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Steady Drive Extends Pressure Against the German Army

(By United Press)

The American, French and British forces are gradually extending greater pressure against the Germans in the Woevre and Picard sectors.

Unofficial reports from Paris declared that the Americans made substantial progress north along the valley of Rupt De Mead, apparently striking at the important towns of Chambley and Gorze. Gorze is in German territory seven miles southwest of Metz.

Simultaneously the French advanced on a front of about ten miles northeast and near Vurdun, driving a sharp salient into the German lines.

The British after capturing the village of Holmon, near St. Quentin, suddenly attacked northwest of St. Quentin. The scope of the attack has not officially been announced. The British were forced back slightly at Moesveres.

MANY BANDAGES FOR WOUNDED SOLDIERS

The Red Cross chapter of Runnels county shipped out a case of hospital goods this week the shipment consisted of 360 five yard gauze bandages, 1265 triangular bandages.

The bandages were concentrated here and packed for shipping by the local chapter. Winters furnished 125 of the triangular bandages. Rowena 22, Miles 11 and Rowena 11. The remainder of the lot was made by the local chapter.

The bandages were made under direction of the transport workers, who deserve credit for their faithfulness to the cause.

Out of the several hundred women in Ballinger there are less than fifty who are taking part in this branch of the war work, and the faithful few go to work rooms regularly. It is to be regretted that the work can not be more evenly distributed by each one doing their part, and not making it necessary for a few to devote so much time to the work.

clothing that should be given to this cause. There will never be a better opportunity to put them as good use, and the people of Runnels county should really to the call and send their gifts to the Library in Ballinger during the week from 23 to 30 or phone E. Shepperd.

See Your Dentist

about yours and your children's teeth. Then get a good tooth brush and use it religiously and you will be helping to win the war.

WEEKS

Klenzo Tooth Paste

Drill Working in Oil at 1900 Feet in Russell Well

TO LAUNCH Y. M. C. A. AND Y. W. C. A. DRIVE

Chas. S. Miller is in receipt of a letter from J. T. Scott, state chairman of the campaign for raising funds for the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. army work, in which Mr. Miller is notified that he has been appointed district chairman of the 40th district of Texas. The district is comprised of Runnels, Coleman, Concho, Menard and Kimble counties.

Mr. Miller is asked to appoint a county chairman in each of the counties in his district and he has appointed Scott H. Mack chairman of Runnels county, T. L. Stephens, chairman for Coleman county, Mrs. D. E. Sims, chairman for Concho county, Fred T. Neal, chairman for Menard county, and W. P. Riley, chairman for Kimble county.

A campaign for Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. funds will be launched as soon as the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign is closed, and the people will be given an opportunity to contribute to this work in both small and large amounts.

LOOKING FOR WET WEATHER SOON

The contractor is busy recovering the building occupied by the D. Reeder dry goods store. There have been no complaints from leaks, but the owner of the property no doubt desires to be prepared in case of emergency.

Mr and Mrs. C. Kornegay, of Winters, were here Tuesday, to send their daughter, Miss Loye, to Waco where she will enter Baylor University.

Rumors developed into reality shortly afternoon Wednesday, when parties returning from the Russell oil well on Grape Creek, 18 miles east of Ballinger, appeared on the streets with samples of oil dipped up from the slush drawn out of the well.

W. A. Nance was among the first to appear on the scene when the report came to Ballinger that the drill had struck oil. He brought back to Ballinger with him a quart jar of oil taken from the well.

Oil showed up in the well at a depth of about 1900 feet. The officials of the company were notified and representatives soon appeared on the scene and drilling was resumed after a few hours shut down.

Quite a number of citizens visited the well throughout the day. John Gressett, of Bangs, formerly of this city, came in Wednesday for a short visit.

H. F. Busher was here from the Winters country, Wednesday. He is arranging to go south for a few weeks.

Joe Snellgrove was here from Norton, Wednesday.

J. M. Mills, of the Winters country, had business in Ballinger Wednesday.

H. N. McDonald, of Route 5, was here Wednesday.

Ed O'Kelley and A. J. Bingham came in from the east Wednesday. When asked where they had been one of the gentlemen said, "down among the niggers," and oil men were on the scene within a few hours after they had been notified of the development.

A geologist in charge of the work stated that the drill had not entered sand and was still in the cap rock. This makes the prospects for a gusher all the more promising, and a gusher may come in at any minute.

Parties who visited the well Wednesday afternoon and saw the driller bailing the oil out estimated that at least twenty barrels could be taken from the well daily, if no further drilling was done, and feel confident that a gusher will come when the drill breaks through the rock and penetrates the sand.

Oil rumors are rife in Ballinger again today, and everything from salt water to high grade oil is reported to be bubbling in the Gulf Producing Co., well on the Russell Grape Creek ranch.

The Ledger is not able to give authority for any of the reports, but there is no doubt but what the drill has punctured the base of supply for oil in that particular region. Everything indicates it, notwithstanding that those in touch with the proposition and in charge of the work decline to give out anything.

Things are at a standstill, and one report has it that the drill struck sand at a depth of about 1800 feet, and as soon as the drill went into the sand oil jumped to a height of sixty feet in the well.

Another report is that the officials of the company drilling this well, were notified and that they are en route to the field.

Just what the find is has not been made public, as it seems that those in charge do not want

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BELGIUM PEOPLE SUFFER FOR CLOTHING

The local chapter of Red Cross has received an urgent call for all kinds of clothing for the millions of people in Belgium and France who are suffering disease and some of them death from the lack of clothing.

Elmer Shepperd has been appointed county chairman to conduct a campaign in this county beginning Sept. 23 and ending Sept. 30th, during which time the people of the county will be asked to contribute a minimum of 2000 pounds of clothing.

Herbert Hoover, who went to France to study the situation and get at first hand real conditions as they existed, sent the following cablegram to Henry P. Davidson, chairman of the Red Cross War Council at Washington.

"The ten million imprisoned people in occupied Belgium and France are facing shame, suffering, disease and some of them death for lack of clothing this winter. They must be helped. I hope that the Red Cross will undertake a renewed campaign to obtain this clothing in America. It can come only from us. Your first campaign yielded magnificent results bringing in fully 5,000 tons of clothing in good condition. But much more is needed if these war-ravaged people are to get through the winter decency and safety. In the face of brutal coercion and spiritual suffering they remain splendidly courageous. This courage challenges our charity. Let us match the courage of Belgium by the generosity of America."

Every kind of garment, for all ages and both sexes, is urgently needed. In addition, piece goods—light, warm, cotton flannel and other kinds of cloth from which to make garments for new born babies, ticking, sheeting, and blankets, woolen goods of any kind and shoes of every size are asked for. Scrap leather in need for repairing footwear.

Since the clothes will be subject to the hardest kind of wear, only garments made of strong and durable materials should be sent. It is useless to offer to any afflicted population garments of flimsy material or gaudy coloring. Make the gift practical.

Garments need not be in perfect condition. A hundred thousand destitute women in the occupied regions are eager to earn a small livelihood by repairing the clothes and making new garments adapted to needs with which they are familiar.

Garments of flimsy material or gaudy coloring, ball dresses, high heeled slippers etc.

Stiff Hats, either men's or women's straw, dress or durby.

Anything containing rubber, raincoats, rubber boots, etc.

Note: Rubber heels can easily be removed from shoes.

Books, toys, soap, toilet articles, Notes or communications of any sort or description must positively not be sent.

Many homes in this country have stored away in them a supply of

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what money you have by buying a purse. We have them from a up

WEEKS

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COMING HERE TO ADDRESS REGISTRANTS

Representatives of the United States Government will speak at Ballinger Thursday afternoon, at two o'clock on the subject of college military training. The address will be delivered at the Queen Theatre at two o'clock and the public in general is invited.

The question to be discussed is of especial interest to men who have registered for selective service, and all such men are urged to be present. The speakers are coming here at the expense of the government, and the information to be imparted will be free and of benefit to all those who are in line for army service.

GETS FURLOUGH EXTENDED

E. L. James, who was at home on a furlough, and started for Camp Travis, Monday afternoon, received a telegram at Brownwood extending his furlough, and he returned on the train Monday night, and is here for a few days longer.

"Follies" for the Boys

Paris, Sept. 18—There is rejoicing among the American soldiers who are lucky enough to have a "Paris leave" coming soon. Because Paris is to have a real American show at last, modeled on the Broadway type, with a "Jazz" band and American chorus girls and comedians. The show will open under the title "The Follies of 1918" at the Marigny Theatre in the Champs-Elysees.

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Wear your old clothes and buy Liberty Bonds.

Don't talk about peace when we are just ready to fight.

If Uncle Sam keeps tightening up on rules for newspapers, he will soon own the whole works. We are willing.

The casualty list is becoming more common every day, and soon the names of those we know will not bring the horrors expected.

If an embargo is placed on gasoline for joy riding, the joy riders can also save the tax on his car. He does not have to pay so long as he keeps his car locked up in the garage, and keeps it off the highways. Not a bad way to economize.

Where is the man who said the war would be over within three months when the Germans started across Belgium? He may be in France fighting Fritzie. The war will not be over until there is an unconditional surrender, and that means a march through Berlin for some Ballinger boys.

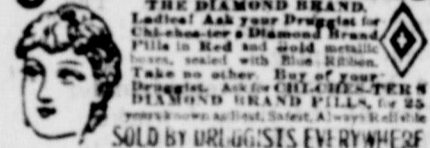
The production of a big crop here next year means there will be no help to carry on public road work or public work of any other character. It will take all hands and the cook to do the cultivation and harvesting. And for that reason no time should be lost in building good roads.

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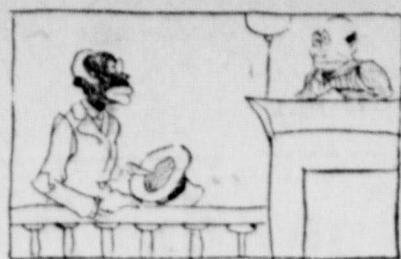
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"What do yez mean by throwing dirt on th' gentleman's steps?" demanded the officer.

"There's no other place t' throw it!" replied the workman indifferently.

"Well, thin, in that case, yez had better dig another hole an' throw it in there!"

FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

It is not a myth, but a reality and women may find it in perfect functional health. Women who want to grow old gracefully should guard against all organic weakness and derangements, and at the first symptom of each condition resort to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, nature's own root and herb remedy, to restore health. For three generations women of America have depended upon this successful remedy and have found no other medicine to equal it.

Grim Exchange.

"Cut out that scythe and hour glass," demanded Father Time.

"But," protested the artist, "I have pictured you that way for years."

"True. But this is altogether a different year. You want to portray me with a machine gun and a gas mask."

Altogether Different.

"Hotel waiters are not at all like they used to be."

"No. Formerly you told a waiter what you wanted to eat. Now he tells you what you can have."

MADE BIG MISTAKE

Of Course They Had Plenty of Money Now, But—

Farmer Had Forgotten That Time Was Robbing Him and His Wife of Youth While He Was Piling Up the Dollars.

The farmer sat in the circle of light shed by the lamp on the reading table. His brow was wrinkled as he ran over the figures in his bankbook with a stubby lead pencil. While he figured, his wife sewed steadily and the old clock on the mantel counted the seconds under its breath.

At length the man placed his spectacles in their case, put his clasped hands above one knee, smiled slowly and said: "The last payment on the Dawkins farm has been paid, Jinny, an' I've got a right smart balance left in the bank. That last bunch of shoats I sold brought more money than I thought they would."

For a time he sat evidently waiting for his wife to make some remark, but her needle clicked steadily along a hem, while her eyes appeared glued to her work. The farmer leaned forward, touched his wife upon her knee and continued: "Don't you remember, Jinny, ever so long ago, I told you that just as soon as the Dawkins place was paid for you an' I would take a trip, a great big trip, anywhere you wanted to go?"

"Yes," the woman answered without taking her eyes from the hem, "yes, I remember very well. It was just 15 years ago that you said we'd take that trip, John."

"Well—but—say, Jinny, ain't you a bit glad it's come at last?" the man asked.

"I don't know, I don't know. You see, John, when we planned that trip I was just a little bit over thirty. I hadn't got into the rut like I am now. Honest, I've stayed out here in the country year after year by myself until I'm sensitive. When I go to town I look an' act like I was from the country. Maybe I don't look that way, but I feel that way on the inside an' I might just as well look that way. If the trip had come sooner it'd been all right, but it's too late now."

"But, Jinny, you know I was payin'—"

"Never mind that, John, I've heard that same ol' story of payin' for more land for years now. You've done it all for the best, but it has been for the worst. We've got money to spend an' we've gotten plumb by the time of life when we can get any pleasure out of it. I believe in puttin' something by for a rainy day all right, but I don't believe in it when you kill youth an' pleasure. I'm sorry as I can be, John, but I don't want the trip."—Farm and Family.

American Sardines.

Our imports of sardines from France and other European countries have been almost entirely cut off by war, but the California sardine industry is developing so rapidly that N. B. Scofield, fish and game commissioner of that state, estimates an output of 2,500,000 cases of California sardines in another year. The California sardine has suffered market handicaps due to lack of standardization of pack. This difficulty is now being overcome by co-operation among the packers, and better methods of handling the fish from the time they are taken out of the water until they go into the can are being developed. Canners representing 90 per cent of the Maine sardine canning industry in co-operation with the food administration have voluntarily agreed to reduce their price to \$5.60 a case of 100 cans for the one-fourth size in oil and for the three-fourths size in mustard, and \$6.10 a case of 100 key cans in the one-fourth size in oil. This will enable retailers to sell the keyless cans at three for 25 cents, and the grocery trade has lined up behind the Maine canners to distribute both this and last year's pack at those prices.

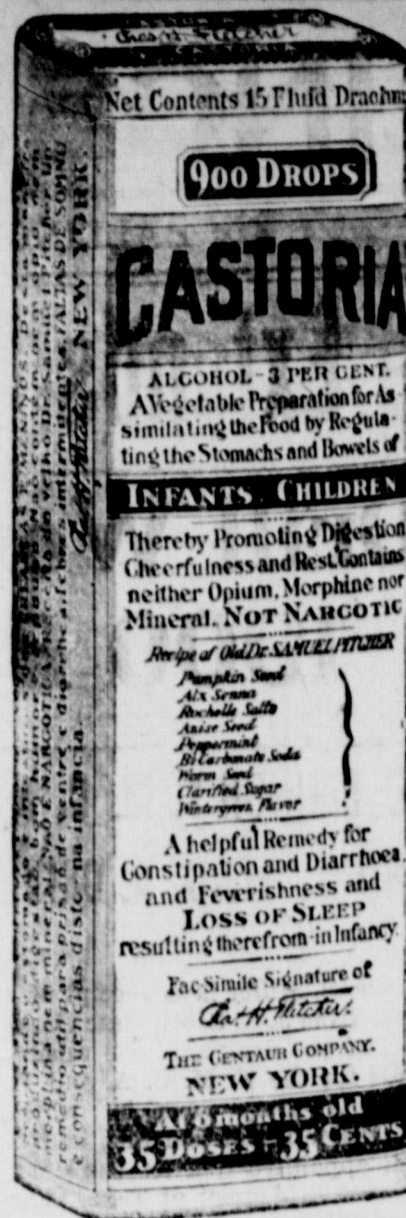
Common Sense Plus.

The class in Commercial English was studying the parcel post system. The subject being discussed was the size of admissible matter under this class, to be sent in any zone. The correct rule for this is to measure the parcel from end to end with an 84-inch tape measure, and then use the rest of the measure to stretch around the circumference of the parcel. If any surplus inches of tape come around, then the parcel is of correct size.

"Suppose," said the teacher, bringing forth a practical example, "that I were to have an umbrella, Louise, how could I tell whether or not it could be sent?"

Louise arose reluctantly and studied for a moment in silence. At last she answered, "Well, I think I'd close the umbrella first."

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WAR RELIC TRAIN HERE OCT. 9.

The Dallas News publishes a schedule of the war relic train which are to tour Texas during the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign.

Train No. 1 is due to arrive at Ballinger at nine o'clock on the morning of October 9th, and will remain here about an hour. The Dallas News in announcing the schedule as outlined by the manager of the Liberty Loan campaign for the Dallas district says:

Every section of the Dallas Reserve District will be touched by the Liberty loan special train, bearing captured war relics and an exhibit of modern artillery used by the United States army, and which will be fitted out under the direction of J. W. Hoops, executive manager of the Liberty loan campaign for the Dallas district.

Mr. Hoops announced the schedule yesterday. There will be two trains. One will go west the other east. Both will start from Dallas and will be returned here. The train going east, known as Unit No. 2 will be in charge of John A. Lomax, formerly of the University of Texas, and the other in charge of Charles R. Russell of Dallas. Mr. Lomax, now of Chicago, was loaned to the Liberty loan campaign by Lee Higginson & Co. of Chicago, with which firm Mr. Lomax is now connected.

Several speakers will be on each of the trains and each will carry a squad of men who understand all of the details of the guns on display and who will explain them.

The two French guns—the famous 75s—two machine guns and German trench mortars have already been received. Mr. Hoops is expecting to receive the second shipment of guns today. In addition to the guns received Mr. Hoops has two of the largest shells used in modern warfare. They are the 14 inch shell and weigh 1,520 pounds. They stand more than four feet high. They are convertible shells and may be used either for armor piercing purposes or to scatter shrapnel. The shipment that brought these shells also carried two depth bombs, which are used by submarine chasers to destroy the submarines after submerging.

PRETTY COUNTRY HOME WEDDING TUESDAY NIGHT

At their country home near Old Runnels, Tuesday night, at nine o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Wood gave in marriage their daughter, Miss Willie to Mr. Harper McFarland.

In the presence of the relatives and their most intimate friends, Dr. J. H. King, pastor of the 8th street Presbyterian church performed the beautiful ceremony which united the happy hearts in the holy bonds of matrimony, while Miss Juliet B. Miller tenderly played the sweet strains of music.

After the ceremony and after friends had extended the usual best wishes and congratulations, and after a delicious refreshment course had been served, the bride and groom motored to the home that had been prepared on the Gross ranch west of Ballinger.

The bride is one of Runnels county's favorite daughters. She was born where she married and her acquaintance covers the county and her friends are numbered by her acquaintances. The best wishes of these friends go out to her for a long and happy wedded life.

Mr. McFarland has resided here for many years. He is well known and has many friends who extend congratulations. The home of the newly weds will be on the Gross ranch for the present, where Mr. McFarland is in charge of the ranch during Will Gross' absence in France, where he is flying for Uncle Sam.

BUGLE IN MODERN WARFARE

Something of an Analogy Between That Instrument and the Trumpets Sounded at Jericho.

A glass bar set vibrating lengthwise by a sound will smash to pieces if the sound rise to a high enough key—that is, if the number of vibrations becomes great enough. And the hardest metals, such as iron and steel, will break like glass under the rhythmic shock of off-tempered feeble blows. For this reason when regiments march across a metal bridge they are always ordered to break step, in order that the impact of their feet may not set up rhythmic vibrations in the structure.

Many persons who have a mania for explaining in a materialistic way all the wonders related in the Bible have conjectured that when the walls of Jericho fell under the trumpet blasts of Joshua's army these were keyed to set up in the walls precisely the vibrations that would shatter them. And it may be said that this explanation is by no means confined to materialists, for this very opinion was held also by the old Jewish rabbis, as well as by St. Augustine, St. Jerome and St. Ambrose. But Father Athanasius Kircher, S. J., in his learned treatise, "Murgia universalis" (book IX), showed the insufficiency of such a physical explanation and concluded that only a miracle could have produced that effect.

Nicolas Flamel, writing in La Nature on the acoustics of speaking trumpets, cites the above-mentioned authors and mentions the highly interesting fact that a great French scientist showed the officers of the troops that recaptured the fort of Donnoumont a year ago a way to use the bugle. Until then and ever since the Germans dug themselves in after their defeat on the Marne the bugles had been silent, as they could be heard equally well in the enemy's trenches. M. Flamel adds that this scientist has since then made great improvements in the use of the bugle at the front, but military exigencies forbid going into details.

Seaman Worthy of His Uniform.

A cry for help never goes unheeded when there is a man of the United States navy standing by. No matter where—on land, at sea, in calm or storm, daylight or dark—he is quick to respond and ready to take the chance that makes a rescue possible. An instance of this is reported from Newport, R. I., where the bravery of Robertson McGregor, fireman, third class, attached to the naval training school at that place, has just been rewarded by a letter of commendation from Secretary Daniels. It was night and unusually dark when McGregor heard the cry of help coming from the bay. Rushing to the water, he located the sound, and without any further hesitation jumped overboard and swam in the direction of the cry. There were no more cries, but, sensing his direction, the fireman kept on swimming until he came across a body. It was an apprentice seaman, who had become unconscious in his fight for life. Although still wearing his clothing, McGregor took hold of his man and brought him safely to the shore. This man only enlisted in the navy last May, having been recruited at Albany, N. Y. His mother, Mrs. Margaret McGregor, lives on Maple street at Lee, Mass.

Boys at Girls' School.

The instructors in the branch of the Girls' Industrial school, which meets at the Planner Guild, were surprised when the school opened a few weeks ago to find a class of boys ready and anxious to begin work.

"Don't you understand this school is for girls only?" asked one of the teachers.

"Yes, we heard that, but what's the difference? We want to learn to sew."

The teachers were in a quandary, but finally decided to give the boys their first lesson with the needle; but the sight of the boys sewing caused the girls much merriment, and made so much confusion that it was decided to bar them.

They appeared the next Saturday, however, and begged so hard to be taken in that they are now regular fixtures. The work they do is equal to that of the girls, and the teachers are proud of them. They take more than the usual amount of interest and spend all of the time they are in school at work.—Indianapolis News.

Many Americans Enter Canada.

Three and a half times as many immigrants from the United States into western Canada arrived during the first nine months of last year as during the same period in 1915, according to figures furnished by the department of immigration. The number of such persons for the first nine months of the year 1915 was 8,327; for 1916, 14,022, and for 1917, 29,918. The amount of cash and effects brought in by these immigrants does not show the same proportionate increase for this year over 1915 as did the number of persons. The total of cash and effects was \$2,156,876 for 1915, \$3,319,943 for 1916 and \$5,914,933 for 1917.

AMUSING PIECE OF "NERVE"

How Cool Impudence of Young British Naval Officers Relieved Tension of Situation.

In "Facing the Hindenburg Line," by Burris A. Jenkins, may be found a number of incidents in which naval men prove their coolness and heroism. Nobody knows all the stories of coolness and heroism among the naval men, says the author. We shall not learn them till the war is over, but here is one that perhaps the censors will allow to go by. It was told by a medical officer who was aboard the Franconia when she was sunk acting as a transport.

"We had five or six naval officers aboard. They were sitting in the smoking room—remember the smoking lounge in the old Franconia? It was very long, as long as this dining room and twice as broad. They had just ordered whisky sodas. Suddenly there was an explosion and the steel floor of the smoking room just buckled up and burst apart in the middle of the ship. One of those officers called the steward and said:

"I ask you to witness, steward, that we have paid for these whisky sodas and have not had time to drink them."

"Then the rascals went below, got on their lifebelts, came back again, asked the steward for a big sheet of foolscap, wrote out a long, 'we, the undersigned,' setting forth that they had ordered six whisky sodas, for which they had paid nine shillings, with a sixpence tip, and had not been allowed to drink them. Thereupon they entered a claim against the British government for the nine shillings and sixpence, with accrued interest from date. Then they walked in a body up to the bridge and handed it to the skipper. The old man told me afterward he never was so grateful to anybody as to these cool young devils for the steady and bucking up influence of their impudence."

The Ex-Czarina.

I rub my eyes when I read that the czarina is a deeply scheming, intriguing woman who had ambiguous relations with Rasputin and aimed at the success of Germany over the country she had adopted by marriage as her own. It is only necessary to cast my memory back to the time when I was just entering womanhood and Princess Alexandra Alix was a girl some ten years my junior. Certainly I knew the shy, reserved simple child well enough to realize that she had not the mental development for any form of intrigue. Residence at Buckingham palace under the keen critical eye of an august grandmother, an eye that nothing could possibly escape, did not make for striking individuality, nor did the quiet simplicity of the German home, and the princess grew up beneath the double burden of surveillance and etiquette sharing the quiet intellectual life of an adored mother. Yet she had a certain measure of high spirits, loved tennis and dancing, and having tuned her life to play its small part in the great household orchestra, seemed happy enough.—The Bookman.

Tommies Surprise Italy.

Whole battalions of Thomas Atkinses, now that the long-expected snowfall has buried the Austro-Germans in deep Alpine drifts, have been paying visits to the Milan opera house and receiving immense ovations. By way of acknowledgment Tommy gave the laurel-crowned "Tipperary," and created a sensation, as well he might, in that sacred mecca of Italian opera. Flowers were showered upon him in most embarrassing fashion. The reason of this delicate attention may be the kilts, at which the people gaze in undisguised amazement. One veteran peasant exclaimed: "Fancy, women as well as men go to war in that country, and yet they look as though they would make mincemeat of the Germans." Little wonder that some of these killed "ladies" received not only flowers, but equally embarrassing kisses.—Christian Science Monitor.

Japanese Tiger Hunters.

Tadashuro Yamamoto, one of Japan's most wealthy men, who has immense shipping interests, returned recently from a tiger hunt in the Korean mountains. Mr. Yamamoto had with him 200 friends and professional sportsmen who are experts with the rifle. They left Tokyo on November 15 and established headquarters at Gensang, a small port on the northern coast of the Sea of Japan. The experienced sportsmen were distributed among the amateurs in the party, so that everybody was given an opportunity to bag what game was encountered.

Mr. Yamamoto and his party returned recently from the hunt after several successful weeks in the Korean mountains and has been feasting his friends on tiger steaks and other dishes from the game brought home.—New York Herald.

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W. F. Street, stock dealer, 1001 Tenth St., Says: "About a year ago I had an attack of kidney complaint. I had dull pains in the small of my back and the kidney secretions passed irregular. I bought Doan's Kidney Pills from the Weeks Drug Store and they relieved all signs of the trouble.

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Street had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Drill Working in
Oil at Russell Well

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to give anything until the owners of the proposition arrive. The drillers have no interest in the proposition further than to push the drill down to oil, and are being paid for their work at so much per day, and they decline to make statements.

One thing is certain, oil has been found in the Russell well, but to what extent is yet to be made public. This well is about eighteen miles east of Ballinger on the north side of the Colorado river. The place selected for drilling is on the breaks of a rocky draw, and has been declared by geologist to be first class.

If oil has been found in that region there is every reason to believe that a better field extends west towards Ballinger, and that development will follow fast is expected.

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Or at least you can make your old car look like a new one at a small cost. It won't be long before it will be next to impossible to buy a new car, so it behooves auto owners to take care of those they have. You have recently noticed old cars on our streets that looked like new ones. The transformation was caused by the use of Cameron Company's high grade automobile paint. You can have yours look new at a small cost.

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WOULDN'T FIGHT
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Fort Worth, Sept 17—"I would not even fight to protect my mother."

This from a big strapping fellow that looked like he could take care of himself in an argument with Jess Willard under investigation Monday by department of justice agents on slack or charges.

Conscientious objections was the man's trouble. He thought it was an awful thing to fight and would have none of it—that is, if left to his own inclinations. And when Uncle Sam directed him to appear for military service he failed to do so.

"Fighting is not for Christians," he said.

Articles found in the man's pockets led the officers to believe that he was not so perfect as he claimed and he was locked up for further inquiry.

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surface. Hall's Catarrhal Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surface of the system.

We will give one hundred dollars for any case of catarrhal deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrhal Medicine. Circulars free. All druggist, 75c.

TO FARM WITHOUT TENANTS

Thos. C. Hall, who had been here looking after his farm and cattle, returned to his home at Temple Tuesday. Mr. Hall came here to ship out his cattle, but decided to wait until after equinox, and if no rains come by that time he will place his cattle on the market. He owns a nice bunch of black "hornless" cattle.

Mr. Hall has about one thousand acres in cultivation on what is known as the old Schawe ranch north of town. He said his renters were getting up and quitting him, but that he expects to cultivate his land next year if he had to use wage hands. Renters will be hard to get here next year, if the seasons for farming are favorable.

TEXAS TROOP
TRAIN IN WRECK

Springfield, Mo., Sept. 18—Twenty-five soldiers are reported killed and thirty others injured in a troop train and a St. Louis & San Francisco freight train one mile east of Mansfield, Mo., tonight.

The injured were carried into a rear coach of the troop train where they were given first aid until the arrival of a relief train from Springfield. A guard was immediately thrown out around the track and no one was allowed to approach the wreck. No information as to where the troops were from or as to their destination was available, but it is believed they are from a southern training camp, probably in Texas. The dead and injured are being brought to Springfield on the relief train which is expected to arrive here at 12:30 o'clock.

Mrs. J. C. Brazelington, left for Dallas, Tuesday, where she goes to make her home. She will be joined by Mr. and Mrs. D. Reeder, who have rented a home in Dallas, as soon as they can close out their business here.

TRAVELING SALESMAN

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Atlantic, Iowa—"I am a traveling salesman and was run-down, worn out no appetite and no ambition my druggist told me Vinol was what I needed and within a few days after taking it I commenced to gain and it built up my strength so every spring and fall I take it to build me up and it keeps me in splendid condition."
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Sick Women

To do your duty during these trying times your health should be your first consideration. These two women tell how they found health.

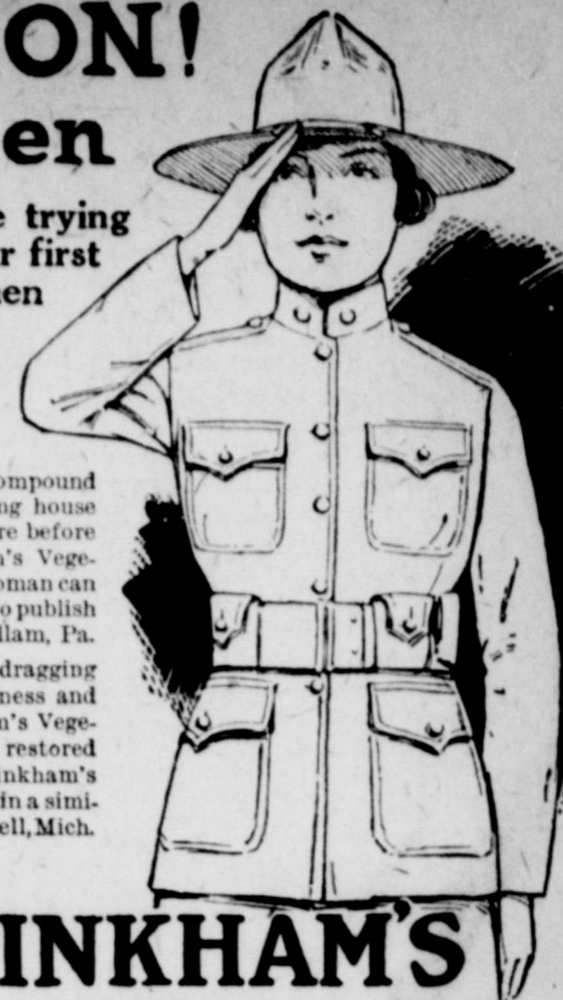
Hellam, Pa.—"I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for female troubles and a displacement. I felt all run down and was very weak. I had been treated by a physician without results, so decided to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial, and felt better right away. I am keeping house since last April and doing all my housework, where before I was unable to do any work. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is certainly the best medicine a woman can take when in this condition. I give you permission to publish this letter."
 —Mrs. E. R. CRUMLING, R. No. 1, Hellam, Pa.

Lowell, Mich.—"I suffered from cramps and dragging down pains, was irregular and had female weakness and displacement. I began to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound which gave me relief at once and restored my health. I should like to recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's remedies to all suffering women who are troubled in a similar way."
 —Mrs. ELISE HEIM, R. No. 6, Box 83, Lowell, Mich.

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Dr. and Mrs. Sanders, of Winters, were here Tuesday, shopping. They recently returned to Winters from Garden City, and will make their home in Winters again.

Elgin Davidson and Will Robertson of the Wilmett-country, passed through Ballinger Wednesday, enroute to Bay City, and other coast towns.

Good for Billiousness

"Two years ago I suffered from frequent attacks of stomach troubles and biliousness. Seeing Chamberlain's Tablets advertised I concluded to try them. I improved rapidly." Miss Emma Verbyrke, Lima, Ohio.

Mrs. R. L. Levensky, chairman of the Red Cross Branch at Winters, and Mrs. Herbert Jones, were here Monday conferring with the officials of the Red Cross chapter.

Diarrhoea in Children

For diarrhoea in children one year old or older you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, followed by a dose of castor oil. It should be kept at hand and given as soon as the first unnatural looseness of the bowels appears.

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