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PYREX Glass Cooking and Serving Utensels are Ideal CHRISTMAS GIFTS

HALL HARDWARE COMPANY

\$15,000 Fire at Brownwood Burns Eight Horses to Death

Brownwood, Texas, Dec. 13.—A midnight fire here last night destroyed the building occupied by the Armstrong Transfer Co., causing a loss of about \$15,000.

The building was owned by Mrs. L. A. Armstrong, and valued at \$5,000. J. T. McDonald owned the transfer equipment and his loss consist of three buses, five carriages, harness three horses, feed, etc. Loss about \$8,000.

The Wells Fargo Express Co. were using part of the building for keeping their horses in, and five big horses owned by the express company, were cremated in the fire, and two wagons, harness, quantity of feed, were burned, causing a loss to the express company about \$2,600.

C. M. Carpenter, a traveling man, lost two sample trunks valued at \$500.

Part of the property destroyed was insured.

The origin of the fire is unknown. The fire broke out in the rear of the barn, and the entire building was enveloped in flame when the fire was discovered. The man in charge of the barn, and who was asleep in the office, came near losing his life before he could escape.

BOLSHEVIKI DEFEATS KORNILOFF

London, Dec. 13.—General Korniloff was defeated in fighting with Bolsheviki between Bielgorod and Sumy, according to Bolsheviki claims. Bolsheviki controls the railroad and telegraph lines, and no report has been received from the Korniloff forces.

MARTINDALE INSTALLING SODA FOUNT

J. P. Martindale has just bought the Moore and McKinley soda fount and fixtures, including a number of show cases, and is moving it around to his building on Eighth street. Added to his present stock of confections, this will be one of the nicest places in town.

46 MEN CALLED FORM BROWNWOOD

That the government is speeding up on war plans is evidenced in changes being rapidly made in orders to local exemption boards. The men who have registered are subject to call, and while the classification work is in progress, the government has the authority and power to order the men out on the spur of the moment if the cause justifies it. Read the following from the Brownwood Bulletin:

"The Brown county exemption board last night received a telegram ordering the entrainment of forty-six Brown county men on Dec. 19, to be forwarded direct to Port MacArthur, Los Angeles, Calif.

The order came as a surprise to the board, and will be similarly surprising to the men subject to call; since orders had previously been received here stating that no further draft would be made before Dec. 15, the date of mailing questionnaires to all those not already in the training camps.

While definite instruction as to the entrainment of the contingent of forty-six men have not been received by the Brown county board, Chairman Butler today announced that all men who have been certified by the district board should hold themselves in readiness and prepare their business affairs so that they can leave on or after Dec. 18. Orders giving the detailed instructions for entraining the men are expected on each incoming mail, and the red cards notifying the men when to appear will be mailed as soon as definite instructions are received.

The order for forty-six men from Brown county almost exhausted the county's quota of 149 men. Ninety-six men have already been forwarded to the training camps, and of the fifty-three remaining, six are negroes. The telegraphic order last night called for forty-six white men, which will exhaust the quota with the exception of the six negroes who are awaiting entrainment."

Sales slips did you say. Call 27. We can handle it for you.

Rescuing Children From Under German Shell Fire

Note.—The following, the first of a series of three articles written by W. S. Forrest, manager of the Paris office of the United Press, tells of the wonderful work of the Red Cross at Toul, France, where hundreds of French children, rescued after living three years, under German shell fire, are being cared for. The series are the first to be published in the United States telling of this work.

By W. S. FORREST

Toul, France, Nov. 15. (By Mail.)—Salvaging the shattered nerves and little bodies of French children rescued literally from the mouths of enemy cannon was part of the mammoth Red Cross work in France, witnessed by the United Press here today.

If American mothers could see how their hard American dollars are being spent among the war-battered children of France they would doubly subscribe at the very next opportunity. This is the first account written and sent to America of how these American dollars are pulling French babies out of a living hell and filling their impressionistic little minds with something better to think about than constant fear, pinching hunger and a life among vermin and filth.

More than 500 of these French reach of the German shells which for three years have been ploughing and pulverizing the villages and towns where they lived. Their ages run from two to ten years. The greatest number are yet toddlers who have known nothing during their lives but living in the cellars and caves where there was some degree of safety from the shells the enemy maliciously threw into their vicinity.

When the Germans began to throw gas shells into these villages, the French authorities realized that the children of tender age must be moved to safety. So those too young to adjust gas masks to their faces were sent to the rear near Toul where buildings were prepared for their reception.

Here the American Red Cross offered its aid. A cablegram was sent from Paris to Minneapolis, where it found Dr. Julius Parker

Sedgwick, the best known specialist on children's diseases in the North West. Dr. Sedgwick agreed to give up his work and come to France to care for French children. His acceptance preceded only by a few hours a long distance telephone conversation with Dr. J. I. Durand at Seattle, also a leading children's specialist. He agreed in a few hours to give up his extensive practice and leave for France. Also from Minneapolis came Dr. N. O. Pearce, associated with Dr. Sedgwick. As the trio traveled toward France they were joined at Chicago by Dr. Alice Brown, of Winnetka. Accompanying them came experienced nurses among whom were Mrs. Delebeque, of Winnetka and Miss Bessie Spanner, East 60th Street, Cleveland.

Headed by Dr. Sedgwick, these American doctors and nurses are fathering and mothering the French babies here today and will continue to do so throughout the war.

No type of child disease bred in these dark, insanitary, vermin-ridden shell torn bathless caves a few miles away from the present camp under the German shells and gas has yet been too much for the American doctors and nurses. Every child so far brought to the camp is alive today and happy, thanks to the mothers in America. For it is only dollars subscribed by American mothers themselves that are being spent on the baby war victims. Dollars from corporation men and other masculine sources are being spent for other things.

The only worry of the French mothers still back in the caves, undergoing the German shells and the gas, is that a German aeroplane might come along and bomb the baby hospital, Dr. Sedgwick told three United Press today. Otherwise they are content to take their lot until the end of the war. Their babies are safe.

So far the big Red Crosses painted on the roof of the baby home have given it immunity from the enemy birdmen, many of whom pass over it daily. It's the only good word to be said for the Germans in this part of the Vosges.

LONG PREPARED DRIVE BRINGS GERMANS NOTHING

QUESTIONNAIRE

ENVELOPES DELAY

The local board is in receipt of a letter from the adjutant general's department, notifying them not to send out questionnaires until the registrants in returning the questionnaires have been received. The board has not received the envelopes and the work of mailing out the questionnaires may be delayed a few days. The work was scheduled to begin on Dec. 15. Following is the substance of the letter received by the board today. Parties will take notice and not become alarmed if they failed to receive the questionnaires for two or three days:

"The envelopes for the mailing of Questionnaires to registrants and the envelopes for the returning of Questionnaires by registrants to their Local Boards have not yet been received. As soon as they are received, a supply will be mailed to you the same day of their receipt. Do not mail out any Questionnaires until you have received the prescribed envelopes in which they are to be mailed. This office is now in telegraphic communication with Provost Marshal General Crowder concerning these envelopes, and as soon as any definite advice has been received, you will be notified at once."

WILLIE STEPHENS RECALLED FOR SERVICE

The local board received papers from the district board Thursday recertifying Tax Assessor Willie Stephens for service in the United States army. Mr. Stephens, it will be remembered, was called in the first draft and left here with the second increment of men and spent some time at Camp Travis, when the district board issued papers discharging him, and he returned home, and was reinstated as tax assessor.

Since returning home Mr. Stephens had received other papers confirming the action of the district board in discharging him, and the order coming Thursday recalling him was of course quite a surprise, and it is possible that it was a mistake. Mr. Stephens will return to Camp Travis within the next day or two if it does not develop that the board has made a mistake in recertifying him.

APPOINTED DEPUTY FED. ADMINISTRATOR

B. C. Kirk received notice Thursday that he had been appointed deputy federal administrator for Runnels county, and he received instructions about how to proceed with his work and was called on for an early report.

Mr. Kirk is to report to the district administrator, H. O. Hooten, at Abilene, and his first work will be to investigate the fuel situation and report on the fuel condition here. He has been instructed to call on the fuel dealers and ascertain how much fuel they have on hand. That will be an easy job as the fuel famine is on.

Mr. Kirk will accept the appointment of course, and do his bit in keeping the home fires burning.

Sheriff Perkins left Wednesday for San Antonio taking George Jandsey, a deserter, to turn him over to the federal authorities at Camp Travis.

London, Dec. 13.—Gen. Haig reports successful fighting against enemy attacks at Bullecourt. According to Haig's reports the British successfully repulsed the enemy in two attacks.

Defeats German's Plan.

With British Armies, Dec. 13.—The British forces apparently have stopped Crown Prince Rupprecht's long prepared attempts to break the British hold on important territory around Bullecourt. The Germans gained only a few yards and were repulsed by the British.

SEC. BAKER TO BLAME FOR DELAY

Washington, Dec. 13.—Major General Crozier, chief of ordnance department, appeared before the senate military affairs committee today and flatly charged Secretary Baker with the responsibility for the delay in providing machine guns for American army. Gen. Crozier emphasized the great importance of speeding up on equipment, and ask that the secretary be urged to rush orders for war supplies.

TO ORGANIZE TROOPS FOR POLICE GUARD

Washington, Dec. 13.—The war department today authorized the organization of United States guard of twenty-five thousand strong, to be used in relieving soldiers from police duty work wherever necessary.

AMERICAN AMBULANCE AT WORK IN ITALY

Rome, Dec. 13.—The American ambulance forces are rendering valuable aid on the Italian front today. The first section of the American ambulance to enter service departed from Milan and established headquarters close behind the fighting lines.

BIG STRIKE CRIPPLING INDUSTRIES

St. Paul, Dec. 13.—A general strike, designed to tie up of the twin cities industries, began this morning. The general strike comes as a sympathetic move with the union street car men. 20,000 men walked out this morning, leaving important places vacant, greatly crippling the city's industries.

Wilson Takes Hand in Strike.

Washington, Dec. 13.—President Wilson ordered the organizing of a special mediation commission, headed by Secretary of Labor Wilson, to go to Twin Cities at the earliest possible moment to take steps to avert strike trouble.

Membership Blank in Red Cross Christmas Drive

Application for Membership

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Make All Checks Payable to "American Red Cross"

Date

I hereby apply and inclose fee for membership in the American Red Cross, in the class checked below.

Please Check Class Desired and be Sure to Write Names Legibly.

Christmas Member, annually	\$1	Name
Magazine Member, annually	2	Street and No.
Contributing Member, annually	5	Postoffice
Sustaining Member, annually	10	
Life Member, one payment	50	
Patron Member, one payment	100	

Magazines included in All except Christmas Memberships.

(Fill in blank and send to Red Cross Chapter in jurisdiction of which applicant resides. Runnels County headquarters is at Ballinger, Texas.)

Carrying out the plan of the War Council of the American Red Cross, the local chapter have already put on foot a great Christmas drive for new members. The Red Cross membership should be as universal as citizenship. You will be given an opportunity of becoming one of the various members as outlined in the different classes shown in the application blank printed above. In fact you have an opportunity to become a member as soon as you read this, and can do so by filling in the a-

bove application blank, marking with a cross the class in which you wish to join and send your remittance accordingly. Next week will be Red Cross Christmas Drive week in Runnels county, beginning Dec. 17, and running for one week, an effort is being made to increase the membership to 15,000,000. The local committee will push the work in this county and every citizen is urged to assist in the work. If you are a member yourself do the loyal thing by soliciting your neighbor, and hand in an application.

W. A. Nance 393 NIGHT PHONES Henry Jones 556

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P. S. We will take \$135.00 for the Saxon we have had advertised at \$165.00 for quick sale, 6 casing with it. 1 Chevrolet all new casings \$100.00.

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INDIANS WILL NOT BE USED IN WAR

"I rather doubt the probability of the American Indian playing an important role in the European war, in the event of an American division going to France," says Hamlin Garland, the author and student of the Indian.

"The redskin played his part in the recent Mexican campaign. He is invaluable as a scout in desert or forest lands, a Sherlock Holmes of the open country. But on a great battlefield, where machinery combats machinery, I am skeptical of his value.

"The latest census figures and estimates place the number of Indians in the United States at 335,735. Oklahoma alone has over 100,000 redskins within its boundaries. Naturally, the Indians could turn out at least several regiments and possibly they will in the event of necessity. More likely, we will find them fighting in khaki beside their white brothers.

"Few people realize the care Uncle Sam now takes with his redskin. During the fiscal year ending in June, 1916, the United States government spent over sixteen millions of dollars in caring for the Indians. The expenditures in

the years between 1789 and 1916 have been over \$590,000,000.

"The Indian has, however, been badly treated, we must admit. He has been the victim of unscrupulous settlers and grafting politicians from the very first.

"My novel, 'the Captain of the Gray Horse Troop,' which has just been filmed by the Vitagraph Co., depicts the gradual weakening of the Indian's moral backbone. It traces him from primeval days to the reservation of the present. I have strong hopes that it will educate young America to the problem of the redskin."

"The Captain of the Gray Horse Troop" comes to the Queen tonight highly recommended, and is a picture that no one can afford to miss from an educational standpoint.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

ROAD BUILDERS ARE GOING AFTER CASH

County Judge Parish, Commissioners W. D. Meadows, J. D. Smith and R. P. Kirk will leave Ballinger next Tuesday for Austin, where they go on one of the most important missions ever entrusted to a committee of men from this county.

It will be remembered that Mr. Odle, a member of the state highway commission visited this county a few days ago, and inspected the public roads. He congratulated the commissioners on the start they had made towards road building, and stated that they were taking the proper steps, complying with the highway law requirements before asking for aid from the federal and state government. Mr. Odle stated that the commission would put up three dollars to the county's one dollar and grant aid in any reasonable amount. He instructed the commissioners to get together, figure out what they could appropriate, and come to Austin and go before the commission and make their application. The commissioners have been in session here this week, and have



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Grocery Headquarters
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Phone Us For Your GROCERIES
 We're as close to you as your telephone and we give you the same personal, courteous service that you would get if you came to our store yourself. We have but one price to all.
 Ring us up next time you're in a hurry for groceries of any kind and we'll deliver promptly.
Miller Mercantile Company
 Phones 66 and 77

perfected their plans, and will go before the commission with a plea for \$50,000. In doing this the county will put up \$12,500, or one fourth as much as they call on the commission for. This will give the commissioners \$62,000 for road work in this county, and at a time when money will do the most good when turned loose among men who are ready to work on the roads.

"You can just say for us that the money will go to home men," said Commissioner Meadows, "for it will be our policy to employ home men in carrying on the work." There is little doubt but what the party of road boosters will get what they are going after, and it is expected that the work will be pushed just as rapidly as conditions will permit.

How's This?
 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 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.



Austin Harper returned Wednesday from Fort Worth, where he had been for some time.

NOTICE.
 Old fashioned corn meal and Graham flour, fresh every day. Bring your grain and give us a trial.
 Ballinger Corn and Feed Mill
 109 N 12th Street
 North of Day Gin.

Mrs. H. Wilke left Wednesday for Lamotte, Colo., where she will visit a while.

FOR SALE.
 At my place on Valley Creek, 8 miles Northwest of Ballinger, a close price will be made, and if you need any of the things listed below, you had better call early:
 1 Van Brunt Grain Drill; 1 Broadcast Binder; 1 No. 2 John Deere Grain Grader; 1 Sharpless Cream Separator; 1 ex-Roy Incubator; 1 Disc Plow; 1 Standard Cultivator; 1 Standard Planter; 1 Rock Island Disc Harrow; 1 Sled Cultivator; 1 buggy; 1 Davenport.
 R. E. Jeans,
 Rt. B, Ballinger.
 Phone—Long Distance.
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C. S. Miller of this city and Dick Trail of Paint Rock left Wednesday afternoon for Dallas, to attend the State Bankers Association.

We are delivering engraved cards, but can not accept orders after today for engraved Christmas Cards. We can show you nice line of printed cards. The prices are reasonable. Ballinger Printing Co. dif

Henry Vandevanter left Wednesday on his return to Camp Bowie, after spending a short while at home on furlough.

Don't send out your order for sales slips, we can handle them and save your money. The Ballinger Printing Co.

DON'T DO IT!

Don't send your order for Printing, Stationery, Loose Leaf Covers, Loose Leaf and Blanks Away

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Let us tell you the advantages of the electric percolator — Quicker — Better — Cheaper.



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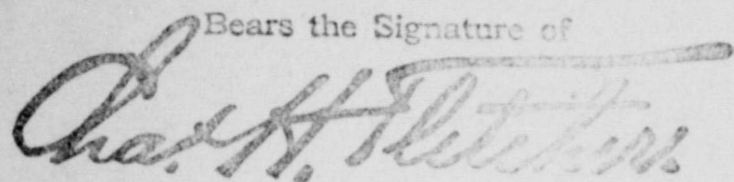
Children Cry for Fletcher's

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MAKING WAR TIME STRESS ON ROADS

Washington, Dec. 13.—Emphasizing the war-time stress being placed on all transportation facilities in the United States, and pointing to the necessity for selective highway construction as a means of relief, Director Logan Walter Page of the Office of Public Roads and Rural Engineering, today sent a letter to state highway departments urging the adoption of a definite policy in good roads matters with a view to eliminating from next year's construction the non-essential roads and obtaining effective guarantees for the construction of those which are essential. Need for efficiency through cooperation of all persons directly or indirectly instrumental in road construction, is the key-note of the letter.

Calling attention to the fact that road construction throughout the United States has been seriously hampered by reasons of excessive costs, scarcity of labor and inadequate transportation facilities, Director Page declares: "This situation would be serious even in normal times, but in this crisis when the public roads must be depended upon to relieve the tremendous strain to which the railways are subjected, it becomes a matter of vital importance that some means be found at least to deal with the next season's work so as to assure better results than are possible under our present system."

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This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicine for coughs, colds and croup, but is also pleasant and safe to take, which is important when medicine must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement.

BALLINGER BOYS ENTER AVIATION CORPS
A message was received Thursday morning by Mrs. S. P. Stone from her son Claud, in which he said that he and the other two boys, Arch Crews and Noel Penn were successful in passing the examination for the aviation corps. They were in San Antonio, but did not state where they would be stationed.

Backache of Women

How this Woman Suffered and Was Relieved.

Fort Fairfield, Maine.—"For many months I suffered from backache caused by female troubles so I was unable to do my house work. I took treatments for it but received no help whatever. Then some of my friends asked why I did not try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I did so and my backache soon disappeared and I felt like a different woman, and now have a healthy little baby girl and do all my house work. I will always praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to women who suffer as I did."—Mrs. ALTON D. OAKES, Fort Fairfield, Maine.

The Best Remedy is

LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND

Thousands of women have proved this

Why don't you try it?



LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO. U.S.A.

Capt. F. D. Shepherd, who had been visiting relatives in this city for a few days, left Thursday on his return to Byres, his home, where he will stay until being called into active service.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones, of Route 5, Winters, were trading in Ballinger Wednesday. Mr. Jones will keep posted on the latest news through the Daily Ledger.

John Hall, of Winters, who had been here on business for several days, returned home Thursday morning.

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Bud Cline went to Talpa Thursday, where he is buying turkeys for E. A. Jeanes.

ECHOES FROM BROWNWOOD OIL FIELD

Dr. W. A. Gustavous, T. S. Lankford and Tom Gardner are among these from Ballinger who are feeling out the oil situation at watching the pumps operate in the Brownwood oil field.

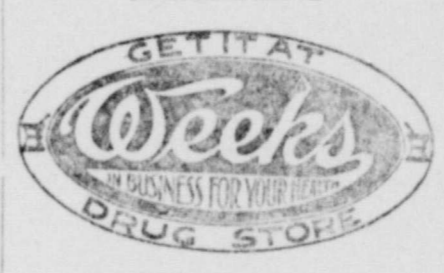
W. A. Tally has been on the ground for a week, representing a Ballinger syndicate, and rumor has it that the syndicate is several thousand to the good.

Jess McAdams, a former Ballinger citizen, and who makes this territory for the Texas Company, with headquarters at Brownwood, is \$15,000 ahead of the oil game as a result of investments made since the boom struck the city.

Makes \$50,000 in Ten Days.
Two weeks ago V. M. Jones was representing a large manufacturer of tobacco, making headquarters

STATE GEOLOGIST WORKING HERE

J. W. Beede, of the department of economic geology and technology, of the State University, has been in this county several days, and is still here. Just what Mr. Beede's mission is we can not say, but here's hoping that we will be able to report an oil boom some time in the not far distant future. We need it in our business.



RESOLUTIONS.
To the Officers and Members of the Ballinger Chapter of the Eastern Star No. 266:

son, as members of this chapter; we extend to her sorrowing family our heartfelt sympathy in their hour of bereavement.

Be it resolved, that a copy of this resolution be recorded in the Minutes of the Chapter, a copy published in the daily paper, and a copy mailed to the family of our late sister, Sallie Patterson.

Signed in loving remembrance by your committee.

Francis Cady Pearce
Olga Schawe
E. D. Walker.
Ballinger, Texas
Nov. 19, 1917 dt

How to Prevent Croup.
In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided.

FIRE SEASON IS HERE---

More property is damaged by fire in winter season because there is more fire. Very simple. How about the loss in case your property burns? A good policy is to get a policy. Let us write it.

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T. J. Gardner, Mgr.

STATEMENT of Condition

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Nov. 20th, 1917

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	\$336,868.05
U. S. Bonds	26,500.00
Liberty Loan Bond	10,000.00
Banking House, F. and F.	25,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	3,900.00
Acceptances (Cotton)	87,602.92
Cash and Exchange	271,732.90
	\$761,603.87
LIABILITIES:	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	69,016.33
Reserved for Taxes	1,500.00
Circulation	25,000.00
Deposits	566,087.54
	\$761,603.87

The above statement is correct. R. G. Erwin.

We desire to thank our many friends and customers for all business entrusted to us, making it possible for us to render this most satisfactory statement.

LEARNING THE FATE OF OUR SOLDIERS

Washington, Dec. 13.—The War and Navy Departments today thru the United Press urged relatives of enlisted men not to bombard the Department with queries for details concerning men mentioned in casualty lists.

Officials of both Departments repeated assurances that every detail concerning men killed, wounded or taken prisoner, will be wired their families the minute it is available. It is impossible to get more than the bare announcement in less than from two to six weeks.

The army casualty work is in charge of Major J. S. Jones. Here is how it works: In every regiment both in this country and in Pershing's force several enlisted men record each casualty. They report these to their commanders who send the reports immediately to headquarters whence they are cabled without delay to Washington.

Major Jones at once telegraphs to the person mentioned in the soldier's emergency address on file at the War Department, telling all he knows about what happened to the soldier. Later on detailed written reports as to how the men were killed or wounded are mailed to the War Department. This causes delay which will lengthen as the casualty lists grow.

If a soldier is captured, Germany under international law is required to report to this government through diplomatic channels, which takes about six weeks. The procedure is practically the same in the Navy.

in Brownwood, and incidentally covering the surrounding territory in the interest of his firm. About ten days ago he resigned his position, deciding to become an oil king.

How well he has succeeded would constitute another good story for an Arabian Nights edition. Mr. Jones modestly admitted that today he could cash in for \$50,000, or in other words he had made on an average of \$5,000 a day for the past ten days. Not at all bad for a salesman that a few days ago was drawing down the wages of the average salesman.

This is but one illustration of the wonderful possibilities that have been brought about through the oil development now going on in the country. While there is possibly no other who has made the pronounced success that has Mr. Jones, it must be borne in mind that the development is in its infancy, and should deep oil be found, several Brownwood citizens will find themselves in the millionaire class.

There are a goodly number of our citizens who got into the game early who have made several thousand dollars, and indications are that several more who have become interested will realize nice profits.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Holiday Cards for Late Shoppers.
The engravers have notified us not to accept any more orders for engraved Christmas Cards, but we have just received a nice line of plain and fancy cards for the late Holiday shoppers, and can print these up in any quantity with any wording. Drop in and see them. The Ballinger Printing Company. dtf.

Whereas, the Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from this earthly sphere our beloved sister, Sallie Patterson,

Mrs. A. J. Voelkel went to Brown Wednesday on a visit of a few days.

Get those Implements Under Cover

Don't leave them out in the field to rust and go to ruin in rain or sun, when with a few dollar's worth of lumber, you can easily build a shed that will save you many a dollar on your equipment.

Call and let us give you an estimate on the amount of lumber required for this or any other purpose. Our lumber is A No. 1 and we'll let you be the judge of the prices we make you.

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LIVER DIDN'T ACT DIGESTION WAS BAD

Says 65 year Old Kentucky Lady, Who Tells How She Was Relieved After a Few Doses of Black-Draught.

Meadowville, Ky.—Mrs. Cynthia Higginbotham, of this town, says: "At my age, which is 65, the liver does not act so well as when young. A few years ago, my stomach was all out of fix. I was constipated, my liver didn't act. My digestion was bad, and it took so little to upset me. My appetite was gone. I was very weak. I decided I would give Black-Draught a thorough trial as I knew it was highly recommended for this trouble. I began taking it. I felt better after a few doses. My appetite improved and I became stronger. My bowels acted naturally and the least trouble was soon righted with a few

doses of Black-Draught." Seventy years of successful use has made Thedford's Black-Draught a standard, household remedy. Every member, of every family, at times, need the help that Black-Draught can give in cleansing the system and relieving the troubles that come from constipation, indigestion, lazy liver, etc. You cannot keep well unless your stomach, liver and bowels are in good working order. Keep them that way. Try Black-Draught. It acts promptly, gently and in a natural way. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c. a package—One cent a dose. All druggists. J. 69

The Ballinger Opera House is a thing of the past. The big hall has been cut in half by a partition, and the Masonic Lodge and the W. O. W. Lodge are permanently located in the building, where thousands have in times past watched the dancers before the foot lights. Some time ago the W. O. W. Lodge purchased one-half of the building, and a short time ago the Masons purchased the other half. Carpenters are now at work removing the old stage and constructing the partition and converting the building into modern

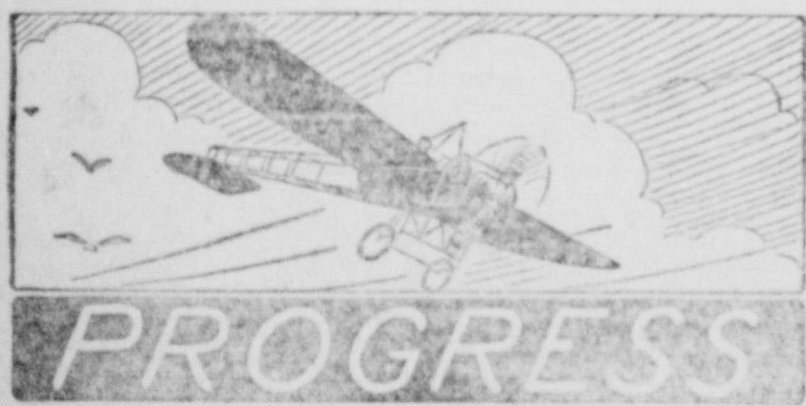
lodge rooms. The lower stories of the building will continue to be occupied by business firms. **FOR SALE—CHEAP.** An Iron Safe that cost \$62.50 one year ago delivered in Ballinger, would cost \$75.00 now. This safe is offered for one-half price, \$31.25 is taken at once. It is suitable for office or store—a chance to save money and get a good safe at half price. Call on or phone me, C. P. Shepherd, Res. Phone 161, office Phone 60. d&wtf-dh

Banking Service

This strong organization, augmented by large resources, is equipped to render a banking service to business men which includes every facility for the speedy and satisfactory handling of commercial accounts, time deposits, collections, etc.

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"Medium of Exchange" of which we have any record consisted of shells to which were given stated and generally recognized value. Every man was his own banker.

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facilities have kept pace with the progress of civilization until today every self-respecting citizen owes it to himself to have a banking connection. We offer you every convenience known to modern banking.

RELIABILITY ACCOMMODATION
The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.
STRENGTH SERVICE

LIEUT. PEARCE LEAVES FOR CAMP

Lieut. Francis M. Pearce left over the A. & S. Thursday morning for Little Rock, Ark. He leaves Ballinger under orders to report for duty at Fort Logan H. Root. This camp is about seven miles from Little Rock.

Lieut. Pearce will be assigned to a company, it is expected, at Fort Root, but just how long he will be stationed at this place is not known, as the government is moving troops fast, and daily changes may assign him to some other point, or even carry him to France at an early date.

Frank is a Ballinger boy. He made first lieutenantcy at Leon Springs in a few weeks training and promotion to captaincy within a short time would bring no surprise to his Ballinger friends, for he is thoroughly competent to advance and experience is sure to bring him success on the firing line for this government.

The young man went in as a volunteer. He is the only son and only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce, and no young man in this city was facing a more promising career in private life than he when he gave up all and answered his country's call. When he became twenty-one years old, and only a few months before he volunteered, his father took him in as a partner in the drug business, presenting him with property and cash to the amount of more than ten thousand dollars, and Frank goes to war leaving behind a successful business.

During the summer Lieut. Pearce visited South Dakota and brought home with him one of the most prominent young ladies, and a member of one of the wealthiest families in Rapid City, South Dakota. During his stay at Leon Springs, his wife spent the time in San Antonio, and she accompanied her husband to Little Rock Thursday.

BALLINGER AMAZED BY SUDDEN ACTION.

The incredible action of pure Lavoptik eye wash is startling. A school boy had eye strain so badly he could not read. A week's use of Lavoptik surprised the teacher so much she used it for her old mother. ONE WASH showed benefit. A small bottle is guaranteed to benefit EVERY CASE weak, strained or inflamed eyes. The INCREDIBLE result is astonishing. Pure aluminum eye cup FREE. Jno. A. Weeks, Druggist.

POST OFFICE SELLS FIRST SAVING STAMP

While thrift stamps and war saving certificates have been on sale at the local postoffice for ten days, only one certificate has been sold and so far not a single thrift stamp has been called for. This is not as it should be.

We understand that the people of Miles are buying stamps and certificates liberally, and quite a number have been sold at Rockwell. This is the government's latest plan for raising war revenue on a small scale and offers the public an ideal plan for saving. The plan is simple and easy to understand and the postmaster or any of the banks will take pleasure in telling you how the system of saving works, and stamps and certificates are for sale at the banks and post office.

The certificates are issued in \$5 denominations. The purchaser gets a card upon which to stick the certificate stamps. The certificate card holds twenty stamps, and when all places are filled, the purchaser has \$100 worth of certificates at maturity, Jan 1, 1923, which cost him \$4.12 for each \$5 certificate if purchased any time during the present month, or in January. The cost of the stamps increase one cent each up to Jan. 1, 1918.

The thrift stamps are issued in 25 cent denomination and the cards issued free with the first purchase hold sixteen stamps, and the cards filled with 25 cent stamps will be redeemed with a \$5 saving certificate by paying the difference of 12 cents, if re-



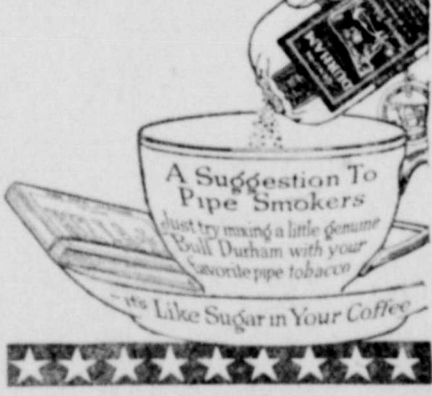
Private M. P. Conroy, 165th U. S. Infantry, "rolls his own" with "Bull" Durham.

U. S. Soldiers In France Want "Bull" Durham

War Correspondent Charles H. Grasty, in dispatch from France, August 10th, speaking about the great demand for BULL DURHAM, says, "All other kinds of tobacco are plentiful only what the soldiers want (Bull Durham) is scarce"

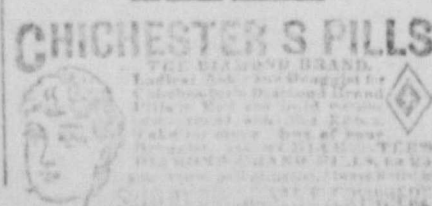
GENUINE "BULL" DURHAM TOBACCO

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deemed in January, and 13 cents if redeemed in February and an increase of one cent for each month during the year.

George Holmann purchased the first saving certificate. These certificates make nice Christmas presents. If you can not determine what to give your friend or kinsman, present them with a thrift stamp or war saving certificate. It will increase in value, something few other Christmas presents will do.



Dr. P. M. Hale returned Wednesday from Fort Worth, after spending a few days there.

FUEL PROBLEM IS SERIOUS HERE

The first winter weather of the season has caught Ballinger without fuel. However, the famine does not strike the city as a surprise for the fuel dealers have "norated" it around for some time that they were not receiving orders placed with the coal dealers many months ago, and all because the railroads could not haul the coal, and for other reasons.

Those who took advantage of the summer buying and stocked up on fuel, are not losing any sleep, or sleeping with cold feet, but it is the many who did not buy because he did not have the cash to lay in his supply in advance, and who buys only in small quantities, that must suffer the bites of the winter.

The fuel dealers are not to blame. They have done everything possible (appealing to dealers, railroads and food administrators in an effort to get coal shipped to them, but promises have been broken, and there is nothing doing that promises relief.

"We have a car of coal coming today," said C. J. Lynn, "and will prorate it out and make it go as far as possible." T. M. Marsh, who has been handling the Strawn coal, says he has been expecting a car of coal for several days. If both of these cars arrive today it would give only partial and temporarily relief.

The hardest part of the winter, or at least the longest part is yet to come, and unless the fuel situation improves there will be suffering here.

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HOW'S THIS FOR WINTER WEATHER?

FORECAST—Tonight fair and cold—freezing. Friday fair, not so cold.

The weather man delivered the goods and ahead of time. The bulletin flashed over the wires late Wednesday warned the people of a blizzard that was headed this way and fixed the time of the arrival of the fourth blizzard for the week, at some time Thursday. It was eleven o'clock Wednesday night when the cold winter blast disturbed the peaceful slumbers, and pushed the temperature back down to the twelve degree point before daylight. This big drop came after only a few hours of more temperate weather.

This section of the country has been in the grip of frigid zone weather every since last Friday night, when the warm spell of almost a month was broken by a sudden tumble in the temperature. The government weather man reported 13 degree weather Saturday morning, 14 Sunday morning, 12 degree Monday morning, 12 Tuesday morning, 14 Wednesday morning and 12 again Thursday morning. All this, too, with the fuel supply exhausted.

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.

Luke Mangum, who for some time has been in Ardmore, Okla., working in an express office, arrived in Ballinger Wednesday for a visit of a few days to his parents.

We have a nice line of Christmas cards in stock. Place your order today. Ballinger Printing Co. dtf.

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EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

You are especially invited to attend the services of Gospel sermon to be delivered by the Evangelist A. F. Shurman, for the Church of Christ at the Eighth Street tabernacle, to continue a week or ten days. Services begin at 7:30 this evening.

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LOST.

LOST—Between Melton Dry Goods Co. and my home, a diamond bar pin. Finder please return to Mrs. Lennie Harris at the store. 12-d2

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