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BLANTON SPEAKS HERE TOMORROW

Judge Thomas L. Blanton, candidate for congress, will make a whirlwind tour of this county Thursday (tomorrow) delivering three speeches in the county during the day. A phone message from Judge Blanton Wednesday morning to The Ledger said: "Why didn't you folks let me know Smith was going to speak there yesterday; I want to meet him on the stump. I did not know where he was until I saw the paper this morning." Judge Blanton says he has repeatedly challenged Judge Smith for a joint discussion of their platforms and issues in the campaign, but he can't get him.

Judge Blanton will reply to Congressman Smith's speech here, as published in this paper, and has announced the following speaking dates for tomorrow:

Winters 11:00 a. m.
Ballinger 2:30 p. m.
Olin 8:30 p. m.

He will also be in the county Friday and will speak at the following places, after speaking at Mereta at 11:00 o'clock Friday:

Hatchel 3:00 p. m.
Rowena 8:30 p. m.

Judge Blanton is a splendid orator, and will no doubt have something to say that will interest his hearers.

Judge Blanton will speak at the Queen Theatre, following a short band concert in front of the building.

U-BOAT EXPECTED SOON

By United Press
BALTIMORE, July 12.—The United Press learns officially that the Bremen, a sistership of the German supersubmarine Deutschland is now at sea and is making good time towards the American port. The time of the arrival of the ship is being guarded with careful secrecy, but it is believed that it will arrive within two weeks.



PICTURE PROGRAM

Red Feather Photoplays, present

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A fascinating drama of the stage and society, written by Harold McGrath. Cast includes Edna Hunter and Clara Beyers. Directed by Henry Otto, in five parts.

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CHECK FORGER IS CAUGHT AT ABILENE

Sheriff Perkins caught a man wanted in this county for forgery in rather a coincidental way this week. A young man passed a check on a Talpa bank for about \$105 several weeks ago, signing the other fellow's name to the check, and made his get away. The man was traveling under the name of Willard Jones, and had been working for Rube Bowland, who resides on the east line of Rannels county, and he signed Mr. Bowland's name to the check.

Sheriff Perkins got busy on the case and had a description of Jones printed and mailed it out to fellow officers over the state. He had not been able to get a trail of the forger, and was about to give it up as a lost case, when a few days ago Sheriff Dodson of Abilene, passed thru this city en route to his home from San Angelo, where he had been to get a prisoner. While spending the time between trains here with Sheriff Perkins, Mr. Perkins said something about Jones, and asked Mr. Dodson if he received one of his circulars giving a description of Jones, and proceeded to tell Mr. Dodson something of the case. Mr. Dodson informed the Rannels County sheriff that he did not receive the circular, but he had a man in jail suiting the description and was holding him on a charge of stealing an auto. This led to further investigation and Tuesday of this week, Mr. Bowland and Mr. Perkins went to Abilene and identified the man as Jones, and he confessed to the crime.

It seems that after forging the check Jones went to Abilene where he stole a Ford car and skipped out to some point in Oklahoma. En route he picked up a partner and confided in him of some of his recent transactions, including the stealing of the auto. It was while trying to dispose of the stolen car at a mere trifle that Jones was apprehended by the Oklahoma authorities, and an investigation caused the new made friend to give Jones away to the officers, who communicated with the Taylor County authorities, and in a short time Jones was landed in the Abilene jail. As soon as Jones answers to the charge of stealing the auto at Abilene he will probably be brought to Ballinger and tried for forgery.

When the Rannels County sheriff and Mr. Dodson called on the man he broke down and began to cry and acknowledged that he was in bad. It developed that he had a wife and a child, a little boy, in West Virginia, and he had written them a most pitiful letter 3-2d had it ready to mail. The man gave the officers the letter and asked them to mail it for him.

A fine water melon given away at Conn's Bathing Pool this evening at 7 o'clock. \$1.00 offered for melon if you want to sell same. 12-1td

SUBMARINE BOMBARDING

By United Press
LONDON, July 12.—A small town on the Seaham harbor, two hundred and twenty miles north of London, was shelled by a German submarine last night and one woman killed, with much property damaged.

ALLIES MAKE BIG GAINS

By United Press
PARIS, July 12.—Since beginning the offensive move along the Somme river the allies have captured twenty-three villages, 10,000 prisoners, one hundred and four cannon, and several hundred machine guns.

The war office announces that there was no fighting on either side of the Somme last night.

New Ford Car run less than 300 miles, offered for \$452.19 at THE GLOBE. 12-d8

PREDICTS RENEWAL OF SUB. WAR

By United Press

BERLIN, July 12.—Von Terpit supportors predict the overthrow of Bethmann-Hollweg, the champion of the conciliatory policy towards the United States, and the unloosing of the German submarines and renewed attacks on merchantmen within three weeks, unless President Wilson takes some action to break the British blockade.

Members of the conservative party and those favoring the annexation of the territory conquered by Germany, join in the forecast, and announce that the opinion of America in such matters will be disregarded.

The attacks on the Chancellor are gradually growing bolder since Prince Von Buelow's book "Deutsche Politik" appeared, because the book is believed to be the opening of Buelow's campaign to oust the Chancellor and step back into the position he occupied until succeeded by Bethmann-Hollweg in 1909.

If you get the Melon at Conn's Bathing Pool this evening \$1.00 is offered for same. 12-1td

NEGRO ARRESTED FOR FORGERY

City Marshal Pilcher made a catch this week when he located and placed under arrest a negro wanted in Brownwood for forging a check for about six dollars. The negro purchased several dollars worth of clothing from a Brownwood dry goods house and presented the bad check in payment, receiving the difference in cash.

Hugh Davis, sheriff of Brown county, notified the officers in the neighboring towns, and was successful in the arrest made here by Mr. Pilcher. Mr. Davis came up Wednesday morning and carried the negro back to Brownwood.

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THREE NEW COINS TO BE CIRCULATED

Local bankers have received reports from the federal mints that three artistically designed new coins will probably be in circulation in Ballinger in the very near future. The new coins will be the half dollar, the quarter dollar, and the dime. A statue of liberty is embossed on one side of the half dollar, with the American flag flying in the background. Branches of olive and oak are grasped in the hand of Liberty which is outstretched, signifying the bestowal of liberty. The other side of the coin bears the figure of an eagle perched on a mountain Craig.

The quarter dollar coin bears a figure of liberty on one side with an olive branch in one hand and shield on her arm. The other side of the coin shows the figure of an eagle in flight.

The dime has on one side the head of liberty, with winged cap, while the other side is engraved with the bundle of rods and battle axe, commonly known as the "fasces."

The "Florence" oil cook stove furnishes the most heat with the least consumption. Hall Hardware Co. pany. 12-d8

MEXICAN FIGHTING INCREASING

By United Press

EL PASO, July 12.—An army of Carrancistas under General Garcia, attacked the Villistas under Generals Contreras and Palizo at Sombrerete, Durango, today. Last reports received at Juarez says the battle is still raging.

Unconfirmed reports received here say that General Enriquez has been sent by Obregon to replace Trevino who was captured by the Villistas.

REMODELING HIS HOME

Geo. P. Holman has had his house on the lot next to the First Baptist church, pulled over further away from the church building and is having it remodeled and will have a new home when the work is completed.

RECRUITING OFFICERS ARE SELECTED

By United Press

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The war department has issued orders for National Guard officers to be drafted into federal service as recruiting officers to take charge of the militia recruiting agencies throughout the country, and the work of enlisting new troops will be continued until all the men needed at this time have been secured.

KNOCKING ON WILSON

By United Press

BERLIN, July 12.—Sentiment here for renewing submarine warfare was made stronger today when a liberal member of the Reichstag delivered an address, and accused President Wilson of using his influence against the German nation. The speaker said that President Wilson was doing all that he could do to declare war on Germany, and said that Hughes could not do worse than this if he was elected president of the United States. The liberal member also said the war against England was unlimited.

"At present our navy is held in a network of notes," said the liberalist, "and what could the United States do if submarine warfare was renewed. She couldn't raise army to help the allies. Carrying on an unlimited sea warfare we could sink six hundred thousand tons of shipping monthly and paralyze England and win this fight."

PEOPLE STARVE WHILE COUNTRIES QUARREL

By United Press

BERLIN, July 12.—Ambassador Gerard transmitted to the foreign office the latest British suggestions regarding arrangements for feeding the starving Poles. The ambassador frankly admits that he is discouraged at the inability of the two countries to reach an agreement.

WILSON APPEAL FOR POLANDS

WASHINGTON, July 12.—President Wilson indicated today when a delegation representing the Polish organization called on him, that if all other measures failed, he will make a personal appeal to the monarchs of the belligerent countries to save the people of Poland from starvation.

BATTLING FOR MORE IMPORTANT POINTS

By United Press

LONDON, July 12.—A pitched battle is being waged for the possession of important points northeast of Albert. The fighting began last Monday following the arrival of German reinforcements and has continued uninterrupted since Monday. The fighting is especially heavy near Centalmason. The Haig admits that the Germans regained some of the lost ground between Mametz and Trones woods last night.

PANAMA GOVERNOR RESIGNS.
Colonel Goenthaal, contractor of the Panama Canal and governor of the zone, is expected to resign today.

LOVE AFFAIR LEADS TO SHOOTING---ONE MAY DIE

BLISS TO HELP ARRANGE TROOPS

By United Press

SAN ANTONIO, July 12.—The war department informed Gen. Funston that Gen. Bliss was en route to the border and would assist in arranging the militia in a tactically way along the border. Up to date only the New York and Pennsylvania troops have been given patrol duty. All others being held in camp at the various mobilization border points.

\$150,000 TO FIGHT DISEASE.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The House appropriations committee approves McAdoo's request for hundred and fifty thousand emergency appropriation to be used in fighting intantile paralysis in New York.

HOTEL FIRE BURNS ONE

Scranton, Pa., July 12.—One known to be dead and several missing in fire which destroyed one hotel and several residences at Duryea, a small town near here today. The blaze is rapidly getting beyond control and the entire village will be destroyed.

C. W. Harmon is in the Ballinger jail and Minet Sims is near death's door, and may be dead by the time this is in print, as the result of a family quarrel and shooting scrape at Wingate, in the northwest part of this county, about eight-thirty o'clock Wednesday morning.

A report of the trouble reached the officers at Ballinger over the telephone shortly after the shooting occurred, and County Attorney Shepherd and Sheriff Perkins were arranging to go to Wingate when a telephone message stated that the man doing the shooting was in the custody of the deputy sheriff and who was en route to Ballinger.

C. P. Pruitt arrived here about noon with G. W. Harmon, and turned him over to the sheriff. Minet Sims was carried to Merkel as soon as an auto could be secured, and those who saw him say there is no probability of his recovering from the wounds received from two loads of number four shot fired from a shot gun in the hands of Harmon.

The only account of the affair which The Ledger has been able to get is told in Harmon's own words in a statement he made before being placed in jail, and is as follows:

"I have a wife and five children. The names and ages are as follows: Gazzie, age 18; Edmond 17, Ethel 16; Esmel 13; Gispert 12. I live on the Frank Teague place one mile west of

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Judge J. O. Woodward Issues Warning Against Eleventh Hour Campaign Matter

To the Voters:—I have been informed that my opponent, Judge Goodwin will publish in the papers some campaign matter concerning me, the nature of which I don't know. I warn you against this eleventh hour method of campaigning; and as I will be prevented, because of the want of time, from answering same, either through the press, or on the stump, I want you to know that whatever he may publish can be successfully and truthfully answered to the entire satisfaction of the voters of this district.

This eleventh hour method of publishing campaign thunder is an unfair method, and gives no opportunity to make a reply. He will not inform me of the contents of it, in order that I may have an opportunity to answer the same in the papers or on the stump, between now and the election.

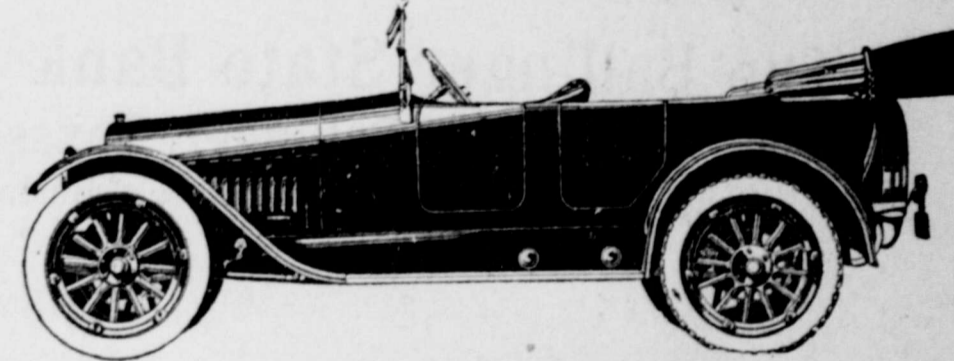
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A. W. SLEDGE, Editor
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SOME DANDY PLUMS

Deputy Sheriff Demoville was exhibiting a specimen of his fruit Tuesday, that puts the shine over anything in the fruit line we have seen this season.

Mr. Demoville brought to The Ledger office a twig off his plum tree that measured one foot in length and contained thirty-six luscious plums. Another twig not quite so long contained 26 plums. Next.

Mrs. Mattie Dickinson returned home Tuesday afternoon from a visit and business trip to San Angelo.

HENSON-HENSON

His honor Judge Kleberg, spoke the beautiful words at the Court House Wednesday afternoon that united in marriage Mr. J. H. Henson and Miss Grace Henson, prominent young people of the Mazeland country. The Ledger joins friends in congratulations and best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous married life for the young couple.

Emmett Guin and Charlie Pruitt, prominent business men of Wingate, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

We take pleasure in showing you the good points of the Florence, in your home, perfect satisfaction or no sale. Hall Hardware Co. 12-d&wt

Edgar Javroe of the Crews country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

H. Price came in from Ashton,

Texas, Tuesday night, and will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Price, Miss Hallie Routh Price, who had been visiting at Rosbud, also returned home Tuesday night, and was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. E. L. Hilliard, who will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Price for a few weeks.

Biliousness and Stomach Trouble

"Two years ago I suffered from frequent attacks of stomach trouble and biliousness," writes Miss Emma Verbyrke, Lima, Ohio. "I could eat very little food that agreed with me and I became so dizzy and sick at my stomach at times that I had to take hold of something to keep from falling. Seeing Chamberlain's Tablets advertised I decided to try them. I improved rapidly." Obtainable everywhere.

O. B. Corbet came in from Dallas a day or two ago and will spend a few weeks with his family and Ballinger friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Noves motored over to Ballinger Tuesday to visit friends and to look after business interests a day or two.

Bob Crockett of the Moro mountain country, was greeting friends and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.



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Love Affair Leads to Shooting; One May Die

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Wingate. On the morning of July 12th I was in my tent on the place where my family reside, and I heard a conversation between my daughter Gizzie and her mother about a transaction that was alleged to have occurred on the night of July 11th. My wife was reprimanding my daughter about letting Mmet Sims put his arms around her and kissing her. When I learned the drift of the conversation I too began to chastise my daughter because I thought she did not tell her parents soon enough and because I did not like company she was keeping. While talking with my wife and daughter with my back towards the east, Mmet Sims approached me from the rear and began cursing me. The first thing I remember hearing him call me was a d—

I then turned in his direction and as I turned and faced him he pulled his knife and opened it and stepped right close to me. Then I told him to leave the place and never come back again. He said he would not do it until he got good and ready, and I said "yes you will, and you will go now," and I shoved him back. Then he cut at me with his knife. I went in the tent and got my gun. I came out on the south side of the tent, went around to the northwest corner of the tent when I saw him about thirty yards distant and I shot him. He was walking in a northerly direction when I shot him. When I started to shoot he stopped and commenced cursing me. He did not fall when I shot him. Frank Teague was present and witnessed the shooting.

Harmon is a man of about fifty years of age. He has been living in the Wingate country about two years, and at the time of the trouble he was working for Frank Teague, a farmer who lives near Wingate.

Harmon will be held pending the outcome of Sims condition, and as soon as a preliminary trial can be had, or the defendant waives such proceedings, bond will be fixed and it is thought he will be able to make bond and will be released under bond to await the action of the grand jury.

After shooting Sims, Harmon surrendered to the deputy sheriff at Wingate, and requested that he be brought to Ballinger at once.

SCARBROUGH GOES TO COLEMAN

E. P. Scarbrough, for some time a resident of this city, and connected with the Ballinger Loan Co., has accepted the position of manager of the Coleman Abstract Co., and will go to Coleman within the next thirty days to enter upon the duties of the new position. Mr. Scarbrough is an expert accountant and most capable business man. He and his wife have made many friends during their sojourn in Ballinger who will regret to know they are to move away from this city.

At every home where there is a baby there should also be a bottle of MeGee's Baby Elixir. It may be needed at any time to correct sour stomach, wind colic, diarrhoea or summer complaint. It is a wholesome remedy, contains no opium, morphine or injurious drug of any kind. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Mrs. W. J. Coulson of Coleman, who had been visiting her father, Col. C. L. Morgan and her sisters, Miss Alice Morgan and Mrs. Jno. A. Weeks, and family, returned home Wednesday morning.

HELPFUL WORDS
From a Ballinger Citizen.

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Deputy Sheriff Johnson of Rowena, was looking after business affairs and greeting friends in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

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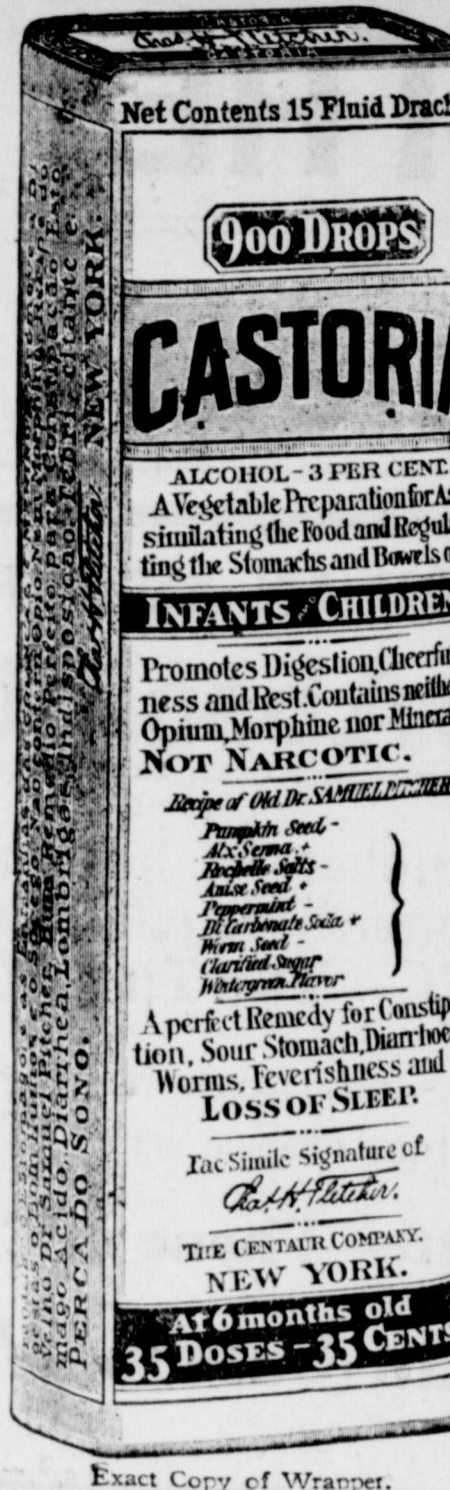
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THE BUSY SHOP

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is still busy repairing shoes in the hot summer weather. Come and bring your shoes and get prompt repairing. H. L. WENDORF, The Saddle and Harness Man. tf

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Prusser of the Hatfield country, motored over to Ballinger Tuesday afternoon to do some shopping.

Statement of Condition of ...THE... FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER

June 30th, 1916

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$347,504.39
U. S. Bonds	26,500.00
Banking House, F. and F.	25,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	3,800.00
Acceptances (Cotton)	16,086.30
Cash and Exchange	113,584.52
	\$532,475.31

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	41,658.94
Dividends Unpaid	6,000.00
Reserved for Taxes	1,000.00
Circulation	25,000.00
Deposits	358,846.27
	\$532,475.21

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Condensed Statement at the Close of Business June 30th, 1916.

Resources		Liabilities	
Loans and Discount	\$122,888.60	Capital Stock	\$60,000.00
Bills of Exchange (Cotton)	176.33	Surplus and Undivided Profits	11,990.50
Banking House, Fur and Fix.	24,000.00	Dividends Unpaid	1,071.00
Other Real Estate	10,530.00	Deposits	133,620.68
Guaranty Fund	3,513.90		
Cash and Exchange	51,573.35		
Total	\$212,682.18	Total	\$212,682.18

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The SECRET of the SUBMARINE

By E. Alexander Powell

Author of "The End of the Trail," "Fighting in Flanders," "The Road to Glory," "Vive la France," etc.

Novelized from the Motion Picture Play of the Same Name by the American Film Manufacturing Company.

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FIRST INSTALLMENT

In a room of the huge building in Washington which houses the state, war and navy departments, half a dozen men sat about a long mahogany table. Though they were in civilian dress, the fashion in which they wore their clothes and the erectness of their carriage stamped them unmistakably as men who were more at ease in uniform than in the garb of civil life.

"I have here, gentlemen," announced the chairman, selecting a letter from a pile of correspondence which lay before him, "an interesting communication. It is from Dr. Ralph Burke, the California inventor—the same man, you may remember, who suggested the improvement on the Japanese shmose powder and who perfected the condensation system which the navy is now using."

"Isn't he the same man, admiral," interrupted one of the officers, "who purchased the hull of that old submarine at Mare Island which was commended two or three years ago? Bought it for experimental purposes, didn't he?"

"Exactly," was the answer. "For a number of years now Burke has been carrying on experiments in the hope of devising a system for producing oxygen from water for use in submarines. It is scarcely necessary for me to point out to you, gentlemen, that were a submarine able to draw its supply of air directly from the water, the lives of the crew would no longer depend upon the supply of compressed air or upon the boat's ability to reach the surface. Doctor Burke now writes to the secretary that he has at last succeeded in perfecting a system which is both practical and simple. He asserts that it can be installed in any submarine and that one thus equipped can remain below the surface indefinitely—for a month if necessary."

"Good heavens, admiral," exclaimed a grizzled officer, his professional enthusiasm overcoming his habitual reserve. "If this man Burke can do what he claims he will revolutionize naval warfare. Why not send an officer out to the coast at once to examine it?"

"Jarvis Hope is the man to send," said the chairman. "Son of old Commodore Hope, who lost his life in the hurricane at Samoa, you remember. There isn't a brighter youngster in the bureau of construction. He's as good a chemist as we have in the service and he's made a special study of submarine problems."

A moment later the door opened and Lieutenant Jarvis Hope, clicking his heels smartly together, stood rigidly at attention.

"Mr. Hope," said the chairman kindly. "How would you like to take a little run out to the coast? I believe that you are already familiar with this letter from Doctor Burke. The members of the board are of the opinion that you should start immediately for California, examine Burke's invention, give it an exhaustive test, and, if you are convinced that it is practical, obtain an option on it. Bear



As he was striding briskly past a line of stores, barber shops, saloons and pool rooms, which comprise Valdivia's business district, he felt a hand fall suddenly on his shoulder, while a hoarse voice boomed:

"Avast there, Mr. Hope. Stand by a minute and pass the time of day with an old shipmate, won't ye?"

The young officer whirled about to confront a figure so quaint, so picturesque, so redolent of the sea that he might well have stepped from the pages of "Treasure Island." The man was of such tremendous girth that he looked shorter than he really was. Protruding from his right coat sleeve, where his hand should have been, was a crudely fashioned iron hook. For a moment, Hope stared at him coldly, then the light of recognition came over his face.

"Hook Barnacle, as I'm alive," he exclaimed, grasping the old sea-dog's single hand. "Why, Hook, I haven't seen or heard of you since you got your discharge from the old Decatur back in '99. You've grown so fat since these days that I didn't know you at first."

"You could get as fat as a jellyfish, Mr. Hope, sir, and I'd know you anywhere. It's going on seventeen years since you jumped overboard in Pago Pago harbor, and yanked me out of the jaws of that shark, but I remember it as clear as if it happened yesterday. And what brings you out to the coast, if I might make so bold's to ask, sir?"

"I've been detailed to see a man named Burke—Dr. Ralph Burke—an inventor. He lives here in Valdivia. Ever hear of him?"

"Hear o' Doctor Burke?" chuckled the sailor. "Why, Lord love you, sir, I've been doing odd jobs for the doctor ever since he and his daughter came here to live. And when he heard that I used to be in the navy he gave me charge o' putting the engine in that old submarine hull he bought a while back. By the jumping Jehosophat, I'll bet that's what brings you to Valdivia, looted-into—to get the secret o' the submarine!"

"Hook," laughed the officer, "your deductions would do credit to Sherlock Holmes. I've come out to have a look into Doctor Burke's invention. Now suppose you show me where he lives."

At the very edge of the town, where the street became a country road, stood a weatherbeaten two-story frame house. As Hook swung open the creaking gate a young girl suddenly darted around the corner of the house and then, catching sight of Hope, stopped dead, like a startled fawn. She was a very beautiful girl indeed; straight and slender as a boy, with a skin like creamy satin and a great crown of ruddy hair which turned to molten gold when the sun struck upon it. So lovely was she that Hope stood staring at her; stared until a rosy wave of confusion swept over her from brow to bosom.

"Miss Cleo, permit me to introduce Lieutenant Hope," said Hook. "Lootenant, this is Miss Cleo Burke, Doctor Burke's daughter. You've heard me tell o' the lootenant before, Miss Cleo, and how he saved my life in Pago Pago."

"Not the Mr. Hope who dove into the harbor and saved you from the shark?" she exclaimed breathlessly, open admiration in her eyes. "Hook has told us that story a hundred times, Mr. Hope. Why, it was quite the bravest thing I have ever heard of."

"Believe me, Miss Burke," said Hope, embarrassed in his turn, "I did nothing that any man would not have done in my place. Hook greatly overrates my services to him. It would never do to let as good a seaman as Hook become breakfast food for fishes."

"You—you haven't come to see my father's invention, have you? You haven't come in answer to his letter to the secretary of the navy?"

"That is precisely why I have come, Miss Burke," said Hope. "In order to see it I have traveled three thousand miles."

"Oh, Mr. Hope," she said anxiously. "I pray with all my heart that the government will take it. It has been my father's life work. Its acceptance will mean so very much to him—to me—to both of us. It would be a dream come true. I'll tell him that you are here."

The room into which she led Hope was stacked from floor to ceiling with books. As he was idly turning over the pages of a treatise on chemistry the door opened to admit Doctor Burke. The inventor was a small, wiry, nervous man, whose quick, excitable gestures plainly showed the strain under which he had been working.

"You are very welcome, Mr. Hope," said the old man, peering at his visitor through a huge pair of horn-rimmed spectacles.

"I am thoroughly familiar with the

theory of your discovery, doctor," said Hope. "My instructions from the department are to witness a practical demonstration and to apply the customary tests. If it can pass those tests, I think there is but little doubt that the government will take steps to acquire it."

"It will pass any tests that you may impose, Mr. Hope," declared the inventor. "I did not communicate with Washington until I was positive that there was no chance for failure. The purchase of my discovery by the government means more to me than you perhaps imagine. It means comfort for me, Mr. Hope, in my declining years; it means leisure in which to conduct research work; it means food and clothes and education for my daughter Cleo.

"What did you do for workmen?" inquired Hope interestedly. "Where did you find men who had sufficient engineering knowledge?"

"In that respect I have been fortunate," was the answer. "My chief assistant, and the one on whom I have placed the most reliance, is a one-armed man-o'-war named Barnacle—the same, in fact, who brought you here. Then I have a young Japanese named Satsuma. He came to me and asked for work and he has proved of a great assistance. Like so many of his race, he is an extremely clever mechanic."

"A Japanese, you say?" said Hope quickly. "Isn't it a little unwise to let a foreigner become familiar with the details of your invention?"

"I fancy that Satsuma is quite harmless," said the inventor lightly, "but I have nevertheless made certain that he has had no opportunity to observe the workings of my invention. In fact, even were he able to obtain a drawing of the apparatus it would be quite useless to him unless he could also obtain the formula—and that is well guarded."

"I trust," said Hope gravely, "that you will continue to keep it well guarded. There is more than one foreign government that would pay handsomely for your secret."

"That I have already learned," said Doctor Burke. "Curiously enough, I was approached only yesterday by a man named Mahlin, who represented himself as the agent of a foreign government, though which one he refused to say. He did say, however, that if I would give him a demonstration of my discovery and it stood certain tests that he was authorized to purchase it on my own terms."

"And you refused?"

"I did," was the answer, "and God knows, Mr. Hope, I need the money. You are not aware, perhaps, that I,

it was dated Washington. "Dear Montgomery," it ran: "Through a friend who is employed in a confidential capacity in one of the government departments, I have just learned something that may be of interest to you. An elderly chemist named Dr. Ralph Burke, living at Valdivia, Cal., has perfected an apparatus which will enable a submarine to remain under water indefinitely. I have not been able to learn the details of Burke's invention, but I understand that the navy department is so interested that a naval instructor, Lieut. Jarvis Hope, has been sent to the coast to examine it. Hope left Washington three days ago, so, if the matter interests you, quick action will be necessary. With best wishes, sincerely yours, Whitman Davis."

"Ralph Burke," said Montgomery reminiscingly, evidently putting his thoughts into words. "It's close on fifteen years since I've seen him . . . why, little Cleo must be almost a woman now . . . I wonder if she looks like her mother . . ." Stepping across to a small safe, set in the wall, he gave the combination a few rapid turns and the steel door swung open. Opening one of the drawers, Montgomery drew out a large, square envelope of blue linen.

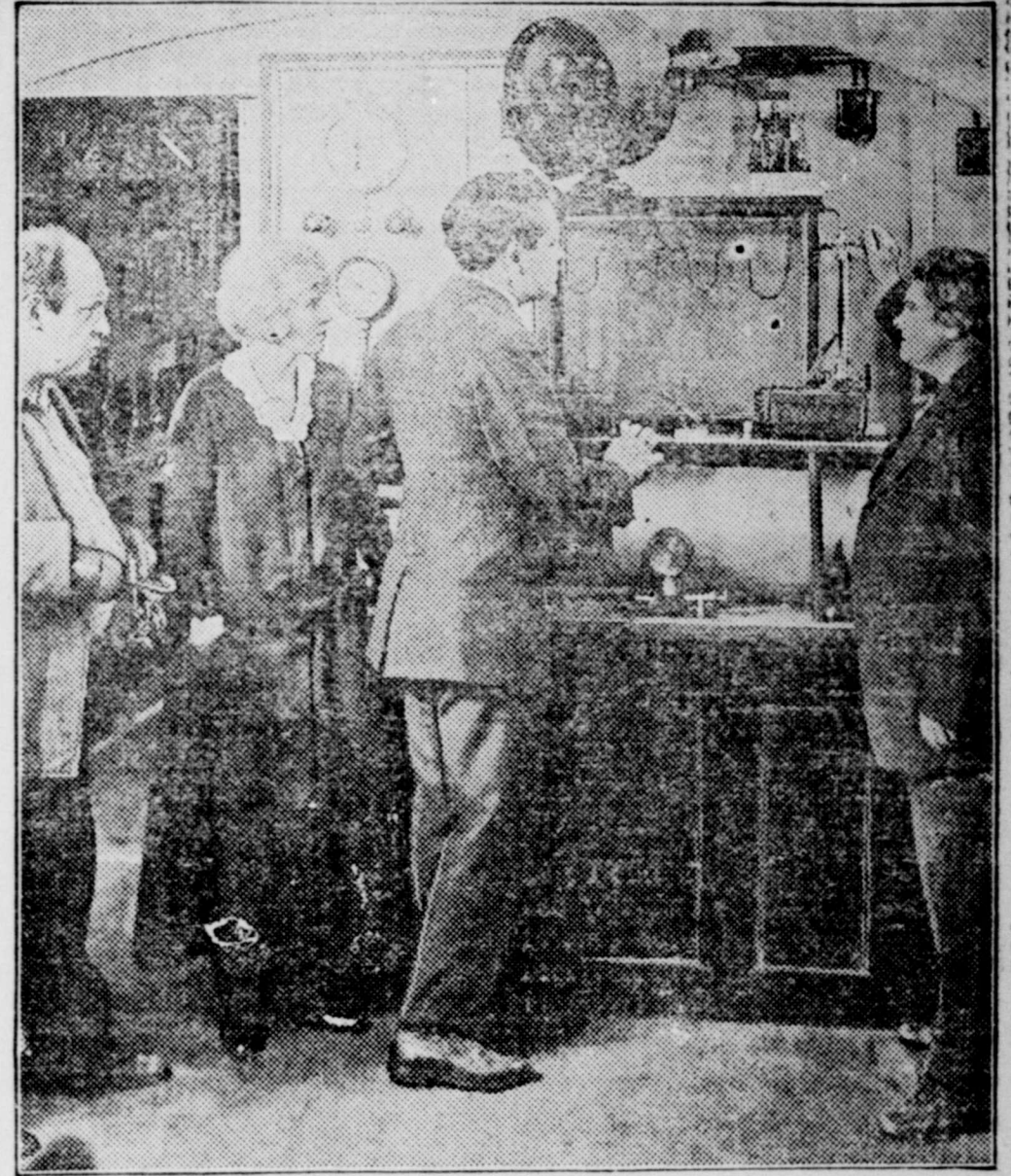
"I wonder if I did right by Cleo," he mused aloud, staring at the envelope with unseeing eyes. So lost was he in meditation that he was quite oblivious to the fact that the door leading to the outer office had opened and that a young man, his footfalls deadened by the thickness of the carpet, had entered and stood beside him.

"Who's Cleo, Uncle Calvin?" he exclaimed.

"I didn't hear you come in. I must have been talking to myself," he added, apologetically. Restoring the sealed envelope to the drawer from which he had taken it, he swung shut the door of the safe but failed to lock it. Returning to his desk, he picked up the letter from Washington.

"Here's a letter, Gerald, which I have just received from Davis—the man who keeps me informed of what is going on in Washington, you know. Just glance over it, will you, while I get a glass of water. I'm feeling a little dizzy. . . . must be the heat."

The door had no sooner closed behind his uncle than Gerald Morton darted silently across the room, swung open the door of the safe, and snatched out the blue envelope. "Not to be opened until my death, Calvin Montgomery," he read aloud. "Now I wonder what the devil is in that," he muttered, examining the seals. "It



"You Have Convinced Me Absolutely of the Efficiency of Your Invention."

Satsuma in front o' that empty house on the beach. They was a-whisperin' together, an' the minute they saw me they went inside. P'raps the Jap's got another berth."

"No matter," said the inventor impatiently, "we can get along without him. If everything is ready we will go aboard."

"I have not confined my efforts entirely to my oxygen-producing system," remarked Burke, as he followed his guest through the circular manhole in the deck which gave access to the boat's interior. "I have utilized my spare moments in perfecting one or two other devices for use on submarines which may also interest you. This arrangement for automatically opening and closing the hatchway is one of them." As he spoke he indicated a lever connected with steel rods which ran up to the hinged cover of the hatch through which they had just descended.

"Very interesting, doctor," assented Hope, again become the trained naval officer, quick, intelligent, alert. "Very interesting indeed. But it is your oxygen apparatus that interests me most."

"This way, then," said Burke, opening the door which gave access to the rear compartment of the submarine.

Had Hope and Cleo been less engrossed in Doctor Burke's explanation of his apparatus, they would have been startled by the peculiar behavior of the cushioned top of the locker which was built against the side of the room. Apparently of its own volition, the hinged top of the locker began to slowly rise; so imperceptibly at first that one might have attributed it to the motion of the boat; then higher, still higher, until through the narrow opening thus formed appeared a human face—a yellow face, with slanting, cruel eyes.

"Are we submerged yet?" asked Cleo. Her question was answered by Hook, who at that moment entered from the navigating compartment.

"We have begun to submerge, sir," he reported, saluting.

"Very good," said the inventor briefly. "Tell the navigator to keep her at fifty feet until further orders."

A moment later the cover of the locker was suddenly thrown up and from the coffinlike space beneath slipped the missing Japanese, Satsuma. It was obvious that this man was no stranger to the higher forms of science and that he understood, in principle, at least, what each of the switches, dials and wires composing Burke's apparatus was for. But it was evident that the governing principle, for which this complicated mechanism was but a medium, eluded him.

For six hours the submarine had been under water. The air, its oxygen drained by a dozen pairs of lungs, had gradually become so vitiated that the breathing of all on board had become labored and difficult.

"Isn't it about time to demonstrate your invention, doctor?" asked Hope. "It's getting pretty close in here."

"Not yet," said Burke, who was seated at the little table in the forward compartment immersed in an abstruse calculation. "There's no hurry. You haven't said much, Lieutenant, but I know that you're skeptical. I wish to wait until I can make my demonstration so convincing that you will have no skepticism left."

Twenty minutes later Hook entered. "Don't you think you'd better give us a little air, doctor?" he inquired anxiously. "The boys in the engine room are complaining that they can't breathe."

"Not yet," said the inventor, absently. "Tell them not to worry."

"Look here, Burke," gasped Hope roughly, staggering across the room. "This nonsense has gone quite long enough. Lock at your daughter there—the poor child is suffocating. If you don't set your apparatus to working and give us some air, I'll take command myself, rise to the surface, and telegraph to Washington that your invention is a fake and that you are a fraud."

"Mr. Hope," said the inventor, rising. "I'm going to make you retract those words."

Within three minutes after Burke had returned to the forward compartment, a subtle suggestion of freshness stole through the submarine; in five minutes the atmosphere was as fresh and wholesome as though they were in the open air.

"I apologize from the bottom of my heart, doctor," said Hope, setting the old inventor's hand, "for what I said a few moments ago. You have convinced me absolutely of the efficiency of your invention, though you nearly suffocated me at first. It is scarcely necessary for me to say that I shall wire to the department tonight, strongly urging that it be purchased by the government."

"Thank you, Mr. Hope," said the inventor, huskily, a suspicious moisture in his eyes. "It looks as though my struggles were at an end."

Entering the rear compartment a moment later, Burke stood transfixed with utter astonishment. For at the switchboard, his hand on one of the switches which controlled the air current, stood Satsuma.

"What the devil are you doing here, Satsuma?" shouted the inventor wrathfully. "What have you just done to that machine?"

As Burke, carried away with anger, advanced menacingly, Satsuma's hand went toward his hip pocket. Burke, realizing the significance of the movement, instantly grappled with him. With a sudden twist, Satsuma threw Burke, the old man falling heavily. At that moment, Hope launched himself against the Japanese as, in his Annapolis days, he had tackled the West Point quarterback. For a few brief moments the two locked forms swayed madly about the little cabin, overturning the table and chairs and threatening each instant to wreck the mechanism of Burke's invention. Gradually working his right hand free, Satsuma succeeded in reaching his hip pocket. His fingers closed about the stock of an automatic. There was a deafening explosion, followed almost instantly by a shower of sparks from the nest of wires above the oxygen-producing apparatus. The stream of bubbles in the tank abruptly ceased and the little compartment was filled with acrid fumes.

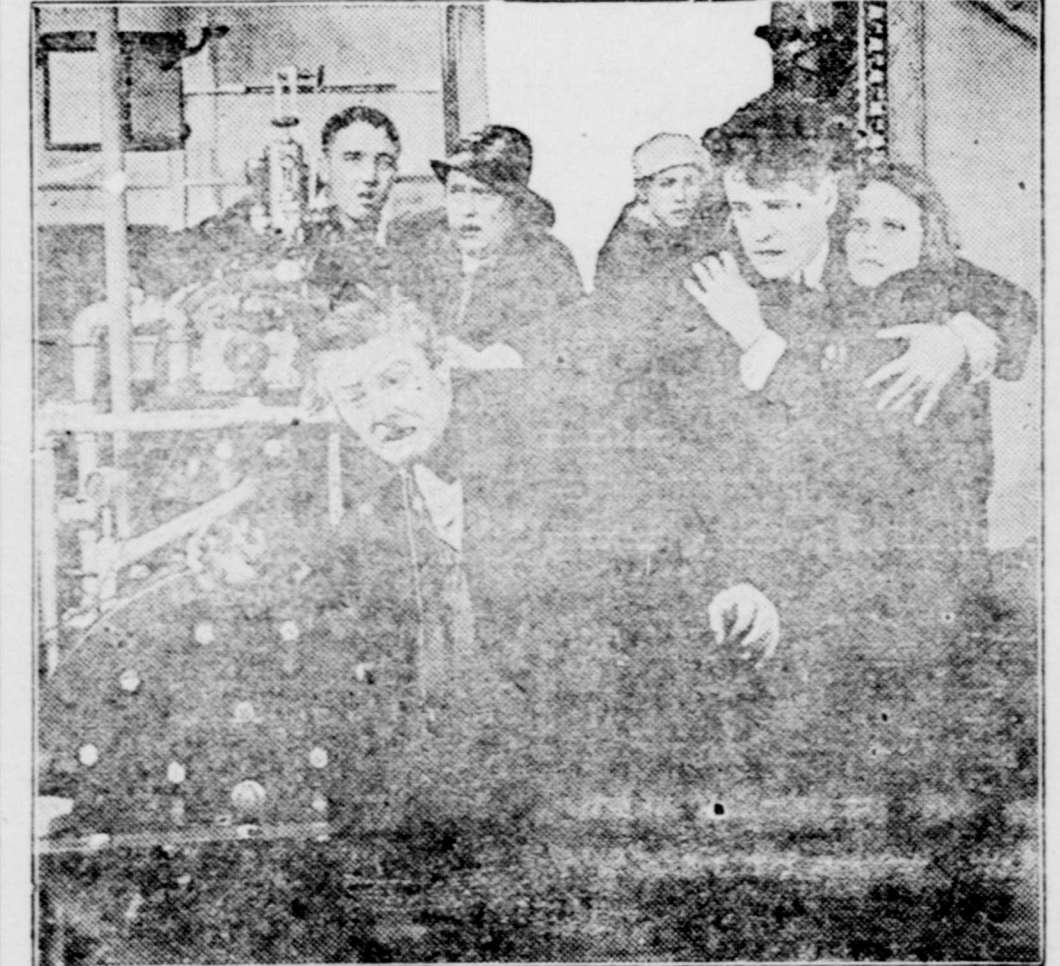
"My God," groaned Burke, crouching on the floor where he had been thrown. "He's smashed the transformer!" The bullet which had been intended for Hope had missed him by a hair's breadth and had buried itself amid the mechanism. At the same instant Satsuma, like all Japanese, an adept in the art of wrestling, slipped from the officer's grasp and leaped through the door of the navigating room. A seaman attempted to tell him with a spanner, but the Oriental's pistol cracked sharply and the man, spinning completely around, crumpled in a heap. Another man who rushed forward fell with a bullet through his shoulder. Keeping the remainder of the crew covered with his smoking pistol, Satsuma threw over the handle which controlled the horizontal rudders and the sudden inclination of the floor showed that the boat had rapidly begun to rise. A moment later a ray of sunlight entered through the conning tower. The submarine was running awash. Jerking down the lever which automatically opened the hatchway, Satsuma sprang up the ladder and dived into the sea.

An instant later a wave, breaking over the unprotected deck of the submarine, poured through the hatchway into the compartment below. After it came another. Cleo screamed hysterically.

"It's all right, Miss Burke!" shouted Hope. "Don't be frightened! I'll close the hatch!"

Accustomed, as he was, to the type of hatch in use in the navy, and in the excitement of the moment, entirely forgetting the inventor's automatic closing device, Hope sprang up the ladder and frantically endeavored to pull down the hatch cover and bolt it in place. But a solid column of water, pouring through the aperture with the force of a battering ram, knocked him from the ladder, bruised and half drowned. Under the weight of the water it had shipped, the submarine was going down!

(END OF CHAPTER ONE)



Under the Weight of Water the Submarine Was Going Down.

oo. was once in the service of the United States. As a young man I was with Farragut at New Orleans—I still carry in my shoulder a fragment of a Confederate shell—and I helped Ericsson to build the Monitor. So, even though it entails a financial sacrifice, I want my own country to have the first chance at my invention."

"That sentiment certainly does you credit, sir," said Hope. "I trust, both for your sake and for the country's that your ambition may be realized. Now the question is, when can I have a demonstration under sea conditions?"

"Tomorrow morning," was the prompt answer.

"Admirable," said Hope. "I shall be ready—and expectant. And please tell your daughter that I anticipate the pleasure of seeing her again before I return to Washington."

"You will see Cleo in the morning," said the inventor. "She has made me promise to take her along on the trial trip of the submarine, and I couldn't well refuse. She is as vitally interested in the success of the invention as I am."

Had one stepped from the elevator of the Flatiron building in New York, at the sixteenth floor, he would have found himself facing a door bearing, in neat lettering, the words: "International Supply company, Calvin Montgomery, Pres." If the ruler of a black republic wanted to pick up a gunboat or a destroyer at a bargain, he set an agent to Calvin Montgomery. He made it his business to keep informed of everything pertaining to warfare on land or sea, and he let it be known that he paid liberally for such information. Information of this sort was contained in the letter which he was reading with such absorption.

certainly gave the old gentleman a folt when I caught him looking at it. And who on earth is Cleo?" At that instant footsteps sounded outside the door. Realizing the impossibility of concealing it on his person, Morton hastily returned the envelope to its drawer and closed the safe. Had Calvin Montgomery observed his nephew more closely, he would have noticed that his hands were shaking.

"If this invention of Burke's is what Davis says it is, Gerald," he said, "we must get hold of it. You must go to him and investigate it."

"But suppose he won't give us the option, Uncle Calvin?" asked Morton. "Suppose he has already promised it to the government? What shall I do?"

"If he refuses," said Montgomery slowly, "give him this message." Taking a card from his case, he wrote a few lines on it, and handed it to his nephew. "This is what the young man read: 'Dear Ralph—I once gave you something that I valued as much as you value the secret of the submarine. Now is your chance to repay me, Calvin.'"

When Hope reached Doctor Burke's private wharf the following morning he found that the inventor and his daughter had arrived before him.

"Are all here, Hook?" asked the doctor.

"All but Satsuma, sir," answered the seaman, touching his cap. "I left him at work oiling the engines, but he's disappeared. You can't trust a Jap anyway. That reminds me o' some thing, doctor. You 'member that dark skinned, furrin-looking feller that come to see you the other day? Mahlin was his name, wasn't it?"

"Yes."

"Well, when I was goin' down to the wharf last night, I saw him talking to



The Two Locked Forms Swayed Madly About the Little Cabin.

in mind, Mr. Hope, that if this invention can do what Burke claims for it, it will give to the nation which holds the secret, control of the seas—and the day is coming when our national existence may depend upon our possessing such a secret."

When, six days later, the accommodation train, which meets the Overland Limited at Suisun Junction, came chug-chugging into Valdivia, Jarvis Hope swung on to the station platform and tossed his bags to the driver of the bus of the local hotel.

After a bath, a shave, and a leisurely luncheon, Hope set out on foot for the cottage occupied by Doctor Burke.

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WEEVIL PICKING IN MISSISSIPPI DELTA

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Both "weevil picking" and "square picking" have been found helpful in lessening damage from the boll weevil in the Mississippi Delta. Because of the labor involved in these operations, however, specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture do not recommend them except where picking can be performed by tenants without any direct cash outlay and without interfering with the other plantation work.

"Weevil picking" and "square picking" are based upon the fact that the numbers of the boll weevil are lowest in the spring, for comparatively few of the insects survive the winter. By picking the weevils from the plants then or by collecting the fallen forms which contain weevils of the first generation in their immature stages, very much can be done to prevent the multiplication of the pest later in the season.

Despite this very definite advantage however, conditions in the Delta are such that these methods may prove far from profitable. In May and June, the time when picking should be done, there is almost always more or less shortage of labor. Under these circumstances both "square picking" and "weevil picking" may compel the planter to slight other operations and the loss caused in this way may more than offset any benefit from the picking. It seems generally inadvisable, says the bulletin, to practice these control measures except in the presence of an abundance of labor. In case it is necessary to choose between a cultivation and picking, it adds, cultivate.

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"The reasons why the six-cylinder car is superior to the four cylinder have been told so often that they hardly need repeating," said Mr. Williams today. "The increase of power, the absence of the jar, and the way in which the six-cylinder is giving a satisfaction to countless motorists, all point to the fact that this type has a big following."

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Miss Obanna Hadden and little brother Joe, left Tuesday morning to visit relatives at Brownwood and Blanket a few weeks.

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T. E. Brown, of Brownwood, who had been visiting relatives and friends in the Winters country, came in Tuesday to visit his sons a few days before going home.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Krc, of the Pony creek country, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to South Texas points to visit relatives a week or two.

Mrs. Otto Lange and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Ocker of the Olfen country, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home from an excursion trip of a few days to Galveston.

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EXCERPTS CONCERNING CONGRESSIONAL RACE

Pecos Enterprise—(6-30-16).—We believe the office Smith has had for 14 years is good enough to hand around. There are others just as brazen and just as capable as he, who have just the same right. The old story handed out by office holders that it necessary to hold office for 10 or 15 years before they are able to accomplish anything, or have any power, is all bosh, and now is a good time to bring about a change.

Upton County Round-up—(6-30-16).—Judge Thomas L. Blanton is winning in every part of the country in his race for Congress. Out of about 25 or 30 exchanges that we get from over the District, all but four are strong for Blanton, and there is no question but that he will be our next Congressman. The people everywhere are tired of long office-holding.

Balmorhea Herald—Thomas L. Blanton is one of the most energetic, untiring workers that ever existed, accomplishes things for the common people, and believes that a public official should earn his salary, that is why we would like to see him Congressman. 14 years is long enough for one man and it is time for a change.

Roscoe Times—(6-30-16).—Judge Blanton spoke in Roscoe Wednesday. His speech was delivered in his usual vigorous style, and was well received by his auditors. It is evident that he has many friends and supporters at Roscoe.

Hornish's Monthly (July), San Angelo.—Judge Blanton is running Congressman Smith a tight race.

Mertzon Weekly Star—(7-1-16).—"Arden, Texas, June 24th, 1916. To the Mertzon Star: Judge Thomas L. Blanton spoke to a house packed full of people on the night of June 15th. The people were very much pleased with Judge Blanton's speech and the platform he stands on, and he made many friends at Arden. We must say that he will carry the Arden box solid." W. A. Steritt, Funk Ranch.

Sweetwater Daily Journal—(6-30-16).—Before several hundred people in front of the Sweetwater Theatre this morning Judge Blanton made a brilliant talk.

Odessa Herald—(6-29-16).—Judge Blanton is making a whirlwind campaign in a thoroughgoing but dignified endeavor to secure Judge Smith's political scalp. Judge Blanton has many loyal friends in the District who will work hard for him.

Eldorado Sun—(6-30-16).—Bob Smith is going up salt creek this time not because we say so, but because the people say so.

Ozona Stockman.—Judge Blanton is a pleasing and convincing talker, and made a favorable impression upon the minds of his hearers. From numerous expressions heard here since the Judge's visit it appears certain that he will get a good vote in Crockett County.

Alpine Avalanche.—Judge Blanton is our choice for Congress and we believe that the masses will decide that he is the logical candidate to represent them.

Rankin Round-up.—Stop! Gentle Annie and listen at the above which comes from a former Smith stronghold. Brewster County has formerly been for Smith, but watch her this year. Judge Blanton is truly the logical man; his support is growing stronger every day. The people are simply awakening to the fact that it is unsafe, undemocratic and a sacrifice of their best interests to keep a man in office Always. Consequently Judge Thomas L. Blanton will be our next Congressman.

Terry County Herald.—Judge Blanton is one of the most brilliant speakers ever heard in Brownfield, and is so full of his subject and so endowed with natural energy, that he holds his audience spell bound. His friends freely predict that he will not only get this county this year, but will so increase his majority in the rest of the White Belt, that he will overcome the El Paso pork barrel and border Mexican votes, as the latter are scattered like chickens, and he will carry the District by a good safe majority.

Andrews County Times.—Judge Blanton carried this county by almost two to one in the last election, and we

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NOTICE

NOTICE TO BUSINESS MEN AND FARMERS OF BALLINGER AND VICINITY—The cotton institute to be held in Ballinger comes to us strongly recommended by the following cotton men: H. J. Rhoades, Jack County Warehouse Manager; J. R. Elrod, Public Cotton Weigher; O. E. Knox, Cotton Classifier. The course is also endorsed by the following cotton factors of Dallas and other cities: A. L. Wolf, of the A. L. Wolf Cotton firm, Dallas, Texas; G. W. Windsor, Ginner, George, Texas; Brown, McFarland, Smith & Marsh, and scores of others to numerous to name here. The man who will have charge of the work is not only exact and scientific but is a practical cotton buyer of years of experience. He will be on the grounds on July 24th, and the work will move forward with snap and precision, settling all doubts on all phases of the subject in two weeks time. Further information will be sent you if you will send your name and address to Cotton Institute Ballinger, Tex, Box 514. 8-ftd

I have taken a position with the Central Garage located in the Chastain building on Hutchins Ave., and I will be glad to have all my old friends come to see me when you need any kind of auto repair work.
W. S. MIDDLEBROOK.
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WANTED—War horses and mules. Horses 5 to 8 years, 14 1/2 to 16 hands high. Mules 5 to 8 years, 14:1 to 16:1 hands. In Ballinger all the time. Street & Middleton. 11-2tdztw

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Let us fit your eyes and grind your lenses. We guarantee accurate work.
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Our workmen spend their money in Ballinger. Our work is as good as the best.

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Responsive touch, Durable Action, Beautiful Design. Prices and Terms to please you.

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We have paid out for tornado losses in the last five years more than double the amount of premiums collected. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

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Ballinger, Texas

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BANK BARBER SHOP

Send your children to our shop. If you pay for the best, why not get it!

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Bring me your hides and bones, bottles and metal. Warehouse on South Eighth Street.

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Get refreshed at our fountain. Cream made and delivered.

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The Old reliable caters to the particular. Let him dress you.

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G. W. DUNLAP

Pleasant pastime in clean games, strictly according to law.

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Bath Caps, Anasco Cameras and films, Fishing Tackle. Everready Flashlights, Cold Cream, Cigars, Cigarettes.

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THE WALKER DRUG CO.

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We want your infertile eggs. We are the largest poultry shippers in West Texas.

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F. F. MOORE

Universal Tractor, will plow your cotton and corn and will do any other work on the farm. See one before you buy others F. F. MOORE for wagons

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Buys and trades for anything.

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Save money on the little things in life.

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Old panamas and felt hats cleaned and reblocked for \$1.00

Ladies' hats a specialty.

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We build tanks, and do anything in tin work and plumbing all the time.

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News while it's news and printing when you want it.

predict even a larger majority for him in the coming primaries.
Aspermont Star.—Thomas L. Blanton is a Democrat of the old school, and if he represents the Jumbo District, they will know that he is in Washington. He is an able jurist, and if you send him to Congress there will be something doing every day in the year. 12-d&wit
(Political Advertisement)

When you feel lazy, out of sorts and yawn a good deal in the daytime, you can charge it to a torpid liver which has allowed the system to get full of impurities. Herbine cures all disorders produced by an inactive liver. It strengthens that organ, cleanses the bowels and puts the system in good healthy condition. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

JUDGE GRISHAM TO SPEAK TOMORROW
A letter from Judge R. N. Grisham, of Sweetwater, candidate for congress, request us to announce that he will address the voters in Ballinger Thursday evening, July 13th at 8:45 o'clock. You are invited to hear him.

Mrs. John Mansker and baby left Tuesday afternoon for Moody to visit her relatives a few weeks. She was accompanied home by her little sister, Miss Eugenia Land, who had been visiting in our city.

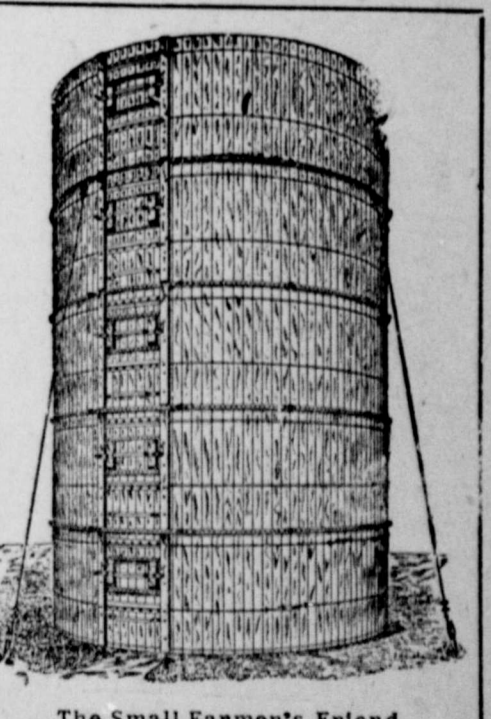
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We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.
Hall's Catarrh Cure has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions.
After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Cure for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Cure at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.
F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Mrs. R. B. Truly left Wednesday for Wichita Falls to visit her daughters, Mrs. Adrian Carithers and Miss Genievie Truly for two or three weeks.

LICE ON STOCK
Lice injure calves, hogs, horses, and cattle. One or two applications of Ross' "Dead Quick" Spray will positively rid stock of lice. It kills the nits and eggs of lice and insects. Once tried, you will never be without it.
Sold in Ballinger by Walker Drug Co.

Miss Willie White of Coleman, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Looney Duncan, and family, the past few days, returned home Tuesday afternoon.

If you feel "blue," "No account," "lazy," you need a good cleaning out. Herbine is the right thing for that purpose. It stimulates the liver, tones up the stomach and purifies the bowels. Price 50c Sold by Walker Drug Co.



The Small Farmer's Friend
The farmer who buys a Tulsa Silo has the advantage over his neighbor in saving his feed and converting it into cash at a time when there is a demand for ensilage. We make in sizes from 50 to 150 tons. Get our figures.
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You must not judge the Ford car by its first cost. That is low, because the best manufacturing methods and the great volume of production reduce the cost of making and selling. Better materials, bought at lower prices make the Ford a better car for less money. Order yours today!
Runabout \$390; Touring Car \$440; Town Car \$640; Sedan \$740. All prices f. o. b. Detroit. On sale at
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Strength Economy Service

A Big Touring Car for Five People

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Complete—delivered

St. Louis dealers win 300-mile non-stop Saxon Cup—making an average per gallon of gas 34.67 miles.

The grand average of some 2,000 Saxon dealers throughout the United States in the 300-mile non-stop run last Saturday per gallon of gas was 23.5 miles.

Our average in the 300-mile non-stop run last Saturday on Dallas country roads per gallon of gas was 21.8.

The average of all Texas deals per gallon of gas was 21.5 miles.

That 300-Mile Non-Stop Run

(By One of the Tourists)

I rode on an automobile tour of 300 miles Saturday and never left Dallas County. I witnessed a six-cylinder touring car go the 300 miles at an average speed of 28.56 miles each hour and use an average of one gallon of gasoline to every 21.8 miles. Its engine never stopped turning over during the whole day—from 5:45 o'clock in the morning until 4:15 o'clock in the afternoon—and when it finally was stopped, it seemed, unwillingly, so sweetly had it run all day and so thoroughly had it responded to the call put upon it.

Starting in the cool hours of the morning, the first 93 miles was made with only 2 3/4 gallons of gasoline used. As the heat of the day increased, the amount of gasoline used per mile increased, in proportion to the heat. The test was one that would be made by any owner on a public road. It can even be judged a little too conservative, for the day being Saturday and harvest time, the roads were crowded with thrashers and wagons with grain and farmers en route to and from towns.

It was one tour of several thousand that were similarly driven in various sections of the United States—an endurance test and an economy showing of the Saxon Six. Dallas' tour was around the thirty-mile Carrollton loop—ten times around it—and the staunch car went at it willingly and without a murmur.

This car was a Saxon Six touring car, entered by Ray-Rose Company, Dallas distributors, and was driven by Ike Anderson of the Service department. Anderson knew his car and what it would do, but even he was surprised at its perfect performance. G. L. Cade of the Dallas Automobile Club was the official observer.

The writer returned grinning and blistered, but feeling like Mark Twain's jack rabbit—that "he had made a little crack in the atmosphere and crawled into it."

TOM B. FLOYD
Postoffice Box 620, Dallas, Texas,
Representing Peet Bros. Mfg. Co.,
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Mr. J. V. Hardy, Sales Manager,
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Dallas, Texas:

Dear Sir—It gives me pleasure to advise you that I have driven my five-passenger six-cylinder Saxon car 6,251 miles with the original set of tires still in use.

I am very much pleased with the Saxon car and have never had any trouble with same. I believe it is the best car on the market under \$1,000.

Mrs. Floyd drives the car anywhere and finds it quite easy to operate. She is delighted with it, as well as myself.

Trusting that all your customers are as well satisfied as I am, and with best wishes for your success, I am,

Yours truly,

(Signed) TOM B. FLOYD.

Ray-Rose Auto Company,
Dallas, Texas:

Gentlemen—Replying to your letter of inquiry as to service I am getting with my Saxon Six, will say: Have owned my car three months, April, May and June; in that time have driven 3,343 miles, over all kinds of rough roads, principally this part of East Texas, and one trip of 1,100 miles to West Texas, with perfect satisfaction at all times.

My casings are almost good as new; one nail puncture is all the casing trouble I have had. As to the amount of gasoline used, my average is from 15 to 25 miles per gallon of gas. One day in West Texas, I drove from Breckenridge to Dallas, 172 miles, and used 7 gallons of gas and one quart of oil.

My motor never gets hot sufficient to boil water in radiator. The transmission and steering gear are all one could desire, and make driving simple, easy and safe. My car rides easy and will not jolt, as do others I have used. This I attribute to the good cantilever springs and wheelbase.

My car has served me so well that I feel that I can not speak too highly of the Saxon Six. I am very truly yours,
DR. L. FAULK.

Alba, Texas, July 1, 1916.

The strength and service of the Saxon is proven daily and the foregoing statements set a high mark of economy that should justify any one interested in automobiles.

Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

Garage Phone 88

Ballinger, Texas

Mrs. J. F. Gilliam left Tuesday afternoon for Tahoka to be at the bedside of a relative, who was hurt in an auto wreck a day or two ago.

A Hacking Cough Weakens the System.

Don't suffer with a hacking cough that has weakened your system—get a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, in use over 40 years, and benefiting all who use it, the soothing pine balsam with tar heal the irritated air passages—soothe the raw spots, loosen the mucous and prevents racking the body with coughing. Dr. King's New Discovery induces natural sleep and aids nature to cure you.

Miss Mary McCorkle of Santa Anna, came in Wednesday at noon to visit her uncle, W. E. Bartlett and family a week or two.

E. L. King of Fannin County, who had been visiting his brother in the New Home neighborhood, left for his home Tuesday afternoon.

No valves, no smoke, no smell, no trouble, with a "Florence" oil cook stove. Let us demonstrate one in your home. Hall Hardware Company. 12-d&wtf.

J. D. Watson, T. I. Stocks Jr., D. M. Hays and Charlie Sipes, who had been doing line work for the West Texas Telephone Co., in our city, and this section the past several months, left for Brownwood Tuesday afternoon on a similar job.

Doing hard work in a bent or stooping position puts a stitch in the back that is painful, you can't get rid of it without help. The great penetrating power of Ballard's Snow Liniment will appeal to you most strongly at such times, because it is the very thing you need. Price 25c, 50c and \$1 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

You save 10 per cent by buying one this month, A \$ saved is a \$ made. Order a "Florence" now. Hall Hardware Company. 12-dwtf

W. A. Sommers of the Talpa country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

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

BACK AT OLD JOB

Charlie Hetrick looks very natural back at the ticket window at the Santa Fe after an absence of nearly three months on a vacation.

MAGNA

Immediately relieves dyspepsia caused by excess stomach acidity. A simple, safe, palatable, inexpensive remedy for indigestion, heart-burn, sour stomach, belching, and all stomach disorders. "Magna" neutralizes excess acid so stomach may act normally—price 50c. Manufactured only by The Walker Drug Co. Ballinger.

I Tubbs, the fruit tree man left Wednesday for points east on a business trip and will return to Ballinger in about 3 or 4 weeks.

Look Good—Feel Good

No one can either feel good nor look good while suffering from constipation. Get rid of that tired, draggy, lifeless feeling by a treatment of Dr. King's New Life Pills. Buy a box today, take one or more pills tonight. In the morning that stuffed, dull feeling is gone and you feel better at once 25c. at your druggist.

W. A. Guin and his cousin, Mr. Stuart of the Hatchel country, F. M. Murphy and Jake Stubblefield of the Norton country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Why Endure Summer Colds?

All It isn't necessary to have a stuffed head, running nose. To cough your head off as it were. All you need do is to use Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey. The soothing and healing balsams open the clogged air passages and in a short time you get relief and start on the road to recovery. Your nose stops running, you cough less and you know you are getting better. Get a bottle, use as directed. Keep what is left as a cough and cold insurance.

L. A. Roberts of Winters, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to points West on a short business trip.

Taking Big Chances.

It is a great risk to travel without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, as this preparation cannot be obtained on the trains or steamships. Attacks of bowel complaint are often sudden and everyone should go prepared for them everywhere. . .

Tom Trail and his nephew, Dick Trail, of Paint Rock, were greeting friends and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

W. O. Beard of the Hatchel country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and ordered The Banner-Ledger to his address.



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