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3,000 Liquor Cases Bring in \$8,000,000

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, January 1.—Thirty thousand cases to which the United States government was entitled to be disposed of in 1924. From these cases the government collected fines and penalties totaling more than \$12,000,000. These figures were disclosed in the statement of Attorney General Stone in summing up the work of the department of justice for the past year. Prohibition enforcement and on the statement said, imposing a tremendous burden upon the government during the year 1924, 46,000 criminal prohibition edicts were terminated and and penalties figuring near 3,000,000 collected.

JUDICIAL NOTE FROM BRITISH

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Jan. 1.—The British government has forwarded through Ambassador Kellogg, a long note applying to the recent communication from the United States government concerning participation by the American government in operations receipts to meet American war damage claims. It is understood that the note is a subject in the most judicial tone, with a view to coming to a definite and satisfactory understanding between the two governments.

PARTS NEW YEAR WITH BROKEN ARM

A. Williamson was the victim of a kicking Ford on New Year's morning, and spent an hour or two in the hospital getting dressed up as a New Year fighter. Mr. Williamson suffered a broken arm, the right one, near the wrist. He was in the act of kicking a Ford delivery wagon when it came to town, when the bumpy Ford kicked. It was a pretty bad break, but after six weeks of nursing, the surgeon informed Mr. Williamson that he thought the broken member would come around all right.

SMALL POX BREAKS UP NORTON SCHOOL

The school at Norton was suspended indefinitely this week on account of small pox. The school closed for Christmas two weeks ago, reconvened Monday, December 29, but after one day the school was deemed it wise to recess all the small pox scare had subsided. There are several cases in Norton country, and efforts are being made to prevent further spread of the disease. None of the patients are seriously ill.

Mrs. Carrie Eskridge and son, Eddie, returned to their home at Batesville Wednesday afternoon, after a visit to relatives here.

SUIT IS SETTLED

(Enterprise)
An A. F. Roberts suit against the waters of high source has been

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EX-SHERIFF JUNKS CAPTURED STILLS

As part of his moving program Sheriff Flynn was busy on New Year's morning junking the remains of booze-making equipment which he confiscated in many raids during his term in office.

During the last three years Mr. Flynn had captured more than forty moonshine liquor manufacturing outfits, and these were stored around the court house, in the basement, vacant offices, etc., and Thursday morning Mr. Flynn had the caretaker at the court house assisting him in getting together the tin cans, tubs, wash boilers and kettles made for the moonshine trade. The tin and galvanized iron liquor making equipment was cut to pieces, and hauled to the junk heap, while the copper kettles were wrecked and the copper will be sold to the junk dealer. Quite a number of the articles, including some coils, were of solid copper and of considerable value.

When a Ledger reporter appeared on the scene, the retiring sheriff remarked that he was moving, and he said "I wish you would say to the people that I am retiring from office without ill will to anyone, and I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all my friends and those who have assisted me in any way during my term. I have remained on the job all the time," said the retiring sheriff, "and during the four years I have never taken the time off to go hunting or to take a little vacation, and I have turned down several invitations and opportunities to go hunting."

The ex-sheriff stated that as a private citizen he would be on the job to do his part towards keeping Runnels county in the front ranks as one of the best and cleanest counties in Texas.

FOURTH FREEZE STRIKES IN WEST

(By Associated Press)
DALLAS, Jan. 1.—The New Year was ushered in with the fourth blizzard of the winter in Northeast and West Texas last night. The temperature dropped twenty degrees in eight hours after midnight.

A hard freeze is forecast for tonight. Snow is reported in parts of the Panhandle. The freeze extended South and Southwest, but no moisture is reported from the Western part of the state where rain is badly needed for grain.

S. M. Seay, of Marie, had business in Ballinger Wednesday, and paid his auto tax while here.

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We sincerely hope the whole citizenship will come out and give their opinions, and whatever we decide to do, let us all get together, for this is a problem in which every man, woman, and child should be and are interested. Respectfully,
BALLINGER SCHOOL BOARD,
By W. B. Currie, President.

THREE DEAD IN MINE EXPLOSION

(By Associated Press)
VASPAR, Tenn., Jan. 1.—The bodies of three men were today in a local undertaking establishment after their removal last night from the Casper Coal Mine where they were killed by an explosion yesterday afternoon.

The dead are Charles Wood, foreman of the mine; Tom Sims, pumpman; and Clayton Miller. The men are all survived by wives. The explosion is believed to have been caused by a spark from a telephone battery.

Ledger want ads pay.

UNLOADED GUN COST BOY LIFE

(By Associated Press)
DALLAS, Jan. 1.—Aiming a pistol at his friend to demonstrate what he would do should an attempt be made to rob him, Archie Moses, age 28, accidentally shot, and almost instantly killed James Tarrant, a 15-year-old boy, here today.

Moses surrendered to the officers greatly grieved over the tragedy, and after questioning by the police he was released.

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NEW YEARS DAY AT WHITE HOUSE

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, January 1.—The White House doors were opened wide today for the customary New Year's reception. Three hours and a half, from 11:00 a. m. to 2:30 p. m., were given over to the old New Year's day custom under which the high and the low, the rich and poor, gather to extend greetings to the president and his wife. The reception at the White House was the feature of the New Year's observance in Washington. Congress was not in session, and all government departments were shut down for the day.

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Four fatal shootings and only two arrests for drunkenness, packed hotels, dining rooms, cabarets and restaurants into the small hours of the morning, and thousands of private house parties heralded the arrival of New Year in this city last night.

Stray bullets fired probably by parties joining in the celebration were declared to be responsible for the deaths of four men. One passenger on a suburban train was shot in the South Shore district. He died on the train. Another man was shot to death in his home, the bullet coming thru a window, and two others were found dead from bullet wounds on the streets, apparently having been shot in wild reveling of the night.

RENEW PLAN FOR 5 MILLION GAIN WORLD MEETING IN COTTON CROP

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, January 1.—Senator Borah, of Idaho, chairman of the foreign relations committee, is considering a revival of his plan for an international economic conference, and he may couple with it a proposal for further limitation of armaments. The plan was introduced at the last session of congress, but no action was taken on it.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, January 1.—Cotton production in the countries that grow between ninety-three and ninety-six per cent of the world's crop, is estimated at 22,211,000 bales of 478 pounds net, as compared with 17,928,000 bales last year. These figures were made public today by the department of agriculture.

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SPEAK NOW OR KEEP QUIET

Elsewhere in this issue of The Ledger is a notice from the president of the Ballinger school board, calling on the citizens to gather in mass meeting Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock to discuss the question of a site for the new \$100,000 high school building.

This is a question which was injected into the bond issue when the board called on the people to vote \$100,000 for the new building, and the board backed up, or called off any tentative site, and are now passing the question up to the citizens to help settle.

The question of locating the building is an important one, and the board of trustees are "passing the buck," so to speak, and are asking the citizens to help them solve the question of a site for the new structure.

The members of the board had considered planting the new building on the old campus between Central and Eighth Street, but the plans of the building show that it would crowd things considerably, and would make it necessary to march several hundred children out on one of the most frequently traveled streets of the city, where traffic would greatly endanger life and limb.

The school owns the land Northwest of the old campus, but some have raised objection to placing the building on a side street, and the school board, desiring that no mistake be made, is calling the patrons of the school into their confidence and asking them to have a hand in the proposition.

It's up to the patrons of the school to advise with the board, and they should speak, or forever after keep quiet.

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Paris Wine Dealers Ready to Help Thirsty Visitors

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, Dec. 31.—The people of Paris, during the year ended Oct. 1, drank 10,000,000 fewer liters of wine than they consumed in the previous 12 months, but even so the 1924 figures provided a gallon a week for every man, woman and child in the city. And these figures do not include beer.

Wine merchants, however, are not downhearted. They look to a cold winter to stimulate the demand, and they are ready to see champagne to the foreign visitors who are coming to Paris in increasing numbers.

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Christmas Tree Worth More Than Small Cost

ARE we justified in sacrificing some five million trees for the annual Christmas festival?

There has been much discussion in the past few years over this question of Christmas trees, in view of the rapid depletion of our forests and the increase in the waste land area.

There are those who stoutly contend that it is a foolish custom of pagan origin, not worthy of perpetuation in this enlightened Christian age, and that it is a senseless destruction of millions of young, thrifty trees that are so much needed to supply the timber requirements of the country.

But strangely enough, the foresters as a class, those who are most interested in conserving tree growth, do not share this concern about the Christmas tree. They are interested in growing trees and having them used for their highest good. If a ten-year-old tree, of which 2,000 or more can be grown upon a single acre, can give so much joy, what better use can be made of the trees?

The custom is so well established that it will never be wholly discarded, and why should it be? Is it not the Christmas tree that gives the setting for the celebration? What is more delightful to children than the Christmas tree with its candles or electric lights, silver trimmings, tinsel and the other things that go with it? Take away the Christmas tree and you have removed the chief charm. It is the something that is eloquent of sentiment and that has a much higher value than the cost of the tree. It is not to be measured by economic considerations or commercial computations.—Frank Herbert Sweet.

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Christmas Invitation an Insult to Mabelle

"A LOVELY Christmas present—an invitation to the opera—an insult! The beast! Oh, the beast! And to think I had grown so fond of him. How could he be so rude?" Mabelle clenched her fists and paced the floor, a deep red flush suffusing her face. She walked to the mirror over the mantle and looked at herself intently. "A bearded woman!" she said in contempt at herself. "I am bearded, of course—but the nerve of him! I've always intended to have that frightful hair removed from my upper lip. It is hideous, isn't it, mother? But oh, how could he be so unkind?"

"Why, daughter, what are you talking about? I don't understand. It seems to me if I were given an invitation to the opera as Christmas greeting I should be only too delighted. And what has hair on your upper lip to do with opera, anyway?"

"Oh, because, because," she sobbed; "the opera—it's—it's the 'Barber of Seville.'—Marion R. Reagan.

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REFLECTORS

IF WE could reflect the spirit of Christmas cheer half as brilliantly as a piece of tin will reflect the rays from a lamp, we should help to light the world to an amazing degree. Who can hold out against a smiling face that radiates fun and kindness? Who is cold enough to resist the melting warmth of real friendliness?

Let's pretend, this Christmas, that we are very bright, and imitate the modest tin reflector of the lamp of unquenchable good fellowship!—Martha Banning Thomas.

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Fred Keichle, cashier of the First National Bank at Rowena, was looking after business in Ballinger Wednesday afternoon.

W. E. Eaton, former county agent of this county, was here Wednesday, and spent the last night in the year in Ballinger with friends. Mr. Eaton was accompanied by his family and had been on a visit to relatives in McCullough county and were en route to their home at Lubbock. Mr. Eaton says that he has been keeping tab on Ballinger and is glad to hear of the good reports from here. He reports that Lubbock is on a boom and the Tech College is going up fast.

Mrs. Chas. Tibbs and little son are here from Dallas on a visit to Mrs. Tibbs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory.

Miss Louise Ferguson, who had been spending the holidays with her mother, at Fort Stockton, has returned to her school work here. She is staying with her grandfather, and attending the Ballinger school.

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WOMAN SO ILL WASHED DISHES SITTING DOWN

Mrs. Ashcroft's Remarkable Recovery After Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Covington, Ky.—"I was so weak and nervous I could hardly do my housework as I could not stand because of the bearing-down pains in my back and abdomen. I sat down most of the time and did what I could do in that way—as washing dishes, etc. One day a book describing Lydia E. Pinkham's medicine was put in my mail-box. I saw how the Vegetable Compound had helped others so I gave it a trial. I had to take about a dozen bottles before I gained my strength. Then I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Blood Purifier for poor blood. I was cold all the time. I would be so cold I could hardly sit still and in the palms of my hands there would be drops of sweat. I also used the Sanative Wash and I recommend it also. You may publish this letter and I will gladly answer letters from women and advise my neighbors about these medicines."—Mrs. HARRY ASHCROFT, 632 Beech Avenue, Covington, Kentucky.



Capture Two-Point Buck Deer on Main Street (By Associated Press)

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 31.—A two-point buck deer was captured alive on Main Street here recently.

The deer was ambling up the street from the banks of the Columbia River when several persons gave chase. He dashed down an alley, entered an abandoned building and leaped thru a window, then jumped a high fence and started back toward the river. The pavement was wet, and the buck slipped and fell several times, finally crashing into a fence with his horns so entangled that he was held fast. Four soldiers from Vancouver Barracks took the deer to the reservation.

DRINK WATER WHEN KIDNEYS HURT YOU

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it may mean you have been eating foods which create acids, says a well-known authority. An excess of such acids overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sort of paralyzed and loggy. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels, removing all the body's urinous waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells; your stomach sours, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, channels often get sore, water seeps, and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

Either consult a good, reliable physician at once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys may then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to help clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize acids in the system, so they no longer irritate, thus often relieving bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, can not injure and makes a delightful, effervescent lithia-water drink. Drink lots of soft water. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year.

Statistics Show Boy Babies Have Not Strength of Girls

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Boy babies have not the same chance of living as girl babies, they are the weaker sex, according to Prof. S. J. Holmes, zoologist of the University of California, speaking here today before the American Statistical Association. "In the first year of life many more boys die than girls, the proportion of boy deaths being greater in the first month and gradually decreasing through the rest of the year. Studies made in places, periods and social strata where the infant death rate is low, show the ratio of boy deaths to girl deaths is high. As we go back in embryonic life this ratio steadily increases. The male, apparently, is the weaker animal at least at the start of life."

MANY QUALIFY FOR DEBATING

On January 23rd preliminaries for the selection of a team of two boys and two girls from the Ballinger schools, from which a team will be chosen to represent the Ballinger schools in the interscholastic league debating contest, will be held.

Much interest is being manifested among the student body of the Ballinger high school for the honors to be handed out in this part of the interscholastic league work. Twenty pupils, ten boys and ten girls have qualified for the preliminaries.

The subject to be debated is "Resolved that the United States should grant to the Philippine Islands their independence at the end of a period of five years."

Those taking the affirmative in debating this subject are: Clinton Reese, Burton Reese, Frances Harvey, Ruth Bartlett, Helen Williams, Ruth Mitchell, Crews Alexander, Clyde Barbee, Bill Clark and Nell Smith. Those taking the negative are: Clarence Matejowsky, Leo Castor, Clell Reed, Dorothy Chaney, Louise Kirk, Edith Nicholson, Carlos Black, Everett Bartlett, Mayne Jean Hale and Alice Bennett.

The date for the interscholastic county meet has not been set, but will be held at Ballinger some time next spring. All the events, including the athletic events, with the exception of the basketball tournament, will be held at Ballinger. The basketball tournament will be held at Winters some time before the county meet is held at Ballinger.

The athletic events will be held in the athletic field of the Rumsen County Fair park.

CATARRH

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J. B. Pace, of the Winters section, was among those who made a rush on the tax collector's office for a new auto plate Wednesday. J. F. White, of the Truitt country, was here on business Wednesday.

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PROGRAM READY FOR BIG SPREAD

Coke R. Stevenson, of Junction, and Hon. Mark McGee, of Brownwood, state commander of the American Legion, will be the principal speakers at the annual banquet of the Young Men's Business League to be held in this city on January 15th. This is according to announcement of the program committee which stated that these speakers have accepted invitations to be here.

Hon. Alfred Crager, of Ballinger, will be toast-master of the occasion, and the program has been drafted with a view of keeping out all monotony, or anything that could possibly cause a drag, and create that tired feeling sometimes experienced on such occasions.

The musical part of the program will be in keeping with the speech making, and the banquet promises to be snappy, full of pep, and one which will start the new year for the business organization off in an enthusiastic way.

The banquet will be held in the banquet hall of the Masonic Lodge, the ladies of the Eastern Star being in charge of the menu. Tickets will be placed on sale immediately and the number is limited to 200, and not more than 225, if it becomes necessary to enlarge the guest room. There will be only one canvass by the ticket committee, and you had better be prepared to put the money on the barrel-head when the committee calls on you.

No, there will be no long business session at the banquet. That part of the program will be very brief, and consist in hearing the report of the nominating committee, balloting, and then turning the meeting into one of fun and merry-making.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS CALLED TO MEET

There will be a called meeting of the Royal Neighbors Friday afternoon at two o'clock. All members will please take notice and be present.

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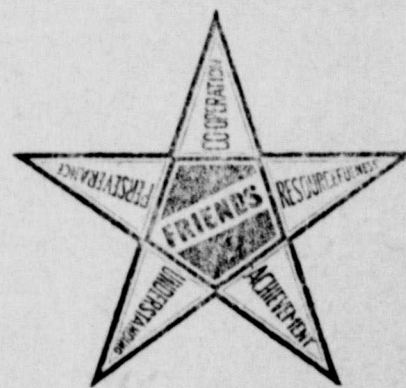
With the waning of the old year and the welcome of the new we desire to express our thanks and appreciation to those who have favored us with their patronage.

These manifestations of their confidence are, indeed gratifying and an inspiration toward greater effort to be of wholesome service during 1925.

Again we extend to you our best wishes for a prosperous and happy New Year.

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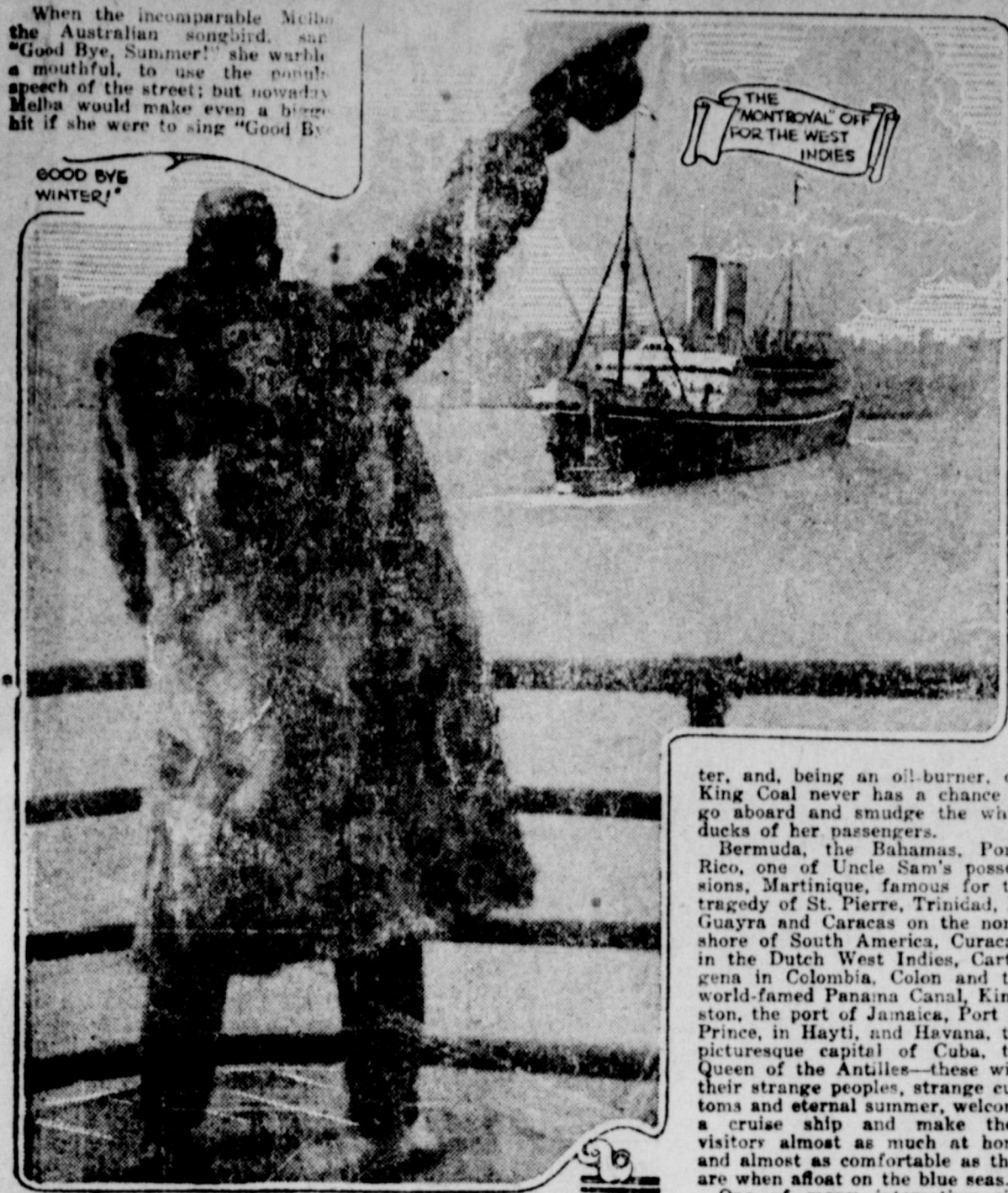
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"Good Bye Winter!" "Sunny Caribbean Beckons"

When the incomparable Melba, the Australian songbird, sang "Good Bye, Summer!" she warbled a mouthful, to use the words of the street; but nowadays Melba would make even a blunder if she were to sing "Good Bye Winter!"

GOOD BYE WINTER!



Winter!" and throw a West Indies cruise ticket in with the number. The chap in the accompanying picture was cheering for summer on a cold New York pier in January as the "Empress of Britain" with a happy load of travelers was leaving New York for a trip of 29 days to the sunny, palm-crowned islands of the storied West Indies and the mainland of South America. As a woman enjoys the inalienable privilege of changing

her mind, so a ship can change her name and be just as good a ship as she ever was. The "Empress of Britain" is now the "Montroyal," named after a wonderful mountain towering over the great Canadian city of Montreal, and on Jan. 20 and Feb. 21, 1925, the "Montroyal" is to make her seventh and eighth voyages to Summerland in the romantic and historic Caribbean. She is of 23,500 tons displacement and some 15,650 tons gross regis-

ter, and, being an oil-burner, old King Coal never has a chance to go aboard and smudge the white ducks of her passengers.

Bermuda, the Bahamas, Porto Rico, one of Uncle Sam's possessions, Martinique, famous for the tragedy of St. Pierre, Trinidad, La Guayra and Caracas on the north shore of South America, Curacao, in the Dutch West Indies, Cartagena in Colombia, Colon and the world-famed Panama Canal, Kingston, the port of Jamaica, Port au Prince, in Hayti, and Havana, the picturesque capital of Cuba, the Queen of the Antilles—these with their strange peoples, strange customs and eternal summer, welcome a cruise ship and make their visitors almost as much at home and almost as comfortable as they are when afloat on the blue seas.

One of many interesting side trips is that to Colon and Panama, part way by rail and through the famous Culebra Cut of the Panama Canal by steamer. In Panama city tourists are shown the ruins of Old Panama which was sacked by Morgan, the pirate, in 1671. At Gatun they see the great locks which lift and lower the largest steamships passing through Uncle Sam's wonderful canal across the Isthmus of Panama.

CAR BURNS AT FIRE STAT ON

A man by the name of Wiggins lost his auto—a Ford sedan—and two children had a narrow escape from burning when the tourists stopped for gas at the Hash garage and filling station shortly after 2:00 o'clock New Year's morning.

Mr. Wiggins stated that he lived in Abilene and he and the children were en route home from a Christmas visit to other points. They were traveling at night and ran out of gas at Ballinger, or did not have sufficient gas to make the remainder of the trip to Abilene.

Jim Hash, city fireman, operates a garage adjoining the fire station, and Mr. Wiggins called him from his bed to get gas, and while Mr. Hash was pumping the gas into the tank of the Ford the tourist picked up a lantern and held the light too close to the gas tank to "peep in" and see if the tank was full, and as he did so the car became enveloped in flames almost instantly.

Two children seated in the back seat of the car were pulled from the sedan in the nick of time with the flames leaping around them. It was a narrow escape for the children. Gasoline near the filling station was also ignited and the fire fighter had to devote his attention to this before making efforts to save the burning Ford. The chemical engine was brought into play and the fire extinguished, but not until the Ford sedan had been destroyed, with the exception of the running gear which was not seriously damaged. The top and upholstery of the Ford was destroyed, together with the contents of the car, including grips, clothing and other luggage.

Mr. Wiggins and the children spent the remainder of the night in Ballinger and caught a service car home later in the day.

LOCAL CAGERS WIN THIRD STRAIGHT

(By Bing Miller)
The high school basketball quintet annexed their third straight game Wednesday by defeating Hagan, 32 to 22.

Although they won the game, the Ballinger quintet did not flash their usual good form. However, this can be attributed to the fact that they were unable to get in much practice during the holidays. "Son" Rayburn was high point man for Ballinger with Earl Baker running him a close second.

With only a few weeks left in which to whip his team into shape for the county meet, Coach Oliver urges that all members of the team report for practice every evening. The fast-flying Miles Mixers have their eyes fastened on the county title, but the locals declare that Miles is due for a surprise.

Ed Morley, manager for the West Texas Utilities Company in this district, has rented the Hut-ton home on Eighth Street, and will move his family to Ballinger at once.

STAGE SET FOR BIG MAT MATCH

A finish bout will be staged at the local National Guard armory tonight, beginning at 8:00 o'clock between Oscar Douglass, of Winters, and Jess Watkins, of this city. These two semi-professionals will go on the mat for a tussle to the finish. They are well matched and the athletic fans are promised their money's worth. The admission is forty cents, and ladies at half price, according to announcement carried in The Ledger.

In an announcement advertising the match in Wednesday's issue of The Ledger an error was made in saying that Oscar Duncan

would wrestle with Watkins. It should have been Douglass instead of Duncan. Douglass is well known here and has strong supporters for the championship tonight.

As preliminaries there will be several boxing bouts before Douglass and Watkins rush each other. Local boxers will go in the ring for a few rounds, and there will be some fast and furious work. The National Guard is back for the sport, and promise a warm room and comfortable seats for tonight's attractions.

We give twenty-four hours service on kodak work. Bring us your films.—Bartlett Studio. 14-14d

J. D. Smith and son, of the Wingate country, were paying taxes in Ballinger Wednesday.

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The Perfect Picture



And now the perfect combination—the Negri of foreign made triumphs in an American produced super-picture.

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GREAT INTEREST IN NEW PICKFORD FILM



Seldom has there been shown such a marked interest in a forthcoming photoplay as that evinced by local theatre-goers since the first announcement of the coming of Mary Pickford in her own and a new version of "Tess of the Storm Country," a United Artists release which opens the new Queen Theatre tonight for a two-day run. It is perhaps the combination of a favorite star in a favorite play in the newest Ballinger theatre which makes this screen event so notable, but it is also certain the fact that Miss Pickford has greatly elaborated on her triumphant histrionic efforts of eight years ago has had a marked effect in intensifying the public interest.

It is well known that this celebrated star has gone to a great expense in reproducing "Tess of the Storm Country" because of her ambition to improve upon it to such an extent as to insure its popularity in posterity. Critics throughout the country agree she has succeeded in her purpose and it is freely predicted this great film drama will live as long as there is such a thing as a motion picture screen.

In this epochal photoplay she is surrounded by a supporting cast of exceptional brilliance. Lloyd Hughes in the leading male role, which was originally created by the late Harold Lockwood, and Gloria Hope as Teola Graves are especially good while David Tor-

Hey, Jean Hersholt, Gus Saville, and Madame de Bodamere all give excellent performances.

MANY THRILLS IN "SINGER JIM MCKEE"



William S. Hart in the Paramount Picture "Singer Jim McKee"

A motion picture is no stronger than its story. This truth has always been adhered to in the case of Wm. S. Hart productions, since Mr. Hart's dramatic training convinced him of the necessity of a powerful story for any stage or screen production.

"Singer Jim McKee," his latest Paramount picture, opening today at the Fo-to-sho Theatre, is one of the strongest stories of any picture in which he has appeared. The story was written by Mr. Hart himself, and adapted to the screen by J. G. Hawks, one of the best known scenario writers. The story is a Western, both modern and period, but it is a Western of distinctive kind. Rather than a thrilling riding and shooting melodrama, it depends upon a story of peculiarly intriguing quality, both from the standpoint of freshness of treatment and originality of twist.

There are thrills in the picture too, but the real punch of the thing is in the story, the strangely beautiful theme woven through the play. The story can only be compared to those gems of O. Henry, that deft master at portraying the little poignant quirks of life flowing in the channel of

everyday existence, which form the true drama of life.

"Singer Jim McKee" is one of those rare stories that makes one want to laugh and cry at the same time.

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See our Diablo Nut—it is fine, price right. Other good coals. Phone 120.

C. J. LYNN & SON, 30-34d-1-w

W. D. Rogers, of the Wingate country, was in the city Wednesday and while here ordered The Ledger to go to his son, H. A. Rogers, at Fluvanna. Mr. Rogers has just returned home from a trip to the Plains country, and when someone asked him if he bought land on the Plains he remarked that "a man would freeze to death there in August." Mr. Rogers was caught in the Lubbock country when the temperature was playing around below the zero mark, and he declared that he met folks coming South like ducks ahead of a blizzard.

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A JOHN S. ROBERTSON PRODUCTION

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Richard Barthelmess in
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WILLIAM S. HART

in

"Singer Jim McKee"

When it comes to Western melodramas, Hart's trumps. And here again the two gun king shoots straight to your heart.

A PARAMOUNT SPECIAL

Lige Conley in

"Oh What a Night"

A Mermaid Comedy

10c Admission 25c

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