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WISLON ASKS CONGRESS TO BREAK WITH THE GERMANS

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The appearance of President Wilson in person before congress within the next few days to announce his desire to break off diplomatic relations with Germany was forecasted in a statement made by high administration officials today. One official occupying a high administration official position stated such action was certain if the report proved true that the German foreign office was sending Ambassador Bernstorff instruction to "play for further delay" in bringing to a close the Lusitania dispute.

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—The war office late yesterday announced that the Germans had captured over six miles of French trenches north of Verdun and took prisoners numbering over three thousand and also large quantities of supplies and ammunition.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—It was announced in the House of Commons today that the allies had conquered and held under control at this time seven hundred and thirty thousand miles of German territory in Africa.

SHIPS \$2500 WORTH OF EGGS TO CUBA

The first car of eggs for the present season left Ballinger Wednesday. It was a big car and contained 460 cases. The average car contains about 420 cases. This car was consigned to Cuba, going by New Orleans.

E. A. Jeanes & Co., who shipped out the big car of eggs, stated that while this was the first car load shipment made, many eggs had been going forward all the year by express shipments. For the remainder of the season they expect to ship in car lots. Mr. Jeanes stated Tuesday that the prospects were promising for the largest egg crop in the history of the poultry industry of this county, but stated that he would have a market for every egg at some price, and he felt sure the price would hold up as well as usual.

The car shipped out Wednesday contained 13,800 dozen eggs, or when reduced to single eggs amounted to 165,600 eggs. Some cackling. The car of eggs was valued at about \$3000.

ROAD TAX ELECTION SET FOR APRIL 8

The commissioners' court, it will be remembered, ordered an election last week, in which the voters of this county shall say whether they want to pay a special road tax of fifteen cents on the hundred dollars for the purpose of building roads in this county, and improving the roads that we now have. The court adjourned without fixing the date of the election but authorized County Judge Kleberg to select a date.

Judge Kleberg announced Wednesday morning that he had set Saturday, April 8th, as date of this election, which gives the required thirty days time in which to give notice of same, and allow the people to become familiar with the purpose of such election and cast an intelligent vote.

From time to time efforts have been made to raise money with which to improve the roads of this county, and every proposition that has been put up to the people has met with a flat turn-down. About one year ago the people voted on the special tax proposition and a very light vote was polled, and the question was defeated through a lack of interest.

It is estimated that a fund of about \$15,000 annually will be realized from this tax, and the court, or the people have the right to stop the tax levy when the roads are put in good condition, or at any time they see fit. Each precinct will get its proportionate part of the tax money, and the levying of the tax will give the court authority to get busy and push the road work at once, as they can issue script, or borrow the money and when the tax is collected take up the indebtedness.

The two commissioners from the northern part of the county expressed the opinion that their precincts would give the tax issue a good majority, and if the people will go to the polls and vote this perplexing question will be settled for the time at least.

LOCAL BANKERS IN DISTRICT MEET

A. C. Homan, who attended the District Bankers meet at Coleman, left a copy of the Coleman Democrat, which came out in a special edition in complimenting the bankers who were present at the meeting. The Democrat gives a detailed account of the meeting.

WHITLOCK MENTIONED FOR WAR SECRETARY

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—It was announced today that Brand Whitlock would probably be appointed as secretary of war to succeed Secretary Garrison, who recently resigned. The mentioning of Whitlock for the place excited favorably comment in congress, even among the republican members who will endorse the appointment.

T. & P. RECEIVERSHIP SUIT DISMISSED

By United Press.
DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 23.—Federal Judge Meeks today ruled that he had no jurisdiction in the receivership matter of the T. & P. railroad suit, and dismissed the injunction bill pending in his court.

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which was one of the most successful ever held in the district since the organization of the Sixth District.

The business men and citizens of Coleman entertained the visiting bankers with a twelve o'clock luncheon and an outdoor supper. There were more than one hundred bankers present in addition to the "Flying Squadron," consisting of about seventy five bankers from other districts and from out of the state who are touring Texas and visiting the various district meetings. The "Flying Squadron" came from Coleman to Ballinger, spending the night here before they departed for Abilene to attend the meeting at that place.

Brownwood was selected at the 1917 place of meeting and the following officers were elected: L. E. Collins, chairman; J. T. Yantis, secretary.

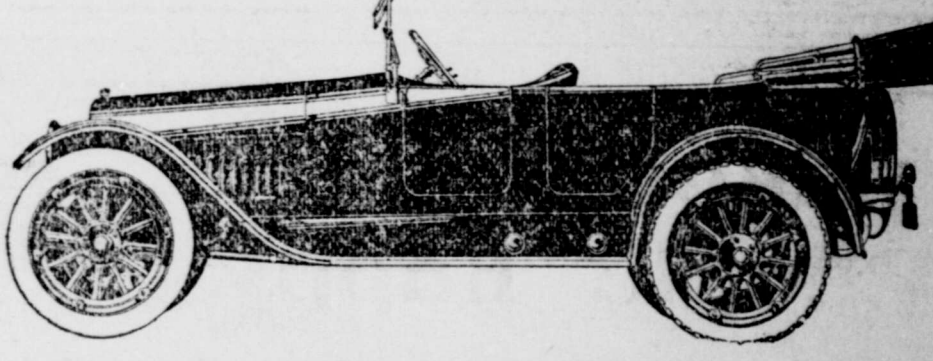
CHARGED WITH SMUGGLING FEATHERS.

LAREDO, Feb. 23.—Abraham Kellman of New York, charged with smuggling \$9,000 worth of feathers into the United States, was scheduled to have a preliminary hearing here today. The customs officials charge the feathers were shipped from British India to New York thence thru this country in bond to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and later smuggled back into Texas. The shipment, which was found in a house near here, where Kellman was arrested, was confiscated. Kellman has been at liberty on \$5,000 bonds.

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Weather Forecast
Tonight fair and frost; Thursday fair and warmer.

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Ballinger, Texas

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A. W. SLEDGE, Editor
C. P. SHEPHERD, Business Mgr.

Sheriff L. P. Barker, of Oklahoma, who came after a prisoner arrested in our county, wanted in his section, left with his prisoner for home Tuesday afternoon.

S. C. Findley, of Comanche, who represents the Fort Worth Record in this section, came in Wednesday at noon to look after his company's interests in this section a few days.

Severe Cold Quickly Cured
"On December first I had a very severe cold or attack of the grip as it may be, and was nearly down sick in bed," writes O. J. Metcalf, Weatherby, Mo. "I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a few days until I was completely restored to health. I firmly believe that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is one of the very best medicines and will know what to do when I have another cold." Obtainable everywhere.

Miss Landers, the milliner for Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., came in Sunday from the Eastern markets, where she had been studying the past several weeks.

Watch the Fords Go By.

BOX PARTY AT PRINCESS THEATRE

In honor of her visiting guests, Mrs. C. A. Dooze entertained with a box party last night. Seats were reserved for twenty-five at the Princess, and the hostess and her guests enjoyed the splendid program presented on this occasion.

After the show the guests returned to the home of Mrs. Dooze on Broadway where refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening spent in merriment.

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- Our Grocery cheer last throughout the year, and never fades, and it is all in what you eat.
- Hungry people are happy as a lark when they eat our groceries, because the quality is in what they eat.
- When dad pays the bill he, too, is some happy, and his satisfaction is over the price.
- Fact is, they just flood the whole family with cheer because they are fine to eat, easy to cook, and stimulating to a degree.
- Can you beat it?

L. B. Stubbs
'Phones 93 and 94

THE PROPER COURSE

Information of Priceless Value to Every Ballinger Citizen

How to act in an emergency is knowledge of intestimable worth, and this is particularly true of the diseases and ills of the human body. If you suffer with kidney backache, urinary disorders, or any form of kidney trouble, the advice contained in the following statement should add a valuable asset to your store of knowledge. What could be more convincing proof of the efficiency of Doan's Kidney Pills than the statement of a Ballinger citizen who used them and who publicly tells of the benefit derived?

H. G. Oetken, farmer, R. F. D. No. 3, Ballinger, says: "My kidneys were inactive. I had dull pains in the small of my back, often so bad that I could hardly stoop. Headaches and dizzy spells also annoyed me and I had other symptoms of kidney complaint. Another of my family had used Doan's Kidney Pills with such good results, that I decided to try them. I got some from the Walker Drug Co. and they proved to be just what I needed and soon had me in good shape."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Oetken had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. W. A. Breedlove returned home Tuesday afternoon from a visit to relatives at Miles the past few days.

To Cure Children's Colds.

Keep child dry, clothe, comfortable, avoid exposure and give Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It is pleasant, soothing, antiseptic, raises phlegm and reduces inflammation. The first dose gives relief, continued treatment with proper care will avoid serious illness or a long cold. Don't delay treatment. Don't let your child suffer. Get a bottle today. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. 25c. at Druggists.



The greatest of all Frank Spearman's railroad stories
SHOWN IN MOTION PICTURE AT THE QUEEN THEATRE EVERY SATURDAY.

(Continued from Yesterday)

Rhinelanders wiped his brow and turned, dejected, from the counter. He had not the heart to wire Oceanside of the calamity. The first thing necessary, in any event, was to make an effort to appease the men and, starting to his camp, he attempted to do this. The men, made uneasy by Rhinelanders' sudden disappearance after his promise to pay, were grumbling around Wood, the foreman, who was using his best efforts to quiet them. Rhinelanders now reappeared from the station, but empty-handed. He brought with him the rifle package, showed this to Wood and to the men; explained that he had been robbed and told the men they would have to wait.

Those closest in the group that crowded around him had been primed for a disturbance by Spike and his two confederates. They sneered at Rhinelanders' statements and told him they wanted their pay. Lyons, hurrying over from the station, reported to Rhinelanders that the express company and the chief special agent's office had been notified of the robbery and detectives were on the way. But while Wood and Lyons argued with some of the disaffected, Spike and his companions lured others of them to a hut on the edge of the camp limits, where a sort of blind pig was in operation. Here Spike, spending money freely, plied the grumbling laborers with liquor and advised them to stand on their rights and refuse to work if their money was not at once forthcoming.

Rhinelanders made up his mind not

to dodge the issue and he assured such of the men as would listen that if they would give him a little time he would replace the pay roll on his personal credit; and that no one should lose a cent through the accident. The difficulty was to get the men to listen. The strike idea spread through the camp like an infection, and reason was for the moment completely forgotten. Spike, perceiving the mischief well under way and anxious to get the two city criminals out of the way before the detectives from headquarters should arrive and round up the camp for suspects, directed Spike and Dan to "beat it" back to town on the local passenger.

At this time a sudden and unexpected complication arose. With Spike, the party returned to the shack for a final drink, and when they left it, Sykes and Dan started for the station. But a lighted match carelessly thrown to the ground inside the hut, falling among rubbish, had ignited it, and almost before the pair reached the station the hut was on fire.

Entering the waiting room with his companion, Sykes bought tickets from Helen for the city. When with Dan he walked out on the platform, the local train had pulled in and the crew were looking at the fire in Rhinelanders' camp.

Sykes and Dan boarded the train at the moment it pulled slowly out. In the office, while Helen was putting away the bill with which Sykes had paid for the tickets, her attention was arrested by a blot of ink on the edge

of it. With a woman's intuition, she realized almost at once that the ink-stained bill was one of those stolen from the express package the night before. Running out on the platform, she told Lyons of the discovery.

Helen, frantic as she saw the train pulling away with the burglars, looked around for help. Nothing seemed to offer in any direction and she turned, distractedly back to the office to wire Oceanside when her eye fell on a speeder car.

With a start she turned to it, took hold of the handles, pushed the car forward a length, found it responded to her touch, and hardly giving thought as to whether she could manage the machine, conceived, as it began to pick up speed, that possibly she could overtake the departing train. This idea, once in her head, she had only to jump into the seat and in another moment she was in pursuit of the train—then traveling through a zone of fire from the burning camp.

Catching at the inflammable material with which its path was freely spread, leaping from tent to tent and hut to hut, licking up the canvas and eating rapidly into the flimsy wooden structures that barred its way, engulfing machinery, wagons and equipment in its quick advance, the fire, fanned by the north wind and its own suction, tore along like a whirlwind, with Rhinelanders and his gang doing their best to check it. By the time the train had reached the vicinity of the camp, the fire had jumped the track and the flames rose on all sides as the local headed through them.

Close behind the train, Helen, running the lineman's speeder, was doing her utmost to attract the attention of the train crew. Their eyes were fixed on the fire. Helen sped through the angry fire, and gained on the last-moving train until but a slight gap separated the nose of her speeder from the rear platform. Then mounting on the footboard of the roaring little motor, she sprang with all her strength to the observation platform of the rear car.

The conductor and brakeman, looking back at that moment from the coaches to watch the fire, discovered the pursuing speeder. The two started back for the rear platform and they reached it just as Helen landed in front of them from her jump.

(Continued Tomorrow.)

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

All Copy for Political Announcements must be accompanied by Cash.

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 25th

Representative 111th District:
WALACE E. HAWKINS.

For County Clerk:
W. C. MCCARVER.
C. C. COCKRELL.
H. G. SECREST.

For Tax Assessor:
C. C. SCHUCHARD.
T. H. CURRY.
JOE TURNER.

For County Treasurer:
W. L. BROWN.

For County Attorney:
C. P. SHEPHERD.

For Tax Collector:
W. T. PADGETT.
M. C. BOYD.

For Sheriff:
M. D. CHASTAIN.

For County Judge:
J. D. PERKINS.

For District Clerk:
O. L. PARISH.

For County Superintendent of Schools:
(Miss) MARY PHILLIPS.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 1:
W. W. WOOTEN.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 2:
E. C. MOOR.

Divorced, married and divorced again within one hour was the experience of a woman at Eastland last week when she was granted a divorce. During the trial of the case the woman stated that she was not going to marry again, but was going right home to her father, where she had been for two years, and stay there the remainder of her life.

The case was tried at 1:30 in the afternoon. In less than an hour she had married another man, and inasmuch as she had secured her divorce upon the grounds of cruel treatment, the law forbids a marriage of either party within a year after the decree of divorce is granted.

Upon hearing of her marriage so soon after the divorce decree, the court set the divorce aside. This left the woman in effect, with two husbands. Upon hearing that her decree had been set aside, she and her new husband came into court and made application to the court to annul their marriage just performed and upon proper application and answer thereto, the court annulled, set aside and held the marriage for naught and then reinstated the decree of divorce, admonishing the woman that she had better wait a year unless she wanted to run the risk of being prosecuted.

How To Cure Colds.

Avoid exposure and drafts. Eat right. Take Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar, healing balsams and mild laxatives. Dr. King's New Discovery kill sand expels the cold germs, soothes the irritated throat and allays inflammation. It heals the mucous membrane. Search as you will, you cannot find a better cough, and cold remedy. Its use over 45 years is a guarantee of satisfaction.

Mrs. L. B. Strickland and two little children, of Abilene, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to Clariette, where they will make their future home. They were short of money when they arrived in Ballinger and at the train in a few minutes the money was made up for a ticket and enough to take care of them until they arrived at their destination.

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It has relieved women from some of the worst forms of female ills, from displacements, inflammation, ulceration, irregularities, nervousness, weakness, stomach troubles and from the blues.

It is impossible for any woman who is well and who has never suffered to realize how these poor, suffering women feel when restored to health; their keen desire to help other women who are suffering as they did.



Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Elder, who had been making home in San Angelo the past few months, were the guests of his brother E. F. Elder and family a few days before going to Lubbock, where they will make their future home.

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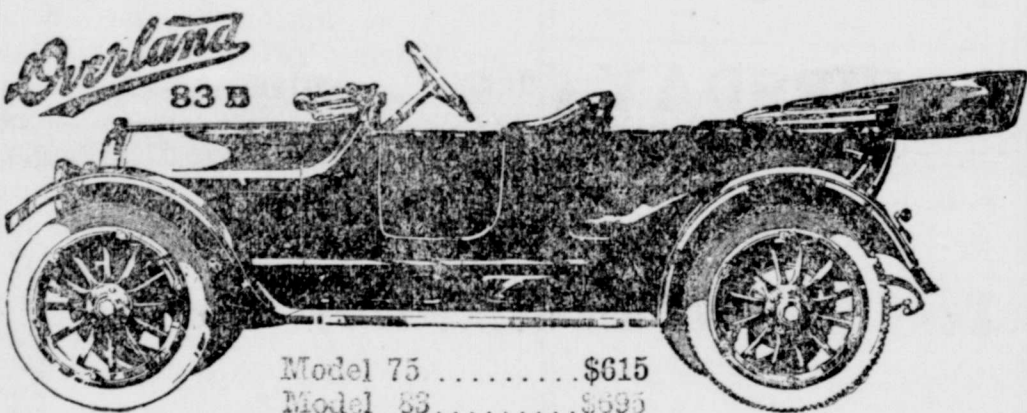
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FOURTH EPISODE

The Power of the People

By REGINALD WRIGHT KAUFFMAN.
 Author of "House of Bondage,"
 "Jim," "The Girl Who Goes
 Wrong," and "My Heart
 and Stephanie"

SYNOPSIS.

Dudley Larnigan, district attorney, attacks the liquor and vice trusts. He is killed by an agent of a secret society, the committee of fifteen. His son, Bruce Larnigan, is elected district attorney and takes up the fight. Bruce is in love with Dorothy Maxwell, whose father is head of the insurance trust.

Bruce Larnigan is decoyed to an evil resort in an effort to frame him up. He has the police commissioner present. A fire starts in a tenement. Larnigan saves the children of Dow, one of the conspirators. This man agrees to expose the trust. He is murdered by the gang.

Stanford Stone, head of the graft syndicate, insists Larnigan must be killed. Gunmen are posted in the park to kill Larnigan in his automobile. Dorothy Maxwell, over the dictaphone, hears the plot. Two more conspirators are killed and Larnigan again escapes.

BRUCE LARNIGAN, despite his successes over the graft syndicate since his election as district attorney, began to feel, after his miraculous escape from the plot to kill him in an explosion in the new subway, that his chances of success along the lines he had so far followed were almost hopeless.

Gradually, it seemed to him, tremendous forces were being arrayed against him. The whole power of the city administration was on the side of the enemy. The mayor, with all the departments he employed, showed open antagonism. The newspapers, with the single exception of the Independent, were either openly hostile or sneeringly indifferent. A great many people who, it seemed to him, should give him enthusiastic support were decidedly lukewarm in their attitude. To Dorothy Maxwell, his fiancée and practically the only person in whom he was now able to confide, since he did not want to worry his mother with the details of his troubles, he told of his growing feeling that he was on the wrong road.

"We thought it was a wonderful thing when I was elected district attorney, dear," he said to her. "But the office has tied my hands again and again. Things that I could do if I were a private citizen I am barred from even attempting. Just for one thing—this graft conspiracy, I am convinced, is country wide.

"It isn't confined to New York alone. But as district attorney I can't go outside the city. My jurisdiction stops there."

"But you can go outside to get evidence," she suggested.

"The minute I do that they'll accuse me of neglecting my duty to pursue a fantastic conspiracy that, they say, has no existence at all except in my own brain. The best thing they say about me is that I'm visionary—a lunatic! Most of them say, whether they actually believe it or not, that I'm a crook."

"It's an outrage!" said Dorothy, with flashing eyes.

"Well, what do you think? It seems to me that I ought to resign as district attorney at once. I've been talking to Bart Nash. He's the editor of the Independent, you know—the man who gave Jim Stevens a job when Jim was fired for helping me to get the goods on the traction grafters."

"What does he say?"

"He agrees with me—that I ought to resign. He has promised me the support of his paper if I undertake to carry on the fight by a direct appeal to the people. That's my chance as I see it—to get the people stirred up, so that they will really demand action. So far they don't believe in me. But I can make them do it, I'm sure."

"Then if he thinks that and you feel as you do, I think you ought to resign," said Dorothy. "It's you that have got to make the decision. Bruce, I'm with you whatever you do."

"That settles it," said Bruce. "I thought you'd agree with me. I shall resign at once. And the first move in my new fight will be against the grain trust."

"I didn't know there was one," she said, and a particularly mean one. It's responsible for the rise in the price of bread. There's plenty of grain, but they're creating an artificial shortage to send up prices. There's no reason at all for the rise. It's the worst sort of crookedness. I shall go to Chicago at once. That's the place where I can get the evidence, thought it's St. John Dodson, right here in New York, who is my final quarry."

"Mr. Dodson!" said Dorothy, deeply shocked. "Why, he's one of papa's best friends!"

"That's just the trouble," said Bruce grittingly. "It's because men who are universally supposed to be honorable and decent, and who occupy fine and high positions, are at the bottom of all the crookedness that it's so hard for me to reach them."

Stanford Stone, the secret head of the graft syndicate and Bruce's great enemy, was not deceived by Bruce's resignation of his office, which filled some of Stone's associates with delight.

"He hasn't given up," he said. "Don't be fooled for a minute by his resignation. That's just a blind. He's going to keep on fighting, and it's more important than ever to put him out of the way. I know, for instance, that he's going to Chicago tomorrow to try to get evidence against Dodson and his grain shortage. Black's gone, but I've got another man to follow him."

So it came about that there traveled with Bruce, following him as closely as his own shadow, a desperado known to the police of a score of cities as Red Mike. Mike meant to earn his money.

With Bruce gone, Stanford Stone left no move unmade in New York that might help to achieve his object. His first blow was struck at the Independent. A hint was enough. With one accord advertisers withdrew their support until the paper faced a staggering loss. And Stone went further. His agents approached stockholders, who, frightened by the loss of earnings, were glad to sell their holdings. So Stone came into control of a great block of Independent stock and was able to apply for a receivership and so force the suspension, for a time at least, of the paper's publication.

At his instance, too, suits were brought against Bruce for criminal libel and for heavy damages by the men he had accused in connection with the traction trust exposure. These were strike suits, which could not succeed when they were brought to trial, but it was not Stone's purpose to let them come to trial. They served as an excuse for attaching Bruce's bank account and his home, and this was done. Bruce's mother was terrified by threats of ejectment from her home, and Stone relied upon her pleadings to induce Bruce to abandon his fight, even if his well laid plans to put Bruce out of the way should not succeed.

Even so, however, Stone was not content. He felt that Bruce still was



"Leave things to me. I'll get through somehow," said Tom.

possessed one thing that he coveted—the love of Dorothy Maxwell. The engagement of the two had not been announced, but it was a more or less open secret. And now Stone, relying upon his hold over Roger Maxwell, his father, ventured openly to go to Dorothy and ask her to marry him. He was promptly refused, but would not take his answer. He wanted reasons, and Dorothy reluctantly told him of the plot to kill Bruce that she had overheard by means of the dictaphone in his office. To her amazement, Stone made no denial.

"I am his enemy," he said coolly. "I admit it. What of it? Your own father is associated with me. Larnigan's success would mean even more to him than to me."

"I don't believe you!" cried Dorothy desperately.

But she did. It explained so much that had troubled and mystified her. And Roger Maxwell, when she begged him to deny what Stone had said, couldn't do it. Indeed, he let her see that he was, to some extent at least, in Stone's power. It was a dreadful dilemma that Dorothy faced, with Bruce a thousand miles away, engaged, as she knew, in a bitter and perilous struggle.

And, even so, she did not know how great were the perils that dogged Bruce's trail. Red Mike, like some skulking beast of prey, waited for his chance to strike. A dozen times he held his hand, inspired by the animal cunning that was his, waiting to make sure.

Meanwhile Bruce found plenty of evidence. He was disturbed by the news that came to him from Bart Nash and Jim Stevens, but decided that it was better for him to stick to his own part of the work instead of going back to help them. He felt that he was on the trail of real facts, which would prove terribly damaging to the enemy.

At last there came the chance he had waited. A man he had bribed told him of a plan to send a schooner out on Lake Michigan from Chicago heavily laden with grain.

"Go along," he told Bruce. "You'll see something worth while."

And Bruce did. Concealed in a boat, he saw the crew, under orders from the captain, dumping the perfectly good grain into the lake. It was so that Dodson's men were creating the shortage he was using as his excuse for raising the price of bread to the poor! This Bruce knew would serve



"I've ordered the price back. For God's sake take them away," said Dodson.

his cause; the facts would speak for themselves. And he had a small camera with him, with which he took photographs of the dumping.

It was that, however, which was his undoing. He had to expose himself as he took the pictures, and some keen eye among the men saw him. In a moment he was dragged from the boat.

"It's a spy!" cried some burly ruffian.

And a moment later Bruce was fighting for his life. He fought well, but the odds were too great. He was overpowered in no time and savagely beaten. But then the plotters made a fatal mistake. Left alone Bruce might soon have died. But they threw him overboard.

The cold water revived him to some extent, and he was able to cling to a floating spar that came providentially within his reach. And an hour later he was spied from the deck of a yacht and picked up. He was unconscious when he was dragged on board. When he came to an hour later a strange man bent over his cot.

"Are you Bruce Larnigan," he said hoarsely, "like the papers in your pocket say?"

"I am," said Bruce, astonished at the other's emotion.

"Bruce—I'm Tom—you're my brother!" said the stranger.

It was a wonderful tale they made of it, between them. Tom left home in a fit of boyish passion years before. He had disappeared, and the family had long since believed him dead.

"I didn't have the heart to go home a failure, Bruce," he confessed after he had heard Bruce's story. "But, by the Lord, I'll go home now and do the work you set out to do! You'll be in a hospital for a spell, old chap, and you're lucky at that. But leave things to me. I'll get through somehow."

So Tom went east in Bruce's place. He carried a letter to Dorothy Maxwell, and he carried also an absolute determination to defeat the graft syndicate and do Bruce's work until Bruce recovered.

But his arrival at home dismayed him. He learned of his mother's sufferings, and he learned, too, that Dorothy Maxwell, the girl Bruce loved and trusted, was engaged to Stanford Stone.

"I'll play a lone hand, then," he said defiantly to himself. "I'll not deliver Bruce's letter. But I'll get this man Dodson by myself."

Chance guided him to a meeting of the poor held in protest against the rise in the price of bread. Tom Larnigan seized his chance. In a moment he displaced the speaker.

"This is a time to act—not to talk!" he cried. "Follow me! I'll lead you to the man who raised the price of bread!"

With a roar like that of a pack of wolves the crowd followed him, growing greater at every block, until at last it stormed the doors of the great office building in which St. John Dodson had his office, surged up to his office, and beat down all guards and barriers until it was at his very door. Then Tom went in alone to find the great man covering at his desk.

"Shall I let them in," he asked, "or will you yield, you cur?"

"I've ordered the price back to the old figures!" cried the frightened Dodson. "For God's sake take them away!"

Tom believed him. He told the crowd they had won their fight. And even as he spoke, a shot rang out. Dodson had killed himself.

At once Tom and his mother went to Chicago, to find Bruce somewhat improved. He smiled as he heard of Tom's first blow at the forces of graft

(Episode No. 5 next week.)

WALKER DRUG CO. AGENTS FOR FAMOUS CONFECTIONS

In this issue of The Ledger, an ad appears for the Walker Drug Co., announcing that they have secured the agency for Huyler's Candies. This line of confections is well known where ever candy is sold and is extensively advertised in newspapers and magazines.

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 Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. This is the only one with Blue Ribbon. Take one or two. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best-Selling Always Reliable.
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A MASS MEETING

A mass meeting of the ladies, who are interested in civic improvements will be held at the Carnegie Library Thursday, February 24th at 2:30 p. m.

Notice

We are requested to announce that the Modern Woodmen will hold a meeting at the W. O. W. hall Saturday night, Feb. 26th. A full attendance is requested.

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Those who hate nasty medicine should try Chamberlain's Tablets for constipation. They are pleasant to take and their effect is so agreeable and so natural that you will not realize that it has been produced by a medicine. Obtainable everywhere.

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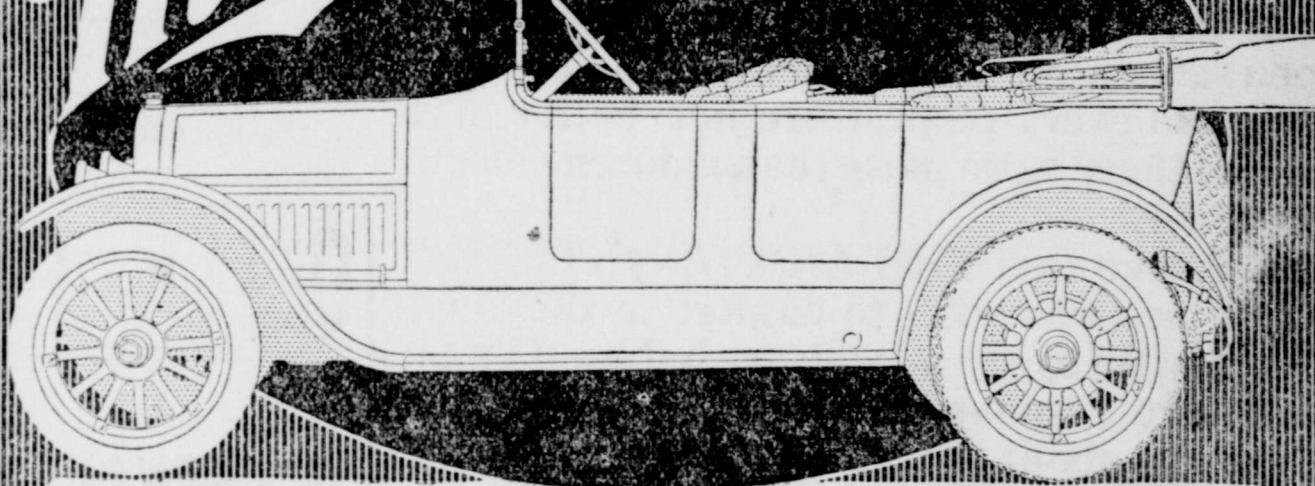
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Wm. Hughes of the Eden country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Pros Issue Challenge to Antis

In our efforts to keep Runnels County free from the Saloons we have arranged for public speaking in every voting precinct in the county, and we hereby challenge the Antis to meet us in joint debate.

We are conducting the campaign open and above board and have nothing to cover up or keep secret from the voters. If the Antis have any argument to offer to show that saloons will help to build up this county, make better citizens and happier homes we are anxious to hear it and will gladly divide time with them at any and all our speaking dates.

We challenge the Antis to show the people wherein this county would be made better by the open saloon. We challenge them to deny that conditions in every respect are not better now than when there were more than a dozen saloons in the county.

We charge that THE LIQUOR INTEREST and a few men who wish to engage in the business, backed up by those who are habitual liquor drinkers, are responsible for this election, and have brought about the election with the hopes that the INCREASED NEGRO VOTE in this county will OVERRIDE THE WISHES OF THE MAJORITY OF THE CITIZENS WHO STAND FOR GOOD HOMES, GOOD SCHOOLS, GOOD CHURCHES, GOOD GOVERNMENT, TO ALL OF WHICH THE SALOON IS A BITTER ENEMY.

We make these charges publicly and challenge the Antis to deny them. If they are not true, why not come before the people and refute them? Our speakers will meet any speaker you put up at any time and at any place. We are willing to take the advice given us by the Antis five years ago and

"Let Well Enough Alone"

and we appeal to every white man in Runnels County to rebuke the effort of the Liquor Interest to use the Negro to burden this county with saloons. Let's keep Runnels County a white man's county and a DRY County, "SALOONS OR NO SALOONS"—That's the issue.

PROHIBITION COMMITTEE

(Advertisement)

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DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 23.—Three thousand, three hundred and twenty-six saloons in Michigan will be forced out of business if the state wide prohibition amendment is passed at the general election November 7. Of these, about 40 per cent are located in Detroit. The value of the saloon interests in the state has been roughly estimated at \$100,000,000. Already nearly 42 per cent of the entire population of the state is in dry territory, through the operation of the county local option law. Local option and restrictions imposed by the Warner-Crampton law, have caused 2,934 saloons in Michigan to suspend business during the last eight years.

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FOR RENT—Front room, furnished or unfurnished, close in Phone 481. dtfth

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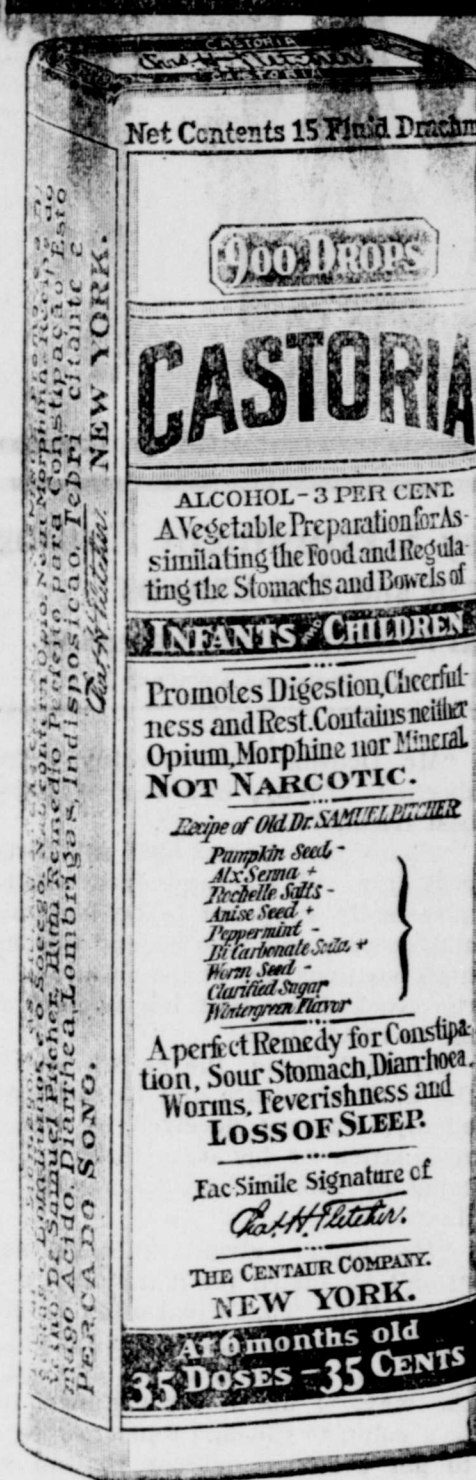
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