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GRAND JURY REFUSES TO INDICT ARBUCKLE

Annulment of County Road Contract Sought

DEATH TOLL OF FLOOD WATERS CLIMBS TO 194

San Gabriel Overwhelms 119, Mostly Mexicans; Many Places Cut Off.

HOUSTON, Sept. 13.—With a known death toll of 194, mostly Mexicans, to its credit, the South Central Texas flood today pursued its course to the sea along the Brazos and Colorado rivers, a mere shadow of its one-time ferocity.

While southern lowlands are being flooded, with much damage to crops but little to movable property, the hard hit districts further north are proceeding swiftly in the work of reconstruction.

Public utilities in San Antonio are again at the service of the public. Stores are open for business. Rescue and cleanup squads are working busily. The same situation exists everywhere in the stricken territory.

Few Appeals for Aid.

There have been few appeals for aid. Each town has set about by itself in the hard job of clearing away debris and settling back to normal conditions, and reports show that each is succeeding very well.

With lines of communication re-established throughout the state, the death toll mounted steadily. From Taylor come reports of 119 persons, mostly Mexican laborers, drowned on farms in the vicinity, when they were unable to escape from the surging waters of the San Gabriel river, swollen by a rain of nearly two feet. Forty-nine are known dead in San Antonio.

Travis county has reported ten fatalities. Sixteen deaths have been reported from all other parts of the flooded area.

Transportation, totally demolished since Saturday, is beginning to right itself, but it will be weeks before permanent repairs can be made on railroads and highways. Whole counties are reported with not a bridge left, great stretches of dirt and rock roads have been washed away, railroad tracks must be newly ballasted and in some places almost rebuilt, railroad officials said. No accurate estimate of the damage done to railroads could be procured today from railroad offices. Officials reported that they have been unable to obtain complete reports as yet. Some of the roads, however, have rushed temporary repairs so they can safely operate trains.

No attempt has been made as yet to estimate the property damage in the outlying sections of the flood. It will run into millions. As each town cut off from the world when the wires went down before the flood water reported when communication was re-established, the toll of dead and injured was added to.

Whole District Inundated.

Many deaths from the Taylor district were on farms cut off completely. Reports from these places were brought in by messengers who fought their way over impassable roads. Alligator creek and the Brazos and San Gabriel rivers were responsible for many of the deaths. It was feared that as further work was received from the lowlands swept by the flood, the toll would be increased.

Relief work was progressing slowly. But one train had left Taylor since Friday. The same tangled mass

CITIZENS COMMITTEE CITES MANY REASONS IN LENGTHY PETITION

Receivership for Company Sought Pending Trial; Temporary Injunction Also Asked to Restrain Commissioners in Use of Road Funds and Bonds.

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES.

EASTLAND, Sept. 13.—Nullification of the contract held by the Fleming & Stitzer Road Building company is sought in a civil suit filed late yesterday in the Eighty-eighth district court by the Citizens' committee which has been investigating the road work. The court is asked to appoint a receiver for the road building company, to restrain the county commissioners from disposing of any bonds for less than par and accrued interest and to restrain them from issuing any "scrip, warrants or other legal obligations for the purpose of paying off any indebtedness of the Fleming & Stitzer company," or in any manner pledging the assets of Eastland county for the company's debts. A temporary injunction against paying County Engineer Eccles \$10,000 per year "and otherwise from wasting the funds of Eastland county" also is sought.

The petition is a lengthy document, running twenty-eight typewritten pages, many of them single spaced. It includes the contract between the county and the road building company, together with numerous allegations in support of the petition.

Not a Mandamus.

It is said that this suit is different from the one filed by the same organization on Sept. 1, asking the removal from office of County Judge Starnes. The attorneys say that while that was a mandamus, and it rests with the judge whether citation will be issued, the suit filed yesterday is a civil action, and will be docketed in the regular order. It is expected to come to trial during the October term of court. What action will be taken on the petition for a temporary injunction is not known.

After reciting the facts connected with the road work, from the time the bonds were voted until the contract was let, and giving a copy of the road contract, the petitioners allege the document is null and void for the following reasons:

(1) The same is vague, indefinite, uncertain, inconsistent, and its various paragraphs are repugnant to one another.

(2) The said contract obligates the said Fleming-Stitzer Road Building company to purchase \$2,000,000 of the said bonds on or before Jan. 1, 1921, and in addition thereto to purchase \$1,500,000 of the said bonds on or before Aug. 1, 1921, and in providing for the sale of said bonds in the future, and at a stipulated price, the said purported contract was in contravention of the law which requires that such bonds be sold for cash, and for their par value and accrued interest.

(3) The said purported contract is in contravention of law, in that it provides that the said bonds should be taken by the contractors in an amount not less than the estimated amount reasonably necessary to take care of the engineering, right-of-way and general overhead, and is in contravention of the law which requires that said bonds be sold for cash, and for not less than par and accrued interest thereon.

(4) The said purported contract is in contravention of law in that it provides that Eastland county should sell and deliver said bonds in such amounts, and at such city or cities within the United States as the Fleming-Stitzer Road Building company should demand after reasonable notice given, free of expense of printing.

OFFICERS AT BRECKENRIDGE CATCH JENSEN

Third Youth Sought for McNeal Murder Said to Have Confessed.

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BRECKENRIDGE, Sept. 13.—The last of the men wanted in connection with the killing of James McNeal, near Weatherford several days ago, has been taken into custody and is said to have confessed his part in the murder. He is Cecil Jensen, 18, formerly of Carbon, who also is wanted by the police at Baird. Jensen was captured this morning at 9:45 o'clock by Chief Deputy Frank Edmondson as he was sitting in a service car on Walker street. G. R. West, who was with him, was armed. West claimed that he was on the eve of taking Jensen to Fort Worth and claiming the reward offered for his arrest. West was arrested on a firearms charge. Jensen was unarmed and offered no resistance. He has served one prison term, it is said.

DOESN'T ADMIT BLOW.

In his statement it is declared that he corroborated the statements made by Forrest Dawson and Wayne Todd, who are already in custody for the murder. However, he did not admit delivering the blow that killed McNeal. Both the other prisoners have said that the fatal blow was struck by the third man of the party.

Early today Breckenridge officers led with their prisoner, presumably to meet Fort Worth officers to deliver him into their custody.

The three prisoners now held were all formerly Eastland county boys. Both Dawson and Todd have lived in Ranger and Jensen's home has been at Carbon.

In the confession of Todd and Dawson it was stated that the three boys killed McNeal that they might have a car in which to go to Denver. The slaying was well planned and after McNeal had passed them on the road and given them a ride, one of the number crashed an iron bar down on his head and then he was dragged into the woods to die.

The car was later abandoned because McNeal's blood could not be washed off.

Charter for New Bank In Range Granted By State Banking Board

Peoples State, With \$100,000 Capital, Will Be Headed By Llano Capitalist; Big Spring Man to Be Cashier; Opens in Few Days, at Guaranty Bank Building.

The Peoples State bank, organized by J. C. Stribling of Llano, stockman and banker, was yesterday granted a charter by the state banking board and within a few days will open for business in Ranger in the Guaranty Bank building. The new institution is capitalized for \$100,000. Its cashier will be John T. Turman, now vice president of the West Texas national bank of Big Spring.

While Mr. Stribling is the prime mover in organizing the bank, arrangements are almost completed for several other men to become associated with him. The names of the men who have been made public but probably will be when Mr. Turman returns to Ranger from Big Spring tomorrow. He spent the day here yesterday.

Mr. Turman is said to be one of the best and most far-seeing bankers in West Texas. He has been in the business for many years. He has been connected with the Big Spring institution for some time.

According to information coming from Ed Hall, commissioner of insurance and banking, granting the charter for the new bank will not affect payment of depositors of the closed Guaranty bank. Checks for those payments are being mailed at this time, according to Mr. Hall.

MUST HAVE MORE EVIDENCE FIRST, OFFICERS TOLD

Prosecution Will Be Continued Anyway, District Attorney Says.

PERJURY CHARGED.

By United Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—Charges that one of the state's star witnesses had changed her testimony and that another had disappeared, were made by District Attorney Brady today when the San Francisco grand jury refused to indict Fatty Arbuckle for the alleged murder of Virginia Rappe until "disputed points in the evidence" are cleared up.

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THOUSANDS OF RAILWAY MEN TO DISCUSS WAGES

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CHICAGO, Sept. 13.—Sixty thousand railroad employees will meet here Sunday to consider the present wage difficulties with the roads. The announcement of the meeting was made today by Bert M. Jewell, president of the railroad department of the American Federation of Labor.

Jewell is to address the membership, but would not reveal the nature of the fact that shop employees all over the country have voted overwhelmingly against acceptance of the wage cut that went into effect July 1.

FORT WORTH TO HAVE NEW AFTERNOON PAPER

By United Press.

FORT WORTH, Sept. 13.—The Fort Worth Press, a new afternoon newspaper, is to make its appearance in Fort Worth about Oct. 1. It will be the twenty-fifth of the chain of Scripps newspapers, published in leading cities from Virginia to the Pacific coast.

L. M. Siler, a former Fort Worth newspaper man, will be the editor, and William M. McIntosh, until recently business manager of the Kentucky Post, Covington, Ky., will be business manager.

Publication offices for the new paper have been leased at 1007 Commerce street and work already has begun remodeling the building and installing a modern publishing plant.

The paper will publish on week days only and will have no Sunday issue. It will sell for 2 cents per copy on the streets and will be delivered by carrier for 12 cents per week.

It will have the full leased wire service of the United Press association.

The same organization also publishes the Dallas Dispatch and Houston Press.

ESCAPING CONVICT SHOT.

By United Press.

HUNTSVILLE, Texas, Sept. 13.—Max Vega, 24, an Indian convict, was shot and killed late Monday, when he tried to escape from the prison camp near here. Vega was serving a seven-year sentence for burglary. Although sentenced from El Paso, his home was in Oklahoma. Vega escaped from the state penitentiary ten days ago, but was recaptured.

TONIGHT

Dry goods and clothing merchants meet tonight at the Retail Merchants' offices in the Guaranty Bank building, to discuss a matter of mutual interest. It is announced that this is not a general meeting of the association, as the object of the meeting does not affect other lines of business.

The Law Enforcement bureau has a business meeting at the Christian tabernacle, at 8 o'clock.

TAGS WILL SHOW WHO'S FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS

"The kids are coming," might well be the slogan of the school children Friday and Saturday when they begin their two-day "tag sale." The sale will be staged for the benefit of the High School Athletic club.

With the "kids" coming those who do not wear a tag during those two days had better leave town, because life will not be a thing of joy and sunshine. The children are going after the money.

The club needs many things for the season and there is no other source of revenue.

ANOTHER MAN TELLS STORY OF CHICAGO'S MOST BRUTAL MURDER

By United Press.

CHICAGO, Sept. 13.—Chicago shuddered today at the horror of the latest sensation in the handoff murder which took the lives of Bernard J. Daugherty and Carl A. Ausmus, Packard Motor Car company salesmen.

Leon Parks, 24, unfolded his tale of the fiendish murder. Parks said the two were lured to the basement of the home of Harvey Church, who confessed two days ago, and were beaten with baseball bats, after their throats were slashed with a razor. Parks implicated Clarence Wilder, who is in custody as the third member of the band headed by Church, that killed the salesmen to get the \$5,400 Packard de luxe.

Church was arrested in the car at Adams, Wis., his home town. His first confession involved only himself, but in a later admission he linked the names of the two others with the crime.

CISCO FIRE DAMAGES MAIN STREET STORES TWENTY THOUSAND

CISCO, Tex., Sept. 13.—The second story of a two-story building in the 700 block on Main street was gutted yesterday evening by a fire which originated in the developing room of the Montgomery Studio. The stores on the lower floor, Arts Shoe Store, Brock's Confectionery and Vaughn Drug Company suffered heavy water damage. The estimated damage to building and contents is placed at \$20,000.

8,000 OIL WORKERS IN CALIFORNIA STRIKE

By Associated Press.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Sept. 13.—Eight thousand oil workers in the field of San Joaquin Valley have struck because operators refused to enter into agreements with the union, R. H. Frazer, vice president of the California district council of the Oil Workers' union, announced.

Strike does not involve the workers of the Standard Oil company and the Royal Dutch Shell company. The Standard does not recognize the union and the Shell company recently signed a memorandum of terms with the union.

EXCESS PROFITS TAX EFFECTIVE THIS YEAR

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Repeal of the excess profits tax on Jan. 1, 1922, was decided on today by the senate finance committee.

This action, which has been expected marks a complete defeat for Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, who wanted the repeal retroactive to Jan. 1, this year. The committee's action was based apparently upon the fact that the present year is more than half over and that corporations already had made provision for the tax this year.

BURCH DENIES 'CONFESSION'

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 13.—Arthur C. Burch today denied in its entirety the confession he is alleged to have given Chandler Sprague, newspaper reporter, published in a three-page copyrighted article by a morning paper here, in which Burch was quoted as having admitted that he killed J. Bolton Kennedy.

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THE WEATHER

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POCKET PICKED, COPS TOLD, BUT NO RECORD MADE

J. M. Lynn of Cisco, reported to the Times office last night that his pocket had been picked while on a Hamon train between Breckenridge and Ranger or while at the station, and that the pickpocket stole his pocketbook, containing a note for \$500 and \$14 in cash.

Mr. Lynn stated that his loss had been reported to the police but no record could be found of the happening this morning and Chief of Police Reynolds said he had no knowledge of it.

MAYOR OF KANSAS TOWN IS MEMBER OF INSPECTION PARTY

S. M. Smith, mayor of Augusta, Kan., R. A. Haynes, president of the Prairie State Bank of Augusta; J. A. Woods and George W. Walker of Fort Worth, officials of the Bridgeport Machine company, were in the city yesterday on an inspection trip.

Incidentally, the Augusta men renewed their acquaintance with Joe Harness and Fire Chief Murphy, both of whom formerly lived in Augusta.

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ENGINEER WILL REPORT TODAY ON ROAD WORK

The engineer employed by county-wide Committee of Eight to check the county road work, will make a report to the committee today. The committee met in Eastland at 10 o'clock this morning to hear the findings of the engineer.

His estimates of road work done will be checked against the auditor's report, made several days ago, of expenditures of the county's road money. It is expected the work will require the entire day.

It is thought that by checking the two reports, one against the other, that the committee will finally determine if the money which has been expended on roads has been well spent.

WIFE WON'T ROCK BOAT

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—Minta Durfee, former movie star and wife of Roscoe Arbuckle, issued a statement today, while preparing to leave for San Francisco declaring her determination to "stick by him to the finish."

Mrs. Arbuckle who has not appeared in the films for two years, said that she and her husband separated by mutual agreement and that "our past differences are forgotten now."

"I am sure my husband is an innocent victim of this terrible affair and I am going to California to be with him until it is cleared," she said.

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WHAT REALLY CAUSED THE MURDER?

Fatty Arbuckle of the fatal murder; actually he has been host at a round of consequences. The course, the work of his treacherous manager, call that pictures, the vision of victims they have seen, his smiling lips, his eyes, they never close, they would have the highest development and gentleness that is the way of the mirrors can never give a true reflection, and our estimate depends upon the circumstances and surroundings in which we view him. Our guess is as good as another, despite the righteous determination of a conscientious chief of detectives anxious to get all the publicity out of this affair that can be squeezed out, despite the California law making death attributable to another crime come under the head of murder, it is not conceivable that Fatty will go to the gallows or even to prison. California jurors are human, just as elsewhere. They will take into account that it was a strenuous party, and intended to be strenuous before it started, and that all those entering thereon should carry their own accident insurance.

The main thing of importance about the whole thing, so far as Arbuckle is concerned, is the effect on his pictures. Our guess is, that so far as the actual happening is concerned, the public will forget. His screen career may even be heightened by it. But on the other hand, there may be revelations concerning Fatty's character which do not sit well with people's opinions of what a man should be. In that case, Fatty will be out of luck.

Take Charlie Chaplin, for instance. Charlie two years ago was the king of the funmakers. He committed no crime, but he did get mixed up in a rather scandalous divorce suit, and the lady in the case made him out to be a "house devil" of the worst sort. Whether the allegations were true or not, they stuck in movie fans' minds. As a result, it is doubtful if Chaplin has half the drawing power he had previously possessed. People just didn't like him any more, so he ceased to be nearly so funny.

It can be the same with Arbuckle. One dispatch, written with an eye to sensationalism, asserts that he has a stepmother, whom he has shown no regard for and refused to help during adversity, despite her previous kindly care of him, and despite his immense income. It cites this as evidence of a cruel and selfish nature. If this characteristic is proven true, Arbuckle, we will wage, is nearly through as a screen star.

Breaches of convention may be condoned, provided a man is lovable at heart, but the cruel and heartless are never liked or supported, no matter what their outward regard for conventions.

ANNULMENT OF ROAD CONTRACT IS SOUGHT

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ing, delivery, etc., and said provision is in contravention of that law which requires that said bonds should be sold for cash and at a price not less than par and accrued interest.

Gives Option. (5.) The said purported contract is in contravention of law in that the same provides that said Fleming-Stitzer Road Building company should have the option of purchasing \$1,000,000 of the said bonds, or declining to purchase the same, and is in contravention of that law which forbids the county's entering into any contract to thereafter sell any of its bonds to any person, and which said law requires that all bonds shall be sold for cash, and for not less than their par value and accrued interest.

(6.) The said purported contract is unilateral, in that it obligates Eastland county to convey to Fleming-Stitzer Road Building company \$1,000,000 of their good road bonds, and at a price less than their par value and accrued interest, and does not obligate the said Fleming-Stitzer Road Building company to make such purchase, and said contract not being binding upon said Fleming-Stitzer Road Building company in this respect, is in contravention of that law which binds upon Eastland county the contract.

(7.) The said purported contract is in contravention of the contract the same provides that all agree upon and the engine and equipment on the machine for the work in reasonably necessary in the event of the contract to agree, the contractor shall select one man, the commissioner shall select a third man, and on board of arbitrators and upon the necessity for such machinery and equipment, and the value of the same and the of installments upon which equipment should be paid for, and that such award and findings should be binding upon both parties which said provision of the said contract delegates to parties other than Eastland county the right to determine what machinery and equipment should be purchased, and how the same should be paid for by the said Fleming-Stitzer Road Building company, and is in contravention of that law which requires the commissioners' court to transact the business of the county, because there is no law which authorized the commissioners' court of Eastland county, Texas, to delegate its power or authority to anyone else in the purchase of property, or the sale thereof, and is also in contravention of the law which requires that in the purchase of any property by Eastland county, that the county shall receive competitive bids, after due notice, as required by law.

Against Public Policy. (8.) The said purported contract is contrary to public policy, in that it provides that the county shall purchase machinery and equipment for the use of the said Fleming-Stitzer Road Building company on a credit.

(9.) The said purported contract is in contravention of law, in that the same provides that the work shall be divided into sections of three miles each, and that each section, as the same is completed, shall be accepted and paid for in full by the county, and said provision in said contract is in contravention of the law which requires that where a contract is let for road work, the county shall withhold 10 per cent of the amount due for estimated work until the entire contract is completed.

(10.) The said purported contract is in contravention of law, in that the same does not contain the plans and specifications for any work.

(11.) The said purported contract is in contravention of law, in that the same provides that if the contractors are required to make an entry into a surety bond for the performance of the said contract, the premium for such bond shall be paid by the county, and said provision is contrary to law and public policy.

Contradictory. (12.) The said purported contract is uncertain and indefinite, in that it is contradictory with reference to the sale of bonds, and who should purchase the same, and to whom the bonds belonged, and further, in that it provides for an indefinite amount of work to be done; and in that it provides that nothing further shall be required of the said Fleming-Stitzer Road Building company after the expenditure of the \$4,500,000 for bonds; and in that it provides for the purchase of an indefinite amount of machinery and equipment to be used by the said Fleming-Stitzer Road Building company; and in that it provides for an uncertain amount of material or equipment and tools to be sold by the county to the said Fleming-Stitzer Road Building company and is further uncertain in that it provides that the county may change the type or location of any road or the character of the roads.

Other allegations are: That the contract was not awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, and questions the solvency of the company.

Sold Below Par? That the bonds were not actually sold for par and accrued interest, but actually the first million at 10 per cent discount and the remainder at about 16 per cent discount, and that a proportionate amount over the reasonable market value of the work was charged on this account.

That W. R. Fleming, Saunders Gregg and F. E. Stitzer, three of the signers, have abandoned the contract, and it is therefore broken.

That the contract has been abandoned by the Fleming-Stitzer Road Building company, in that they have not purchased and paid cash for the bonds.

That on Sept. 1, C. R. Starnes, acting for Eastland county, aided and assisted by the commissioners' court, with the exception of Henry Stubblefield, publicly stated that the county would aid Fleming & Stitzer and help the firm's credit by drawing on the road and bridge fund and that their action has jeopardized the financial welfare of Eastland county and the court should be enjoined from further carrying out the contract with Fleming & Stitzer.

Bonds As Security. That C. R. Starnes and Sam D. Young, on July 26, went to Chicago taking \$124,000 worth of Eastland county bonds with them, that Young, acting on behalf of the Security State bank and with the consent of Starnes borrowed \$35,000 from a Chicago bank for the Security bank and placed \$50,000 worth of the bonds as security; the bonds being the property of Eastland county. That in further pursuance of an agreement between Starnes and Young, the Security State bank was given a credit of \$35,000, and in pursuance of the agreement a credit of \$42,000 was given the county treasurer in the bank and that thereafter the bank closed its doors. And that when the credit was given the county in the bank, the bank was insolvent, which was known to Starnes and Young, or if Starnes did not know it was insolvent he was guilty of gross carelessness in not knowing it; that the entire transaction was contrary to law and was not authorized by law and constitutes a fraud on the county.

That Fleming & Stitzer owe the county \$148,160, and the county lawfully sold the road company much machinery and equipment which is now in the possession of Fleming & Stitzer. That the county has been grossly extravagant in employing engineers at large salaries.

FLOOD DEATH TOLL CLIMBS UP TO 194

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Flood wreckage exists in this section as in other sections of the water swept land.

Tales of daring rescues, narrow escapes and tragic deaths of women and children were many. Communities visited by the flood waters asked no help from the outside, but set to work to clear away the wreckage. Representatives of the American Red Cross from the southwestern division headquarters at St. Louis, were expected to arrive in San Antonio with federal aid for the sufferers late today.

Thirty-Foot Rise. Twenty-one inches of rain fell over the Taylor district during Friday night. Rivers and streams rose more than thirty feet in a few hours. Practically every dwelling along the banks was either swept away or demolished by the torrent.

Fields were cut with great gashes where the water drained into gulleys. Crops were laid flat to the ground by the weight of the water. Thousands of head of livestock were drowned. Rabbits and wild birds were caught by the flood waters, and their bodies carried away along the tide of wreckage.

Most of the dead, especially on the farms, were Mexican laborers. A slimy black mud was left behind by the torrent.

Houses visited by the flood but not carried away, were coated with a deep silty mud. Fences and small outhouses lay in a tangled mass over the water-washed fields.

THORNDALE HARD HIT. DALLAS, Sept. 13.—Reports received today from Thorndale, which has been completely surrounded by water since Friday, told a story of horror and devastation equal to any in the flood area. Forty-five lives were lost in Thorndale and vicinity by the rushing Brushy creek and reports of other lives being lost on the San Gabriel river were received there.

The whole countryside along the San Gabriel and its tributaries in that section is a wet, muddy ruin. From twenty to thirty-five inches of rain were said to have fallen in this district.

Practically the entire 119 known dead in Central Texas were residents of Williamson and Milan counties.

Reports at noon today indicated the dead would run higher. Word from various points in the flood zone reported caused confusion. Navasota declared today that the Brazos river was still rising there. It is not thought, however, that it will cause any great damage, as residents had ample warning of a probable flood.

BODIES RECOVERED. TEMPLE, Texas, Sept. 13.—The bodies of Maynard Robinson and F. W. Leatherberry, local Santa Fe officials who were drowned Sunday afternoon while inspecting the railroad bridge over the Little river, near Cameron, were found early today. The bodies were found 2,000 feet below the bridge. They had been badly bruised.

FAREWELL PARTY FOR ARTIE M'FATTER. Artie D. McFatter was the honor guest at a farewell party given last night by Miss Callie Morris at her home on Mesquite street. Young McFatter left this morning to enter school at Galveston. The evening was spent at "500" and "42." Ice cream and cake was served.

Those present were: Misses Faye Pierce, Pearl Morris, Ila Koonce, Freda Beeson, Nell Tibbles, Mattie Smith, Laura Henry, Callie Morris, Mittie Morris, Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Morris; Messrs. Clyde Spaulding, Clarence Zernile, Bennie Rhodes, V. V. Cooper, William Hale, Tatum and Kelly.

NEGRO SCHOOL STARTS WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE

The Ranger colored school, which opened its fall term Monday morning, is in excess of the expectation. The enrollment the first day was sixteen; with an increase expected later in the week. The school spirit, according to the teacher, is good, and the children seem to be starting in with the idea to do the best they can. No exercises were had at the opening. The school is being taught in the Smith's chapel, African Methodist church.

8-YEAR-OLD BOY NOT GUILTY.

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., Sept. 13.—An instructed verdict of not guilty was returned in Juvenile court in the case of Willie Adeox, 8-year-old Iowa Park boy, charged with the murder of Wesley Thompson, 16-year-old boy, two weeks ago. County Judge J. G. Jones instructed the jury to return a motion from defense counsel asking it,

REVENUE AGENT MAKING SURVEY OF OIL VALUES

BRECKENRIDGE, Sept. 13.—S. M. Greenidge, representing the department of internal revenue, Washington, D. C., completed a rapid survey of the Breckenridge field and left last night to make a similar canvass of the Ranger territory. He will visit Eastland and Ranger before returning to Fort Worth on his way to Louisiana.

Mr. Greenidge is getting oil valuations for the income tax bureau of the internal revenue department. In company with Nathan Saper, chief scout for this district for the Gulf Production company, he visited the Ivan, Ellasville and Bunker pools Sunday, in a 175-mile trip, including visits to Graham and Mineral Wells.

TO DEPORT RADICALS.

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NO FURTHER EFFORT MADE TO OPEN MINE

The situation regarding opening the mines at Thurbe is unchanged today, according to W. K. Gordon, general manager of the Texas Pacific Coal and Oil company, and no further effort will be made to open the mines for several days.

Just what steps the coal company will take is uncertain. It made an effort to start work yesterday under a wage scale set by the company and which was less than the union miner's scale. The hoisting engineers left the job at the request of the union and the plan failed.

FREIGHT RATE ON LIVESTOCK TO BE REDUCED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Railroad rate reduction on livestock shipments in the Middle West territory between the Missouri river and the Rocky mountains, which will save shippers \$10,000,000 annually, were approved by the interstate commerce commission today.

An order allowing the rate to be put into effect Sept. 20 without the usual long procedure of publishing the new rate was granted.

The reductions, which will range from 1 to 25 cents a hundred pounds on livestock, were agreed to by the railroads, it was said at the commission meeting. Rate cuts of this kind have been strongly demanded by agricultural interests in the Middle West.

BOB TAYLOR PUTS BIG SIGN AT ABILENE FAIR

The big fishnet sign that the Stenberg-Taylor Sign company every once in a while hangs out on Main street when some doings is going on, will be on exhibition at Abilene during the West Texas fair.

Bob Taylor saw the opportunity before Abilene sign men, and one day's work lined up a full display. After the fair, Bob will bring his fish net and the money accruing therefrom back to Ranger.

HAVE PARCELS READY, RED CROSS REQUESTS

The Red Cross Shop is hopeful that good results will show from Thursday's gathering-up day, when a score of automobiles will tour the residence districts collecting donations to the shop. Housewives are requested to have their parcels ready to go.

Fourteen women have volunteered for this work, and several men. The women will wear the Red Cross scarf. The following have volunteered for the work: Misses Helen Gholson, Marion Stubblebine, Clover Bobo and Frances Frasier; Misses A. E. Firmin, A. N. Hartrider, Karl Jones, Ray Smith, Garret Bohning, Ralph Stockman, A. A. Olson, Ward Rice, J. S. Hill, Bergere, L. L. Rector; Messrs. Simpson, Chaney and McElroy.

DOG HILL PARAGRAPHS

By GEORGE BINGHAM There was a considerable train wreck on the railroad just the other side of the Calf Riv's neighborhood one day this week, but fortunately nobody was hurt. In the smash-up of the baggage car a trunk belonging to a drummer who sold ladies' ready-to-wear garments bustled open and all the men had to leave.

Sile Kildew has a large new brass watch. Next thing anybody knows he will be trying to join the Tickville Brass Band, as he heard somebody say they were out of time.

Several of the nice ladies called at the Wild Onion school house Friday afternoon and the teacher cleared his throat and smoothed his hair down when he saw them coming.

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FRANKELL NOW HAS PHONE ON RANGER BOARD

After months of isolation except for train service, Frankell now has a telephone. It is Ranger local phone No. 9008, and is installed at the Travelers' hotel, Frankell.

After appeals to the telephone company and the state railroad commission had failed to secure wire service, C. W. Lilius, proprietor of the Travelers, obtained connection with the Ranger exchange by building his own line, at an expense of about \$300.

There is no charge on calls from Ranger to Frankell parties, Mr. Lilius says, and expense of maintenance is provided by a small fee charged users at Frankell.

SIMPSON-ALEXANDER MOVE THIS WEEK TO OLD SCOTT CAFE STAND

The old Scott cafe building is being remodeled and will be occupied by the Simpson-Alexander company about Sept. 15. The interior will be changed suitable to the needs of the firm which will occupy it.

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The "Jiggs dinner" which was to have been given by the women of the city, Monday at noon, to the members of the Retail Merchants' association has been postponed until a later date, its promoters announce.

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A SALE OF LA RESISTA CORSETS

Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 14, we place on sale our entire stock of La Resista Corsets. This is a very high grade corset and will give satisfaction in every detail. If you need a corset now or going to need one in the future it will pay you to take advantage of this sale.

All \$3.50 Corsets now...\$2.25 All \$5.50 Corsets now...\$3.50 All \$6.00 Corsets now...\$4.00 All \$8.50 Corsets now...\$6.00 All \$10.00 Corsets now...\$7.50 All \$12.50 Corsets now...\$8.50

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J. M. WHITE & CO. 113 Main Street The House of Real Values

TEN ARE ARRESTED BY CITY-COUNTY RAIDERS

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Four of the remainder paid fines and three women are still in jail. Six of the ten arrested were taken in a raid on the Austin rooms; the remaining four were arrested on North Austin street.

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7—SPECIAL NOTICES

FOR QUICK RESULTS—To sell or rent, list your property with Chas. J. Moore & Co., Room No. 225, Hodges-Neal bldg. Phone No. 396.

HOME COOKED MEALS, 50c. Weir Rooms, 303 South Rusk.

8—ROOMS FOR RENT

THE BIRD HOTEL
Modern apartments and sleeping rooms; close in; reasonable rates. Phone 423.

9—HOUSES FOR RENT

FOR RENT—One nine-room house, furnished; also 3-room apartment, furnished; water, gas and lights. Close in. Inquire Texas Drug Store.

TWO-ROOM HOUSE—Furnished. Inquire 414 Cherry st.

FOR RENT—Nice two-room house, next to Young school. 809 Young st.

11—APARTMENTS FOR RENT

THE GREENWOOD
Modern apartments, 3 rooms furnished, hot and cold water, baths. Get comfortable for winter; two choice apartments now vacant.

2-ROOM APARTMENTS in Reavis bldg., Fine and Marston sts.; bath, gas, water and electricity furnished; \$25 per month. Maddocks & Ford.

TWO AND THREE ROOM house-keeping apartments, furnished. 409 Pine st.

13—FOR SALE—Miscellaneous

BARKER'S furniture stock is now on market at bargain prices. 403 Main Street.

BUY RACKET GOODS and furniture cheap. 403 Main st.

15—HOUSES FOR SALE

FOR SALE—1920 K-45 5-passenger Buick, A-1 condition; price \$650; 1920 Dodge roadster; A-1 condition; price \$450. Texas Garage.

NEW ESSEX ROADSTER—\$1,225; perfect condition; terms. Also Ford touring car. Freight Claim Dept., C. R. I. & G. Ry., Fort Worth.

FOUND—FIRST CLASS GASOLINE for 18c a gallon. We handle: Pierce Oil Corporation Gasoline and Oils. Chaney Repair Shop, 309 Main St., Ranger Garage Bldg.

SPRINGS, gears, gas tanks, wheels, magnetos, carburetors, everything. Ranger Auto Wrecking Co., 422 N. Rusk St., Ranger, Texas.

WHY put new parts in old cars? Ranger Auto Wrecking Co., 422 N. Rusk St., Ranger, Texas.

18—WANTED—Miscellaneous

GENTLEMAN wants board and room with private family, close in; one with garage preferred. Box "K," Times.

SEE H. C. FOX, 127 S. Austin st., to buy or sell second-hand furniture.

20—WANTED—Miscellaneous

WANTED—To buy a 5 or 6 room house on the installment plan; no lot wanted. T. M. Murry, Route 1.

WE BUY, sell and exchange good used furniture. Ranger Furniture Exchange, 121 N. Rusk st.

WANTED—Second-hand furniture, New and Second-Hand Store, 201 N. Austin st. Phone 276.

19—FOR TRADE OR EXCHANGE

FOR TRADE—House and lot or oil field team, wagon and harness for Ford car. J. M. Searcy, Eastland hill.

21—LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that I have purchased the interest of C. E. Day in the firm of Day & Harwell and assume all contracts made by that firm. Walter Harwell.

POSTED—We, the undersigned, positively forbid hunting on our land. J. T. Brewer, J. T. Falls, L. F. Parsons, E. H. Webb.

NOTICE OF SALE.

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, Sept. 17, at 3 o'clock p. m., at the city pound, corner of Spring road and First street, there will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, the following unclaimed live-stock, to-wit: 1 brown horse, 15 hands high, 12 years old, white star in forehead, no brand. 1 brown horse mule, 16 hands high, no brand. 1 bay horse, 16 hands high. E. F. Reynolds, chief of police.

NEW COUNTRY CLUB.

ABILENE, Sept. 13.—A basket supper for the stockholders and their wives will be given next Thursday night on the grounds of the Abilene Country club, which was recently organized and bought a site of 156 acres three miles south of town.

Well, Anyhow, Barney Saved the Rent



In the World of Sport

TEXAS LEAGUE FLAG CINCHED BY FORT WORTH

Memphis Does Same; Dixie Series to Be Arranged at Once.

The Texas league race practically ended yesterday when Fort Worth cinched the pennant for the second half. They did this by beating Wichita Falls, 5 to 1, with Hollingsworth, the Spudder ace, pitching against the Cats. Holly cracked in the eighth, when the Panthers put over four runs. The Panthers are six and one-half games ahead of Wichita and the two teams meet in six more games before the season closes.

By a coincidence, Memphis also cinched the Southern association race yesterday, by beating Birmingham 3-2 in the first game of a double-header. President Roberts of the Texas league goes today to Memphis, where he will meet President Martin of the Southern league to arrange details of the Dixie championship. Last year's series between Fort Worth and Little Rock was a seven-game affair, which Fort Worth won, four games to two. This year, a nine-game series—or the first five—may be decided upon to settle the championship. A toss will decide which city gets the opening games. Another question to come up is spitball pitching. This is barred in the Southern, and Wachtel is the only moist server on the Panther team. Last year he was permitted to pitch only at Fort Worth, where Texas league rules applied. The same solution may be made this year.

Dallas and Houston by beating Shreveport and Galveston maintained their virtual tie for third place. Both are a game and a half behind Wichita Falls and have a chance to finish second and drag down whatever honor there is attached to that. It all depends upon whether the Cats want to maul the Spudders for the fun of the thing.

BIG LEAGUES IDLE.

There was no action in the big leagues yesterday, except a double-header between Pittsburgh and Boston. The Pirates went fifteen innings to take the first game, 5 to 4, after Boston counted twice in the ninth and knotted the game. Gibson's error at the plate allowed the winning run to score. The Braves came from behind in the second game, which they won 4-3, by pounding Glazner and Zinn.

No other clubs were scheduled, except the Athletics and Red Sox, and they were put out of action by rain.

The national tennis matches also were postponed because of rain.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR.

Ruth made his forty-ninth homer off Ehmske at Detroit. Brooklyn took a double-header from the Cubs with Pfeffer and Marquard and Mamaux pitching.

St. Paul won the championship of the American association. Fort Worth won the championship of the Texas league.

—After taking a post-graduate course in New York City, Dr. J. B. Stackable has returned to Ranger, and will resume his practice at 324 Guaranty Bank Bldg.

HOW THEY STAND

TEXAS LEAGUE.

Standing of the Teams.

Teams	Played	Won	Lost	Pct.
Fort Worth	71	48	23	.676
Wichita Falls	72	42	30	.583
Houston	69	39	30	.565
Dallas	71	40	31	.563
Shreveport	68	29	39	.426
Beaumont	67	27	40	.403
San Antonio	69	27	42	.391
Galveston	66	25	41	.379

Monday's Results.

Fort Worth 5, Wichita Falls 1. Dallas 5, Shreveport 3. Houston 4, Galveston 0. Beaumont 6, San Antonio 5.

Tuesday's Schedule.

Fort Worth at Wichita Falls. Dallas at Shreveport. Galveston at Houston. San Antonio at Beaumont.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Standing of the Teams.

Teams	Played	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	135	85	50	.630
Cleveland	136	84	52	.618
St. Louis	138	71	67	.514
Washington	137	68	69	.497
Boston	132	64	68	.485
Detroit	139	66	73	.475
Chicago	136	57	79	.419
Philadelphia	131	47	84	.359

Monday's Results.

Philadelphia-Boston, rain. Only game scheduled.

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St. Louis at Washington. Chicago at New York. Detroit at Boston. Cleveland at Philadelphia.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Standing of the Teams.

Teams	Played	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	139	85	54	.612
Pittsburgh	136	82	54	.603
St. Louis	136	76	60	.559
Boston	139	76	63	.547
Brooklyn	136	69	67	.507
Cincinnati	137	63	74	.460
Chicago	138	52	86	.377
Philadelphia	137	45	92	.328

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NOTICE TO SCHOOL CHILDREN

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MENU

PICKLES	OLIVES	SLICED TOMATOES
POTATO OR SHRIMP SALAD		
CHOICE OF COLD BOILED HAM, HOT BARBECUE OR SAUSAGE		
DRINKS—ICE TEA		
PRICE 25c		

SUMMERS' QUALITY MARKET
DELICATESSEN DEPARTMENT

SPOTLIGHT OF SPORT TURNS ON PIGSKIN GAME

By HENRY L. FARRELL, United Press Staff Correspondent.
NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—After hiding behind the skirts of baseball, tennis and late-season golf, football soon will step out as the finale of 1921 sport.

The coming season should be the biggest and best in the history of the game. There are more ambitious schedules in the east, west and south, there are more inter-sectional games that may go to award a national championship and there are prospects of better technical football.

PLAY-OFFS

FLEHARTY TOO MUCH FOR EAGLES IN FIFTH GAME

Series Standing.
Clubs— Played Won Lost Pct.
Ablene3 2 1 .660
Sweetwater2 3 0 .600

SWEETWATER, Sept. 13.—Earl Fleharty pitched a masterful game Monday, allowing the Eagles to scatter hits and the Swatters won the fifth game of the post-season series, 7 to 1. Fleharty, from beginning to end, had the visitors eating out of his hand, and would have shut them out, but for a home run by Joe Bratcher in the fourth. Fleharty also drove in four runs with two doubles and a sacrifice fly. The series now stands three to two in Ablene's favor and the teams play in this city Tuesday.

Score by innings: R. H. E.
Ablene . . .000 100 000—1 5 0
S'water . .030 020 200—7 13 2
Batteries: Hill, Crowson and Burch; Fleharty and Byers.

PARIS TAKES ONE.

Clubs— Played Won Lost Pct.
Ardmore3 2 1 .665
Paris3 1 2 .333

ARDMORE, Sept. 13.—Paris took the third game of the T-O championship series here this afternoon by the score of 6 to 2. Heavy hitting and loose play were the outstanding events of the contest. The Peps scored their runs in the first when Young doubled and was followed with a homer by Kizziar. Morgan was in danger several times but proved most effective in the pinches. Allen slammed a homer over the boards in the seventh with one man on. Behrens' work at short for the Peps was a feature.

Score by innings: R. H. E.
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Batteries: Yeager and Leamas; Morgan and Stagner.

than the Navy. The Cadets go to New Haven on Oct. 22, to meet Yale. The Naval Academy, which started the more open policy last year, will also journey away to Philadelphia for a game with Penn State.

Yale, as a typical Yale schedule again this year, getting away from the annual monotony only by the game with the Army. Harvard, however, has got in for a harder schedule, meeting in successive Saturdays Holy Cross, Indiana, Georgia, Penn State, Centre, Princeton, Brown and Yale.

Princeton has the hard games in a row with Navy, Chicago, Virginia, Harvard and Yale. Pennsylvania has what looks to be an assignment with Lehigh, Harvard, Georgia Tech, Navy and Pittsburgh.

Ohio State will have no easy climb to another title in the Western Conference. Coach Wilce's team has a hard schedule with Minnesota, Michigan, Carl Perdue and Illinois.

Illinois' Hard Schedule.

Illinois has an imposing list of opponents, including Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Chicago and Ohio State. Wisconsin has Northwestern, Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan and Chicago, while Michigan has Michigan Aggies, Ohio State, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Notre Dame has eleven games booked with Kalamazoo, DePauw, Iowa, Purdue, Nebraska, Indiana, Army, Haskell Institute, Marquette, Michigan Aggies and Rutgers. California can well claim the coast championship if the eleven games without defeat a schedule including Nevada, Oregon, Washington State, Southern California, Washington and Stanford.

Cadets Take Trip.

For the first time, the West Point Cadets will journey away from the plains to meet an opponent other

most impressive event on the Centre schedule, and Virginia Military Institute, which blazed a way down the 1920 lines, hardly can claim a championship on the schedule arranged.

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 - N. Snow, Stamford.
 - V. Corbett, Fort Worth.
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 - C. O. Gansolving, Fort Worth.
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 - G. C. M. Fox, Fort Worth.
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SCIENTIST TO MAKE CLOSE-UP PHOTO OF MARS

Mine Shaft to Be Used for Lens; Picture to Show If Life Exists.

PARIS, Sept. 13.—Snapshots of Mars, as if the planet were less than a mile and a half away, are promised by E. McAfee, American scientist and collaborator with David Todd the well known American astronomer, in an article in the Continental edition of the London Daily Mail describing plans for the biggest telescope ever conceived. He says this telescope will solve the question as to whether life exists on Mars.

The instrument should be ready in 1924, when Mars will be nearer the earth than for a century, according to Mr. McAfee. He is planning the telescope on his estate near Deauville, Mr. McAfee writes:

"Prof. Todd found a mine shaft at Chanaral, Chili, over which Mars will be at its zenith several times in 1924. We intend to use the shaft as the barrel of the telescope. It will be fifty feet in diameter. The difficulty of a glass mirror will be obviated by the use of an invention of mine—a flat sheet-iron dish fifty feet in diameter, on which mercury will be poured.

"When the dish is rotated at a certain speed the surface mercury assumes the necessary concavity and forms a splendid mirror. Owing to the great luminosity the telescope will be able to make a snapshot instead of a time exposure. A magnification of twenty-five millions will be possible, bringing Mars within a mile and a half. I am convinced that life exists on Mars, and expect to prove it."

Mr. McAfee will leave for Chili next spring. Prof. Todd and he will remain in Chanaral throughout 1924.

BOSTON MEN SOLD LIKE SLAVES



Fifty jobless men were recently placed on the auction block on Boston Commons. Stripped to the waist, after the custom of the old slave auction, they declared their willingness to work by standing before a crowd of thousands, offering their services to the highest bidder. The good points of the men, including many war veterans, unable to find employment, were pointed out by Urban Ledoux, philanthropic worker, who conducted the sale. Ledoux is issuing notices to employers about the "slave market," requesting them to be on hand to "buy honest-to-God Americans," anxious to work for their keep. The photo shows Ledoux auctioning one of the "slaves."

SAFE-SWIPING SUSPECT RELEASED; NO NEW CLEW

A man, who was held yesterday in connection with the theft of a safe from the Southland Barber shop some time Saturday night, was released by the police and no further arrests have been made.

PROGRAM

TEMPLE—Charles Ray in "Scrap Iron," and comedy.
LIBERTY—William S. Hart in "The Gunfighter," and Mermaid comedy, "Holy Smoke."
MANHATTAN—Grace Cunard in "The Gun Runners," also Jack Hoxie in "Thunderbolt Jack," and comedy, "Too Many Husbands."

The safe, which contained several hundred dollars, was carried beyond Evergreen cemetery, where it was opened, with the aid of a hammer, and the money taken. It was a small affair and easily transported.

HERRICK ADMITS A WEAKNESS; HE TALKS TOO MUCH

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Representative Manuel Herrick, of Oklahoma, congressional authority on beauty contests, has emerged from his seclusion, made expedient by eight indignant mothers, two angry husbands and one irate father of contestants to whom he had offered his "whole soul love."

Two admissions were the reason for Congressman Herrick's "return from Elba."

First he disavowed the previously self-asserted claim to comparison with Sir Galahad. While still clinging to his assertion that he was one of the fifteen men in world's history "against whose body and against whose soul there rests no moral stain, he confessed to at least one human weakness.

"I talk too much," he admitted sadly.

Disgusted With Girls.

Then he unburdened a confession by which, unlike the first, he will not place himself in company with many of his fellow countrymen. He declared that he was disgusted with American girls and proposed to pursue his matrimonial intentions abroad. Congressman Herrick is still bewildered by his "investigation" to obtain evidence in support of his bill opposing beauty contests.

He cannot understand the columns the newspapers have been printing about him and his activities. He has a strange, fearful expression on his face, and attempts a smile when the battery of newspaper photographers and moving picture men confront him for their daily "shots."

He said today: "The trouble about it all is I'm too full of the milk of human kindness. I am trying to help the pretty young girls who might be lured away from home by 'moral lepers' and their like.

"I wouldn't marry any of those girls that answered my letters. I was merely trying to gain evidence to lay before the committee on judiciary when my bill to help such girls, by prohibiting beauty contests, comes up. If I ever think of marrying now I'll go abroad. That bridge will be crossed when I come to it."

We will buy all of your second-hand furniture; Wright Furniture company, corner Pine and Rusk Sts.—Advertisement.

PERSONALS

Miss Virginia Schmuck left last night for Madison, Wis. where she will enter the University of Wisconsin for the coming year.

J. M. Wilson, formerly of Ranger, but now located in Fort Worth, is in the city on business.

Mrs. Dora Franklin is in Wichita Falls on an extended visit with her daughter, whose home is in that city.

Miss Pauline Arisman was operated upon yesterday at the Clinical hospital for a minor ailment. Her condition is not serious.

Mrs. Letta Cox, who was formerly employed by the J. M. White Dry Goods company, yesterday underwent a major operation at the Ranger General hospital. Reports from attending physicians are to the effect that she stood the ordeal well and is expected to recover.

Miss Flo Alcorn left today for Canton, Ill., and after a visit there she, with a party of friends, will take a motor trip to Madison, Wis., where Miss Alcorn will enter the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McKinnis and J. T. Lander are in Mexia for a few days, making the trip in Mr. McKinnis' car.

Karl Jones and C. J. Dietrich left last night for Mexia to get an eye-ful of the situation.

SHARK FISHING NEW SPORT IN MID-ATLANTIC

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—Angling in the mid-Atlantic is a new sport which has been added to the joy of the trans-Atlantic traveler.

This new pastime was reported when the Canadian Pacific liner, Empress of India, running in place of the Mauretania for the Cunard line, arrived yesterday.

Last Wednesday evening one of the engines broke down while the vessel was near the edge of the Gulf stream. Repairs required eighteen hours. In the meantime the vessel lay to. Thursday morning three huge sharks were seen hovering about the ship. Several of the crew got a shark line out, baited it with a ham, then pitched it over.

A few minutes later they got a bite. With the aid of one of the hoisting engines, they commenced hauling the finny monster up. They got the man-eater—a fellow about

twelve feet in length almost to the deck of the ship, when the line parted under his weight, and he slipped back into the ocean.

Captain G. S. Webster, who watched the shark fishermen from the bridge, estimated that the near-catch weighed about half a ton.

The Davenport Hardware company, which has been located on North Austin street for many months, is moving into the Jones-Cox building on Main street. It will require several days to move the large stock and get it arranged, but when the task is completed the company expects to have a very attractive store.

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