which they never will see are sadly needed.

Navy Inquiry Board Is Not Expected to Meet Again During Holidays

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The next step of the house sub-committee investigating the war activities of the navy had not been revealed today and it appeared probable that further sessions would be deferred until after the Christmas recess. The committee adjourned last night without fixing any time for resuming the hearing.

CHICAGO PACKERS AND STOCK YARDS "HIGH FINANCIERS"

(Continued from Page 1.)

which would be controlled by the packers and in that way give them a pecuniary interest in the compapp which would make it worth while for them to turn all possible business over to the company. Therefore the new company, composed of the packers, have agreed if the stock holders of the Chicago Junction Railways and Union Stock Yards Company accept the proposition to guarantee ninety per cent on stock which is now paying eight per cet, or to give $200, in five per cent bonds for each share of stock which amounts to ten per cent of the stock."

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Former Football Star Will Be Instructor in Austin Aviation School

By Associated Press.

Fort Worth, Dec. 20.—Milton M. Daniel, former football star of the University of Texas for the past fow seasons athletic director at Texas Christian University here, has resigned to become a member of the aviation faculty at the Austin ground school. His resignation is effective Jan. 1.

Norwegian Steamer Reported Torpedoed; Another Strikes Mine

By Associated Press.

Copenhagen, Dec. 18. (Delayed).—The Norwegian foreign office reports the Maidag, 1,250 tons, was torpedoed with the loss of three men and the steamer Narron struck a mine, five members of the crew being killed.

Four Days' Leave Is To Be Given to Men Christmas Holidays

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Four days leave is to be given to eighty per cent of the men at the Camp Grant cantonment. Similar leave of absence has been ordered for the sailors at the Great Lakes naval training station.

The order permitting the Christmas holiday came from Washington late last night.

MACHINISTS MATE IS PRAISE DFOR GALLANTRY.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 20.—David Goldman, machinists mate in the navy, has been commended by Secretary Daniels for gallantry in having rescued Arthur G. Palmer, water tender, from drowning on Oct. 30. Palmer fell overboard from the U. S. S. O'Brien. Goldman enlisted at San Francisco but has mother lives in Philadelphia.

EXPORT REGULATIONS ARE MADE FOR PACIFIC PORTS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 20.—To relieve congestion at San Francisco and other Pacific ports the interstate commerce commission today authorized railroads to establish new rules refusing to accept shipments for export at Pacific ports unless cargo reservations are made in advance and rail port and ocean charges are prepaid or guaranteed.

ALLEGED DESERTERS ARE CAPTURED AT CLEVELAND.

By Associated Press.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 20.—Nine of the 55 soldiers who took French leave from Camp Sherman were apprehended in this city last night, none of them it is said, offered resistance to arrest.

The habeas corpus application of Fuller Dozier from Young county is being heard before Judge Bonner in the 30th district court this afternoon.

Dozier was found guilty of the murder of Tom Fitzgerald in the Young county district court, and given 30 years in the state prison. He appealed and the verdict was reversed and the case remanded because Fitzgerald's bloody clothing had been exhibited to the jury. The state's motion for a rehearing was refused.

Dozier is now asking for bail.

OVER 3,500 MEMBERS TAKEN INTO RED CROSS.

Red Cross Memberships now total over thirty five hundred, over twelve hundred junior memberships having been taken at the schools today. Miss Mary C. Roberts reports that none of the school returns are yet complete, and that a large number may yet be counted on.

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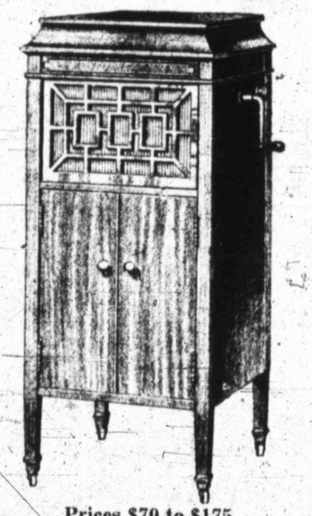
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TODAY'S MARKETS

COTTON IS STEADY AT AN ADVANCE IN NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Dec. 20.—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 1 to 8 points in sympathy with firmer Liverpool cables. There were overnight buying orders around the ring but they were soon supplied and the market weakened after the call under local and Wall Street selling. The census report showing 10,142,858 bales ginned to December 13 was almost exactly as expected. The light ginning for the first December period had evidently been discounted and recent buyers turned for profits on the publication of the figures. Prices eased off in consequence, January selling down from 29.51 to 28.25 and March from 29.11 to 28.88 before the end of the first hour, or about 18 to 21 points net lower.

Cotton futures opened steady: Dec. 30.32; Jan. 29.45; March 29.06; May 28.86; July 28.59.

Trade interests were buyers on the early decline while there was no change in the generally bullish average of spot news and soon as offerings tapered off the market turned steadier. Business was quiet late in the morning with prices showing rallies of several points from the lowest.

Offerings were very light during the early afternoon and the market showed considerable strength on continued trade buying and covering. Near months were relatively firm with December selling up to 30.49 or 24 points net higher while January advanced to 2961 and March to 29.19, or about 16 to 18 points above last night's closing figures. Reports that the central powers would issue another peace statement within the next few days may have been partly responsible for the advance but it was more generally attributed to the absence of spot pressure and the strength of the near months.

Cotton closed steady.

New Orleans Cotton.

New Orleans, Dec. 20.—Cotton fell 1 to 9 points around the opening here today but immediately recovered on bullish returns from the census bureau.

At the end of the first half hour prices were 6 to 8 cents over yesterday's close.

Cotton opened steady. Opening bid: Jan. 28.30 asked; March 28.12; May 27.94 asbed; July 27.83 asued; Oct. 26.56.

Liquidation in a large volume developed and put prices 18 to 23 points under the close of yesterday. Toward noon the market was steadier on fresh buying and prices recovered to a net advance of 2 to 10 points.

Cotton closed steady at an advance of 5 to 16 points.

Liverpool Cotton.

Liverpool, Dec. 20.—Cotton spot buiety, prices steady. Good middling 22.84; middling 22.31; low middling 21.79. Sales 3,000 bales including 2100 American. No receipts. Futures closed quiet. New contracts: Jan. 22.44; Mar. 22.33; May 22.22. Old contracts (fixed prices): Dec. 21.06; Dec. Jan. 20.91; Jan. Feb. 20.81; Mar. April 20.63; May June 20.47.

New York Stocks.

New York, Dec. 20.—Indications that investors may suffer by reason of the complicated railroad situation caused further substantial declines to new minimums at the opening of today's stock market. Baltimore and Ohio common dropped 2¾ points and the preferred a point on postponement of the usual dividend declarations. Southern Pacific lost a point and other rails yielded large fractions. Union Pacific made an initial gain of 1⅝ points, all of which was soon surrendered. Industrials, equipments and utilities also tended lower after an irregular opening. Liberty Bonds were unchanged.

Profit taking by holders brought about some downturns in the later dealings, despite assertions that packers were buyers.

Stocks showed distinct improvement in the early afternoon. Steels, shippings, active equipments and oils rose 1 to 3 points and some of the standard rails, made similar responses. Anglo-French bonds strengthened visibly.

Gains were considerably increased in the final hour at extreme advances of 2 to 6 points. The closing was strong. Liberty 4's were traded in at 97.12 to 97 and the 3½'s at 98.44 to the new minimum of 98.10.

Kansas City Produce.

Kansas City, Dec. 20.—Butter: Creamery 43; firsts 41½; seconds 39½; packing 34.

Eggs: First 47; seconds 31@32.

Poultry: Hens 21; roosters 15; broilers 24@25.

Potatoes steady, 1.90@2.00.

New York Money Market.

New York, Dec. 20.—Mercantile paper 5½@¾. Sterling 60 day bills 4.71¼; commercial 60 day bills on banks 4.71; commercial 60 bills 4.70½ demand 4.75; cables 4.76@7-16.

Guilders: Demand 43½; cables 44¼.

Bar silver 86⅜.

Mexican dollars 68.

Government bonds heavy; railroad bonds irregular.

Time loans strong: 60 days, 90 days and six months 5¾.

Call loans strong: high 6; low 6; ruling rate 6; closing bid 5¾; offered at 6; last loan 6.

Get the Money

For your old Tires and Tubes, Sacks, Rags, Brass, Copper, Lead Tin Foil Aluminum, Zinc, Bones, all kinds of Metal and Rubber. We are in the market for several cars of Iron.

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LIVESTOCK

Fort Worth Livestock.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 20.—CATTLE: Receipts 8,000; market 10 to 15 cents down. Beeves $6.50@11.50; stockers $6.00@9.50; heifers $6.00@9.50; cows $4.50@8.50; bulls $5.00@6.50; calves $5.50@11.25.

HOGS: Receipts 3,500; market unchanged. Heavy $16.00@16.40; light $15.85@16.00; medium $15.75@15.85; mixed $15.50@15.75; common $14.50@15.25; pigs $9.50@13.50.

SHEEP: Receipts 300; unchanged. Lambs $15.00@16.00; yearlings $12.00@13.00; wethers $10.00@12.00; ewes $10.00@11.00; culls $5.00@7.50; goats $5.50@7.50.

St. Louis Livestock.

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—HOGS: Receipts 11,000; ten cents lower. Light $15.90@16.30; pigs $13.25@14.75; mixed and butchers $16.25@16.45; good heavy $16.35@16.55; bulk $15.90@16.45.

CATTLE: Receipts 6,500; steady. Native beef steers $8.00@14.25; yearling steers and heifers $7.00@15.50; cows $5.00@11.00; stockers and feeders $6.50@11.00; Texas quarantine steers $6.75@10.50; fair to prime southern beef steers $9.00@12.75; beef cows and heifers $6.00@10.00; prime yearling steers and heifers $7.50@10.00@; native calves $5.75@16.00.

SHEEP: Receipts 2,500; prospects weak. Lambs $13.00@16.50; ewes $10.00@11.50; wethers $11.00@12.50; canners and choppers $6.00@9.00.

Kansas City Livestock.

Kansas City, Dec. 20.—HOGS: Receipts 7,000 steady. Bulk $15.50@16.25; heavy $15.90@16.45; light $15.50@16.15; pigs $12.50@14.25.

CATTLE: Receipts 5,000 including no southerns. Steady. Prime fed steers 12.50@14.75; dressed beef steers $11.00@12.50; southern steers $7.00@9.00; cows 5.50@9.00; heifers $6.00@10.50; stockers $7.00@10.00; calves $6.00@13.00.

SHEEP: Receipts 4,000; steady. Lambs $15.00@15.15; yearlings $12.00@13.00; wethers $11.00@12.00; ewes $9.00@11.35; stockers $7.00@15.00.

Chmicago Livestock.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—HOGS: Receipts 44,000; weak. Bulk $15.85@16.40; light $15.20@16.30; mixed $15.70@16.50; heavy $15.70@16.50; rough $15.70@15.90; pigs $11.00@16.40.

CATTLE: Receipts 15,000; firm, native ster $7.25@14.35; western steers $6.30@12.75; stockers and feeders $6.25@10.25; cows and heifers $5.10@11.20; calves $9.00@16.50.

SHEEP: Receipts 18,000; slow. Wethers $9.00@13.00 lambs $12.50@16.60.

Cotton Seed Oil.

New York, Dec. 20.—The cotton seed oil market closed steady. Spot, Dec. and Jan: 18.70; March 18.90; May 19.00 asked. Sales 1,800.

New York Coffee.

New York, Dec. 20.—Coffee No. 7 Rio 7¾; futures firm; Dec 7.29; March 7.50.

ENOUGH CLOTHES AND GOOD FOOD, SOLDIER WRITES

AVIS DOESN'T WANT HOMEFOLK TO WORRY ABOUT HIS CHRISTMAS.

"I don't want you to worry about me at all, because I have all I want to eat and have lots of warm clothes," Corporal C. R. (Robert) Avis of the 117th Supply Train, writes his mother, Mrs. J. D. Avis, from "somewhere in France."

Mrs. Avis has just received the letter which is as follows:

Dear Mother and All:

"Arrived safely and had a nice trip and I now live "Somewhere in France."

"This country is very beautiful and it hasn't gotten very cold yet. The boat we came over on was very good as to the accomodations, picture shows and things like that.

"I don't want you to worry about me at all because I have all I want to eat and lots of warm clothes.

"I have been very busy since my arrival unloading supplies.

"About you writing letters to me; you can write anything you want to and write every day if you want to. But as to my writing you I can only write a certain amount and can only say a few things; and when I write a letter to either of you let each all see it.

"I want you to send several papers every month and don't send me anything but candy and cigarettes, because you can't buy these over here.

"We have been working very hard and this is Sunday. It is the only time we have to write.

"The boys in my company are a nice bunch of fellows and the commanding officer is a great man in every respect.

"Tell sister I didn't get anything she sent me, and I want some of you to write me every day.

"With love to all,

"ROBERT."

Thirty Pretty Girls Fifty Ugly Men Will Be in Minstrel Show

Fifty ugly men and thirty pretty girls will take part in the minstrel show that is to be given at the Wichita Theatre on Friday, Dec. 28, for the Knights of Columbus war fund, according to Orrill O'Reilly, director of the show. Mr. O'Reilly stated that he had positively no difficulty in finding the fifty ugly men, and even less in collecting thirty pretty girls to sing and take part in the Dinner aDnce that adds mightily to the entertainment.

The best singers in Wichita Falls and Call Field have given their services to this worthy cause. The specialties are said to be very extra special, and from the list of names offering specialties, it is a foregone conclusion that they will be. The entire company is rehearsing nightly at the Harrison Everton Recital Hall, and Mr. O'Reilly reports that everything is in first class shape.

SHARP UPTURN IS RESULT IN CORN; EMBARGO LIFTED

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Excited jumps in the value of corn resulted today from the lifting of an embargo on eastbound shipments and because of rumors that the maximum limit of prices would be raised with the approval of the food administration. The market advance, which was accompanied by a notable broadening out of trade amounted at one time to 6¾ cents a bushel for May delivery as compared with yesterday's finish.

Opening quotations which ranged from 1¼ to 6¾ higher with Jan. at 1.23½ to 1.27½ and May 1.20½ to 1.26, was followed by moderate further before a reaction set in. Both December and January rose to within of the eristing maximum limit.

Oats duplicated the action of corn. The greatest upturn however, was 2¼ cents.

Provisions sympathized with the strength of cereals. The resulting gains, though were not of a sweeping character.

Subsequent details that the maximum price limit on future deliveries would be disturbed led to something of a setback. Reports were current meanwhile that a maximum and minimum price limit on cash corn would be established. The close was nervous, 1 cent to 4½ net higher with Jan. 1.24⅞ to 1.25 and May 1.23¾ to 1.23⅞.

	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
CORN—				
Dec.	1.27	1.27¾	1.26¾	1.27¼
Jan.	1.23½	1.27¾	1.23½	1.24⅞
May	1.20½	1.26½	1.20½	1.25¾
OATS—				
Dec.	78	80	78	78¼
March	73¾	76½	75¾	76⅜
May	73⅝	75	73⅝	74
PORK—				
Jan.	45.60	46.85	45.60	45.75
May	45.25	45.70	45.10	45.30
LARD—				
Jan.	24.25	24.27	24.12	24.15
May	24.37	24.52	24.35	24.37
RIBS—				
Jan.	24.20	24.20	23.97	24.07
May	24.37	24.57	24.35	24.42

Kansas City Cash Grain.

Kansas City, Dec. 20.—Corn: Higher, No. 2 mixed 1.64@1.65; No. 2 white $1.68@1.70; No. 2 yellow $1.68@1.72.

Oats: No. 2 white 80; No. 2 mixed 76½@79½.

Christmas Cantata Is To Be Rendered Sunday At Christian Church

"The Morn of Glory," a Christmas cantata by Fred W. Peace, will be given by the choir of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on Sunday evening next, under the direction of E. C. Huckabee, with Miss Ila Cook as accompanist. This is a work of much merit, and it is reported that the choir has it in excellent shape.

The program follows:

Prophecy:

Introduction, organ. Abraham foresaw, recital and solo, contralto.

1. There Shall Come a Star—Recital, soprana; Trust Ye in the Lord Jehovah, chorus.

2. How Beautiful Are the Feet of Him, soprano solo.

3. Arise, Shine For Thy Light Is Come, chorus.

Fulfillment:

4. The Shining of the Star, organ; The Angel Gabriel, recital, baritone.

5. And the Angel Said, recital, soprano; He Shall Be Great, chorus.

6. Holy Night, carol, chorus.

7. The True Light, solo, baritone; And It Came to Pass, recital, contralto; Let Us Now Go, duett, Mrs. Higgins and Miss Stuckey.

8. Tiris Is He, chorus, solo, soprano.

9. Sleep Holy Babe, solo, soprana; chorus of sopranos, solo, soprano; quartette.

10. And Behold There Was a Man On Jerusalem, recital and solo, baratone; Now When Jesus Was Born, recital, soprano.

11. Where Is He? chorus, male voices; And Lo The Star, recital, soprano.

12. Blessed Be the King, chorus.

13. Kings Their Threefold Offering Bringing, carol, chorus.

14. Glory to God in the Highest, final chorus.

Soloists: Mrs. George Thorburn and Mrs. C. Y. Tully; Sopranos: Mrs. N. M. Clifford; Contralto: Mr. J. W. Akin, Jr., and E. C. Huckabee, baratone.

MANY CONVICTS IN OKLAHOMA TO RECEIVE PARDON

By Associated Press.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 20.—One hundred and sixty nine men and women convicts at the state penitentiaries at McAlister and Granite will be sent on their way to their homes today to spend Christmas with their families and friends by order of Governor Robert L. Williams. Forty three others will be at liberty for ten days beginning today.

One hundred prisoners are to be given expiration pardons as their sentences would have expired before January and February and twenty six are to receive permanent paroles.

Oil and Gas Leases.

Transfer was filed today with the county clerk of one half of the southwest quarter of Survey No. 6, abstract 428, certificate 338, leased by W. I. Sims of Tarrant county, to J. A. Worsham also of Tarrant county, the same being part of a oil lease given Sims by S. B. Burnett and T. J. Burnett and C. A. Johnson. Consideration $12,000.

The Store of a Thousand Gifts

USEFUL GIFTS FOR MEN

Neckwear in attractive patterns, 65c to $2.50.
Hosiery in fancy colors, 65c, 75c to $1.00.
Initial Handkerchiefs, 35c box $1.00.
Mufflers, $1.50 to $5.00.
Belts, 50c to $5.00.
Box of Arrow Collars, $1.80.
Silk Garters, 50c to 65c.
Cuff Links, 50c to 65c.
Shirts, Crepe or Madras, $1 to $10.00.
Nightshirts, $1.50 to $3.50.
Pajamas $1.50 to $6.00.
Gloves, $1.75 to $6.50.
Underwear, $1.50 to $6.00.
Walking Sticks 50c to $1.00.
Hats, military or Stetson, $3.50 to $6.00.
Bath Robes $6.50 to $35.00.
House Coats, $6.50 to $10.00.
Traveling Bags, $8.50 to $35.
House Shoes, $2.00 to $3.00.
Neverbreak Trunks, $13.50 to $50.00.
Suit Cases. $6.50 to $85.00.
Society Brand Suits $27.50 to $40.00.
Society Brand Overcoats, $25 to $40.

GIFTS for the ARMY MAN

Military Socks, white and Khaki silk poplin, 50c.
Money Belts, $1.50.
Trench Mirrors, 50c to $1.00.
Toilet Kits, $1.75.
First Aid Kits, $1.00 to $3.00.
Swagger Sticks, $1.00 to $3.
Officers Shoes, $10 and $11.
Leather Puttees, $7.50 to $17.50.
Hat Cords $1.50.
Shaving Sets, $2.00.
Fur Lined Gloves, $6.00.
Sweaters $8.50 and $9.00.
Sheep Lined Coats $15.00.
Uniforms, $35.00.
Mackinaws, $15.00.
Pajamas $1.50 to $6.00.
Underwear $1.50 to $6.00.
Handkerchiefs 10c to 75c.
Shirts $1.00 to $10.00.
Stetson Army Hats $6.00.
Lockers $10.00 to $11.00.
Blankets $1.75 to $15.00.
Comforts $5.50 to $15.00.

GIFTS FOR THE MISS

House Shoes $2.00 to $2.50.
Kid Gloves $1.75 to $3.00.
Silk Hosiery $1.50.
Sweaters $2.50 to $6.50.
Knitted Caps $1.25 to $7.75.
Fancy Ribbons.

FOR YOUR WIFE, SISTER AND MOTHER

Purses $1.50 to $8.50.
Sewing Baskets $1.00 to $3.50
Suit Cases $8.50 to $25.00.
Furs and Fur Sets $16.50 to $165.00.
Traveling Bags $10.00 to $35.
Wardrobe Trunks $32.50 to $50.00.
Hosiery in all new colors $1.50 to $4.00.
House Slippers in all colors, $1.75 to $3.00.
Kid Gloves, white, black, grey and brown, $2 to $3.
Kayser Silk Underwear, $2.00 to $6.50.
Beautiful Crepe de Chine Negligees, $10.00 to $19.50.
Cheney Silk Kimonas, all colors, $10.00 to $16.50.
Fibre Silk Sweaters, $12.50 to $16.50.
Georgette and Crepe de Chine Blouses $5.95 to $16.50.
Handkerchiefs, all kinds and prices.
Come to our Neck wear department for the latest novelties, 50c to $2.50.
Fancy Ribbons—in fact, there are a hundred things in our stock that will make acceptable Christmas Gifts.

HOLIDAY NOVELTIES FOR THOSE HUSKY BOYS

Sampeck Boys' Suits, $10.00 to $16.50.
Sampeck Boys' Overcoats, $10 to $15.00.
Boys' Mackinaws $5.00 to $12.50.
Boy Scout Suits and Hats.
Cadet Suits with Caps $4.00.
Soldiers' Suits with caps $4.
Pajamas $1.50 and $2.00.
Silk Shirts $2.00 to $4.00.
Sweaters $1.50 to $3.50.
Wool Gloves 65c to $1.00.
Leather Gloves, 75c to $1.25.
New Madras Shirts, $1.25 to $2.00.
Handkerchiefs 10c to 75c.
Boys' Ties 35c and 50c.
Don't forget boys, a new supply of Scout Suits, Pants, Shirts and Hats.

AND FOR LITTLE SIS AND BABY

Hand Embroidered Dresses, $2.25 to $6.50.
Knitted Caps 50c to $1.75.
Baskets 50c to $3.75.
Sweaters $1.50 to $3.50.
Dolls 75c to $2.50.
Baby Sets 50c to $2.50.
Carriage Straps 75c.
Rattlers 35c.
Baby Comforts $4.00.
Coat Hangers 75c.

A BIG SPECIAL SALE of SATIN and SATIN COMBINATION DRESSES!

Thirty four Black, Taupe, Brown, Plaid and Navy Satin, Satin Georgette combination Dresses regular prices $22.50, $24.95, $27.50 to $32.50 at ..... ONE-HALF PRICE

28 of those one-half price Suits left—get yours today

SPECIAL REDUCTIONS on ALL LADIES' WAISTS

SEE THEM IN OUR READY-TO-WEAR DEPARTMENT

Ten Million Members by Christmas

THE RED CROSS TAKES CARE OF OUR BOYS OVER THERE.
IT TRIES TO RELIEVE THEIR SUFFERING.
IT LOOKS AFTER THEIR COMFORT.
YOU SHOULD JOIN.

Membership costs only $1 a year. Membership Booths all over town this week. The Red Cross works under government authority.

P. B. M. Co. DEPARTMENT STORE

"THE BIG, BUSY STORE"

ONE LITTLE FIRE CRACKER SET OFF BY ONE LITTLE GIRL WITH SPECIAL PERMISSON OF CHIEF

Torn between a passion for making a brave and gallant noise and a desire to keep within the law, a little Miss burst desperately into the police court this morning, perched herself on the arm of a chair, and fidgited.

"What is it, baby" asked the desk sergeant, gently.

"Please, I want to see the judge," announced the little lady.

"Well, Baby," returned the sergeant, "he is 'round on Seventh street. You will have to go 'round there if you want to see him."

The child registered hesitation and some degree of disappointment. Then, "Please, is it against the law to shoot fire-crackers at Tenth street?" (or some such address).

"I expect it is," repled the sergeant, "but you had better go and ask the fire chief."

"Oh, please, where is he at?" demanded the child instantly. The probable whereabouts of the chief being described, Miss Good Citizen started in purusit; and, presently coming up with him, stated her case anew.

"Now, how big a fire-cracker do you want to shoot?" inquired the chief.

"Oh, just a little bitty one," replied the child, marking off on her finger the approximate size of the proposed disturbance. The chief laughed. "I don't believe that would hurt anyone," he said. "I guess no one would hear it. But you go way off in the back yard, and be sure you don't set fire to anything, and it will be all right."

Quite transported with delight, the child dashed off in the direction of her home; and if the neighbors listen very carefully, they may be able to distinguish tiny explosions from that locality.

No more special permits are to be issued.

COUNTY TEACHERS VISIT SCHOOLS IN CITY DURING DAY

This morning the teachers attending the Wichita County Institute visited the various schools of the city, this being the scheduled program. This afternoon the study of "School Efficiency" and several papers make up the program.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Organization of an interscholastic league for Wichita county was effected, R. M. Johnson, principal of the Austin school, formerly county superintendent, being elected director general. E. E. Eldridge was elected director of debate Sid James, director of athletics and Mrs. Lindley Watkins, director of essays.

I. E. Bressler of the state department of education addressed the institute on the subject of interscholastic league work and also told of the plan of federal aid for rural schools. J. R. Carter also discussed the interscholastic work as peculiarly affecting the rural schools. Miss Sallie Pitts of Electra concluded the program with a paper, "The Study of the Drama in the Lower Grades."

The institute will visit the city schools again Friday morning. Adjournment will come Saturday.

Marriage Licenses.

Andrew Moore and Marie Blain, Wirt, Okla.

John A. Moore and Bertha Belle Polston, Burkburnett.

John M. Meyer and Lula Luthrell.

Deeds Filed for Record.

E. R. Best and wife to Milton Clendennin lots 4, 5 and 6 of block 5, Burkburnett, $1335.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR RENT—3 Furnished housekeeping rooms to parties without children at 512 Burnett. Phone 1594. 190-3tc

WANTED—Bright young man, must be hustler. Make application by letter. Anderson and Patterson. 190-3tc

FOR RENT—2 nicely furnished house-keeping rooms, 810 Austin. 190-3tc

Local Brevities

E. G. Hill, undertaker, office and parlors, 900 Scott Ave. Phone 225. Prompt ambulance service. 92 tfc

Dr. Du Val, Glasses fitted 174 tfc.

Senorita Marie Ordonez, graduate in Spanish will teach private lessons at her home 1102 7th. 186-6tp

Dr. Scharff, Osteopath, K. & K. Bldg.

We clean and remodel furs of all kinds into the latest shapes. Experts in charge—Home Tailoring Co. Phone 1231. 186-tfc

J. A. Moore of Crowell was bound over to the Federal Grand Jury this morning by Commissioner J. A. Lantz on a charge of fraudulent bankruptcy, concealing of assets from his creditors. His bond was placed at $2,000 which he was expected to make.

Better be safe than sorry. Anti-Freeze your car now. Western Auto Supply Co. Phone 219—718 Indiana. 180 tfc

Dr. Du Val, Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat. 174-tfc

Don't let an amateur tinker with your battery. Bring it to us and have the right thing done and done right. And we'll supply you with a rental battery while yours is being fixed. Phone 606 Willard Service Station, 610 Scott Ave. 124 tfc

Christmas Turkeys

You will want a nice fat turkey for that Christmas dinner. We deliver them to your door. F. B. Massey, 403 Lee St. Phone 397. 188 5tc

Just received fine car of bulk Colorado apples, winesap, York Imperial and Gano. Come to my fruit stand 509 Ohio, just opposite Palace Horse Shoeing shop and get prices before you buy. 189-4tc

M. D. OVERFELT.

Firestone cord casing, 10,000 mile guarantee until January 1, 10 per cent reduction. Largest stock tires in the city. Auto Tire Co. of Wichita Falls, 809 Scott. Phone 2800. 189-6tc

Our stock of tires and tubes is complete. All sizes. Lee Puncture Proof; Mohawk, Federal Goodyear and Pennsylvania. Call and let us serve you. MOTOR SUPPLY CO. —171 tfc

Mrs. M. P. Kelly, wife of County Clerk Kelly, who underwent an operation at a local institution early in the week, is reported as doing well today.

Protect your car now. Thermite or Johnson's Freeze Proof will prevent frozen radiators. Ask us. Western Auto Supply Co. Phone 219—718 Indiana. 180 tfc

The docket at the police court this morning was one of the lightest for a long time, there being only two affrays, one at five dollars, and the other at ten.

Notice to Out of Town Subscribers

The Times wishes to announce that J. K. Luton is authorized to solicit subscriptions for the Daily and Weekly Times. Any courtesies shown Mr. Luton will be appreciated by this company.

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I will buy any amount up to $25,000 of first series 5 1-2 per cent Liberty Bonds at par. Dr. Joe E. Daniel. 175-tfc.

For quick taxi, baggage and livery service phone 432. 115-tfc

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Christmas dinner at St. James hotel noon and night $1.00. Music. 185-10tc

L. A. Childs, the gas man, gas fitting, repair plumbing, phone 584. 1207 Scott. 235 tfc

L. J. Sherrill, formerly pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church now with the Y. M. C. A. in army work is on his way to Italy, according to a card received by friends here.

U. C. T. Plans to Hold Get-Together Meeting At Odd Fellows' Hall

Instead of their annual banquet the U. C. T. will hold a get-together meeting at the I. O. O. F. Hall on Seventh stret Saturday evening at 6:30. The money that would have been spent for a banquet will be contributed to the Red Cross. Invitations have been extended to all the traveling men stationed at Call Field to atend the meeting, and it is expected to have talks from several of these men. The wives and families of the traveling men will attend. W. D. Cline will make an address in behalf of the Red Cross campaign.

HAVE YOU BEEN THERE?

If not, Go Tonight and Tomorrow---YOUR LAST CHANCE

The big auction Sale of Chinese and Japanese High Art Goods Will Close Soon.

EVERYTHING MUST GO AT ANY PRICE to avoid packing. Handsome embroidered kimonos and hand-painted China given to all visitors as souvenirs. RESERVED SEATS FOR LADIES. Sales Start at

10:30 A. M. and at 3:00 and 8:00 P. M.

Tokio Art Association 702 Indiana Ave.

LIVELY SET-TO'S IN ROTARY CLUB PROVE DELIGHTS

POGENPHOL-MILES-BEAN ROTARY CRITICISMS ARE FEATURES.

MORE FOOD PLEA MADE

Bert Bean Denies Charge That He Is Knocker and Calls Himself Merely "An Objector."

The Rotary criticism by Chas. Pogenpohl, the Pogenphol criticism by A. E. Miles, with added Rotary criticism thrown in, and—crowning effect—the Pogenphol-Miles-Rotary criticism by Bert Bean, were sources of intense enjoyment at the Hoover luncheon at the St. James today.

The first matter to be disposed of was whether the Hoover luncheon idea should be continued weekly at the same price, giving part of the price to the Red Cross, or whether a more substantial luncheon should be served at a higher price, the extra charge to be given to the Red Cross. On this subject, B. F. Johnson was in favor of the larger meal, with the added price to go to the Red Cross, because the food administration had stated that what was really needed was intelligent substitution of foods, rather than restriction in the use of all foods—a contention which Bert Bean immediately disposed of briefly as "nonsense;" claiming that "we could not afford to waste any food whatever, no matter what it was."

Bert Bean "Objects."

Mr. Bean, who has been in a state of comparative quiescence for some time, burst forth on the subject with wonted vigor. "We have got to save food," he shouted. "And I want to say right now that I will not be party to any club or organization that wastes it. If you want to trade Rotarians for mere eaters, well and good. But you will loose all the good Rotarians if you do. You will turn the Rotary club, whose motto is service, into a luncheon club, with no motto at all; and I for one will not, I will not be a party to it."

It was decided to continue the present plan for the next four meetings.

Pogenpohl's Criticism.

Mr. Pogenphol's criticism of the club was that it had not kept pace with the growth of the town, as in 1916 there were 100 members, and only 89 this year, notwithstanding the fact that the population of the city had increased from 20 to 35 per cent in that time. Mr. Pogenphol further wanted to know why the club had not taken steps to find out why certain members had dropped out, and investigate their case.

Mr. Miles replied, with many words, that Mr. Pogenpohl was 'way off in his figures, and a darned poor accountant; that the fact that eleven members had left the club was merely the sifting of the wheat from the chaf; "and we are the wheat," he said. He claimed that Mr. Pogenphol, being seated within too close reach of the president's gavel, had lacked the nerve to say what was really the matter with the club; but that he—Miles—proposed to tell them.

Miles Talks.

"I appreciate the fact," said Mr. Miles, "that every organization must have a head, and that it must be run by one man or a body of men. But our board of directors——which was elected simply because no one had nerve enough to go against the recommendation of the nomination committee—come to us every so often, saying, 'We in our wisdom have decided so and so, and we would like your endorsement of it,'—and then, without any sort of discussion we go ahead and endorse it. I believe that one hundred opinions are better than ten, provided you have one hundred men of average intelligence—which we are. And these matters—all matters pertaining to the action of the whole club—should be brought before the attention of the whole club before such action is taken."

President J. M. McFall thanked the members for their timely remarks, and invited Mr. Bean to criticise the critics. Mr. Miles leaped to his feet instantly. "Of course I forgot the very thing I wanted to say," he exploded. "It's this. When you have a set program, you should stick to it, and not let Bert Bean—or any other darned knocker—take up the club's time."

Really No. Knocker.

Mr. Bean opened his criticism by saying, first that he felt more like commending than criticising, and second that he was "not a knocker, but an objector."

"Mr. Miles was right when he said that we do not discuss things enough before endorsing them," he said. "In fact we do little but eat and endorse. Someone jumps up and makes a recommendation; and without a moment's thought or consideration, someone else puts a motion, and it goes. And as you go out you hear—'That was the silliest fool stunt I ever heard of,' and if you ask 'What the this and that did you vote for it for, then?' you get, 'Oh, well, they all did, and I did not want to say anything.' And that applies to any number of things outside the club, and that attitude is responsible for any number of things put over. For my part, I intend to say what I think at any time, regardless of the consequences. I don't care if it hurts my business, or what it does. I am tired of hearing people say, 'You musn't say anything, you will offend so and so, and it will hurt your business.' I shall say what I think any time and every time I get the chance."

ORDINANCE EXPERTS HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR MANY DELAYS

TOO RIGID RIFLE SPECIFICATIONS CAUSE OF LONG WAITS, SAYS WITNESS.

F. H. COLVIN TESTIFIES

Controversy Between Editor of Machinists Magazine and Maj. Gen. Crozier is Revealed.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Ordnance officers were criticised at the senate military committee hearing today by Fred H. Colvin, editor of the American Machinist, for imposing too rigid rifle specifications. Requirments for interchangeability of parts, he said, delayed production three months last summer and he cited one private factory where last August workmen on a "cost plus contract" played checkers while waiting for work held up. Government arsenal methods, he also criticised, saying the Springfield arsenal has some machinery 50 years old, while many army ordnance officers, he esserted, have no special training to qualify them.

Correspondence with Secretary Baker, which he produced, disclosed a controversy between Mr. Colvin and General Crozier, chief of ordnance bureau, in which the former told Secretary Baker that the arsenal officers were not qualified production engineers.

Calvin Was Barred.

General Crozier said Mr. Calvin had been barred from inspecting arsenals because he insisted machinists and not army officers should be in charge.

Additional testimony regarding delay in machine gun production was given by Vice President B. M. W. Hanson of the Colt Arms Company at Hartford, Conn.

Although the new Browning type was adopted last May he said no contract was made until July, although orders were anticipated and preliminary work done. The delay was explained by Mr. Hanson as due in part to deliberations of the joint civilian army board appointed by Secretary Baker to test and adopt the new design. Hanson was a member of the board.

Although given the Browning contract in July, Mr. Hanson said because of the time needed to prepare new machinery, his deliveries would not begin until next April. His firm, however, is making deliveries on previous orders of Vickers machine guns, some contracted for a year ago.

Arsenal Production.

Regarding government arsenal production, Mr. Hanson said the impression that they "are away beh'nd the times" was wrong.

The arsenals compare very favorably, he said, with the foreign governments and American private factories. The principal difficulty with the American arsenals, he explained, is in retaining skilled workmen. Rifle production has been greatly increased by adoption of the modified Enfield. The American rifle and ammunition, he said, are much superior to those of any of the allies and at least equal to Germany's.

American machine gun manufacturers, Hanson declared, have had practically no encouragement from this government, most of their orders coming from abroad.

In reply to questions by Senator Wadsworth, the witness admitted that if machine guns had been promptly ordered when the government went into the war, General Pershing's machine gun units now would ot be required to use French arms and ammunition.

Upon conclusion of Hanson's testimony, the hearing was adjourned until tomorrow, when Quartermaster General Sharpe is to be examined.

Two Under Arrest on Charge of Car Theft And Auto Is Recovered

Acting City Marshal Lindley Humphries and Will Allen returned yesterday from Terrell with the car taken Monday night from Raymond Smith, and the men charged with taking it, who gave their names as Bob Walker, of Jacksonville, Mich., and Walter Ransford, of Wills, Minn.

Raymond Smith had undertaken to drive the men to Ringgold, and alleges they held him up and took his car and his money about eight miles this side of that paint.

The policemen report that the men were arrested by the constable at Commanche, Okla, and lodged in jail at Terrell, whither the officers from here went to get them.

Cotton Ginnings Up to December 13 Fall Short Of Last Year's Mark

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Cotton ginned prior to December 13 amounted to 10,142,858 running bales exclusive of linters and including 180,252 round bales and 83,352 bales of sea island the census bureau today announced.

Last year to December 13 ginnings were 10,838,799 running bales including 184,285 round bales and 101,103 bales of sea island.

Ginnings by states this year were: Alabama, 464,661; Arizona, 11,024; Arkansas 832,548; California, 30,453; Florida, 45,239; Georgia, 1,719,504; Louisiana, 580,473; Mississippi, 774,606; Missouri, 41,289; North Carolina, 421,600; Oklahoma, 860,111; South Carolina, 1,111,240; Tennessee, 187,146; Texas, 2,943,975; Virginia, 15,456; all other states 36,553.

Sea Island ginnings by states: Florida, 35,177; Georgia, 43,104; South Carolina, 5,071.

Cleveland's Daughter Will Wed Captain in Coldstream Guards

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 20.—The engagement is announced of Esther, daughter of Grover Cleveland, to Captain Bosanquet of the Coldstream Guards. Captain Bosanquet a son of Sir Albert Bosanquet, has been decorated with the Distinguished Service Order.

Miss Cleveland came to London in June of last year after having qualified as a nurse and instructor of the blind and took up work as a volunteer at St. Dunstan's home for blinded soldiers.

FORT WORTH SECURES BIG AUTOMOBILE PLANT LOCAL SECRETARY SAYS.

B. F. Johnson, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who returned this morning from Fort Worth, stated that the factory of the Texas Motor Car Association will go to Fort Worth.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Christian of Altus, Okla., is here, called by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Little, who is suffering from the result of a broken arm.

Miss Ruth Ponder from Decatur Baptist College is here to spend the holidays with her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Ponder.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gray left this afternoon for Childress, where they will spend Christmas with Mr. Gray's parents.

Miss Ethel Russell, of Seymour, is visiting in the city.

Misses Robie Joe and Mabel Lively, of Seymour, passed through here yesterday on their way home from Denton.

Harry W. Powers, senior aviation instructor, and Fish Hassell, junior instructor, arrived today from Rantoul, Ill., and will commence their duties at Call Field imemdiately.

Miss Violet Wilson, of Vernon, was in the city yesterday.

G. P. Meade, a former well-known citizen of Fort Worth, but now of Leesburg, Va., is visiting his many friends in the city.

D. J. W. Greenwood, of Dallas, is in the city.

John Canada is in town on business from Burkburnett.

C. H. High, of Robart, is registered at the Hearn.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Freeman, of Waterbury, Wash., were visitors here yesterday.

A. W. Phillips left this afternoon for Dallas, where he expects to obtain some Premier cars for the Willis Car Co.

Mrs. Gladys Stemen and little daughter, of Grover Hill, O., are making an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Niles.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Morrison, of Dallas, are spending the day in the city.

Judge W. T. Carlton left this afternoon for Stephenville on business.

Mr. and Grs. George Baker and daughter, Miss Irma, are here from Childress.

TWO SMALL ITALIAN SHIPS SUNK DURING WEEK.

Rome, Dec. 18.—The weekly report of shipping losses shows that two sailing vessels of more than 100 tons and one of less than that size were sunk.

Kangroo Court Puts Blame For Deficit In Annual Funds on Pupils

The case of the firm publishing the "Coyote" against the annual staff of the High School was tried in the first Kangaroo Court at the school this morning. After only slight deliberation the jury brought in a verdict which placed the responsibility for the deficit in the school's funds upon the non-support of the students and patrons of the school.

EUREKA OIL COMPANY WILL HAVE WELL GAUGED

A meeting of the stockholders of the Eureka Oil Co. was held here today at which a committee was appointed to gauge the well drilled on its lease east of Electra. The committee was authorized to acept the well on the conetract if was found to be a paying well and to arrange for the development of the lease in that event.

Among the directors from out of town attending the meeting were Pat Gallagher of Denton county, H. Henderson of Aubrey, Fred Boyer of Celina and Dr. Rice of Gainesville.

Great Steel Cargo Vessel Completed At U. S. Ship Yard

By Associated Press.

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 20.—Marking the actual beginning of production of standardized 5,000 ton steel cargo ships for the United States government, Charles R. Page of the United States shipping board today drove the first rivet in the first of the vessels at a large shipyard near here, which has been rushed to completion in 76 days. The keels of two similar vesselss are to be laid this month. The program of the private corporation building the ships calls for the completion of 150 of the cargo boats in the least possible time. The yards where this work is being done are so arranged that 28 of the vessels will soon be underconstruction at the same time.

Good Gifts at Little Cost!

At the inauguration of our Fourth Annual Christmas Shopping Sale, we took for our motto the above caption, and truly we have made good, as is shown by the daily increasing sales.

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To select the gifts you will want for loved ones and certainly nothing can be more suitable, or more appreciated by any friend than a selection from our fine stock of

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Sheffield Bread Tray, worth $5.50, for only **$2.75**
15 ruby jewel Bracelet Watches, 20 and 25 year guarantee, values up to $25.00. Special **$12.75**
Solid Gold Watch Bracelets, worth $8.75. Special **$6.45**

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A good way to illustrate this point would be through comparison of baking powders.

Experience has taught me—and millions of other women that it doesn't pay to buy cheap baking powders. They cost a few cents less, but in the long run they are decidedly the most expensive. Because of the low grade materials employed in their manufacture they cause many bake day failures—and great loss of expensive ingredients. The housewife throws out, in wasted materials many times the amount saved on the cost of the baking powder. This is not economy, but extravagance.

True economy in baking powder demands the highest quality at the lowest price. Only baking powders that meet these demands should be used. Only baking powder that is made of the highest class ingredients so perfectly proportioned that it not only produces maximum leavening power but also *preserves* it.

Besides, the baking powder that meets the modern demand for economy should be economical in use—full strength—economical in cost—secured at a moderate price. The housewife should be able to effect a saving when buying—and another saving when using—and she should save materials it is used with.

That is economy in its highest form. Complete economy. The only kind of economy the housewife should attempt.

I have proved positively by exhaustive experiments and comparative tests that Calumet Baking Powder is best suited to these savings. It possesses the surety, the purity and goodness that make constant employment of utmost baking economy possible.

Maude Marie Costello

Note.—Miss Costello is already well known to most of the ladies of our city. She is of the Domestic Science Branch of the University of Chicago, a graduate of Lewis Institute, Supervisor of Domestic Science in Public Schools, Special Lecturer on Domestic Arts and Economy, Special Lecturer to the Women's Clubs.

We are publishing a series of her most important articles.



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"Mr. Santa Claus, Won't You Please——?"

Dear Santa Claus:
I am writing my letter to you real soon this year because you may not know where to find me. You remember last year I lived in Abilene and you came there to bring by presents, but this year I am living in Wichita Falls and my address is 1011 Taylor street. I am not going to ask you to bring me very much, for I would rather our soldier boys have the most, but please bring me a pair of skates, steam engine, and a fountain pen if you can. I also want nuts, candy and fruit if you have enough left after you fill our soldier boys stockings.
You own little boy,
Louis Edward Lee.

Dear Santa Claus:
I hope you don't mind this cold weather, because I want you to pay us a visit the night before Christmas. They say old Santa likes cold weather better than warm weather, do you? Are you going to come in an airship this year? I imagine it would take such a long, long time to go around the world in a sleigh.

If your pack is not empty before you get to our house, Santa, I would like to have a doll that sleeps, a doll buggy and cradle, and I want a picture book like you brought brother one Christmas, and just lots of goodies. Do you think this is too much? Santa, I want you to be sure to leave something for the poor little boys and girls in France and in our own country, too. And as you fly over the camp drop some firecrackers and Roman candles for the soldier boys. I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Katie Pearl Simpson.

Dear Santa Claus:
I wish you would please bring me a wrist watch, and fruits, nuts, and candies. Please bring the soldiers a whole lot of nice things. And the little children over in France, too, and I will thank you so much for that.
Your friend,
Rozella Eaton, 510 Holliday St.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl eleven years old. I am in the fifth grade. I go to San Jacinto school. My teacher's name is Miss Kell. I hope you get to go to all little girls and boys and give each little child some kind of a present. I want you to bring me a pair of kid gloves, a bath robe, a cap, all kinds of nuts, fruits, candy and fireworks.
Yours truly,
Maudie Jones, 304 Lamar St.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am nine years old. I go to the San Jacinto school. I am in the fifth grade. I have studied hard. My teacher is Miss Kell. I want you to bring me some clothes for my big doll. I want a doll buggy for my big doll. I want a baby set that contains a bottle, nipple and bottle. I want a Christmas tree and fireworks of all kinds. I want some candy and fruits.
Your little girl,
Sibyl Hancock, 1100 7th street.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl ten years old. I go to the San Jacinto school. I am in the low fifth grade. I wish you would please bring me a desk set, a cap, a pair of gloves and a pair of house slippers, and candy, and oranges, and nuts. If I am asking for too much bring what you can spare.
Your sincere friend,
Estelle Holstead, 408 Brook St.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a football, a pair of gloves, a baseball, glove, and bat, some fireworks, a pair of skates, some nuts and candy.
Yours truly,
Cecil Wainscott, 1310 4th St.

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to have a horse, a gun, and a sword to go and kill Kaiser Bill and his soldiers.
Louis P. Heigle, 806 7th street.
Boy Scout of America

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good boy and I want a book that shows you how to make airships. I am going to make airships to send to Germany to kill the Kaiser. And I want a knife and some candy.
Yours truly,
Glenn Shoemaker, 513 Holliday.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, and a dress and a coat, and some nuts, and apples, and all kinds of fruits. And that is all for this year.
Ora Elmer, 602 Brook St.

Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Olvin Stephens and I go to the San Jacinto school and I am in the low fifth grade. I have been a very bad boy but I hope you will forgive me. I think you are a very nice old fellow and wish for you to be around soon. I want a pair of skates, a tinker toy, "Billy Whiskers Kidnaped," and some nuts, and candy, and all kinds of fireworks and fruits. Well, I will close as I don't want to ask you for too much.
Your friend,
Olvin Stephens, 412 Travis St.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a boy eleven years old and I want a bicycle, and some fireworks and some fruits and some candy and nuts. Your friend,
Ernest Rutledge, 402 Burnell St.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a pretty bad boy but I hope you will forgive me this time. I want a boy scout rifle, an erector, and some fireworks and fruits, nuts, and candy. I think you are a fine old gent for these.
John Elner, 602 Brook St.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a bicycle, target, and some fruit, candy and nuts. My little brother, Glenn, wants a wagon and billy goat, some fruit, candy and nuts. Your friend,
Eddie Lynskey.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a big doll, a set of dishes, and some fruit, candy and nuts. Bring little Louise a little doll and a pair of shoes for her toes are out, and oblige,
Pauline Lynskey.

Dear Santa Claus:
I love you very much. I am eleven years old. My teacher's name is Miss Kell. She is very good to me. My name is Bernice Fricklin. I want to see you. I love you so much. I hope you would come. I want a watch, some nuts of all kinds, and I want a pair of shoes. That is all, so goodbye.
Your friend,
Bernice Fricklin.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl twelve years old. I am going to school. I would like to have many things this Christmas, but as the war is on I had rather give mine to the Red Cross to help our soldiers to get well when they are shot.

Santa, I want you to take the little girls and boys in France something for Christmas, and, Santa, do be careful and don't let the Germans blow you up. And if you see any of our soldiers cheer them, and tell them that if they will trust in God they will win the war. Well, Santa, I will close for this time.
From your little friend,
L. V. SELLERS.
409 Burnett St.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy four years old. Please bring me a little train with a track. And bring me some marbles, an airship that will blow up the Germans, some fruit, candy, and nuts.
Yours truly,
AARON BROOK.
702 Burnett St.

Dear Santa Claus:
I wish you would bring me a bicycle Christmas, a football, erectory set, a knife, and a watch, some candy, nuts, and all kinds of fruit. I think you are a good old man.
Please don't forget the poor children in places far across the big ocean. Take them something to eat and toys. Do not forget the soldiers in the trenches. Give them something, too. Take everybody something.
Your friend,
[illegible] Wesley Brandenburg
1004 [illegible]

Dear Santa Claus:
I wish you would send me an air rifle and two packages of shot. And another thing I want you to send me is a bicycle and some fire works.
Yours Truly,
JOHNNIE MANNING
605 6th St.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl twelve years old. I go to the San Jacinto school. My teachers name is Miss Kell.
I would like to see you and my little brother said he would like to see you.
I want a pair of gloves for Christmas, and I want a doll, a watch bracelet, some fruit and candy. Be sure and bring my little brother something pretty.
Yours truly,
OMA BROOKS.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a pair of skates but don't bring them if there is not enough for the French children. You can leave the little German children out if there is not enough for the American and French children and other allies of the United States. I know you will have a hard time getting around the Germans, but try to get here if you can.
Yours truly,
VIRGINIA MAUPIN.
1010 5th St.

Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Jewell Sisk. I am in the fifth grade and twelve years old. And I want a pair of shoes, a real drum, a bicycle, and some nuts and candy.
Your friend,
JEWELL SISK.
608 Lamar Ave.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a gun so I can shoot over to Germany and kill Kaiser Bill. I want you to bring me a bicycle so I can ride down to the border and kill all the Mexicans that are down there.
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DON'T LEAVE TOWN—But if you do, let me buy your furniture and stoves. Dodson Furniture Co., 908 Indiana. Phone 528. 174 tfc

HIGHEST PRICES paid for cast-off men's clothing and shoes. Phone 434. —154 tfc.

WE furnish help in all lines of work. Phone 2654. Wichita Labor Agency, (Licensed and bonded) 707½ Ohio Ave., Wichita Falls, Texas. 171 26tc

WANTED—Furniture to repair. We will do it right. Dodson Furniture Co. 908 Indiana. Phone 528. 174 tfc

WANTED TO BUY—Matresses, comforts and second hand furniture. Dodson Furniture Co. 908 Indiana. Phone 528. 174 tfc

WANTED—Wells and cellars to dig. Phone 2162. 178-10tp

Highest prices paid in cash or trade for second hand furniture, rugs, stoves, etc. Patton Furniture Co., 710-12 Seventh street. Phone 1660. 179 26tc

CALL 1629—Price's Mattress Factory, to have your mattresses renovated. 808 Tenth Street. 181-26

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WANTED—To rent servant house to family with not more than one child, 2712, 10th street. Fone 344. 187-3tc

WANTED—Board and room in private family. References exchanged. Phone 1198 at 6 p. m. 188-3tp

WANTED—By January first near high school, pleasant room with kitchenette or where use of dining room and kitchen allowed. Two young ladies. Address A. C. care Times. 188-3tp

WANTED—Room and board by couple with boy seven years old. Reasonably close in, private family prefered. Address X100 care Times. 189-3tp

WANTED—Small show case for counter, not over 4 feet long. 606 7th street. 189-3tp

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HELP WANTED—Female

WANTED—White girl to help take care of rooming house. Phone 539. 187-tfc

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After personally inspecting different routes, through the towns of the county, the county commissioners have passed an order designating the streets in the different towns over which the country road system will be routed.

In Wichita Falls, the road from the north will come into the city south on Indiana avenue to Seventh street. No streets were designated through the business district and going southward in the direction of Henrietta, Scott street at the intersection of Tenth has been designated, thence south on Scott street across Wichita Valley Railroad tracks to Mississippi street, thence on Mississippi street to Jalonick street, thence out Jolonick street to Wichita street, thence south to Fort Worth street, thence east to Holliday creek.

Order Is Issued.

The following order has been entered relative to the road going west through Iowa Park:

"That the road going west thru Iowa Park to Electra go over the following streets: West up railroad avenue to its intersection with Wall street, thence north on Wall street to the intersection of west Park Avenue, thence on Park avenue to Yosemite street, thence north along Yosemite street to Alameda street, west to Pacific avenue, along Pacific avenue one block thence west to Crites corner, thence along the Colorado to the Gulf Highway to Electra.

Iowa Park.

"That the road northward from Iowa Park to Clara begin at the corner of Pacific and Magnolia avenues, thence north as shown on the road map prepared by J. B. Crockett. That the Iowa Park-Holliday road begin in Iowa Park at West Magnolia and Yosemite streets, thence on Yosemite street to Lafayette avenue, thence west on Lafayette avenue to Colorado street, thence south on Colorado street to city limits thence sout as shown on the road may as prepared by Road Engineer Crockett."

The order as to Electra follows:

Electra.

"It is ordered, that the designated road leading north from Electra go out Waggoner street provided a right of way can be secured, free of cost to the county to the designated road at, or near, the north line of the cemetery, exact location to be designated by the road superintendent; that the road going west through Electra be determined by the road superintendent."

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NUMBER OF TALKS MADE

Work of Ladies is Declared to Have Been Wonderful, Though Some Report Poor Treatment.

The eleven schools of the city were visited yesterday by Fred Weeks, chairman of the speakers committee, Miss Mary C Roberts, and Cadets Folk and Sliven, of Call Field, preparing the way for the membership subscriptions today, and the children showed boundless enthusiasm, which today bore fruit in the long list of memberships. Mr. Weeks declared that he could not have found two better men for the job than Messrs Folk and Liven, who spoke to the children in a way that they understood, and that got results.

Talk of Cadets.

The gist of the cadets' talk was that they had joined the ranks of Uncle Sam's fighting men because they felt that they should do so; that Uncle Sam provided them with everything needful, looked after them well, supplied them with clothes, food, and fighting equipment; and that when they were sick or wounded in battle, he turned them over to the Red Cross. The Red Cross society, they said, was the only means of care in sickness or when wounded on the field that they had; and therefore to help the Red Cross was to help the American soldier in the most direct way possible. They spoke of what the Red Cross had already done for the soldiers on the field, showing that but for the ministrations of that society, thousands of soldiers, now fit for further fighting, would have died.

The executive committee has exhausted all known adjectives and epithets in praise of the ladies who worked so faithfully yesterday on the arduous and largely unpleasant duty of canvassing memberships. Many of them worked during the whole day, and many of them received but scant courtesy at the hands of their prospects. They stuck faithfully to their task, however, and at the end of the day had reported some two thousand memberships as the result of their day's work, and probably as many positive promises to take out memberships some time this week.

Women Appreciated.

"We cannot thank these ladies enough," said Mr. Cline last night, "for the work they have done. They have taken a whole day at the very busiest season of the year, and worked as hard as human beings can possibly work. They have more than taken care of their part of the campaign. Now the men will look after the rest; but they have set a high standard for us, and we shall have to hump ourselves to equal it. If the men make as good a showing as the ladies, we shall put this thing over in good shape."

M. A. Bundy, chairman of the railroad committee, reported last night that there had been unusual liberality among the railroad men, only one man of all that had been canvassed having refused to take out a membership. Many of the men, Mr. Bundy said, whom he feared could only with difficulty spare the dollar, came across gladly, and Mr. Bundy's committee was able to report almost one hundred per cent.

One Refusal.

Mr. Bundy's account of the one who refused caused the executive committee some thought, as he was taken as representing a class which all the canvassers ran across to some extent—that of being perfectly able to afford to help the Red Cross, of understanding what the society represented, and the work it is doing, but of steadfastly refusing to give aid. Mr. Cline, summing up a long discussion of the subject, said "Everyone can understand the position of those who are really not able to give, who are quite genuinely in greater need of the dollar, even than the Red Cross. No one expects them to give, or asks them to give, once their position is clear. One would far rather give the money than take it from them, even in such a cause as this. But the time has arrived when we must declare ourselves positively on one side or the other, and must do all we can for the side we are on. If we can give nothing but our moral support, that will be welcomed quite as much, and means nearly as much as the dollars of the men who are able to give them. But if we belong on the other side: if, while we may not be for Germany, we are not for the United States, then those who are for the United States have a right to know it, and will know it. Whenever one refused to give on the grounds that he simply did not believe in the Red Cross, and was not interested in the United States, his name goes down on the list."

The big rally and parade has been scheduled for Christmas Eve, but no definite details have been announced, other than it will probably start from the courthouse at 11 o'clock in the morning, and that all members of the Red Cross are asked to take part in it.



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MECCA THE MYSTIC.

Washington, Dec. 18.—A striking picture of Mecca the Mystic, capital of the new kingdom within Arabia which was established recently by the grand sherif of the Moslem faith, is contained in a communication to the National Geographic Society from Dr. S. M. Zwemer. A part of the communication has been issued by the society as the following war geography bulletin:

'Of all the provinces of Arabia, El Hejez, which recently revolted against Turkish rule and set up its own kingdom, with the grand sherif of Mecca as sovereign, undoubtedly has most frequent contact with the outside world, yet is the least known. Parts of it have never yet been explored.

Forms "The Barrier."

"El Hejaz is so named because it forms 'the barrier' between Tehama, the coast province on the south, and Nejd in the interior. Its sole importance is due to the fact that it contains the two sacred cities, Mecca and Medina, which for more than thirteen centuries have been the centers of pilgrimage for the Moslem world.

"Before the railway was completed from Damascus to Medina, the port of that city, Yenbo, was as flourishing as Jiddah is now; but at present it has almost the appearance of a deserted city. The whole pilgrim traffic has been diverted and even the caravan route from the coast to Medina is at present unsafe.

"The importance of Mecca is not due to its resident population of perhaps 100,000, but to the more than 200,000 pilgrims who visit it each year from every nation of Islam. Statistics are hopelessly contradictory and confusing regarding the number of annual visitors. According to Turkish official estimates in 1907, there were no less than 280,000 pilgrims. It is a marvel how so many thousands can find food, shelter and, most of all, drink in such a desert city.

Capital of Islam.

"The religious capital of Islam, and now the temporal capital of the new Kingdom of Arabia, affords an index to the growth and strength of Mohammedanism in various parts of the world, for on can rightly gauge the strength of religious fervor in this great non-Christian faith by the number of those who go on pilgrimage.

"From Java, Bengal, West Africa, Cape Colony, and Russia, as well as from the most inaccessible provinces of China, they come every year and return to their native land—if they escape the hardships of travel—to tell of the greatness and glory of their faith, however much they may have been disappointed in the actual condition of the city and its sacred buildings.

"When we consider Mecca, Mohammed's words of prophecy in the second chapter of his book seem to have been literally fulfilled: 'So we have made you the center of the nations that you should bear witness to men.' The old pagan pantheon has become the religious sanctuary and the goal of universal pilgrimage for one-seventh of the human race.

Spread Prayer Carpets.

"From Sierra Leone to Canton, and from Tobolsk to Cape Town, the faithful spread their prayer carpets, build their houses (in fulfillment of an important tradition, even their outhouses), and bury their dead toward the meridian of Mecca. If the Old World could be viewed from an aeroplane, the observer would see concentric circles of living worshipers covering an everwidening area, and one would aslo see vast areas of Moslem cemeteries with every grave dug toward the secred city.

"Mecca is no longer a veiled city. A score of intrepid travelers have unveiled it. From Bartema, Wild, and Joseph Pitts to Burton, Burckhardt, Hurgronje, and Courtellemont, they took their lives in their hands, herded with strange companions, underwent untold hardships, and by luck or pluck came scathless out of this lion's den of Islam. According to Doughty, scarcely a pilgrimage takes place without some persons being put to death as intruding Christians. An educated and pious Moslem here in Cairo assured me only a few months ago that when he went on pilgrimage and took pictures of the city his life was endangered more than once by the fanaticism of the inhabitants. However, there are many who believe that the opening of the Hejaz railway, especially as a branch is to be carried to Jiddah, the breaking up of Turkish power in Arabia, and the establishment of the new kingdom will mean the removal of restrictions against non-Moslems.

Turkish Government.

"The Turkish government was most unsuccessful in introducting liberty and reform in the province of Hejaz, as it has been in other portions of the empire. Their task, even had they made a conscientious effort, would have been especially difficult here because of the mutual hatred between Turks and Arabs, the restless character of the Bedouin population, and the utter collapse of all respect for authority after the Turkish defeat in the Balkan war. The Arabs have at last insisted upon ruling their sacred cities themselves and have placed the grand sherif of Mecca, El Husein Ibn Ali, on the temporal throne of the new kingdom, as well as upon the spiritual throne of the whole Moslem world, save that portion dominated by the Sultan of Turkey."

CHI-JUI IS APPOINTED TO BE BUREAU HEAD.

By Associated Press.

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ROADS AIDING IN FIGHT

Thousands of Carsloads of Construction Material Are Hurried at Government's Bidding.

How to help the railroads help the government to win the war is one of the many problems which occupy the attention of the various councils of defense all over the United States. The following facts and figures in connection with this most vital factor in the prosecution of the war have been furnished by the Texas State Council of Defense:

Railroad War.

This has been called a railroad war. America's preparation for such a war is a greater railroad mileage than that of the entire continent of Europe, and a railroad army of 1,750,000 employees. Already the railroads, mobilized under their war board at Washington, have won some important victories.

Up to November 12 the number of carloads of construction materials and furnishings brought into the National Army cantonments was 79,184. To the same date building supplies used in the guard camps amounted to 32,370 car loads; and 9,649 car loads had been shipped to the aviation camps.

A standard box car of 100,000 pounds capacity is forty feet and six inches long. If all the cars carrying materials for these three classes of camps could be coupled together, the train that would result would extend from New York to Chicago and on out to Evanston, Illinois.

Is Long Train.

That is a long train. It represents a great burden added on to the task accomplished by the railroads in the record-breaking year of 1916. But the carrying of construction materials to the cantonments is only a small part of the total increase in traffic for 1917.

After the camps had been built, the railroads had to move the men into them. They have also had to carry to the Atlantic seaboard, from all parts of the country, the men who have gone to France. Up to November 19th they had carried a total of 1,300,000 soldiers to camps and ports of embarkation.

And after the men have been moved the railroads have to carry supplies to them. Every day 2,500 car loads of food and coal are being hauled to the National Guard and National Army camps alone.

Up to November 12, a total of 17,000 car loads of freight had been handled for the shiping board. This figure represents a part of the traffic involved by the building of 1,400 new ships. An enormously greater number of cars have rolled down to the Atlantic and Gulf ports loaded with supplies and munitions for ships already built to carry to France and England and Italy.

Basis of Activity.

All modern military and commercial activity is based on coal and oil—but especially on coal. No figures reveal more clearly the extent of the increased effort put forth in the last half year by America generally and by the railroads in particular than figures on the coal traffic.

In the six months from May to October, inclusive, there were moved 150,000 more car loads of hard coal than in the same months of 1916, and 751,000 more car loads of soft coal. Figuring an average coal car at a length of 33 feet, the total increase for half of 1917 over the corresponding half of 1916 may be represented by a solid trainload of coal extending from New York, through New Orleans, to Los Angeles and on up the coast to Seattle, and then east again to a point in Montana, 30 miles east of Butte.

The day is past when it was a good citizen's duty to fight the railroads. The railroads are doing their best on a tremendous job. The citizens can do part of his bit by helping them in any small way that he can.

V. G. Green, city clerk, is confined to his bed with an attack of la grippe. He is expected to be out in a few days.

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Hero of Liege Will Reach Switzerland; Is to Be Interned

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 18.—General Leman, known as the hero of Liege for his defense of that city at the time that the Germans were going through Belgium in the first month of the war, expected to arrive in Switzerland yesterday, the German government finally having agreed to his internment in this country. New difficulties arose, however, and the general was arrested yesterday on the frontier at Constance. It may be recalled that General Leman, although seriously ill, declining last year to accept a German offer of permission to come to Switzerland because it was made on the ground of his ill health and age. The general said he did not wish to admit he was unfit to fight for his country.

TAMPICO OIL STOCKHOLDERS ASK FOR RECEIVERSHIP

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Four stockholders of the Tampico Oil Company of Tampico, Mex., filed a bill in circuit court yesterday asking a receiver for the corporation on the ground that the company has failed to fulfill its obligations.

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS WILL BE SUNG ON STREETS OF CITY

The carol singing in the streets of the city by the massed choirs of the churches will fill the double purpose of the climax to the Red Cross Christmas membership campaign, and the fitting ushering in of Christmas Day.

Carols will be sung at several points in the city, and at the committee meeting yesterday, it was suggested that the corner of Tenth and Van Buren, the First Presbyterian Church, San Jacinto School, and Eighth St. between Ohio and Indiana would be suitable places.

It is felt that this can be made a most beautiful and solemn ceremony, and many have expressed the hope that it may become permanent. It was observed in the committee meeting yesterday afternoon that the singing of hymns of Christmas Eve was a very much more fitting observance of Christmas than some of the present customs. It is hoped that the citizenship of the town will show their appreciation of the fitness of the thought behind this form of celebration by ceasing their many business during the singing—which will only last for some ten or fifteen minutes—and taking their silent part in the offering of worship.

Police Reporter Tells About Giving Graft to Former Police Chief

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Thomas Costello, one-time police reporter, testifying at the trial of former Chief of Police Healey, today continued the story of his success as business manager of a "graft syndicate" which, he says, turned over $13,900 to Healey for protection of vice and gambling, restoration of saloon licenses and fees for promotion of patrolmen.

Costello yesterday declared that he and Healey formed a syndicate to collect protection money and that under his management this syndicate was able to overcome numerous opposition "rings" which sprang up from time to time. Costello depicted himself as the power behind the throne in the graft "trust" with Healey simply a figurehead. The plan to exact a fee of $250 from patrolmen for promotion failed he said, because of a raid on Costello's quarters by agents from the state attorney's office. Evidence gathered in this raid resulted in the arrest of Healey, Costello, William Skidmor and Stephen Barry, of the police department. Costello turned states evidence and has not been placed on trial.

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