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GERMAN NOTE RECEIVED; FIGHT STILL ON

Washington, Oct. 22.—Germany must come to military terms with General Foch. This is the outstanding feature of what will be President Wilson's latest reply to the huns.

The next logical step appears to be an announcement from Gen. Foch of the terms on which he would consider an armistice.

Whether Mr. Wilson will request Gen. Foch to make such an announcement or not is purely problematical.

Copenhagen, Oct. 23.—Prince Max in addressing the German Reichstag this morning warned the German people to prepare for any eventuality.

The enemy is at our very gates," said the German chancellor and the German people have spoken to Wilson accepting the American terms for an armistice. I say only the president of the United States must first answer Germany's peace efforts."

Paris, Oct. 23.—Front dispatches received here today state that the British have taken Valenciennes, routing the enemy with severe losses.

London, Oct. 23.—The British and Americans launched a vigorous attack early today on Le Chatcau Soulesmes front, Gen. Haig reports.

The troops of both British and American armies made good progress, the British capturing Brunay, three miles northeast of Valenciennes while the Americans advanced, gained important villages and netted the capture of German prisoners.

The British advanced one mile on a front of from five to six miles in the new drive made early today.

Paris, Oct. 22.—Resuming progress in the Serre front, the French have advanced to within a mile of Crecy Sur Serre from the south, the French war office announces.

German counter attacks in the Mouxiers region have diminished in violence and the enemy is breaking in its resistance.

Artillery fighting continues north of the Oise and Chateaux Perodan region.

Washington, Oct. 21.—An official report from Gen. Pershing today told of the successful and continued progress of the Americans Sunday north of Verdun.

The report said that the Americans continued to progress against the pivotal point upon which the German retreat was swinging. During the past week the Germans have constantly in-

State-Wide Pro Law is Knocked Out

creased their forces at this point in an attempt to hold the sector and prevent disaster to their retreating forces, which the Americans are crowding at such a pace as to threaten their complete destruction or surrender.

London, Oct. 21.—The British are approaching Stamand, eight miles northwest of Valenciennes, Gen Haig reports. The British are maintaining contact with the retreating enemy, menacing all efforts to launch counter attacks. The British are also nearing Cehelde north of Tournai. More than three thousand prisoners have been taken north of Le Chatcau.

London, Oct. 22.—The British are now less than a half mile from Tournai, Gen Haig, reports. The Germans in that region have been driven out of Oaocq and Woon, near Froyennes. The left bank of the Escailion has been reached south of Thiant and advances continues southwest of Valenciennes.

FEW NEW CASES OF FLU REPORTED

Several new cases of influenza were reported today. The family of Robert Herring is among the newly affected families, but are not seriously ill.

W. A. Francis is still quite sick, having developed a genuine case of "flu," but his condition is not serious.

W. L. Smith is at the point of death, and there is little hopes for his recovery.

As the disease runs its course people are becoming more careful and greater precautions are being used to stop the spread of the malady.

R. T. WILLIAMS SERIOUSLY ILL
R. T. Williams was stricken with what the physicians pronounce as acute appendicitis Sunday, and for several hours was in a serious condition. Reports from his bedside late today stated that he was some better. Mr. Williams friends will regret to learn of his illness, and wish for him a speedy recovery.

Runnels County Goes Over Top With Bonds to Spare

Incomplete returns from the banks in the county show that more than one hundred thousand dollars was put up for Uncle Sam in the Liberty Loan campaign which closed Saturday night.

The county's quota was \$92,180.00 and the complete report will show about \$105,000.00.

The quota allotted to each bank in the county to raise was more than subscribed through the respective banks, each going over the top.

Considering that this county made a complete failure and no other source of revenue could be relied upon, this makes a good showing for the people of this county.

The list of subscribers published from time to time in this paper

shows that the men of small means in many cases the monthly wage earners, subscribed liberally. Men without financial rating and without income except monthly salary, subscribed for \$100 bonds, while the names of men with considerable wealth and handsome incomes, appeared in the hundred dollar class.

On the last day of the drive the Council of Defense got busy and called before that body several prominent property owners and men of means who had not subscribed for a single bond, and they were pressed for a reasonable answer in offering an excuse why they had not done so. When the matter was presented to such property owners most of them readily subscribed for bonds.

LIEUTENANT SHARP STILL IN HOSPITAL

His mother and sisters received letters from Lieut. Roy F. Sharp, on Sunday and Monday of this week. The letters brought the good news that Lieut. Sharp was gradually recovering from the serious wounds sustained while in action on July 30th, and which were at first reported as slight wounds.

Lieut. Sharp writes that he is still confined in the hospital, but that his limb had been released from the straps, while his ankle was still out of commission. Lieut. Sharp indicated in his letter that it would be some time before he could walk, but that he expected to be out soon by the aid of crutches, and thought he would be ready for the huns again by next spring.

His friends at home are expecting to see him back in Ballinger on a furlough by next spring, and they are glad to know that he is recovering.

Austin, Oct. 23.—The court of criminal appeals handed down a decision today declaring the state wide prohibition law passed by the last called special session of legislature unconstitutional.

The decision permits the resumption of the sale of liquor in restricted territory in this state which is not affected by the ten mile zone law or the local option laws.

The ruling of the court will re-establish the liquor business in counties which were wet when the state wide law went into effect, except where the ten mile zone law prohibits the sale of liquor.

Germany Has Surrendered

The kaiser has just heard of the arrival of Major Elmer Simpson, Jr. Elmer Simpson Jr. arrived at ten o'clock Friday night. His father is defending his country on the border, while his Uncle Troy is now in France. Big brother Newby, well, he has been engaged in trench warfare in his mother's back yard for several weeks.

J. N. Key was here from the Wingo country, Thursday.

Robert McGregor went to Valera Wednesday afternoon on business, returning on the night train.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT GOES OVER THE TOP

Dallas, Texas, October 21st.

The Ledger, Ballinger, Texas.

As the work of tabulating the figures for the Loan progresses it appears more and more likely that the Eleventh Federal District will reach its quota. Exact figures are not available but official figures taken in conjunction with unofficial reports from various counties makes us very hopeful, that there is even an over-subscription. I take this opportunity of thanking everyone who has contributed to the success of the loan. Especially do I want to express here my appreciation of the efforts of the splendid sales force called together by our organizers. It will be my endeavor to write personally to all organizers, committeemen and newspaper publishers who have contributed their space to success, but of the names of the sales people both men and women are not even known to us and this is the only opportunity I have of expressing my appreciation of their good work.

I hope that each one of them will take this as a personal message and feel that glow of satisfaction which comes from having done a good work and having done it well.

J. W. Hoops,
Federal Reserve.

W. E. SAYLE DIES WITH INFLUENZA

Commerce, Oct. 18.—William E. Sales, attorney, who died at Greenville Thursday of pneumonia, superinduced by influenza was buried here this afternoon. He was 35 years old and was a son of W. E. Sales of this city, and early settler of East Texas. He was a graduate of the law department of the State University and was a partner of B. Q. Evans under the firm name of Evans & Sales. The deceased leaves a wife, the daughter of the Rev. Nathaniel Jacks, well known in Dallas and other parts of the state.

W. E. Sales spent four years in Ballinger, serving this city as city attorney and he and his wife are kindly remembered by many friends here.

Dr. Chas. Taylor, who was here to attend the funeral of his brother Maek Taylor, left for his home Wednesday afternoon.

LONG DROUTH GETS ANOTHER KNOCK OUT

Dallas, Texas, October 21st.

The Ledger, Ballinger, Texas.

Following a slow rain throughout most of the day Monday, the heavens opened up Monday night and a down pour ranging from half an inch in some localities to two and a half inches, and "good rains" in others, covered Runnels county and adjoining territory.

Only nine tenths of an inch fell at Ballinger, but several other places in the county reported as much as two inches, and a number of places reported good rains.

The rain extended west over more than a dozen counties, including Stearling, Tom Green and Glasscock. Telephone communications with Garden City, Big Springs and other places were broken down, and the exact extent of the rain could not be learned, but reports coming from the Bill Currie ranch in Glasscock county stated that a flood fell over a good part of that county.

The rain was heaviest west of Ballinger over several counties Monday, while the heaviest rain did not fall at Ballinger until Monday night.

Through the courtesy of the West Texas Telephone Company, we are able to make the following detail report of the rain Monday night:

- Abilene, light showers.
- Ballinger, 9-10 inch.
- Benoit, 1 1-2 inches.
- Blackwell, 1 2 inch.
- Bradshaw, 1 1-2 inches.
- Brady, good rain.
- Bronte, good rain.
- Brownwood good rain.
- Coleman, good rain.
- Concho, 1 inch.
- Crews, good rain.
- Eden 1 1-2 inches.
- Ft. Chadbourn, 1-2 inch.
- Hatchel, 1 inch.
- Leaday, no report.
- Maverick 2 inches.
- Menard, good rain
- Miles, 1 inch.
- Millersview, good rain.
- Norton, 2 inches.
- Offen, no report.
- Ovalo, 1 1-2 inches.
- Paint Rock, 2 1-2 inches.
- Pony, good rain.
- Rowena, 1 1-2 inches.
- San Angelo, good rain.
- Santa Anna, good rain.
- Stacy good rain.
- Talpa, 1 inch.
- Truitt, no report.
- Wilmett, 1 1-2 inches.
- Wingate, good rain.
- Winters, good rain.

Joe Ward, who is visiting here from Giddings, Texas is ill at the Bankford rooming house with influenza.

11,000 Cases of "Infl" at Austin

Austin, Oct. 17.—When more 11,000 cases of Spanish influenza developed in military camps here within less than a week's time fifty women of the city volunteered as nurses. The local chapter of the Red Cross helped to furnish beds and none of the sick persons suffered from lack of attention.

S. L. Harris returned to Houston, Friday, after spending a day here, coming home to attend court



WE DO ALL KINDS OF
Battery Rebuilding

Batteries in stock to fit every make of car

Your Batteries Tested and Watered Free of Charge

BALLINGER AUTO CO.
PHONE 505. Opposite C. H. L.

Pay W. S. S. Pledge Week--October 24--31

It's your time to charge the Hun lines. That W. S. S. Pledge you made is due and payable to the United States Government October 24--31.

We have the War Savings Stamps here for you.

Our services are yours in Uncle Sam's service
This Government Advertisement Patrioticly contributed by
The Winters State Bank
Capital \$50,000 ; Resources \$300,000

GET SQUARE WITH UNCLE SAM WIPE THE W.S.S. SLATE CLEAN

Uncle Sam is calling for the money you obligated yourself to invest in *United States Government War Savings Stamps*. The payment call is

October 24 to October 31, Inclusive

Get your account square with the Government. Pay that W. S. S. Pledge. A Treasury agent holds your pledge

This U. S. Government advertisement patriotically contributed to the U. S. Treasury Department by

E. A. JEANES & CO. Ballinger

Spot Cash Prices Good for One Week

25 lb. sack Pearl Meal \$1.33	500 matches box run .6c
5 lbs. best Peaberry Coffee \$1.00	35c Oat Meal .30c
6 lbs. Good Coffee \$1.00	1 pkg. Post Toasties .19c
25 lb. sack Salt, 35c for .30c	2 pkg. Washington Crisp 35c
Best salt pork bacon .32c	3 pkgs. Soda .25c
50c grade breakfast bacon	3 pkgs. Starch .25c
for .38c	No. 3 Crown raisins .11c
5 bars Bob White soap .25c	1 lb. Peanut Butter .28c
6 bars C. E. Soap .25c	Dried Peaches .12 1-2c
5 bars Toilet soap cocoa .25c	Fancy Apricots .20c
3 bars Lava soap .25c	35c Glass Jelly .25c
2 can Tomatoes, 1 1-2 lbs. 25c	Bottle Garrett Snuff .24c
No. 2 Tomatoes .15c	Glass Honest Snuff .24c
No. 2 Clipper bran Corn 15c	Large size Crisco \$1.75
No. 3 Kraut .15c	1 gal. Cooking Oil \$1.80
No. 3 Hominy a can .15c	2 doz. Keg Pickles .25c
Best quality pink beans 10c	\$1.10 blk. handle broom 85c
No. 2 Peas .15c	85c red handle broom .65c
Everybody cane and corn	2 cans Vegetable soup .25c
fine, a gal. .90c	2 cans good Salmon .35c
Raven same as red Velva or	1 gal. Mary Jane Syrup .75c
green Velva .85c	Sassie Syrup, a gal. .70c
\$1.00 size Log Cabin sy. 90c	White Karo Syrup a gal 85c
White rock cand. syrup, \$1.00	White Crown Syrup, gal 95c
1 pkg. Arbuckles Coffee 24c	Red Karo syrup a gal. .75c
Blue bonnet blended Coffee	Fine eating apples the doz-
\$1.10 size .90c	en .10c and 15c
\$1.00 size bucket coffee 80c	Best Onions .5c
Full head rice .10c	Rutbegetter turnips .5c
3 pkgs. Spaghetti .25c	Babbitt Cleanser .4c
3 pkgs. Macaroni .25c	Shinola Polish .9c
2 quarts vinegar .25c	Irish Potatoes .3 1-2c
25c size Chili Powder .20c	Sweet Potatoes .5 1-2c
25c very best Pepper sauce	25c bottle Chow Chow .20c
for .19c	35c Tea Mixed .25c
	Thick Penns tobacco .70c
	Thick Tinsleys tobacco .70c

COME BUY Groceries **Gustavus Grocery Co., Phone 34**

MANY "FLU" VICTIMS HERE

Among those who are out of commission on account of the influenza we note J. L. Chastain, Bun Morgan, George Kirk, L. L. Stroble, Lew Wilmeth, Misses McElroy, all of them, Ross Smith, J. K. Hutton, Miss Mollie Best, mother and brother, Robert, T. P. Brown's family, G. J. Cotton, Edwin Setzler, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Willingham, Horace Strain, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McSham, Willie Brooks, Dr. Watson who ventured out after several days illness is confined to his home again. W. F. Atwell, Mrs. J. B. Curry, Mrs. T. J. Morgan, Mrs. A. B. Halstead, J. R. Whitworth, Miss Juliet Miller, Mrs. Claude Wilmeth, Miss Fannie Wilmeth, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Drennan and children, W. E. Middleton, David Gregory, Mrs. W. E. Branch and two children, Mrs. Tom Brown and two children, J. C. Reese and family, W. A. Francis is confined to his home ill, but not believed to be influenza.

CARD OF THANKS

Words are too feeble to express our appreciation to our friends for their kindness and sympathy to us during the sad hours brought upon us by the death of our husband and brother. In this way we wish to thank you all, and assure you that our hearts are filled with gratitude and love for all, and we shall never forget the help you have been to us. May God bless you for your kindness and consideration for those in distress.

Mrs. W. A. Gustavus Jr.
W. A. Gustavus Sr.
and Children.

Ed Dickenson returned to his ranch west of San Angelo Thursday.

Will Street returned home Sunday from eastern points where he had been peddling mules and horses.

Jim Freeman and Ike Lane of the Bank Barber Shop are fighting the "Flu." Sol Duvall, porter at this shop, is also down with the disease.

Eddie Pape and family returned from Ellis county Monday night, coming overland. Mr. Pape went east to spend the harvest season, and says he made expenses and saw enough country to keep him satisfied with Runnels county for another year at least, and he will begin at once to plant grain, and try farming here for another year. Mr. Pape was on the road home when his brother died, and could not be located by relatives here during the illness and death of his brother Harry, and he did not know that his brother was dead until he reached Talpa when he met some one from Ballinger who told him.

Miss Minnie Lee Morgan came in from San Antonio Monday and is here visiting friends and to be with her mother who was here to attend the funeral of her brother, Mack Taylor, and was taken sick while here.

Rev. J. B. Curry went to Santa Anna Tuesday afternoon, returning home on the midnight train Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stovall returned to their home at Lometa, Tuesday. They had been here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Stovall's sister, Mrs. Doris McCracken.

DEATH OF TONY SCHWERTNER.

The sad news comes as a great shock in this community that Tony Schwertner had died at the Base Hospital at Camp Travis, Thursday morning at 4:30. The remains were shipped to Rowena Sunday at 1:10 p. m. and from there the body was carried to the church and from the church he was tenderly laid to rest in a beautiful decorative U. S. Flag grave at the Catholic cemetery in Rowena.

He was the first soldier that was buried at Rowena as he had only been ill for a few days with Bronchitis pneumonia. He was in the first call from the registrants of June 6th last. He was called from the local Board at Ballinger on the 6th of September into the army service. His age was not quite 22 years; being next month. He was interested in farming all his life. He lived in Runnels for 15 years. He leaves a mother, father and three brothers and three sis-

ters, and lots of relatives and friends that love him.

A Friend.

MRS. R. J. LITTLEFIELD

Undertaker C. R. Crews was called to Concho Tuesday afternoon to prepare for burial the body of Mrs. R. J. Littlefield. Mrs. Littlefield died Monday morning early, death coming suddenly. The lady was stricken ill and died within an hour and before medical aid could be had. It is presumed that death was due to heart trouble.

Deceased was the wife of R. J. Littlefield, who has been blind for many years. She is survived by several children, having a son in France, and on Monday before her death Monday night she wrote a letter to the soldier boy telling him how well they were all getting along at home.

The funeral was held and the remains laid to rest in the cemetery at Paint Rock Wednesday.

This death removes from the Concho country the wife of one of the pioneer citizens of that county.

SOLDIER BOY SURPRISES HOME FOLKS

Emmett Cockrell sprung quite a surprise on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cockrell, when he arrived at home Sunday on a brief visit. Emmett was detailed to come to Fort Worth from Camp Mariett N. J., where he has been stationed for some time, after a couple of deserters. He made better time coming to Fort Worth than he expected, and had an extra day or two to spare and he was fortunate in getting permission to spend the extra time at home. Camp Mariett is a rest camp, where the soldiers who move from interior camps to embarkation stations are giving a ten day's rest before they are loaded on boats and sent overseas.

Lynn Stokes returned from Ft. Worth Sunday at noon.



**Pay
W. S. S.
Pledge
Week--October
24--31**

**It's your time to charge
the Hun lines. That W.
S. S. Pledge you made is
due and payable to the
United States Govern-
ment October 24--31.**

**We have the War Savings
Stamps here for you.**

Our services are yours in Uncle Sam's service

This Government Advertisement Patriotically contributed by
Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.
Sam Baker, Ass't. Cashier

Seal Him Up With W.S.S.



If you have heeded your Government's call and paid your War Savings Stamp Pledges this is where you have put Kaiser Bill. If for some reason you have not already liquidated that pledge be sure that it is paid by the end of this week. We have a reputation to uphold in this county and so have you. Get those W.S.S. right away. Straighten out your account with Uncle Sam.

This Space Contributed by

J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.



PAY PLEDGE WEEK



Your W.S.S. Pledge Is Due!



Prepare to Invest in those War Savings Stamps
Between October 24th and 31st.

The government call has come. At the same time you are requested by the government to take care of the amounts pledged for November and December.

Peace or War that W. S. S. Pledge is a Binding Obligation.

This U. S. Government Advertisement Patriotically Contributed to the Treasury Department by

Hall Hardware Co.

**BOARD WANTS NAMES
DEAD REGISTRANTS**

If your son, or brother, or any relative within the draft age, who has not been called into the service, dies, you should report his death to the local draft board.

This is important. Unless the board knows that such registrant is dead, his name will appear on the records as a deserter, as the board in making up its record must show the status of every registrant.

Within the next few days questionnaires will be sent out to those who have not yet received their questionnaire. Many registrants have already been classified, and their names appear on the record in the class to which they have been assigned. In the course of time and before the war closes some of these will die, and the board wishes to keep a correct record. You can assist them by reporting such deaths.

I. F. Elder, after a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Eugene Gressett, and Ballinger friends, left for his home in South Texas, Wednesday afternoon.

**BAD COLD? HEADACHY
AND NOSE STUFFED**

"Pape's Cold Compound" ends colds and grippe in a few hours.

Take "Pape's Cold Compound" every two hours until you have taken three doses, then all gripe misery goes and your cold will be broken. It promptly opens your clogged-up nostrils and the air passages of the head; stops nasty discharge or nose running; relieves the headache, dullness, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiffness.

Don't stay stuffed up! Quit blowing and snuffing. Ease your throbbing head—nothing else in the world gives such prompt relief as "Pape's Cold Compound," which cost only a few cents at any drug store. It acts without assistance, tastes nice, and causes no inconvenience. Accept no substitute.

Miss Nell Futch is suffering with influenza, being one of the new cases reported today.

R. J. Queen, for many years a good citizen of this county, has moved to Lancaster, Texas.

**COUNTY COURT
JURY DRAWN**

County court convenes at Ballinger on the first Monday in November. The docket, as usual is a light one, and will be disposed of in short order. Only a few criminal cases will be called, and little time required in passing on civil cases.

The jury drawn for the term is as follows:

- Rankin Jones
- L. C. Alexander
- N. E. Adkins
- F. M. Wylie
- Bob Bailey
- W. E. Allen
- Owen Aycock
- Robert Spreen
- J. A. Lamberth
- W. R. Albritton
- A. F. Landers
- J. W. Babb
- W. P. Lloyd
- L. C. Overman
- J. H. Hudson
- Ross Martin
- J. M. Martin
- H. L. Weddle
- L. J. Strube
- R. A. Pullen
- Joe Vineyard

- W. H. Avery
- E. A. Brookshire
- L. Afflerbach
- John Lovelass
- R. A. Williamson
- Jas. E. Brewer
- W. A. Bridwell

WE FIGHT THE KAISER

Six days in every week by repairing and half soling your shoes mending your harness, saddles, and recovering your auto and buggy tops. Let us do yours?

EBB CATHEY 127d-4w

**ELECTION DATE SET FOR
NOVEMBER 20th, 1918.**

To All Chapters:

On Saturday October 12th, you were advised that the Annual Elections would be postponed to be held November 27th, unless advised to the contrary before November 11th.

In accordance with telegram today received from National Headquarters, the date of the Annual Election is now definitely fixed as **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20.** You will, therefore, please publish your notices of election accordingly.

If notice of election has already been published for October 23rd,

a notice now cancelling that call will be effective, or if for any reason it is impractical to do that, you may hold that formal meeting on October 23 by having two or more of your people come together at the appointed time and hour and adjourn the meeting until Wednesday November 20. The former plan is preferable, namely publish a notice now announcing the postponement by reason of the influenza epidemic and announcing that the meeting will be held November 20.

If any chapter is in doubt as to the method of conducting this meeting and the election, they are invited to write to the department of development.

Yours very truly,
George W. Simmons
Manager Southwestern Division
1td 11w.

Tom Fowler is visiting his father Dr. W. W. Fowler. He came to Texas from West Virginia with the remains of his wife, and after the funeral at Clyde, Texas, he is visiting here a few days. Tom has the sympathy of his many Ballinger friends in the great sorrow that has befallen him.

County commissioner nominee, Curry was here from Miles Monday.

**CHICKENS MAD
FROM CAT BITE**

S. B. Howard killed a mad cat at his home on the Colorado river above town a few days ago. Shortly after killing the cat Mr. Howard found two chickens that were acting peculiar and they later developed in to mad chickens and were biting at everything they came in contact with.

Mr. Howard fears that a mad dog or mad cat has been running at large in that neighborhood and other animals have been probably bitten. People should keep on the look out and warn the children against playing with dogs and cats until the period over which they might become mad has passed.

W. L. Hambright returned Monday from a stay of more than two months in east Texas. He says this country looks good to him, notwithstanding that there is not a wilderness of rank weeds and tall timber.

K. O. Berry, of the Norton country, came in Sunday at noon from a sojourn of several weeks to other parts of the country.



*You Promised to Invest in U. S. Government W. S. S.
The Government Counts Your Written Pledge Good as Money*

On your promise and that of 30,000,000 other Americans the government has spent and is spending \$50,000,000 daily. No peace talk, not even unconditional surrender affects your War Savings Stamp pledge.

THE OFFICIAL CALL HAS COME!

When meeting this call the government asks that you also pay the pledge you made for the month of November and December.

This U. S. Government Ad patriotically contributed to the Treasury Department by

The Farmers and Merchants State Bank

YOUR WAR PLEDGE IS DUE !-

OCT-24TH-31ST -

October 24 to 31 Pay Pledge Week

Whether war continues or peace comes you have that W. S. S. Pledge to meet. You are pledged to the United States Government to invest a stipulated amount of money in

U. S. War Savings Stamps

An authorized agent of the United States Treasury Department holds your written promise. Between October 24 and October 31 pay that War Savings Stamp Pledge. At the same time the Government asks that you liquidate your W. S. S. Pledges for November and December.

This U. S. Government Advertisement patriotically contributed to the Treasury Department by

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.
of Texas
CAPITAL \$1,500,000.00

HELP THESE TO HELP THE SOLDIERS

Risking their lives well within the shell zone behind the American lines in France, Mrs. Adjutant Hammond, Lieut. Lula Lawyer and Envoy Electra Pauline Swartz, Salvation Army workers, assisted by a detail of soldiers, daily fry doughnuts from early morning until late at night. On

more than one occasion they have been driven from their dugouts while the place rocked under the hammering of the enemy's big guns, but despite shrieking shells overhead, these intrepid workers refuse to quit their labor in behalf of the American soldiers. This news is just received by the United War Work Campaign committee. With shells flying overhead almost daily, Ensign Gertrude Symonds and Ensign Viola Williams are constantly engaged in rolling, cutting and frying doughnuts. On one occasion they made 3,500

doughnuts for the men of an American regiment which was moving from its temporary billet in the next village up to the reserve line for the night. When the doughnuts were finished they were distributed, two to each soldier, as the men marched in single file on either side of the ambulance upon which they were stationed.

These same Salvation Army girls had on the previous day made coffee and dispensed it with biscuits and confection to seven hundred weary doughboys, who, on their march to the front, had stopped for a moment to rest on the road near the hut. When they gave three cheers for the Salvation Army, the villagers turned out en masse, and it was reported that those amazing Americans had won another victory at the expense of the Huns.

"Over The Top"

First Liberty Loan, 42 subscribers.	\$11,250.00
Second Liberty Loan, 109 subscribers.	\$35,100.00
Third Liberty Loan, 233 subscribers.	\$34,550.00
Fourth Liberty Loan, 115 subscribers.	\$27,500.00
Total	\$108,300.00

WE DESIRE to express to our many friends and customers our high appreciation for the assistance given in reaching our quota of the FOUR LIBERTY LOANS.

Runnels County's Quota looked rather large to all of us at first but it has been oversubscribed, which clearly shows that there are but few bond slackers in the county.

THE First National Bank
ESTAB. 1886 OF BALLINGER, TEXAS ESTAB. 1886

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 tawdry 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

HOW DOCTORS TREAT COLDS AND GRIPPE

Ask any physician or druggist and he will tell you that the best and only effective remedy for a bad cold, sore throat, influenza, or la grippe is what he calls "a brisk calomel purge," which means a big dose of calomel at bed time. But as the old style calomel has some very unpleasant and dangerous qualities physicians and druggists are now recommending the improved nausealess calomel, called "Calotabs" which is purified and refined from the sickening dangerous effects and whose medicinal virtues are vastly improved.

One calotab on the tongue at bed time with a swallow of water,—that's all. No salts, no nausea nor the slightest interference with your diet, pleasure or work. Next morning your cold has vanished and your entire system is purified and refreshed.

Calotabs are sold only in original sealed packages, price thirty-five cents. Your druggist guarantees Calotabs by refunding the price if you are not delighted, adv.

Mrs. T. B. Pickett and two children of Temple and Mrs. C. H. Harville of Fort Sam Houston came in at noon today to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Gressett, and other relatives.

ADVERTISING OUR BIG OIL FIELD

The Tulsa, Oklahoma, Morning News, in making mention of the oil development throughout the Southwest, and in Texas particularly says:

"The Gulf Production well on the Russell farm 15 miles southeast of Ballinger, in Runnels county, Texas, found its first oil at 1,980 feet and it is a very high-grade oil and seems to be coming from the crevices through the black lime, which is thought probable by the drillers as passing through this black lime and that they will encounter an enormous production of high grade oil. There is considerable interest aroused in Runnels county over the presence prospects of this well, which it is believed safe in saying would be good for at least 100 barrels per day as it now stands.

"The Gulf Production company has all its material on hand and will drill diligently with the expectations of completing the well in the next few days at a depth between 2,500 and 2,700 feet. The country surrounding this property has all the earmarks of an oil field and will no doubt prove to be very productive.

"The Runnels County Oil and Gas Company has a well located eight miles southwest of Ballinger near the small town of Rowena. It is now down to a depth of 1,200 feet, with a showing of gas and some particles of oil and a good healthy flow of radium water. This company is shut down awaiting the arrival of their 12-inch casing.

"The Schultz well, southwest of Paint Rock, is down to a depth of about 2,200 feet, drilling in the black lime, with the same amount of showing as the Russell well in Runnels county. There is another company moving a rig in near the small town of Blackwell, located near the northwest corner of Runnels county. All of this activity in and around Runnels county has caused considerable leasing in that vicinity."

Uncle Joe Routh, who had been here for a week or more recuperating returned to Andrews Wednesday afternoon.

PRELIMINARY STEPS FOR NEW OIL WELL

Frank W. Hunter, president of the Safety First Oil & Gas Co., of Douglass, Arizona, went to Brownwood Tuesday, after spending several days here in preliminary work for sinking an oil well near Ballinger.

Mr. Hunter visited the oil wells now being drilled in this county, and he is an enthusiastic booster for the new field here.

He says the oil coming from the Russell well is the highest grade oil he ever saw, and thinks that a well flowing this high quality of oil will attract more attention than the common grade oil wells.

"We expect to be operating with in ninety days," said Mr. Hunter, before he left for Brownwood, "and we are now arranging to sink a well on the J. M. Schneider place three miles east of Ballinger, where we have acquired a small acreage and upon which there is every geological promise of oil and gas."

Mr. Hunter visited the site selected by his company for drilling and was shown a hole which was put down in search of water, but which produced considerable gas at a depth of seventy-five feet.

Another well showed up slight traces of oil at a depth of less than one hundred feet on this land.

The site on which the Arizona company proposes to drill is north of the Colorado river, and twelve miles west of the Russell well, and only three miles from Ballinger. It has been known for some time that geologists had placed their stamp of approval on the territory surrounding Ballinger, classifying the lay of the land as first

class. This opinion dates back to the time before Ballinger was placed on the map as certain tracts of land near the city, including the original town site, is covered by a mineral reservation retained by the original grantee of the land. This being true the oil men and speculators, property owners and the oil world in general is eager to see the field tested out.

Mr. Hunter's visit here was preceded by two other members of his company, who have visited the county and "sized" up the situation. The report of the findings here of the first visitors caused Mr. Hunter to come and investigate for himself, and according to his own statement his visit will result in the sinking of a well near this city.

CARD OF THANKS

It being impossible for us to personally thank each and every one who so kindly tendered us their cares and assistance, for all kindnesses the many beautiful floral offerings, the many kind expressions or sympathy given us in the bereavement of our loved one, we take this means of expressing our heartfelt gratitude to one and all. Their kindness shall never be forgotten. May the Lord bless you all for your earnest and sincere prayers.

Wesley McCracken,
Mr. and Mrs. A. Pagles
and family. ltd&w

R. E. George who has been fighting the "flu" for several days is on the road to recovery.

W. C. McCarver, county clerk, is out of commission on account of falling a victim to the influenza. He is quite ill at his home on Sixth Street.

Do Not Get Careless With Your Blood Supply

Impurities Invite Disease.

You should pay particular heed to any indication that your blood supply is becoming sluggish, or that there is a lessening in its strong and vital force.

By keeping your blood purified, your system more easily wards off disease that is ever present, waiting to attack wherever there is an open-

ing. A few bottles of S. S. S., the great vegetable blood medicine, will revitalize your blood and give you new strength and a healthy, vigorous vitality. Everyone needs it just now to keep the system in perfect condition. Go to your drug store and get a bottle to-day, and if you need any medical advice, you can obtain it without cost by writing to Medical Director, Swift Specific Co., 25 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.

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BALLINGER LADY DIES IN CALIFORNIA

J. A. Street received a message Saturday announcing the death of his daughter, Mrs. Anderson, wife of J. L. Anderson. Mrs. Anderson died at her home in Modesta, California, Saturday, and was buried Sunday.

Mrs. Anderson is survived by an infant babe, the child having been born just before she died.

Deceased was born in this county and lived here all her life up to about one year ago, when she moved with her husband to California.

The bereaved relatives here have the sympathy of their friends in the sad hours caused by the death of their daughter which is made all the worse because they could not be with her or attend her funeral.

Mrs. Martha Palestine Hughes

Mrs. Martha Palestine Hughes, wife of L. M. Hughes, departed this life at her home three miles northeast of Ballinger at one o'clock Sunday afternoon, after an illness of several days. Death was due to influenza resulting in complication of other disease.

Deceased was 53 years, 6 months and 29 days old, and was the mother of a large family of children. She has lived for many years in this county, and for most of the time within a few miles of Ballinger. Besides the husband and large family of children there are other relatives to mourn her death, and to these the sorrowing hearts of their many friends go out to them in sympathy.

At two o'clock Monday afternoon the remains were laid to rest in the city cemetery, Rev. J. B. Curry conducting the funeral services.

MRS. EARL HARDGRAVE SUCCUMBS TO INFLUENZA

Mrs. Marie Lee Hardgrave of Sonora, wife of Earl W. Hardgrave, manager of the Sonora telephone company, died at Sonora Friday afternoon at five o'clock as a result of an attack of Spanish influenza. The body was brought to San Angelo Friday night and taken to the parlors of the Charles

A. Robinson Undertaking Company

Interment was made in Fairmount cemetery Saturday afternoon, the funeral party leaving the undertaking establishment at 3:00 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Montgomery, acting minister of the Church of Christ, conducting the services at the grave.

Mrs. Hardgrave was ill only four days. She is survived by her husband and two sons, aged three and one.—San Angelo Standard.

Earl Hardgrave was born in Ballinger and lived here until he was almost grown, moving to San Angelo with his mother and brother, Everette Hardgrave.

S. A. T. C. STUDENTS RECOVER FROM THE FLU.

The Howard Payne College at Brownwood reports that out of 121 cases of influenza in that college there were two deaths. 115 have recovered sufficiently to return to duty and four are still in the hospital. The greatest number of cases to develop in any one day was on October 8th when 25 new cases were sent to the hospital. The disease broke out on Oct. 4th in this college and 12 cases developed the first day, the second day, 22 the third day and from then on to Oct. 16th when only two cases developed and there has been no cases since.

901 CASES FLU IN SAN ANGELO

Ninety-three people in San Angelo were stricken with Spanish influenza during the period of about forty-two hours ending Monday at noon. This brought the total number of cases since October 10 to 901. Nine cases developed into pneumonia Saturday night, Sunday and up to noon Monday. Meningitis set in in one instance, and three deaths occurred.

Doctors expressed the opinion Monday that the rainy weather will serve to prevent the spread of the disease to some extent, as the dust has been settled. Then, too, people will remain closely at home. On the other hand, damp weather has increased the liability of pneumonia and may have an unfavorable effect upon the condition of people who are already ill.

Gauze masks were in considerable evidence down town Monday morning, many delivery boys and others who are in constant contact with the public wearing them in compliance with the request made by a special committee of the Red Cross.—San Angelo Standard

Mr. and Mrs. L. Jameson, were here from Talpa, Thursday, shopping and visiting relatives.

Ugh! Calomel Sickens; Salivates! Please Try Dodson's Liver Tone

I am sincere! My medicine does not upset liver and bowels so you lose a day's work.

Calomel loses you a day! You know what calomel is. It's mercury; quicksilver. Calomel is dangerous. It crashes into sour bile like dynamite, cramping and sickening you. Calomel attacks the bones and should never be put into your system.

When you feel bilious, sluggish, constipated and all knocked out and believe you need a dose of dangerous calomel just remember that your

druggist sells for a few cents a large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone, which is entirely vegetable and pleasant to take and is a perfect substitute for calomel. It is guaranteed to start your liver without stirring you up inside, and can not salivate.

Don't take calomel! It makes you sick the next day; it loses you a day's work. Dodson's Liver Tone straightens you right up and you feel great. Give it to the children as well.



MAKE YOUR ARRANGEMENTS W.S.S. PLEDGES ARE DUE!

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The Government Calls for the payment of Pledges

Peace or war that pledge to invest in United States Government War Savings Stamps is a binding obligation upon you. Arrange to meet your W. S. S. obligation by October 31. The Government further asks that you liquidate at this payment call the W. S. S. Pledges for November and December.

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LETTERS FROM BOYS OVER THERE

Dear Mother:

Ten of your letters came to day and I was so glad to get them I walked three miles to a Red Cross station after this paper to answer them.

On my way back from the Red Cross station I had to spend a-

bout thirty minutes in a ditch dodging German shells.

They were shelling the road and believe me, I wasn't the only one hunting cover.

Your letters always make me feel so good I want to answer them right away and they certainly make me want to be at home again, though I want to stay here until we have accomplished our purpose. I feel that every inch of ground we gain brings the time for our return a little nearer.

We have lost a few more boys out of our battalion since I wrote yesterday and it surely makes a fellow want to get even when the huns get his friends. They are paying heavy for the damage they do though and the prisoners I have talked to seem to think it will soon end.

If our men keep going I will have our radio station in Metz by the last of the week, if there is any of the town left. We are only a short ways from it now. You can hard-

ly imagine the immensity of a drive like this. The roads are congested with every imaginable thing and there is hardly room for a man to walk. Seems that there is enough soldiers pass every day to whip Germany and enough big guns to blow it off the face of the earth, though we are reminded every few minutes that there are a few on the other side also. What they will do with all this war material after the thing is over with is more than I can say.

Will write you just as often as I can rustle the paper to do so and I don't want you to worry about me when you fail to hear from me as I always take good care of myself. Don't have the blues and keep papa and mamma in good spirits. My letters are always intended for all of you, and I am looking forward to the time when I can be with you again.

Love to all,

Roy Reeder.

George Hull and son Roy are at home from the lower Rio Grande country, where they have been at work for some time.

E. L. Rasbury returned from Kansas, Thursday at noon, where he has been looking after cattle interest.

Miss Goldman returned to San Angelo where she is teaching, Thursday, after a visit to her mother.

BURN HIM UP THIS WEEK WITH W.S.S.



We have been called on to pay our War Savings Stamp Pledges between Oct. 24 and Oct. 31—Pay W.S.S. Pledge Week. Let's do our full duty and make good these pledges and buy additional War Savings Stamps for good measure. Remember our home boys who are so bravely fighting for us. We can't afford not to go over the top with a bound. Burn up the Kaiser this week by paying up.

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Make that W. S. S. cannon roar this week. Load it to the muzzle by paying your W. S. S. Pledge.

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The CALL for W.S.S. PAYMENT HAS COME!



Last Summer Uncle Sam Called on You for a Loan
He said:

*“I Have to Spend \$50,000,000 Every Day
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1,726,126 Texans Promised to Lend Him their Money and Take

United States War Savings Stamps

The Word of a Texan is as Good as His Bond

Uncle Sam Now Says:

*“Pay Up; I Need the Money Now! If You
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