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General Strike Expected By Railway Brotherhoods

U. S. COAST DEFENSES ARE ATTACKED TODAY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—The battleship Texas has been sunk. This is the way it would read if America was attacked by a real enemy, with our coast defenses prepared as they are at present.

In the sham battle off the coast of New York harbor this morning at five o'clock, the main fleet under the command of Admiral Helm who commands the coast defenses engaged the attacking squadron under Admiral Mayo. The defenders "sank" the battleships Texas and Nevada and "lost" the scout cruisers Wadsworth and Cooper.

Admiral Helm's coast forces "lost" the scout cruiser Birmingham, together with the destroyers Drayton and Baleh.

The practice naval engagement will cease this afternoon at five o'clock. The spectacle is being watched with keen interest by military and naval observers, as showing the resources of the United States in the case of an actual war.

ARTESIAN WATER FOR BALLINGER STREETS

Brownwood will please take notice that Ballinger streets are kept dustless with pure artesian water, at least the water would be artesian if we had as much gas as there is in some other cities, with which to force the water out of the ground. The water comes from mother earth under the pressure of an electric pump, and is as pure as the mountain dew drops.

The street sprinkler is filled from the well, which in the early days of Ballinger, was known as the Cameron Wagon Yard well. It is located in the E. Allison & Son building on Eighth street, and the supply seems sufficient to keep the big pump busy.

WANTS BAD ROAD FIXED RIGHT NOW

"Something should be done at once on the South Ballinger road leaving the wagon bridge and extending to the cross roads and towards the South Ward School," said Frank Pearce Saturday morning. "I'll give \$5.00 towards fixing this stretch of road and I believe many other business men will come down on a subscription list," the young Mr. Pearce continued.

It is said Ballinger is losing good money, big money, by not having this road fixed so cotton can be hauled to town. Farmers living within four miles of Ballinger are carrying their crop to Rowena and other towns farther distant in order to get out of crossing this bad road. Holes two feet deep and a few feet apart are making the road look like a sieve.

"I believe Ballinger will lose \$10,000 this year if the road is not worked immediately," said Mr. Pearce. "The commissioners court have said they would begin operations on the road as soon as it rains. That is not soon enough, and Ballinger merchants should put up their money and with the help of the commissioners get the South Ballinger road worked. If those humps and holes were only ploughed, it would help greatly."

One local gin man stated Friday that he would come down to the tune of \$10.00 if something was done, and several others have volunteered to kick in. The work must be done and done right now if Ballinger gets her usual big cotton receipts.

TEXAS VOTES AGAIN TODAY

Texas is choosing a United States Senator today.

With every question from prohibition to repudiation of the Wilson administration involved, the campaign fight between the supporters of Senator Charles A. Culberson and Ex-Governor O. B. Colquitt, ended today by the runoff election, has been particularly interesting.

Culberson supporters claim that failure to return the senior senator to Washington will be a repudiation of the Wilson administration by Texans, in view of Colquitt's criticism of the Mexican policy of the administration. Colquitt supporters deny this, and claim that Washington has no right to dictate to the people of Texas.

The race is undoubtedly being watched with close interest by Washington.

Both candidates are anti-prohibitionists, but the Culberson partisans claim that their candidates' promise to abide by the decision of the people of Texas, as expressed in the coming prohibition election, will result in the majority of the Campbell and Brooks votes being thrown to his support in the run-off.

Houston Votes on Jitneys and Senator Today.

Houston, Tex., Aug. 26.—Houston voters are casting two votes today. In addition to the state senatorial election, the endorsement or rejection of a new jitney ordinance is being voted on by the Houston balloters.

School of Expression

Miss Wilmeth will open a class in Expression and Physical Culture September 1st, for terms telephone 59. 26-7td

38 NEGROES LEAVE FOR COTTON FIELDS

Ballinger lost thirty-eight of her colored citizens Friday afternoon, when that number of men, women and children boarded the east-bound Santa Fe for Copeland, Texas, where they will be placed in the cotton fields.

It was the sudden and unexpected exodus of the colored folks that attracted the entire colored population of the city to the station. Those that didn't go were at the train to see the others off, and the farewell scene was one never pictured in Ballinger before.

A negro man, representing an employment agency, came to Ballinger a few days ago, and rounded up the negroes and providing them with transportation carried them to Copeland. Most of the negroes were those who were brought to this country on similar mission last year, and the year before. Very few of the older negro citizens left Ballinger, and with the departure of this party of cotton pickers the colored population has been reduced to almost normal again.

There is a local demand for cotton pickers at present, but the supply of Mexicans, whites, and negroes was more than will be needed here to gather the crop, and realizing that the picking would be short these negroes were induced to go to where the work would last longer. We are perpetually willing to see them leave.

THE BUSY SHOP

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. 17

Noel Penn left Saturday for points east in the interest of the W. C. Penn cotton company.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—"We are ready." This statement came from both the executives of the railroads and employees as the general strike on practically all railroads in the United States loomed up this afternoon.

It was decided that it was impossible for the two committees to reach any agreement, and many of the brotherhood representatives are preparing to leave Washington tonight.

The railroad managers contend that they can keep sufficient trains running by using loyal employees, who will not follow the strikers, to prevent a milk and food famine in the cities and congested districts. The managers said they knew a few of the men would continue to work, but the railroads as a whole would be paralyzed.

The strike will not come as a surprise, as the heads of the four great railroad brotherhoods threatening a nation wide strike, announced last night that the men would not wait longer than today for a reply to President Wilson's suggestion for an eight hour day.

The railroad executives came back with a counter proposals which embodied arbitration, which the employees had already declared they would oppose.

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ARMED SHIP HIT BY GERMAN SUB.

By United Press
LONDON, Aug. 26.—In the official British admiralty statement issued this afternoon, it was announced that the British steamship the Duke of Albany, had been sunk by a German submarine Thursday. The Duke of Albany was submerged in the North Sea. The loss of life from the disaster will amount to about twenty-four it is admitted, with eighty-seven lives saved. The Duke of Albany is described in the government report as an "armed" ship.

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INSANE 17 YEARS; OUT ASYLUM TODAY

Middletown, N. Y., Aug. 26.—Ralph Albert Blakelock, the famous artist who has been confined in the state asylum here ever since he went insane over the poverty of his family 17 years ago, is gone today to a private sanitarium at Lynnwood Lodge, N. J., where his returning faculties are expected to become completely normal.

It was not until many years after he came to the asylum here that Blakelock was elected to membership in the National Academy. When he lost his mind he had been selling what he could of his now world famous and extremely valuable moonlight scenes for scarce enough to buy food for a few days.

About a year ago Blakelock showed signs of returning sanity and unmistakable evidences of the return of clouded genius. His fellow American artists started a fund to provide for him at a private sanitarium, with a cottage in which he will paint the picture making his election to the Academy. Blakelock's family will not be with him.

Cure for Cholera Morbus.

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On your Mercury is a date, Pay before it is too late. —Weimar Mercury.
On your View there is a figger; Pay before we pull the trigger. —Northern View.
Republic's labels give a clew, Subscriptions must be paid when due. —San Antonio Republic.
The Star would add to what's been said, Please cough up if you're in the red. —San Saba Star
Watch your label here, old scout, The D-V. stops when time is out. —Coleman Democrat-Voice.
Subscribers don't wait when Ledger stops. Likes to town and down a dollar pops.

QUEEN ABOUT READY FOR SPOKEN PLAY.

The new stage at the Queen Theatre is looming up with new splendor now and a few days of finishing will make the "boards" ready for business for Ham and the ponies. 29 rows of opera chairs will seat the audience who gather to see the big shows of the fall season, and from the color of the paper issued by those already booked it is thought some of the biggest attractions of any year will play Ballinger at the Queen this season.
One of the problems the management of this house had to deal with is that of adequate dressing room. A temporary arrangement will be made at present and later a couple of modern dressing rooms will be added. A new picture screen has been bought, the best possible curtain on the market, and the regular \$3.00 yard material.

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SOUTH BALLINGER MEETING

Much interest has been manifested in the meeting in South Ballinger. Many people have been attending the open air meeting. Last night and the night before there were professions of faith in the Lord as Saviour.

The pastor of the Ninth Street Baptist Church, Jno. W. Milton, is doing the preaching and all the people are cooperating in a loyal way.

The meeting will be held tonight and Sunday night with the probability of the meeting going through Tuesday night.

No meeting will be held at the Ninth Street church on Sunday night in order that all the forces may throw themselves into the meeting at South Ballinger. The regular services will be held aside from the night preaching service at the church tomorrow.

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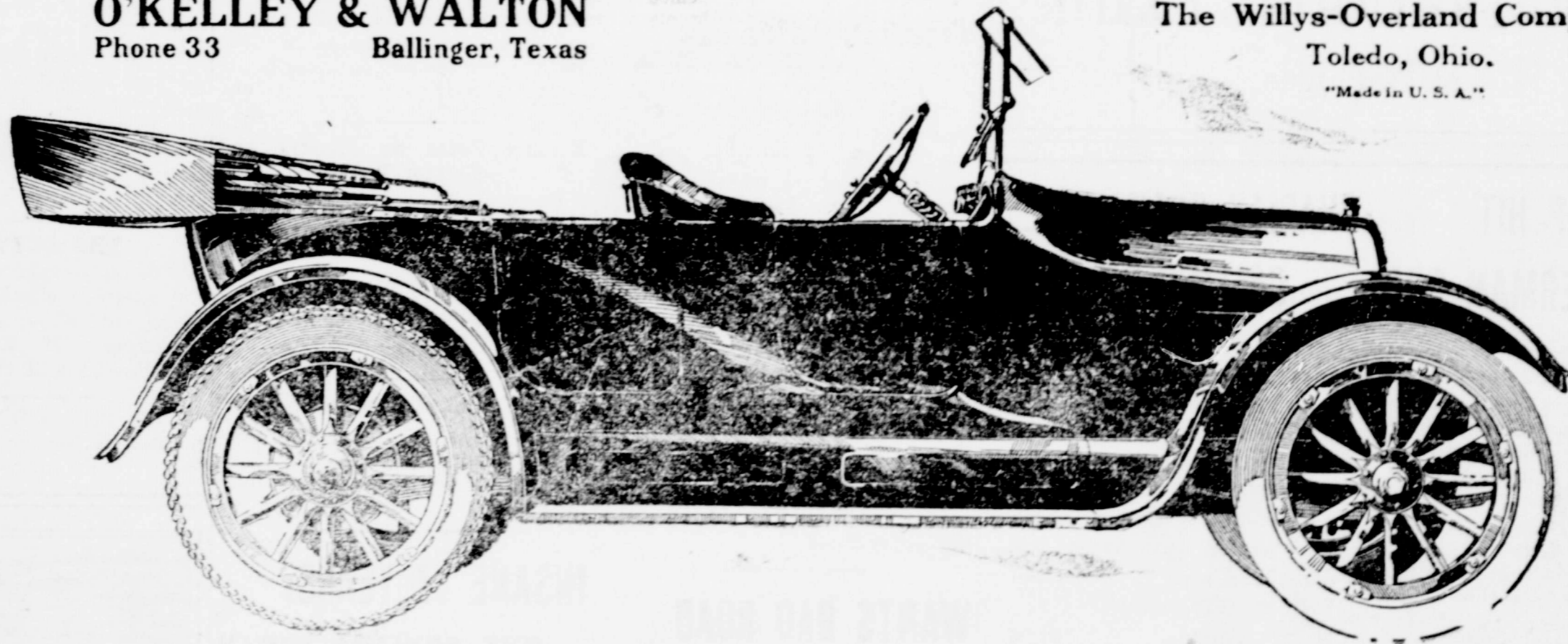
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OFFICIAL COUNT IN CONGRESSIONAL RACE.

REV. J. W. ATWOOD PASTOR FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

We are in receipt of the official returns of the Congressional vote held in the July primary in the 10th Congressional District. The congressional convention was held at Sweetwater today, and the chairman, H. C. Hord, sends out the final count, which is as follows:

Thomas L. Blanton 20,249
W. R. Smith 18,262
R. N. Grisham 3,656

Liver Trouble.

"I am bothered with liver trouble about twice a year," writes Joe Dingman, Webster City, Iowa. "I have pains in my side and back and an awful soreness in my stomach. I heard of Chamberlain's Tablets and tried them. By the time I had used half a bottle of them I was feeling fine and had no signs of pain." Obtainable everywhere.

Rev. J. W. Atwood, who has been serving the First Presbyterian church as supply during the present month, has accepted the pastorate of this church, and brings his family here to make their home. Until the present occupants of the manse moves, Rev. Atwood and family will be at home at the Mrs. Clara Ransom place on Ninth street.

Rev. Atwood comes from San Angelo to Ballinger with the best wishes of the people of that city. All of his time will be given to the local church. The Ledger joins the citizens in welcoming the new pastor and his family to Ballinger.

Try it and see—one application will prove more than a column of claims. James S. Ferguson, Philadelphia, Pa., writes: "I have had wonderful relief since I used Sloan's Liniment on my knees. To think after all these years of pain one application gave me relief. Many thanks for what your remedy has done for me." Don't keep on suffering, apply Sloan's Liniment where your pain is and notice how quick you get relief. Penetrates without rubbing. Buy it at any Drug Store. 25c.

Rev. Stocks returned home Friday night from a visit to relatives at Calvert, and was accompanied home by his sisters, Mrs. Mildred Jones, of Calvert and Mrs. Lee Sparks of Temple, who will visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J.

Stocks Sr. Mrs. Sparks left Saturday at noon to visit her sisters at Miles a few days.

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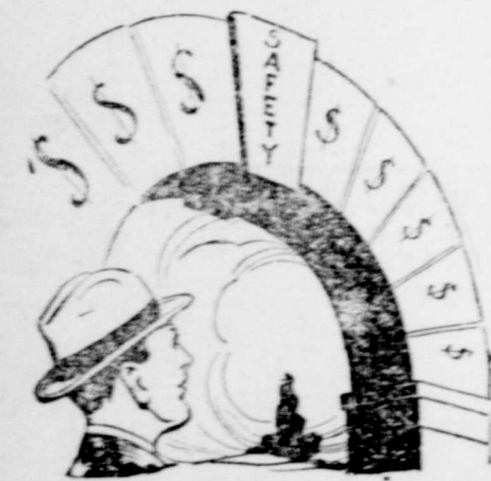
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D. C. Claypool returned home Saturday at noon from Dallas, where he had been with his wife, who was operated upon for some throat trouble and Mr. Claypool reports his wife doing very nicely when he left her bedside.

Just the Thing for Diarrhoea.

"About two years ago I had a severe attack of diarrhoea which lasted over a week," writes W. C. Jones, Buford, N. D. "I became so weak that I could not stand upright. A druggist recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. The first dose relieved me and within two days I was as well as ever." Many druggists recommend this remedy because they know that it is reliable. Obtainable everywhere.

R. L. Harwell left Friday afternoon for Fort Worth and will return overland in one of the new model Ford cars and says he expects to be able to get a car load of the new models in about ten days.



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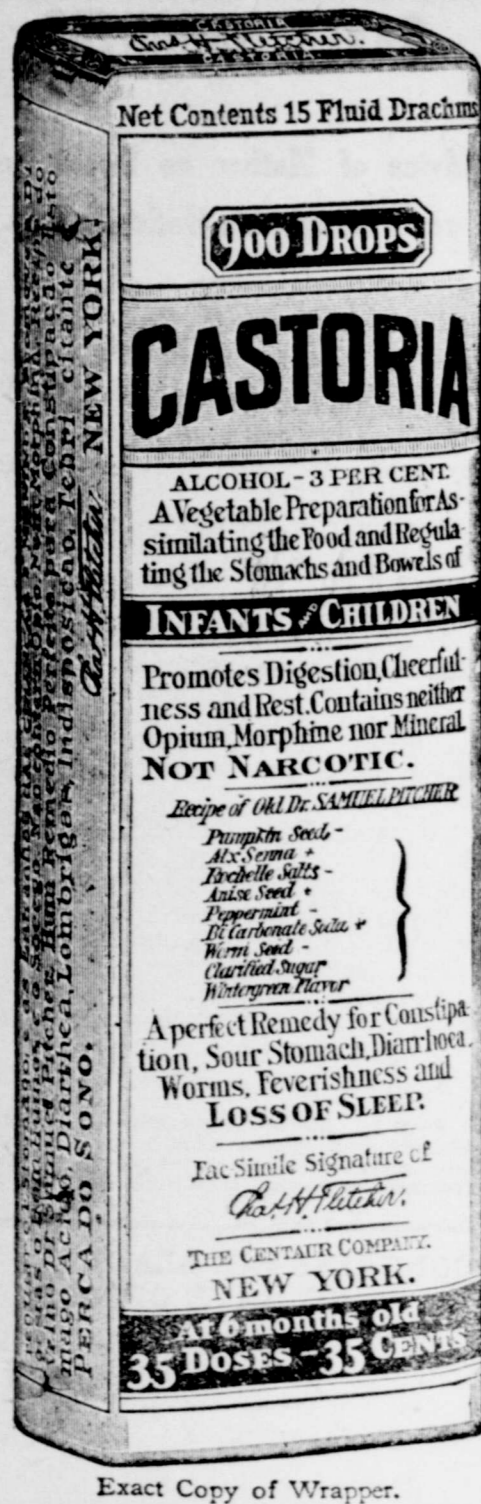
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Read the story in this paper and see the pictures at the White City. The original row was now in full swing, and no one paid any particular heed to the bartender's misfortune. Drake was still waving the bottle in drunken fury when his associate led him to a back door and into an alley. There the jallbird took the bottle from Joe's hand, and threw it away, forcing the other to accompany him. Drake never knew how he got home. He managed to creep to his room, and pleaded illness for the rest of the day. Next morning, when he met Burton at breakfast, the latter was kindly solicitous as to his health. Drake nearly yielded then. He was bitterly conscious of his fall from grace, but resolved to make amends, and had recovered his poise when he was called to the telephone. The croaking voice of Wall-Eyed Bill came over the wire: "Nice mess you got into yesterday, didn't you?" it said. "What do you mean?" inquired Drake nervously. "Huh! I like that! Forgotten everything, have you? Sorry, old sport, but it's my painful duty to stir your gray matter. Hike out into the park, and meet me near the fountain in half an hour. And watch your step! It's the chair for you this time if you ain't mighty careful!"

The crafty Italian knew that the girl's mother was now in imminent danger of death unless she was sent speedily to a sanitarium in the West. If Gertrude fell in with his plans, he promised her a sufficient sum of money to relieve her of all anxiety in this respect. For all that, she loathed the under-

taking, though she could not nerve herself to be candid with her friend, and tell of Moretti's wretched scheme. The upshot of the despicable plot came when the young millionaire received the following letter:

"Dear Mr. Burton: I am in terrible trouble and want your advice. Will you come to me this evening?"

"Sincerely,
"GERTRUDE BROOK,
"The Aphorp, Apartment 24."

This missive reached him while he was actually working the combination of the safe, to place the money in it with which he was going to purchase

the country estate. Drake was watching him, and, in a fever of agonized remorse, was on the point of confessing everything, but the telephone bell rang and Burton was summoned.

He left Gertrude's letter on the table. Drake, hardly knowing what he was doing, glanced at the handwriting, which, somehow, seemed familiar. Then he read, and his better instincts were forthwith submerged.

If Gertrude was minded to be that sort, why should he worry because her favored sweetheart was robbed of a few thousand dollars? But he could not bear to meet Burton again, and left some excuse with a servant as to a pressing engagement. Hence, he did not know that the real estate agent, through whom his employer was acquiring the country property, had asked that the money should be brought to his office that night to close the deal and thus forestall other negotiations. Burton returned, took out the roll of bills, put them in his pocket, closed the safe, and went away in his car. After calling at the agent's office, he went on to the Aphorp, which was really Moretti's residence.

The girl was very pale and exceedingly nervous. Her talk was rambling, and she seemed ready to drop in a faint. Indeed, Burton was so alarmed at her condition that he turned to search for some water.

At that instant, Gertrude braced herself for a supreme effort. She tore her blouse off one shoulder, let down her hair, and screamed loudly. Her astounded visitor had just turned on his heel when a door opened and Moretti ran in. The Italian held a revolver, and his ferocious expression seemed to show that he would not scruple to use the weapon if necessary.

"So I've caught you, you woman-stealer, you!" he shouted. "But you can't get away with this sort of thing here. Your night's work will cost you dear."

John stared coolly both at him and at the wild-eyed, distracted-looking girl. Then he dropped his handkerchief to the floor.

He had noticed that Moretti was standing on a narrow rug, which stretched to his own feet. Stopping as though to pick up the handkerchief, John caught the corners of the rug and tugged violently. As he foresaw, it slipped easily over the polished floor and Moretti was thrown so violently that his skull hit the floor with a force which disposed of him for the rest of the night.

Without a word to the cowering girl, Burton went out. He drove home and entered the house quietly. He was thinking of going straight to his room, when the sound of a pistol shot brought him quickly to the library.

Arriving there, he found Drake with a revolver in his hand and a man lying dead in front of the open safe. Drake faced Drake, and then the whole truth came out. Drake made a full confession. He told how he had been tempted, and had fallen, how a furious squabble had taken place when Wall-Eyed Bill discovered that the safe was empty, and had accused him of having "double-crossed" him. In the struggle that followed Drake had shot Bill with the latter's gun!

He moved to the telephone and called for the police. As Drake heard the fatal number, he shuddered and burst out sobbing, knowing full well how his record would go against him when brought to trial.

But he could hardly believe his own ears when he heard Burton say at the phone:

"You had better send a man around to my house. I've shot a burglar!"

Drake would have broken out into a protestation of gratitude, but Burton repulsed him.

"Get out of my sight!" he growled scornfully. "I never want to see or hear of you again!"

The unhappy wretch slunk out of the room, and the unhappy man of great wealth was left alone with a corpse.

Truly, he might well ask himself: "Is humanity in the grip of evil?" (END OF SECOND EPISODE)

(Continued next week.)

W. D. Thompson of the New Home neighborhood, passed thru Ballinger Friday en route home from a business trip to Sterling City and other points west.

METRO PICTURES

It isn't the star and it isn't the play It is the name METRO that guarantees you a good time

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A. D. Sheffy left Friday for Miles, where he has accepted a position as manager of a garage in that city.

C. B. Armstrong returned home Friday night from points east, where he had been on official business the past few days.

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Making some excuse to his employer, Drake went out. And his prison friend showed him a newspaper with the scare heads: "Bartender Slain in Saloon Brawl! Murderer Unknown! Makes Good His Escape!"

"How does this concern me?" he asked.

"You!" cackled Bill. "You croaked that guy! Up to now nobody but me knows you done it, and I ain't goin' to squeal on you, Joe. You believe that, don't you?"

"What are you giving me?" demanded Drake thickly.

Bill's manner changed instantly. "The straight spiel," he growled. "Puttin' up the unconscious act, are you? Don't you do it. If I split, there's twenty fellers who saw you in that saloon, an' would pick you out of a crowd. That guy is dead all right, and you killed him. It don't make no difference to me, one way or the other, but you'll have to toe the line and do as I tell you, or I'll put myself right with the cops, and you go to the chair for sure!"

Drake, had to accept the lamentable truth.

"I haven't much money," he faltered. "I've been at work only a couple of weeks, but I might scrape up a hundred dollars—"

The other laughed derisively. "Search me!" he guffawed. "That rich guy you're living with can cut up better'n that. Now, here's my offer. Take it or leave it. The next time he has a lot of dough in the house, put me wise and I'll pouch it. It's dead easy. No one will ever suspect you, and I'll get away West. Now, don't cut up rough about it. You can't help yourself. It's the only thing to do."

The unhappy secretary saw no other way out of the difficulty. Sick with despair, he gave in.

He knew that within the next few days his employer would withdraw from the bank a fairly large sum with which to purchase a small estate in the country, whither to retire for a week-end when weary of the noise and heat of the city. So, having made the wretched compact, he crushed it out of sight until the time was ripe for its execution.

Being restless and unstrung, however, he sought Gertrude. But, on calling at her home—a cheap apartment house in the suburbs, he found that she was not at home. Walking back, he saw Burton's car approaching. He recognized it at once, of course, and was speculating as to what business had brought his employer to that part of the city, when he noticed that Burton was accompanied by a lady. The two were seated in the closed limousine.

So Drake repressed his first intent, and did not signal the chauffeur. As the car passed, he was astounded by the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. Instantly, the demon of jealousy whispered another reason why he should fulfill Wall-Eyed Bill's behests.

A strange episode in John Burton's life moved on now to its predestined close with the merciless swiftness of a Greek tragedy. Wholly unaware of the two sordid situations which were developing, Burton's own acts contributed to the demosement. On the one hand, he obtained the money from the bank, and actually set his secretary to check the bills and see if the amount was right. On the other, his kindly nature led him to take the pretty but sad-eyed dancing girl for more than one airing in his car.

He grew to like her. When away from Moretti, she became natural and unaffected.

Moretti held her in cruel bondage.

Mrs. Strickland, of Georgetown who had been visiting her cousin, Mrs. A. S. Love and family, left Friday afternoon for Goldthwaite to visit a few days before going on home.

Constipation is the starting point for many serious diseases. To be healthy, keep the bowels active and regular. Herbine will remove all accumulations in the bowels and put the system in prime condition. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Miss Belle McGinnis, of Wichita Falls, who had been visiting at Sweetwater, came in Friday afternoon and will be the guest of her friends Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McKay and other Ballinger friends a few days while en route home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Fowler, of Lometa, who are traveling in their auto over the West, are the guests

of their relatives F. W. Tucky and family and Mr. Keen, this week.

When the baby is suffering the double affliction of hot weather and bowel disorders, the remedy needed is McGee's Baby Elixir. It reduces the feverish condition, corrects the stomach and checks looseness of the bowels. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Lane Osteen, who had been visiting relatives at Roswell, N. M., the past several weeks, returned home Friday night.

Ballinger Saturday.

W. T. Little, of Norton, passed through Ballinger en route to points east on a short business trip Saturday.

HENS BEAR FRUIT

Healthy hens are great profit bearers. Use Ross' "Dead Quick" Spray about your poultry. It is the "just-right" chicken disinfectant and insecticide. It keeps them free of mites, lice, and destroys germs that cause roup, cholera, etc.

Sold in Ballinger by the Walker Drug Co.

Lewis Martin, of Humble, who had been attending county court and visit relatives in the city the past week, returned home Friday.

ATEXAS WONDER

THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and aching backs, rheumatism and all 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. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 206 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

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You may suffer all the ills of antiquated lights tonight and, tomorrow night, we could have your house brilliantly illuminated with electricity.

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It tell you all about a wonderful new and perfect kitchen cabinet we have ready for you in our store—the

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This AUTO-FRONT cabinet is unlike any you've ever seen—it is the most advanced and helpful automatic servant ever manufactured.

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HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS Co
BALLINGER'S GREATEST STORE

... Mrs. Forrest Futch, Masters Forrest Futch, Turner and Cecil Dickinson, who had been visiting relatives and taking a two week's vacation, returned home Friday afternoon from Mariposa, Miss Nell Futch accompanied them on the trip, but will visit awhile longer before coming home.

The Best Laxative
To keep the bowels regular the best laxative is outdoor exercise. Drink a full glass of water half an hour before breakfast and eat an abundance of fruit and vegetables, also establish a regular habit and be sure that your bowels move once each day. When a medicine is needed take Chamberlain's Tablets. They are pleasant to take and mild and gentle in effect. Obtainable everywhere.

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For Infants and Children
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Miss Maud C. ... of Zephyr, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Snowden and family of the Valley creek country, passed through Ballinger Friday en route home.

Increase Bread Prices

On account of the advance in flour from \$6.00 to \$8.50 per barrel, we cannot sell six leaves of bread for 25c, and beginning Monday bread will be five cents straight. We will continue to give you the best bread that the best flour can make, and all kinds of fresh groceries on the same basis.

L. B. Stubbs
Grocer and Baker
Ballinger, Texas
Phone 66 and 64

Will Fight I. C. C. Shreveport Decision.
Austin, Tex., Aug. 26.—Earl B. Mayfield, railroad commissioner of Texas, is planning a vigorous fight on the recent decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which decided the famous Shreveport rate case against the Texas shippers.

BETTER THAN SPANKING
Spanking does not cure children of bedwetting. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble and free to any mother her successful home treatment, with full instructions. Send no money, but write her today if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child, the chances are it can't help it. This treatment also cures adults aged people troubled with urine difficulties by Box-W, Notre Dame, Ind., will day or night. (4)

A Doctor's Remedy for Coughs.
As a cure for coughs and colds Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey combines these remedies in just the right proportion to do the most good for summer coughs or colds. A trial will prove the value of this splendid cough medicine. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey soothes the irritation, stops your cough, kills the cold germs and does you a world of good. A 25c bottle will more than convince you—it will stop your cough. At druggists.

Mrs. M. P. Curbo, and sister of Zephyr, who had been the guests of Frank and George Flippin and families near Ballinger, left for their home Friday.

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The Coleman County Singing Convention will meet at Goldsboro, Texas, the first Sunday and the Saturday before in September. All singers are especially invited to come and bring your books. All visitors will be cared for.

Wanted
COTTON PICKERS WANTED—Several families wanted at once. Good houses, plenty wood and water. See E. D. Walker at F. & M. Bank. 18-9td

Wanted
PHONOGRAPHS—Mrs. L. H. Bacon, 400 Broadway, Starr Phonograph Agency. Plays all makes of records. 20-dtf

YOU CAN HAVE A WEALTH OF BEAUTIFUL HAIR

Nothing equals an aureole of beautiful hair as a frame for a pretty face. Without a background of nice hair a really pretty face frequently becomes plain and, with it, unattractive features assume life and beauty.

Every woman can increase her natural charm by using Newbro's Herpicide. Herpicide makes hair beautiful. The dandruff germ saps the vitality of the hair. Herpicide applied intelligently and regularly checks this destruction of hair life and prevents the hair from falling out, giving it a snap and luster, a soft, silky fluffiness which can be acquired in no other way.

Newbro's Herpicide in 50c and \$1.00 sizes is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. If you are not satisfied your money will be refunded.

Applications may be obtained at the best barber shops and hair dressing parlors.

The Walker Drug Co., Ballinger

WITH THE CHURCHES

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church.
The members and friends are reminded of the usual services tomorrow:
Bible School, 9:45.
Preaching by the pastor 11:00 a. m. and 8:15 p. m.
Christian Endeavor 7:15 p. m.
You are cordially invited to worship with us at all these services. Come bringing a friend with you.
R. R. RIVES, Pastor.

Special Subjects First Presbyterian Tomorrow.
The attention of the members of First Presbyterian congregation is called to subjects at morning and evening hour. It is very important that all be present at both services as the subjects are so closely related; in fact the night is the complement of the morning. Those who do not worship elsewhere have a hearty invitation to worship with us and become acquainted with the new minister.
J. W. ATWOOD, Pastor.

First Christian Church
(Located on Tenth Street.)
Bible school, 10:00 a. m., Scott H. Mack, Supt.
Communion and Preaching service 11:00 a. m.
Sermon subject, "Why I Am a Christian."
Evening service, 8:15 p. m.
Sermon subject, "Why I Am a Christian Only."
Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 8:15 p. m.
Everybody cordially invited to attend these services.
Strangers and visitors especially welcomed.
J. Frank Montgomery, Minister

Ninth Street Baptist Church.
All regular services at the church tomorrow, except the night preaching service. The meeting at South Ballinger will take the place of the service at the church, at tonight's hour.
The congregation at the Ninth Street church will begin a meeting on the first Sunday in September. Many plans have been made to make this a real revival and all the people of Ballinger are given a cordial invitation to enter into these services. An orchestra and special music have been provided. The pastor will bring the messages.
JNO. W. MILTON, Pastor.

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J. R. McCook.

And Herring, Jr., and Will Hale, of the Talpa country, were looking after business affairs in

TO THE FARMERS OF BALLINGER GIN TERRITORY

Since the gins in Ballinger are now in the new, or what is known as the Runnels County Gin Co., and some of the officials control lots of the land off of which cotton was ginned last season, who have told their renters that they must haul their cotton to this company's gins, we appeal to those who can and will, to patronize a privately owned gin, where you can get as good service and as courteous treatment as you can at any other gin, to give us some of their ginning business.

Some farmers don't know that we have good machinery, but we have the latest improved huller and cleaning system, all new, put in last October. We guarantee to give you as good service as any gin in the state.

We wish to thank those who now patronize us, and solicit those who can to bring us their cotton, and patronize a private owned gin. We need your business, and assure you that we will give you the service that will merit your patronage. We keep up steam all the time, and a full crew of hands, who do not use profane language, are courteous and ready to serve you with promptness. Listen for the big whistle at 6 and 7 o'clock in the mornings and 7 o'clock in the evenings and you will know that we are ready when you come.
Our motto: The Golden Rule.
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Apply a cotton cloth wet with Ballard's Snow Liniment to all wounds, cuts, burns, sores or blisters, and note its wonderful healing power. It is prompt and very effective. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Rev. T. C. Jester returned home Friday night from Dallas, where he had been visiting the past few days.

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My residence, 405 Ninth street. A bargain if sold by Sept. 1st. Terms \$10.00 per month, a little cash. W. H. Roark. 26-3tdpd.

WHITE CITY TONIGHT
"LIBERTY" featured by Marie Walcomp and Eddie Polo.
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SAVES DAUGHTER

Advice of Mother no Doubt Prevents Daughter's Untimely End.

Ready, Ky.—"I was not able to do anything for nearly six months," writes Mrs. Laura Bratcher, of this place, "and was down in bed for three months. I cannot tell you how I suffered with my head, and with nervousness and womanly troubles. Our family doctor told my husband he could not do me any good, and he had to give it up. We tried another doctor, but he did not help me. At last, my mother advised me to take Cardui, the woman's tonic. I thought it was no use for I was nearly dead and nothing seemed to do me any good. But I took eleven bottles, and now I am able to do all of my work and my own washing. I think Cardui is the best medicine in the world. My weight has increased, and I look the picture of health. If you suffer from any of the ailments peculiar to women, get a bottle of Cardui today. Delay is dangerous. We know it will help you, for it has helped so many thousands of other weak women in the past 50 years. At all druggists.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," in plain wrapper, No. 138

CONGRESSMAN SLADEN TO HAVE OPPOSITION

It is probable Coleman county will present a candidate for Congress two years hence, in the person of Hon. Walter Woodward. He is able, young, and virile and with a winning personality will become a conspicuous figure, should he enter the field of National politics and decide to try for a seat in Congress.—Santa Anna News.

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