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### Unanimous Vote On Resolution For War Against German Allies

Washington, Dec. 7.—The House this afternoon voted 361 to 1 to declare war on Austria. London was the man who voted against it.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The senate adopted the war resolutions declaring a state of war exist between Hungary, by a unanimous vote. Senator LaFollette was not present when the vote was cast, and saved his attitude in the matter by his absence. The vote came within a few minutes after Senator Stane, chairman of the foreign relations committee, reported to the senate that the committee had approved the resolution.

#### CHARITY BOARD CAN USE GOOD CLOTHING

There are no doubt many good garments for children in the better-to-do homes of Ballinger that will never be used again, except to find their way into the rag bag. These clothing should be gathered up and put to work keeping the little bodies of the poor children of this and other cities warm. The charity board can use a quantity of clothing, both for children and for grown people. All that is necessary is for the clothes to be in good repair and clean. The demand for clothing is always great this season of the year, but on account of high cost of shoes and clothing the demand is greater this year than usual. The orphan homes are calling for clothing and bedding.

John Pechnack left Thursday for Marlin on business.

#### NEWSPAPER TO LEAD IN CHRISTMAS DRIVE

To the Newspaper Publishers of the Southwest: The American Red Cross which has grown in membership from 200,000 on January first, 1917, to over 5,000,000 at the present moment without any concerted effort, is proposing to launch a great membership campaign during the week of December 17th, to the 25th. We desire to recruit 10,000,000 Christmas members in this great humanitarian organization. Membership in the American Red Cross should really be almost synonym citizenship.

We ask your co-operation in making our Christmas Membership Campaign a thorough going success and to that end, call your attention to material which will be supplied you through the Western Newspaper Union for your next issue. We are beginning with a full page of news matter which you will receive in a day or two, you will receive a full page during the following week and another page during the week of December 17th.

We hope to make this material interesting on its own account and trust that you will use as large an amount of it as possible. It is our present aim to supply you with additional matter throughout the coming year.

We are relying on the patriotism of the American press to help forward the work of the American Red Cross which is now regarded as the most powerful ally of our fighting forces.

Louis LeBeaume.

#### Refusing to Punish Traitor Was His Biggest Mistake

Note: Follows the second article by William G. Shepherd, lately United Press Staff Correspondent at Petrograd, depicting the Bolshevik uprising in Petrograd last July and describing how it was a natural part of the good progress of Russia toward freedom and strength.

Editor.  
By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Stockholm, Oct. 24. (By Mail.)—Kerensky's strength has always rested in his courage and his utter disregard for his life. From the very first days of the revolution his life has hung by a cord.

"The newspapers say your papa is sick, but I don't believe it," said a little chap on the playground of a public school in Petrograd to Kerensky's ten-year old son.

"He is too sick," said little Kerensky Jr. "but I heard him tell mamma that he must keep alive to help save Russia."

With one kidney removed by an operation which the doctors told him was a hundred to one chance against success, Kerensky has looked death in the face, and that vision seems to have given him a disregard for his life that stood him in good stead in the days when he was at the head of the Russian government.

Kerensky's only fault is that he has been willing to die but he has not been willing to kill.

The July uprising of the Bolsheviks, when some 500 men, women and children were killed in the streets of Petrograd during a reign of terror that lasted three days, was a fine instance of Kerensky's bravery.

The First Machine gun regiment, for weeks, had been Bolshevik. It had demanded that all the power of the government be turned over to the council of Workmen and Soldiers. Time after time the delegates of the Machine gun regiment—which had some 1,500 machine guns and twenty armored cars, came to Kerensky and threatened to go in the streets and make an armed show of power if he would not agree to surrender the government to the workmen and soldiers. The working men from the great factories, all of whom had arms in their homes, as Kerensky well knew, made similar threats. Kerensky, knowing that much of the army was behind these men, refused.

On July 18, the machine gun men and the working men went to the dancer's palace, where Lenin and Trotsky held forth and demanded the right to go into the streets and demonstrate. All that day, Lenin who was sick in bed, and Trotsky, pleaded with the soldiers and workmen not to go into the streets. During the day delegations passed back and forth between the various barracks and the dancer's palace. Lenin and Trotsky were afraid. I have had first-hand stories of the terrors

that existed in that palace that bloody day.

They sent word to Kerensky asking him to temporize with the soldiers. Kerensky stood pat. Unwilling to kill, an adversary of the death sentence, he was brave enough to risk death himself and even brave enough to permit killings in the streets of Petrograd.

At 11 o'clock that night Lenin and Trotsky lost control of the machine gun men. "Alright," they said to them "march through the streets and run around with your armored cars if you wish to, but don't shoot and return to your barracks at midnight."

Within fifteen minutes the sounds of rifle shooting were filling the city and men, women and children were dying in the streets. Kerensky, dashing down to the Nicholas station in an automobile, got onto a special train and was beyond the outskirts of the city when a band of men came to the depot, seeking to arrest him. For three days the terror reigned and then subsided.

Kerensky came back as a hero and ordered the arrest of Lenin and Trotsky. The former "escaped;" that is no one ever tried to find him. Trotsky was found and jailed but Kerensky pardoned him. And thus laid the trap in which he was later caught and ruined.

Note: The third article, published tomorrow, will tell of the Korniloff revolt, the second Kerensky crisis and how Kerensky failed in settling it properly.

#### CUT THE WATER AND KNOCK THE PLUMBER

Those who watch their hydrants and cut off the water during the next twenty-four hours will knock on the plumber's business, if the weather man's say counts for anything, and the signs don't fail.

The blizzard swooped down upon Ballinger just before noon Friday, and was sweeping clouds of dust through the air and causing quite a squinking of the people's peepers.

The blizzard arrived only a few rounds of the clock dial after the forecast had been handed out by Mr. Dyke, Uncle Sam's weather prognosticator, and the forecast was soon being fulfilled.

The bulletin flashed over the wire from the government's weather observatory early Friday morning said: "Tonight cloudy, rain or snow. Colder in interior. Colder wave with 18 to 25 degrees. Saturday snow, colder."

#### TAKING AUTOMOBILE COURSE

Floyd Wade, son of T. B. Wade, of Route B, is in an automobile training school in Kansas City, getting ready to enlist in this department of the army. Mr. Wade is subject to draft, but expects to prepare himself to be of the most benefit to his country possible.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Five thousand people are dead in Halifax as result of great disaster caused by the explosion of munition ship yesterday. This is the unofficial estimate placed on the number number killed in brief report from the naval commander at Halifax forwarded to the navy department today. The explosion sank three ships and badly damaged many others. Practically all of North Halifax has been destroyed by fire and a series of explosions.

#### DEATH LIST STEADILY INCREASING

Halifax, Dec. 7.—The appalling death list of the disaster caused in the Halifax harbor by the Mont Blanc, a French ship loaded with munitions, and the Imo, a Belgian relief ship, collided yesterday, is steadily increasing. A conservative estimate on the dead by the city officials places the total dead at 2500, with thousands wounded and homeless. At this time it is impossible to place an estimate on the property loss which will run high into the millions. Rescue work is progressing slowly, and many will die from exposure.

#### MUCH FEAR FOR AMERICANS

Washington, Dec. 7.—The state department officials voice much fear for the safety of American Consul General Watts, stationed at Halifax. Consul Freeman, of Sydney, Nova Scotia, left today for Halifax to investigate the fate of Americans in the vicinity of the explosion.

#### FIRST THOUGHT WAS OF AIR RAID

Halifax, Dec. 6.—The horrors of an air raid possessed the minds of many when the explosion on the Mont Blanc shook this fortress town to its very foundations today. There were three distinct shocks. First a comparatively light rumble like a seismic disturbance startled the city. A moment later a terrific blaze made even the citadel quake. Then a crash of glass throughout a wide area completed the confusion.

Thousands of persons rushing into the open saw a thick cloud of gray smoke hanging over the north end of the city. This strengthened their conviction of an attack from the air.

Systematic efforts were being made tonight to identify the dead but great difficulty was encountered as numbers who were killed had suffered injuries which made recognition impossible.

Notwithstanding prompt and generous succor from nearby places, there was much suffering from the homeless tonight. The temperature, while not low for this district held below freezing.

Many of the fires were caused by overturned stoves and these generally were in frame houses that lent themselves rapidly to the flames.

Among the structures wrecked was St. Joseph's church and the school building adjoining.

The immense cotton factory in that district was also demolished.

Virtually all the north end of the city was laid waste and the property damage will run far into the millions. A part of the town of Dartmouth, across the harbor from Halifax, also was wrecked. Nearly all the buildings in the dock yard there are ruins. The zone of destruction in Halifax itself covers an area of about two square miles. The buildings which were not demolished by the force of the explosion were destroyed by the fire which followed.

Scores of persons were injured by the collapse of the railroad station, arena rink, military gymnasium, sugar refinery and elevators. All business has been sus-

ended and armed guards of soldiers and sailors are patrolling the city. Not a street car is moving and part of Halifax is in darkness tonight. All hospitals and many private homes are filled with injured.

#### ACCEPTS POSITION WITH THE OVERLAND FACTORY

T. H. Conner, who has been with the Ballinger Auto Co. for some time, will leave Sunday for Dayton, Ohio, where he will join his wife and make their home. Mrs. Conner's parents live in Ohio and has been there for some time on a visit. Mr. Conner will accept employment in the Overland Auto factory, either at Dayton or Toledo.

#### AMERICAN EXPORTS AGAIN SOARING

American exports made a great gain in October, reaching a total value of \$542,000,000. This is an increase of \$86,000,000 over September, according to a statement made public today by the Bureau and Domestic Commerce, of the Department of Commerce. The exports for the ten months ended with October of this year amounted to \$5,149,000,000, as against \$4,443,000,000 for the corresponding period last year.

October imports are placed at \$221,000,000, a falling off of \$15,000,000 compared with September. For the ten-month period ended with October the imports into the United States were valued at \$2,504,000,000, as compared with \$2,010,000,000 for the first ten months of 1916. Seventy-six per cent of the October imports entered free of duty.

Gold imports in October amounted to only \$4,000,000, while exports totaled \$11,000,000. For the ten months ended with October gold imports amounted to \$532,000,000, against \$480,000,000 for a similar period in 1916. Exports of gold, on the other hand, were valued at \$360,000,000, as compared with \$101,000,000 for the first ten months of 1916.

Silver imports amounted to \$5,000,000 in October and to \$38,000,000 for ten months ended with that month, while the exports of silver were valued at \$7,000,000 for the single month and at \$69,000,000 for the ten-month period.

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Editor

INGRATITUDE.

The Abilene Times is boosting Judge Fred Cockrell of that city for Governor of Texas. Judge Cockrell is a nephew of the late loved Senator Cockrell of Missouri, and this would insure him the Missouri vote in Texas any way. Fred Cockrell is a capable lawyer and a man among the best in West Texas and we think that he would make a splendid governor.—Slaton Slatonite.

We thank you. The Times desires to see one more man who is not a professional politician or office seeker in the gubernatorial chair. Judge Cockrell fills the bill, and would fill the position in a way that would be a credit to the state.—Abilene Times.

Yes, but what about Ferguson? Judge Cockrell would no doubt fill the bill, but is Abilene going to turn down the "fired governor?" That would be ingratitude of the rankest type. If Abilene goes back on Jim, he had as well close up shop and kill the Forum.

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HOOVER'S GOIN' TO GET YOU.

By Mable I. Clapp. The darned old Hoover pledge has come to our house to stay; To frown our breakfast bacon down, and take our steak a-way;

It eans our morning waffles, and our sausage, too, it seems, And dilates on the succulence of corn, and spuds, and beans. So skink the sugar in your cake and leave the butter out, Or Hoover's goin' to get you if you Don't

Watch Out! Oh, gone now are the good old days of hot cakes thickly spread; And meatless, wheatless, hopeless days are reigning in their stead;

And gone the days of fat rib roasts, and two-inch T-bone steaks, And doughnuts plump and golden brown, the kind that mother makes.

And when it comes to pie and cake, just learn to cut it out, Or Hoover's goin' to get you if you Don't

Watch Out! So spread your buckwheats sparingly, and peel your taters thin; And tighten up your belt a notch, and don't forget to grin.

And if, sometimes, your whole soul yearns for shortcake high and wide, And biscuits drenched with honey, and chicken, butter fried, Remember then that Kaiser Bill is short on sauerkraut,

And Hoover's goin' to get him, if we'll All Help Out!

Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them on and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

THE SLOP BUCKET

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There are some among us who sadly confuse the various phases of economy. Some imagine that when responsibility authorities warn against waste and spend-thriftly they mean to urge a complete shutdown of all commercial activities. Others have the idea that the warnings against waste are intended for "the public" rather than for individuals, for "a slice or two of bread or a bit of bacon more or less makes no difference in our household." What is really necessary to be understood and appreciated by everybody is that economy does not consist of sitting tight on every dime that falls into one's possession. The business of the country must be kept fluid, for stagnation spells unemployment, and unemployment spells poverty and social unrest.—State Press in Dallas News.

It's the little things in waste that counts in the cost of saving. Hoover economy means an empty serap bucket. Enough good wholesome food has found its way into the serap buckets of the American homes during the last year to feed the allied army for a whole year and then some. This waste would be high living for the starving people of Europe.

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"DEBT IS HELL." That is what Dr. Frank Crane said about it and he is right if the debt is not very judiciously made. A man or woman with money can hardly find a better way to injure a friend than by loaning he or she money because they happen to want it to spend. Usually people who borrow small sums of

money spend it on unessentials

and after the money is gone they have the burden of paying it back without a cent's additional income. That kind of debt is what Dr. Crane calls hell, as is debt for clothing and food that were not needed, but all debts are not of that character. Many people would never have anything but a small salary if somebody did not let them go in debt for the initial sum, that is about all of it, which they invest in their first business venture. So we find two kinds of debt, one that benefits and one that hurts. People should shun debt where the money or goods are to be consumed in high living.—Abilene Reporter.

The doctor failed to say who were the inmates of the hell he refers to, the creditor or the debtor. Some people who are in debt are miserable until they get the debt paid, while others let the fellow they are indebted to suffer. If the doctor is correct in his definition of debt, we know quite a few of our friends who are subjects of his satanic majesty.

DOOSE VISITS OIL FIELD

C. A. Dooze, one of the best known bankers, cattlemen and real estate dealers of Ballinger is in Brownwood today enroute home from Fort Worth where he has been attending a conference of County Chairmen for the sale of Thrift Bonds. Mr. Dooze said he had heard a great deal about the Brownwood oil field and was glad of an opportunity to stop and look it over for a few hours. He says that it is not at all unlikely that he will return to Brownwood within a few days with a view to investing here. He says the town looks good to him.—Brownwood Bulletin.

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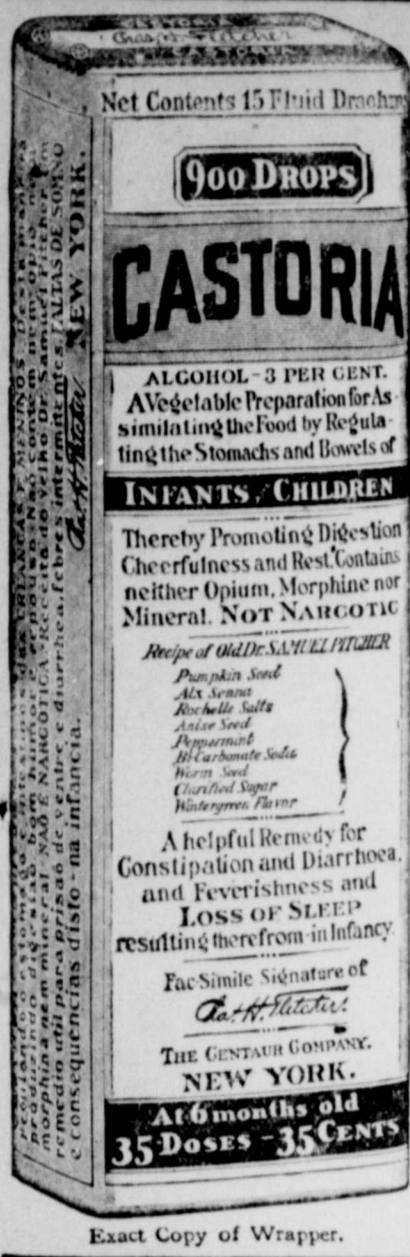
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**THE GREAT QUESTION**



**PART I**  
What is my duty; what is the most sensible and profitable course for me to follow in my private and business affairs during the continuance of the war?  
This is the great question confronting every American citizen. Here is a common-sense reply:  
Before we can settle the matter in detail, we must grasp those elementary principles which govern national affairs.  
This does not involve great learning or research, for economic knowledge is little else than common-sense applied to big subjects.  
The war will be won by the Nation which can place the greatest number of men, the greatest amount of material in the field, and produce the greatest amount of foodstuffs to supply its military and civilian forces. This fact is so generally recognized that it is not necessary to bring forward elaborate arguments to prove it.  
We are a wealthy Nation, and the question arises as to whether or not we can win the war by throwing our surplus wealth into the struggle.  
We cannot.

Why? Because our savings, as a Nation, amounted to about 5 Billion Dollars annually before we entered the war, and our war estimates for the first year's operations call for an expenditure of about Eighteen Billion Dollars, or over 2 1/2 times as much as we have saved ever before in one year.

Now, there are three courses open to us. We can endeavor to produce 3 1/2 times as much wealth this year as ever we did before. We can endeavor to save 3 1/2 times as much money as ever we did before. We can lie down on the whole proposition, and let Germany win.

Having described this article as a common-sense reply to a great question, we will eliminate the last mentioned possibility.  
We cannot produce 3 1/2 times as much wealth this year as ever we did before. It will take several years to adjust our affairs so as to produce such results.

To save 3 1/2 times as much as ever we have before is quite possible, but would mean actual hardship for millions of our people.  
The most sensible solution of the problem is to aim at a combination of production and self-denial which will lead us at the end of a year to find us 3 1/2 times wealthier as a Nation, than ever before.

The method indicated has been followed by our Allies with results that have astonished the world. After 1 1/2 years of physical and financial strain, England raised recently a loan of 5 Billion Dollars, equivalent to Ten Billion Dollars in this Country, owing to the fact that we have about double the population. England has speeded up her production of wealth, denied herself so much, that despite the fact that millions of her finest specimens of human material are fighting, despite the fact that she had raised previously about a like amount of 5 billion Dollars in loans, and is paying 2 1/2 Billion Dollars yearly in taxes, she was able still to produce this enormous amount in a 30 day campaign.

Germany is speeding up her production along the most scientific lines, and is starving herself. That is the sole reason Germany exists today.

Are we supermen that we can do things differently to others?  
Let us forget this talk of "Uncle Sam soon cleaning up the Germans when he gets there." The Germans will not be "cleaned up" by talk, or even by bravery alone. They must be fought with their own weapons, hard work and self-denial—the things that win wars.

Again, the man who cries, "Let the rich man pay," has not grasped the elementary facts of the situation. The rich man is paying, and WILL pay, for the Government already is calling for as much as 50% of his profits in the shape of Income and War Profit Taxes.

It is true that the Government is not taking away the rich man's capital, but neither is it asking the less wealthy producer to part with his capital. All alike must retain their capital in order to run factories, farm the land, build ships, equip armies, and provide wages.

It would be an entirely mistaken policy to attempt to use the capital wealth of the Country to finance the war. What you need, what the government needs, what the whole world needs, is an increase, a very great increase, in the INCOME of rich and poor alike.

You farmers must produce more, must work harder; the uncultivated land of this Country is a standing reproach to us. You working-men, must work over-time. Y

**AT THE QUEEN THEATRE TONIGHT**

Robert Demarest, a rich Bostonian, married against his mother's will. When his daughter, Liane, was six years old, he died and his wife, free to mould her own destiny, migrates to Paris, and there, subsequently became the wife of Count Ivan Oudoff. Liane is reared in the atmosphere of ultra French society; her principal schooling, the fashionable salon.

Her childish imagination leads her to write fairy stories for her own delectation; as she grows to girlhood her mind develops along the lines of visionary fancy. She becomes a dreamer, rarely favored with her mother's mildest attention, let alone parental interest and affection. And so she grows until the time comes when she is introduced into society; to become the pawn of fortune seeking adventures who possess little more than their titles.

Count Oudoff has surprised Liane in the act of composing one of her fairy tales in which the heroine is referred to as "Princess Virtue," who is supposed to have three sweethearts—Prince Passion, Prince Desire and Prince Love. In Liane's fairy tale the Princess cannot decide between her three suitors and awaits the caprice of fate to aid her in her decision.

The Count takes great delight in chaffing his step-daughter, taunts her mother with his ideas of her daughter's "genius" and tells the story to his friends as a good joke. Thus Liane, herself, becomes known in the salons as "Princess Virtue." When a newspaper in Boston carries reference to the sensation the beautiful American girl is creating in Parisian society, the item falls under the gaze of Liane's grandmother.

Mrs. Clara Judkins Demarest calls her distant relative, Basil Demarest, into consultation, shows him the flippant references to her granddaughter in the newspaper and commissions him to go to Paris and find out for her if the sneers of "society" are justly aroused by Liane's environment. Basil, a cousin, far removed, leaves for Paris and introduces himself to Liane, to her mother and to Count Oudoff.

Basil finds Liane has two suitors—monsieur, Emile Carre and Baron Strensky. As a result of intense rivalry, Strensky challenges Carre to a duel and wounds his adversary when he might as readily have killed him. Under the code Carre withdraws his attentions, and when Baron Strensky centers his admiration upon Liane the inevitable denouement approaches.

In Carre the girl has found Prince Passion. To her Strensky is Prince Desire, but she has finally found in Basil her long-sought Prince Love. Basil, however, has been faithfully fulfilling his mission; has been surfeited with the mockery of parisian society, has formed his own opinions of Liane and her environment and is about to sail for America to report.

While luncheon, at Liane's suggestion, Basil and Strensky elude, Liane has discovered that Strensky is continuing "an affair" with Mlle Sari, a notorious woman of Paris, and has arranged a farewell luncheon in anticipation of his announced marriage to Liane.

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**SINGLE TAXER VISITS BALLINGER**

William A. Black, executive secretary of the Single Tax League of Texas, was here from San Antonio Thursday, coming in from San Angelo, where he addressed the tax assessors in state convention. Mr. Black spent the night here Wednesday night and left for the east Thursday morning. He stated that he regretted that he did not have an opportunity to address the people of Ballinger on the Single Tax question while here.



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(Brownwood Bulletin.)  
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The sand was struck at a depth of 273, and was gone into only sixteen feet, when it became necessary to suspend drilling on account of the flow of gas and oil. This is the second flowing well to be brought in at a shallow depth and there is about a mile distance between the two wells.  
This morning the well had been capped and a pipe line laid to storage tanks, with the well flowing every few moments. The production has been estimated at 40 to 60 barrels per day. It is predicted that as soon as the gas pressure ceases drilling can be continued and if the sand is found to be very much thicker that the well would produce a continuous flow of oil.  
This well, together with the one brought in on the Low place, proves up a large additional acreage, fully a mile and a half long

although drilling will be necessary to prove the width, and it appears that the field west will equal, if not exceed, the field south of town.  
Considerable excitement was in evidence last night and this morning, many people paying a visit to the well. It is understood that prices on acreage have advanced considerably in this locality.  
Near noon today, while baling out this well, oil was sent about 100 feet over the top of the derrick, and it is believed that the well will gradually "drill" itself in.

O. Ingram, field manager for the Sowden, Martin Co., by bringing in this well, has justified his faith in Brownwood oil field shown several years ago when he tried in vain to interest people in proving out the field here. He spent several months and considerable money here trying to locate wells and was forced to abandon his work and seek investment elsewhere because of insufficient backing. He was successful in other fields and when he heard of the new oil field being opened here he returned with plenty of his own money and ample backing to develop holdings which he secured as soon as he got on the ground.

Brownwood people, therefore, have more than a passing interest in Mr. Ingram's lucky strike.

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Again, the man who cries, "Let the rich man pay," has not grasped the elementary facts of the situation. The rich man is paying, and WILL pay, for the Government already is calling for as much as 50% of his profits in the shape of Income and War Profit Taxes.

It is true that the Government is not taking away the rich man's capital, but neither is it asking the less wealthy producer to part with his capital. All alike must retain their capital in order to run factories, farm the land, build ships, equip armies, and provide wages.

It would be an entirely mistaken policy to attempt to use the capital wealth of the Country to finance the war. What you need, what the government needs, what the whole world needs, is an increase, a very great increase, in the INCOME of rich and poor alike.

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TO INVESTIGATE RAILROAD POLITICS

Washington, Dec. 7.—Additional power to investigate the political activities of railroads is asked by the Interstate Commerce Commission in its annual report, submitted to Congress today. A recent decision of the supreme court permits it to demand the exact details of "legal expenses" operating expenditures and direction of the president and similar accounting terms which often cover campaign contributions, lobbying funds, etc.

Letters from Our Soldier Boys

RETURNS FROM VOYAGE TO SOUTH AMERICA... Dear Mother: I am well and hope this finds all of you the same. Today is Thanksgiving and we had one of the finest dinners on board the South Dakota. I have just arrived in New York from Brazil, Argentine and Uruguay. I have been away from the United States for seven months. That trip is worth a fortune to me.

BALLINGER BOYS OFF FOR AVIATION FIELD

Three Ballinger boys, Noel Penn, Claude R. Stone and Arch Crews, came down at noon today and enlisted at the local recruiting office. They joined the aviation service, and expect to leave for Dallas Sunday night.

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WANT HALF MILLION FOR OIL LEASE... It is rumored that a party of Comanche people who have a lease on 7000 acres of Brown county turned down an offer of \$30,000 for their holdings, but stated that they would consider an offer of half a million. "We're not in the oil business for our health, and don't intend to be robbed by a bunch of eastern city-slickers," they wired in response to the offer.—Brownwood Bulletin.

SKOOKUM APPLES FOR LEDGER FORCE

Skookum, W. A. Francis, Walker-Smith Co. These are names that have been indelibly stamped upon the memory of every member of The Ledger force, and to think of erasing those names would be as big a joke as the thought of submitting to the kaiser. The Ledger carrier boys are talking about "Skookum," and the "devil" says Skookums are as big as pumpkins, while the bookkeeper says, "somebody divide with me, I can eat a whole one."

NERVOUSNESS AND BLUES

Symptoms of More Serious Sickness. Washington Park, Ill.—"I am the mother of four children and have suffered with female trouble, backache, nervous spells and the blues. My children's loud talking and romping would make me so nervous I could just tear everything to pieces and I would ache all over and feel so sick that I would not want anyone to talk to me at times. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills restored me to health and I want to thank you for the good they have done me. I have had quite a bit of trouble and worry but it does not affect my youthful looks. My friends say 'Why do you look so young and well?' I owe it all to the Lydia E. Pinkham remedies."



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