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Wilson Will Ask America To Ratify Peace Terms

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Paris, Jan. 14.—President Wilson will go before the American people after the peace treaty is signed and urge its ratification and solidify the support of the new world through the treaty em-bodiment. This was made known to the Peace Conference today, which is deliberating in perfect peace and harmony.

Those present include, besides President Wilson, Secretary Lansing, General Bliss and Herbert C. Hoover, for the United States; Premier Clemenceau, Foreign Minister Pichon, Finance Minister Klotz, Minister of Commerce Clem-entel, Minister of Reconstruction Loucheur, Marshal Foch, Major General Weygand, and Admiral

De Bon, for France; Preimer Lloyd George and Foreign Secretary Balfour, for Great Britain; Foreign Minister Sonnion for Italy and Viscount Chinda and Ambassador Matsui for Japan.

All the members of the Versailles war council also attended, including Gen Sir Henry Wilson the British member.

The accord reached is said to have been completed embracing financial terms whereby Germany must restore the sums taken from the cities and towns in the devastated regions, military, where by Germany must restore the guns taken and promptly deliver up rolling stock and locomotives, and, economic, whereby food relief will reach the famished regions.

Resolutions Endorsing Wilson's 14 Points Tabled

F. & M. PLEASED WITH ITS FORCE

All men making up the board of directors, officers and employees of the F. & M. Bank were retained by the action of the stockholders in a meeting held on Tuesday of this week. The directors and officers re-elected are as follows:

Directors: H. Giesecke, president; E. D. Walker, vice president; R. F. Russell, vice president; J. F. Currie, vice president; J. L. Chastain, cashier.

The bank closed the year's business with a very satisfactory statement, when the condition of the country is taken into consideration. The deposit of this bank are more than three hundred thousand dollars, with a surplus and undivided profit fund amounting to about thirty five thousand dollars.

At the meeting held this week it was reported that \$5,000 had been passed to the surplus fund, \$7,500 to the undivided profit fund and the building account was reduced \$5,000.

Rolly Golden, who has been serving Uncle Sam in the navy came in Wednesday to spend a short furlough with his father W. I. Golden and family and Ballinger friends.

Austin, Jan. 15.—The House passed, then reconsidered and tabled a resolution introduced by Representative Fly today, endorsing President Wilson's fourteen peace points. Mr. Fly asked for a withdrawal of the resolution when several dissenting votes were cast against it.

BRYAN D. BECK GOES TO HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

Bryan D. Beck, of the army Y. M. C. A., Camp Travis, will leave San Antonio in a few days for similar work in the Hawaiian Islands. Mr. Beck who was a San Antonio boy and who received his education in the local schools, has been in the "Y" work for the last 15 months, part of the time being stationed at Camp John Wise, Fort Sam Houston, and later Camp Travis, also spending several months' touring the Southern Department camps in the interest of "Association Men" magazine.

Previous to entering the army Y. M. C. A. Mr. Beck was for six years connected with the sales force of Armour & Co., working in San Angelo, Ballinger and Brownwood.

Emmitt Davis returned home Wednesday at noon, from Kelly Field, having received his discharge.

T. L. McElroy received news this week, that his nephew John McElroy had died of disease in France.

19 Resolutions Submitted Jan 17th Declared Holiday

In all public places, factories, schools and business institutions, it is requested by the government that Franklin Day or Thrift Day be observed on January 17th, which is the 213th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, the great American exponent of thrift. While no set program has been suggested special exercises been suggested special exercises be held by war saving societies and schools, including parades by school children and addresses on thrift by the mayor or some prominent citizen of the community and that business people everywhere and in every way possible lend encouragement to the purpose of the celebration which is to promote the individual practice of economy, and be lending of the peoples savings to the government in return for its securities. Franklin day will be a day of resolution in which every American is urged to resolve to adhere to the policy of saving wisely and intelligently during the year, and that his savings will be lent to the government in the purchase of liberty bonds and war saving stamps so that the victory bill may be paid and that his own fortunes be bettered. Nineteen

resolutions for 1919 to which all Americans are asked to pledge themselves may be summed up as follows: To finish the job to buy wisely, save sanely and invest securely. To take the if out of life and make it build up thrift. Have a personal share in our country's victory financing. To hold all government securities bought. To join a war saving society. To back up our end of the peace table with heart, brains, labor, encouragement and money. Make thrift a happy habit and a solid business. Keep a written account of all bought. Study it wisely and try to reduce useless spending and increase the ability to buy wisely. To save for an unexpected need or an unexpected opportunity. To save to live well now and in the future to conserve time, energy and money. The federal district director of the war loan organization, Frank M. Smith, urges that every man, woman and child in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District, enter into the celebration whole hearted with the determination that the resolutions of economy for 1919 shall last for all time and that America shall pay her just debt and become a nation of thrift.

MOLASSES EXPLOSION KILLS TEN

Boston, Jan. 15.—Ten people were killed and fifty injured when a cask of molasses loaded on a truck exploded at the main plant of the Cuban Distilling Co., this morning. It is assumed that the explosion was caused by the molasses fermenting, exploding, exploding caused other explosions which caused the loss of life. Identification of the victims was rendered impossible because they were covered with molasses, and the molasses must be removed before it will be known who the dead are.

NO CHANGE IN FIRST NATIONAL

The annual stockholders meeting of the First National Bank was held Tuesday afternoon, and the stamp of approval of the shareholders in this institution placed upon the work done by the directors and officers by reelecting without change, the entire board.

Despite the financial condition of the country is at the lowest ebb, this bank has maintained good standing through conservative methods closed the year with a healthy statement. In answer to a call from the government's banking department for a condition of the bank at the close of business on December 31st, the bank issued a statement showing deposits to the amount of \$355,802.43.

The officers and directors elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

Directors: J. A. Walker, J. Y. Pearce, Gus Noyes, R. A. Hall, D. M. Baker, W. W. Fowler, J. McGregor, R. G. Erwin, E. L. Rasbury.

Officers: J. Y. Pearce, President; D. M. Baker, vice president, R. G. Erwin, Cashier, A. J. Thorp, asst. Cashier, J. W. Patterson, asst. cashier, W. R. Bogle, asst. cashier.

Willie Stephens returned Wednesday at noon from East Texas, where he had been with his mother on business.

Father Follows Children To World Beyond The Grave

J. I. Kresta, of the Southern part of this county died at the Halley & Love sanitarium Monday evening about seven thirty o'clock.

Mr. Kresta had been ill for some time, first suffering with influenza which developed pneumonia, leaving him in such condition that an operation to remove inflammation from the lungs was necessary. The ambulance went out and brought him to the local sanitarium, but the disease was greater than he could stand and he passed out of this world and in to the world beyond to join two of his children who died on the same day just two weeks before death claimed their father.

It was on Monday, December 30, when at one-thirty in the afternoon Albert Kresta, aged 18, died. Two hours later on the same day

Wilhelm, age six, died and on the last day of the year, with dreary winter weather and rain making the roads almost impassable, the two children were interred in the same grave. These were children of J. I. Kresta, who died here Monday.

The remains were returned to the Kresta home Tuesday morning and in the afternoon of the same day they were carried to Rowena and buried by the side of his child ren.

All the members of the Kresta family were ill with influenza at the same time, and none of them were able to attend the funeral of the children. While the surviving members are reported to be improving, none of them were able to attend the funeral Tuesday afternoon.

Another Ballinger Boy Pays Supreme Price For Country

While the death message has not been confirmed, his family and friends here feel sure that Walter C. Singletary is dead, having fallen in battle in France on November 3rd.

The first news of the young man's death, came in a message which was sent to Mrs. Nettie B. Singletary, at San Angelo, and which was reported to Ballinger after the telegraph company had failed to find any one at that place by that name.

Walter Singletary has a sister at San Angelo, Mrs. Whaley, but the telegraph company did not know that, and it was through acquaintance formed that some one suggested that the Singletary family at Ballinger had a son in the army and the message was reported here.

There is a possibility that the government has made a mistake in reporting the death, as the telegram was sent to Mrs. "Nettie" Singletary, and sent to San Angelo, instead of coming to Mrs. Nellie Singletary at Ballinger, and the message reported that Walter O. Singletary had been killed while the young man from here is named Walter C.

However, coupled with the message coming in an indirect way, is the fact that Mrs. Singletary has not heard from her son since some time early in October, and it has been feared for some time that he had been killed as he was very regular in writing to his mother.

Walter Singletary enlisted with the National Guards, was station-

ed at San Angelo with a number of other Ballinger boys until federalized and called to Camp Bowie for training. He went to France as a member of the 36th Division, and was transferred to some other division after landing in France. He returned here on a furlough for a visit with his mother and sisters, while training at Fort Worth.

Walter was popular in Ballinger and his many friends are made to sorrow. He was a member of the Ninth Street Baptist church, and was one of the organizers and leaders in the young men's prayer meeting which was organized here a few months before he volunteered for army service. The news of his death coming at such a late date when the other boys are beginning to return home, makes the sorrow all the more keenly felt by his friends and loved ones.

REPORTS BALLINGER BOY DEAD IN FRANCE

Different state papers circulated in Ballinger Wednesday carried the name of Corporal L. B. Wells in the casualty list, reporting Wells as being from Ballinger and having died with disease. The Ledger receives the casualty list sent out by the war department several days in advance of its publication, but the list received by us failed to show the name of Wells. The Ledger has received no local information concerning the death, and if relatives here have been notified of the death of such a man we do not know it.

ALL DAY SNOW SOAKS THE GROUND

Beginning about eight o'clock Wednesday morning and coming down in big thick flakes, one of the heaviest snows to fall in the history of this county, and the heaviest snow for many snows in the past fell throughout the day.

There was no let up until late in the afternoon, and the snow fell so thick at times during the day one could hardly see across the street. As the ground was wet and the weather not cold enough to hold the snow, most of it melted as it fell, and it is difficult to estimate the amount of the fall only by time.

Old timers say that such a snow if it had not melted, would have banked up at least six inches on a level. It was a "wet snow" so wet that people who ventured out received a soaking as though they had been in a rain and umbrellas were very handy.

Such a snow fall as this time will be of great benefit to the grain crop, and nobody is pessimistic over the outlook.

SON DIES; OTHER CHILDREN ILL

Jess Weddle, age seventeen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Weddle, of the Pony Creek country, died Tuesday night with typhoid fever. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon and the remains laid to rest in the cemetery at Concho.

Two other children of Mr. and Mrs. Weddle are seriously ill with typhoid fever, having become ill with fever after recovering from influenza.

Jess Weddle was the oldest son of the family. He was ill with fever about a month following an attack of influenza, and despite the best attention the physicians and loved ones could give him, death claimed his life.

Mr. and Mrs. Weddle have the sympathy of their friends in the sorrow through which they are passing.

QUICK CHANGE IN TAILOR SHOP FIRM

Fulton Lane has sold his interest in the Hardin & Lane tailor shop to H. I. Armstrong, and the new firm name is Armstrong & Hardin. Mr. Armstrong recently returned from Waco where he has been at work.

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Prime steers	13.00-13.50
Good to choice steers	12.00-12.50
Common to medium steers	11.00-11.50
Yearlings, fair to fancy	10.00-10.50
Fat cows and heifers	9.00-9.50
Culling cows and heifers	7.00-7.50
Bulls, plain to best	6.00-6.50
Poor to fancy calves	5.00-5.50
Western range steers	10.00-10.50

These newspaper quotations represent live cattle prices in Chicago on December 30th, 1918.

The list shows price ranges on nine general classified groups with a spread of \$13.85 per cwt.—the lowest at \$6.50 and the highest at \$20.35.

Why this variation in price?

Because the meat from different animals varies greatly in quality and weight.

Although the quotations shown are in nine divisions, Swift & Company grades cattle into 34 general classes, and each class into a variety of weights and qualities.

As a result of these differences in cattle prices, (due to differences in weights and meat qualities), there is a range of 15 cents in Swift & Company's selling prices of beef carcasses.

These facts explain:

- 1—Why retail prices vary in different stores.
- 2—Why it would be difficult to regulate prices of cattle or beef.
- 3—Why it requires experts to judge cattle and to sell meat, so as to yield the profit of only a fraction of a cent a pound—a profit too small to affect prices.

Swift & Company, U.S.A.



W. R. Sumpter, who has charge of the Hall ranch north of the city was in town Saturday. He reports that the two hundred acre grain

patch planted on the Hall ranch was considerably damaged by the frozes.

Experience Teaches That—



Home Necessities

are often neglected unless you make a note to remind you when in our vicinity again. Look around now and list the items you need; a stepladder, perhaps, or carpet beater, curtain rod brackets, etc.

Then when you go shopping again, bring your list here. You will be surprised how low our prices are and how many things we can provide.

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LEUIT TAYLOR IS ABLE TO WRITE

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor received a letter from their son, Major Ewing M. Taylor, Monday, which is more encouraging than any news received from the Ballinger boy since he was seriously wounded several months ago.

Major Taylor wrote the letter himself, and states that he had regained partial control of his lower limbs and was recovering from paralysis caused by the wounds, and was getting along as well as could be expected, but that it would be several months before he would be able to make the trip back to the States.

Major Taylor stated in his letter that he had received letters from a number of Ballinger friends, and appreciated them, but he is not able to write to all his friends now.

The Strong Withstand the Winter Cold Better Than the Weak

You must have Health, Strength and Endurance to fight Colds, Grip and Influenza.

When your blood is not in a healthy condition and does not circulate properly, your system is unable to withstand the winter cold.

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC Fortifies the System Against Colds, Grip and Influenza by Purifying and Enriching the Blood.

It contains the well-known tonic properties of Quinine and Iron in a form acceptable to the most delicate stomach, and is pleasant to take. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c.

MORAL CONDITION ANGELO PERFECT

San Angelo is boasting about her moral conditions and the grand jury, in its report made to the District Judge this week says:

"We, the grand jury, have thoroughly investigated conditions in the county, and we are pleased to report to your honor that since the last grand jury there has been practically no crime committed within the confines of the county, and our investigations lead us to believe that it would be difficult to improve the present moral conditions found in both the city of San Angelo and the surrounding country."

"Both your court and our good people are to be congratulated on this showing. We have found only one bill and file herewith our final report asking that we be discharged and relieved from further duties in the premises."

MAKING LIST OF OUR SOLDIER BOYS

Carrying out the instructions of General Crowder, issued through Major Townes, the local board is compiling a complete list of all men who were inducted into service through the local board. This will include the drafted men, and the men who volunteered through the local board.

The list will not only give the names and addresses of the men, but their age, occupation and data of induction, and other valuable information about our soldiers.

No doubt every family in Runnels county would like to have a copy of this list in their home, and The Ledger is thinking of issuing a "Soldier Edition" of the paper and carrying the names of all the boys from this county who helped to make the world safe for Democracy. Such an issue of the paper would be well worth preserving. However, the cost to issue such a paper would be considerable in these times of high cost of living, and the issuing of same depends on the encouragement we receive.

Under the latest orders issued by Gen. Crowder, the local draft board will remain open for business until February 1st, and probably longer. There is much detail work to do in closing up the selective draft records, etc.

Chamberlain's Tablets

When you are troubled with indigestion or constipation, take Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Indigestion is usually accompanied by constipation and aggravated by it. Chamberlain's Tablets cause a gentle movement of the bowels, relieves the constipated condition.

MANY CALLS FOR DROUTH RELIEF CASH

Judge O. L. Parish, local chairman of the drouth relief committee, reports that all the money allotted to this county by the state committee, amounting to \$2800, has been loaned, but many calls are being made on him for help from this fund. Another allotment of \$2200 has been made, but it has not been deposited to the credit of the local committee and is not available at present.

Judge Parish stated that the money was now being loaned to farmers in need, and who had no other way of getting help. The money is loaned strictly on moral risk and without interest. The applicant virtually takes a pauper's oath before he can receive help from this fund.

The notes are made payable to Gov. W. P. Hobby, or his successors in office, and it is presumed that the money refunded will be used by the state government in creating a permanent relief fund which can be drawn on in time of need.

Of course some of the moral risks will prove to be bad risks, and the money will never be repaid. But the man who is benefited by the loan and who becomes able to pay the debt will do so, if he is honest. Judge Parish reports that the committee recently advanced money to one young man to go away and seek employment, and that he had repaid the money.

There are tenant farmers in the county without any property to put up as security in borrowing money with which to pay the expenses of making a crop, and it is for this helpless class that the drouth relief is being advanced.

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with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free.

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D. L. Brevard and J. H. Jones, of the Crews country, J. G. Goetz, of the Winters section and W. V. Tubbs, of the Valley Creek country were among the visitors to Ballinger Saturday and Mr. Tubbs took occasion to renew with the Banner Ledger and Semi-Weekly Dallas News for the coming year. P. Taylor of the Norton country, were looking after business affairs in the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Walker of the Hatchel country, were shopping in Ballinger Monday.

Feb McWilliams who is now Tack Inspector for Coleman county came in Saturday to spend a few days with home folks.

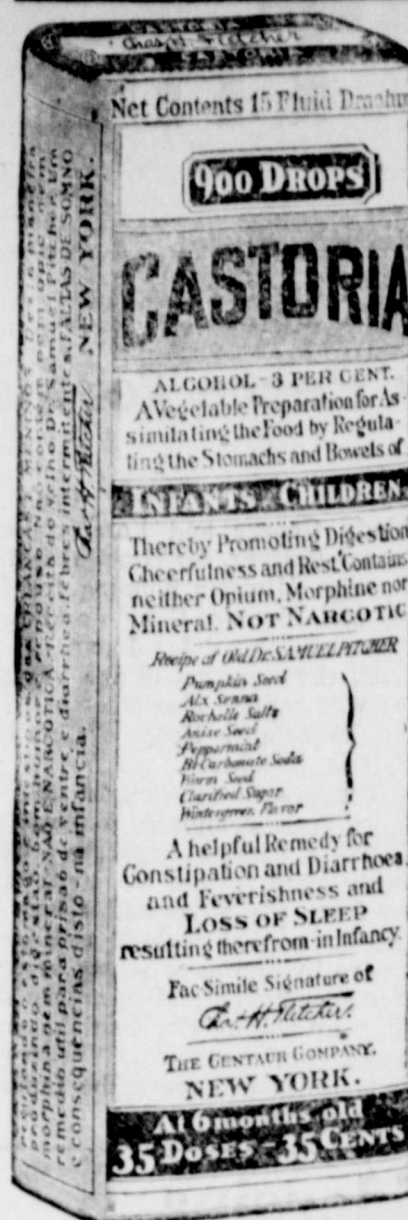
B. A. Lott, of Miles and M. B. Wardlaw, of Conecho, John Neil, of the Winters country, Mike Fiest and Guss Glass, of Rowena and R.

W. O. Beard was among the Ledger's friends here Saturday, and who thinks it mighty poor economy to do without the home paper.

W. L. Duke left for Dallas, Saturday afternoon, in response to a telegram stating that his daughter was seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Hightower went to San Antonio Saturday, to join her husband, Lieut. Hightower, who is stationed at Camp Travis. She had been here for some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. B. Hamilton.

John Guion Jr., and family, of Thurber came in Sunday to spend a few days with relatives and Ballinger friends.



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TEXAS GRAIN CROP PROSPECTS PROMISING

Fort Worth, Jan. 10.—The shortage of feed crops and early fall rains in West Texas resulted in the planting of fully 33 1-3 per cent larger acreage in wheat than has ever before been planted. H. B. Dorsey, secretary of the Texas Grain Dealers Association, said today. Mr. Dorsey made the statement after receiving full reports, although the government estimate of the increase places it 25 per cent.

He also said that although the fields have afforded a great amount of pasturage, prospects for a heavy grain crop are better than they have ever been. This is true throughout Central, Southwest and West Texas and both the upper and lower Panhandle, he said. One half of the Texas wheat is raised in the Panhandle, he said, and the increase in acreage there is fully 50 per cent.

In Central and Southwest Texas, he said, the largest acreage of fall oats ever planted has been sown and is in excellent shape. Climate conditions have been ideal for both wheat and oats, he said. In the heavy black land districts of the state there has been too much rain and many of the farmers have made the mistake of pasturing the fields while the water stood in them.

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A. E. Gentry, of Marie, S. A. Mathews, and E. B. Caudle of the Hatchel country, were transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and while here Mr. Mathews ordered the Banner Ledger to his address for the ensuing year.

OIL DEVELOPMENT WEST OF BALLINGER

With the intention of closing contracts at early dates for the drilling of at least two deep test wells for oil in this section, T. E. Olds of Chicago and C. H. Ledgerwood of Hot Springs, Ark., have arrived in San Angelo and are stopping at the St. Angelus. They represent the Olds-Clark Refining Company of Chicago, Mr. Ledgerwood being the company's engineer.

Mr. Olds visited San Angelo last July to make a preliminary survey of the situation. He believes that eventually oil is going to be struck here, and while new wells are being started almost monthly he expects to get his company in on the "ground floor." The visitors motored Thursday morning to the Cain well, where drilling is in progress in black lime and where prospects for the early striking of oil are thought to be the best at present. —San Angelo Standard

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D. W. Yeager, of the Winters country, was attending to business affairs in Ballinger between trains Monday and renewed with The Banner Ledger for the ensuing year.

Will Hale and Louis Jamison, of the Talpa country, George Holliday of Hatchel and W. A. Hall, of the Pony Creek country, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

"The Lid is Off"

The government now permit you to build any building you want regardless of cost without permit. But remember all the world is starting to build and there is no great surplus of building materials. 750,000 houses in little England alone is going to call for materials from this country; devastated France, ruined Belgium, Italy, Russia—a whole world wants the same materials you want for that house or barn. Now, today we are going to be able to help you build, but with a demand ahead of beyond human mind to comprehend, there's no telling when that world demand is going to pass the possible sources of supply and then someone is going to be cut off. We want to impress on you with all the force we can that now is the time to get busy with your building. This is not for the purpose of securing you into building, but are the facts as the best authorities see them. Decide on your plans and make arrangements for your material while we yet have a complete, well seasoned stock. This is the only way you can be sure.

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