

A man's own good-breding is the best security against other people's ill-manners. Chesterfield.

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## SIXTY-NINTH CONGRESS OPENS ITS SESSION

### THE WEATHER

West Texas tonight and Tuesday, partly cloudy, somewhat colder in the panhandle.

### TARIFF IS AID TO AGRICULTURE SAYS COOLIDGE

President Addresses Farmers, Urging Co-operation, Opposing Price Fixing.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—President Coolidge today defined the present tariff as an aid to the farmer, warning against government price fixing as a panacea for agricultural ills and lauded co-operative marketing. Addressing the American Federation of Farm Bureaus, the president enumerated the steps by which he believes agriculture can be put on a sound and independent basis. This includes extension of storage facilities, co-operative marketing, information and advice from the agricultural department and farm loan bank credits. Without discussing many of these in detail, the President devoted most of his speech to exposing alleged fallacies of government marketing panaceas and lauded the benefits from a protective tariff.

Leaders of the co-operative movement in the agricultural department have prepared a co-operative farm bill embodying his principles, he said. He opposed government co-operation which would directly fix prices by buying and selling because this would create a bureaucracy, destroy co-operation and farmers' independence and stimulate over-production ending in a complete collapse. Labor statistics were produced by the President to show that the present tariff rates benefit the farmer and should not be revised. He said there remained only 12 per cent of imports upon which the agricultural industry pays any part of the profits. "The total average cost to the farmer on account of the tariff is only between two and three per cent of his purchase, and, on the other hand, protection is a great benefit to agriculture as a whole," said the President. "The \$780,000,000 of agricultural products imported last year had to pay \$269,000,000 for the privilege of coming in to compete with our production. Protection greatly aids diversification and therefore, eliminates unprofitable surplus. A study of dairy products, flax, wool and other commodities will demonstrate this is done."

### White Way Building Fund Lacks Only \$766 Of Being Completed

Approximately \$766 is needed to clear off the debt on Ranger's white way and the committee of citizens which has been working on this matter for several days is hopeful this sum will have been subscribed and paid in within the next few days. The cost of the white way was \$4,884.56 and the cost of the Ford coupe, bought in connection with it, was \$695.95, making a total of \$5,580.51. Donations for the white way total \$3,813.50 and the sale of tickets on the coupe have brought in \$632.75, total, \$4,446.25, thus leaving a balance of \$766.26 to be raised.

### NEW RECORD NUMBER WOMEN IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Three women comprise the feminine contingent in the new Congress, the first time in history that there has been more than one woman member. The three feminists are Mrs. Mary Norton, of Jersey City, N. J., the first woman Democratic member in Congress; Mrs. Florence P. Kahn, widow of the late Rep. Julius Kahn, of San Francisco, Cal.; and Mrs. Edith Nourse Rogers, of Lowell, Mass., widow of the late Rep. John Jacob Rogers.

### RADIO PROGRAM

Radio programs are announced for tonight as follows: Dallas, WFAA, 475.9 Meters 6:30 to 7:30 p. m.—Artie Collins and his orchestra. 8:30 to 9:30 p. m.—Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation program. Fort Worth, WBAP, 475.9 Meters 6 to 6:30 p. m.—Dinner music by the Texas Hotel Royals. 7:30 to 8:30 p. m.—D. Dwight Harned, concert pianist, assisted by G. W. Bray, in a request program. (W. E. B.) 9:30 to midnight—Anniversary program of Ward's "Trail Blazers," the Montgomery Ward & Co. orchestra; Frank Maco directing. (The Hired Hand.)

### COURT CHARGES GRAND JURY ON RESPONSIBILITY

Suggests Campaign To Teach People How To Take Care Of Their Property.

Judge Geo. L. Davenport of 91st district court in empanelling his grand jury this morning gave them in charge the entire penal code of the state, mentioning especially the laws governing misapplication of public funds, bribery, drunkenness in office, disturbance of religious worship, perjury, false swearing, carrying fire arms, unlawful marriages, bigamy, sodomy, gaming, betting on elections, liquor laws, unlawful practice of medicine or dentistry, highway laws, forgery, false weights and measures, murder, homicides, manslaughter, arson, burglary, robbery, robbery with fire arms, theft of all kinds, embezzlement and conversion, swindling and cheating.

"It seems that the officers are having a hard time to enforce the laws and should have all the assistance the grand juries and the citizens can legally give them," the court said. "While it is not for you and me to carry on a campaign to educate the people how to take care of their property, yet a little advice to them along this line could not be amiss, since so many people seem to pay so little attention to their property and in many instances leave so that all the thief has to do is take possession of it and carry or drive it away," the court said.

Following is the personnel of the grand jury: J. M. Dodson, Ranger; J. Sam Davenport, Ranger; E. H. Jones, Gorman; D. C. Moorman, Gorman; J. E. Gilbert, Carbon; R. W. Mancill, Cisco; P. W. Campbell, Cisco; T. L. Overby, Eastland; Jack Williamson, Eastland; Harve Vestal, Pioneer; Bill Shultz, Rising Star; E. H. Webb, Eastland, Ed Jones was named by the court as foreman.

### APPELLATE COURT GIVES DECISION RELATING TO FEES

BRECKENRIDGE, Dec. 7.—Decision in favor of Stephens County were handed down Friday by the Eleventh Court of Civil Appeals at Eastland in the cases of Stephens County vs. T. C. Hefner, county tax assessor, and G. T. Adams, ex-tax collector, of Stephens County. During the year 1923 a bill was passed amending the fee law. The county maintained that during 1923 the tax assessor and collector were still under the jurisdiction of the fee law while the office holders maintained that they were not, and it was explained.

### EUROPE'S AIR ROUTES MEET IN SWITZERLAND

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Switzerland is rapidly becoming the Grand Central Station of Europe for international aerial travel. No less than ten of the principal European lines, operating under English, French, Belgian, German, Swiss and Austrian management now make Switzerland one of the principal intermediary stops in the various aerial routes. As a matter of fact all European aerial routes between the aerodromes of Paris, Strasbourg, Brussels, Rotterdam, Mannheim, Frankfurt, Stuttgart, Munich, Vienna, and Innsbruck now pass by way of Switzerland.

### PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR OF RANGER

Whereas, one of the city's greatest duties is to take care of our poor and unfortunate, and, Whereas, the Salvation Army has demonstrated its ability to efficiently and economically handle our charity dollars. I, A. H. Hodges, mayor, do hereby call upon each of our citizens to aid in every way possible that this worthy organization may continue and that the annual appeal for \$3,500 conducted Dec. 8, 9, 10 and 11, 1925, may be a success. (Signed) R. H. HODGES, Mayor, City of Ranger, Texas.

### Wild West Stuff



### Grand Jury Reopens Investigation Into Alleged Big Fraud

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Grand jury investigation into the alleged \$7,000,000 fraud involving Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian, is to be reopened, according to well defined reports in the federal building today. Miller, along with several German and Swiss friends, recently was indicted on charges that the assets of the American Metals Corporation were mishandled. Miller, the late Jesse Smith and John T. King, republican national committee man from Conn., were said to have been involved, but King was not indicted, although he had waived immunity when he gave testimony. It is reported King will be asked to appear before the grand jury Thursday.

### Treasury Announces Issue \$450,000,000 Tax Certificates

DALLAS, Dec. 7.—Lynn P. Talley, governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, gives notice of the treasury's announcement today of its December financing, which takes the form of an offering of one year, three and three quarters per cent treasury certificates of indebtedness, dated and bearing interest from December 15 1925, maturing December 15, 1926.

### BISHOP OF WALL STREET DIES OF HEART FAILURE

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—"The bishop of Wall street," whose noon hour sermon from the steps of the sub-treasury building were for years a daily event, is dead. The Rev. William Wilkinson, at 11:55 a. m. today fell victim to heart weakness brought on by pneumonia. He was near 80 years old. Despite the "bishop's" advanced years he was active until stricken by the illness which proved fatal. He was attached to the Trinity Episcopal church.

### PARTY LEADERS AGREE ON TAX REDUCTION BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—"The \$325,000,000 tax reduction bill is a non-partisan measure and will bring maximum good to all the people," the ways and means committee informed the house today in introducing the bill revenue measure. Slices in the bill were apportioned so that every tax payer would be benefited, the committee said. It was denied there was any division on party lines regarding the bill.

### ALIEN PROPERTY SEIZURE PENDING IN HIGHER COURT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The United States Supreme Court today denied review of a suit to decide the disposition of property belonging to United States citizens placed with American trust companies by German trust companies before the war and later seized by the alien property custodian. The suit, involving millions, was brought by the Farmers Loan & Trust Co., New York, to recover seized property for its clients.

### Proposed Special Session of House Hangs in Balance

AUSTIN, Dec. 7.—Representative T. K. Irwin here today said if Speaker Satterwhite issued a call for a special session of the house he would be in his seat when the session is convened and would agree to pay his own expenses during the session. Irwin said there had not been no change in the response for a special session of the house to investigate State affairs. Opposition to any special session of the legislature that is not regularly and constitutionally convened, and with power to make appropriations for expenses was expressed by H. H. Moore, member of the house from Delta, Franklin and Hopkins counties, at the capital today. Moore considered the plan of Speaker Satterwhite to have the members pay their own expenses was impractical, saying that few members would approve any such proposal. He predicted there would be no special session during the administration of "Ma" Ferguson.

### MILLION-DOLLAR BRIBE OFFERS ARE REPORTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—With reports current in dry circles that bribes as high as \$1,000,000 have been offered by the rum running gang for free access to one North American port, United States District Attorney Buckner will today proceed further against William Dwyer's alleged bootlegging army. The investigation will extend to wards alleged corruption of coast guard and police officials. Indictments are expected against Dwyer, but more startling testimony is expected relating to government employees. Thus far only six coast guardsmen have been arrested, but Buckner believes that others are guilty.

### Revival Services In Central Baptist Church This Week

Revival services are being conducted this week, at 7:30 o'clock each evening, in the Central Baptist church of Ranger. The Rev. A. L. Leake, pastor of the church, and the Rev. G. O. Kev of McKinney are co-operating in the revival and a special musical program each night is under the direction of Leo M. Underwood. Rev. Mr. Key is not a stranger in Ranger, for he conducted, several years ago, one of the most successful revivals ever held in Ranger, it is said.

### TOBACCO MAGNATE DIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Percival Smith Hill, president of the American Tobacco Company, died suddenly at his Park avenue home today in his 64th year. Hill began his business career as a jobber in cotton and woolen goods, but entered the tobacco business when 30 years of age.

### PARTY DIVISION IN NEW CONGRESS

By United Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Here is how the convening congress lines up: House—Republicans 147, Democrats 183, Farmer-Labor 3, Socialists 2. Senate—Republicans 56, Democrats 39, Farmer-Labor 1. There is no vacancy in either house.

### LONGWORTH OF OHIO ELECTED HOUSE SPEAKER

Insurgent Republicans Vote For Cooper Of Wisconsin. Dawes Awakens Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The 69th congress convened today and immediately ran into the old insurgent controversy. Representative Nicholas Longworth of Ohio was elected speaker of the house. The outstanding feature was an announcement by house democrats they would support the insurgents against any change in the rules, thus embarrassing the republicans who had planned a change. At the same time the republican insurgents refused to vote for Longworth for speaker and cast their votes for Henry Allen Cooper of Wisconsin although assured Longworth would be elected.

Gargled by the senate rule which prevent a presiding officer from delivering a speech, Vice President Charles G. Dawes today faced the senate for the first time since he was excommunicated last March, following his caustic inaugural lecture. Back from a coast to coast campaign through 26 states, Dawes seized the gavel of authority and summoned that body from its long session at noon today. The senate republicans have not yet decided what to do with Robert M. LaFollette Jr., of Wisconsin, who not only refused to accept an invitation to attend the regular republican caucus, but is even reported to have actually aligned himself with the insurgents.

William Tyler Page, who presided over the house until the new speaker was chosen, appointed Representatives Garrett, Tilton, Cooper, Madden and Gagner to escort Longworth from his office to the speaker's rostrum, where the oath was administered by Representative Butler, republican, of Pennsylvania. "To you, members of my political party, who by your voices here, have elected me to this office, I extend my heartfelt thanks," said Longworth.

### PRESIDENT GETS CORDIAL GREETING IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—President Coolidge came today to the agricultural capital of the United States to tell the American farmer his views on agriculture. Real winter weather welcomed the president and his party. The president and Mrs. Coolidge were stopped at the gate by a battery of cameras and posed for pictures. Mounted police formed an escort for the party as it passed through the loop. Crowds greeted the president, cheering him and Mrs. Coolidge as they passed through the streets.

### ROBERT LAFOLLETTE JR. TAKES FATHER'S SEAT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—A son is taking the oath of office today for a post which his father held for 20 years before him. Robert M. LaFollette Jr., a "chip off the old block," took the seat of Wisconsin made vacant by the death of his father after congress had recessed last March. The younger LaFollette strongly resembles his father and is an advocate of his father's principles.

### OFFICIALS OF PRAIRIE PIPE LINE CO. TO MEET

All Eastland officials of the Prairie Pipe Line company are en route to Independence, Kan., where they will attend the annual meeting of their organization, when plans for the coming year will be outlined. The Eastland party includes T. B. Lott, general superintendent; D. P. Leary, division superintendent; Walter L. Clark, division engineer; W. L. Gippon, claim agent; Russell A. Allen, and A. J. Nicholson.

### BOY IS ACCIDENTALLY GORED BY GENTLE COW

CISCO, Dec. 7.—Joseph Woodward, drummer boy in the Cisco High school band, and son of Mrs. E. J. Lott, living on the Kleiner farm, one and one-half miles northwest of here, was accidentally gored by a cow late Friday afternoon, causing an ugly wound that required several stitches to close. Joseph was delivering a cow, that was very gentle, to a purchaser and while untangling the rope from about her foot, the cow threw her head, her horn penetrating Joseph's upper lip.

### U. S. LAWMAKERS READY TO TAKE UP WORK AGAIN

Session Will Last About Six Months. Tax Revision Is First Issue.

By PAUL R. MALLON, United Press Staff Correspondent. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—With accustomed solemnity and simple ceremony, the new sixty-ninth congress convened here at noon today to cope with tax reduction, the world court, farm relief and matters of air defense.

It was the Coolidge congress rolled in by the tremendous majority of the chief executive in the election last year which today assumed legislative control of the nation. The parliamentary clutter of gavelts at noon stilled the buzz of conversation in the chambers of the senate and the house and officially opened the regular session. The familiar faces of many statesmen who died or were defeated were absent, but in their places were the ambitions of a younger generation. There were four newcomers to the senate, selected since the special session last March and the first official step of the new congress was taken when they marched down before the rostrum to be sworn in by Vice President Charles G. Dawes. The house had no special March session like the senate and one-third of the entire membership took the oath of office as new members.

Many Visitors. In the galleries watching the preliminary ritual were the highest diplomats and social lights of the capital. Women gowned in fashion, ambassadors in brilliant gold braided uniforms, army and navy officials statesmen in their frocked coats and retired senators and congressmen all gave color to the opening scene.

Only the preliminary regulations were complied with in the opening sessions and the actual business of legislation will not begin until tomorrow.

In the house republicans went through the function of electing Representative Nicholas Longworth, republican, Ohio, as speaker, although the election amounted to little more than a formality because of the support republican majority. Prayer was rendered by the chaplain and requirements of the constitution were complied with, in preparation for beginning consideration of the new tax bill Wednesday. The official totals of the first roll call showed 247 republicans, 183 democrats, three Farmer-Laborites and two Socialists, comprising the personnel, thus assuring the administration undisputed control. In the senate the president's decision to order and prayer was recited by the regular chaplain. There the list showed 56 republicans, 39 democrats and one farmer-laborite but the anti-administration color of many of the republicans left the numerical majority of the republicans considerably in doubt.

### Four New Senators.

The four new senators were George H. Williams, St. Louis, Mo., republican appointed to take the seat made vacant by the death of Seldon P. Spencer; Robert M. LaFollette Jr., elected to the seat of his father; Gerald Nye, appointed to succeed Senator Ladd, and Arthur R. Robinson of Indianapolis, succeeding Senator Ralston who died.

Under the surface of joviality of comrades back together again from the 48 states after nine months at home there was the deep rooted spirit of antagonism over the legislative battles to come. There was anticipation of the quarrels to come over tax reduction, Muscle Shoals, the world court, farm relief and the air service future which jam the calendar for what was intended to be a short session.

Leaders of both houses intend to adjourn in June if possible. The session can hardly be carried on through the summer because 27 senators and one-third of the house are up for reelection in November and must be home long before that time to carry on their campaigns.

If the program is to be cleared, however, a longer session will be required. The first question to be taken up is the new tax bill. Everything is laid out for its quick adoption by the house. Chairman Croom of the house ways and means committee intends to bring it up day after tomorrow and limit debate so that a vote can be had next Monday at the latest. Green intends to have only four days of discussion.

The bill will strike a snag in the senate, however. It probably will not be reported out of the finance committee until the middle of January and its opponents are primed for a long drawn out attack upon it. Until the tax bill is ready the senate will take up proposals for American adherence to the international court of justice at The Hague. Under an agreement reached at the special senate session called by Mr. Coolidge after March 4 to confirm his cabinet, the Swanson world court resolution will be taken up a week from Wednesday.



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**BIBLE THOUGHT—**  
**FURNISH NO FUEL.**—Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out; so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.—Proverbs 26:20.

**PRAYER.**—Give us, Lord, a holy conception of our neighbor's life, and then we will never hear false witness against him.

**WHAT IS LEGITIMATE BUSINESS?**  
 Mr. A. C. Miller, noted economist and member of the federal reserve board, is of the opinion that a large section of the public is being drawn into the arena of speculation, and that a halt should be called lest a speculative frame of mind be cultivated that in time may invade "legitimate" trade and industry.

Mr. Miller implies that speculation in stocks and produce is not legitimate business. In this he will meet with vigorous opposition from many sources. No other class of business that receives so much free publicity from the press and no other class of business wields such a political power in legislative bodies. If it is an illegitimate business it should be suppressed and not be confined to the few who can afford to lose. It will be a very difficult matter to draw a line as to patrons or participants because if it were not for the "flames" and the "suckers" Wall street would be a very tame resort.

On the other hand "legitimate" trade and business is even more of a gamble. Forty years records show that a man entering the retail or manufacturing business has about one chance in 20 of winning through. That's about the average for gold, copper, oil and other wildcat mining stocks. All business is a gamble—and much of its as bad as the three-shell game.

On the same day that Mr. Miller issued his warning, the International Reform federation issued a call for a conference of civic groups to take action against the increased spread of race track gambling—giving the startling information that the volume of money changing hands on the 45 race tracks of this nation has increased to \$400,000,000 annually and that many crimes are attributed to this form of gambling.

If Wall street had to get along on \$400,000,000 of total business annually, sage brush would grow in the bull rings, and crime might become more of a pastime.  
 We're a nation of gamblers, and the rising generation is being educated and fitted for the game just as football players are rounded into shape or race horses fitted for the track. The get-rich-quick era is here with bells.

Federal council representing the German states and Prussian provinces voted in favor of the Locarno agreement by 46 against four votes, there being three abstentions. First thing we know we'll be taking our hats off to Germany for wisdom, efficiency and gameness.

The political situation in France indicates that a dictator of the Mussolini type is needed—and close students of affairs do not hesitate to declare that it is the only solution of the difficulties.

R. T. Titus, secretary of the Vermont Forrestry association, has made an exhaustive survey of public owned forests of the nation. He finds organizations in 34 states, but only 22, or less than half of the 48 have state-owned forests. New York state leads with nearly 2,000,000 acres, and Pennsylvania is second with 1,131,276 acres. Washington is next with 1,115,000 acres. Idaho 700,000 and Montana 523,000 acres. Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Massachusetts, Oregon and South Dakota follows in the order named.

# Society

## AND THE ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN IN RANGER

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**TUESDAY.**  
 High School P. T. A. meets at 3 p. m. at the high school.  
 Tuesday Bridge Club meets with Mrs. C. N. Ochiltree at 2:30 p. m. at the Gholsen.

**STRAWN CAMP OF ROYAL NEIGHBORS ENTERTAINED.**  
 The Strawn Camp of Royal Neighbors were royally entertained at the De Groff Hotel by the Ranger Camp, Friday evening, with a dinner, consisting of soup, salad, roast chicken, cream potatoes, dressing, cranberry sauce pie and coffee. After dinner the Strawn visitors gave a very nice program consisting of music and readings. Those attending from Strawn were Mesdames F. J. Newman, H. W. Way, H. C. Croom, A. L. Stewart, C. H. Knight, D. E. Trotter, A. Towinger, R. C. Myers, J. M. Brooks, Elizabeth Brookmann, Jennie Hayden, W. T. Beavers, Dewey Bradford, Lula Pontreole, Sadie Steger, M. E. Grantham, P. E. Trotter, Dewey Bradford, James M. Brooks, Misses Gertrude Grantham, Audra Martin and Vera Guests. This visit from the Strawn lodge pays back a visit recently by the Ranger lodge to the Strawn lodge.

**A CANDY PULLING FOR S. S. CLASSES.**  
 The Boethian and Fidelis Classes of the Central Baptist Church will have a "candy pulling" party at the church, Tuesday evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.  
 Boys are requested to bring a small glass of pecans, shelled, of course, and the girls are to bring the other ingredients.

**REPORT FROM BAZAAR.**  
 The Young Matrons class of the Methodist Church is very happy over the success of their bazaar and bake sale held the last two days of last week. They cleared in actual dollars and cents, \$108, which will be sent as an extra Christmas cheer present to the orphan children, at the Methodist orphan's home at Waco. This school is usually self supporting but to the drought in that vicinity this year, old Santa Claus was hard hit, so this class is doing its utmost to help him make up the deficit. The class addition to this sends \$25.00 monthly to the home.

**1920 CLUB TAKES UP WEIGHTY QUESTIONS.**  
 While the meeting of the 1920 Club, Thursday afternoon, opened with a song "Trust" by Joyce Miller, sang by Miss Christine Carter, accompanied by Miss Nell Tibbels, it took up many weighty problems and questions, prominent among them being a motion to draw up resolutions at once, signed by every member of the club, to be sent to our own senators and to Senator Borah, assuring them of the desire of the 1920 Club to assist in the work of promoting the World Court. This motion coming after an appeal and a report of the State peace chairman, Mrs. George Langston, who said that now was the time to do what the club would toward that end. Mrs. A. L. Duffer, president of the club, also also delegate to the state federation at Austin, gave her report, which was very inspirational. She also called on other members of the club who attended to federation to give their impressions. Mrs. O. L. Phillips response, was very charming. A motion was carried in regard to the Worlds Court, that the club would sponsor a public discussion of it. In the business session that followed a song by Mrs. C. C. Patterson, accompanied by Mrs. J. M. Dodson, a communication was read from the president of the County Federation, Mrs. Phillip Pettit, of Cisco, requesting that the next meeting of the county federation, which falls on Dec. 19, be held in Ranger, on account of Ranger having the most commodious quarters, namely the Gholsen Hotel, for taking care of the crowd that was sure to be present, as this meeting will honor the two state officers, elected at the state federation, Mrs. W. H. Hagaman, second vice president and Mrs. K. Q. Lee, treasurer. Naturally the Ranger club will comply with the request. Mrs. Duffer in her report touched very pointedly on the State penitentiaries. She stated that there are now over 4,000 prisoners in the penitentiary in Texas, and that a survey of the causes that put them there, proved that lack of education was the prime factor and she urged that the club get behind the compulsory education movement and see that Ranger boys and girls comply with that law, thus receiving the benefits of education, and thus be started right in life.

**SCOUTS TRIP TO FAIRYLAND PROGRAM.**  
 The three-act play, "Scouts Trip to Fairyland," to be given by the Central Ward pupils, Friday night, at the high school auditorium, promises to be very unusual in its interest. There will be some 90 pupils taking part in the program. Before the play there will be special music by the High school orchestra, and "Washer Woman's Drill" and "Negroes Manner Drill" will be two high-class vaudeville acts. "The Scout Camp." Scene number two is "Fairyland" and scene number three is "Daylight at Camp." Scouts are Lewis Gregg, Hubert Hinton, Howard Hinton, Ted Waggoner, Clyde Purser and George Albert Bumpers. The Sandman will be Jack Poe. Brownies are Scott Neal, Wayne Hayden, Berwin McCurdy, Jack Evans, J. W. Johnson, Kay Britton, Barbara Coakson, Billy Sampson, Junior Walker, Elvin Ingram, Charlie Taylor, Jack Palmer. Fairies are Talmadge Carter, Sara Mustine, Camilla Hunt, Vera Morris, Maurine Rice, Berna-

dine Barker, Diane Harkrider, Ruth Kerr, Johnnie Mae Hicks. Frogs are James Westbrook, Jack Davenport, Garvin Chastain, Charles Browne, Edward Sewell, Doyle Madding, Andrew Bruce, Pearl Raxroad, Ernest Glazner, Bill Goforth. Rainbow Fairies are Imogene Rexroad, Nellie Hubbard, Clifford Deere, Marion Younce, Louise Davenport, Genevieve Carter, Catherine Barker. Butterflies are Max Reed and Mitchell Woodell. Fireflies are Morris Armstrong, Junior Cheney, W. C. Brown, J. W. Poe, Louis Riddle, Max Williams, John Thomas Scott, Jack Morris. Daffodowndilly is Margaret Nell Rutledge. Fairies are Bobbie Bales, Estelene Ballard, Ora Lee Ratliff, Kathryn Lee, Margaret Crow, Ruby Milburn, Dorothy Dodd, Reba Callaway, Allie Ball, Florence Sue Dodson, Nona Diamond, Patricia McDonald. Owls are Christine Summers, Margaret White, Daniline Pate, Hazel Stephenson, Bobbie Wayne Daniels, Adele Pool, Lorraine Williams, Alice Humphrey. Lost Fairy, Patricia McDormell. Pages are Cline Walsh, Darrell Williams, Johnnie Kimbrough, Eugene Case, Bailey Hinton, Robert Jones, Arnold Purse, Wayne Mitchell. Fairy King is Saunders Gregg Jr.

**MAN MEETS DEATH IN DWELLING HOUSE FIRE.**  
 By United Press.  
 SULPHUR SPRINGS, Dec. 7.—Herriot Bridges, 60, was burned to death Sunday night in a fire that destroyed the cottage of Buck Thomas here. The body was found in a back room. It is believed he was overcome by smoke while trying to escape.

**AGED WOMAN BURNS TO DEATH IN HER BED.**  
 By United Press.  
 SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 7.—Tiny Bartlett, 91, aged negro woman, was burned to death today while she lay asleep on her bed at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Steve and Margaret Foster, who, with two other inmates of the house, escaped.

**SUPERINTENDENT COMPLETING RURAL SCHOOLS INSPECTION.**  
 Miss Beulah Speer, superintendent of Eastland county schools, will, in the next few days, complete her first inspection of the rural schools of the county.

**"RED" GRANGE PLAYS GREAT FOOTBALL IN NEW YORK.**  
 By United Press.  
 NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—"Red" Grange played a heroic football role again this afternoon. By virtue of his two touchdowns, the Chicago Bears were able to defeat the Frankfort Yellow Jackets, 14 to 7 in a professional game which was witnessed by about 35,000 football fans.

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 Persistent coughs and colds lead to serious trouble. You can stop them now with Creomulsion, an emulsified creosote that is pleasant to take. Creomulsion is a new medical discovery with two-fold action; soothes and heals the inflamed membranes and inhibits germ growth.  
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# League of Nations Council Takes Up Important Matters

By HENRY WOOD  
 (United Press Staff Correspondent)  
 GENEVA, Dec. 7.—The Council of the League of Nations met here today for what is expected to be the most important meeting in its history.

Friends of the League see as the probable result of the present meeting its final rise to a secure position on world wide power and respect. At the session beginning today the Council is to make formal arrangements for the admission of Germany, final decisions on the dangerous Greco-Bulgarian situation and the British-Turkish dispute over Mosul, and to plan far-reaching European disarmament and peace conferences based on the foundation laid by the Locarno Pact.

This session of the Council, the 37th in its history, was presided over by Senator Scialoja, the Italian delegate and personal representative of Mussolini.

The successful handling a month ago by the council of the Greco-Bulgarian dispute has resulted in establishing and reaffirming immensely the authority of the council and the League with the result that the decisions and actions of the former during the present session will command a greater worldwide attention and respect than ever before.

**THREE SENATE SEATS SUBJECT TO CONTEST.**  
 By United Press.  
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The right of office of three senators who took their seats in the upper house of congress today are being challenged. Contests have been filed against Senator Smith W. Brookhart, Republican, Iowa, Samuel G. Bratton, Democrat New Mexico, and Thomas D. Schall, Republican, Minnesota.

**AUTOMOBILE DEMOLISHED ON GRADE CROSSING.**  
 By United Press.  
 DALLAS, Dec. 7.—Although a speeding Texas & Pacific train demolished the automobile of Louis Bishop, 21, at a grade crossing, he was not nursing a single bruise or abrasion today. Bishop approached the crossing with so much caution that his machine stalled on the tracks. He saw a locomotive bearing down on him and just stepped to one side.

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**FARMERS DEFER PURCHASE OF SEED POTATOES.**  
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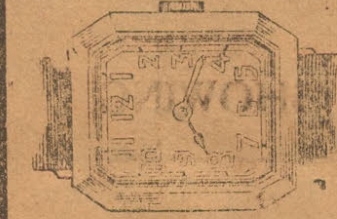
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On Avenue A in New York City there is an apartment house designed for working people that covers an entire block. It contains 82 apartments arranged in four and five room suites and on an average there are eight electric lighting fixtures in each apartment.

LODGES. Ranger Masonic Lodge No. 738, A. F. & A. M., meets Tuesday night, Dec. 8, 7:30 p. m. Work in M. M. degree. Meets Tuesday night, Dec. 15, work in M. M. degree. Will also meet Tuesday night, Dec. 22, for work in the E. A. degree and will hold examinations in the M. M., F. C. and E. A. degrees. There will be no examinations Thursday night, Dec. 24, same being our stated meeting night. Visitors welcome.

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Citizens of Ranger Organizing to Aid Salvation Army This Week in Its Campaign in Ranger for Financial Aid

The office of Chairman A. A. Diehl in the Guaranty Bank building has been a busy place these last few days with lining up workers for the Salvation Army drive, that will start Tuesday with an inspirational meeting at the American Legion hall over the city hall, Tuesday at 10 a. m. Circulars giving details of Army relief work here were distributed throughout the residential and business districts Saturday and it is reported that everything is in readiness for the drive.

"Mark Twain once remarked that every one talked about the weather, but no one ever did anything about it," said Judge Diehl. "We have heard a lot of good things about the work of the Salvation Army here and we hope that the generous citizens of Ranger will do something about it by opening their hearts and their purses for this worthy organization."

The drive will officially start with an inspirational meeting Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the American Legion Hall on the second floor of the City Hall. Teams and captains will go from the meeting to soliciting and we hope that Tuesday night a large portion of the fund of \$25,000 needed will be raised. All workers and others interested in the work are urged to be present. The Salvation Army is one organization that we can all get behind and give the support that it deserves.

Members of the Ranger advisory board are confident that the appeal this year will meet with a hearty response from the citizens of Ranger and have announced that those who wish to make a pledge to give at some later date ask solicitors for a card to be filled out and returned to appeal headquarters.

"The women of Ranger are ready to do their share," said Mrs. John M. Gholson, women's chairman. "We have only two organized charities, graves here and both of them merit the support of all good citizens. I feel sure that the women workers will find a gift of at least a dollar in nearly every home they call upon regardless of whether the husband or father makes a donation in the business district. At least we want to be able to say that no home in Ranger did not have the opportunity to aid this splendid organization in its war upon crime and sickness and poverty."

In Business District The solicitation of funds in the business district will be under the direction of J. T. Killingsworth, B. A. Tunnell, Judge W. S. Anderson and Harold Durham as team captains. Workers will be assigned to

Arrests Continue in Disruption of Big Rum Running Gang

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Charged with being the liaison man between a federal employer and members of the Dwyer rum gang, Daniel J. Kelher of Freeport, Long Island, today was arrested and is being held in \$20,000 bail. Kelher is a former prohibition agent and a brother of a former New York police captain.

A regular news service was maintained by the bootleggers similar to the commercial service for business men and was a feature for the rum runners, U. S. District Attorney Buckner disclosed today. Arrests in the scandal reached 22 today when Frank Gross, alleged to have been in Dwyer's inner ring, was taken into custody.

Legionnaires To Help. With memories of the splendid work done on the fronts in France by the Salvation Army during the World War the Ranger American Legion will be solidly behind the coming Salvation Army drive for funds. The Legion button will be just as much in evidence on the lapels of workers as the famous "sinker and doughnuts" of the Army on the Western front. Turn about is fair play say the boys and they can always be depended upon to help any worthy cause.

President to Address Assembled Farmers in Chicago, Monday

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Representatives of the entire agricultural community gathered here tonight to receive the message which President Coolidge will deliver when he opens the seventh annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation here Monday.

TYLER—Natural gas is now being served to the people of Tyler and Longview from a pipeline that comes from the Washom gas fields.

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# SPINSTERHOOD

by Virginia Swain

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### BEGIN HERE TODAY:

Barbara Hawley, 25, breaks with her fiancé, Bruce Reynolds, and gets a job on the Telegraph, in order to see life. Andrew McDermott, the managing editor, is a friend of her father.

She makes friends with Bob Jeffries, police reporter, and with Sinbad Sullivan, a free lance press agent, sometimes sober.

Barbara gets a letter signed "Violletta" in the lovers' mail, asking how to attract a young man socially superior to the writer.

Sinbad Sullivan asks Barbara to a newspaper dinner at the Lighthouse inn.

### NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY: CHAPTER XIII.

The yellow taffeta dress lay on the bed.

Mrs. Hawley was powdering Barbara's shoulders, while Barbara wielded the nail buffer, when Bob's cautious horn sounded out in front, followed shortly by steps on the porch.

"Will you tell 'em I'll be there in just a minute," gasped Barbara from the folds of the yellow dress, which she was slipping over her head.

Sinbad and Bob were draped about the novel post when Barbara descended the steps. "You look like a daffy-down-dilly. Babs," shouted Bob.

"You look like a princess of the hood royal, Miss Hawley," amended Sinbad, with dignity. He was spotlessly groomed and extremely solemn.

Barbara ran down the front steps with a cavalier on either arm. She found Miss Badger sitting stiffly in the center of the racer's one seat. "Good evening, Miss Hawley." From the tone no one would have suspected that the two women worked side by side every day.

"Pile in," cried Bob, and proceeded to direct the loading. It ended with Barbara and Miss Hawley squeezed in side by side and Sinbad on the running board.

Flurries of snow began to fall as they raced along. Barbara drew her coat closer about her throat, and glanced with delight at the watery moon that peered out now and then between ragged clouds.

They drew up at the Lighthouse, to find several other familiar rattle-trap cars standing in the driveway. "Guess the gang's here," cried Bob, swinging out to help the ladies alight.

"Dinner will not be served until 7:45," said Miss Badger. It was the first remark she had uttered.

Sinbad assisted Barbara up the steps with punctilious care. As they passed into the reception hall, Bob drew Barbara aside and whispered, "Sinbad's doing fine, isn't he? I made him promise to take the Badger off for several dances, so if you could dance with you. He kicked like a bay steer, but he said he'd do it."

A large table in the corner of the main dining-room was waiting for the newspaper party. A great basket of golden chrysanthemums stood in the center of the table.

"Just made for your yellow dress, Babs," cried Bob, snipping off a bud and handing it to her.

Miss Badger sniffed. "Yellow is all right in flowers," she said, "but it's very hard to wear."

Barbara made a face behind Miss Badger's back. Bob laughed back at her.

"This is the first time you have been to the Lighthouse, isn't it, Miss Hawley?" asked Sinbad, still with his unaccustomed gravity. He looked to Barbara like a pugilist turned clergyman.

"Yes," she smiled, "and I think it's gorgeous."

"Oh, very well," Sinbad was almost patronizing. "But they are not so careful as they ought to be. Once a place like this gets to running down, there's no stopping it. I fear this management would wink at anything, for a ten dollar bill."

"Still, it's the tradition to have the fall newspaper party here, and I think we'll have a good time."

Barbara was seated between Bob and Sinbad. She watched the antics of the men and listened to the smart cynicisms of the women, trying to realize that this was the sort of thing she had always longed to be a part of—a gay, irresponsible world, in the center of things, all-knowing, all-idealizing.

"Why so serious, little daffodil?" shouted Bob, the dramatic critic, emboldened beyond his natural timidity, by the lights and flowers and the faces of many friends. "What do you say of Bohemia? Do you approve, or shall we strike it out with one blow of our wand?"

"It's wonderful!" Barbara's eyes were shining in the candle light. Bob looked at her with smiling, half-shut eyes. Miss Badger sneered.

Course followed course and the talk grew still brighter and still more cynical. Only Sinbad Sullivan maintained a dignified reserve. From time to time, Barbara glanced at him wonderingly.

When the salad had been taken away, he asked her to dance with him, and she was surprised to find how sure and graceful his dancing steps were.

They came back to the table, to find Bob and Miss Badger just rising.

"May I have this dance, Miss Badger?" Sinbad bowed a Court of St. James bow.

"Well, he did stick to his bargain, didn't he?" commented Bob as he settled into his chair beside Barbara, and watched Sinbad lead the society editor away.

"Where did he get these manners?" asked Barbara. "I can hardly believe he's the same big burly Sinbad that comes into our office reeking with whisky sometimes."

"He's on his best behavior, that's all. It's in honor of you. When I told him he'd have to be sober tonight for your sake, I thought he was going to knock me down. He's pretty hard hit, I think."

"Hello, Bob Jeffries," said a voice

just behind them. Barbara looked up to find a handsome man of about 35 bending over the table and reaching out for Bob's hand.

"Greetings, Jerome," replied Bob, rising to meet the handshake. "Miss Hawley, let me present Mr. Jerome Ball. Jerome and I used to be side-kicks in the army reserve camp. But now he's a man about town and I'm—well, just look at me!"

Jerome Ball was staring at Barbara with a smile playing about his lips. Barbara felt unaccountably ill at ease.

"How do you do, Miss Hawley?" he said, smoothly. "Do you suppose Bob will let me have this dance?"

"Say, there," exclaimed Bob, "I haven't had a dance myself yet. But Jerome was leading Barbara out on the dance floor with only a mocking glance over his shoulder for Bob."

When Barbara and Jerome whirled past the table next, she saw Sinbad Sullivan sitting moodily by himself, slouched in his chair.

"I really ought to go back to my partner, Mr. Ball," she said, as the music stopped. "He's looking like a bear with a sore paw. I have danced with him only once tonight."

"Nonsense," replied Jerome, masterfully, smiling his winning smile. "That's what he gets for bringing the loveliest lady in the party."

Barbara smiled back. "All right," she said, "I'll dance one more with you."

"You're like this thistle-down on the floor, you know," Jerome again smiled caressingly, and tightened his arm about her waist. Barbara blushed.

"And may I ask," inquired Jerome later, "what you are doing in the newspaper party?"

"Why, I'm a newspaper woman, of course," Barbara's voice was proud. "I'm a reporter for the Telegraph. That's where I met Bob."

"A reporter?" The surprise in Jerome's voice was not to be missed. "Yes," said Barbara. "Why not?"

"Well, why not?" laughed Jerome. "Come over to the window. We don't want to talk about business, do we?"

A sheet of snow was shutting off the outside world. It beat against the leaded window panes and piled on the ledge outside. The night was a shimmer of lighted shadows.

"Likes a setting for a play, isn't it?" commented Barbara, leaning against the pane.

A noise at the other end of the room made them both turn around. Others were turning in the same direction.

Barbara turned white, and caught at Jerome's arm. Sinbad Sullivan was clambering upon the table, among the glasses and candlesticks.

Somewhere a woman laughed hysterically. Then silence fell.

Sinbad began to sing. His clear tenor voice rang out across the room, where table after table turned to watch him.

"La donna e mobile," he sang. "Qual piume al vento."

"Why, it's Digoletta," said the hysterical woman who had laughed before.

It was Rigoletto. Having finished "La Donna," Sinbad went back to

the beginning and sang the duke's score from first to last.

Between numbers, laughter and applause interrupted, but not for long. The singer stood swaying slightly amid the candlesticks, one foot planted upon a yellow chrysanthemum that had fallen out of the basket.

And he sang soulfully, triumphantly, searching the room with his eyes.

At last he saw Barbara and made her a courtly bow. "It's all for you, little daffodil," he said, in tones that were audible from one wall to the other.

The crowd turned and saw Barbara's flushed face. A roar of laughter went up. Barbara wheeled about and stood transfixed. There in an alcove, at a table with another man and a woman, sat Bruce Reynolds. He was looking at her.

Somewhere, went up the cry, "Encore!"

"Give us 'Woman is Changeable' again!" shouted a man, and there

was a great clapping of hands.

Sinbad gave a silly grin, bowed and opened his mouth.

"La donna e mobile—" Barbara tore away from Jerome and rushed toward the table on which Sinbad stood. She looked wildly about for Bob.

"Muta d'accento—" The crazy singing went on.

Then it stopped.

From somewhere in the building there came the sound of a shot—muffled.

(To be continued.)

### INVALID NEGRO WOMAN IS URNAED TO DEATH

NAVASOTA, Dec. 7.—Celia Young, 70, a negro woman, was burned to death here today when her home was destroyed by fire. She was an invalid and could not escape the flames. Her husband was seriously burned trying to rescue her.

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