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GERMANY FIGHTS ALONE

Austria-Hungary Accepts Terms and Surrenders--Germans May Be Trapped

Washington, Nov. 4.—The state department announces today that the complete and effective surrender of Austria-Hungary provided by the United States Allies armistice terms were now operative.

The terms of the armistice strip Austria-Hungary of the last shred of military power and places an iron clamp upon that country taking any further part in the war.

From the terms of this armistice may be gleaned some idea of what the nature of the terms to Germany will be, it was stated authoritatively today.

The terms to Austria-Hungary,

and which that country has signed, include a cessation of hostilities, demobilization of her army, delivery of half of the enemy artillery equipment, evacuation of all invaded territory, the use of the enemy's railroads and waterways, the immediate return of all allied prisoners, the surrender to the allies of a stipulated number of submarines and other vessels, the allied supervision of the remainder of the enemy's navy, the opening of the Adriatic Danube to the allies, the Occupation by allies of the Danube forts and Pola naval base, and the concentration of the aircrafts at designated points.

Austria-Hungary is out of the war.

Deserted by her last ally, Germany fights alone a battle which means ultimate defeat or abject surrender.

After days of pleading an armistice has been granted Austria-Hungary, whose badly defeated armies in the Italian theatre, are staggering homeward under the violence of the blows of the enterprising troops.

Trent, in Austria Tyrol, which the Italians always have claimed as their own has been captured. Trieste, Austria's principle seaport on the Adriatic over which there has been such bitter fighting now flies the Italian flag, and Belgrade capital of Serbia, has been re-occupied by the Serbians.

In France and Belgium the Germans are being sorely harassed by the British, French, Americans and Belgians and there are indications that a debacle is about to occur. The Argonne massif which has proven a great obstacle to the advancing French and Americans at last has been cleared of the enemy and the entire line appears to be crumbling. American airmen report that the Germans in front of the Americans are retreating northward, that the roads are densely packed with troops, artillery and transports.

Likewise, southwest of Valen-

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STAMP IS REMINDER OF GERMAN CRIME

New York, Nov. 4.—"Remember—Use Nothing German."

These words appear on a new stamp, resembling a postage stamp being circulated by the American Defense society.

The stamps are sold, and profits go to the Fatherless Children of France, a society of which Marshall Joffre is president.

On the stamp appears a design painted by E. H. Blashfield, New York. It represents Humanity, shielding her eyes from the sight of the sinking Lusitania, and Justice, with sword drawn in vengeance.

SEND

the boys Kodak pictures of yourself and the family. That's one thing they want.

WEEKS

Kodaks and Films

We hope the war will end before April 1st. but—

The only safe way is to figure that it won't end for another year.

This means that we must figure that there won't be any new cars next summer.

But you'll want a new car next summer, and won't be able to get one.

The next best thing to do is make your old car into a new one.

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A. J. ZAPPE

MARRIAGE AND BIRTH RATE FALLS IN ITALY

Rome, Oct. 5. (By Mail)—Italy's birth rate, which before the war was one of the healthiest in Europe, has suffered the inevitable decline that takes place always under war conditions, with much of the male population under arms. The number of marriages has decreased as it has in all other belligerent countries, and while Italy is by no means suffering from any threat of race suicide, the decrease in marriages and birthrate, together with heavy loss of life in the war, creates for Italy the same problem of re-population after the war that is facing the other warring nations.

During the years preceding the war the average number of marriages in Italy was 260,000 annually. In 1915 following Italy's entrance into the war in May of that year, this average decreased at once to 185,000. The year following saw a still further decline to 105,000 marriages, considerably less than half of the average before the war. The full figures for 1917 are not yet available, but enough have been obtained to render it certain that the decrease continues also throughout that year, some authorities declaring it will not exceed 50,000 marriages for the year, while more optimistic ones figure on at least 80,000.

A similar decline also has taken place in the Italian birthrate. For four years preceding the war Italy's average birthrate was 1,123,000. In 1915 this suffered a decline of 1,100,000 which in 1916 suffered a still further decline to 881,000 births.

During 1916, the Italian government arranged for its soldiers at the front to have occasional leaves of absence in which to visit their families, something they had not enjoyed previously. While it is expected that this will have a beneficial influence on the birthrate for 1917, nevertheless this probably will be offset by the calling to the colors additional classes. Statistics to date indicate that Italy's birthrate for 1917 will not have exceeded 700,000.

SCHOOLS HAVE GOOD ATTENDANCE

After a three weeks "close up" on account of the influenza epidemic, the schools of this city resumed work Monday morning.

The teachers who had been enjoying a vacation, and some of whom returned to their homes for the time, were all present, and work was resumed without delay.

The attendance was better than was expected, there being only a few children absence, indicating that good health has been restored in most of the homes where the influenza invaded.

The patrons of the school are requested to keep a close watch on their children and not permit them to become exposed to other children who are ill, or send children with bad colds and sore throats to school.

The school term has lost practically three weeks. This will make it necessary for the classes to double up on their work and it is possible some scheme for making up the lost time will be announced later.

This city is fortunate in having stamped out the epidemic so quick and co-operation in sanitary work will help to keep it down. Other cities are still suffering. Another break in the school will work a great hardship on the children. Do your duty and it will be easier to keep out contagious diseases.

Col. E. C. Ryan came in from Aransas coast Sunday, spent a few hours and went to San Angelo on business. Col. Ryan is promoting a big wharf and warehouse proposition at Aransas Pass, preparatory to providing storage for Runnels county oil.

J. P. Knight and T. J. Russell, of the Winters country, had business in Ballinger Monday.

J. M. Stevenson, one of the pioneer settlers of the Tokeen country, was in Ballinger Monday.

Ed Gentry was here from Marie Monday, mixing with the grain sowers.

VOLUNTEERS FOR PROHIBITION ELECTION

Petitions requesting the immediate ordering of a local option election in Precincts Nos. 1, 2, and 4, which includes the city of San Angelo, will be presented on Monday, November 11, it was announced Saturday afternoon by Judge Joseph Spence, Jr. Henry E. Jackson, one of the city commissioners, and Judge Spence will likely present the petition about six o'clock.

Committees circulated the petitions throughout the past week and it is understood, several hundred names were signed. The petition of only ten per cent of the qualified voters in the county is necessary to make the ordering of an election mandatory upon the court, and this required number was probably secured the first day the petitions were started. The percentage of anti-prohibitionists who have signed the petitions is stated to be large and it is generally conceded that an overwhelming majority will be returned against the reopening of the saloons at the present time.

Some of the dry leaders are of the opinion that a sufficient number of volunteers can be secured to serve as presiding judges and clerks with out pay to eliminate much of the expense of holding the election. Some people have been heard to express opposition to the election because of the expense that will be incurred.

The election will be called for some date not far from Saturday November 30, if the prediction of leaders in the movement is borne out.—San Angelo Standard.

Jack McKay came in from Paris, Texas, and is here on business and spending a few days with friends. Mr. McKay says that the North Texas country is in good shape, and the family are all well.

Chas. Baily and Baily Mack returned to their school duties in the State University, after spending the influenza epidemic period at home.

London, Nov. 4.—Stonay Cap, through which the Germans expected to pass in their retirement south of the Ardennes, has been rendered untenable by the newest American advance. This news came in dispatches from the American front today. It means the trapping of a large number of Germans.

DEMOCRATS SHOULD NOT FAIL TO

While the Democrats are appealing to the I vote in support of the administration tomorrow should not let the Texas is a one-sided sly keep them away f

There never was a large vote in the ge is of more importance. Aside from t there is two importa ments to be voted upon move on foot, growth, recent unpleasutness of Fergusonism, to give ocratic ticket in Texas.

The Bolsheviks are are distributing circule of the election in charges against Gov. H. circulars are distribut in the outlying districts of Rowena being headed want them.

Normally Texas is one-sided politically, but the political pulse of Texas has not been normal since Jim Ferguson was elected governor and took the brewers and liquor interest in as members of his administration. The Brewers furnished the cash and expected Ferguson to furnish the brains. It was a bad trade on account of the poor judgement exercised in the deal, and on the eve of the election such a thing as Republican governor is the threat held out to the people.

A heavy vote in the election tomorrow for the Democrat ticket will be an advance towards Berlin for the American army, and a plank in the peace platform for Mr. Wilson to stand on.

Don't be a Bolshevik and remain away from the polls.

Mrs. J. C. Brazelton, returned from Dallas, Monday, where she has been for some time visiting her grand daughter, Mrs. Frank Drevs.

Rev. J. H. King returned from Santa Anna, Monday, where he had been to fill his regular semi-monthly appointment for the Presbyterian church in that city.

XMAS GIFTS

for the boys "overthere" must be mailed by the 15th. Remember our stock of razors, fountain pens, cigars and candy and other things.

WEEKS

Do your bit

WOMAN ALL RUN-OWN

Had to Have Health to Keep House for Children—What She Did.

Narragansett Pier, R. I.—"I was all run-down, back ached and tired all the time. I keep house for my husband and four children and could hardly keep around. Finally I tried Vinol and it has restored my health and helped me wonderfully, so I recommend it to others who are in this condition."—Mrs. Hannah Randall.

There is no secret about Vinol.—It owes its success to beef and cod liver peptones, iron and manganese peptonates and glycerophates, the oldest and most famous body building and strength creating tonics.

J. Y. Pearce Drug Co., City Drug Store and druggist everywhere.

P. S.—Our Saxol Salve is truly wonderful for eczema. We guarantee it.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Allen will not move to Coleman, as was in prospect. They visited that city and failed to find suitable house at present, and will continue to make Ballinger their home.

Sleep and Rest

One of the most common causes of insomnia and restlessness is indigestion. Take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper and see if you do not rest better and sleep better. They only cost a quarter.

Diek Barnett, of Route 2, Winters, was here Monday, having business with the war board. Mr. Barnett is in the draft age and he is afraid the war will end before he gets into the game.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tuson and son B. J. are at home from a stay of some time in East Texas.

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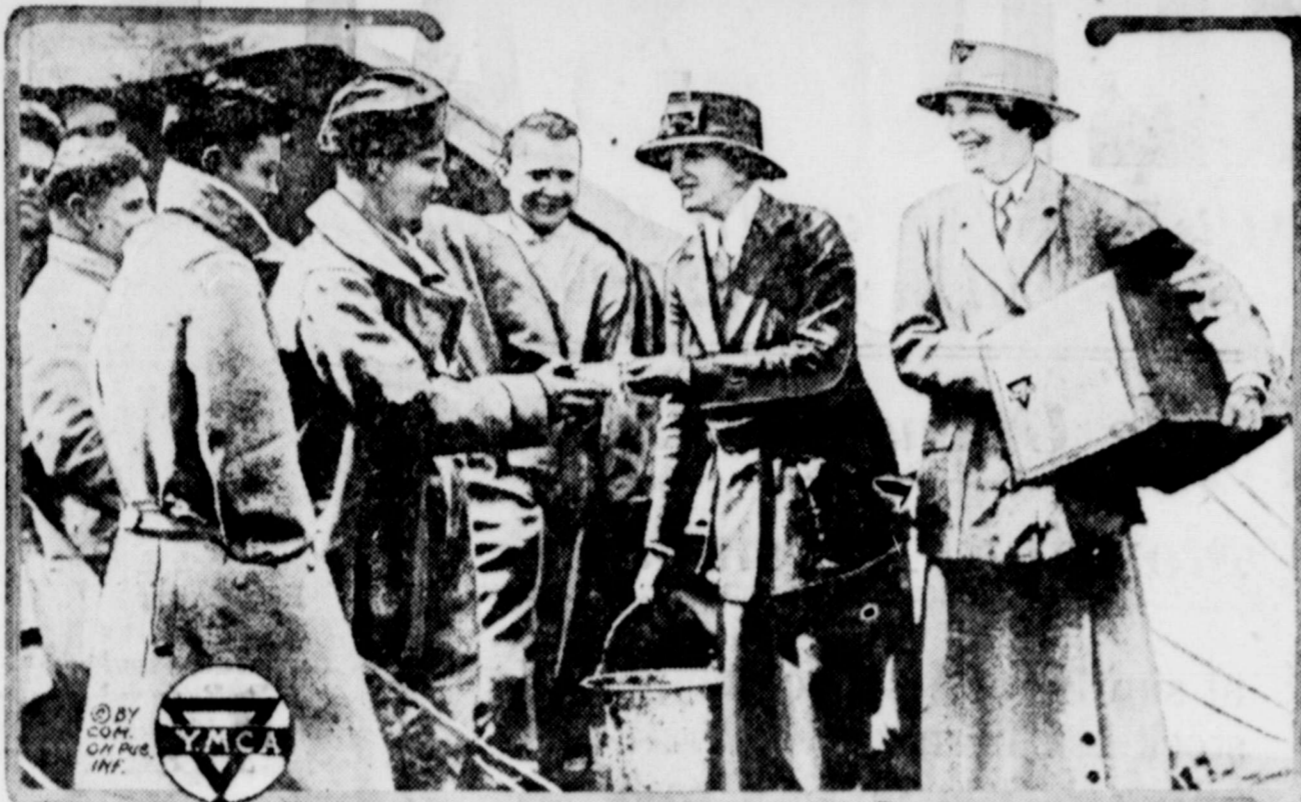
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HOT BROTH FOR "BUDDIE"



Hot broth is always welcomed by our men "over there," but when it is served by a "regular American woman" it is doubly welcome. Photo above was taken at a French field hospital "somewhere in France," and shows two Y. M. C. A. canteen girls serving the convalescents. "Something to warm you up a bit, buddy," heard at the outer edge of a tent is sure to bring instant response from the inside of the tent. The American Red Cross nurses, Salvation Army lassies and Y. M. C. A. canteen girls hold themselves in readiness for any and every kind of service. "Buddy" is glad to see them, whatever their mission, for, being Americans, it is good just to feast one's eyes on them.

GERMANS FIGHT ALONE

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The advance of the Americans and French on the Southern part of the battle front in conjunction with the operations of Field Marshal Haig and the Belgians in the north threatens to prove the culmination blow to Germany's attempt to hold ground in France or Belgium. Indeed it is not improbable if the advance from the south continues as rapidly as it is the greater portion of the German army will be trapped before the men can reach their border. The situation of the Germans, seemingly is critical.

Although the Austro-Hungarian have been given an armistice they are still being bitterly attacked by the Italian, British, French American and Czecho-Slovak troops in the mountains and on the plains and will continue under chastisement until Monday at 3 o'clock when a cessation of hostilities will take place.

Entire regiment are surrendering to the Italians in the mountains and large number of the enemy are being made prisoners in the plains. Heavy casualties are being inflicted on the retiring troops many additional towns have been reclaimed.

In their swift drive against the Austro-Hungarians the allied forces have up to date taken more than 100,000 prisoners and have captured more than 2200 guns. So rapid has been the advance over the plains that Italian cavalry already has crossed the Tagliamento river and entered Udine.

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For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

NO BANKING TOMORROW

The banks give notice that they will observe the usual rule, and will remain closed on election day. There will be no banking business here tomorrow.

Calling Cards, engraved and printed at The Ballinger Printing Co.

W. W. Poe and John McNeil, were among the visitors to Ballinger from the north side of the county Monday. They report a blanket of wheat and oats covering their part of the county.

Miss Aurelia McKinzie returned to Mary Neal, Monday to resume her school duties after the influenza epidemic.

TWO CASES PER HOUR IN SAN ANGELO

The development of influenza cases in San Angelo during the twenty-four hours ending Saturday at noon was greater than during any similar period within a week. Forty-eight people were stricken with the disease, according to reports made by physicians to the Red Cross, while five patients contracted pneumonia. The death rate continues low, there having been no deaths from influenza since Wednesday noon.

Despite the expectations of some

United War Work Campaign Program

The campaign begins on Monday morning, November 11, and ends at midnight on Monday, November 18. As approved by representatives of the Government at Washington the \$170,000,000 will be divided as follows:

Y. M. C. A.	\$100,000,000
Y. W. C. A.	15,000,000
National Catholic War Council (Including Knights of Columbus)	30,000,000
War Camp Community Service	15,000,000
Jewish Welfare Board	3,500,000
American Library Association	3,500,000
Salvation Army	3,500,000

Any surplus will be divided pro rata.

doctors, the change in the weather has had little beneficial effect in checking the spread of influenza. As many cases have developed since the storm clouds cleared a way as during the wet spell that lasted about three days. Health authorities urge that every precaution continue to be exercised. —San Angelo Standard.

J. A. Lambreth, of the Winters community, was here for a short time Monday.

New supply National Bank Bond letter heads and envelopes, Ballinger Printing Co.

Let us order your Rubber Stamps. The Ballinger Printing

J. R. Fielder, the lumber man from Winters, had business in Ballinger Monday.

SUGAR ALLOWANCE NOW THREE POUNDS

To all retailers of Sugar: You are notified that the sugar allowance of two pounds per person per month is this day increased to three pounds per person per month. You will be permitted to sell a family one months supply on above basis, at a time. Keep records of sales as heretofore.

R. T. Williams, County Food Administrator.

"Food Will Win the War"

We keep our stock complete, and are ready to help you fight the battles of life with pure, fresh, wholesome food. We can assist you in selecting substitutes for the articles of food our Government is asking you to conserve. You are not urged to eat less, but are at liberty to eat more different kinds of food, and conserve the food that will win the war.

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- Grape Juice, 5c.
- Lime-ade, 5c.
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**Sale Opens Thursday
Morning, November 7**

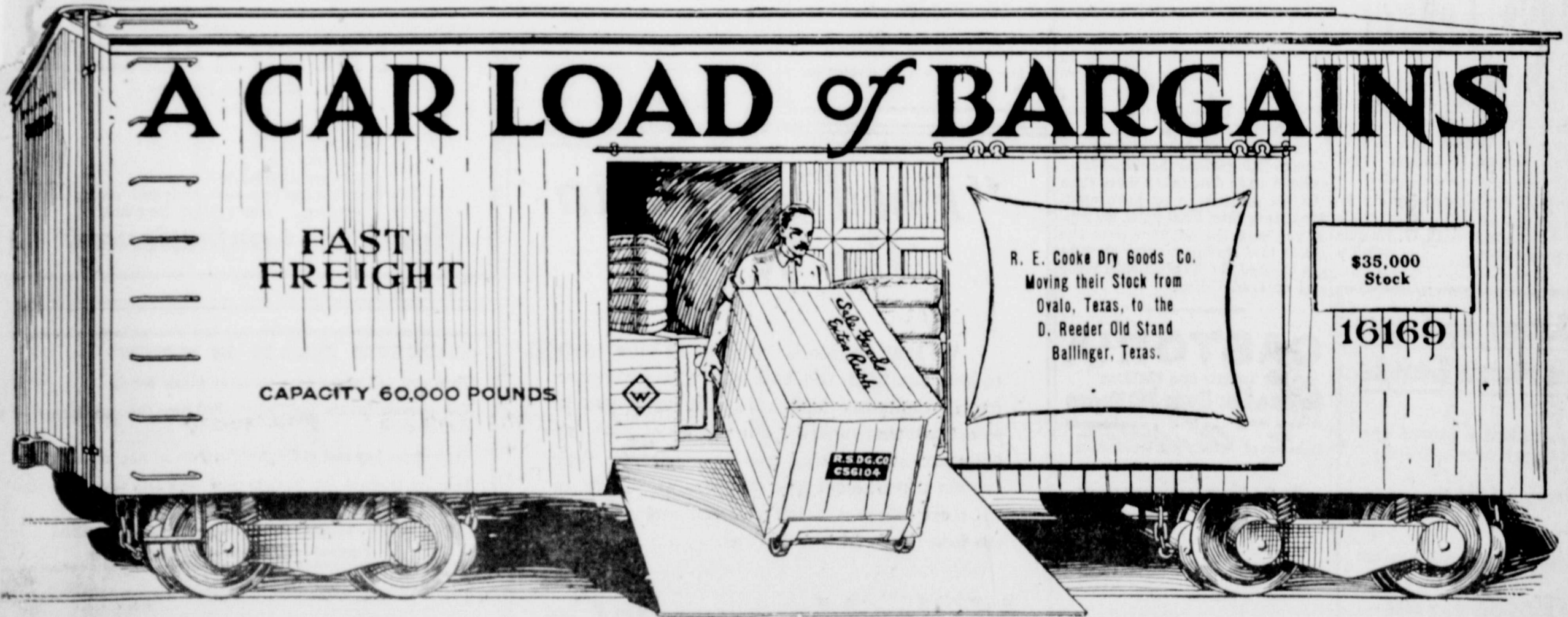
at sunrise and will continue 'till stock has been reduced one-half or ten-thousand dollars cash has been sold.



The R. E. Cooke Dry Goods Co., bought the D. Reeder stock of Dry Goods; D. Reeder stock \$20,000 The R. E. Cooke Dry Goods Co's., stock at Ovalo, Texas, will invoice \$15,000 making a total fo thirty-five thousand dollars worth of good, clean dependable merchandise. Ovalo stock will be moved to the D. Reeder old stand as soon as this stock can be reduced to make room for it. A great slaughter in prices —It's bargain day.

Tell Your Friends and Neighbors--Tell Everybody

Here's the announcement that all populace of Ballinger and surrounding country have been waiting for. It's a Reveille calling you to a multitude of genuine money saving opportunities. The R. E. Cooke Dry Good Co's., great cash in realization, Big Unloading Sale opens promptly at sunrise Thursday morning, November 7th and lasts all day. This stock has been reduced at least one-half or 'till ten thousand dollars cash has been sold. Remember that this is a genuine family affair. Every want, every necessity of the whole family is remembered and provided for in this great gigantic Cash In Unloading Sale. We invite everybody from all the walks of life in Ballinger and surrounding country to come and buy without restriction whatever. This entire stock will be on sale just as advertised till it has been reduced one-half. Remember all goods will be strung up, tagged and out on counters and the store will be decorated by reputable experts and everything marked in plain figures and one price to all. Both the D. Reeder and Ovalo, stock was bought the bulk of it before the sharp advance in prices in wholesale markets, and we are in a position, buying this stock as we did at a great reduction, to make prices that will paralyze any and all competition in this section of the country. 25, 33 and 50 per cent under regular values will be the prevailing prices during this sale. Remember sale starts Thursday morning, November 7th. It's sure enough bargain day.



Store Positively Closed Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 5th and 6th to Mark all Good Down and Arrange Stock.

200 pairs ladies and childrens shoes price range \$2.50 to \$3.50

\$2

10,000 yards 10c and 15c lace, sale price the yard

3c

300 childrens hats price 50c to 75c, sale price

20c

200 mens hats prices range \$2 to \$3, sale price

89c

200 mens hats prices range \$3 to \$4, sale price

\$1.98

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