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Wilson Tells French Huns Must Be Rebuked

Ballinger Boys Witnessed Firing Last Gun In Big War

At the Front, Nov. 12 '18 Dear Friend Sledge:— It has been a long time since I wrote you, so today while I am celebrating and rejoicing I will write. I wonder how things are back home, and how the people received the good news that hostilities had ceased. I wonder when they are looking for us home, and I am anxious to know other things about what is going on at home. But most of all, I wonder if the home folks are completely satisfied with our job over here.

The people at home have fought as hard as we have; they have backed us to the limit and have made it possible for us to throw five shells for every one that the boche threw, and every man in the A. E. F. knows that behind us were the most patriotic people in the world. We want to see you as bad as you want to see us. We are full and overflowing with personal experiences that we want to tell some one who does not know anything about what we have gone through with.

Sledge, I wrote you once that this was not a life of hardships, but one of education. Well, I have changed my mind about that. That was the way I felt about it before the final push started, when we had nothing to do but dig in, fix comfortable quarters, get every thing convenient, fire a few shots at the enemy during the day and have a good night's rest, and that too during the prettiest weather you can imagine.

I have been on the front for over two months, not a move except on the run forward and in mud anywhere from ankle to hip deep and doing the hardest work at night. Not a light, for that would make a target of you for the huns to shoot at. Not a night's rest, for it was fight 24 hours a day, mov-

ing from one German dug out to another, and stealing a little snooze between shell dodging. The dug outs we took from the enemy and occupied ourselves were inhabited by cooties and flees. We dodged shells all day and smell for gas all night, and faced an uncertainty every time you left your dug out as to whether you would get back alive or not.

Camouflage—Oh, I hope I never will hear that word again, and thousands of other things you have heard of and can think of that go with war.

Well, Sledge, Sherman was sure right. I just tell you this so you can imagine how we feel today after the whole thing is over with and we have stepped out of what seemed almost certain death every day into quiet and peaceful rejoicing.

I will never forget the grand final yesterday morning. I heard early in the day that firing would cease at eleven o'clock, but from the awful thundering noise on the outside you could not realize that such thing as peace was possible.

I used to envy some of the boys who are still in the States but now I feel sorry for them. I would not take anything for these last few minutes before eleven o'clock on the eleventh of November.

All through the morning the boys grew impatient, and when it was almost eleven we supply could not stay in a hole. Five minutes to eleven we were all on top of our dug outs, wondering if the noise of battle and the taking of human life was really going to stop; wondering if it could be stopped in the few short minutes.

Two minutes to eleven o'clock and it seemed that every battery commander on the whole front was trying to set a new record for throwing shells in to Germany. It did not stop gradually, as one might think, but from a thundering roar it stopped and all you could hear were the great cheers following the dying sound of the thundering and whistling shells.

The last few minutes were so intense that all we could do was stand with our mouths open, still as a statue and gaze after the flying shells, so to describe it is impossible. When eleven o'clock came all guns stopped as though

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FARMERS TRYING FOR HALF RATE ON FEED

C. L. Green phoned The Ledger from Winters Saturday afternoon, stating that several farmers were ordering feed and were anxious to take advantage of the half freight rate offered by the government, and wanted to know how they could go about getting a permit.

The farm agent has been handling this work, but it was suddenly cut off when the commissioners' court refused to keep the farm agent on the job at only \$800 per year, and if there is any other way to handle it the commissioners have failed to provide the way.

Many cars of feed must be shipped in to this county during the next two or three months, and unless some way is found to meet the government's demand for the half rate, the farmers will pay out thousands of dollars in freight money that they could otherwise save.

This is a question that is up to the commissioners court, and the farmers should go to them with their troubles. Hardly a day passes since the court sat down upon the farm agent but what some farmer has called The Ledger for help in this matter, and we have about come to the conclusion that some body is putting up a job on us.

BALLINGER BOY NOW WRITING FOR MAGAZINE

Elbert Scoggins, a former Ballinger boy, is "pulling down" some good money as a story writer for National Magazine, according to information received here. Elbert is only writing stories as a side line, as he is in the hardware business over in Louisiana. A recent issue of Collier's weekly carried one of his stories, for which he received two hundred dollars, and he has just received three hundred dollars for a story to be carried in the Saturday Evening Post. Elbert is the son of Mrs. Kate Scoggins, who is a sister of Mrs. J. H. Kipp, formerly of this city, and Mrs. Jas. E. Brewer and Mrs. Asa Cordill.

Let us help you solve your gift problems, Lankford.

BANK JANITOR PLEADS GUILTY

Rufus Thomas plead guilty in justice court Saturday morning to petty theft and was punished by a fine of \$20 and one day in jail.

For several years Rufus has been trusty janitor for the F. & M. Bank and local post office. Recently a quantity of stamps mysteriously disappeared from the stamp drawer in the bank, and suspicion rested upon the janitor.

Officers went to the home of Thomas and in a search found \$12.68 in stamps. The arrest of the negro followed, and he acknowledged the error of his way and asked for the merek of the court.

In searching the home of Thomas the officers found seventy-nine towels, an unusually large supply of towels for one private home.

The officers also report that many nice handkerchiefs, table linen, and enough clothing to last any family many years were found stored away in the home.

In pleading guilty to stealing the stamps, Rufus said, "I just can't resist temptation, and don't know why I did it. I didn't need the money 'cause I's got \$7.50 in the bank."

Special prices on every thing till January 1st, Bair's Second Hand Store. 13 2d.

GOOD NEWS FROM MOST OF THE BOYS

Letters during the last two days have brought late reports from most of the Ballinger boys who are in France, Belgium and Germany. The letters tell of interesting experiences, and some of the boys report that they have been slightly wounded, but nothing serious, and they are all eager to come home, see home folks and relate their experiences. In making mention of those from whom letters have been received, we do not intentionally fail to name any but as Ballinger is so well represented on the front, it would be hard to name them all off hand, and we only name those to whom our attention has been called by those who received letters. Among these are Clint Penn, DeWitt Underwood, K. V. Northington, Paul Best, Troy Simpson, Diaz Wood, Roy Reeder, James Skinner, Claud Stone, Noel Penn, Bill Holland, Newt Wardlaw, George Smith, Levi Starkey, Henry Vandervanter, Walter Singletary, Speck Smiekle. There were other Ballinger boys on the front and many from this county who went over the top. Some of the boys were just behind the front line and ready to go in action when the little racket stopped.

For L. E. Bair's service car phone 134 or 586. 13 2d.

A letter bearing date of Nov. 19, from James Melton Skinner, Jr. was received by his parents, Supt. and Mrs. J. M. Skinner, Friday the 13th. He was in fine health and enjoying life very much. His company and Division the 90th are in the front line of occupation in Germany and are seeing many sights of interest.

SOLDIERS ARRIVE HOME

Sidney Hale, J. M. Pyburn and wife arrived home Saturday from San Antonio. Leroy Nicholson, came in from Boston, where he has been in the navy. Hale and Nicholson were not expected home until Sunday, but telegrams received early Saturday morning announced that they would arrive here at noon.

Why not present your floor with new coverings from our stock, phone or call Lankford.

5,440 NAMES IN TODAY'S CASUALTIES

The Commanding General of the American Expeditionary Forces is rapidly making official reports on the casualties in France. The war department at Washington has a large force of clerks handling the work, and the casualty list released for publication in the newspapers each day shows that the work will soon be completed and relatives will know the fate of their sons in the army.

The list released for publication yesterday contained more than 4000 names and was the largest released for any one day up to that time. The list released for publication today breaks the record, carrying a total of 5,440 names, divided as follows.

Killed in action 294.
Died of disease 125.
Died of accident 36.
Died of wounds 138.
Wounded severely 2,128.
Wounded degree undetermined 1,305.
Wounded slightly 839.
Missing in action 584.

The list today carries the name of Wm. J. Richardson, of Ballinger, as in the list of wounded degree undetermined, and gives Lin DeWitt of Ballinger as nearest kin. Mr. DeWitt is city mail carrier, and Richardson is Mrs. DeWitt's brother. He enlisted at Dallas.

WILL MAKE EFFORT TO MAINTAIN RECORD

Mrs. R. L. Harwell, Christmas Roll Call Chairman of the local Red Cross chapter, is in receipt of the following telegram from the headquarters of the Southwestern Division at St. Louis.

"A year ago the Southwestern Division led the country in the Christmas membership campaign. Our five states, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas rolled up a membership which cheered our boys across the seas and gave notice to the world that we were in the war for victory. The record you set then made your task the harder now. The eyes of the country are turned towards the Southwest in the expectation that the roll call will reveal again the devotion of our people to the highest ideals of humanity. Our task is harder, not only because of the high standard already set by the southwest but also because of the handicap under which our campaign must be conducted. The influenza epidemic is sweeping our territory after it has abated elsewhere. We must carry on with the inspiration of public meetings, of the enthusiasm which results from great gatherings but we can not afford to fail or run second, in a race which we are determined to win. Let the handicap under which we are laboring cause us to perfect and tighten our organization. Tell your people to volunteer not to wait until they are solicited. Let the infection of the Red Cross spirit overcome the infection of the influenza germ. Let us have an epidemic of service flags in the windows and a rush of Red Cross buttons on the lapels of all patriotic citizens of the Southwest.

WILL REDUCE OUR CIVILIAN ARMY

Washington, Dec. 14.—Before the war began the United States Government employed approximately 500,000 persons in the civil branch. After Uncle Sam cast his lot definitely with the Allies the great army of workers behind the fighting forces grew by tens of thousands until it numbered almost a million men and women. The forces of civilian employees of the government in the District of Columbia increased from about 25,000 to approximately 95,000. The force in navy yards increased from about 20,000 to more than 100,000, and in government ordnance plants from 10,000 to about 50,000.

During the nineteen months of America participation in the conflict in the United States Civil Service Commission whose duty it was to recruit the civil service to meet war needs, examined almost a million persons, more than 400,000 of whom were appointed.

The Commission found it necessary to advertise extensively to mobilize the workers. Three thousand and local boards of civil service examiners and 8,000 postmasters at third-class post offices in the smaller towns constantly kept the announcements of the Commission before their respective communities. More than 5,000,000 posters and other printed announcements were distributed and displayed. Lantern slides were thrown upon the screens in 15,000 motion picture theatres, cards were displayed in 28,000 trolley cars, notices were printed in 6,000 newspapers and more than 200 periodicals, posters were displayed upon the bulletin boards of 3,000 libraries, 1,200 chambers of Commerce and board of trades, and in many other prominent places in every city in the country. Appeals for recruits were also printed on the back of

Paris, Dec. 14.—When President Wilson reached Paris this morning the huge crowds were massed around the station awaiting his arrival. As the president alighted from the train a roar went up that left no doubt of how Paris welcomed the American President. No man ever received such an ovation and cheering continued for more than an hour, after the presidential party and the reception committee had passed on to the palace provided for Mr. Wilson's home while in Paris.

President Poincare, of France, and Mrs. Poincare, Premier Clemenceau and other high officials greeted Mr. Wilson as he arrived here. Preceding along the route to the palace troops were lined up and held the great throngs back and there were thousands of people cheering all the way to the palace of Prince Murat where Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will live while in this city.

After arriving at the Palace of Prince Murat, President Poincare delivered the address of welcome. In reply President Wilson declared that the peace conference must take such action as to "rebuke Germany's acts of terror and spoilation." "And further more" said the president, "the world must be made aware that such acts cannot be ventured upon by any nation without certainty of just punishment."

Methodist Church
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor.
No evening services.
The "new" pastor, who has been pleased to meet the membership of the church and as many friends as care to come, at the 11:00 o'clock service.
J. B. Curry, Pastor.

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"Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is splendid for croup," writes Mrs. Edward Bassett, Frankfort, N. Y. "My children have been quickly relieved of attacks of this dreadful complaint by its use." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult.

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Mrs. Isley's Letter
In a recent letter Mrs. D. W. Isley of Litchfield, Ill., says "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for disorders of the stomach and as a laxative and have found them a quick and sure relief." If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation these tablets will do you good.

gas and electric light bills, on letterheads of business houses, in theatre programs and on weather bureau bulletins. Thirty motion picture producing companies either posed special pictures of attached trailers to films. Educational institutions and numerous organizations assist in the work. The only cost to the government for millions of dollars worth of advertising was for the printing of posters and circulars and for the making of lantern slides.
From now on the civilian personnel will be gradually reduced.

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A. W. Sledge Editor

125 school teachers, or thereabouts, will spend next week in Ballinger. There should be no limit to Ballinger hospitality. Let us show the teachers that we appreciate the work they are doing.

With so much good gravel right at our very door, the city should not permit anything else to be used in repairing streets. Dumping rotten cinders on the streets is a waste of money at any price.

The Red Cross service flag should show a cross for ever member of the family before you display it in your window. The committee will furnish the flag and the extra crosses when you pay membership dues for every member of the family. Don't be selfish by joining yourself and leaving the other members of your family out.

When you think of furniture think of Lankford.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than in any other diseases put together and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine manufactured by J. F. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circular and testimonials.

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All Saints Church
Service and sermon at 11 a. m.
Subject: "Search the Scriptures for in them Ye Think Ye have Eternal Life, and There are they Which Testify of Me."
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PLUMBING WORK

When in need of windmill repairing, pipe and plumbing work, phone Hall Hardware Co., and call for Jay Kegley. 10-3d

A letter from John T. Morgan, a former Ballinger man, orders that his Ledger be sent to him at York instead of Seadrift, where he has been living during the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Williams are here from Junction City, visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Williams. L. F. and J. A. are brothers.

For mother or wife, a Hoosier can't be beat see the different styles at Lankfords. mws

Young folks, here is a Christmas present you can get if you will put the matter squarely up to your parents, in fact, they can hardly turn you down, for this is the best proposition you ever put up to them; it is a thing that will win your independence and enable you to earn a good salary. It is a scholarship in the Tyler Commercial College, of Tyler, Texas, America's largest school of bookkeeping, business training, shorthand, cotton classing, telegraphy, business administration and finance—the school that not very efficient manner for the best one prepares its students in a positions in the largest business offices, but secures these positions for them. So efficiently is its

work it has been designated by the U. S. Government as one of the approved schools for the re-training of disabled soldiers and sailors

The cost of a life scholarship in a course of Bookkeeping is \$60. Shorthand \$60, of the two \$100, Telegraphy \$60, Cotton Classing \$60, Business Administration and Finance \$60. Board and room is from \$14.00 to \$18.00 per month, payable monthly. The average time for completing our shorthand course is three and one half months, our Telegraphy or Bookkeeping four months, Business Administration and Finance five months, our bookkeeping and shorthand combiner, five months. Figure up your cost of board and tuition and you will be surprised to find out how little it will cost you to obtain a cash producing education that you can use for a life time. It will be a Christmas present that you will always appreciate because you will never cease using it, it is something of every day need, it makes of you a useful citizen.

If you or your parents, as the case may be, haven't the cash to pay for the entire course, we have a note plan, we also have a loan fund in connection with our Endowment Association that may be participated in. The old say-



"We joined—have you?"

When you have that button pinned on your coat, you can look the whole world in the face—and feel proud.

It means you have answered "present" to the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call for 1919. It means that you have placed your personal stamp of approval on the work of the Greatest Mother in the World and that you have given her the moral support of your membership.

Red Cross work must go on! As long as Americans are under arms across the sea, as long as the results of war, pestilence and famine afflict the world, the need for the Red Cross will exist.

America has never failed in doing its full duty—that duty now is universal membership in the Red Cross.

Join the Red Cross
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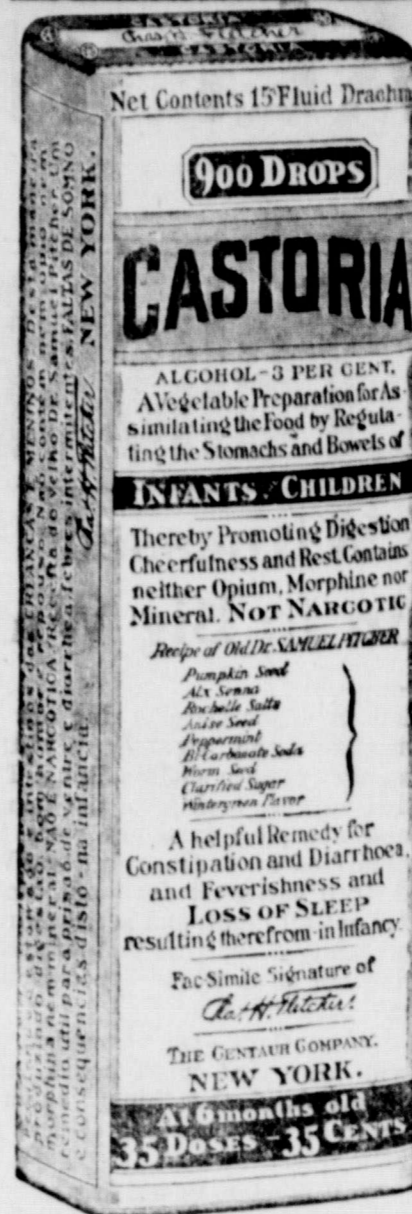
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Do Not Fear When Fighting a German or Germ!

By Dr. M. Cook.

The cool fighter always wins and so there is no need to become panic-stricken. Avoid fear and crowds. Exercise in the fresh air and practice the three C's: A Clean Mouth, a Clean Skin and Clean Bowels. To carry off the poisons that accumulate within the body and to ward off an attack of the influenza bacillus, take a good liver regulator to move the bowels. Such a one is made up of May-apple leaves of aloe, root of jalap and is to be had at any drug store, and called "Pleasant Purgative Pellets."

If a bad cold develops, go to bed wrap up well, drink freely of hot lemonade and take a hot mustard footbath. Have the bedroom warm but well ventilated. Obtain at the nearest drug store "Anurie Tablets" to flush the kidneys and control the pains and aches. Take an "Anurie" tablet every two hours, together with copious drinks of lemonade. If a true case of influenza the food should be simple, such as broths, milk, buttermilk, and ice-cream; but it is important that food be given regularly in order to keep up patient's strength and vitality. After the acute attack has passed, which is generally from three to seven days, the system should be built up by the use of a good iron tonic, such as "Ironie" tablets, to be obtained at some drug store, or that well known blood maker and herbal tonic made from roots and barks of forest trees—sold everywhere as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. avd.

BALLINGER BOY IN BELGIUM

DeWitt Underwood writes his father from Belgium, saying that he went over the top twice before the big scrap closed, and escaped with only slight injury from gassing. DeWitt left South Dakota on July 22nd, this year, making record quick time for getting into action. He writes that the people in Balingier are treating the American soldiers mighty nice, but that the boys are anxious to come back home.

BILLY SUNDAY

is engaged in work of saving your "SOULS", and we are here to protect your health by mending your "SOLES" that is the soles of your shoes. Bring in those old shoes and let us put a new sole on them. We make auto tops, mend old ones and do a general repair work.

EBB CATHEY d&wtf

Mrs. A. H. Fleming of San Marcos, is visiting the family of J. R. Holloway on 10th street. She came Thursday of last week and returned home today.

Make your gift sensible ones, you find just what you want at Lankfords.

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Want Ads

LOST—Five dollar bill at Santa Fe station Friday afternoon. Telephone 250. 1td.
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FOR SALE—Lot of cedar post fencing plank, sheds, small barn. See Miller Mercantile Co. 5 dtf.

Best Light Bread, only 9c. R. P. Conn. 12 3d1w

FOR SALE—Full blood Poland China shorthorns, sired by Master Mac price \$8.00. See or telephone J. H. Taylor, Ballinger, Texas. 13 2d&w.

3622 cans Wild Rose Corn a can. 14c. R. P. Conn. 12 3d1w

FOR SALE—Master Mack, one of the best Poland China males in the state, his sire won grand champion of Ohio and sweepstake prize of Texas. Season \$2.50 with return privileges. J. H. Taylor, Ballinger, Texas. 13 2d&w

22222 pounds Spring Chickens, R. P. Conn. 12 3d1w

NOTICE—If you want to breed your cow to one of the best Jersey strains in America, breed her to Moras Sensational Fern, a son of Golden Fern, a strain of 18 pounds 7 ounces in 7 days. Season \$3.00 with return privileges. J. H. Taylor, Ballinger, Texas. 13 4d 2w

3629 Cans Tomatoes, a can 14c. R. P. Conn. 12 3d1w

PASTOR PREACHER

HERE FOR SUNDAY

Rev. W. R. Lambert, came in from Waco, Saturday at noon, and will preach at the Ballinger Baptist Church on Ninth Street Sunday morning and evening. All the members are urged to be present and visitors most cordially invited.

Stomach Trouble

"Before I used Chamberlain's Tablets I doctored a great deal for stomach trouble and felt nervous and tired all the time. These tablets helped me from the first, and inside of a week's time I had improved in every way," writes Mrs. L. A. Drinkard, Jefferson City, Mo.

John A. Weeks received a letter from Claude Stone dated the 22nd, stating that he was in excellent health and enjoying life, but would like to set foot on the soil of the old U. S. A., once more.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder for kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, cures weak and lame back, rheumatism, and 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 \$1.25. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggist.

"A SPLENDID TONIC"

Says Hixson Lady Who, On Doctor's Advice, Took Cardui And Is Now Well.

Hixson, Tenn.—"About 10 years ago I was..." says Mrs. J. B. Gadd, of this place. "I suffered with a pain in my left side, could not sleep at night with this pain, always in the left side..."

My doctor told me to use Cardui. I took one bottle, which helped me and after my baby came, I was stronger and better, but the pain was still there.

I at first let it go, but began to get weak and in a run-down condition, so I decided to try some more Cardui, which I did.

This last Cardui which I took made me much better, in fact, cured me. It has been a number of years, still I have no return of this trouble.

I feel it was Cardui that cured me, and I recommend it as a splendid female tonic."

Don't allow yourself to become weak and run-down from womanly troubles. Take Cardui. It should surely help you, as it has so many thousands of other women in the past 40 years. Headache, backache, sideache, nervousness, sleeplessness, tired-out feeling, are all signs of womanly trouble. Other women get relief by taking Cardui. Why not you? All druggists. NC-132

Make your Christmas selections early, we will deliver when ready, see our line of practical gifts at Lankfords. mws

Rev. J. B. Curry is still unable to be out and is still quite feeble from his recent illness. An attempt to get out this week put him back in bed. His friends hope he will soon be able to resume duties.

Few Escape

There are few indeed who escape having at least one cold during the winter months, and they are fortunate who have but one and get through with it quickly and without any serious consequences. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and observe the directions with each bottle, and you are likely to be one of the fortunate ones. The worth and merit of this remedy has been fully proven. There are many families who have always used it for years when troubled with a cough or cold, and with the very best results.

Nothing better than good comfortable rockers, we have them, Lankford. mws

A letter from Archie Holloway, who is now stationed at Fort Bliss, stated that he had been operated on for appendicitis and had been very sick but was improving at the time he wrote his parents, J. R. and Mrs. Holloway.

Make it a Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet this year, ten different styles, at Lankfords. mws



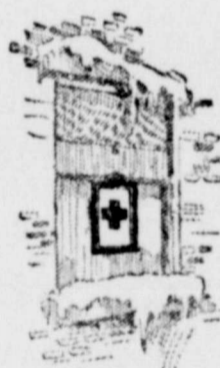
A Checking Account

is not a hobby; it is good sound business sense for every household. Your check book shows where every penny goes and furnishes the best possible receipt in the returned endorsed check. Besides, it helps you save money. Come in let us explain.

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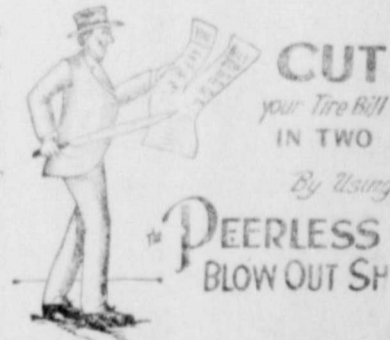
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only one man had been firing them. We all leaned a little forward and listened to the shells as they grew

fainter and fainter, then there was silence, the first time in years. The crowd still listened and stood as though they were hypnotized, until a pistol shot close by seemed to wake them and then such a yell as went up from those woods I never expected to hear again. Others took it up and there was noise everywhere.

Last night in all the woods where it used to be so dark, there were bon fires burning and soldiers sitting around singing and rejoicing. On the roads cars and trucks had their lights turned on. Gosh, you don't know how good a light looks in the dark for weeks at a time. I wish my 9x4x3 Christmas package would have a flash light, or a folding lantern in it.

One thing, Sledge, that I am proud of, and that is I belonged to the Fifth Division. We are wearing a little red diamond on our left sleeve, so every one will know without asking, who we are and believe me, even the French kiddies know what the red diamond means.

Sledge, it is awful good to know that we are coming back to a country that has never tasted war like this country has experienced, and a country that is not wrecked and ruined. It is good to know that we are going to find our homes as we left them.

My heart bleeds for the French as they return to their homes af-

ter fifty-two months of war, to find nothing but a heap of ruins, family gone, everything gone, and nothing to look forward to, and they must start life all over again. In less than four kilometers from where I am writing are several towns, or places where there were but shell holes. Not a wall of a building over two feet high left standing. Most of the rocks have been used on the roads so heavy guns could be brought up. All that marks these once beautiful villages is just the cement from the buildings making a white spot on the earth, where only a short time ago there were many happy homes.

In one town a little further back a few days ago, I saw an old woman about 70 or 80 years old, who had returned after the Americans had advanced and drove the Germans back, to what was once her home. It still stood but the roof was shot away, and one great shell hole in the side of the building and the inside of the house was barren. She was sitting there by the front door on a little box and it was al-

most dark—just sitting there holding her hands, looking away towards the front. As I rode by I tried to picture in my mind her position. More than likely she had given all the members of her family to the war, and later was driven from her home by the Germans, and now she had come back old and alone and nothing left. What does it matter to that poor soul if the war never ends? What can her life be to her now? She is almost gone, and such an ending.

A little further up the valley, I saw a young wife, dressed in deep mourning, who had come up since the drive, following the Americans standing at the foot of her husband's grave. God, I am thankful that such scenes will not greet us when we come back home. That is the way the French will find things as they return to their home in the land which was held by the Germans for almost four years.

Our regiment alone has given 50,000 francs to the French war orphans. It is claimed that will care of fifty children for one year, feed, cloth, school and give them a home

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We have no idea now where we will go, or what we will do, but we are ready to do anything our government wants us to do. Of course every man wants to come home, but we have no idea how that will be handled. Some think that the divisions which have seen the hardest fighting will go first. Others say the efficient troops will be sent into Germany, but that is not worrying us. We know Uncle Sam will do it right and any way we will get to come back someday. The only thing that is sad, is that some are sleeping the sleep of the dead in France, and there is not as many of us coming back as came over here.

We are still out of the band. I have not seen my instrument in months and don't care if I never see it again. I was sent to a liaison artillery information school as soon as I arrived over here and I have been in that work ever since. Wood also is in the same service, and in speaking of Wood, let me say that every time I doubt the being over, I just look at the smile on his face and that gives me a new hitch on life. I am sure glad I have had him with me through it all. He is a sure enough to God's man and has been wonderful help to me. We are both well and dying to see the home folks.

Several times I have bumped in to different branches of the Ninetieth Division. We supported the 90th Division infantry for awhile, and their artillery is now camped only a short ways back. The artillery of the 90th has not been to the front, but was on their way when the armistice was signed. I have been looking for the 36th, but have seen nothing of them.

Must close now, and I am praying that everything goes smooth that peace really comes and that before long we are all back home.

I may have to be taught how to undress and go to bed. With the exception of one night, I have slept in my clothes for 101 straight nights, and the beds have not been built with feathers. Some times nothing more than a rain coat and it spread in the mud. Fortunately it was not very cold during this time.

Give my regards to the force and remember me with a long letter.

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