

# BALLINGER DAILY LEDGER

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## Artillery Battle Raging on 30 Mile Front Another Battle Breaks Out in Russia

### 21s MUST REGISTER ON AUGUST 24, THIS YEAR

#### CITY LIMITS WATER SUPPLY

The city commissioners have their heads together Tuesday and spent some time discussing the water situation. The city water supply is rapidly decreasing and unless rain comes soon the situation will become more serious than earlier in the season when the river was the basis of supply for several weeks, as the river is practically dry.

Notice will be served on the Santa Fe to discontinue using water for irrigation purposes, and to arrange to supply water for their engines in case of emergency. The county has also been notified to discontinue irrigation the court house lawn, and other restrictions governing the use of water will be announced if the drouth continues.

Ballinger has been fortunate in having a supply of water to furnish the consumers to keep their garden, trees, etc., going and it is the hopes of the commissioners that this will not have to be discontinued, but fire protection must be provided.

Joe Thile, one of the pioneer citizens of Miles, had business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Mrs. Cora Cohen, of Houston Grand Matron of the Order of Eastern Star, was here to meet with the local chapter Tuesday night. She was the guest of Mrs. J. Y. Pearce while in the city.

Washington, Aug. 14—Provost Marshall Crowder today ordered draft boards to prepare for registering all young men who have become 21 since June 5th, and fixed August 24th as the day for American boys reaching twenty-one to register. The new registration day and the calling of more young men to qualify for the draft has been ordered for the purpose of preparing for a possible delay in the passage of the manpower bill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lynn and Mrs. Townsend, Mrs. Lynn's mother, attended church in Ballinger Sunday and were the guest of Judge and Mrs. J. W. Powell for dinner.

R. L. Clayton, of the Benoit country, came in from Fort Worth Tuesday night, where he has been working in the stockyards. He reports cattle pouring on the market at the rate of many thousand per day, and says good cows sold mighty cheap a few days ago, but everything jumped about one dollar Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Ellis are at home from a six weeks stay with their son, W. L. Ellis, at Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Aycock, of Andrews, Texas, are visiting Mr. Aycock's father in the Spring Hill community.

*The Main Source  
of Joy in Ballinger is  
Weeks Soda  
Fountain*  
Meet me there

### THE KNOCKERS HAVE A BIG JOB

Lampasas, Tex., Aug. 13.—No rain has fallen at this place for the last forty-four days. Small grain and corn were a total failure except in spots. Some wheat was produced, but indications are that there will not be one bale of cotton picked for each farm in the county, some reputable farmers stating that they will only get from 60 to 100 acre fields of cotton. According to opinion of those who have resided here for thirty years or more, crop conditions are the worst in their memory, and the small farmer is in hard circumstances, not having produced sufficient grain to pay for the seedling of the land, and will have to have help.

It is probably that including those that are in the army the population of Lampasas county has been reduced one-third, so large a number of people having been forced to go to Eastern part of the state to secure work, and more are leaving every day.

For the first time on record the Colorado river on the Western edge of this county has ceased to flow, and is standing in holes, which indicates that west of Lampasas is worse than here.

Cotton receipts at this place will not be more than 600 bales, is the general opinion.—Dispatch in Dallas News.

It is not desertion for a man to move at this time, but the fellow who curses the country as he goes has a big job on his hands. The drouth is not confined to small territory, but extends over a country as large as half of Texas and two or three other states, including Oklahoma and New Mexico. The drouth is nothing more nor less than reverses experienced from time to time by all countries. We recall only a few years ago when the cotton states east of the Mississippi and the eastern part of Texas was wiped out by the pesky boll weevil, and the country suffered reverses that bankrupt the farmers.

W. L. Compton and son, C. A. and W. C. Smith, left Tuesday afternoon for Ranger, where they go to take a bunch of horses and mules for sale.

Miss Idea Voelkel went to San Angelo Tuesday, where she will be the guest of Mrs. E. H. Zander for a few days.

W. E. Barbee returned Tuesday at noon from a business trip to San Antonio and Austin. Mr. Barbee reports it dry all the way.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kidd were here from Talpa Tuesday, visiting friends and looking after business.

### ESCAPED MURDERER RETURNED TO ANGELO

San Angelo, Aug. 14.—After being at liberty for fifteen months, Chris Pistol, local painter, charged with murder, has been arrested at Phoenix, Ariz., and is being brought back to San Angelo by Deputy Sheriff D. R. Hodges. The officer and his prisoner are expected to arrive Friday and the doors of Tom Green county's new jail, from which escape by any method is believed impossible will close behind the man who has twice saved his way through iron bars to freedom.

John Cashion, a hamburger man was shot to death in front of the Angelo restaurant on south Chadbourne street early in November, 1915, while the fall fair was in progress. Pistol surrendered to officers, and a charge of murder was filed against him when Cashion died within few hours after being wounded. It was stated at the time that the trouble was caused by Pistol's refusal to pay the price asked for a hamburger, he claiming that the amount was too much. The difference over which the two had argued was only five cents.

Pistol escaped from the old jail in the spring of 1916 on the eve of the regular term of district court. The hole he sawed in the bars was only large enough for him to crawl through, which probably accounts for the fact that other inmates of the jail did not escape. A several day's search was made and Pistol was finally spied as he was going toward his home in the Post from the North Coneho river. He entered the home of John Porch, custodian of the federal building grounds, the family fleeing, and there he surrendered to Sheriff Allen. He was armed with a shotgun and a revolver at the time.

In the fall of 1916, Pistol's case was again continued and on May 3, 1917, came the second jail delivery. With a fine saw, presumably gained with the assistance from the outside, Pistol again cut the bars and slipped to the ground by means of a rope of bed clothing. Nathan Arnold, a white man charged with forgery, made his get-away at the same time. His period of liberty was brief, however his capture being effected at Coleman a few days later. When he was tried Arnold was sentenced to two year's imprisonment and is now serving his term.

Nothing definite was heard of Pistol until the police at Phoenix wired Sheriff Allen that he had arrested a man suiting the description sent out by the local Sheriff's department. Upon three previous occasions Mr. Allen had been informed that Pistol was at certain points but each time when investigated was not to be found.

Mrs. E. L. Stone and children came in from Garden City Tuesday afternoon and are visiting Mrs. Stone's sister Mrs. Jim Flynt who had been visiting in Garden City, and returned home with Mrs. Stone.

Amsterdam, Aug. 14.—A big battle is in progress between Czech Slovaks and 150,000 Bolsheviki troops along the middle of the Volga river, near Simbirsk, says German dispatches received here today.

Paris, Aug. 14.—An artillery battle is raging along a thirty mile front between the Avre and Oise river, the French war office announces. The German raids along the Vesle river have been repulsed and the allies advanced at several points. French made successful raids in the Champaign front.

London, Aug. 14.—Gen. Haig announces increased activity in Flanders with slight advancement of the British lines at two points in the center of the salient. Artillery also continues in Picardy, but no infantry actions are reported today.

With the French, Aug. 14.—After being temporarily held up for one day on the Somme, the allies have again launched forward with heavy artillery and the first stroke proved successful. To the south the French made satisfactory gains, capturing prisoners.

### CROPS CUT FIFTY PER CENT

J. J. Yerby is at home from a visit to his old home at Hillsboro, where he owns farm interest. Mr. Yerby says that no rain has fallen in that section of the state during the crop making period and that it is dry throughout north Texas. The crops have been depreciated at least fifty per cent within the last thirty days.

### SEED LOANS TO BE MADE TO FARMERS

President Wilson has placed at the disposal of the Treasury and Agricultural Department \$5,000,000 to enable them to furnish aid to wheat growers in certain sections of the West who have lost two successive crops by winter killing and drouth. The Federal land banks will act as financial agents of the government to make and collect the loans.

This fund is not intended to be lent to farmers who have banking collateral; the action of the War Finance Corporation in urging the banks to finance such farmers and its promise to support them in such financing, it is believed, will amply provide for them.

Loans from this fund will be made to individuals who have not banking collateral, and only where it is necessary to enable a farmer to continue to grow food products. The money will be advanced upon the crop of wheat or substitute grain planted on the land, and no loan will be in excess of \$3 per acre and no applicant financed beyond 100 acres.

The use of the fund will be under the joint control of the Treasury and Department of Agriculture; as the machinery for the working is already in existence, no substantial delay is expected.

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**DR. A. S. LOVE LEAVES  
FOR CAMP LOGAN**

Dr. A. S. Love, who volunteered in the medical corps some time ago, received a call Tuesday to report for duty at the base hospital at Camp Logan, Houston, and he left Wednesday morning for that place.

Dr. Love did not make it known to his many friends that he had been called to duty, and slipped away without giving his friends an opportunity to say good-bye only his wife and the immediate members of his family knowing that he was going away until after the train had left.

This city has lost a good man and a successful surgeon, and we hope that the government will not need his services long and that he will be permitted to return to his family and large practice here. If the war continues, however, Dr. Love will no doubt see oversea duty. Dr. Love has been at the head of the Halley & Love sanitarium since that institution was established.

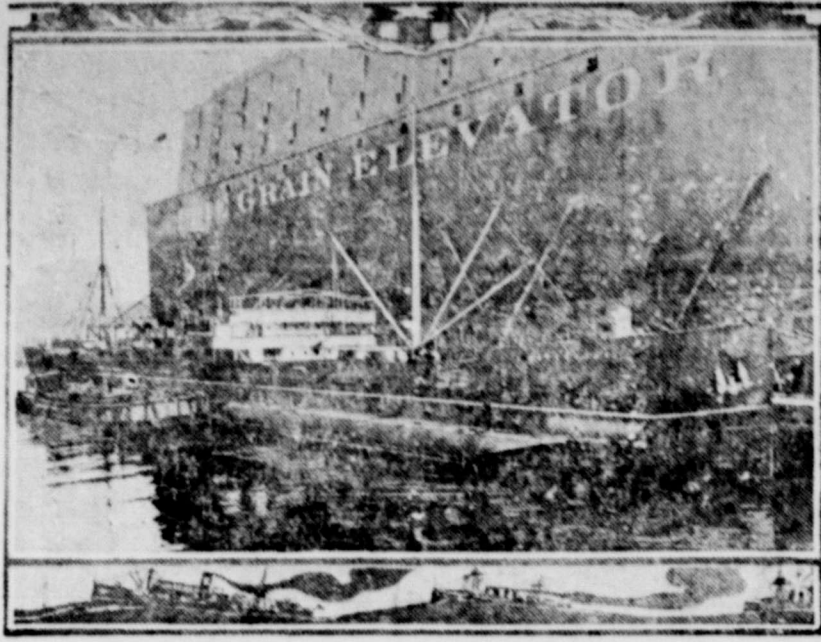
Mrs. Love accompanied Dr. Love as far as Brownwood.

J. F. Mansker left Tuesday afternoon for Bethpage, Tenn., where he will spend the remainder of the year with his daughter. Mr. Mansker promised to write us a description of the first rain he saw.

Geo. Lusk, of Coleman, passed through Ballinger Tuesday enroute to Miles, where he went to look after business.

Mrs. Hoover and daughter, Misses Mary, Edith and Fredie Marie returned to their home at Belton Tuesday, after a visit to Mrs. Hoover's sister Mrs. W. F. Wilhausen.

Feb McWilliams came in Tuesday at noon from a business trip east.



Loading Wheat at an Atlantic Port for the Allies.

**Conditions**

are bad. We all realize this. But let's not get discouraged. We don't blame anyone from leaving here now and going where they can get work, but don't burn the bridges behind you. Twelve months can change conditions here until prosperity can abound on every hand. When you get to East Texas and the fever and chills begin to strike you, you will again begin to think of the sun-shiny days in the West, where you enjoyed good health, and when you at least felt like working when you had any work to do. You will hear of the prosperous conditions here. You will want to be back and you will come back; so don't burn the bridges behind you—we will be here to welcome you back.

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Somewhere in Europe.  
July 17th, 1918.

Things have been breaking so rapidly during the last few hours that it is almost impossible to know where to begin or what to write about. I have seen England from the west coast to the south-eastward. It is a land of study enchantment. The soil breaths historical romances that leaves an impress to this day. I passed through where Shakespear was born. I saw the great Oxford college. I have seen the place where the Jeffries of old held his bloody assizes; while I have stood on the spot where Sir Walter Raleigh was decapitated. Nor is that all. I have been in the building where Cromwell dissolved the long parliament and I have entered the building where the laws of England were made when barons held full sway over this tight little isle.

And there is in me the a deep appreciation of why the English so dearly loves this ordinary spot. From the hills where the legions of Cesar first gave the blow that paved the way to coming of the splendid civilization that prevails here today the view is one of enchantment and soledarity. The towns and hills are verdant with the ripening things that havenot yet turned from their greenness. Magnificent estates set so squarely into the scene that it is hard to conjure a time when they were not there. The aid that one inhales even causes one to rejoice that from such as these, as this people who are today standing at the gate breaking back the vicious barbarians, comes the blood that flows in my veins.

But there is a side less bright. It is the side with the hallowed inspiration of deeds that have been done that you and I and those boys of ours may live out their lives in the peaceful paths that mark the lines of human freedom. There are no young men in England. Only the aged and the aged. The women and the children are now here. But they have buried the grief that they greet

us with a bright eye, with a welcome handshake and with a glad to see you that come from the heart. Ever and anon one sees a derelict of the war, the hero with his leg gone, with his good right arm missing or with a limp that denotes that he has been through the fire and that the fire marked him for a victim.

I would like to write a volume on this subject and some time when I have not got to give up the typewriter so that it can be packed for the next move I shall. In the meantime I send you my affectionate love and my blessings and the Blessings of God on the heads and lives of you and the boys.

I have not yet gotten to where the mail is, when I feel sure that I will find letters awaiting me.

Good-bye, God Bless You  
Your Own,

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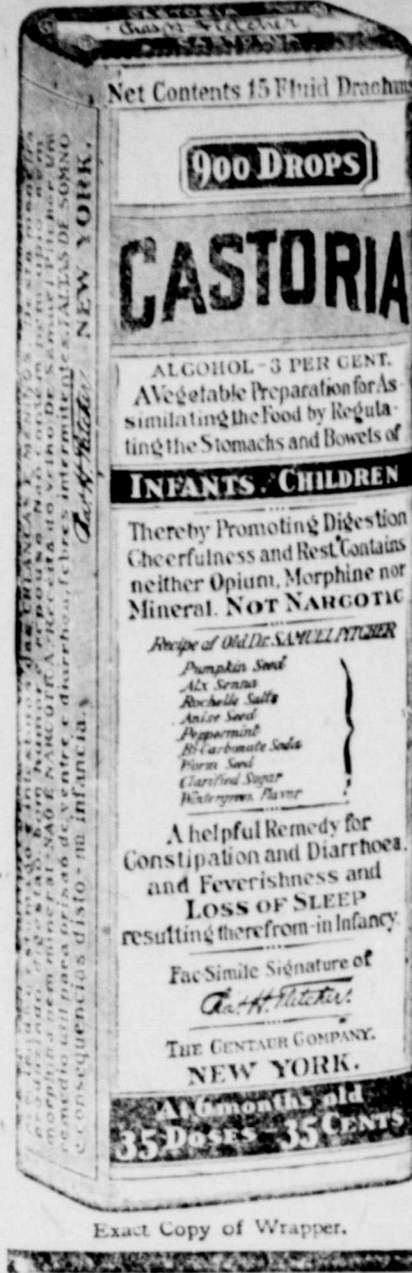
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**ONLY THREE IN RUN OFF**

There will be only three candidates in the second primary to be held on Aug. 24. Only a few days ago Hurdleston the second high man in the railroad commissioners race, announced that he would not be a candidate in the second primary, and Gilmore will be declared the nominee. Judge William Pierson, of Greenville, was the second man in the race for judge of the court of criminal appeals, and he has announced that he will not oppose the high man. Senator O. S. Lattimore in the second primary. This leaves nominees only in the attorney general, comptroller and lieutenant governor's race to be selected in the second primary.

Jack McKay and T. F. Bridwell are prospecting in East Texas, and were last heard of at Honey Grove



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**Spaniards Gave Name to Cigar.**

However strange it may appear, it is a well-established fact that the word cigar is derived, though in a roundabout way, from the cicada—that is, from the Spanish "cigarra," the place where the cicada (in Spanish "cigarral") sings—the garden. The name cigarra is generally applied to a kind of pleasure garden and summer house (as in the cigarrales de Toledo), and in Cuba in particular to a tobacco garden or nursery. After the discovery of the new world the Spaniards who planted tobacco in their gardens when offering the plant to their friends were wont to say: "Es un cigarro de mi cigarral," as we would say "a flower from our garden." The name remained.

Miss Katherine Jeames and Buford Seals returned Tuesday from Coleman county, where they had been assisting in revival meetings for the Nazarene church. Mr. Seals went out to his home at Crews.

Miss Annie Henson went to San Angelo Tuesday to visit her sister before returning to her home in Motley county. She had been the guest of the family of W. D. Parker in this county.

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Witness my hand, this 7th day of August 1918.  
J. D. PERKINS,  
Sheriff Runnels County, Tex.  
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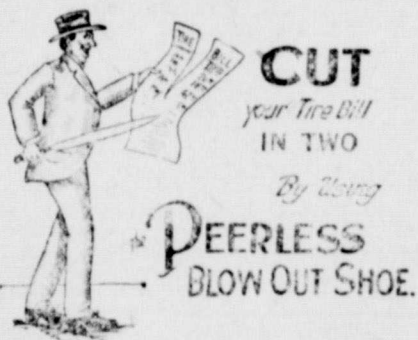
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ough before he sailed for France. Mrs. Carney has room s at the home of Miss Jennie Bennett on Broadway.

D. B. Diggs, vice-president of the Winters State Bank, and E. A. Sheppard, the real estate, loan and insurance man of Winters, were here for a brief business visit Tuesday afternoon.

**PRACTICE OF MEDICINE GUESSWORK**

It has been said that the practice of medicine at best is simply a game of guesswork, because the action of drugs varies to a degree upon different individuals; but when a medicine has lived for forty years, constantly growing in sales and popularity there can be no greater proof of its merit. Such a medicine is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, that famous old root and herb remedy now recognized from shore to shore as the standard remedy for female ills.

**What the Americans are Doing in France**

Hillsboro, Texas Aug. 12.—Ral-

ph E. Boykin, who was raised in Penelope, son of Professor and Mrs. R. E. Boykin, writes to relatives here that he is in the hospital in France wounded, having received his wound while engaged in close quarters with the enemy. He states that he killed seven Germans at one time, having killed four when his gun went out of commission, then jerking a weapon from the body of a dead German, he got three more. Boyykin belongs to the Marine Corps.

**BALLINGER BOY ON THE JOB IN FRANCE**

Mrs. Alma Bunje, of Jersey City, N. J., who is here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Drennon, called at the Ledger office Wednesday morning and gave a good report of her brother, Lee R. Drennon. Mrs. Bunje will be remembered in Ballinger as Miss Alma Drennon. She went from Ballinger to the Pacific coast and later went to the Atlantic coast. In a statement to the Ledger she said:

“I received a letter from my

brother, Lee, on August 13th, saying that he was going 'over there.' He is with the 39th Division of engineers. Of course he won't be in the fighting lines, as some of the other Ballinger boys are, but will rebuild bridges which have been destroyed by the Germans and help to rebuild France. Now being a member of the Red Cross of Jersey City, I wish to extend my thanks to all the Red Cross ladies of Ballinger for the good work they have done for our boys over there. We can and must help our boys win the war. God Bless all our boys who have gone over. We feel proud of our boys and our one hope is that they will all return safe.”

**BOOKS WANTED FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS**

Elmer Sheppard has been appointed director general for this county and instructed to launch a campaign to raise at least 1,000 good books for soldiers and sailors.

The work is to be carried on under the name of the soldiers and sailors library fund. No cash is being called for, but all good books will be accepted and placed at the disposal of the soldiers in the various training camps.

Magazines are not called for in this appeal. Those who have a good book or books they wish to contribute should communicate with Mr. Sheppard or send them to his office.

Mrs. W. H. Rodgers and daughter, Mrs. W. F. Windham, passed route to their home at Winters, after a visit to relatives and friends at Palestine.

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**Many Ballinger People on Verge of Collapse.**

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**The Spending of Your Hundred Million Dollars**

**Busiest Budget in All the World Is a Red Cross War Fund—Every Dollar Spent Alleviates Misery.**

By WILL PAYNE

Last summer the public subscribed a hundred million dollars to the Red Cross. At the latest statement over eighty-five millions of it had been appropriated.

Where has it gone? you ask. For many months the world has been spending over a hundred million dollars a day for the destruction of life, limb and means of subsistence. Call up what you have read about the war's devastation. The American Red Cross enormous job is to do whatever it can to alleviate that—not after the war, not after governments have deliberated and resolved; but right now, at the minute, on the spot. It's amazing that it has done so much with so little money.

Last autumn the Italian army fell back precipitately. On your war map that meant rubbing out one line and drawing another half an inch further south. Over there in Italy it meant thousands of poor families fleeing from their homes. Major Murphy, Red Cross Commissioner in Europe, rushed to the scene and wired: “Indescribably pathetic conditions exist involving separation of mothers and children, cold, hunger, disease, death.” In November and December the American Red Cross appropriated three million dollars for relief there—a large sum, yet small in comparison with the need.

**Condensed Milk for Children.**

Soldiers are only a part of the Red Cross' work—probably the smaller part. Every instant, somewhere in the vast flood of destruction, a hand reaches up in appeal. It is pretty apt to be a child's hand or a woman's. When the Red Cross commission reached Petrograd it asked the government, “What is the most urgent

thing?” The government replied: “We must get condensed milk for the little children here.” The commission got the milk. At one spot in France farm work was stopped by lack of horses. That meant more hunger. The Red Cross got in a big tractor and set it to plowing for the community.

There are a million needs. Cold, wet and the deadly physical strain of the trenches undermine men's constitutions. A frightful scourge of tuberculosis has developed in France. The Red Cross has built sanatoria, provided over a thousand beds and nurses.

**Thirty Millions for France.**

I have here a big sheet of sheets filled with figures. One item is thirteen million and odd dollars—the amount which, up to that time, had gone to the local chapters of the Red Cross in the United States for local relief. Twenty-five per cent of the money subscribed through the chapters eventually goes that way.

Over thirty millions have been appropriated for work in France. Here is a million and a quarter—in round numbers—for military hospitals and dispensaries; over a million and a half for canteen service, where French and American soldiers, relieved from the trenches, can get good food, a cot, a bath, and have their clothes disinfected—and so go on for their brief holiday clean, rested, nourished. There are over three millions for hospital supply service; half a million for rest stations for American troops.

Aid of refugees—eleven thousand families—accounts for nearly three million dollars; care and prevention of tuberculosis takes over two millions; care of helpless children over a million; relief work in six devastated dis-

tricts, including care of five thousand families and sufficient reconstruction to make houses habitable, required over two millions.

**Misery on an Unparalleled Scale.**

These are all large items; but the Red Cross is grappling with human misery on an unparalleled scale—a world of it. The item for relief of the blind amounts to four hundred thousand dollars. The dispensary service sends supplies to more than thirty-four hundred hospitals. The Red Cross receives and distributes more than two hundred tons of supplies daily at Paris. For this distribution and its other work it requires a big transportation service of motors and trucks. This transportation service has cost a million and a half, and its operating expenses run to a million dollars.

Every dollar it spends means misery alleviated. Its work is building abroad for the United States the best good will in this world. It is building the best good will among ourselves. Whatever else the war may produce, we shall be proud of our Red Cross.

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\* the world began has ever \*  
\* done such great constructive \*  
\* work with the efficiency, dis- \*  
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\* often under adverse circum- \*  
\* stances, that has been done \*  
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