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GERMAN RAIDER SINKS TWENTY ENEMY SHIPS

No Warning Given British Ship; 400 Lost

BUSINESS HOUSES ADOPT EARLY CLOSING

The business houses in Ballinger will observe the six o'clock closing hour for every day in the week except Saturdays and First Mondays, beginning Feb. 1st. The public is requested to assist the merchants in observing these hours by doing their trading during the early hours of the day. Six o'clock comes with the sun considerably up in the air during the long summer days, but the merchants feel that sweltering in their business houses from six to six o'clock gives every one time in which to do their shopping. Following are the names of the firms entering into the agreement to close at six o'clock:

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MYSTERIOUS NEGRO SENTENCED TO DEATH

HARRISBURG, Penna., Jan. 17.—The mysterious negro, John Nelson, who appeared from nowhere on Halloween night, 1915, rushed up to J. M. Sickler, a farmer, and stabbed him to death for no apparent reason, will get one more chance to talk to the Pardon Board about his death sentence.

Nelson is a well-educated, intelligent negro, about 50. Some of his features are not African. He is a true "man of mystery." He appeared suddenly out of the dark, without provocation attacked three men standing in front of a door and Sickler died from knife wounds.

Until two days before he had never been seen in this community. He declines to talk about himself or where he has been. He has manifested no interest in efforts to save him from the electric chair.

SNOWSTORM CAUSES FEAR OF LOSSES IN COKE CO.

ROBERT LEE, Tex., Jan. 17.—The ground is covered with an inch or more of snow which fell Sunday. Experienced stockmen say losses will accrue to cattlemen if the blanket of snow remains on the ground much longer.

Rev. A. D. Rogers of Dallas, and Rev. J. M. Riggs of Comanche, state and district superintendents of the Christian church, came in Wednesday afternoon to look after church work for a few days.

PROS AND ANTIS HEADS TOGETHER

By United Press.
AUSTIN, Jan. 17.—Now that the senate and house have been formally organized, the governor and lieutenant-governor inducted into office, and a few hundred bills introduced, the legislature can get down to business—save for one thing.

PROHIBITION!
That's what has taken the wind out of the sails of the Texas ship of state. And it will continue to becalm the state craft (excuse the unintentional pun) until it is disposed of.

The liquor question has intruded itself into the state's politics until now it is the paramount issue. The legislature and all state officials have become cognizant of this. They have been forced to the realization that no other business of importance can be transacted before it.

Pros and antis have gotten their heads together and decided to force a vote on submission of the question to a popular vote. This vote on submission, according to present plans, will be taken late this week or early next.

The first test of strength will be on the Nichols resolution in the house. This is expected to pass that body and reach the senate at once. There the whole fate of submission will narrow down to one or two doubtful votes. Neither side is confident. But they realize that the thing must come to a vote ultimately, and nothing can be gained by a prolonged truce.

The pros believe they have a slight "edge" through election of Speaker Fuller of the house and President Pro Tem Henderson of the senate, both of whom favor state-wide prohibition.

Anyway, they're going to come to grips—and that within a week.

After submission is disposed of, the legislature can go right ahead—and probably butt up against the woman suffrage proposition. It is admitted by both factions in this question that woman suffrage will provoke just as bitter and perhaps longer a fight than submission.

No measures have been introduced in this connection yet, and probably won't be until after submission is settled, but the suffrage lobbyists have been on the job since the legislature convened. They'll be right there when it's time to vote on that subject too.

FIRE DESTROYS ROBERT LEE WATER WORKS PLANT

ROBERT LEE, Tex., Jan. 17.—A fire destroyed the pump house and equipment of the city water-works plant here and water is being supplied the town by the wagon route. The fire started from the ignition of a tank of gasoline.

J. H. Price, the carpenter and contractor, left Tuesday afternoon for McGregor and will go on to Waco, where he has a contract to construct a large two-story residence and other carpenter work in that city.

CHECK FORGER GETS 4 YEARS IN 1 CASE

In a conversation over the phone with the sheriff at Stephenville, Tuesday, Sheriff Perkins learned that H. D. Broyles had been tried in one case against him for forging a check in that county and given a sentence of four years in the pen.

Mr. Perkins called up the Stephenville officers to find out when he could get Broyles and bring him to this county. The man is being tried on four other charges of forgery at Stephenville, and is scheduled to be tried on the charges this week, and Mr. Perkins will probably go to Stephenville early this week and bring Broyles to Ballinger where he will be held in jail pending the action of the grand jury next March.

Broyles is alleged to have passed bad checks on a half dozen or more Ballinger merchants, buying dry goods, groceries, lumber, drugs, hardware, etc. He was caught at Stephenville while in the act of paying for a bill of goods with a bad check, and Sheriff Perkins was notified and went down and connected the man with the crookedness here.

There will probably be as many as a half dozen bills returned against Broyles here, as he is alleged to have passed that many bad checks, and if his punishment should be as high in each case as the first case at Stephenville brought him, he will find himself in the employ of the state for several years. It is also alleged that the man passed bad checks at Goldthwaite and Lampasas.

U. S. GETS DANISH WEST INDIES TODAY

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The United States this afternoon formally acquired title to the Danish West Indies. The islands lying to the Southeast of Cuba, will be a valuable addition to the American coast line possessions.

EXTEND LEAK PROBE 30 DAYS

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The "leak" probe committee this afternoon employed additional counsel, and will extend the life of the committee for thirty days. The committee adjourned until tomorrow, when additional sensational evidence is anticipated.

COUNTY OFFICIALS CALLED FOR TRIAL AT BELTON

BELTON, Tex., Jan. 17.—Karl L. Driesdow and Lon Morgan, former tax collectors of Harris and Johnson counties, respectively, went on trial in district court here today, charged with misapplication of public funds.

30,000 BALES COTTON FROM GALVESTON PORT GO DOWN

(By United Press.)

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 17.—Additional reports received here at a late hour today increases the number of steamers destroyed by the German raider to twenty. The raider's name is given in the latest reports as Vinex.

NO WARNING GIVEN; 400 LIVES LOST

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 17.—A German raider, believed to be the steamer Vinita, sank nineteen steamers and two French schooners in the South Atlantic last night, according to dispatches received here from Pernambuco, Brazil and Rio de Janeiro. Additional dispatches received at a later hour, declared that the raider sank another British ship without warning, causing a loss of four hundred lives. Two hundred and thirty survivors from the steamers destroyed arrived at Pernambuco this afternoon.

Another dispatch received at Rio de Janeiro says that only seven steamers were destroyed by the raider and nine were captured.

COTTON CARGOES SUNK BY RAIDER

GALVESTON, Jan. 17.—Reports current in shipping circles here today say that the Swedish steamers Consul Corfitson and Consul Olsson, which left here in November for Havre, France, with twenty thousand bales of cotton, and a Norwegian steamer, Asborg, bound to Genoa, Italy, also sank two French schooners, according to reports of cotton, are among the number of ships sunk by the German raider off the coast of South America near Pernambuco.

LONDON GETS THE NEWS

LONDON, Jan. 17.—The British Admiralty announces officially this afternoon that eight British steamers were sunk by the German commerce raider off the Brazilian coast. The raider also sank two French schooners, according to reports received by the British.

The report of the raid received here says the Germans captured the vessel St. Theodore and put a prize crew aboard. The report also goes that the Germans captured the Yarrowdale, and put aboard the latter, four hundred members of the crews of captured vessels. The whereabouts of the Yarrowdale is unknown here.

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P. S. 7 second hand cars to sell at any reasonable offer, one half cash.

HOW YOU PAY OFF FARM LOAN MONEY

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the second article dealing with the Farm Loan Act, and written by a competent authority.

By FRANK R. WILSON
Of the Federal Farm Loan Bureau.

(Written for the United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—One of the features of the Federal Farm Loan Act, which makes a strong appeal to farmers is that it compels them gradually to retire their indebtedness through a long or short period of years.

This process is called amortization. Under it the interest and principal are paid off in equal annual or semi-annual installments throughout the period of the loan so that at the end of the term of the mortgage the borrower is out of debt.

All loans under the Farm Loan Act are made under the amortization or installment plan. Since the borrower begins paying off his debt the first year after he gets it, and because a long time loan is best suited to farmers, borrowers under this act are permitted to execute mortgages to run from five to forty years at their option.

Permission is given to pay all of the loan or any part of it on any interest paying date after the mortgage has run five years. Borrowers are not permitted to pay off within the first five years, because the money which they have borrowed has been produced by the bank through the sale of its bonds, and bonds can not be sold for a shorter period than five years.

To give the prospective borrower an exact idea of the size of annual payments required to wipe out a mortgage in a given period, tables have been prepared. The following table shows the amount of the annual payment required to extinguish in the period indicated a \$1,000 loan bearing interest at 5, 5 1-2 and 6 percent.

Term Years	Rate of Interest		
	5 per cent	5 1-2 per cent	6 per cent
10	\$129.50	\$132.67	\$135.87
15	96.34	99.63	102.96
20	80.24	83.63	87.18
25	70.95	74.55	78.23
30	65.65	68.81	72.65
35	61.07	64.97	68.97

40 53.23 62.32 66.46
The use of the borrowed money is limited to the following purposes: to purchase land or additional land; to pay off existing indebtedness; to purchase live stock or to make any productive improvements such as clearing fences, drainage, buildings and machinery.

The object of amortization is to enable a farmer to turn a mortgage into an investment. When he can borrow at a less rate than it yields him he is able to pay off his indebtedness out of the profits of the investment. A long time loan enables him to use his money judiciously so that it will contribute to increased value of his land and its increased producing power.

Heretofore farmers have not been able to borrow for long periods. This discouraged investment in live stock and for many other purposes because the returns are slow. Short term loans made a speculator out of a farmer.

So the Farm Loan Act in addition to providing a way for the farmer to borrow to the limit of safety, induces him to put his borrowed money to productive uses and provides a way for him to get out of debt from the profits of the investment.

Thus the Farm Loan Act places within reach of the farmer the means to help himself and stimulate his business initiative. The long time loan with its small annual payments puts a quietus on the terror of mortgage foreclosure.

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by Herbine. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

According to Degree.

Horse breeding is an occupation which requires much learning, and a certain English farmer has a great reputation for his skill.

A neighbor of his who sought some advice on the cheap, asked the horse breeder's son one day:

"I say, Tommy, when one of your father's horses is ill what does he do?"

"Do you mean just slightly ill or real bad?" was the lad's cautious counter-question.

"Oh, seriously ill?"

"Well," said the boy, "if a horse is only just a little ill, dad gives it some medicine, but if it is seriously ill he sells it."

A dry, hacking cough is hard on the lungs, often causing them to bleed. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is a healing balm that quickly repairs damage in the lungs and air passages. Price 25c, 50 and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Runnels County, Texas, will at the February Term, A. D. 1917, thereof receive proposals from any banking corporation, association, or individual banker of Runnels County, Texas, that may desire to be selected as depository of the County Funds and School Funds of said county.

The proposals for the County Funds must be accompanied by a certified check for the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy-five (\$275.00) Dollars.

The proposals for the School Funds must be accompanied by a certified check for the sum of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars.

Any banking corporation, association, or individual banker, in said county, desiring to bid, shall deliver to the county judge, on or before the first day of said term of the commissioners' court at which the selection of a depository is to be made, a sealed proposal, stating the rate of interest that same banking corporation, association, or individual banker, offers to pay for the County Funds and School Funds of the county for the term between the date of such bid and the next regular time for the selection of a depository.

Witness my official signature and seal at office, in Ballinger, Texas, this 10th day of January, A. D. 1917.

(Seal)
O. L. PARISH,
County Judge, Runnels County, Texas.
d-10-17-24

Neglected Colds Grow Worse.

A cough that racks and irritates the throat may lead to a serious chronic cough if neglected. The healing pine balsams in Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey—Nature's own remedy—will soothe and relieve the irritation, breathing will be easier, and the antiseptic properties will kill the germ which retarded healing. Have it handy for croup, sore throat, and chronic bronchial affections. Get a bottle today. Pleasant to take. At all Druggists, 25c.

WHOLESALE RAID ON BOOTLEGGERS

(Abilene Reporter)

There is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth in 'nigger' town.

Nineteen "pore mourners"—count 'em—are in the last stages of that dread disease known as "blown-up suckers;" nineteen profitable businesses have gone defunct; nineteen hearts are sad and nineteen different "passons" face charges in the federal and state courts, backed by evidence that is evidence, gathered by men who make it a business to gather evidence.

After suffering in silence for months, Abilene people are today freed of the incubus of bootleggers—for eighteen gentlemen and one lady of color are behind the bars or will soon be behind the bars on charges in the state court of illegally selling intoxicants and on charges in the Federal court of engaging in business of liquor dealer without obtaining a license required by law.

That is why there is sorrow in nigger town among the element that has been making a riotous living off bootlegging; and that is the reason that the white people and self-respecting negroes can breathe freely.

For the United States officers, the sheriff's department, the police department and special detectives employed for the purpose have swooped down upon the bootleggers after having gathered evidence for weeks, and what is perhaps the biggest raid on bootleggers in the history of the state has been accomplished.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Most Effective.

"I have taken a great many bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and every time it has cured me. I have found it most effectual for a hacking cough and for colds. After taking it a cough always disappears," writes J. R. Moore, Lost Valley, Ga. Obtainable everywhere.

NO SERVICES AT EPISCOPAL CHURCH TONIGHT

There will be no service at All Saints church tonight owing to sickness in the congregation and the weather conditions.

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If you spend as much as you earn, you are not only losing money, but you are discounting your future.
Think! Then start!

THE First National Bank

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2 YEAR SENTENCE FOR YOUNG MAN

BROWNWOOD, Tex., Jan. 17.

Raleigh Wayne, who has been held in jail here on the charge of having burglarized two business houses at Bangs, was brought before the court yesterday and entered a plea of guilty. The case was given to the jury, which acting upon the suggestion of District Attorney Walter Early, gave the boy, who was only 18 years of age, a two year sentence in the state prison.

After the verdict had been read Judge J. O. Woodward advised the young man to go to the prison with his mind made up to act the part of a man and live in the right way and gain the confidence of his keepers. He told him to come from the institution with his mind made up to stick to the straight and narrow path that leads in other directions than prison gates.

The young man promised District Attorney Early that as he

had been given the lightest sentence that could be administered he would show his appreciation by living a different life in the future and try to make this his last appearance in court charged with crime.

Lingering Coughs are Dangerous.

Get rid of that tickling cough that keeps you awake at night, and drains your vitality and energy. Dr. King's New Discovery is a pleasant balsam remedy, antiseptic, laxative and promptly effective. It soothes the irritated membrane and kills the cold germs—your cough is soon relieved. Delay is dangerous—get Dr. King's New Discovery at once. For nearly fifty years it has been the favorite remedy for grippe, croup, coughs and colds. Get a bottle today at your Druggist, 50c.

Col. Bentley of Abilene, state agricultural agent, after a short stay in this city, left Wednesday at noon for Miles.

E. A. Jeanes, the produce man, had business at Talpa between trains Wednesday.

662 New Subscribers Added

Mr. Merchant, that's what we offer you in increased circulation to our weekly paper (The Banner-Ledger) during the last two weeks. Our solicitors have met with unprecedented success in their work. In fact they have made a "clean-up." Volunteer subscriptions have come thick and fast.

Our List is No Secret

Our subscription books are open to the advertiser. You can inspect the names, count them for yourself. The paper is going to the best people in the county, the people who appreciate a good county paper, gladly pay for it and "kick" if they miss an issue. Those are the kind of people you want for your customers.

Plan Your Advertising Now

The merchant who uses this medium for advertising his goods will get his share of the business. That has been proven in the past and needs no argument here. We are offering you more for your money now.

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