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More Drafted Men to Be Called Out Before December 31st

TEUTONS REJECT PEACE TERMS OF RUSSIA

London, Dec. 21.—The Germans have rejected the peace terms outlined by the Russians, according to unofficial dispatches received here from Petrograd. The Bolshevik delegation have been recalled to Petrograd.

UKRANIANS STANDS FOR INDEPENDENCE

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—The province of Ukraine formally rejected the Bolshevik ultimatum today and in return of the warning sent out by the Bolsheviks for the Ukrainians not to aid the Bolshevik enemy, the Ukrainians demand full recognition of Ukraine's independence.

Miss Mary Parker, who has been making her home with her aunt, Mrs. F. T. Rushing, and attending the Ballinger schools, left for Eldorado Friday, where she will spend the holidays.

Miss Grace DeWitt is at home from Denton, where she is attending the College of Industrial Arts. She will return after spending the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Harry Sharp, of Abilene, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Norton, of Brady, are here to spend the holidays with Mrs. Norton's mother, Mrs. R. H. Schooler.

Why Not Organize Local Vigilance Corps Here?

In his address here Congressman Blanton stated that every town in the nation should organize a home guard. Other towns are doing just what Mr. Blanton suggested that Ballinger do. It is a move that should be put under foot here, and we are sure that all that is necessary to succeed is for the proper authority to call a meeting and outline the plans. The necessary members will be forth coming. The men who are not being called to the front and who are left at home to keep the home fires burning, will respond, and do it quick.

In the early stages of the war the American Defense Society, with headquarters in New York, was organized. That society too is calling for the organization of loyal vigilance corps, for the purpose of putting an end to German propaganda and enemy activity which has been responsible for fires, ammunition plant explosions, sabotage, food scarcities and other attempts to damage the morale of the American people.

Recent events in this country make it plain that the German method of propaganda which has been so effective in Russia and Italy is now being attempted in this country with an alarming degree of success, according to the appeal to Americans now being issued by the American Defense Society. German propaganda has long been supplied to our troops in the national encampments. The ship-building program is being interfered with by German-inspired strikes. Germans

are directing the hoarding of food supplies to an extent that panics have already been prevalent in the leading cities. Newspapers are giving daily reports of fires in ammunition plants and grain depots and the country is now on the verge of an even greater calamity in the shape of a railroad strike of unprecedented extent which threatens to cripple our national industry.

The far-reaching need of the local Vigilance Corps can readily be seen when it is known that in this country alone there are today several million alien enemies representing Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Turkey and other countries sympathetic or allied with the Prussian autocracy. Almost without exception these enemies are free to go about as they see fit, and while the Government has done much toward tightening the censorship of mails and cables, nevertheless there are numberless channels by which these enemies are in touch with the directing genius of German propaganda in Berlin.

If Americans mean to stand by the men at the front, whose lives are already sacrificed, and to stand by their Government, the opportunity is offered in the additional service they can give to this work of the American Defense Society.

The plan of organization undertaken by the Society and recommended to loyal Americans provides for the enrollment of a small American Vigilance Corps in every city and town which shall classify all residents under the following terms:

1. Loyal.
2. Disloyal.
3. Doubtful.
4. Unknown.

Following the general classification of citizens the Committee is urged to make further designation of the following list:

1. Alien enemy.
2. Pro-German.
3. Anti government.

In the letter of instructions to branch organizations the Executive Committee of the American Defense Society gives the following directions:

"At the earliest possible moment, when you have made your classification of alien enemies, pro-Germans, and those opposed to the government in this war, send this list to the Police Department, the local representative of the Department of Justice and to whatever representatives of the army or navy intelligence bureaus there are in your community. Do not let this matter rest, however, with this first classification of the enemies. Too much stress cannot be put on the importance of having your own Vigilance Corps take steps to watch alien enemies, pro-Germans and those opposed to the Government. Only by such co-operation will you be able to give effective aid to the Government. Take every means you can to let the people of your city know the names of our enemies."

RUSS-JAPS TO PROTECT CHINESE

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—A secret treaty between Russia and Japan was made public here today. The text of the treaty provides for an offensive by the Russo-Japanese against any other power attempting to gain political supremacy over China.

RUSSIAN CZAR SEEK NEW HOME

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—Former Czar Nicholas and family of Russia, will be permitted to seek haven in some other country than Russia. The Russian decree will be issued next Thursday allowing the dethroned Czar to seek a new dwelling place.

PAYS \$82.40 FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENT

A prominent citizen, who lives so near Ballinger that we claim him as a citizen of the town, was here doing his Christmas shopping Friday. Among the things purchased was a complete United States war savings certificate of twenty stamps, and as this is to be used as a Christmas present, we are denied the privilege of giving the name of the Christmas shopper.

As everybody should know by this time, it requires twenty war saving stamps to make a complete certificate. These stamps can be purchased now for \$4.12 each. If you wait until the first of February they will cost you \$4.13 each and will cost one cent more throughout the year. The party who purchased the complete certificate paid \$82.40 for same. On January 1, 1923, the government will give the holder of the certificate \$100 for it. A pretty nice present. Wonder who'll get it?

The First National Bank sold the complete certificate, the first one so far sold. This bank reports the sale of quite a number of certificates during the last few days, with many prospective buyers after the holidays. The thing to do is to buy one or more stamps and get a certificate, fill the certificate up just as you have the money to spare, and you will soon have a saving representing \$100, and if you wish to cash in before '23 you can do it and get interest to time of cashing in on a basis of four per cent compounded quarterly.

LIBRARY CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

The Carnegie library will not be open Tuesday, Christmas day, and those who have books out may keep them until Saturday. All books must be brought in by Saturday, December 29, and left for the annual checking up.

Mrs. W. S. Fleming, Librarian.

Mrs. H. A. Newby, of Brownwood, came in Friday and is here to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Simpson.

Thad Thomson, tick inspector, had business at Talpa Friday.

LOCAL BOARD CALLS FOR VOLUNTEERS

The idea prevails among many that men within the draft age can not now volunteer for service in any branch of the army. This is an error. The false impression no doubt gained its place in the minds of the people through the report that registrants could not volunteer after December 15th. That rule only stopped men within the draft age from volunteering through the regular recruiting stations and confines all such volunteering to be handled thru the local exemption board. The local exemption board can not accept for volunteer service men who are not subject to draft, but they are calling for volunteers from among the men who registered as will be seen from the following notice issued by the Runnels County board today:

Notice to Registrants that have not heretofore been called and examined by this board:

We have openings in the following branches of service and will accept volunteers, and will forward you to the following camps if you are found to be physically qualified for military service:

Aviation Section Signal Corps, Kelly Field San Antonio, Texas. Land Division, Signal Corps, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. Medical Officers Training Camp, Fort Riley, Kansas. Ordnance Department, Raritan Depot, Raritan, N. J. Infantry, Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C.

We have one man for Quartermaster Corps to be sent to Jacksonville, Fla., will leave not later than next Friday, would like to have some more men to go with him. See us.

Local Board, Runnels County, Texas, Dec. 21, 1917.

It will be seen from the above notice that men who registered and have not been examined, can volunteer for any of the branches mentioned in the notice. If they pass the required examination they are given transportation, meal tickets, etc., and sent direct to the division camp of the different branches named in the notice.

One volunteer to Go Next Friday.

David Walker Little, of Route 5, Winters, has volunteered under the above rule, and is waiting to be sent to Jacksonville, Fla. The local board is allowed, or given instructions to hold volunteers until several can be sent together, provided they are not held over seven days. Mr. Walker will leave here next Friday and the board hopes to be able to have others ready to go with him.

ANOTHER SHIPMENT KNITTED GARMENTS

The Runnels county Red Cross Chapter shipped another box of knitted garments to headquarters Friday. The box contained the following articles:

- 62 sweaters
- 14 mufflers
- 18 helmets
- 32 pairs wristlets
- 124 pairs socks.

Of the above shipment Winters Auxiliary supplied 28 pairs socks, 12 sweaters and 4 mufflers. The Miles Auxiliary supplied 19 pairs socks, 5 sweaters, 2 helmets and 9 pairs wristlets. The Norton ladies furnished 14 pairs socks, 1 sweater and 1 pair wristlets.

Washington, Dec. 21.—In the face of the startling shortage of clothing and war supplies, thousands of men will be called into service by December 31. Quartermaster General Sharpe admitted this before the senate military probe committee this afternoon. This call to be made before the end of the year refers to twenty-five per cent of the last increment of the first draft not yet called out.

DRAFTED MAN BUYS LIFE MEMBERSHIP

In making mention of the purchase of a life membership in the Red Cross by the post master at Rowena, The Ledger gave the name as Theo. Schuhmann, when we should have said John G. Schuhmann. John G. is post master and not Theodore, and many of our readers would have known the difference, but we hasten to correct the error and give credit to whom credit is due, and to also add that Post Master Schuhmann was induced to buy a life membership because he had recently had occasion to appreciate the great work of the Red Cross.

Mr. Schuhmann is within the draft age. In fact he was among the first men called, and asked to be exempt on the ground of having a dependent family. Before the district board could pass on his case he was called for service and sent to Camp Travis. He spent several weeks in Camp Travis, but the district board granted a discharge and he returned home. It was while at Camp Travis that he learned the great importance of Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. work and shows his appreciation by buying a life membership.

While Mr. Schuhmann has received a temporary discharge, he will be classed, and when the men all along the line down to his class have been called, and the time comes to call out his class, he will be ready to go again.

BOY SCOUTS WILL HELP IN WAR WORK

Scout Master King calls a meeting of the Boy Scouts tonight. The Scouts are notified to be present at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church at seven o'clock tonight.

Scout Master King has received a request from the treasury department requesting that the scouts be used to help carry on the war savings certificate and thrift stamp campaign. This campaign is now on, and after the holidays the work will be taken up and pushed aggressively during the month of January.

Just what part the local scouts will take in the campaign has not been definitely determined. In fact the full instructions for carrying on the work has not been received. From time to time the scouts and camp fire girls all over the country have been called on to help in the war, and other opportunities will be afforded them.

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Get on the Red Cross list.

You can at least be a home guard.

A big rain would make the best Christmas gift of all.

Something for nothing is not worth having, and the man who expects to get good roads without paying for them, can guess again.

People have recently been positioned by drinking booze in the booze centers of the country, and the devilment was charged up to the Germans. All booze is poison and the man who drinks it has no one to blame but himself.

WHAT'S THE GAME?

The following telegram was sent to Congressman Blanton Monday morning by the Chamber of Commerce, after the board of directors had read an announcement from Blanton that he would deliver a speech in Brownwood on the evening of December 28. "Replying to your request for a speaking date in Brownwood, beg to suggest that Congress is in session and matters of grave importance should demand your presence and thought there."



THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from 215 and other cities. Dr. E. W. Hall, 208 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

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FIRE INSURANCE The Best Companies PROMPT SERVICE Your business solicited. MISS MAGGIE SHARP Upstairs in old Fidelity Credit Co.'s Office. Phone 215. See Me.

Brownwood Bulletin. To an unbiased observer it would seem that the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce has violated the common law of civility and courtesy for which the South has long been distinguished. The editor of this paper holds no brief for Representative Blanton, has never met the man and would not know him in the middle of the road; but that he is a gentleman and entitled to be treated as such is evidenced by the support given him by his home county during his candidacy for Congress. One is led to wonder if Brownwood was not prompted by other motives than those expressed in its rude greeting to the congressional stranger within its gates—i. e.,—the necessity of opening up a congressional track for her own Tom, Dick, Harry or "Charley" to run on.—Coleman Democrat.

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.

SOLIDARITY OF MOTHERS.

That the mothers of the country will stand together and be a source of strength to each other is the statement made by Kate Waller Barnett of the Mother's Congress. She insists that the American mother must help the foreign born American mother to understand the reasons for the war. "The foreign mother cannot support her boy at the front, unless she understands what he is fighting for," says Dr. Barrett, Chairman of the Immigration Committee of the National Council of Women. "The foreign mother in America, unable to understand English, has come to this country to be at peace, and she is left in a chaotic state when her sons are drafted to fight for their new country. She cannot read the newspapers or talk to American women, except through her children as interpreters. As she cannot understand the reasons for this war, she becomes rebellious, and her feelings are communicated to her son in the training camp." She must be educated in the causes of the war. Dr. Barrett urges American

Signs of a New Year



mothers feel a solidarity with the Americanized mother of other nations. "The soldier is dependent upon the feelings of his home for his own attitude of mind." She says, "The Mother's Congress is doing a great work by holding meetings in many cities, to explain war measures, and develop the patriotism of the bewildered foreign women. We mothers must stand together."

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.

Commissioner J. D. Smith came in from Killeen, Friday. He stopped off in Bell County while en route home from Austin, where he had been on road business.

We are making a cut on over half of our stock of Christmas goods to cost and less. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 17-1f.

Miss Ethlyn Morgan arrived from Baylor University at Waco Friday and will spend the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Morgan.

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. Estes Lynn went to San Angelo Friday, where she goes to attend the wedding of a friend.

L. W. Williams, of the Norton country, was among the holiday traders in Ballinger Friday.

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.

Lew Wilmet left for Brownwood Friday morning. He will visit his sister, Mrs. Bragg at Brownwood, and then go on to McKinney to visit relatives and friends during the holidays.

FARMERS PROMISE TO INCREASE MEAT SUPPLY

Washington, Dec. 21.—There has been a large increase this fall in the number of hogs shipped to farms and ranches for breeding and feeding, instead of being sold for slaughter. This movement of "stockers and feeders" from the large markets of the country was four times as heavy during October this year as during the same month last year, and for September and October combined the movement was three times heavier this year than last. These hogs that have gone back to farms and ranches instead of being slaughtered, will, of course, increase the pig crop next year. The movement is considered a definite indication of some of the results of the campaigns of the United States Department of Agriculture, State colleges, and other agencies, waged in all the leading hog-producing states with the object of bringing about the saving of breeding stock this winter.

Figures of the Bureau of Markets of the United States Department of Agriculture show that from the large markets of the country (with the exception of Chicago and Omaha, from which figures are not now available) 65,210 stocker and feeder hogs were shipped during October this year. While only 14,246 moved from the same markets in October 1916. During September this year 23,457 stockers and feeders were shipped, as compared with 12,879 during September 1917. This gives a total of 88,667 for September and October this year and 27,125 for the same period last year.

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.

Miss Addie Ward and brother Burney, came in from Dallas Friday. They have been attending school at Dallas.

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

Claud Jones and Wesley Sisson returned from a several months stay in Oklahoma, Friday.

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 Saving 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.

The First National Bank Of Ballinger

Member of Federal Reserve System.

Collis Dooze and Chas. Miller came in Friday morning to spend holidays with their parents. The boys are attending college at Lexington, Missouri.



Will Mounitz was the only soldier boy to arrive Friday. He came in from Camp Bowie. He says other Ballinger boys are due to arrive here on every train for the next few days.

Miss Elois Allison is at home from Denton for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Allison. She has been attending the C. I. A. at Denton.

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. dwtf-dh

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The Ballinger Printing Company

Under the Stars and Stripes In France, Christmas Day

Seeing the boys at work in France will be a great treat for the people of Ballinger on Christmas day. Manager Cohen of the Queen Theatre is busy advertising the coming of the first official war picture to come from France. "Under the Stars and Stripes in France," has received the official approval of the French and British nations. It is strictly a military show and brings back to America real life scenes in war camps of the American Expeditionary Forces in France.

So true to life is this picture, that a man in a near by town recently recognized his brother's picture in the film as it was being shown. The brother was in France, and the man was surprised to see his brother driving an auto truck at American headquarters in France.

You may not have a brother in France, and if you have you may not see his picture in the film shown here on Christmas day, for Uncle Sam now has 600,000 men near the battle line, but no war picture promises to be more inspiring than the one showing army movements on the battle field when Old Glory has been planted and where the best blood of America has gone to protect the flag.

"Under the Stars and Stripes in France" will be a holiday feature, showing at both matinee and night. In addition to the war picture, the Christmas program will consist of a Thos. A. Edison feature, presenting Shirley Mason in "Cy Whitaker's Ward."

W. E. Puckett, of the Wilmet country was here Friday.

TEN THOUSAND STENOGRAPHERS WANTED

at Washington at entrance salaries of \$1,000 to \$1,200 and there is an underecited 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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BALLINGER BOY WRITES FROM FRANCE

France, Nov. 17, 1917.
Mr. Dewey Nelson,
Ballinger, Texas,
Dear Friend:

I received your second letter today and was glad to hear from you. I also received letters from Emil and Craig. They wrote to me from Camp Paul Jones, Great Lakes, Ill. You see it takes about one month for a letter to get to me and one month for my letter to reach you. That's why I thought you were not going to write to me again.

Well, I can't describe this country much. It is made up of many hills and rocks, but there is good farming land in the valleys and also on top of the hills. The little towns look like towns in old Mexico. The houses are mostly made of stone. The roads here are fine. I wish you were over here with me. I will try to send you some kind of souvenir if nothing but a French handkerchief. Today is pay day and the boys will have a good time tonight. Write to me again soon. Would like to send you some pictures but can't do it. We had a little experience up at the front.

Your friend,
John G. Douglass,
Co. G, 18th Inf. First Div.,
American Expeditionary Forces.
John Douglass enlisted early this year, and drew a place with Pershing's expedition, being among the first lot of American troops to ship for France. He was living at Ballinger when he enlisted, and his people live near Ballinger.

W. E. Fisher of the Goldsboro country had business in Ballinger Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Hensley, of the Wingate country were shopping in Ballinger Friday.

J. L. McWhirter came in from Camp Bowie Friday. Mr. McWhirter has been shaving soldiers for the past two or three months and he is at home for the holidays and probably to stay.

We regret to note that F. D. Futch is quite sick again. Mr. Futch underwent an operation for appendicitis some time ago, but was able to be at work again when he was taken sick.

HALF OF CAMP BOWIE BOYS GET FURLONGHS

The west bound Santa Fe Friday carried quite a number of soldiers from Camp Bowie to points west of here and one or two stopped off here. Under the latest order issued by the war department fifty per cent of the troops at Camp Bowie are to get furloughs. The first order restricted the furloughs to five per cent, but Gen. Greble recommended that more of the boys be allowed to go home, saying that it would improve the health condition of the camp.

The railroads requested the officers in charge not to release all the troops at one time, as they could not handle them, and the boys are being sent out five per cent one day and eight per cent the next until the entire fifty per cent are released. Quite a number of the Ballinger boys are due to arrive home tonight and tomorrow.

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The Fairies' Messages

By Mary Graham Bonner



"The Fairies," said Daddy, "all thought they were going to have a wonderful party until the Fairy Queen said, 'There is work for us to do.'"

"Of course the Fairies love their work as they do their play so they smiled when the Fairy Queen told them there was work for them to do."

"And what is it?" asked Princess Twilight-Bell.

"Yes, tell us what the work is to be," said the Fairy Princess Joy.

"Shall we play and make music?" asked Fairy Ybab.

"Dear me," said the Fairy Queen, "how can I ever answer so many questions at once?"

"The Fairies laughed and then waited for the Fairy Queen to tell them what she wanted them to do."

"When the New Year comes," said the Fairy Queen, "we must plan new work."

"Oh yes," agreed all the Fairies.

"It needn't exactly be new," said the Fairy Queen, "but we must start off afresh in our work and get others to start off afresh too."

"We shall do that," said the Fairies.

"And," continued the Fairy Queen, "we shall all go forth today and whisper secrets to the Children."

"What sorts of secrets?" asked the Fairies.

"We shall tell them," said the Fairy Queen, "that to be happy they must be cheerful and pleasant. We will tell them to see how wonderfully it works—just to give it a fair trial. Tell them to get up every morning with a bright smile for everyone they meet. And then they will see how much happier it makes everyone."

"That's a splendid idea," said the Fairies.

"And Ybab with her Fairy orchestra will sing little songs while they sleep—and somehow or other when they wake up the next day they will be so happy. They will not quite know why—but we will know that it is Ybab's wondrous fairy music."

"Ah," smiled Ybab, "how happy that makes me! I always love to sing and play. I think I shall sing them a song like this, and Fairy Ybab waved her wand and sang:

"Music, music makes us glad.

"Crossness only makes us sad.

"So let's be happy, bright and gay.

"And then we'll love both work and play."

"That will be a fine song," said the Fairy Queen. "I am sure the Children will love it. Of course they will hear it while they sleep and when they awake they will have forgotten the words—but they will remember the meaning of the song."

"And when shall we start?" asked the Princess Twilight-Bell.

"Let's get started very soon," said the Fairy Princess Joy.

"Oh yes," said Ybab in her silvery voice, "I want to be singing all the time."

"That is the way you must make the children feel, Ybab," said the Fairy Queen. "They must feel so happy every minute. They must be joyous and have such good times and make everyone around them happy. Don't forget, little Fairies," she added, "to tell the Children to wake up every morning with a smile. That will be such a good start for the day."

"We won't forget," said the Fairies.

"And off they went. All over the Earth they flew and they wore their invisible robes that no one can see but a Fairy. To homes and homes they went and over every child sleeping that night they whispered the Fairy Queen's messages.

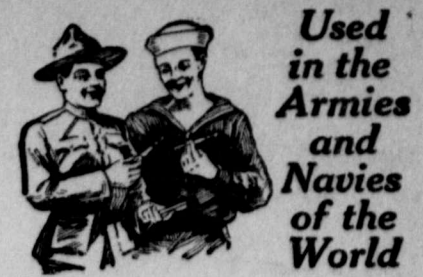
"Ybab sang her song, and before she had finished, a smile came on the face of each child who heard her.

"When the Fairies returned to Fairyland where the Fairy Queen was wait-

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ing for them, though she had been off on a trip too, they told her of their work.

"Ah," she said, "they will be happy."



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THE WINGED MYSTERY

"Eat of the meal of mystery, prepared in the mysterious house by mysterious crooks and served in a mysterious manner." This invitation—a dare, if you will—was handed in a mysterious manner to the hostess of a week-end party on Long Island. Her guests were tired of tennis, had wearied of dancing to the music of the graphophone, had haled over the coals of gossip everybody in their set who was not in attendance at the party (and many who were) and the promise of a new and expected means to an exciting end was ailed with delight. Millions were represented in the four motorloads of beauty and fashion that rumbled up to the house of mystery—and in five minutes all hands realized that they were captives, held for ransom by an unscrupulous man and woman who had beguiled them into deadly peril. The outcome of this ill-advised prank on the part of the too venturesome society folk had been translated into a thrilling exposition of sensational events by Blue Bird photoplays and will be seen at the Queen Theatre tonight when "Bluebird Day" brings Franklyn Farnum to present Archer MacKain's clever story, "The Winged Mystery." In Mr. Farnum's support will be a large company of skillful photoplayers, headed by Claire Du Brey and Rosemary Theby, two of the prettiest girls in screenland.

J. L. McKown, of the Wingate country, and wife, were here Friday to meet Grady McKown who was due to arrive from Camp Bowie.

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 Radford Grocery Co. 15-6d

HARLEY-DAVIDSON Motorcycles and bicycles, tires, accessories and expert repairing. Mail orders given special attention. Motor Department San Angelo Hardware Co. 30-52td

FOR RENT

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Christmas Meatless Day But What's the Difference

Christmas of 1917 falls on a Meatless Day. Meatless, however, as it is interpreted by the United States Food Administration, does not shut out the eating of Turkey which is eminently the Christmas Bird, so there is no hardship whatever facing the 11,000,000 members of the Food Administration among the housewives, or the many thousands upon thousands of Hotel and Restaurant men who are observing the special days of substitution, recommended by Herbert Hoover.

Not only does Christmas fall upon a Meatless Tuesday but New Year's as well. So what is true of Christmas is also true of New Year's—there may be plenty of fish and fowl, but roast beef, mutton or roast pork; or beef, mutton or pork in any form is strictly taboo.

And what about the other Christmas eats, Mr. Peden? May we have the same old plum puddings? May we eat properly seasoned fruit cake? May we drink of the eggnog to the health of those on the battlefield, and those who also serve at home?

May we eat apples and the fruit of the land which is not subject to long shipment? May we sacrifice Tom Turkeys and ambitious pullets? May we have the usual cauliflower with white sauce, and mashed potatoes with a whiff of cheese and a dash of butter?

May we continue to juggle with peas on the end of a fork; and discover plumb oysters in the dressing? How far can we go in the direction of mayonnaise on the lettuce and the tomato, or shall we use peanut oil instead?

In fact, Mr. Peden, just facing this serious problem face to face, and realizing that there isn't an appetite in the whole year like

the Christmas and New Year appetite—can we conscientiously have our regular old spread, that is conservatively speaking, and not feel that while we are luxuriating, any of the good folks abroad, will be sufferers because of our confirmed and blessed hospitality of the holidays?

Food Administrator Peden of Texas, is busy telling the people how to feast and at the same time observe a meatless day on Tuesday Dec. 25, and Tuesday January 1st. When the national food administrator designated Tuesday as meatless day he did not have in mind the fact that Christmas falls on Tuesday, but what difference does that make?

When the people were called on not to eat meat on meatless days Mr. Hoover had reference to pork, beef and mutton. Turkeys and chickens should take the place of pork, beef and mutton, and as for all the extras which go with the Christmas dinner, we can cut our daily allowance and save up for Christmas, and have extra sugar for our fruit cake, plum pudding, etc. With vegetables, fruits and the many articles of wholesome food not on the menu for meatless days, we can observe meatless day and feast on Christmas day and New Year's too.

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BLANTON SENDS BROWNWOOD MESSAGE

The Bulletin this afternoon received a three hundred word telegram from Thos. L. Blanton, member of Congress from the Abilene district, in response to a message sent to him a few days ago, by the board of directors of the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce. The recent from the Chamber of Commerce was a suggestion to the Abilene congressman that, in brief he could serve his country better by returning to Washington and attending to business there than by making speeches over the country at this time.

Replying to this message, Blanton says, in part: "Kindly permit me to state that such an insulting exhibition of unwarranted discourtesy and lack of hospitality to a visitor from a neighboring district has not destroyed by abiding faith and confidence in the patriotism, courtesy, hospitality and common decency of the good citizens of Brownwood and Brown county, but I am doubly convinced that a patriotic speech is sadly needed in Brownwood now to keep loyal its Chamber of Commerce. Hence I will speak there without fail on the night of December 28. Every citizen in Brown county is specially invited. As the Chamber of Commerce refused to furnish a city building, I request permission from the sheriff to speak in the Brown county courthouse. As many Brown county citizens have expressed a desire to hear me, I am surprised that in this critical war crisis the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce would attempt to engage in cheap politics to the extent of publicly insulting a visiting stranger, hoping thereby to benefit the candidacy of one who has been wanting to break into congress ever since the Populist party left him stranded when it died a natural death in Texas. Tell the Chamber of Commerce that Congress adjourned Tuesday and will not be in session until January 3. I drove one hundred and sixty-seven miles yesterday and made four speeches for the government, leaving Abilene at 5 o'clock and speaking at Ballinger, Paint Rock Eden and Junction."

The telegram to the Bulletin was sent from Kerrville, Texas, this afternoon.—Brownwood Bulletin.

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Mrs. Tom Pickett of Temple, arrived Friday and will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. L. F. Gressett and other relatives.

RED CROSS GIVES MILLIONS TO NEEDY SICK AND WOUNDED

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The American Red Cross, which will launch its Christmas membership campaign Monday, Dec. 17, continuing until Christmas eve, to obtain 2,000,000 new members in the Southwestern division, comprising the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, has just completed a gift of \$1,000,000 to needy sick and wounded French soldiers and needy families of soldiers.

Twenty dispensaries in the American army zones have been established to care for the civilians and to improve health conditions in the section before the arrival of more American troops.

A dental ambulance is being provided by the Red Cross at a port in France for the use of this country's soldiers and sailors, while a nurses service for the American army's use also has been organized.

The American Red Cross hospital distributing service sends supplies to 2,423 French military hospitals and is laying in a large stock for future needs. The Red Cross surgical dressings service supplies 2,000 French military hospitals and is preparing immense supplies for the United States army.

Ten Canteens in Operation. In cooperation with the French Red Cross, the American organization is operating at the front line 10 canteens and is planning to establish 20 more. Twelve rest stations will soon be made ready for this country's troops at important railway centers, also recuperation camps at suitable places.

An artificial limb factory is being established near Paris and special plants for the manufacture of splints and nitrous oxide gas also are being erected. A movable hospital has been contracted for in four units, accommodating 1,000 men. A recreation center is being operated in connection with hospitals and diet kitchens.

A casualty service for gathering information regarding wounded and missing and a medical research bureau has been inaugurated by the American Red Cross in Europe.

Children's Refuge Opened.

At a point in the war zone a children's refuge and hospital has been opened. Here several hundred children have been gathered to keep them away from danger of gas and shell fire. At another point the Red Cross has established a medical center and a traveling dispensary to accommodate 1,200 children.

Infant welfare stations are to be opened in connection with each dispensary in the nation-wide system planned by the Rockefeller Foundation.

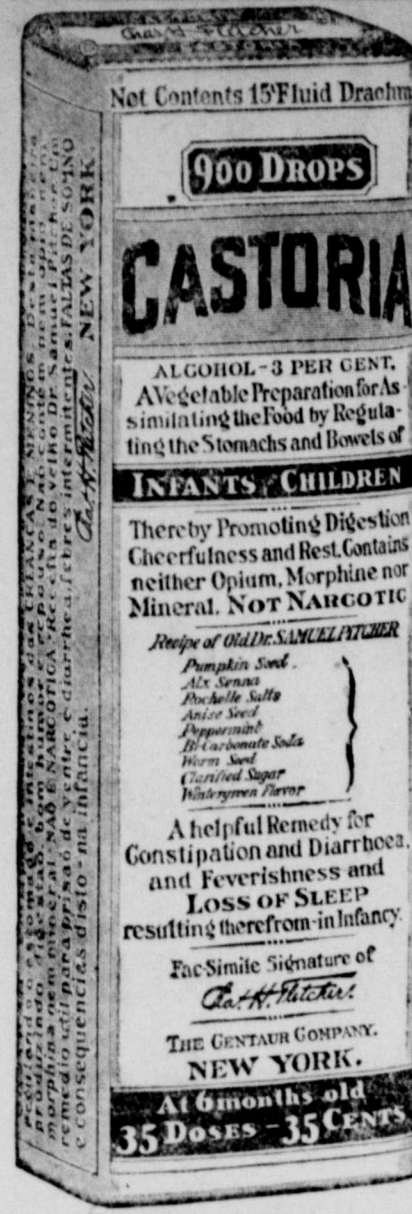
While the Red Cross is making arrangements to help refugee families through the winter with clothing, beds and shelter, extensive repair work is being carried on in four villages in the devastated region to enable returned families to stay throughout the winter.

Training Disabled Soldiers. Barracks also are being provided for the training of disabled soldiers, and the Red Cross expects soon to establish for them experimental agricultural stations.

Relief for the Belgians also is being organized on an extensive scale, for both children and grown persons. The American Red Cross is aiding the Queen in her work for the children and is assisting in the support of hospitals and other work for the relief of Belgian soldiers.

The transportation department, with a personnel of 400, handles the supplies and furnishes automobiles for use in the Red Cross work. There is an organized force at every port in France and it is able to handle about 250 tons of supplies daily. Four hundred motor car vehicles are in use, 250 of which are trucks. In addition, the organization is preparing to operate a motor bus line through Switzerland from Germany to the French border to aid in transportation of reparations and exchanged prisoners.

American Red Cross emergency relief given thousands of Italian refugees by the expedition from France arrived just in time, according to advices received at headquarters in Washington from Maj. Murphy, in charge of relief work in Italy. The cablegram announced that \$20,



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600 was given the American Consul at Venice for immediate use for refugees in Venice, Chioggia and the Littoral. Twenty thousand dollars additional was provided in case a new situation arises. Five thousand blankets and food supplies were asked for refugees at Rimini. Venice, the message said, is the crucial point, both because of the sentiment attaching to the city and on account of actual, imperative need. The more prosperous elements of the population, including workers in the industries, are reported as having left the city, and the remaining 15,000 families are receiving relief.

Forty-six carloads of assorted material have been shipped from France. Substantial purchases of supplies have been made in Europe. A warehouse has been established in Rome. Condensed milk has been distributed to children and sick from Genoa and Milan.

One or more soup kitchens have been organized and are operating in Rome, Ancona, Ravenna, Genoa and Milan. Two hundred thousand dollars has been appropriated to aid needy families of soldiers at the front.

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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, jennet, 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.

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