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PRES. WILSON SAILED FOR PEACE MEET

New York, Dec. 4.—President Wilson and his peace party are on the high seas on their way to the peace conference.

The steamer George Washington, carrying the party over seas, passed Sandy Hook, and were headed for France at eleven-forty six this morning.

As the ship sailed from the American port storm warnings were displayed all along the coast.

New York gave the president a tremendous send off, great throngs cheering as the president's party passed through the city and sailed for France.

The George Washington is accompanied by the Dreadnaught Pennsylvania and fifteen destroyers. Ten of the destroyers will turn back after they accompany the ship out of danger of submarines, and a convoy will meet the party before they reach the submarine zone on the other side.

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

W. H. Brown came down from Winters Sunday, and went to Benoit where he is working for the railroad company.

J. M. Tindell of near Crews has moved on the N. J. Wardlaw place that he might be near the Ballinger school. His son who has been working at Plainview came in last week to attend school.

Mr. and Mrs. Holton, who have been at Wichita Falls for some time, came in last week and are making preparations to farm this year.

Mrs. E. O. Brown left Sunday for Winters where she goes to nurse a case.

South Ballinger has had quite a bit of sickness the last few weeks mostly flu. Those that have been down are: A. Pagle's family, the Wooten family, Henry Leach and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Eubanks. The most of them have recovered but Mr. Ed Eubanks, and he is still quite sick, but is improving.

Sterling Layton left Tuesday for Fort Worth, after having spent a few days with his parents, Colbert Layton is also spending a few days with his parents this week. He is in the U. S. Navy.

200 light dust and rain coats, for ladies, misses, men and boys for only \$2.23. Ladies winter coats worth \$32.50 for only \$22.50. Also 300 men's and boys dress and novelty hats at \$1.00 off regular selling price. These prices for Saturday and Monday.

A. J. ZAPPE d&wt

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Northington returned Tuesday afternoon from a visit to San Angelo.

Farm Agent Eaton To Remain At Ballinger

RUNNELS COUNTY NOW WITHOUT A FARM AGENT

Mr. Farmer, you can not take your troubles to your county commissioners.

If you want a permit to order a car of feed and get the benefit of the half freight rate, let's see you get it.

If you want some one to assist you in terracing your land, who are you going to call on?

If you want some one to come to your farm and advise you and help you combat some pesky insect which attacks your crop, call the police.

If you want the free services of a farm agent for a thousand and one other things, perhaps you can order one from some mail order house.

Don't come to Ballinger for the service of a farm agent. There is no such thing here. He is not essential to the welfare of the farmers of this county.

A farm agent is a useless and extravagant waste of the dear people's money.

The federal government is acting a fool and appropriating millions of dollars and exerting the best efforts of the most trained and skilled agricultural experts in the world, and all for naught. It is a waste of money.

The federal government had no business "buttin in" and trying to establish a farm agent in Ballinger. The farm agent has been here for nearly two years and has not earned his salt.

That forty-odd thousand dollars saved in freight rates by farmers would have been saved any way. By some hook or crook, or through the work of divine providence, or perhaps one of the county commissioners would have come in and devoted his time to the work just for the fun of the thing—patriotic you know, and this county would not have been burdened with the presence of a county agent. They are a nuisance any way.

Some of our good friends may take issue with us on this, but they are wrong—dead wrong. We know it, because three of the county commissioners said so, and so acted in the commissioners court room in the town of Ballinger, state of Texas, on December 3rd, 1918, A. D., at one-thirty o'clock p. m.

There were quite a number of substantial farmers from at least three precincts present, who did not agree with the commissioners,

and plead with them not to kill the only county officer which devotes all his time free to the interest of the farmers.

There was not a single farmer present to protest against employment of a farm agent.

The commissioners, or at least three of the, were "sot" in their ways, and they continued to "sot", not withstanding the appeals coming from men who had profited in dollars and cents appealed to them pitifully.

No, there is nothing doing in the farm agent line in this county, at least so long as the powers that be block the wheels of progress.

We believe, and hundreds of others believe, that if this question was put to a vote a great majority of the people would vote to retain the farm agent.

The commissioners court met here Monday to install the new county officers. The proposition to appropriate \$800 for a farm agent was again presented to the court.

The matter was postponed until Tuesday to allow the new commissioner Mr. Curry from Miles, to take his seat and have a voice in the matter. Mr. Curry came but he had no voice, at least he declined to use it when the motion was made to employ the farm agent.

Those favoring the farm agent knew how commissioners Smith and Meadows stood. It was known that they were dead "agin" the proposition. The people also knew how Bob Kirk stood. They knew that he was for the farm agent first, last and all the time. County Judge Parish was also known to be favorable to the proposition, but he had no voice unless there was a tie vote. Mr. Curry was the hope of the farmers who were eager to save their farm agent. If he had voted with Kirk the judge would have cast the deciding vote and the farm agent would have remained on the job.

At the above hour commissioner Kirk made the motion. The other three commissioners were as dumb as a dead oyster. After a silence which accompanies all death scenes, Judge Parish announced that Mr. Kirk's motion was dead for the want of a second, and that the farm agent in this county was also dead.

This end is not yet. Those who opposed the proposition will live to see the error of their way, and regret that they blocked so important a work in this, one of the best counties in Texas.

J. F. Hudson, J. G. Ensor and W. T. Lacy, of Wingate, were here on business Wednesday. "Do you know where I can find Mr. Eaton?" said Mr. Hudson, as we met him on the streets coming from the farm agent office.

"Nothing doing" was our reply. "for the commissioners court 'fired' the farm agent yesterday, and this county has no such man." "Well, I wanted to get a permit to get half rate on a shipment of feed," said Mr. Hudson, "as we have ordered three ears, one ear of oats and two ears of hay."

Mr. Eaton left Ballinger early Wednesday morning as his work as farm agent had closed here. After a short vacation he will resume his duties as district agent, with headquarters at Ballinger.

Messrs Hudson and Ensor were considerably put out over their failure to get the benefit of the half freight rate on feed shipments, and both expressed themselves, as favoring the farm agent notwithstanding that they both reside in commissioner Smith's precinct, where Mr. Smith says

D. F. Eaton, Ballinger, Texas

Will you accept Assistant District Agent position for your present territory, effective immediately, headquarters Ballinger. Position may expire June 13th and may continue longer. Wire reply. PAYNE

And thus the United States government is not to be outdone by a commissioners court.

Mr. Eaton wired District State Agent his acceptance and is now on the job.

The above telegram came in reply to a telegram Mr. Eaton sent to College Station reporting the action of the commissioners court here.

Mr. Eaton has not made known just what his duties as district agent are, but it is known that he can not serve the farmers of this county as well in that capacity as a county agent could do. As his work no doubt extends over a much larger territory.

We venture the prediction that before the year is far gone, this county will have a farm agent, and the county will be paying their part of the salary. The people are going to demand it.

the people are opposed to a farm agent. Both of the gentlemen stated that they had signed a petition asking the commissioners court to employ a farm agent.

In his final report, made in closing up his work in this county, preparatory to being transferred to some other county, Farm Demonstrator Eaton shows what he has saved in dollars and cents for the farmers of this county. These are not off figures and can be verified by the records in the freight office.

He also shows the character of work he has been doing, and all without cost to the farmers he has been serving.

For instance his report shows that he has terraced land on seventy different farms in the county, dry land farms, total more than 7,700 acres. This does not include terracing and lateral work done on irrigated farms.

He has saved to farmers in seed exchange \$1,242.

Seed furnished by the department of agriculture through the local agent amounted to more than \$1,400.

His report shows a saving on feed purchases, not including the half rate \$25,099. This saving was made possible by co-operating and otherwise.

His report shows that a saving was made on feed purchases including the half freight rate amounted to \$44,582.30.

His report shows that loans to farmers for purchasing seed wheat were made amounted to \$16,207.

His report shows that every individual who applied to his office for work had been placed in touch of a good position at good wages.

His report shows that he had traveled by rail in prosecuting his work 1986 miles, and by auto 7,000 miles.

His report shows that he granted half rate freight certificates for 300 ear loads of feed for the farmers and stockmen of this county.

Two ear loads of seed wheat were ordered for the farmers through the co-operative plan and secured at actual cost.

Mr. Eaton superintended the buying and distribution of four ear loads of seed oats for the farmers, and saved for the farmers on the 9,000 bushels of oats \$1,800.

Mr. Eaton superintended the buying and distribution of four ears of alfalfa on a half freight rate basis, making a saving of \$8 per ton on fifty tons.

All this and the commissioners' court declines to continue the work here by co-operating with the federal government and putting up the county's part of the salary.

College, Station, Dec. 3rd,

REPUBLICAN EMBARASS

PRES. WILSON

Washington, Dec. 3.—Representative Mann, republican leader in the House, came out flatly against a resolution introduced to install Vice President Marshall in the White House during Mr. Wilson's absence. Mr. Mann went further and declared himself wholly out of sympathy with the attempt to embarrass President Wilson while he is on the peace mission, and appealed to his followers to hands off of the administration.

LIEUT. HAVENHILL SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

Lieut. Haley Havenhill was seriously wounded in France on Oct. 27th. This news came from the war department in an official telegram to the mother of Lieut. Havenhill, Mrs. W. M. Havenhill, at Winters early Wednesday morning.

Lieut. Havenhill attended the first officers training school at Leon Springs and received his commission. He was among the first troops to go across and participated in the American offensive for several days before he was wounded.

U. S. Havenhill, a brother of the wounded man, is also in France, and has not been heard from in nearly three months. U. S. Spent several weeks in Ballinger training under Capt. Cohen before he was inducted into service, and was in charge of a large increment of men sent to the army camp from Ballinger.

The father of the two boys was in Ballinger last Saturday, and stated that he was uneasy about his sons as he had not heard from them in about three months.

REVENUE COLLECTOR HERE

Carleton Ahlby of Austin came in today and will remain a few days in the interest of The Internal Revenue Department. Mr. Ahlby is traveling out of Austin and makes investigations as to reports filed for the payment of the Internal Revenue Tax. He was here some weeks ago making an investigation and found quite a few who did not file any report or pay any tax, but those reported on and otherwise.

There is a heavy penalty attached to the failure to make this report and those who failed to do so should at once report to him and show cause.

WILL VISIT PLAINSVIEW

Dr. T. A. Rape and wife will shortly leave for Plainsview where they will remain indefinitely. Mrs. Hal Avent, who was formerly Miss Maud Rape resides there and Dr. and Mrs. Rape will visit them for awhile and then prospect in the Panhandle.

Edwin Meadows returned from Jacksonville, Tenn., Wednesday at noon, where he had been for the past several weeks, working in the government powder plant.

J. T. Snellgrove, of Norton was here Wednesday, squaring up with the government by paying his taxes, and also squared himself with the Ledger for another year.

Mrs. H. E. Browder and children returned Wednesday at noon, from Cedar Hill, and other places, where they have been since early in the fall. Mr. Browder came home two or three weeks ago, coming through the country.

HILL COUNTY MOB AFTER

NEGRO RAPIST

Waco, Dec. 3.—Bragg Williams, a negro, was spirited away from here today when the officials were notified that a mob was forming at Itasca to come here and lynch the negro.

The negro made a confession, telling that he murdered Mrs. George Wells and baby son at Itasca yesterday.

The negro was brought here for safe keeping last night, after he was captured by officers following the discovery of the murder.

WAR CABINET UNANIMOUS TO GET KAISER

Liverpool, Dec. 3.—Attorney General Smith declared today that the War Cabinet had decided unanimously to demand the extradition of the ex-kaiser. This brings on more talk, and Holland will be forced to give up their guest.

CAPT COHEN CALLS CAVALRY MEETING

Camp Stanley, Dec. 1st. Dear Sledge:

Will you please put a notice in your paper notifying all members of Troop I Third Regiment, to attend a very important meeting at the armory Thursday, December, 12th at 7:30, by order of Loui Cohen, Capt. Troop I, 3rd Regiment.

We boys are coming home Sunday December 8th. Thanks.

NAVY BUYS ALL MARCONI STATIONS

Washington, Dec. 4.—All of the Marconi radio stations in America, except four high power plants, have been bought by the United States navy department, it was officially learned today. The navy also bought the high Sayville wireless station from alien property custodians.

UNION OF CHURCHES UNDER DISCUSSION

Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—Organic union of the Evangelical churches in America is being discussed by more than 100 representatives of 10 Protestant denominations, meeting here today.

The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. made the proposal that brought the churchmen together. The present meeting is to last 3 days, and will consider plans to unite the 10 denominations in one federal church.

These churches sent delegates: Presbyterian Church U. S. A., Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S., Reformed Church in the U. S., United Presbyterian Church of North America, Methodist Episcopal Church, Congregational Churches, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical Synod of North America, Moravian Church in America,

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The Banner-Ledger and the Comanche County Ledger were consolidated January 28, 1913.

We wish to congratulate the people of San Angelo for outlawing the saloons. Those who voted for the saloons to open did so perhaps through force of habit.

Farmers living in Commissioners Curry, Smith and Meadows precincts will no doubt feel a delicacy in calling on District Farm Agent Eaton now, since their Commissioners have declared the work a waste of money, but Mr. Eaton will show no favors and serve all alike. It will be cruel to do otherwise.

Road drags in this county are working over time, and they should be. The time to make hay is when the sun shines, and the time to make roads is before the sun shines too long.

The home in which food saving rules are enforced is the home where the members are healthy and enjoy life the most. There is no place in America for a glutton, and a man can not be a glutton and be a good American.

Commissioner Kirk proposes to pay one-half of the Farm Agent's salary out of the tax money of his precinct, leaving only four hundred dollars for the other three precincts to pay, if such thing could be done, but the funds could not be so divided.

Egg Scrambling Eggs are selling today at the highest price ever known in this county.

200 light dust and rain coats, for ladies, misses, men and boys for only \$2.25. Ladies winter coats worth \$32.50 for only \$22.50.

Announcements reached Ballinger friends, and relatives of this city today telling of the arrival on November 29th of a girl to bless and brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wilke of Lamar, Colorado.

For Croup Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is splendid for croup. Mrs. Edward Hassett, Frankfort, N. Y.

It is now constable, J. A. DeMerville, if you please. It will be remembered that W. A. Breedlove was the nominee at the July Democratic primary, but moved to Amarillo, thus leaving a vacancy.

Stomach Trouble "Before I used Chamberlain's Tablets I doctored a great deal for stomach trouble and felt nervous and tired all the time. These tablets helped me from the first, and inside of a week's time I had improved in every way," writes Mrs. L. A. Drinkard, Jefferson City, Mo.

ROBERT S. LOVETT BEING CONSIDERED

Washington, Nov. 3.—President Wilson did not leave Washington tonight and the assumption was that he would depart sometime tomorrow for New York where he will board the liner George Washington, on which he and the other members of the American peace delegation will make the voyage to France.

After addressing congress today, the president devoted his time to clearing away executive affairs in preparation for his trip. He walked from the White House to the office of the federal trade commission for a brief conference with Chairman William B. Colver.

Inquirers were assured today that it was the president's purpose to name a secretary of the treasury and director general of the railroads before he departs for Europe. Tonight the president had a second conference with Mr. McAdoo at the secretary's home, at which Mr. McAdoo's successors were discussed and an announcement of both appointments was expected tomorrow.

In many quarters it is now regarded as almost certain that the president will select a new director general to succeed Mr. McAdoo from the present railroad administration staff and Robert S. Lovett, director of capital expenditures is known to be under consideration.

Mr. Lovett, a native of Texas, was director of priorities for the war industries board before he became a member of Director General McAdoo's staff and before the war had been chairman of the executive committee of the Union Pacific for a number of years.

It's Too Important—Don't Wait Till After Christmas

Our students are with us from many different states and the majority of them do not go home for the holidays owing to the great distance therefore we teach right through the holidays. The sooner you enter, the sooner you will be holding a good position.

Every student gets individual instruction; he is not held back by slow students, or crowded too fast by bright ones; he goes just as fast as his ability will permit.

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TEXAS PHYSICIAN DECLARES TANLAC IS WITHOUT EQUAL

Says It's Best Reconstructive Tonic To Be Had For Building Up Influenza Patients

The following letter from Dr. J. W. Sandlin one of the most prominent physicians of Southern Texas, was recently received at the Tanlac office and gives indisputable evidence as to the value of Tanlac as a reconstructive tonic for persons who are recuperating from the after effects of Spanish Influenza. His letter follows:

Humble, Texas, Nov. 5, 1918. "Dear Sir:—Just a few lines in reference to Tanlac. I have found your preparation to be a wonderful reconstructive tonic, and in my opinion it has no equal in its line. I have found it to be the best tonic to be had to build up my patients who have had Spanish influenza. I have treated within the past month about fourteen hundred cases, and have never been able to get sufficient Tanlac to supply our people.

"Yours very truly, (Signed) Dr. J. W. Sandlin" Dr. Sandlin not only enjoys a very large practice as a physician, but he is also a man of wide influence and rank as a leading citizen of the enterprising little city of Humble, Texas.

As a practicing physician of sixteen years experience Dr. Sandlin was quick to recognize the superior tonic properties of Tanlac over other remedies and unhesitatingly and voluntarily gave Tanlac his unqualified indorsement.

Tanlac is sold in Ballinger by Weeks Drug Store.

PLOT TO RESTORE EMPEROR IS FOUND

London, Dec. 2.—A plot to restore imperialism and secure the return of Emperor William I, has been discovered in Berlin, according to dispatch from Amsterdam to the Express.

According to the dispatch which was filed at Amsterdam on Monday, the chief men behind the plot were Field Marshal von Mackensen, General von Bon and General Count Sixt von Arnim. It is said that they instructed the Prussian officers corps to carry on a pro-emperor agitation, beginning immediately after the demobilization of the troops was completed. Large sums of money are said to have been placed at the disposal of the leaders by munition makers.

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Lieut. Dr. Gustav Krapp von Behlen is said to have been in control of the financial arrangements. Field Marshal von Mackensen is said to have attempted to induce Field Marshal von Hindenburg to join, but the latter refused, saying that he intended to retire after the demobilization of the army.

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Otto Ocker, of Rowena Route 1, was here Monday and dropped in to renew acquaintance.

A. P. Serrett says, "I don't want to miss a copy of your paper, hence the money to keep it coming."

WINTERS MAN WINS A \$2,500 PRIZE

Winters to the front again and this time in a way that will attract nation-wide attention.

The way we got in the lime light this time comes about in this way:

A few months ago the Community Millers' Association of America made the announcement that through their efforts prizes would be given to the three millers in the entire United States showing the largest increase in acreage in wheat tributary to their mill.

When C. L. Green read the announcement he promptly "got in the game" and began selling seed wheat and keeping a record of the number of acres to be planted by each farmer buying seed of him.

Well, the results were announced last week and Mr. Green received telegraphic notice from the Community Millers Association that he had won second prize.

And the prize is one well worth the effort—a 25 barrel mill, selling at \$2,500, together with a silver medal. Furthermore the mill itself is to be trimmed in silver as lasting remainder of its source.

The first prize was a 50 barrel mill but nothing is known here as yet who won first place.

Mr. Green sold seed wheat that represented 17,000 acres, and says that had the contest continued until the fifteenth instead of closing the first of November he is sure he would have won first premium as his sales on the latter date represented more than 20,000 acres.—Winters Enterprise.

Few Escape

There are few indeed who escape having at least one cold during the winter months, and they are fortunate who have but one and get through with it quickly and without any serious consequences. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and observe the directions with each bottle, and you are likely to be one of the fortunate ones. The worth and merit of this remedy has been fully proven. There are many families who have always used it for years when troubled with a cough or cold, and with the very best results.

Commissioner Craft stepped down and out and again becomes a private citizen of Miles, after serving his precinct as county commissioner for six or eight years. It is now Commissioner Curry, of Miles.

Mrs. L. H. Bacon, ex-deputy District Clerk, will office just across the hall in the second door from the District Clerks office, and will engage in some kind of clerical work, and assist the District Clerk in rush times.

Mrs. A. K. Doss has been quite ill the past several days with the grippe, and is yet very sick but we hope she will soon recover her normal health.

Rodrick and Felton Curry, sons of Rev. J. B. Curry, spent two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Curry while their father and mother were absent from the city attending the Central Texas Conference.

E. C. Henniger, of the Hatchel country, was among the pleasant callers at The Ledger office Monday.

FOR SALE—Hogs, Sows, Pigs, and shoats by J. S. Cotton on W. W. Farmers farm. Phone 7112. 647x ad.

BUSINESS FIRMS ON SOUND BASIS

Business changes scheduled for the New Year are either being kept on the quiet or there will be few changes made. The New Year promises to begin with all firms in this city holding their own and doing a pretty good business at the same old stand.

The drought and complete crop failure and financial reverses have hit hard, and while the 12 month period through which we have just passed has left its ear mark upon the town and country, there has not been a single business failure in this city, and only one or two business houses have voluntarily closed and suspended business.

The merchants have looked a head and by hedging have been able to stay on the commercial map, and with the present prospects for agricultural success, credit is being extended on a more liberal scale, and confidence renewed.

This is comparatively a new country, and while many farmers were operating on a close margin, having come here and purchased land, making small cash payments, and investing heavy in improvements, they have been able to tide over, and one good crop year will place them on easy street. Such a jolt as this country has experienced would have proven fatal to the older countries which have long since been worn thread bare, and must depend on each year taking care of itself.

BELL COUNTY FAMILY MOVES HERE

W. R. Sumpter and family, of Bell County, have moved to Ballinger and will live on the Thomas C. Hall ranch about three miles north of Ballinger on the Crews road. Mr. Hall was here to his week looking after his property interest and returned home Tuesday afternoon. We are glad to have this family and regret we can't induce Mr. Hall to move to Ballinger. Maybe he will when Ballinger becomes the center of the big oil field.

R. P. Kirk is having repairs made on his home on 8th Street, which adds much to the convenience and comfort of his home.

THE NEW CALOMEL FINE FOR COLDS AND GRIPPE

Calotabs, the New Nauseless Calomel, Breaks Up a Severe Cold Overnight

Physicians and druggists have at last found a quick and dependable remedy for colds, influenza and grippe. One Calotab on the tongue at bed time with a swallow of water—that's all. Next morning your cold has vanished and your liver and entire system are purified and refreshed without the slightest unpleasantness or interference with appetite, diet or work.

Doctors have always contended that calomel is the best medicine for colds, bronchitis and la grippe and the finest medicine to be given in pneumonia and acute fevers. The new calomel, Calotabs, is purified and refined from all of the sickening and dangerous effects and with the medicinal virtues vastly improved.

Calotabs are sold only in original sealed packages, price 35c. Your druggist recommends and guarantees them and will refund your money if you are not delighted.

Upon investigating Prof. E. L. Hagen, as to his future he stated to a reported of this paper that he would not remain idle long, but would not say as to what line of work he expected to engage in.

H. Giesecke, H. M. Josey and Dr. S. B. Raby are in the Junction country this week on a turkey hunt. They left here Monday morning, and will be gone all the week.

Elmo Smith, a prominent stock farmer of Kearnes, Texas, is here visiting his uncle, Judge M. C. Smith and family. Mr. Smith made his home here with his uncle in the early days of Ballinger and attended the Ballinger schools.

Mrs. Chas. S. Miller returned from Austin, Tuesday, where she went to be with her daughter who were ill. Miss Zelma, one of the daughters, returned home with her mother. Miss Miller recovered and has resumed school work at Austin.

THE Seal of Public APPROVAL THE First National Bank OF BALLINGER TEXAS ESTAB. 1886

NIAGARA started in business as a dinky little river but she kept on and swept on until she came to a place where she saw her chance to do something big—and she did it!—Herbert Kaufman. YOU can start a bank account with a single dollar. You will have your chance some day—sometime to do something big—with your accumulated money you can do it. FARMERS & MERCHANTS BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS

CALLED HER FAMILY TO HER BEDSIDE

Six Years Ago, Thinking She Might Die, Says Texas Lady, But Now She Is a Well, Strong Woman and Praises Cardui For Her Recovery.

Royso City, Tex.—Mrs. Mary Kilman, of this place, says: "After the birth of my little girl...my side commenced to hurt me. I had to go to bed. We called the doctor. He treated me...but I got no better. I got worse and worse until the misery was unbearable...I was in bed for three months and suffered such agony that I was just drawn up in a knot... I told my husband if he would get me a bottle of Cardui I would try it. I commenced taking it, however, that evening I called my family about me... for I knew I could not last many days unless I had a change for

the better. That was six years ago and I am still here and am a well, strong woman, and I owe my life to Cardui. I had only taken half the bottle when I began to feel better. The misery in my side got less... I continued right on taking the Cardui until I had taken three bottles and I did not need any more for I was well and never felt better in my life... I have never had any trouble from that day to this."

Do you suffer from headache, back ache, pains in sides, or other discomforts, each month? Or do you feel weak, nervous and fagged-out? If so, give Cardui, the woman's tonic, a trial. J. 71

THE KAISER OFFICIAL RENOUNCES

Amsterdam, Nov. 30.—Wilhelm has signed a document which definitely announces his abdication. The document renounces all claims to the thrones of Germany and Prussia, and releases all officials from their oath of allegiance. This information was received here today in dispatches from Berlin.

M. L. Laten came in from Dallas and Fort Worth, Saturday, where he has been at work.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder for kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, cures weak and lame back, rheumatism, and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggist.

ROADS ARE ROTTEN

It was a small crowd here Saturday as compared with the usual Saturday afternoons. Instead of the streets being lined with autos there was a few buggies, a wagon or two and a few horse backers on the streets. The small crowd was due to the condition of the public roads. The roads are rotten. The week of wet weather with a big snow soaking in by degress made the roads a regular quagmire in places, and people who have been trying to travel by autos have been having some sad experiences and say it will take several days sunshine to make auto travel possible.

This is not as it should be. It should be no further to town from a country man's home than it is to the public road. Public roads should be made to travel on in wet weather just the same as dry weather, and until they are made so, this county can't get in the good roads class.

MORE NEWS FROM BALLINGER BOYS

Mrs. Sam Behringer received a letter from her husband, who writes from France that he is safe but had been in the hospital for thirty three days. Sam was not wounded, but it is presumed that he had pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jeanes received a letter from their son Carl in which he writes that he is safe and well. It is believed that the worst is over, and that the news from now on will be good news, and it will not be long before the boys will be coming home.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears the Signature of *Dr. H. H. Wills*

W. A. and T. F. Bridwell returned Saturday at noon, from Nacodoches, where they went a week ago to attend the funeral of their brother in law, who died with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cameron came in from Brown county Saturday. Mrs. Cameron has been visiting in Zephyr while Mr. Cameron was in Oklahoma.

John Chaillet returned to his home at Brownwood, Friday, after a visit to his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Freeman. Mrs. Freeman and children accompanied him home.

MANY LEAKY STORES

The business houses in Ballinger were not built to turn snow storms like the one the country is now experiencing. The water has been finding its way through practically every store in town, as the snow melts. The snow drifted up behind the flashing of the roofs and banked in such a way as to cause water to run up hill when the snow began to melt.

GREAT HOMECOMING WELL UNDERWAY

There is time for rejoicing. While many hearts were made sad and the local Santa Fe station was a scene of much weeping during the departure of soldiers from this place, the weeping has changed to joy and the local station is now the scene of much rejoicing. Almost every train coming in to Ballinger brings home some soldier boy, and in most cases they are coming home to stay. Those coming home now represent the boys in army camps in America. These are being released very rapidly, and by the end of the year the camps will be almost if not quite deserted, and the men who have not gone to Europe will be at home to spend the holidays with loved ones. That is something to rejoice about. 18,000 American soldiers who have been in England are en route home. The first transports bringing these men are due to arrive in New York Saturday or Sunday. Others will follow in rapid order, and as fast as transports can bring them.

700,000 men in France are being mobilized at embarkment stations and will start back to America before Christmas. They will be discharged as fast as the military machinery can do the work.

DON'T SCOLD, MOTHERS! THE CROSS CHILD IS BILIOUS, FEVERISH

If cross, feverish, sick, bilious, clean little liver and bowels

A laxative today saves a sick child tomorrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour. Look at the tongue. Mother! If coated or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailments, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleansing" is oftentimes all that is necessary. It should be the first treatment given in any sickness.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrup. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

SON CABLES THAT HE ESCAPED RUN BULLETS

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Guin of Hatcher received a cablegram from their son, Scott, Wednesday, stating that he was safe and well. Scott was a member of the 36th Texas Division, the division which went over the top several times, lost many of their men and put Texas on the map in Europe.

R. T. Williams, county food administrator, returned from Houston Wednesday at noon, where he attended a state meeting.

Joe Blagg came in from Camp Travis Wednesday at noon, and joined his wife here. Mr. Blagg has been in training for overseas service at Camp Travis, but received his discharge, as his company had not completed their training. After a few days here he and his wife will probably return to Brownwood, where Mr. Blagg held a position in a bank when he was inducted into service. Mrs. Blagg has been here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Wilmoth, since Mr. Blagg left for the army.

Grady Herring came in from Waco, Thursday at noon. He has been attending a business college at Waco.

Mrs. J. E. Bateman returned to her home at Brownwood Friday afternoon after a visit to Mrs. D. M. Baker.

THE FARMER MUST HAVE RUGGED HEALTH

Many Break Downs and Failures Due to Exposure and Hard Work



Catarrh in Some of It's Many Forms Claims Thousands

Every farm family has its medicine cabinet and in almost every one will be found a bottle of Dr. Hartman's World Famous Peruna. For coughs, colds and catarrh it is invaluable. Its use is indicated in all cases of catarrhal inflammation and congestion whether of respiratory organs, stomach, bowels or other organs of the body.

Mr. W. J. Temple of 300 Lincoln Ave., Delaware, Ohio, suffered for years with inflammation of the mucous linings of the stomach and bowels. According to his own story he did not eat a meal for five years without distress. He says: "I am a farmer and must be exposed to all kinds of weather. After years of suffering, a druggist recommended Peruna. I took all together five bottles and am a well man. Formerly, I could not do a day's work. Now, farm work does not fatigue me in the least. Peruna is the best medicine and tonic on the market. Time only strengthens my admiration for it, especially for catarrh and colds."

Peruna is sold everywhere. You may buy it in either liquid or tablet form. Ask for Dr. Hartman's Well Known Peruna Tonic and if you are seeking health take nothing else, insist upon Peruna.

If you are sick and suffering, write The Peruna Company, Dept. 77, Columbus, Ohio, for Dr. Hartman's Health Book. The book is free and may help you. Ask your dealer for a Peruna Almanac.

ANGELO SOCIAL CLUB MAY CLOSE

The San Angelo Club, which has been the center of much of the social activity of the Southwest for the past thirty years and more, may decide to suspend operations at the close of the present year until the members who are in the army return to town and the social activities of the city resume their old-time swing.

The club which for many years occupied the second floor of the Baker-Hemphill building has since the first of the present year had handsomely fitted up rooms on the seventh floor of the St. Angelus hotel, which it occupies under a one year lease, with an option to renew the lease for another year.

Upwards of thirty stars now appear on the club's service flag, and the men whom the stars represent were among the most active of the club's members. While they are in the army, incidentally, their dues are suspended, and the club's revenues are accordingly depleted by reason of their absence.—San Angelo Standard.

Feb McWilliams returned home from a business trip east Thursday at noon.

Lewin McWilliams has been released from army duty and returned home on Thanksgiving day. He volunteered for service several months ago and has been stationed at Camp Travis.

In a letter to his boys, Rev. J. B. Curry writes from Mansfield, Texas, that he was sick. Rev. Curry went to Mansfield to visit after conference closed at Mineral Well. He is expected home this week.

Miss Bernice Smith came down from San Angelo, Wednesday afternoon, and is the guest of the Duose families.

The Strong Withstand the Winter Cold Better Than the Weak
You must have Health, Strength and Endurance to fight Colds, Grip and Influenza.
When your blood is not in a healthy condition and does not circulate properly, your system is unable to withstand the Winter cold.

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC
Fortifies the System Against Colds, Grip and Influenza by Purifying and Enriching the Blood.
It contains the well-known tonic properties of Quinine and Iron in a form acceptable to the most delicate stomach, and is pleasant to take. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c.

Mrs. A. O. Bartlett went to Brownwood Wednesday afternoon to spend Thanksgiving with relatives.

TO OFFER SOLDIERS QUICK EMPLOYMENT

San Antonio, Nov. 29.—With a view to lending every possible aid to the American soldiers as they are released from the military service, Secretary of Labor Wilson has instructed Federal Director H. W. Lewis, to send representatives of the United States Employment Service to all of the army camps in Texas. The released soldiers will be advised of the needs of the various industries throughout the state and nation, and when possible the soldiers will be placed by the employment service. All of the men will be offered the facilities of the free employment service of the Federal Government and it is expected that many will take advantage of the opportunity to register with the service.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAGNOSIS HEADLINE Medical Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Pills for Biliousness, Indigestion, Constipation, Headache, and all the ailments of the bowels. They are the only pills that give relief without pain.

AFTER JITNEY TAXES

W. B. Matthews, revenue collector, spent a couple of days here this week checking up the jitney drivers and getting the government's part of the cash. Under the revenue law service cars are required to pay eight per cent on all cash they take in where they make trips in competition to the railroads, as such trips knocks the government out of the eight per cent required on railroad fares.

FAMILY IN DISTRESS GETS MONEY FROM HOME

A woman and two or three daughters, by the name of Jones, became stranded here this week, waiting money from home, and steps were well under way to furnish the necessary money to take them to their home, or to where they could get work, when they received money by wire and left on the afternoon train Tuesday.

SUGAR NOTICE

It is no longer necessary for the merchants to have certificates to buy sugar or to keep record of sales. You are asked to sell not over a 15 days supply at one time and consumers are asked not to use exceeding 4 pounds per month per person.

R. T. Williams, Food Administrator.



Kitchen Needs

ANYTHING and everything you might need for the kitchen can be found here at reasonable prices.

Cleaning powders, soaps for all purposes, scrubbing brushes, brooms, pans, cooking utensils, etc. Just say what you want and we can supply it.

We Help Make Kitchen Work Easier

By stock the latest and most improved kitchen utensils of all kinds and the most effective cleaning preparations, we help our customers lighten their work. Come in often and look over our stock.

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The government now permit you to build any building you want regardless of cost without permit. But remember all the world is starting to build and there is no great surplus of building materials. 750,000 houses in little England alone is going to call for materials from this country; devastated France, ruined Belgium, Italy, Russia—a whole world wants the same materials you want for that house or barn. Now, today we are going to be able to help you build, but with a demand ahead of beyond human mind to comprehend, there's no telling when that world demand is going to pass the possible sources of supply and then someone is going to be cut off. We want to impress on you with all the force we can that now is the time to get busy with your building. This is not for the purpose of searing you into building, but are the facts as the best authorities see them. Decide on your plans and make arrangements for your material while we yet have a complete, well seasoned stock. This is the only way you can be sure.

Wm. Cameron & Co., Inc.

HEALTH TALKS

Spanish Influenza or Grip
By Dr. Lee H. Smith

An old enemy is with us again, and whether we fight a German or a germ, we must put up a good fight, and not be afraid. The influenza runs a very brief course when the patient is careful, and if we keep the system in good condition and throw off the poisons which tend to accumulate within our bodies, we can escape the disease. Remember these three C's—a clean mouth, a clean skin, and a clean bowel. To carry off poisons from the system and keep the bowels loose, daily doses of a pleasant laxative should be taken. Such a one is made of May-apple, leaves of aloe, root of jalap, and called Dr. Peirce's Pleasant Pellets. Hot lemonade should be used freely if attacked by a cold, and the patient should be put to bed after a hot mustard foot-bath.

To prevent the attack of bronchitis or pneumonia and to control the pain, Anuric tablets should be obtained at the drug store, and one given every two hours with lemonade. The Anuric tablets were first discovered by Dr. Pierce, and, as they flush the bladder and cleanse the kidneys, they carry away much of the poisons and the uric acid.

It is important that broths, milk, buttermilk, ice-cream and simple diet be given regularly to strengthen the system and increase the vital resistance. The fever is diminished by the use of the Anuric tablets, but in addition, the forehead, arms and hands may be bathed with tepid water in which a tablespoonful of salaratus has been dissolved in a quart. After an attack of the grip or pneumonia to build up and strengthen the system, obtain at the drug store a good iron tonic, called "Irontic" Tablets, or that well known herbal tonic Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

HINDENBURG OVERTHROW THREATENED

Copenhagen, Dec. 4.—Dispatches received here reports further serious trouble in Germany. The Leigsig's Soldiers' council have decided to arrest Gen. von Hindenburg and dissolve the general's headquarters, according to the dispatches.

16 ROAD DRAGS IN THIS PRECINCT

Commissioner Kirk ventured the assertion Wednesday, that he had more road drags at work in his precinct than in any other precinct in Central West Texas. According to Ben Smith, road boss of this precinct, sixteen road drags have been operating on full time ever since the roads began to dry after the snow.

Mr. Kirk announced that joy riders could find fifty miles good roads south of Ballinger, the roads to the county line south having been made smooth with drags, while the Wingate road, the Winters road, the Crews road were all undergoing constant dragging to the precinct line, since the snow.

The road through South Ballinger, leading from the Colorado river bridge, has been temperately repaired to serve until the contract is let for building a permanent highway over that route. The plans are waiting the approval of the state highway commission and the contract for building the road will be awarded as soon as possible.

The work now being done all comes out of the special road tax, and regular road tax fund. The bond issue money, of the appropriation from the state and federal highway departments have not been checked on and will not be until plans and specifications are approved and contracts awarded and the work put under way.

The public has suffered long, but everything indicates that suffering caused from bad roads in Ballinger precinct is fast drawing to an end. With the small means in hands Commissioner Kirk has accomplished much, and with the bond issue money and the state and federal aid available, the road problem in this precinct promises to be settled and settled right at last.

Mr. Kirk is a good roads crank, and the people are to be congratulated for having him on the job when there is such a demand for good roads.

FOOD MEETING ATTRACTS CROWD

The war is over but the food saving campaign continues with interest. Returning from the State War Relief Conservation meeting at Houston, Texas, Food administrator Williams called a mass meeting at Ballinger Tuesday

The meeting was held at the court house, the business houses closed and the court room was filled to overflowing, many people occupying seats on the balcony and many standing in the hall.

The meeting was called for the purpose of bringing the people face to face with the great demand being made upon America for food by millions of starving people in Europe.

A. W. Sledge, who had been requested by the administrator to act as chairman, called the meeting to order and read Administrator Hoover's message to the American people. The large crowd sang America, Dr. J. H. King offered the invocation, and the people listened with intense interest at the report of the state meeting and the address delivered by food administrator Williams. Mr. Williams spoke in part as follows:

There never has been a time, when it was not a great honor to be a citizen of the U. S. It is a greater honor today than ever before, no Nation has ever before been called upon, or looked to, to feed such a multitude of starving humanity as we are now called on to do.

All honor to Belgium, France and England, they have fought a good fight, and I would not attempt to take a single honor from them.

But today the eyes of the world are turned to America, the war is over and our allies have won a victory not only for our own country, and those who fought side by side with our own dear boys, but a victory for all humanity and for all time to come, a victory that will have much to do with the future welfare of our own children and our children's children until time shall be no more. What an honor and privilege it has been to each of us who have contributed in any way to this splendid accomplishment. We are glad that we did not neglect our duty when the call came. Oh! that I might today write in the firmament of Heaven the names of every one of our brave boys who have paid the supreme price. May we never forget for one minute to honor them.

You my friends have responded nobly to every call of your government—now a big chance comes in our program, we turn from war work to the call for world relief. 180 million people in hungry lands, look to America for food which no other people can give them.

The cry for food comes to us, of not merely thousands, but millions of crushed bleeding, starving and dying people, old men, women and children, who are in no way responsible for the cruel war of four years and more.

During the war our slogan was: "Food will win the War"—today it is—"Food will win the world" the big guns on the western front have ceased to send forth gas, shot and shell, but our work is not over.

A few days ago Mr. Hoover, said: "There are now in northern Russia alone some 40 million of semi-starving people, 10 millions of whom in all probability perish and die this winter for want of food and clothing." A similar cry, comes from poor bleeding Belgium, from northern France, Poland, Roumania, Armenia, Persia and the Holy Land, where the Turk in all his cruelty has held sway for so long. These persecuted people, these weeping women, and crying children, these bent and broken old men, call to us in their despair. It is a fight against famine—and famine is the forerunner of anarchy, in many lands now it is a question of bread or Bolsheviki.

It is up to America to save the situation until next harvest and Rannels County has her part to play.

Mr. Hoover is in Europe studying the situation and working out plans, we are unable to say at this time just what this program will be, but we do know, that it will include and stress the maximum production of food, feed crops and fats, together with rigid conservation and careful avoidance of all wastefulness. With Europe so hungry, it is a sin almost criminal to waste food.

America seeks the good will of all nations, as Germany aimed to be feared of all. The new world to be built, will be built on foundations laid in good will among men and to all people. The shortest and surest way to good will and a just and lasting peace is through sharing food with those whose needs is far greater than ours.

If you had been told in 1914 that within four years, millions of people would be facing famine and starvation, as they are today, you would have said it cannot be but it is true. Almost whole nations have been turned away from production, we must save that others may live. That nations may escape anarchy and Bolshevikiism, again I say it is a fight against famine and famine is the forerunner of anarchy.

It has been said that the task, that confronts us today is greater than ever before. I'm not going to say that it is—but I do say that we must save more food than we have ever saved, if the people of these countries are to be saved to the world. This can only be done by saving, saving and producing, and producing. It is a time when every true American is called on to do his part in provisioning our allies and the liberated nations of Europe, which not only face famine, but a collapse of all that holds their nations together. There are today 126 million people in England, France, and Italy, much of whose food must come from America.

There are 75 million people in Belgium, Greece, Poland, Roumania and Portugal of whom at least 17 millions in cities are dependant on outside help. There are 41 million neutrals in Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, Switzerland, and Spain all of whose food supply is very short. There are 83 million people in Russia, 42 million in the southern part are fairly secure, while 40 million in the north the beyond hope of relief and as I have said it is almost certain that 10 million of these must die of starvation this winter. There are 95 million in Germany, Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria of whom few, but the Hungarians can get through the winter without aid. There are the Armenians, yes even after famine and Turkish murders, there are still Armenians. To these people must go before next harvest, 30 million tons of food, if total famine for many and great privation for the rest is to be prevented.

The world's food supply with rigid economy can yield the 30 million tons provided we supply 20 million of it and we can supply it if every American will do his part.

Food must be saved as never before, with economy we have sufficient bread stuff, as much fresh meat as we have refrigerating capacity and sufficient sugar to some what increase our allowance. If Europe retains its present scanty allowance of 2 pounds per person in England, 1 1-10 pounds in France and 7-10 of a pound in

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48 lb. sack Flour \$2.85
7 lbs. good Coffee \$1.00
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Best Salt Pork Bacon .35c
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\$1.80 or 3 1-2c per pound.
Sweet Potatoes .5c
5 bars Bob White soap .25c
5 bars C. E. Soap .25c
Naphia soap 4 bars .30c
5 bars Toilet soap cocoa .25c
2 can Tomatoes, 1 1-2 lbs. 25c
No. 2 Tomatoes .15c
No. 3 Hominy a can .15c
Best quality pink beans 10c
Best quality Pinto Beans 11c
No. 2 Peas .15c
Everybody cane syrup .90c
Raven same as red Velvea or green Velvea .85c
\$1.00 size Log Cabin sy. 90c
1 gal. Mary Jane Syrup .75c
Red Karo syrup a gal. .75c
1 gal. Lassic Syrup .70c
Blue bonnet blended Coffee \$1.10 size .90c
Full head rice .10c
3 pkgs Spchetti .25c
3 pkgs Macaroni .25c
3 pkgs. S. Coconut .25c
3 pkgs. sage .25c

3 cans Red Pepper .25c
3 cans Cinamon .25c
3 cans Allspice .25c
25c size Cili Powder .20c
25c best pepper sauce 19c
35c Oat Meal .30c
1 lb. Peanut Butter .30c
500 matches box run .6c
Post toasties .20c
2 pkgs Post toasties small 25c
3 pkgs. Soda .25c
3 pkgs. Starch .25c
Dried Peaches .12 1-2c
Fancy Apricots .20c
Dried Apples .20c
Bottle Garrett Snuff .24c
Glass Honest Snuff .24c
Large size Crisco \$1.75
1 gal. Cooking Oil \$1.80
2 doz. Keg Pickles .25c
\$1.10 blk. handle broom 85c
90c red handled broom 65c
3 cans American Sardines 25c
2 cans Vegetable soup .25c
2 cans good Salmon .35c
25c bottle Chow Chow .20c
35c Tea Mixed .25c
Thick Penns tobacco .70c
Star Tobacco .70c
Peachey Plug tobacco .70c
Fine eating apples 10c and 15c per dozen.
Babbit Cleanser .4c
No. 3 Kraut .15c
3 cans Black Pepper .25c

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Italy this they will probably do as they have no money to buy food not absolutely necessary to sustain life.

There is a shortage of dairy food of probably 3 million tons, it is said that the dairy herds of Europe are reduced 1-3 by the war and the shortage of feed has reduced the quantity of milk of those that remain. Today in all Europe milk is practically unobtainable except for children and in many places not even for them. In consequence of the milk shortage it is said that in Poland, Serbia and in small sections of other lands, practically not a child under 7 years of age is alive.

There is a shortage of 3 billion pounds of fat, butter is almost unknown in Europe today. A woman who went from Switzerland to Germany about 18 months ago tells this story, which illustrates the shortage of fats, she took with her a pound of highly perfumed facial cold cream, the next morning she went to her room, after breakfast, the jar was empty, she questioned the maid, who breaking down confessed she had licked the whole jar of cream in an unquenchable craving for fats.

We have won the war on the field of battle, but we may lose it yet—We fought for what? Self defense. We never believed it, though it was doubtless true, that we were in danger, aggravated and commerce. We know we did not. We fought for humanity and democracy.

As I have stated in the beginning it is a greater honor today than ever before to be an American citizen, will we then as citizens of this nation stand by Woodrow Wilson the greatest man in the world today and President of

the greatest nation on earth, in one united effort to save the world democracy. With practically all restrictions off on buying food, will we, will you, will I be enlisted in a volunteer movement to do our part, our best to help make it possible that the hungry and starvings may be moulded after a fashion that shall make the whole world a better place to live.

For any one to get up from the table with too tight a belt is a crime against civilization and humanity.

Save, save avoid waste and leave a clean plate. I believe the citizens of Rannels County, will do their part and do it well in the great, World Relief program to fight famine and to save starving humanity thereby aiding in establishing stable governments among the tired and torn nations of Europe, thus paving the path to peace universal, world wide peace, when the greatest of living men, our own president Wilson sits down at the Peace table at Versailles.

Judge Jno. J. Guion, in his usual and characteristic way delivered an inspiring patriotic address, and was applauded as he paid a tribute of honor to the boys who had died for their country, and express a sympathy for the homes which had been robbed of their sons. Judge Guion's address closed the meeting, and Mrs. F. C. Miller, who also attended the state meeting at Houston last week, called a meeting of the ladies which was held following the adjournment of the mass meeting.

Mrs. R. G. Erwin went to Belton, Monday afternoon, and will spend a few days with home folks.

ROBERT J. BENDER, manager of the Washington bureau of the United Press, will accompany President Wilson on his trip to Europe and through his wireless and dispatches to the United Press will report the activities of the President for the readers of the Daily and Weekly Ledger. Bender will sail on the same ship with the President and will be a member of his immediate party.

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