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SPEEDY ORDERS FOR IMPROVING CAMPS

Washington, Dec. 19.—Orders were issued today putting into effect urgent recommendations made by Surgeon General Gorgas for removing and alleviating conditions leading to disease and suffering in the American army camps. The war department stated that speedy action would be taken to prevent further spread of disease, and better treatment of cases which have already developed.

FAST DRIVERS COLLIDE WITH TRUCK

A couple of young men, driving a high stepper to a new rubber tire buggy, collided with the T. J. McCaughn freight truck at the intersection of Seventh Street and Hutchings Ave. late Tuesday afternoon. The truck was loaded and was coming into Hutchings from Seventh Street and the parties in the buggy were coming up Hutchings and claim they did not see the truck until it was too late to check the horse. The horse struck the front of the truck, turning the buggy over and throwing the two young men out. After running a block with the overturned buggy the horse stopped, but not until he had damaged the new buggy and injured his heels. No one was hurt in the wreck.

AMERICAN WITH GERMAN EYE

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 19.—Paul Gary of Anderson, Indiana, is all American, with the exception of a glass eye. The substitute optic is alien.

Gary tried to enlist in the U. S. Marine Corps at their recruiting station here, but was rejected when his infirmity was discovered by Sergeant G. C. Wright.

"Didn't you know that the loss of an eye would prevent your enlisting?" asked the sergeant.

"I thought it might," explained Gary, "but this glass blinker is the only part of me that was made in Germany, and I want to take it back."

He was advised to mail it.

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

REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA CONTINUES

Petrograd, Dec. 19.—Bolsheviks served an ultimatum on Ukrainians today demanding that they cease granting aid to the Cossacks in the Russian rebellion. The Cossacks have gained strength from the Ukrainians in the way of supplies and information.

Odessa, Russia, Dec. 19.—Ukrainian troops and Bolshevik guards are fighting in the streets here today.

STORK VISITS TWIN SISTERS ON THANKSGIVING

At the beautiful country home near Hamilton, of County School Superintendent and Mrs. A. T. Jones on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday November 29th, at 4:30 o'clock, the kind old stork, left a precious gift, a handsome baby son. The happy young parents are the recipients of congratulations of a host of friends throughout the state, and on the calendar of the blissful years of their union, the past Thanksgiving will ever remain a truly red letter day.

And there is another part to this happy story. The stork flew on in his mission, and at 11:50 o'clock Thursday evening visited the home in Oglesby, Coryell county, of the twin sister of Mrs. Jones, Mrs. J. B. McKelvin, leaving there a healthful baby daughter.

Adding to the sentiment of the joyous blessings that have come to the lives of these charming young women, it will be remembered that their marriages were celebrated on the same evening.—Hamilton Record.

We can print almost like engraving and have nice line Christmas cards to select from. It is too late to order engraved cards, but we can deliver nice printed cards on short notice. Ballinger Printing Co. dtf.

Blanton's War Speech Cheered By Hundreds

Briefly leading up to the causes which brought America into the war, and pointing to the heinous and brutal crimes committed by the German government, and the ruthless breaking of all international treaties by the imperial monarchy, Congressman Thos. L. Blanton delivered an address at the Queen Theatre in Ballinger Wednesday morning that touched the hearts of five hundred people, one of the largest crowds ever to assemble in that house. Throughout the address Mr. Blanton was cheered to an echo, indicating that the large crowd was with him to a man.

Congressman Blanton began his address by saying it was not a political gathering, and that this was no time for politics. He stated that politics had been brushed aside at Washington and that both Democrats and Republicans were supporting the president in the great task now before the American people.

The speaker first pointed out the causes leading up to the war, and told of the great preparation Germany was making to wage a war of conquest and greed while the American people were either asleep, or busy making money and not dreaming of war. He told of the wonderful spy system perfected throughout this nation by the German government, and how that after everything had been made ready to unmask the awful war machines of the enemy the American flag was assaulted upon the high sea and in short order hundreds of American lives—innocent women and children were murdered by the submarine pirates working in the dark. He told how the kaiser posed as the representative of God and how the 12,000,000 trained German troops had been taught that they were God's particular people and that they must destroy weaker nations in order that the kaiser's kingdom might increase.

Congressman Blanton dwelt at length on the principles of civilized warfare, pointing out how every principle had been cast to four winds by the Germans and how the enemy had denied the right of other ships to sail the high seas.

"International law and civilized warfare does not train 16 inch guns on Red Cross Trains," said the speaker, "and shoot up hospitals where wounded soldiers are being cared for. Civilized warfare does not capture innocent women and carry them behind the enemy lines to be debauched by enemy soldiers."

The speaker told how patiently President Wilson waited and how every effort was made to stay out of the war, but said that the time came, after every promise Germany had made had been broken, and the German warning given for all ships to stay out of the waters through which five-sixth of the grain, meat and cotton of this country passed.

"Our big hearted president kept out of it," said Mr. Blanton, until the time came when the Americans would have been branded as yellow dogs and cowards by every nation in the world."

The speaker told of the great ship destruction, stating that Germany had destroyed more than 1200 ships of neutral nations, and killed 1152 Americans before we entered the war, broke every promise made and shot into the side of the Lusitania, killing fourteen hundred innocent people, and shot the ship the second time and watched the struggling women and children drown without offering aid.

After picturing the enemy in the most brutal terms, Congressman Blanton told how the Germans had said that the United States could not afford to go to war with the imperial nation as there were five hundred thousand Germans in America and that these would remain true to Ger-

many, and to which threat Ambassador Gerard answered by saying that there were five hundred thousand telephone poles waiting to hang such enemies in this country, the speaker stated that the Germans in this country were not the enemies the government had to deal with, but charged the socialist class as being responsible for trouble at home.

Mr. Blanton told how every representative in congress except Miles London, the New York socialist representative, voted for the war measures and how this man stated that he could not be true to his party and support the American flag. He also told of how every man in the joint session assembled to hear the president's war message, including diplomats from other countries, supreme judges and citizens stood up when the president entered the hall, except one LaFollette. It was to this class of citizens that Congressman Blanton paid his respects in no uncertain terms. He stated that a man had a perfect right to be a socialist, or of any other political faith, so long as he was true to the American flag, but that if his party affiliations prevent him from being true to his country's flag, he should be dealt with as a traitor.

"If America had not called Germany's hand when she did," said the speaker, "Germany would soon have had England and France on her knees and instead of sending our boys to France we would soon have been trying to check millions of German soldiers pouring into this country over the Canadian and Mexican border, and then our homes would have been in ashes and our women and children slaughtered and outraged like the people of Serbia, Belgium and bleeding Northern France."

"This government has been charged with wasting money to get ready for the war," said Mr. Blanton. "Of course we have wasted money because we had to do things hurriedly to save our nation from German rule and tyranny. We had to act quick or within 60 or 90 days Germany would have been in charge of both England and France and with her naval strength increased would have been coming to our own fair land to debauch and destroy the greatest nation on earth."

Congressman Blanton told of the wonderful progress made in getting ready for the war, regardless of opposition. He pointed to the fact that the United States had transported more than 600,000 American troops to Europe without the loss of a single one. This statement brought forth perhaps the most hearty cheer and greatest demonstration of any made during the speaking.

Mr. Blanton appealed to the people to help the Red Cross, help the Y. M. C. A. war work, closing his address by telling what both of these organizations meant to the soldiers on the front. He said the American people must sacrifice their sons, their time, and their money, and he criticized those who were not ready to do their bit most severely, saying that the man who eats meat on a meatless day should be punished by God causing the meat to remain in the man's stomach undigested.

Congressman Blanton did not refer to politics except to say that his attention had been called to an insult aimed at him from Brownwood Chamber of Commerce. He had fixed a date to speak at Brownwood, at the request of a friend, and the Chamber of Commerce had taken the matter up and sent him an insulting telegram advising him to stay at Washington and attend to his own business. The Dallas News carried an account of the insulting telegram sent to Mr. Blanton and his attention was called to it

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GERMAN SOCIALIST OPPOSE PEACE PACT WITH RUSSIA

BOMBS FROM AIR KILL 10; INJURE 70

London, Dec. 19.—Ten people were killed and seventy injured in a German air raid last night over Kent and Essex and London. Sixteen to twenty machines participated in the raid, bombarding the different points simultaneously. One and possibly two German machines were brought down and the aviators killed.

Stockholm, Dec. 19.—The socialists of the central powers have come out strong in opposition to separate peace with Russia. They fear such step may so strengthen the German imperials that Germany's socialism will be wiped out of Germany. The move for separate peace may bring about internal trouble in Germany.

Guy Stephenson returned Wednesday from Brownwood, where he had been for several days working in the offices of the West Texas Telephone Company.

FOUND—Ladies purse, with some small change in it. Call at Ledger office and pay for this notice, and get purse.

Schedule For Mailing Out All Questionnaires Ready

PERFECTING PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS TREE

The big municipal Christmas tree will be placed in the court house auditorium Friday, and the piano also placed in the room, and everything made ready for the last rehearsal of the children Friday afternoon after school.

Mrs. Scott H. Maek, chairman of the committee in charge, announced that the program had been devised, and would be furnished The Ledger for publication either Friday or Saturday. So far the work has progressed without a hitch and the big Christmas entertainment promises to be a great success.

It is the desire of the committee to begin the first program at five o'clock. It will be impossible to take care of the large crowd at one time, and it is for this reason that the program will be presented twice. Those who can do so should attend the first entertainment and make it possible for those who can not come until later to get seats. Every one is invited and especially every child in the city.

The local exemption board has completed a schedule for mailing out questionnaires to every registrant in this county. The mailing begins tomorrow and will continue on a basis of seven per cent of the entire list until Jan. 28th when the last lot of questionnaires will be mailed. It is up to every registered man to know his number and if he fails to get his blanks through the mail on date corresponding with the mailing he should call on the local board and get the necessary blanks.

Following is the order in which the questionnaires will be mailed out:

- Dec. 20 1 to 163.
- Dec. 21 164 to 323.
- Dec. 22 324 to 468.
- Dec. 23 Sunday.
- Dec. 24 469 to 568.
- Dec. 25 Christmas.
- Dec. 26 569 to 668.
- Dec. 27 669 to 768.
- Dec. 28 769 to 868.
- Dec. 29 869 to 968.
- Dec. 30 Sunday.
- Dec. 31 969 to 1068.
- Jan. 1 Holiday.
- Jan. 2 1069 to 1186.
- Jan. 3 1187 to 1268.
- Jan. 4 1269 to 1368.
- Jan. 5 1369 to 1468.
- Jan. 6 Sunday.
- Jan. 7 1469 to 1568.
- Jan. 8 1569 to 1636.

Leading Socialist Arrested For Disloyalty To the Flag

Shortly after Congressman Blanton's patriotic address at Ballinger Wednesday morning, Sheriff Perkins placed under arrest W. R. McDonald, and is being held in jail on charges of disloyalty to his country, and on charges of making statements hostile to the American government.

Patriotic citizens have called the attention of the officers to statements made by McDonald from time to time, and his arrest was the culmination of an investigation which has been under way for some time, and which was perhaps hastened by McDonald's refusal to show his loyalty to the American flag when Congressman Blanton asked all those in his audience who would declare their allegiance to the flag to stand and which was the closing climax of the congressman's speech. Out of four or five hundred men in the audience McDonald was the only man who refused to stand up.

After the large crowd had been dismissed, McDonald was severely criticised for his refusal to show his loyalty to the flag in the sim-

ple way, and it began to look gloomy for McDonald when the sheriff appeared on the scene and carried the man to jail. McDonald made no statement after being placed in jail, but when criticised for showing his disloyalty to the flag he stated that he did not understand the speaker's proposition. Failing to salute the flag may be only a minor charge in the complaints filed against the man, as his free speech in the past has been hostile to the American government and its president.

McDonald has been living in this county for quite a number of years. He has been prominent in politics, figuring conspicuously in the county socialist organization. Just what disposition will be made of the charges against the man remains to be seen, but the loyal citizens of this community have declared that the time has come when there are only two classes of people and no neutrals. A man is either for the government or against it, and those who are against it, must stand the consequences for the stand they take.

W. A. Nance 393 NIGHT PHONES Henry Jones 556

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In forming our plans for another year, keep in mind that success in community co-operation depends on individual effort.

A long letter to the man in army camp will help to cheer him on Christmas. If you haven't a brother or son in the army, write to some other sister's brother, or some mother's son, and tell them the home news. Christmas will be a lonely period for the boys away from home.

If the war continues politics will be robbed of some of its thrills next year. The muck-raker, who starts out to get into office on the other fellow's failures, will not get the hearing of those who are busy whipping the kaiser. The people will think more and talk less, and vote intelligently. They are learning.

We regret to note that we have some "unknown quantities." The woman who is living in ease and luxury, and who declines to help in the struggle that means for the uplift of all womankind, is not deserving the high place democracy has given her in civilization. The true American people have as much contempt for a woman slack-



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er as they have for the man who fails to do his bit.

After a fall's experiment on mixed rations, and after following the chicken man's book instructions for making hens lay, we have decided that hens lay better on paper than they do in the nest. It is our candid opinion that an old dominecker turned loose on the commons to rustle for herself, will find the egg basket quicker than a dozen of these fancy hens fed on mixed rations you read about in the poultry magazines.

Aside from the waste caused in burning fire works, we must take into consideration that this country is dryer than it was ever known before, all of which means that there is more danger of fire. Every precaution should be used to keep down fire during the holidays. House tops, brush and trash piles are offering easy places for an insignificant spark to start a blaze that would sweep away thousands of dollars of property quicker than it would take to tell the story. Let's discourage fire works, and save them to burn when we whip the kaiser.

WORDS FROM HOME.

Statements That May Be Investigated. Testimony of Ballinger Citizen.

When a Ballinger citizen comes to the front, telling his friends and neighbors of his experience, you can rely on his sincerity. The statements of people residing in far away places do not command your confidence. Home endorsement is the kind that backs Doan's Kidney Pills. Such testimony is convincing. Investigation proves it true. Below is a statement of a Ballinger resident. No stronger proof of merit can be had.

H. G. Oetken, farmer, R. F. D. No. 3, Ballinger, says: "My kidneys were inactive. I had dull pains in the small of my back, often so bad that I could hardly stoop. Headaches and dizzy spells also annoyed me and I had other symptoms of kidney complaint. I got Doan's Kidney Pills from the Walker Drug Co., and they proved to be just what I needed and soon had me in good shape." Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Oetken had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

THE WOMAN WHO DOES HER BIT.

A sister in the North closes a letter to the editor in these words: "Well, I must close and get to knitting, as I must get this other pair (socks) done by Sunday night. The women up here take their knitting to church. They knit in the cars and in the thea-

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tres. A woman without a knitting bag is an unknown quantity here." American mothers are going to win the war.—Cameron Enterprise.

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NOTICE IN PROBATE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS—To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Runnels County, a copy of the following notice: THE STATE OF TEXAS To all persons interested in the estate of E. D. Jackson, deceased, notice is hereby given that Mrs. Sue Jackson, by her attorney, C. H. Willingham, has filed an application in the County Court of Runnels County, on the 14th day of December, 1917, for probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary thereon, which said application will be heard by said Court on the 14th day of February 1918, at the Court House of said County, in Ballinger, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and answer said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fair not, but have you before said Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Witness my hand and official seal, at Ballinger, Texas, this 17th day of December, 1917. W. C. McCARVER, Clerk, County Court, Runnels County, Texas. d19-26.

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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.

EWING TAYLOR NOW WITH TEXAS BOYS

France, Nov. 27, 1917.

Dear Papa: How are you all by this time? I have moved again and now am at another school of instruction. I am in a machine gun school for five weeks training. I wish that I could have stayed with my company. You can send my mail to the old address, and I will get it from there. That is First Machine Gun Co. 18th Reg.

Winter has set in right and it is now both cold and wet. We wear hip rubber boots most of the time and I sleep under seven blankets. The ground is a sea of mud, but then I expected it to be this way, and if one has good clothes it does not hurt him. I have both rubber and leather boots.

Since I came here I have met several Texas fellows. My friend Davis had just left before I came. Lieut. Ware from San Angelo is here. Also Lieut. Hale from Anson, Texas. He knows Shirley Shields.

Well, I guess you know by now that this is no ordinary war, and that I did best by getting and getting my commission. I took out \$10,000 government insurance last week. I have not received but one letter from you so far. I am not so far away from where my company is. Guess day after tomorrow you will have a good dinner. I hope the entire family has a Merry Christmas.

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FRENCH CHILDREN SAVED BY RED CROSS IN FRANCE

How the Red Cross carries on its humanitarian work in France is illustrated in a cablegram received a day or two ago from that country.

At Evian the Red Cross opened a children's dispensary in the garage of an old hotel. It is known as the American Children's Hospital. Ten days before a general hospital was opened at Evian with 70 beds. It is already overcrowded with cases of diphtheria, measles, scarlet fever and whooping cough. American doctors twice daily examine an average of 250 children arriving from behind the German lines and send contagious cases to the American hospitals.

Every contagious case thus stopped may mean that an epidemic will have been prevented somewhere in France. An American dentist opened a dental dispensary in an old hotel at Evian, using a chair improvised from wine barrels. His first patient was an underfed boy from Lens. The boy's family of seven had been living two years and a half in the cellar of their home, which had been wrecked by the Germans.

Children as Red Cross Workers. Children in the public schools throughout the country are to help the cause of the Red Cross. Many of the simple articles and supplies needed in the hospitals will be made in the ordinary course of their school work, and his material contribution to the comfort of our soldiers will be of great importance.

Right now—today—is the time to help. Have YOU joined the Red Cross?



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R. R. MOBILIZED FOR WINNING WAR

This has been called a railroad war. America's preparation for such a war is a greater railroad mileage than that of the entire continent of Europe, and a railroad army of 1,750,000 employees. Already the railroads, mobilized under their War Board at Washington, have won some important victories.

Up to November 12, the number of carloads of construction materials and furnishings brought into the National Army cantonments was 79,184. To the same date building supplies used in the Guard Camps amounted to 32,370 car loads; and 9,649 car loads had been shipped to the Aviation camps.

A standard box car of 100,000 pounds capacity is forty feet and six inches long. If all the cars carrying material for these three classes of camps could be coupled together, the train that would result would extend from New York to Chicago and on out to Evanston, Illinois.

That is a long train. It represents a great burden added on to the task accomplished by the railroads in the record-breaking year of 1916. But the carrying of construction materials to the cantonments is only a small part of the total increase in traffic for 1917. After the camps had been built, the railroads had to move the men into them. They have also had to carry to the Atlantic seaboard, from all parts of the country, the men who have gone to France. Up to November 19th they had carried a total of 1,399,000 soldiers to camps and ports of embarkation.

And after the men have been moved, the railroads have to carry supplies to them. Every day 2,500 carloads of food and coal are being hauled to the National Guard and National Army camps alone.

Up to November 12, a total of 17,000 carloads of freight had been handled for the Shipping Board. This figure represents a part of the traffic involved by the building of 1,400 new ships. An enormously greater number of cars have rolled down to the Atlantic and Gulf ports loaded with supplies and munition for ships already built to carry to France and England and Italy.

All modern military and commercial activity is based on coal and oil—but especially on coal. No figures reveal more clearly the extent of the increased effort put forth in the last half year by America generally and by the railroads in particular than figures on the coal traffic.

In six months from May to October, inclusive, there were moved 150,000 more carloads of hard coal

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than in the same months of 1916, and 751,000 more carloads of soft coal. Figuring an average coal car at a length of 33 feet, the total increase for half of 1917 over the corresponding half of 1916 may be represented by a solid trainload of coal extending from New York, through New Orleans, to Los Angeles and on up the Coast to Seattle, and then East again to a point in Montana, 30 miles East of Butte.

The day is past when it was a good citizen's duty to fight the railroads. The railroads are doing their best on a tremendous job. The citizen can do part of his bit by helping them in any small way that he can.

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.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
THE STATE OF TEXAS—
County of Runnels,
In the District Court of Runnels County, Texas.
M. S. Ujffly, Plaintiff vs. M. C. Hood et al Defendants.
Whereas by virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court of Runnels county, Texas, on a judgment, rendered in said Court on the 25th day of October A. D. 1917, in favor of M. S. Ujffly and did on the 12th day of December A. D. 1917 at 10 A. m. levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situate in the County of Runnels, State of Texas, and belonging to the said defendants, to-wit: Being all that certain tract of land lying and being situated in the County of Runnels, State of Texas, being Block Nos. 42, 54 and 55 of the South Ballinger Addition to the town of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, as the same appears by the map of the plan of said addition on file in the County Clerk's office of said Runnels County, Texas, and on the 1st day of Jan-

mary A. D. 1918, being the first Tuesday of said month between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash all the right, title and interest of the said defendants, in and to said property.

Dated at Ballinger, this 12th day of Dec. A. D. 1917.
J. D. Perkins,
Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas.
12-1926-2



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. dtf

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at Washington at entrance salaries of \$1,000 to \$1,200 and there is an unprecedented shortage of private stenographers and secretaries. A scholarship with books, only \$42.00, would make a substantial Christmas gift. San Angelo Business College.

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GOING BACK IN BUSINESS JAN. 1

"Mrs. Wood and I are going to open up a grocery store again," said W. B. Wood Tuesday, "and we expect to be ready for business by January 1st."

Mr. Wood stated that he had rented the lower story of the Harrison building on Eighth Street and would begin at once getting things ready to again engage in the grocery business. He announces that he will put a new stock, complete, out and out in every line, carrying a full line of staple and fancy groceries and high grade fruits.

"We expect to make it the interest of the people to trade with us," said Mr. Wood, "because we will do no credit business and suffer no losses, and we will not run a delivery wagon. We will make it to the interest of those who buy in large quantities to trade with us, and where quantity justifies it we will deliver the goods."

In re-opening his business Mr. Wood invites all his old customers and friends to remember him when they want the best to be had in new fresh groceries at the lowest possible price. 18-d&w2t

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.

NOTICE.
Old fashioned corn meal and Graham flour, fresh every day. Bring your grain and give us a trial.
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O. U. HOOVER.
My Tuesdays are meatless,
My Wednesdays are wheatless,
I am getting more eat-less each day.
My home it is heatless,
My bed is sheetless,
They're all sent to the Y.M.C.A.
The burros are treat-less,
My coffee is sweet-less,
Each day I get poorer and wiser.
My stockings are feetless,
My trousers are seatless,
Oh my, but I do hate the Kaiser.
—W. M. C.

Boots and Shoes Made to Order.
We don't stop at shoe repairing. We make 'em from the sole up. Have expert boot and shoe maker on job. Place your order with us for boots or shoes. Practice economy by having your old ones repaired. H. L. Wendorf. dtf

Daily Ledger Want Ads

WANTED
WANTED—Sacks of all sizes. Phone 63. Ladwig and Taylor.

FOR SALE
FOR SALE—\$100 Phonograph for \$75. City Drug Store. 18-d6-pd.

FOR SALE—Dwarf kaffir corn seed, three to six weeks earlier than other kaffir, price 7 1-2 cents per pound. Phone 5802. Pat Mapes, Pony, Texas. 15-6d,3w

FOR SALE—My home, a good five-room house, in good repair, large barn, modern conveniences desirable location. Must sell at once. A bargain. H. F. Smith at hadford Grocery Co. 15-6d

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NOTICE

Interest Coupons on United States Government Bonds of **FIRST LIBERTY LOAN** were due and payable Dec. 15th, 1917. If you desire to collect interest present your **FIRST LIBERTY LOAN BOND** and we will clip the coupon and pay same without expense to you.

Clip your Coupon and re-invest in War Savings or Thrift Stamps.

We will gladly furnish information concerning War Savings and Thrift Stamps. We have on hand a liberal supply of stamps and cards. These will be the most acceptable and appropriate Christmas Gifts.

Every facility of this bank is at the disposal of our Government without cost.

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Of Ballinger
Member of Federal Reserve System.

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709 Hutchings Avenue

Individuality in Christmas Gifts

Gifts from Brewer's carry with them a marked distinction of elegance and a conception of artistic beauty not usually met with.

In no other establishment can there be found such a collection of beautiful and useful things for Christmas presents.



Beautiful Diamond, Ruby, Cameo, White Sapphire and Fancy Stone Set Rings—

Solid Gold and artistically diamond set Lavallires, \$2.50 up.

Wrist Watches for the Soldier Boys and dainty Bracelet Watches, Cameo and Diamond Set Bar Pins for the Ladies.

Handsome Sets and Single Pieces in French Ivory.



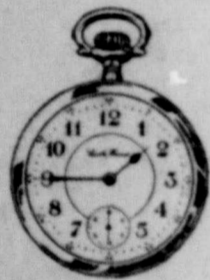
Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens, the most perfect writing instrument made.

Cigarette Cases and Silver and Gold Belt Buckles.

Mahogany and Oak Parlor and Kitchen Clocks. Excellent time keepers and good looking.

Plenty of Ingersoll Watches to make the Boys happy.

We invite you to visit our store and "prepare" to make your loved-ones and freinds happy.



Jas. E. Brewer
Jeweler and Optometrist

709 Hutchings Ave.

Ballinger, Texas

Waterman's
Ideal
Fountain Pen

AN ORDINANCE

An ordinance governing the disposition of dead animals, having the same removed to the city dumping grounds, regulating fees to be charged by City for burying same and providing penalties for violations of same.

Be it ordained by the city commission of the city of Ballinger, Texas:

Sec. 1. Every person, firm, corporation, or association of persons, owning or controlling any

horses, cattle, mules, sheep, goats, hogs, dogs, jacks, jennets or other animals and, same should die within the limits of said city of Ballinger, shall immediately remove or cause to be removed said dead animal to the city dumping grounds, as provided and designated by ordinance.

Sec. 2. Every person, firm, corporation or association of persons shall pay the said city of Ballinger for services for burying said dead animal on said dumping

ground, a fee of \$1.00 for every horse, mule, jack, jennett, hog, sheep, and goat, thereon so disposed.

Sec. 3. Any person, firm, corporation and manager thereof or association of persons, who shall fail or refuse, immediately to remove or cause to be removed any dead animal, enumerated in section One of this ordinance, owned or controlled by him, it or them, and who shall fail or refuse immediately to pay or cause to be paid the said fee of \$1.00 to the said city of Ballinger, shall upon conviction be fined in any sum not exceeding \$10.00.

There being no ordinance now covering the burying and fees relating to dead animals, this ordinance shall take effect, from and after its passage, approval and publication more than one reading, expressly disposed with.

3td.

Prices cut to smithereens on vases, pipe sets, wall racks, china ware, and a hundred other things. Pearce Drug Store. 17-1f.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

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.

Come let us show you Missouri-ans. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 17-1f

Careful Spending

There is nothing that makes money go further than exercising care and thought before spending a dollar.

The best way to exercise this care is to open a checking account, which enables you to keep close track of every dollar paid out.

We cordially invite checking accounts whether large or small.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS
BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS

YOUNGEST BIG BANK PRESIDENT HEADS RED CROSS DRIVE

JOHN L. JOHNSTON OF GERMAN SAVINGS INSTITUTION IS SOUTHWEST CHAIRMAN.

WILL GO "OVER THE TOP"

Predicts That His Division Will Exceed its Quota in Nation-Wide Drive by 1,000,000 Members.

A bank clerk at 15 years of age, a cashier and director at 19 and president of the German Savings Institution of St. Louis, the second oldest bank in the state of Missouri, at 30.

This is the remarkable record in finance achieved by John L. Johnston, who is head of the American Red



JOHN L. JOHNSTON.

Cross Christmas membership drive for 2,000,000 additional members in the Southwestern division, comprising the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, which will be launched Monday, Dec. 17, continuing until Christmas eve.

Johnston, who is applying the same principles to the formation of a gigantic organization for the Christmas membership campaign as those that won for him unprecedented success in the banking world, predicts the five states in his division will pass its allotment by at least 1,000,000 members.

Spurred by his own enthusiasm over the wonderful work which the American Red Cross is accomplishing for Uncle Sam's fighting force, both at home and abroad, Johnston's co-workers are bending every energy to insure a successful opening of the big drive the morning of Monday, Dec. 17. It is expected 50,000 persons will be enlisted in the solicitation of members when the campaign is formally launched.

"If you don't belong to the Red Cross you help prolong the suffering of our soldiers 'over there.'" This is the cardinal idea that Johnston hopes to have brought home forcibly to every household in the Southwest between now and Christmas eve, when Red Cross workers and their latest converts, in many communities, will chant carols in the streets as a fitting climax to the movement which will cover the length and breadth of America.

"Over the top by one million," is the slogan of the youngest metropolitan bank president in the United States, and the manner in which Johnston is whipping into shape preliminaries of the campaign augurs well for its success.

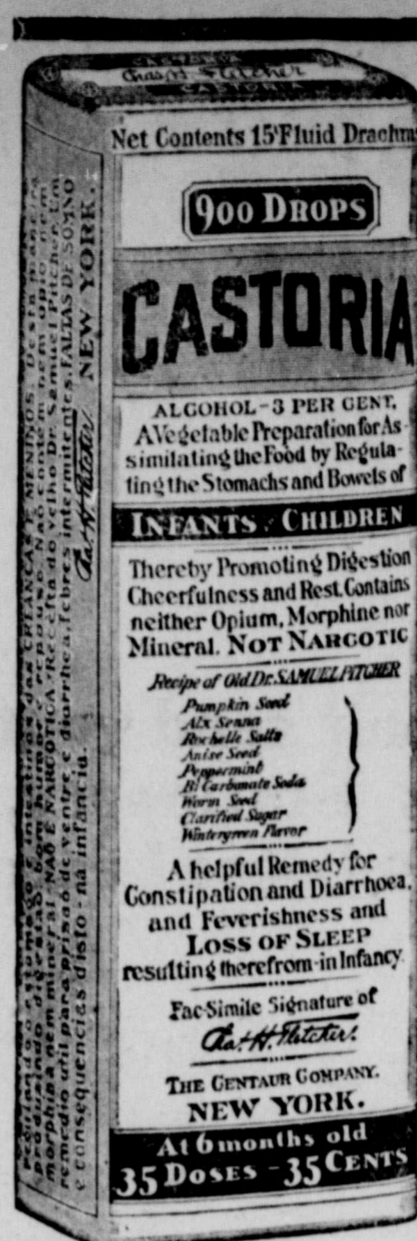
Born in Louisville, Ky., in 1885, Johnston received his first banking experience, when he was 15 years old by working as a clerk in the Bass-Johnston Banking Company at Ashland, Mo. He continued to work in the bank during the summers until, in 1905, he was elected cashier and a director, at which time he was still not of age.

In 1907 he went to Muskogee, Ok., where he became vice-president of the First National Bank of that city. In 1910 Johnston left Muskogee and became one of the organizers of the National Reserve Bank of Kansas City, which he served as cashier and director for five years. In February, 1915, he went to St. Louis as vice-president and a director of the German Savings Institution of that city. Oct. 28, last year, he was elected president of that institution, which has shown largely increased surplus and deposits under his direction.

Any man of ordinary ability can succeed if he sets his mind hard to it. This is Johnston's rule for success.

Sales slips did you say. Call

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Always Bears the Signature

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In Use For Over Thirty Years
CASTORIA

THE CENTAUR COMPANY NEW YORK CITY

Blanton's War Speech Cheered By Hundreds

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after he reached Ballinger, and at the same time the message boy handed him a telegram from the mayor and citizens of Santa Anna requesting him to cancel his Brownwood date and speak at Santa Anna instead, if Brownwood did not want him.

In referring to the Brownwood insult, Congressman Blanton stated that he would speak at other places on the same day he was scheduled to speak at Brownwood and to fill the engagements he would have to travel 116 miles, and that just because Chas. Jenkins wanted to run for Congress, the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce had sent him an insulting telegram.

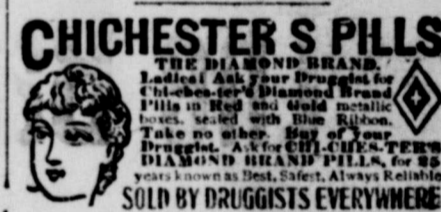
"That bunch did not have sense enough to know that Congress had adjourned, and that instead of making this campaign in the interest of the country I could be at home in Washington with my family and having a good time," said Mr. Blanton. I have pledged to the president that my district would do its bit in this war, and I am here to bring a message that will wake the people up and cause them to realize just what kind of an enemy we are fighting, paying my own expenses, robbing myself of the pleasure of being at home during the holidays and while congress is not in session, traveling both day and night and making three, four and five speeches each day." This was the only reference made to politics and the way in which the congressman handled the Brownwood matter was repented to with a hearty applause.

Congressman Blanton left Abilene at five o'clock Wednesday morning, coming to Ballinger in an auto. He accepted an invitation to address the high school pupils after arriving in Ballinger, and accompanied by friends he was carried to the high school building where he talked for thirty minutes. Coming direct from the high school building Congressman Blanton went to the Queen Theatre, where he was introduced by Scott H. Mack, and pitched into a two hours' address without delay.

After speaking here Mr. Blanton hurriedly went to Paint Rock where he was billed to speak at one-thirty, and from Paint Rock he goes to Eden and speaks at four o'clock this afternoon and from that place to Junction, speaking at Junction at eight o'clock tonight, making five speeches for the day and a travel of more than 150 miles. He says he will spend the entire holiday week in

this district speaking in counties in his old district which will not be in the district when the next election is held and will return to Washington in time to answer roll call when congress convenes.

Congressman Blanton said that he regretted that he did not have time to tarry longer in Ballinger and meet his friends, but that he was pressed for time, and desired to get his war message before as many people as possible. He thanked the people of Ballinger for the splendid hearing given him here, and left for Paint Rock with his pockets full of apples, not taking time to get a lunch after his Ballinger speech.



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