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HALF INCH RAIN AT SOME PLACES

Judging from telephone reports the rain at Ballinger was about as good as at any point in the county, the northern part of the county only reporting a half inch, while the fall at Ballinger amounted to .45.

Points north of Ballinger, including Abilene, Bronte, Ft. Chadbourne, report "good rain," while Bradshaw and Blackwell to the northwest report one inch.

The Colorado river is on a rise of perhaps five or six feet, indicating that the rain was heavy at points along that stream west of Ballinger, and probably from rains falling out on the shed of the river Monday night.

Following is the report furnished the Ledger by the West Texas Telephone Co.:

Winters, Hatchel and Colman, good showers; Brownwood, Wingate, Wilmeth, Truitt, Pony, light showers; Talpa, Ovalo, Abilene, Ft. Chadbourne, Bronte, good rain; San Angelo, Santa Anna, Notton, Crews, Benoit, Half-inch; No rain at Paint Rock, Stacy, Millersview Menard Eden Concho, Brady and points further south.

DR. HALE CALLED; RANKS AS CAPTAIN

Dr. F. M. Hale, received notice Wednesday to report for duty in the medical corps at once. Dr. Hale made application for service in the army some time ago, and was accepted and sent home to await further orders. He goes in with the rank of Captain and has been instructed to report at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Dr. Hale stated that it would take several days for him to wind up some of his business and dispose of cases he had under treatment, and he will not leave for three days.

J. W. Dancer, for several years a farmer in the Winters country, loaded out a car of household goods, implements, etc., and pulled for Wharton County, Wednesday, and will make his home in South Texas.

Misses Irene and Bell Henderson returned to their home, Tuesday after a visit to Mrs. Joe Hardin. They had been visiting in San Angelo and stopped off here Monday.

Allies Breaking Down German Lines

AUTO VICTIM WILL RECOVER

While returning from a visit to an oil well north of Brownwood Sunday night Judge Terry Dumenil had the misfortune to overturn his car in a ditch by the roadside. The wreck occurred about three miles northwest of Brownwood on the May road. It seems that on account of the bad lights, the driver was unable to see the road and ran off an embankment and overturned the car.

At the time of the wreck only two people were in the car. Mr. Dumenil and Mrs. Gertrude McMillan, an employe of the local Harvey House, who had accompanied him to the oil field. Mr. Dumenil was more or less bruised, but was able to be on the streets yesterday. Mrs. McMillan's injuries were of a more serious nature and she has been confined in the Brownwood Infirmary since the accident. Owing to the fact that she was unconscious for several hours after the accident it was not possible to learn just how serious her injuries were, though it was known that she had several broken bones and was badly bruised.

She was conscious today and her condition is improving. While her injuries are very painful, she has a good chance for recovery. A broken collar bone seems to be about the most serious of her injuries.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blagg came in from Brownwood, Tuesday, and Mrs. Blagg will be with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wilmeth for awhile, as Mr. Blagg will leave for the army training camp the last of this week.

J. B. Pace, of the Winters country passed through Ballinger Wednesday, en route to Bay City, where he will spend the fall helping gather the big crop. Mr. Pace recently returned from the gulf coast country to attend to some business at home.

Guy Adkins, of Abilene, passed through Ballinger Wednesday, en route to San Angelo on business. He reports good showers at Abilene and along the road to Ballinger.

Shipping Tags and wires at The Ballinger Printing Co.

\$1,000,000 OIL CO. PROBABLY HERE

Rumors circulated here Tuesday to the effect that the well of the Gulf Producing Co., on the Russell ranch was spouting oil and that the Runnels County Oil Co. well near Rowena was filling the atmosphere with gas, caused considerable talk among the oil promoters and the onlookers, who are patiently waiting developments.

There was nothing to the rumors circulated here Tuesday, further than splendid progress in drilling is being made in all the wells, and that the geological formations encountered are all that a well driller could wish for. Everything indicates success for those who are spending their cash to test out the field.

The Shultz well in Concho county is down about 1000 feet and it is expected that oil will be found within the next two or three hundred feet, as oil was found in the old well which had to be abandoned at 1000 feet.

There is talk here of the formation of a million dollar company.

The company if organized could be composed of the various local companies which hold leases on large acreage, and the combine would make it possible to drill at any point the company saw fit, and to put in operation a half dozen wells at one time.

That the field will be thoroughly tested out there is little doubt. Too much cash and time has already been expended to call off work until it is determined whether we are in the oil bearing region or not.

The shallow field of Brownwood is making that place move out in real city fashion, and the oil production is greatly on the increase, and a shallow field is not to be compared with a deep well field.

The itemized quarterly report of the production of the Brownwood field, which only shows one-half of the amount of oil produced, shows a total of 15,042 gallons. Of this amount the Richardson Oil Co., produced 5,269 gallons. Judge M. C. Smith, of Ballinger is a member of the Richardson Co. his nephew, Dick Richardson, being at the head of the company.

Judge Smith has interested Mr. Richardson in the Ballinger field, and Mr. Richardson is due to be here one day this week to look over the field and make a thorough investigation with a view of putting a drill in the field. He has made millions out of the Brownwood field, and if he sees fit to become interested in the local field he can put a well down to the very bottom. He will probably confer with local holders of leased acreage, and there is a probability of further drilling and the formation of the big company.

NOTICE

Splendid location for hustling young lawyer in prosperous town of 2500 people in South Texas. For particulars apply to, Box 66 Sealey, Texas. 4 3tdpd.

Mrs. S. M. Cameron and baby left for Sommersville, Tuesday, to visit relatives.

Fish Killed in Battle

Paris, Sept. 3.—It's an ill wind that blows nobody good. During a bombardment of a group of French hamlets far behind the lines most of the German shells fell in a river. The explosions killed hundreds of fish which the country folks eagerly harvested.

Four Minute Speaker

C. P. Shepard will be the four minute speaker tonight at the White City. Subject: "Where did You Get Your Facts?" This will be the last speaker on this subject.

ARMY TRAINING FOR SCHOOL BOYS

Austin, Sept. 4.—The announcement from Washington that the Students' Army Training Corps of the University and other educational institutions will be open to grammar school students as well as graduates of high schools will, it is expected, cause a large increase of the attendance. It is not yet known what courses will be prescribed for the members of the Student's Army Training Corps. This is a matter that will be determined probably within the next few days. It is stated. Grammar school boys do not have the necessary number of credits to enable them to enter the regular courses of the University will be assigned to vocational training which is now being conducted on an extensive scale at that institution.

It is further authoritatively stated that ample provision for the comfortable housing of all students who may enter the University under the Students' Army Training Corps plan will be made. If necessary the campus of the University may be converted into a tented field for the accommodation of several thousand students. It is possible to convert the wooden shacks into barracks or to erect temporary buildings for that purpose. In the matter of feeding the students soldiers, the University has already had much experience along that line. Since the war began it has fed thousands of students of the school of Military Auto Mechanics and the Radio school. This branch of the service is under the direction of I. P. Loehridge, business manager of the University.

The encampment of students and prospective students of the University is now in full swing at Camp Mabry. More than three hundred of these young men donned uniforms and are taking the month's course of military training under the direction of Major Walter Channing, Jr., commandant of the University.

R. A. HALL SAFE ON THE OTHER SIDE

R. A. Hall, San Angelo's first business man to enlist for important war work aboard, has arrived safely overseas. A cablegram announcing his landing was received here Monday morning by Mrs. Hall. Whether or not Mr. Hall is in France or Italy is not known the place where the message was sent from being omitted.

Mr. Hall sailed from an Atlantic port on August 15, on a ship presumably bound for Italy. In case he was landed in that country, he will go to France by rail, as his work as field representative of Red Cross hospitals is to be in that country.

Mr. Hall before enlisting in the Red Cross work was chairman of the Tom Green county exemption board. He is vice president of the San Angelo National Bank, secretary, treasurer and manager of the San Angelo Cotton Oil Co., one of the board of managers of the Western Gin Company and a director of both the First National Bank of Ballinger and the Concho Valley Loan and Trust Co. of this city.—San Angelo Standard.

Czecho-Slovaks Belligerents
Washington, Sept. 3.—The United States government today recognized the Czecho-Slovaks as a defacto belligerent government.

Louis Hale, came in Wednesday, on a furlough and will spend several days with his parents, Dd. and Mrs. F. M. Hale. The young man has been at the Great Lakes Naval training station.

REVIVAL RESUMED AFTER GOOD SHOWERS

All services except the evening service of the revival in progress here drew good crowds Tuesday. The dust storm followed by a heavy shower just as the congregation began to assemble Tuesday evening caused the crowd to disperse and there were no evening services.

The morning service was attended by a good representation of the christian people of the city and heard evangelist Evans preach on the subject, "German Conspiracy vs. Christianity." The men's meeting was held at the Higginbotham Brothers store in the afternoon, and prayer meetings were held in five different sections of the city by the ladies.

The services Wednesday morning were held as usual with a fairly good attendance, and the men's meeting was held at the Bank Barber Shop. Wednesday afternoon, and the service tonight will be held at the tabernacle. The rain was sufficient to settle the dust and the tabernacle will be a comfortable place tonight, and the service will no doubt be well attended and one of the best for the week.

T. L. Humphries and family, of Paint Rock, passed through Ballinger Wednesday, en route to Trinidad, Colo., where they go to make their home. T. L. is a son of J. L. Humphries, formerly of Crews, and now of Ft. Worth. He had been manager of the West Texas Phone Co., at Paint Rock.

BRUCE CREASY IS ORDEOED TO FRANCE

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Creasy left in their auto for San Antonio, at noon Tuesday, in response to a telegram from their son Bruce, stating that he had been ordered overseas. Bruce is one of 1400 mechanics who have been doing service for Uncle Sam, and his company will be on their way by the last of this week. Mrs. Creasy will probably return to Ballinger with Mr. and Mrs. Creasy. She has been with her husband since they were married about a month ago.

S. B. Kemp, of Honolulu, Hawaii, came in Saturday afternoon, to spend Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Doose, and departed Sunday afternoon for his home, via San Francisco. Mr. Kemp is Judge of the Supreme Court of the Hawaii Islands.

London, Sept. 4.—General Haig reports that the British have reached the line of the Canal Du Nord and now occupy Ecourt St. Quentin. "We have reached the eastern part of Vaux Wood north of Moislains and have advanced slightly at other points," said General Haig in his official report. The British have also made further progress in Lys sector, where great number of German dead cover the battle fields and many prisoners are marching to the rear of the British lines.

London, Sept. 4.—The British have crossed the Canal Du Nord at Saut-Allaines more than two miles north of Peronne, it was learned here today. The British now hold Roamancourt, Inchy-En-Artois and Bernicourt and Hermies. The British have also captured Croix-Du-Bac.

Paris, Sept. 4.—The French war office announces today that the allied detachments along the Vesel front have crossed the river at several points and that the French and Americans are in the western outskirts of Coucy-Le-Chateau.

The Franco-American armies continue to make advances by leaps and bounds in the Noyon and Soissons region, taking prisoners.

The attempt of the enemy to withstand the advance cost the Germans many men in killed, wounded and captured.

Quent, Buissy, Doignies, Velle, Bertincourt and Roquigny have all been captured, and in this vicinity alone the British captured more than ten thousand German prisoners yesterday.

Lens is now in possession of the British, and the British have advanced beyond the famous Drocourt-Queant switch lines, and the southern exeremity has been captured.

These are the outstanding developments of the great west front battle today, and simultaneously the British and Americans at the extreme northern section of the front have registered further advances of one mile and now occupy Wulvergem.

South of Arras Cambri highway the British smashed hard at the enemy this morning, making an advance of about four miles on a twenty mile front.

Gen. Haig's official report indicates that the Germans are keeping up a steady retreat with the allies pushing close on their heels. The French war office reports that only artillery fighting is in progress on the French line.

L. Dougherty, was here from Winters, Wednesday.

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All deposits in this bank are safeguarded by the Depositors Guaranty Fund of Texas—which is a further evidence of our constant endeavor to render patrons not only helpful but protective service.

The Winters State Bank

WINTERS, TEXAS

MANY BUSINESSES MUST FURNISH MEN

The Ledger is in receipt of the following message with the request that same be given publicity: "In view of some uncertainty as to the Jurisdiction of the Community Labor Boards of the Employment Service, Nathan A. Smyth, assistant director general, issues the following:

"The Community Labor Boards are charged with the responsibility of determining the methods which shall govern the U. S. Employment Service in attempting to recruit for war work men from industries which are not directly connected with the prosecution of the war. The power to determine priorities among industries and to close up non-essential industries by shutting off supplies rests with the war industrial board.

"The U. S. Employment Service will follow the priorities determined by the priorities board of the War Industries Board, and the Employment Service through all its agencies will keep in systematic and constant co-operation with the other divisions of the Government concerned with the manpower and material program.

"It is within the province of each Community Labor Board to list those non-war industries in its community which will first be called upon to contribute men to war work.

"This does not mean that such industries will be compelled to close up or discharge their male employees at once, but with as much speed as may be necessary to meet the national emergency, they will release male workers.

"We may as well face the facts. Much work essential to our program is being seriously retarded by lack of unskilled labor. In this situation it is obviously wrong to have able bodied men continuing to sell candy, cigars and like articles, to be doing work in shops and stores, which might, with reasonable effort on the part of the employer, be entrusted to women, and to be dancing attendants in clubs, barber shops, soft drink establishments, bowling alleys, dancing academies, and elsewhere.

"Our war industries are suffering severely for lack of skilled mechanics. It therefore becomes a burden upon the conscience of every person who employs a chauffeur to determine whether such employment is necessary, or merely for the gratification of personal pleasure.

"Moreover every owner of an automobile should realize that every time he spends five dollars for automobile accessories, supplies or repairs he is, in effect, determining whether working energies of the country shall be devoted to winning the war or to his own personal use.

"The time has come when, from the standpoint of conservation of labor, we must all of us limit our expenses to those things which are essential."

MAMMA! DON'T YOU SEE YOUR CHILD IS SICK, CONSTIPATED

Look at tongue! Move poisons from liver and bowels at once.

Mother! Your child isn't naturally cross and peevish. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign its little stomach, liver and bowels need a cleansing at once.

When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, remember, a gentle liver and bowel cleansing should always be the first treatment given.

Nothing equals "California Syrup of Figs" for children's ills; give a teaspoonful, and in a few hours all the foul waste, sour bile, and fermenting food which is clogged in the bowels passes out of the system, and you have a vigorous and playful child again. All children love this harmless, delicious "fruit laxative" and it never fails to effect a good "inside" cleansing. Directions for babies, children of all ages and grown ups are plainly on the bottle.

Keep it handy in your home. A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for

a small bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," then look and see that it is made by the California Fig Syrup Co."

BANTON'S DROUGHT BILL IN FULL

To provide for the common defense and general welfare by conserving and increasing the production of food, leather, and clothing, through the advancement of immediate relief to the drought-stricken portions of Texas, thereby saving from sacrifice several million head of cattle and other valuable live stock, and making possible the cultivation of millions of acres of ordinary productive farm lands in Texas during the next crop year, and authorizing the appropriation of money therefor, same to be reimbursable.

Whereas there exists in the State of Texas, covering about one hundred and fifty counties, or an area about half as large as Germany, one of the severest, longest-lasting and most destructive droughts ever experienced before in the history of the country, entailing a financial loss in failure of crops of over \$500,000,000, only half a crop being made in nineteen hundred and sixteen, practically an entire failure in nineteen hundred and seventeen, and an entire failure in most of said counties in nineteen hundred and eighteen; and

Whereas hundreds of ranches are wholly without grass and water, and the cattle have been mortgaged up to their full present market value for feed, already ex-

hausted, to keep them alive, and without Government assistance will be forced upon a sacrificial market, entailing a great loss to the Government in food and leather supplies; and

Whereas hundreds of ranches are being forced to sacrifice their work stock, abandon their farms, and seek work in the cities to prevent their families from starving, they having already obtained and exhausted all advancements and credit possible from local merchants, and banks, who are unable to finance another crop, and without advancement being made by the Government several million acres of ordinarily productive farm land will be idle and unproductive during the next crop year; and

Whereas the people in said drought-stricken portion of Texas are neither seeking nor would they accept charity or gratuitous assistance, but are merely asking the Government to bear a fair proportion of the risk of planting and cultivating another crop in the hope of successful production, by putting up against the farmer's labor and land the money necessary to finance such enterprise, which money is to be reimbursed to the Government out of any crops raised; Therefore

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that to carry out the provisions of this act there is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$500,000,000, same to be reimbursable as hereinafter provided.

Section 2—That such drought re-

lief loan fund is to be administered by the Federal reserve bank of Dallas, Texas, which is to provide proper regulations to carry into effect the purposes of this act.

Section 3—That money is to be loaned to farmers for the purpose of buying seed, horse feed, and supplies necessary to make a crop, not over \$5 per acre to be advanced to any farmer for each acre of land guaranteed to be planted and cultivated in essential crops, a first mortgage on all crops raised to be executed to the Government, and where the money is advanced to a tenant farmer the owner of the land is to join said tenant in executing said mortgage, said advancement together with interest at the rate of five per centum per annum is to be repaid to the Government out of any crop raised when marketed.

Section 4—That money is to be loaned stockmen for the purpose of buying necessary feed and for leasing and shipping cattle to available pasturage and return, not over \$10 per head to be loaned any one owner, a mortgage subject only to bona fide liens existing against such cattle on September first, nineteen hundred and eighteen, to be executed by the owner, and all such advancement, together with interest at the rate of five per centum per annum to be repaid to the Government whenever said cattle are sold, and in any event within two years from the date of the approval of this act.

Section 5—That the county judge, county commissioners, county tax assessor, county tax collector, and county emergency demonstrating agent, or so many of said officers as will agree to serve with out remuneration shall constitute the county relief board and pass upon the merit of all applications for advancements, and no loan shall be made upon any application which has not been approved by said board.

Section 6—That any applicant who shall willfully make a material false statement in his application for the purpose of wrongfully obtaining an advancement shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment of not more than one year.

FREE SCHOLARSHIP IN THE SCHOOL OF YOUR CHOICE

The Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, is positively the only business college in the state which teaches a thorough course of practical, modern bookkeeping and business training. Other schools teach theoretical bookkeeping; some of them call it actual business, but it is not. The commercial room of the Tyler Commercial College is a community of business houses of various kinds, banks, wholesale, commission, real estate, retail, insurance, etc. Each student is engaged in real, active business, learning to do by doing. Every entry made by the student during his entire course is originated by an actual sale or purchase it may be grain it may be groceries, dry goods, real estate, or stock in a corporation, but the transaction is really performed and every paper required in the transaction, whether check, note, draft, receipt, mortgage, deed or what not, is filled out by the student. Partnership contracts are drawn up and agreed upon between the parties forming the company. Articles of incorporation are drawn up. Through these practical methods the student learns business as well as bookkeeping; they learn how to meet one another face to face and transact business in a business way, instead of copying theoretical transactions from a text book as is done in every other commercial school in the state. It takes more teaching force and better teachers to teach our systems and they must be well informed on business. When a student learns to do a thing by actually doing it, he learns it thoroughly, and with our practical, face to face business method we are able to give the students thorough course of both bookkeeping and business training in less time than he could possibly get the theory, or so called practical bookkeeping alone in other schools.

We will give free a scholarship in the school of your choice to any one finding another school teaching both bookkeeping and business through practical business transaction as we do. Similar practical methods are used in teaching Shorthand, Cotton Classing, Tele-

graphy and Business Administration and Finance. We believe in teaching in the school room that which you must do when going in to the business world, and it is this policy that has made the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, the largest school of the kind in America.

Write for large free catalogue explaining our original methods of teaching and securing positions. There is a reason for our school drawing patronage from thirty-nine different states and seven foreign countries. Investigate it, the best is none too good for you, for you must use this education for life and its quality measures your success.

Name _____ Address _____

GOVERNMENT TO SUPPLY TEACHERS

The schools of Texas will not lack teachers this fall if strenuous work upon the part of the United States Employment Service can prevent it. To meet the shortage of teachers in Texas, Mr. H. W. Lewis, Federal Director of the Employment Service, has determined upon the organization of a teachers division, and has appointed Mr. J. A. Redfield to be examiner of that division with headquarters in San Antonio. It will be Mr. Redfield's duty to see that the jobless teacher and the teacherless Texas schools are brought together. Teachers desiring positions and superintendents or trustees seeking teachers will have their needs supplied by communicating with him. All kinds of positions will be filled from the kindergarten to the university and whether in the city, village or country. As with all departments of the U. S. Employment Service, there will be no charge for the service either to employer or employee.

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surface. Hall's Catarrhal Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surface of the system.

We will give one hundred dollars for any case of catarrhal deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrhal Medicine. Circulars free. All druggists, 75c.

Walter Boswell, of Paint Rock, had business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicines for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough, but is also pleasant to take which is important when a medicine must be given to children. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been in use for many years and has met with much favor wherever its good qualities have become known. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement. Wm. Seragy, Chillicothe, Mo., writes, "I have raised three children, have always used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and found it to be the best for coughs, colds and croup. It is pleasant to take both adults and children like it. My wife and I always felt safe from croup with it in the house. Chamberlain's Remedy contains no opium or other narcotic."

Miss Louise Sshawe, left for Dallas, Wednesday, where she goes to teach in the schools of that city.

Diarrhoea in Children

For diarrhoea in children one year old or older you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, followed by a dose of castor oil. It should be kept at hand and given as soon as the first unnatural looseness of the bowels appears.

WHY DO ALL DOCTORS PRESCRIBE CALOMEL?

Of all the medicines in the world, doctors prescribe calomel most often and depend upon it most universally. There must be a good and sufficient reason—what is it?

If you will study the doctors' books you will find that the medical authorities prescribe calomel for almost every disease. The reason is that calomel is the greatest and only thorough system-purifier. It makes the liver active, drives out the poisons from the stomach, bowels and kidneys and thereby purifies the blood. Calomel puts the entire system in the most favorable condition for Nature to exercise her recuperative power. Your doctor will tell you that drugs merely assist Nature. That is why he prescribes calomel so often.

The new kind of calomel, called "Calotabs," is refined and purified from all of the nauseating and dangerous qualities of the old style calomel and is rapidly taking its place, for it is more effective than the old style calomel as a liver-cleanser and system purifier. One Calotab at bed time, with a swallow of water—that's all. No nausea, nor the slightest unpleasantness. Next morning you awake feeling fine—with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you please—fruits, acids or anything. No restrictions of habits or diet.

Calotabs are sold only in original, sealed packages, price thirty-five cents. Recommended and guaranteed by druggist everywhere. Your money back if you are not delighted.—(Advt.)

I. E. Dodd and wife, of Orange, are here visiting Mrs. Dodd's mother, Mrs. C. M. Vaughn, of the Mud Creek country.

For a Weak Stomach

The great relief afforded by Chamberlain's Tablets in a multitude of cases has fully proven the great value of this preparation for a weak stomach and impaired digestion. In many cases relief has become permanent and the sufferers have been completely restored to health.

Judge A. K. Doss returned Wednesday, from Paint Rock, where he had been for several days attending district court.

Good for Billiousness

"Two years ago I suffered from frequent attacks of stomach troubles and billiousness. Seeing Chamberlain's Tablets advertised I concluded to try them. I improved rapidly."—Miss Emma Verbyrke, Lima, Ohio.

Jack Blasdell, left for Houston, Wednesday, where he will resume his duties in school.

FLORIDA MAN SAYS TROUBLES ARE OVER AFTER FORTY YEARS

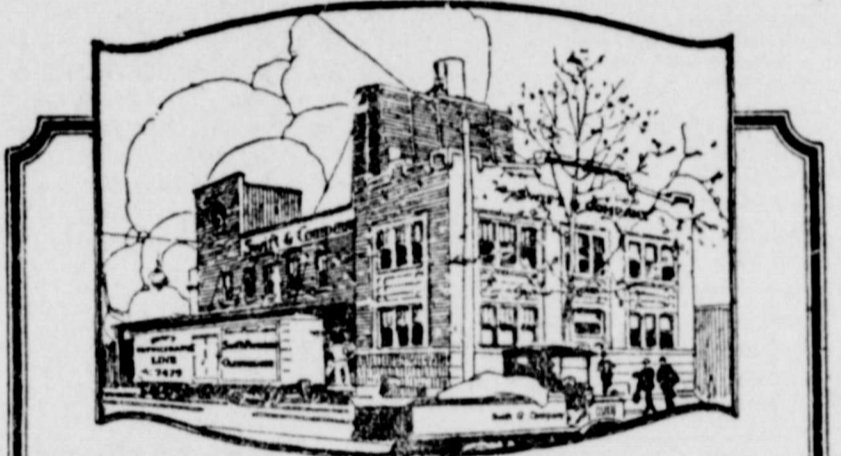
Couldn't Remember When He Had Had a Well Day Until Tanlac Restored His Health Declares Samuel Lutz.

"When I started on Tanlac I hadn't seen a well day since I can remember, but now I feel as I did forty years ago," said Samuel Lutz, residing at 603 Park Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

"My liver and kidn eyes worried me for over forty years," he continued, "and I never felt as well and strong as other people. My back hurt most all the time, I was troubled with indigestion so bad that my stomach would swell up with gas and make me dizzy and short breath. I was very billious and suffered awfully with catarrh so that I could never sleep to do any good."

"I am feeling so fine now, since I began taking Tanlac that I am going to take a trip to Baltimore, and I'm going to take my bottle of Tanlac right along with me. I never expected to find such absolute relief in any medicine as I found in Tanlac. I am now beginning to gain back my weight and strength, my kidneys and liver are bright at last, my digestion is good, and I sleep like a log. I just feel better than I have in many years."

Tanlac is sold in Ballinger by Weeks Drug Store.



What is a Branch House?

The Branch House is the place in the packing organization where what the packing plant does for you is put where you can use it.

Both are the natural result of growth and development in the living thing they belong to.

Swift & Company Branch Houses are located in distributing centers all over the country. They are fitted out with refrigerating equipment to keep meat cool, sweet and fresh.

Each one is in personal charge of a man who believes in what Swift & Company is doing for people and wants to help do it.

They are directed by men who have spent years learning how to get better meat cheaper to the places where it is needed.

Meat is shipped to the branch houses direct from the packing plants in Swift & Company's refrigerator cars, in such quantities that it can be disposed of while fresh and sweet.

Your meat dealer comes here to buy your meat for you—unless someone else can treat him better than we can.

So you need the branch house in order to live well; and the branch house and the packing plant need each other, in order to be useful to you.

Swift & Company, U. S. A.





THE First National Bank
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ALLISON CLOSES PLUMBING BUSINESS

E. C. Allison is packing and storing his stock of plumbing supplies and tools and arranging to leave Ballinger temporarily if not for keeps.

Mr. Allison is making an effort to secure a residence at Denton, where he will send his family in order that he may get the benefit of the schools. If he does not succeed in getting a suitable house for his family they will remain here until he finds a permanent location.

Mr. Allison is going to Alaska, where he expects to locate. If things are to his liking in Alaska he will establish a business there and later move his family north.

Mr. Allison has been identified with the business interest of Ballinger for many years, and he says he has waited patiently for rain but can not see his way clear to wash any more time here with a small business when flattering propositions are open to him.

Their family will ex

Their friends will regret to know that they are to move away from Ballinger.

WHATS A BALE OF COTTN WORTH?

Oscar Routh sold his first bale of 1918 cotton Friday for the neat little sum of \$197.30. This price did not include the seed. The seed, if sold would have added about \$35 more to the check, which is not so bad for a bale of cotton.

Mrs. F. M. Moore and children left for Brownwood Wednesday. After a few days visit at that place they will go to Palestine, where they will be joined by Mr. Moore later.

Mrs. S. D. Williams left Friday afternoon for Breham.

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NEW FLOUR RULES EFFECTIVE SEPT. 1ST

The retail dealers selling Standard wheat flour is required to carry in stock either barley flour, corn meal or corn flour, and with every sale of wheat flour, must sell a combination of some one or more of these in proportion of one pound substitute to each four pounds of wheat flour.

No dealer may force any other substitute in combination upon the consumer. The following flour may be sold in such combinations in line of above flours, at ratio of one pound to each four pounds of wheat flour, that is, kafir flour, rice flour, oat flour, peanut flour, bean flour, potato flour, sweet potato flour and buck wheat flour.

Pure rye flour or meal may be sold two pounds of rye with three sold two pounds of rye with three pounds of wheat.

These rules apply to all customers and exchange transactions as well as sales to farmers.

The retailer may now carry a 60 days supply.

The rules limiting sales of flour to 25 and 50 pounds are rescinded.

R. T. Williams
County Food Administrator

NEGROES STOPPED FOR QUIZZING

Local officers held up two negroes here Wednesday long enough to investigate their authority for driving a brand new big Hup through the country without a number on it. The negroes were held under suspicion only a few minutes as local acquaintances vouched for them and they went on their way rejoicing. The negroes were enroute to San Angelo from Dallas, having been employed to drive a new car through to that place for an auto company at San Angelo.

NATIONAL GUARDS MADE U.S. SOLDIERS

Capt. Cohen of the local company of cavalry, received a telegram this afternoon stating that the regiment of which the local company is a part, had been federalized and that the members of the company who registered and were subject to draft have been placed in class five, and that they are no longer subject to draft, but become United States soldiers.

Instructions for going into camp are expected to follow in short order, and in the meantime the troops are to conduct themselves like regular soldiers, being under the discipline of their officers and subject to penalty for violating any military rules.

Until moved away from Ballinger the troops will go in to camp here and do regular drill work and get ready for active service. The company will use the third floor of the F. & M. Bank as headquarters and have established drill grounds on the Colorado river at the end of Eighth Street.

DROUGHT SUFFERERS RETURN HOME

Judge A. K. Doss and O. L. Parish returned home Thursday at noon from Dallas, where they went on private business and to also confer with federal bankers concerning drought relief, and Jno. Q. McAdams and R. W. Bruce returned on the same train from Austin, where they went to attend the drought relief meeting.

The gentlemen were not able to make a definite announcement of results, as the question is a big one and those in charge of the relief work have not perfected plans for extending aid to those who are stranded in the drought district.

At each place, Dallas and Austin, the committee met with hearing and with representatives from other counties offered suggestions and discussed with both state and federal authorities as to the best way of handling the big task of helping those who must have help.

Gov. Hobby has issued an appeal for aid through private and volunteer subscriptions. The relief fund is growing fast in this way, but it is hardly probable that a sufficient amount can be raised in this way to extend to the farmers that help needed in planting and making another crop.

Temporary relief will no doubt be forth coming, but more permanent relief, and help for farmers in financing the making of another crop is what this country must have if its stays on the map.

Committees were appointed to draft suitable resolutions, and prosecute speedily the work of handling the drought relief work.

The gentlemen composing the committee from this county state that the people realize and appreciate fully the conditions which prevail here, and are eager to do what they can to relieve the situation.

FRITZIES LIKE TO BE CAPTURED

Jack Ragsdal, a Brownwood boy who is in France, writes to a friend in that city as follows:

"Now about the war, I know nothing. We get less news than we found when we were in the states. It seems to be a general impression among the German prisoners stationed here that it cannot last much longer. By the way, it would make your heart feel good to take a look at the German prisoners. Possibly one French guard to every eight men, and this guard doesn't care what the prisoners do or how far they get away from him. He doesn't seem to be worried. When asked why he didn't keep a sharper look-out over them he replied that you could not pay them to try to escape, for the simple fact that they are more than satisfied when they are here. He told me that recently one of them escaped and about four days later returned with eight other Germans. He had gone back to the lines and persuaded some of them to come over and be captured. He told them that they were being well fed and did not have to worry about bullets, etc. Near here two days ago two airplanes with four Germans, landed and gave themselves up saying that they were tired of the war and wanted to be made prisoners of war. It seems that the indications are that the war cannot possibly last longer than next summer. Some seem to think that the climax will come before Christmas this year."

HOW AUTO KILLED TOM MCFARLAND

The remains of Tom McFarland arrived here at mid-night Wednesday night and were carried to his late home on Tenth Street, where they are being held waiting the arrival of his brother. The funeral will be held Friday morning at ten o'clock Rev. Cornelius and Rev. King conducting the services.

The remains arrived unaccompanied and nothing of the details of the tragedy were known until Thursday when a letter from Carlos Dunn to Mrs. McFarland briefly told how the man met death, being instantly killed when an auto struck him and passed over his head. The face of the man was badly bruised, and his family and closest friends could not recognize him.

According to the letter received from Mr. Dunn, a shower of rain came up about four o'clock driving the men from their work, McFarland returning to town from where they were at work in a car with Ollie Gant, a former Ballinger boy. They stopped in front of a grocery store after reaching town, and Mr. Gant stepped in the store to get some tobacco, leaving McFarland in the car. A man asked McFarland to assist him in removing some obstruction out of the gutter so that water would run off from the rain which had been falling. It was while McFarland was complying with the man's request that a car passing along the street struck him and killed him instantly.

McFarland was a poor man, his wife and six small children depending on his labor for their support. He was a member of a local fraternal order and carried insurance in same up until about three months ago when he dropped same presumably because he could not keep the dues and meet the high cost of living.

It is not known whether the man who killed McFarland is financially responsible or not, but if he is, there should be some way for making him pay the damages, the above details of the tragedy showing that McFarland was not in no ways to blame for his death.

McFarland has been living here quite a number of years. He married a Miss Lucretia Pou, a lady who was born and raised in this city and who has resided here all her life. She and the six little children are left helpless in a cruel world at a time when the average man is finding it hard to make ends meet.

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Wholesale Price to Retailer	Retail Price to Consumer
\$11.00 to \$11.50	*Flour Basis 48 lbs. sack
\$8.43	*Flour: Retailers net profit 80c to 1.20 per barrel, in original packages or 1c per pound in lots when original packages are broken.
\$1.30	Sugar
.04 to 4 1-4	Pearl Meal 25 lb. sack .06 to .06 1-2
\$2.15 to \$2.20	Irish Potatoes .05 to .05 1-4
\$1.07 1-2 to \$1.13	Lard Compound No. 10 \$2.40 to \$2.50
\$1.75 per gal.	Lard Compound No. 5 \$1.20 to \$1.30
\$1.64 per gal.	Peanut Cooking Oil \$2.00
.08 1-3	White Cooking Oil \$1.90
.30 to .33	Bread .10
.49	Ham .35 to .37
.43	Fancy Breakfast Bacon .60 to .65
.28 to .29	Sliced .65
.29 to .32	Standard Breakfast Bacon .50
.14 to .15	Dry Salt Pork .33 to .35
.09	Smoke Bacon .35 to .37
.09 1-2 to .10	Navy Beans .17 to .20
\$1.95 to \$2.00	Pink Beans .12
\$2.75 to \$2.85	B lack Eyed Peas .12 1-2
.10 1-4	Pink Salmon .20 to .22 1-2
.06 1-2	Red Salmon .30 to .32
.40 to .50	Rice Flour .12
.27 1-2 to .30	Corn Flour .07 1-2
.10 1-2	Butter .40 to .50
.09 1-4 to .09 1-2	Cheese cut .35
	Rice Fancy Honduras .12 1-2
	Rice Blenne Rose .11
	Round Steak .30
	Cheaper cuts or Chuck steak .25

THE FOLLY OF THE RICH FOOL

Nine names were recorded for membership in the various churches of Ballinger at the revival services Wednesday night. Three of these were for the Ninth Street Baptist Church, two for the First Baptist church, three for the Methodist and one for the Christian church.

The congregation was large one an attentive one, listening to evangelist Evans closely, as he delivered a splendid sermon on the folly of the man who trusted in riches.

The evangelist pointed out that this rich man was a fool for three reasons: that he thought like a fool, talked like a fool, and then acted like a fool. He trusted in his wealth to cause the world to serve him instead of using his money to serve the world. He was careful of those things with which he could feed his body but he starved his soul.

While the choir sang following the inspiring sermon, quite a number of people responded to the call made by the evangelist to give themselves to God.

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By conserving leather. To you good shoe repairing means economy, comfort. Quality work with Quality Material is our specialty. Don't forget we repair Auto and Buggy Tops in the best manner and on short notice. Shoe repairing a specialty—W. C. Drennan at the bat.

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Hutching Ave., Ballinger.

TEACH YOUR CHILD TO BE THRIFTY

Then you will never have cause to blush for it

Few parents hearts have ever ached over the misdoings of a thrifty child.

Guide your boy and girl out of the path of the spendthrift.

Start an account for them in our bank and teach them the importance of saving.

If you follow our advice you will always be thankful.

Farmers and Merchants State Bank

For Spring Building

It's time to think about starting the new and repairing the old. We have a fine stock of sheeting, siding, bill stuff, shingles, sash, doors, lime and cement, waiting your needs. Let us figure your lumber estimates and show you where we can save you money.

Ballinger Lumber Company

NOTICE

Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Runnels County at 8 percent interest and extend Vendors Lien Notes bearing 8 percent interest, and charge no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call on

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Very positively we assert that the money spent here will extend to the utmost purchasing possibilities.

This means to every department in the house. We therefore urge you to come to Melton Dry Goods Co., and save on your fall purchases.

Coats and Suits

Coats and Suits which should be bought now to have ready when needed--New arrivals of Coats and Coat Suits, in Serges, Poplins and Broadcloth material

Suits from the well known New York manufacturers: Jacob, Sperber while the coats bear the famous trade mark Red Fern. Our entire stock bear the reasonable prices for which this house is so widely known. We urge prompt purchasing.

Coats at \$15.00 to \$45.00.

Suits, good range of colors and styles at \$20 \$22.50; \$25.;\$35 and \$39.50.

New Silk Petticoats

All Silk and Silk Jersey combinations in all the new Fall Effects--A magnificent showing.

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Blankets
Buy Blankets
Now
They will be hard to get later

The New Autumn Hats are Here

Fashion, Smartness, Savings

Under existing conditions we would not have believed it possible to bring together such good looking ladies' and children's Hats at such attractive prices.

We would have been fortunate had we been able to have them sell at \$1.50 to \$3.00 higher.

In these groups are hats of velvet, panne, combinations of velvet and satin. They are from the turban to big broad effects

See them--the prices are \$3.50; \$4.50; \$5; \$6. and \$7.50.

Showing New Fall Footwear

For men, women and children, black and tan shoes, the principal shades for the season. For men a wonderful showing of the celebrated make of Howard & Foster.

For women Wicket and Gardiner, the country's best foot wear for women.

Mrs. King's for children. The new shoes for children are here and they are worthy of your consideration.

Women's New Hosiery

Women's Silk heavy black and white, at \$1.25 and up

New Corsets

American Lady and La Camille, front lace \$1.00 to \$7.50

New Silks

The new silks are shown in a variety of colorings, in Satins Messaline, Georgettes and Taffetas. Every wanted price. See the wonderful display.

New Woolens

In Serges, Poplins, Plaid Effects, Checks, Broadcloths and many other popular cloths at very attractive prices.

New Blouses

A very complete showing of the new Georgette and Crepe de Chine blouses in dark and light shades from \$2.50 to \$12.50

NO HELP IN THIS FOR THE HELPLESS

Dallas, Sept. 2--Judge W. F. Ramsey, chairman of the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, acting on a plan suggested by J. M. Murchison, president of the First National Bank of Athens, Texas, has called a meeting of the bankers and all patriotic and forward-looking people of Texas to be held at Dallas on next Saturday, Sept. 7th, to consider and act on a plan for extending aid to the people of the drouth-stricken sections, as outlined by Mr. Murchison. This plan contemplates large deposits by banks of the more favored section of the state with the banks in the drouth section at low rate of interest to enable the banks in the drouth sections to take care of the demands made upon them.--Dallas News.

The people of the drouth district appreciate the interest manifested by the financiers, but their plan as briefly outlined will be worth nothing to the helpless.

The banks in the drouth districts or at least most of them, have a good credit and can get all the money they need, or can use. They are not unable to make loans when the proper security is put up. Banks can not loan money without exacting security. The banking laws forbid it. The borrower must have a good credit.

Banks full of money in this country will be worth nothing to a vast majority of the farmers of this county. They have pulled through three years and exhausted their ability to borrow when gilt edge security is extracted.

There are hundreds of good farmers in this county who are honest and will pay what they owe when they make it. In many instances these farmers own their homes or an equity in them, but have exhausted their resources and in the perils of banking are nothing but good moral risk, and if they obtain help in buying feed, groceries and supplies for making another crop that help must be granted

strictly on the basis of a moral risk.

Money lenders who expect to put out their cash at a high rate of interest, and hold as security for such loans papers that they can negotiate at par, are losing time fishing around in this country. The helpless are the people who must have help, and not the man who has a bank account or can create a bank account by the signing of a promisory note.

We do not see in this anything akin to charity. It is strictly a business proposition for the government. Most of these helpless farmers can leave Runnels county and go to work at other places at so much per which will pay them more than they can make remaining here and gambling on a crop. The question of producing is one that should interest the government. Thousands of acres of productive land will remain idle unless help of the right kind is forthcoming. It is not a call for charity, but a call for sane co-operation between capital and labor in food and feed production in the country which is sure to come back.

ENDORSED AT HOME

Sure Proof as This Should Convince Any Ballinger Citizen

The public endorsement of a local citizen is the best proof that can be produced. None better, none stronger can be had. When a man comes forward and testifies to his fellow-citizens, addresses his friends and neighbors, you may be sure he is thoroughly convinced or he would not do so. Telling one's experience when it is for the public good is an act of kindness that should be appreciated. The following statement given by a resident of Ballinger adds one more to the many cases of Home Endorsement which are being published about Doan's kidney Pills. Read it.

W. F. Street, stock dealer, 1001 Tenth St., Says: "About a year ago I had an attack of kidney complaint. I had dull pains in the small of my back and the kidney secretions passed irregular. I bought Doan's Kidney Pills from the Weeks Drug Store and they relieved all signs of the trouble.

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy--get Doan's Kidney Pills--the same that Mr. Street had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

R. A. Nicholson, is at home for a short visit to his family, from South Texas where he has been looking after his gin interest and buying cotton.

Mrs. H. M. Jones came up from Coleman Tuesday, and returned home Wednesday, taking her little son, who had been here in the sanitarium for an operation for appendicitis, home with her.

Judge T. C. Wilkerson, of Brown wood, had business here and at Paint Rock this week.

Mrs. T. J. Stocks, returned from Miles Wednesday morning, where she had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Lewin.

Mrs. A. C. Hopson and children, of the Norton country, left Tuesday afternoon, for Wirt, Okla., where they go to join Mr. Hopson and make their home. Mr. Hopson went to Oklahoma several weeks ago and secured employment. Mrs. Atchison, sister of Mrs. Hopson, who had been visiting in the county returned to her home at Gatesville.

DALLAS STATE FAIR WILL NOT BE HELD

Waco, Texas.--The Dallas State Fair has been definitely called off for the duration of the war. An announcement made at Waco however, states that the annual Texas Cotton Palace exposition will be continued as usual. Plans for the Waco attraction are said to be on a more elaborate scale than ever before attempted which insures it the greatest exposition in the Southwest this year.

SPOT CASH PRICES

25 lb. sack Meal.....	\$1.35	2 lb. Tomatoes.....	15
5 lbs. best Peaberry Coffee.....	1.00	2 lb. sugar Corn.....	15
6 lbs. Good Coff. ee.....	1.00	3 cans Van Cann Hominy.....	25
25 lb. sack Salt, 35c for.....	30	2 cans Vegetable Soup.....	25
Best grade Salt Pork Bacon.....	30	3 pkg. Spaghetti.....	25
50c grade Breakfast Bacon.....	40	2c Pepper Sauce.....	22
7 bars Ark Soap.....	25	25c bottle Catsup.....	20
6 bars L. A. Soap.....	25	2 1-2 lbs. pkg. Comet Rice.....	29
5 bars Bob White Soap.....	25	3 cans Black Pepper.....	25
6 bars C. E. Soap.....	25	3 cans Allspice.....	25
5 bars Toilet Soap Cocoa.....	25	3 cans Cinnamon.....	25
3 long bars Soap, 10c for.....	25	3 cans Red Peppers.....	25
3 bars Lava Soap.....	25	25c bottle Chow Chow.....	20
2 cans Tomatoes, 1 1-2 lbs.....	25	Bottle Garrett Snuff.....	24
Pink Beans.....	10	Glass Honest Snuff.....	24
Raisins.....	10	3 pkg. Starch.....	25
Dried Peaches.....	12 1-2	35c pkg. Tea.....	25
1 gal. Peaches.....	60	1 gal. Peanut Oil.....	1.82 1-2
1 gal. Apples.....	55	1 gal. Cotton Seed Oil.....	1.74
25c size Apricots.....	22	10 lb. bucket Soda.....	70
25c size Peaches.....	22	1 gal. Vinegar.....	32
35c glass Jelly.....	25	1 gal distilled Vinegar.....	52
1 lb. Peanut Butter.....	28	2 quarts Vinegar.....	25
2 lb. can Peas.....	15	35c Oat Meal.....	30
\$1.00 can Ribbon Cane syrup.....	90	2 pkgs. Post Tosties.....	39
\$1.00 can Sorgum.....	90	2pkgs. Washington Crisps.....	34
Cabbage.....	6	Shinola shoe polish.....	10
\$1.10 Brooms, heavy.....	75	25c Chili Powder.....	20
Good Brooms.....	65	Babbit Cleanser.....	5
3 doz. Sour Pickles.....	25	20 Mule Borax.....	10
Large size Crisco.....	1.75	2 cans good Salmon.....	35

Come Buy Groceries **GUSTAVUS GROCERY COMPANY**

IT SHOULD MAKE A MILLION FOR HIM
Cincinnati man discovers drug that loosens corns so they lift out.

Good news spreads rapidly and druggists here are kept busy dispensing freezons, the recent discovery of a Cincinnati man, which is said to loosen any corn so it lifts out with the fingers.

A quarter of an ounce costs very little at any store which handles drugs, but this is said to be sufficient to rid one's feet of every hard or soft corn or callus.

You apply a few drops on the tender, aching corn or toughened callus and instantly the soreness is relieved, and soon the corn or callus and instantly the soreness out without pain. It is a sticky substance which dries when applied and never inflames or even irritates the surrounding skin.

This discovery will prevent thousands of deaths annually from lockjaw and infection heretofore resulting from the suicidal habit of cutting corns.

London, Sept. 2--The British have captured Sully Salsisel and Salsisel Gen Haig reports to the British war office. The Canadians are making good progress this morning in a new attack south of the Scarpe in the Lys sector.

Paris, Sept. 2--New progress is being made in the woods west of Coucy-le-Chateau and east of Pont St. Mand, according to an announcement made by the war office to day. Germans violently counter attacked in the Champagne but were repulsed.

London, Sept. 2--Astride Arras, near Cambri road, the Canadians have broken through Brocourt, and at Quentin have switched the line on a front at least two miles. It is learned through official sources that the allies have captured Doury on the western edge of Cagincourt and are advancing at other points.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Harris and daughter, Mrs. Will Stevens, went to Miles for a visit, Tuesday.

TEXAS COTTON CROP 43 PER CENT NORMAL

Washington, Sept. 3.--Cotton report: This season's cotton crop was forecast today at 11,137,000 equivalent 500 pound bales by the department of agriculture basing its estimates on the condition of the crop Aug. 25 which was 55.7 per cent of a normal.

Condition of the crop by states: Virginia 84; North Carolina 77; South Carolina 67; Georgia 66; Florida 60; Alabama 66; Mississippi 67; Louisiana 53; Texas 43; Arkansas 52; Tennessee 58; Missouri 60; Oklahoma 33 California 92; Arizona 96.

A disaster unparalleled in the history of the cotton industry in the United States has befallen the American cotton crop this year. As a result of a severe drouth in July and August the government's September cotton report, issued today forecast the prospective production this year at 11,137,000 equivalent 500 pound bales 4,098,000 bales less than was forecast at the beginning of the season.

Cotton growers planted this year the second largest acreage on record and prospects seemed bright for one of the largest crops ever grown. Drouths during July however, reduced the crop to 1,616,000 bales, and dry weather in August caused the greatest deterioration ever recorded in a single month, there being a decline in the condition Aug. 25, as compared with July 25.

The entire cotton belt was affected, but in Texas and Oklahoma and the western part of the region it was greater than in the east. The extent of the depreciation amounted to 2,482,000 bales, reducing the prospective production to 11,137,000 bales.

A crop of that size would be slightly smaller than those of the last three years.

Mrs. E. C. Baskin and children, left for Galveston, Tuesday, where they go to spend a short while with Dr. Baskin who is practising his profession in that city. Mrs. Baskin was due to leave Sunday, but was delayed.

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