

U. S. WAR CLAIMS WILL AGGREGATE MANY BILLIONS

Flood of Suits Against Government Has Just Begun, Palmer Says.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Millions of dollars—and promises of billions—are represented in the great tide of law suits which is beginning to pour into the United States court of claims as one of the results of the world war. The court was expressly created to determine legal controversies between private citizens and the government.

The attorney general says the amount of war claims is enormous and that indications are the influx of cases has only begun. Actions upon claims involving approximately \$121,000,000 have already been filed. The ultimate aggregate of claims, it is estimated, will reach between two and three billion dollars. The personnel of the department of justice having charge of the defense of these actions has been doubled to enable it to cope with the flood of new litigation.

Just a Few. These war claims are brought into the court by plaintiffs having claims against all departments of the government. The war department has claims involving approximately \$300,000,000. The bureau of internal revenue now has pending claims for refunds and rebates aggregating \$250,000,000. The shipping board has cancellations of contracts involving over \$850,000,000. Claims for patent infringement are estimated by the attorney general at \$100,000,000. The railroad administration has differences with the railroads amounting to approximately \$750,000,000.

There are also claims proportionately large in amount arising from the housing corporation, the war risk bureau, and the food and fuel administration, and it is known that there is a large amount of other claims of miscellaneous character which have not yet been filed.

In preparation for the disposition of this new business the court of claims has so cleared its docket that not only pending suits but actions based upon these war claims are receiving immediate attention and all cases are disposed of as rapidly as they are presented. One of the first and most important cases, affecting claims estimated at \$100,000,000, was begun on May 15, 1920. Judgment was rendered June 28, 1920, and an appeal was argued in the U. S. supreme court on Jan. 7th.

Largest Volume Known. "The volume of important adjudications in the court of claims during the past fiscal year," says the attorney general, "if equalled, has certainly never been exceeded. Since the original act of Feb. 24, 1855, providing a forum in which citizens of the United States might have their claims against the government adjudicated, the duties of the court of claims have steadily increased under legislation enacted from time to time enlarging its scope, until today it is recognized that its importance is not exceeded by any other tribunal. Every conceivable issue between the citizens and their sovereign founded upon contract, express or implied, is presented to that court, and in addition under the so-called Dent act of March 2, 1919, agreements entered into during the war of an informal nature may be brought to the court of claims for award of fair and just compensation. The small percent-

age of the decisions of the court of claims reversed by the supreme court of the United States testifies to the character of the decisions rendered."

Among the claims already filed in the court are \$90,000,000 for shipping; \$20,000,000 for railroad requisition; \$20,000,000 for patent infringement; \$2,200,000 for aircraft engines and gun; \$2,000,000 for transportation of troops and supplies, and \$2,500,000 in suits commenced by the packing companies.

BURGLARS RAID BOBO HOME; TAKE SUITCASE

During the absence of the family last night a burglar broke the glass from the rear window of the C. S. Bobo home and stole a leather suit case. Mr. Bobo's pistol which was under the pillow of his bed, was left lying in the center of the mattress. All the drawers of his home were rifled.

This is the second time within a few months that this home has been burglarized. On the previous occasion burglars took \$50 from Mr. Bobo's pocketbook as he slept.

GAS ATTACK AT QUINCY DUE TO DEFECTIVE METER

QUINCY, Mass., Feb. 12.—A mysterious "gas attack" which annoyed and alarmed residents of this city Saturday night was explained today. The mayor's office announced that 100,000 feet of hydro-carbon gas was suddenly released from an oil refinery in East Braintree through a defect in the operating mechanism of a gasometer.

HOME BREW TRAILERS SEEK CLEWS IN GARBAGE PAILS

AUBURN, N. Y., Feb. 12.—The humble, battered garbage pail has been raised to a post of dignity. It is now the ally of the Volstead enforcers. Auburn garbage collectors are now trailed by revenue agents. If they smell sour mash or hops, good night for the home brewer.

RINGLING ROAD CONNECTS WITH HAMON TRACKS

Beginning Tomorrow, Freight and Passengers Transfer at Breckwalker.

Monday morning the Ringling railroad from Eastland will begin operations into Breckneridge through an agreement with the managers of the Hamon road to transfer freight and passengers to its line at Breckwalker.

The Ringling road has lain in a state of incompletion for many months with its northern terminus just south of Breckwalker and its southern end reaching Mangum. It was one of the three roads to begin a fight to be first in the Stephens county metropolis when oil was discovered in quantities in that section.

Hamon Road First.

However, the Hamon road out of Ranger was the first into Breckneridge by several months. The Cisco & Northeastern has also been operating trains into that town for some time.

Much agitation has been going on in Eastland because the Ringling road was not completed and it could get its share of the business coming from the northern oil fields.

WIFE SAYS HUSBAND WAS SLAIN FOR \$300,000

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 12.—The body of Richard S. Lawrence, who supposedly was killed by a train three years ago, was ordered exhumed by the district attorney in an effort to determine in what manner Lawrence came to his death. Lawrence's wife has maintained that he was murdered for a fortune of \$300,000 which she asserted he possessed.

B. & W. M. CLUB WANTS TO HOLD CITY PRIMARY

Motions were made and adopted last night by about twenty members of the Business and Working Men's club to see if there was yet time enough to have a city primary election and to see if it was possible to vote an amendment to the city charter whereby commissioners could be elected to the various commissionerships instead of being appointed, as is now the case. The latter motion also included the proposition to see if the charter could be amended so that department heads other than the chief of police could be elected by the people. The members of the organization present went on record as not approving the city manager form of government as is now in force. Just what object would be gained by a city primary was not stated.

Table Lottery Motion. A resolution was introduced asking why city and county officials allowed lot-

teries, but it was placed on the table by motion.

Charles E. Morgan made a talk for the club to direct its attention to getting more homes built in Ranger and to make it a better place in which to live.

John H. Moore eulogized the present city administration but condemned the system of having department heads who did not live in the city and was not a part of it. He stated at the time that

he had been discharged from the police force last Sunday for making a similar statement before the club the previous Saturday night. In speaking of the present administration he declared that he would support any of its members if they would offer themselves for re-election.

He would do this he said because of the wonderful work they have done in the face of such adverse circumstance. In speaking of the lottery resolution,

Moore declared that it was a question of straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel. He was in favor, he said, if anything was done in that direction it should start at the top and go down; not at the bottom and then up.

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NEW CLINICAL HOSPITAL HAS ITS HOME HIGH IN THE AIR; RANGER IS TO BE MEDICAL CENTER OF WEST

A hospital containing all the devices of a modern institution is being opened on the fifth floor of the Guaranty bank building. Much of the furniture has already arrived and has been placed. The institution will be operated under the name of the Ranger Clinical hospital and is being installed by Drs. Lauderdale, Terrell and Holland. Mrs. Maud Clark, a graduate nurse from Kansas City, will be the superintendent in charge.

A school for nurses, also will be operated in conjunction with the hospital and applications are already being received. Its owners have announced that it will be opened to the practice of all reputable physicians.

When completely furnished, the new institution will contain an X-ray, modernly equipped laboratory, children's wards, maternity wards, receiving wards and operating rooms. The operating rooms are located in the front of the building and have been enameled a deep white. The wards for patients have also been painted white.

The entire fifth floor of the building is being utilized and one feature that is looked upon with favor is that each of the rooms contains a connecting door with every other room.

The doctors who are installing the hospital believe that it is an ideal location

for the purpose for which it will be used. They point out that it is above all the dust and noise of the street and will be cool even in the hottest weather. They also say that the elevator service will enable patients to be gotten up and down with dispatch.

The date for the opening of the Clinical hospital cannot be announced because all its fixtures have not yet been received. However its owners hope to have it in operation within a few days.

Is Second Hospital.

This is the second modern institution for Ranger. The general hospital also, generally equipped has been in operation for two years or more.

When the City-County hospital is built, a third will be added, which, it is thought, will place Ranger in the lead of other cities in West Texas in this respect. It is also said that a reputation for facilities of this nature will be built that will bring many patients here from over the state.

AT THE HOTELS

THEODORE.

- Leo Guzenheim, Dallas.
- J. E. Buckingham, Memphis, Tenn.
- Martha Janece, Breckenridge.
- R. J. Wallace and family, Breckenridge.
- A. H. Cooper and wife, Wichita Falls.
- B. P. Hargis and wife, Breckenridge.
- L. S. Woods and wife, Fort Worth.
- Maudie Gross, Breckenridge.
- Mrs. Mascola, Breckenridge.
- Red Doyle.
- B. O. Nary, Strawn.
- M. E. Mansell, Desdemona.
- James Hull, Caddo.
- Miss Ella Steadman, Fort Worth.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith, Dallas.
- Dan Hagaman, Breckenridge.

PARAMOUNT.

- John Gragg, Dalhart.
- A. H. Reid, Cisco.
- S. B. Price, Cisco.
- J. P. Stubblefield, Cisco.
- S. B. Christy, Jr., Cisco.
- F. W. Holder, Breckenridge.
- S. A. Hale, Cisco.
- C. M. Snow, Abilene.
- W. A. Smith, Cisco.
- J. E. Hall Sipe Springs.
- E. L. Lutz, Sipe Springs.
- C. M. Edgett, Sipe Springs.
- M. M. Harvey, Abilene.
- Mrs. A. Panoast, Dallas.
- A. C. Cook, Dallas.
- C. Woody, Eastland.
- Lee Cathey, Los Angeles.
- J. M. Ellis and family, Jasper, Texas.
- C. F. Witz, El Paso.
- Ira Moody, St. Francisville, Ill.
- Paul W. Hainscheidt, Caddo.
- I. J. Gunn, Caddo.
- H. D. Pleasant and wife, Ardmore, Ok.
- W. C. Clift, Breckenridge.
- Mr. and Mrs. R. Kirby, Beaumont.
- A. S. Ballis, Breckenridge.
- F. W. Stone, Leeroy.
- J. H. Elenander, Graham.
- A. N. Barlow, Fort Worth.
- H. C. Applegate, Cisco.
- J. J. Simmons, Caddo.
- A. J. Oliver, Abilene.
- Mrs. J. W. Reed, Dallas.
- Susie Glasgow, Dallas.
- F. W. McCabe, Breckenridge.
- J. W. Strode and wife, Ranger.

MAJESTIC.

- J. H. Jacobs, Breckenridge.
- G. D. Ward, Baltimore, Md.
- W. L. Belton, Dallas.
- L. B. Durette, Laeasa.
- R. E. Blakney, Leeroy.
- L. W. Blount, Caddo.
- T. Townsend, South Bend, Texas.
- Johnny Thomas, South Bend, Texas.
- M. Busman, Breckenridge.
- L. T. Nebelung, Fort Worth.

DRESEL HAS NO POWER TO DISCUSS GERMAN PEACE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Loging Dresel, American high commissioner to Germany, is without authority to discuss the question of peace with Germany, state department officials say. This statement was in reference to dispatches that the German government had made such a proposal to Dresel.

They added that no communication regarding any such proposals had been received from Dresel.

Lenine Expects Peasants to Fight Soviet 40 Years

By Associated Press

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Nikolai Lenine, the Bolshevik premier of Russia, expects the Russian peasants to continue their resistance against the dictatorship of the proletariat for forty years, but says the communists will continue that resistance until they submit, according to the delegates of the Spanish Socialist party who have just returned from Moscow.

The Spaniards went to Russia to present a statement of the conditions under which their party would affiliate with the Third Internationale. On their return they told a representative of The Times about their interview with the Bolshevik premier.

Asked by Senor de los Rios and Senor Anguiano, who made the trip to the Soviet capital, when the Russian dictatorship would be replaced by a regime of freedom, Premier Lenine said:

Liberty Not Mentioned.

"We have never spoken of liberty. We are exercising the dictatorship of the proletariat in the name of the minority because the peasant class in Russia is not yet with us. We shall continue to exercise the dictatorship until they submit. I estimate the dictatorship will last about forty years."

Senor de los Rios and Senor Anguiano, who disagree as to the expediency of adopting the dictatorship of the proletariat idea, spent two months in Russia. While both were disappointed by conditions there they were full of admiration for the possibilities of the Russian Revolution. Their report will be presented at a Spanish National Socialist congress, April 9, when the question of affiliation with Moscow will be decided.

FIRE DEPARTMENT STEMS ENTHUSIASM AT NEW PHARACY

It took the entire Ranger fire department to quench the fires of enthusiasm last night at the formal opening of the new Harmon drug store at Main and Commerce streets. Mayor Hagaman and a number of other prominent men of the city as well as Ex-Mayor Duncan and guests of D. M. Harmon, proprietor of the store, which the fire department made a practice run to the corner.

Not only is the new store comprehensive in its stocks but it is entirely modern in point of equipment. Both interior and exterior were draped in gala day decorations for the opening and scores of local folk visited the store during the first few hours after the doors were formally thrown open for the first time.

FARMERS OF LAMAR COUNTY KEEP SEVEN TRACTORS ON ROADS

By Associated Press

PARIS, Texas, Feb. 12.—The sale of tractors in Lamar county has been good during the past five months and about fifteen of the power farming implements are in use in the county this winter in breaking land and sowing oats.

Seven communities of Lamar county have purchased tractors for use in keeping the dirt roads in condition and these are being used steadily, with the result that some 200 miles of dirt roads are kept in good condition all the time.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN WILL MEET MONDAY

The Women's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church will meet in the church building on Marston street, Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

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- You know when Haltom has a sale you can depend upon getting the best.
- This will be the largest Jewelry auction sale ever held in Ranger. Every article will be guaranteed as represented.
- Our new location in the future will be in the old Palace Drug Store, corner Main at Austin.
- Our Auction Sale will be held in our old location, 322 Main St.
- Sales commencing 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. Monday and will continue until everything is sold.

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Society

SUN-RISING DANCE.

One of the most enjoyable of a series of winter dances given by the oil companies was staged Friday night at the Summer garden by the Sun company of officers and employees.

It was named the Sun-Rising dance and was heralded by having the rising sun printed on cards which were distributed to prospective guests. The capacity of the dance hall was taxed by 150 couples who gathered for the occasion. Refreshments were served throughout the evening.

Hosts and hostesses of the occasion were: Mrs. A. J. Lowther, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Alcorn and Mr. and Mrs. Nih Shaw.

The committee on arrangements were: A. J. Lowther, R. J. Bates, J. N. Boren, J. N. Hollingsworth and T. D. Golden. Other oil companies will continue the dances semi-monthly throughout the winter season.

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUB TO GIVE VALENTINE PARTY.

Monday evening the Business Women's club will give its first entertainment since its organization some months ago. It will be a Valentine party with hearts as the principal game, and will be held in the Chamber of Commerce assembly room. Each member will invite a guest.

PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION RECEPTION.

The reception given by the Parent-Teachers' association Friday evening at the new Cooper school was a tremendous success.

The crowd gathered with much enthusiasm promptly at 7:30. The spacious new auditorium was filled to overflowing and those present enjoyed an interesting program.

Mrs. C. O. Jensen, president of the Cooper School Parent-Teachers' association, presided and in her charming manner introduced the speakers of the evening. The program follows:

Address of Welcome—V. V. Cooper.
Response from Patrons—Mr. Snook.
Response from Faculty—Supt. McNew.

Mr. J. E. Temple Peters correlated the school kids and caused them to sing several songs. This feature was a decided hit (especially with the kids).

Short talks from members of school board: Messrs. E. O. Mills, M. H. Smith, Deffebach.

Moving Pictures—The Misses Browns.
Piano Solo—Miss Blanche Garber.
Reading—Mrs. E. A. Walker.
Piano Solo—Miss Blanche Garber.
Reading—Miss Loyal Merrill.
Remarks and Announcement—J. C. Baker.

Plans are being made for another entertainment in the near future under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers' association.

MISS ANNIE COOPER, Press Rep.
METHODIST WOMEN ENTERTAIN.
Members of the Women's Missionary society and their husbands will be entertained.

PERSONALS.

B. Wilner of the Army Supply Store returned Friday from a business trip to Dallas.

Miss Juliana Wansley has returned from Dallas, where she has spent several weeks.

MOONSHINE HOCH GETS CO-EDS IN BAD

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 12.—Four co-eds, all freshmen, were expelled from the University of Wisconsin today, for alleged drinking of "hootch" and stumbling into their rooming houses during the wee hours.

As a result the university authorities have launched a drive against bootleg activities among the students. The district attorney and the courts have entered the fight to uncover the ring which supplies liquor to students.

SOME COCOANUT HUSKER.

HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 12.—Daisy, the African elephant in the Kapiolani Park zoo in Honolulu, has developed into a complete copra plant, according to recent visitors to the bungalow in the park where Daisy lives.

Visitors say that the big pachyderm has developed the husking of green coconuts to a fine art, with a speed of one every two minutes. It usually takes a novice at husking coconuts anywhere from ten minutes to an hour to break into one with a hammer and chisel.

Daisy's interest in her new industry lies in the fact that when the cocconut is husked she cracks the shell and allows the sweet milk to trickle down her elephantine gullet.

CHURCHES

St. Rita's Catholic.

Blackwell Road—Rev. R. A. Gerken, pastor. First mass, 8 a. m.; second mass, 10:30 a. m.

East Ranger Baptist.

Foch and Blundell Streets—Rev. M. F. Drury, pastor. Sunday school, 10 a. m.; preaching, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Christian Citizenship." Sunday school at Lindsley mission, 3 p. m.

Church of Christ.

Rusk and Mesquite Streets—J. W. McKinney, minister; Bible study, 10 a. m.; preaching, 10:45 a. m. subject, "Christian Service"; song practice, 6:30 p. m.; N. W. Alphin, director; preaching, 7:45 p. m.; subject, "Adoption as Son." Service at Young school house, 2:30 p. m. classes for all; sermon at 4:30.

Christian Science.

Services in church bungalow, 421 West Pine street, Sunday, 11 a. m.; Wednesday, 8 p. m.; Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. All are cordially invited.

As a means of self-defense, London policewomen are taught jiu-jitsu.

SWEET POTATOES SHOULD GROW IN ITALY BUT THEY JUST WON'T

ROME, Feb. 12.—Professor Boni, archaeologist and director of excavations on the Palatine, is going to make another effort to grow sweet potatoes in Italy. He has just received a lot of seed potatoes from the United States agricultural department.

Whenever sweet potatoes have been planted in Italy, they have reverted to ordinary potatoes after a few years. Professor Boni hopes to be able to keep them true to their type. He says that old manuscripts prove that the ancient Romans grew them.

WOULD FORCE GOOD MUSIC ON CHILDREN

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Sir Hugh P. Alton, principal of the Royal College of Music, has offered to take a street piano down to Whitechapel, London's worst slum, in order to prove that the children would appreciate good tunes.

Sir Hugh describes the airs to which the Whitechapel children now dance in the streets as "filthy."

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- Radiator Robes, \$12.50, now . . . 9.00
- Motor Meters, \$12.50, now . . . 9.00
- Gabriel Snubbers, \$40.00, now . . . 30.00
- Badger Jack, No. 6, \$7.50, now . . . 5.50
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Building Materials Have Come Down

No one welcomes this happy news more than we do. Yes, the prices of building materials have hit the toboggan—have reached the bottom. We're back to before-the-war prices and glad of it. With practically no building in the last two years and with living conditions more congested than in many, many years the readjustment of prices offers an incentive to build at once.

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Fans Rally Monday Night at Smoker

NITRO DIRECTORS TO TELL STATE OF CLUB'S FINANCES

They Believe Rangerites Will Rally to Their Aid in Moving Park and Other Expenses Before Seasons Opens.

What about baseball in Ranger this year? That is the question that will be put squarely up to the fans at a Monday night smoker to be held at the Lone Star banquet hall. On that occasion the directors ask all Ranger fans to assemble with them and listen to their tales of woe and cheer. They'll have both, you understand, for a baseball club is constantly sliding out of the gravel bowl into the skids and plopping back into the bowl again.

That's what the meeting is about. The directors want to tell all the bugs just where the club stands and what its prospects are once the season is under way. They want to tell you about the removing of the stand to the new location out where everybody can get to it. They want to tell about the players they have lined up for next season, and all that. And they also want to tell you about the financial situation. They feel that the crisis demands your help and that they are entitled to it. Baseball last year cost a few men several thousand dollars. This year the prospects are more rosy, but there is an initial expense of several more thousand before the turnstiles begin to click. (That's big league stuff, meaning money coming in?)

To begin with, there has been the expense of moving the stand. This will pay for itself if given a chance. There will be the additional expense of the training season. Someone must dig up for both of these items before there is anything coming across the counter. The two run into additional thousands.

Examples to Fans. But come out Monday and hear the exact situation as explained by men in touch with it. They need the help of every fan. They point to the fact that they have put more than they can afford into the proposition already. They point out that President W. R. Fleming has come forward with a large cash subscription and in addition made a most advantageous contract for moving the stand. They feel that they cannot bear the entire loss among themselves, so they call on the fans to meet with them and discuss ways and means.

If you are for baseball in Ranger, be out Monday evening, is their invitation.

President Fleming and Manager Allen pass their word that the new park will be completed by next Friday.

BOY M'CORMICK MAY YET RISE TO BE MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPION

Happy-Go-Lucky Irishman, Who Came to This Country Several Years Ago, Has Been Wading Through the Field of Classy Fighters.

By JACK VEIOCK. International News Sporting Editor. NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Boy M'Cormick, who recently made his bow to Gotham boxing fans when he won a decision over Johnny Howard, looks like a boxer of parts.

Billy Gibson, manager of Benny Leonard, is handling the happy-go-lucky Irishman with the fiery red thatch and Gibson predicts that his newest protege will punch his way to fame, and perhaps a title.

M'Cormick made a hit around these diggings by his cleverness and his sunny disposition. He wears a flat nose and a sunny smile and he goes about the business of boxing as though he gets a lot of fun out of it. He handles himself naturally, too, and is extremely fast for a boxer of his weight, 165 pounds.

M'Cormick claims the middle and light-heavyweight titles of England, but he is not after the crown worn by Johnny Wilson and says he can make the middle-weight limit.

Boy has fought most of his bouts in the West since coming to this country several years ago and out there they think well of his ability. M'Cormick is 21 years old. He was born in Calcutta, India in 1890, which makes him just of voting age. His real name is Noel M'Cormick, but he changed his moniker to "Boy" when he entered the fight game.

The sorrel topped young man has had over 100 fights since he entered competition. He won the light-heavyweight title of Great Britain by whipping Harold Rolph.

Last year he had thirteen scraps on the coast and won twelve decisions. He fought a ten-round draw with Tom Gibbons in Portland on his way East. In San Francisco he whipped Gunner Smith and Jack Reeves, and in Portland beat Captain Bob Roper, Frank Farmer, Spider Murphy. He went back to England for a short stay. Upon his return he gave Silent Martin a lacing and trimmed Willie Meehan. While in Portland he defeated Battling Levinsky on a foul in seven rounds.

One of our readers wants to know about the longest fights on record. Here is the list:

The longest glove fight on record was that between Andy Bowen and Jack Burke at New Orleans April 6, 1893. The pair went 110 rounds to a draw. The fight occupied 7 hours and 9 minutes. The same year Bowen beat Jack Everhardt in 85 rounds at New Orleans. Kid Lavigne beat Bowen so badly at New Orleans in 1894 that Bowen died from the effects of the beating. Burke the other participant in the longest glove fight, died in Connecticut about six years ago. The longest bare knuckle fight was be-

VIA BREAKS 24, TOPS GUN CLUB SHOOTERS

The usual good scores were made Saturday afternoon at an informal shoot of the Ranger Gun club. In addition to the contestants, about sixty or seventy spectators were out.

Leading scores were:

"Dad" Via	24
A. Dayenport	23
Baton	23
Hayne of Abilene	20
Day	20
Smith	19
Wetzel	19
Korp	18
Quisle	17
Harness	16
Leveille	16

The club will hold its regular weekly match this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

BANTAM CHAMP AT FORT WORTH TUESDAY NIGHT

FORT WORTH, Feb. 12.—Bantam Champion Joe Lynch arrived here tonight to complete training for his bout here Tuesday night with Dick Griffin. Griffin is a fast and clever local boy, who also is well known in eastern rings.

A. & M. BEATS S. M. U.

By Associated Press. COLLEGE STATION, Feb. 12.—Texas A. & M. basketball five defeated the Southern Methodist university squad here tonight, 14 to 13, in a fast game.

HARVARD BOXING TEACHER.

International News Service. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 12.—Larry Conley has been engaged to instruct in boxing at Harvard. It is his second year at the college. His work will be primarily devoted to teaching by classes, although he is expected also to give private advanced lessons.

DEMPSEY AND WILLARD WILL BATTLE ON LABOR DAY, SAYS TEX, AND IN OUTDOOR ARENA

Order Lowering Admission Prices Has Caused Change in Plans—Fifty Thousand Seats to Be Built at New Battle Ground.

BY JACK CURLEY. NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Jack Dempsey and Jess Willard will settle their little argument on Labor day, Sept. 6. This battle was originally scheduled for March 17, but on account of our public-spirited commission, was skidded down the toboggan through the alkase against the top prices of twenty-five smackers.

Tex Rickard will stage the battle which will be an open-air event. At present it is the talk that the winner of the Dempsey-Carpentier affair will meet Willard and that naturally means Dempsey. Rickard intends to erect an outdoor arena in greater New York early this spring and transfer the fights to that spot. He will follow the precedent he established in the garden and stage championship events at every possible chance.

The contemplated arena will seat at least 50,000 people and naturally will permit the offering of larger purses than are possible at the garden. While the plans are still in abeyance there is no doubt that all the recognized title holders will be seen in action at this site. Where it will be located nobody knows, but there are a number of spots close to the city where a first-class arena could be constructed without much difficulty and expense.

It is possible that the Dempsey and Carpentier affair may be staged in this arena, if it can be erected in time. Any arena close to this city would draw a monster crowd if Dempsey fought the Frenchman. Whether the attendance would justify any fabulous purse is problematical. This is all the news of a "possible" character, and if it becomes a reality then the world of boxing will have something to talk about.

PORT ARTHUR WOULD BAR TRAVELING STREET FAIRS

PORT ARTHUR, Texas, Feb. 12.—The Port Arthur city commissioners have

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- \$5.00 Weed Chains (for Fords), now 4.12
- \$4.15 Inner Tubes, size 30x3 1/2, now 3.50
- \$5.70 Inner Tubes, size 32x4, now 4.50
- 50c Inside Blowout Boots (3-inch), now35
- 65c Fan Belts (Tilton Ford), now39
- \$2.50 Timer (Milwaukee), now1.65

Also Radiator Caps, Hose, Pliers, Inner Tube Patches.

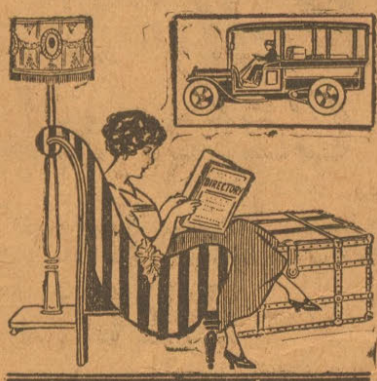
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CALIFORNIA TO MAKE NEW LAWS AGAINST JAPS

By Associated Press
SACRAMENTO, Calif., Feb. 12.—Further action on various phases of the Japanese problem is likely when the California legislature reconvenes Feb. 24 for the second part of the present legislative session.

Among the pending bills is one by Senator J. M. Inman, Sacramento, calling for appropriation of \$50,000 to be used in a nationwide publicity campaign designed to explain the state's attitude toward Japanese immigration.

A bill providing for separate schools for Orientals is before the legislature, and measures directed against foreign language schools have been introduced.

A bill that would prohibit all aliens from owning land in California and permit leasing for three years only, is pending.

Before the thirty-day constitutional recess was taken, the legislature adopted without a dissenting vote a joint resolution requesting the federal government to take no action that would grant citizenship to Japanese or that would nullify the California anti-alien land law.

Another bill, upon which no action has been taken thus far, is designed to close loop holes in the present law. It would require the filing by companies holding agricultural land of detailed statements showing ownership of all their shares of stock, outright or held in trust.

During the first part of the present session the legislature passed a bill appropriating \$2,500 to be expended under direction of the attorney general in connection with prosecuting escheat proceedings against Japanese in Talare county.

GEORGIA CLAIMS NATION'S LARGEST APPLE TREE
GREENSBORO, Ga., Feb. 12.—Georgia believes it has probably the largest apple tree in the United States. It measures eight feet in circumference at its base, is very tall has a spread of limbs measuring forty-eight feet. W. J. Bryan, who soon will celebrate his 80th birthday, planted the tree fifty-two years ago in Green county and it is still bearing a crop of luscious apples annually.

COLONEL HOUSE WRITES BOOK ON PARIS CONFAB

By Associated Press
NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Colonel Edward M. House, representative of the Wilson administration throughout the war and United States commissioner to the Paris peace conference, is assembling the manuscript of a book entitled "What Really Happened at Paris; the Story of the Peace Conference 1919" which is shortly to be published by Charles Scribner's Sons, that firm announced here today.

The book will include contributions by other American delegates who participated in the treaty making at Versailles, namely, Charles H. Haskins, chief of division of western Europe; Robert H. Lord, chief Polish division; Douglas

Johnson, chief of division on boundaries; Charles Seymour, chief of Austro-Hungarian division; Isaiah Bowman, chief territorial adviser; Thomas W. Lamont, and Allyn A. Young, economic advisers; Samuel Gompers, chairman, commission on international labor legislation; Herbert C. Hoover, director general of relief; James Brown Scott and David Hunter Miller, legal advisers; General Tasker H. Bliss and Admiral Henry T. Mayo.

Colonel House's own contributions to the work will treat of Preparations for Peace, The Story of the Armistice and Fundamentals of the Peace, while the other delegates will include in their subjects The Trial of the Kaiser, The New Boundaries of Germany, The New Poland, the Story of Fiume, Reparations, the Feeding of Europe, Disarmament and the Labor Clauses of the Treaties.

Mr. Seymour, who is professor of history at Yale, is assisting Colonel House in editing the papers for the forthcoming volume.

Girl clerks living in the dormitories of the United States government at Washington, D. C., are now allowed to have "company" unmolested.

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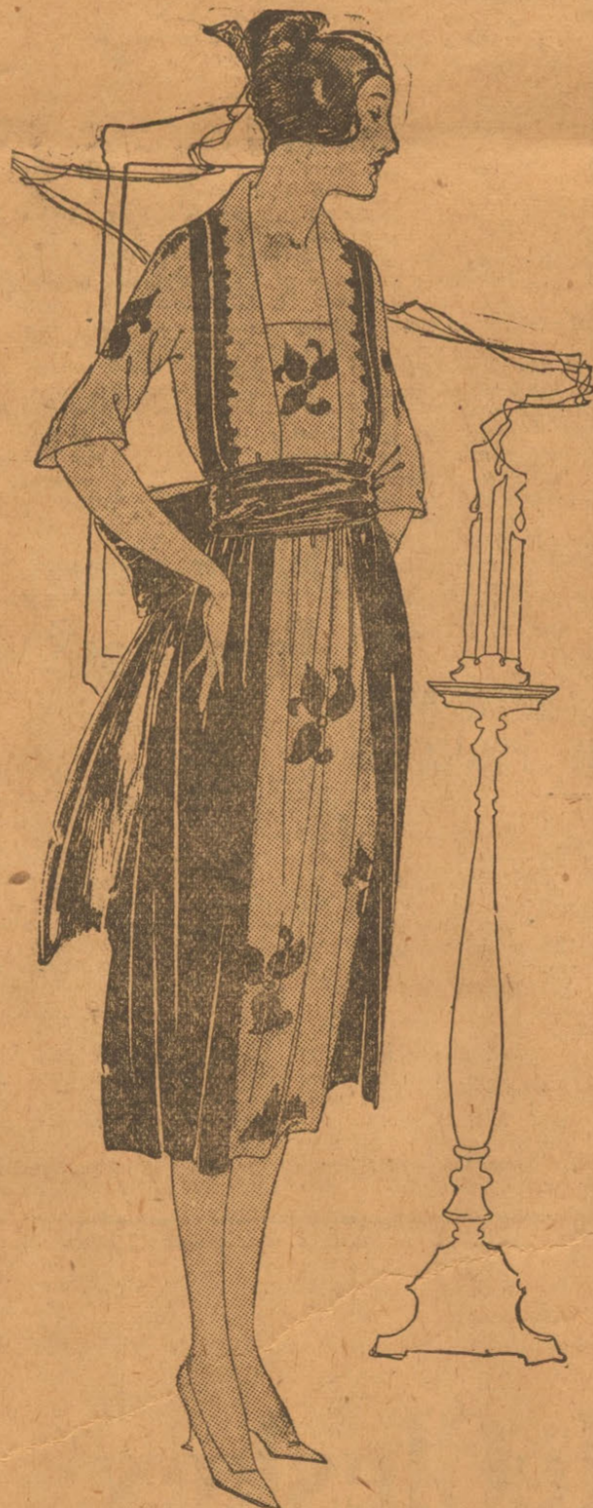
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VIRGINIA WOMEN BARRED AS JURORS BY STATE LAW
RICHMOND, Feb. 12.—Women will not be eligible to serve as jurors in Virginia until there is an amendment to the statutes, under a ruling today by Attorney General Saunders. The next legislature probably will be asked to amend the law.

Announcing the Arrival of Wonderful New Assortment of Spring Apparel



Every express brings us special shipments of new Spring merchandise to add to our already wonderful showing of the new modes. We want you to see our offerings regardless of whether you purchase now or later. They are certain to interest you.

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Our big collection of Spring Suits represent in a splendid manner the very best and latest fashions for ladies and misses. The newest materials, the most popular shades, not to mention foremost style effects, are offered here at prices unusually low.

Before selecting your spring wardrobe, see these charming new frocks we are showing. Simple, youthful garments, cleverly designed of fashionable spring fabrics and made by the foremost makers of women's wearing apparel, such as Betty Wales and others of equal note.

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Your Spring Hosiery requirements are well supplied here; any weight, any material, any color. Included are such standard brands as Phoenix, Onyx and others, all priced reasonable.

Of course you need some new gloves for spring and we have just received a big shipment of very latest styles in both fabric and leather. See them at your first opportunity.

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Hats for afternoon wear, hats for smartest spring frocks or suits, are offered in charming assortments here. Many wide brimmed models, Cleopatra braids and others, all at very moderate prices.

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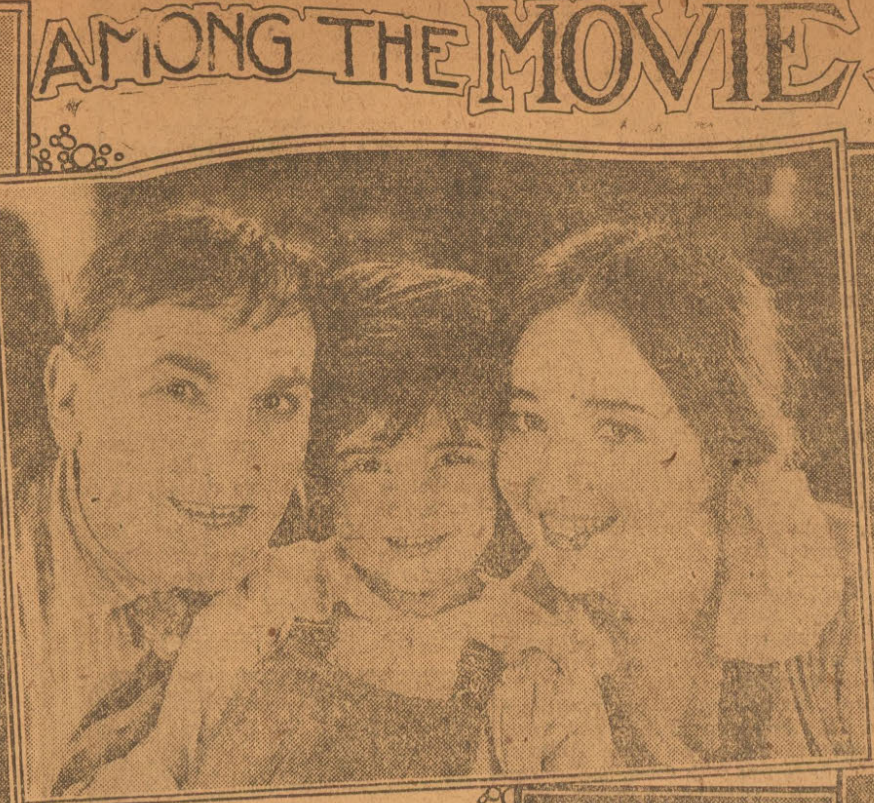
Beautiful collections of newest spring silks now await your inspection. Seldom has any season produced more beautiful patterns, nor have the prices been so low, the best of the latest creations are now assembled here.

AMONG THE MOVIE STARS



Pearl White Starts Career at Early Age—"Her Husband's Friend"—William Duncan's Latest Thriller—"What Happened to Rosa"—"One Man in a Million."

Miss White is a Missourian. Her father was an Irish-American and her mother an Italian. White is her real name. Her first step in the career that brought her fame and fortune was the recitation of Hamlet's soliloquy when very small. The next step, the role of little Eva in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," for one consecutive performance, made a professional of her.



George Beban, George Beban Jr., and Helen Jerome Eddy in "One Man in a Million"

visions made by her husband at the time of the divorce.

William Duncan. While working on his current chapter play, William Duncan conceived the idea of a new thriller. To escape a crowd of villains he jumps on a moving train and climbs to the top of one of the coaches. The scoundrels follow him and he is surrounded on all sides, when he sees an airplane approaching from the distance. He signals and the aviator flies low, letting down a rope ladder at the same time. Bill Duncan grabs the ladder and climbs into the cockpit, making his getaway.

No chapter play star of the day takes more personal risks than Bill Duncan. Not only does he star in his different chapter plays but he also directs them. The dangerous stunts which he has performed in the past and contemplates doing in the future come from his own fertile brain. The matter of jumping off a bridge 100 feet into the water or off a precipice into a tree-top is all in a day's work.



Mabel Normand in "What Happened to Rosa"



Bessie De Litch and William Duncan in "Highway Robbery"

and Lupino. All would have been well but for the arrival of the boy's mother, who comes from Belgium in search of him. The big heart of Lupino takes the mother into the fold with Flora acting as chaperone. The little family therefore remains intact. Lupino makes a mistake when he finds his box mangled and an occasional flower on his dresser. He believes the Belgian mother responsible when as a matter of fact Flora is the performing angel. Complications follow which almost result in disaster to the happiness of all.



Enid Bennett and Roland Lee in "Her Husband's Friend"



Marguerite Armstrong

are centered. All of which happens in "What Happened to Rosa," in which Mabel Normand, the irrefragable star, as Mayme Ladd, does some very lively work. Marguerite Armstrong. As there is only one wife in the story, the plural title, "Foolish Wives," may be taken to refer to Marguerite Armstrong, who plays the wife of the American ambassador to Monte Carlo.

who are dazzled by the title, the savor faire, the courtliness of the European when they have their own honest, clean-hearted American pals and husbands and sweethearts to love and protect them. In the play Marguerite Armstrong stands as the personification of all the women who are fascinated by a Chesterfieldian bow, and a chest hung with medals and heaving with passion. Just how close such a little moth may hover to the flame and just how scorched her delicate wings may become without scaring her soul, is well shown. Bessie De Litch. Is an attractive member of a comedy group.

'TEXAS OIL MONEY TO INVEST,' USED TO LURE RICH MINE OWNER INTO POWER OF SWINDLING GANG

Pittsburgh Man Tells How Seemingly Natural Negotiations Led Him Into Elaborate Race Track Setup, With Plot Elaborate as a Movie.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 12.—This story is told for the warning it carries, which, probably, will go unheeded. The swindle described, based on horse racing, is as old as the hills, but there are new victims of it every day. John C. Graham, who relates his experience, is a man of substance and veracity, an attorney and a miner and shipper of bituminous coal. He has coal interests in Allegheny and Clarion counties, Pa., and offices in the Frick building at Butler, Pa.

LOS ANGELES WOMAN WHO WAS RESCUED FROM KIDNAPPERS

Mrs. Gladys Witherell & Baby Jack

Mrs. Gladys Witherell, the beautiful young wife of O. S. Witherell, wealthy broker of Los Angeles, who was the victim of a sensational kidnaping scheme and later rescued by a posse. The kidnapers, Arthur and Floyd Carr, conspired in San Quentin penitentiary, held Mrs. Witherell for several days in a shack fifty miles from Los Angeles, who were sentenced to ten years in Angeles. They demanded a large ransom for her safe return. The photograph shows Mrs. Witherell and her fifteen-month-old son, Jack.

Chinese Soldiers Loot and Slay to Heart's Content

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BAY STATE PLANS TRIBUTE TO FIGHTERS OF THREE WARS

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Texas Oil Money to Invest; Used to Lure Rich Mine Owner

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my hand and pushed me to the desk urging me to "cash in." The big cashier counted out \$49,000 in thousand dollar bills and \$26,500 in other large bills. He said he had \$100,000, \$500 I had paid on Vibrato and \$500 he said I had won.

"I did not make this bet, and this is not my money," said I. "Besides I want to know something about that credit slip that was signed, for I did not sign it."

"By the way, Mr. Graham," said the cashier suavely, "before allowing you to take all this money we will have to be satisfied that had you lost the bet you would have been able to pay."

This apparently threw Allen and Martin into the greatest alarm and they persuaded me to go upstairs and talk over the matter. Allen was very emphatic: "You are a lunked fool," said he. "Here we have made \$50,000 apiece, more than we could make in our coal deal."

"Twenty-five thousand dollars cash of mine is tied up," Martin lamented. "I am in a bad way now with my firm and I do not know what I shall do."

Cashier Again Takes Hand. At this juncture there was a slight rap on the door and in came the cashier. "It was even money against Vibrato," said he. And he handed me a statement showing a balance of \$75,000 due. He said if I would call up somebody in Asbury Park, or call my local bank, and prove that I was good for \$25,000, he would turn all the winnings over to me, or, if I cared to, I could let the matter go until later. Martin insisted that I call up the bank. I refused emphatically. Allen, returning to the original coal deal,

"Young Daily will pay you \$25,000 in a check. Or I have \$35,000 in a bank in New York, and you can easily fix up the other \$10,000 and we will get our winnings."

I agreed to this proposition at once because it gave me an opportunity to get out of the house. We went down stairs; Allen and I got into the automobile and started for Asbury Park.

Martin left us with the understanding that he would see us later. I told Allen that I was leaving at once, and that if he wished to close up the deal he could meet me in Pittsburgh. This dumfounded him; he insisted that I not take the 7 o'clock train, but wait until 8 o'clock. But, although I was enjoying in my freedom, I wanted to verify young Daily's statement that he was going to Canada; and I wanted to go on the same train that he said he was going to take.

Thought His Money Gone. After earnestly remonstrating because I was leaving, Allen left me. His last words to me were that he would telegraph my share of the money to me. I never expected to see a cent of it, so I told him half jestingly to put it in a letter, and I gave my address in New York. I entered the 7 o'clock train, and young Daily came running up and asked where Allen was. Later I went through the entire train; Allen was not on it.

The next morning in New York I picked up a newspaper and to my amazement read the headlines: "Vibrato runs off with the money at Aqueduct in the fourth race; easily beats Wilson's Dry Moon."

Thinking that I might have made a fool of myself in running away from a good tip when I had one, I determined to see if Allen and Martin were still at Asbury Park. So I wired Allen at the coast.

Sends Wire to Allen. "Can make necessary arrangements to

suit Martin and Vibrato Monday without notifying bank. You can reach me care Hotel Astor until noon Thursday. Will then go to Princeton. Will be in Philadelphia on Saturday on coal matter."

Subsequently I learned that this message was never delivered. I remained in New York for three days and, realizing how narrow my escape had been, I took the matter up with the front office force of the New York city detectives. A detective told me I had been "in" against one of the biggest bunches of crooks in the country.

"If you had not held your temper and played them," said the detective, "you never would have got out of that house with money. And if you had played an other horse and given them your I. O. U. you would not have had any of your own money left."

I returned to Butler and attended to my affairs for two days. Thinking over all the rest of my life whether those men were scoundrels and swindlers, so I went to Asbury Park on the following Thursday. In an automobile I searched for three hours for the house to which I had been taken, but I could not find it. I learned that Daily, who, Allen said, had been a guest at the Coleman House for three weeks, had never been there. I learned too that Allen and young Daily had left Asbury Park the morning after I did, saying they were going to New York.

Betting House Is Denied. I made myself acquainted with some of the sporting men of Asbury Park who said there never was a betting house near the Country club. Their idea was that the whole affair was a "frame-up." Some time has elapsed, and I have not heard directly or indirectly from Allen, Daily or Martin, relative to the coal deal.

I am now quite certain that they expected after the fourth race was won, and I had established my credit and taken their money, that I would make a tremendous bet on the fifth race. Then the horse they gave me would lose and I would have been forced to sign the paper which I had brought conveying the coal mine or to sign checks for great amounts. If I had not done this I am sure they would have killed me. I've learned since that the name of the winner was telephoned to them immediately after each race. So it was easy for Martin to "pick" the winner.

I've learned since that other responsi-

ble men who have had the same experience. Thinking the whole affair over calmly, I have come to the conclusion that I was in the hands of nine of the most adroit scoundrels in the country. But I have the satisfaction of knowing that it cost them \$1,000 and more to make their attempt to swindle me.

PALESTINE MAN KILLED WHEN TRAIN HITS TRUCK

By Associated Press. PALESTINE, Feb. 12.—Louis I. Mehan, oil truck driver, was instantly killed today when a locomotive crashed into his motor car at a grade crossing here.

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