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## ROUMANIA TO TAKE UP ARMS WITH ALLIES

### TIME OF TAKING UP ARMS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION, SAYS BUCHAREST DISPATCH.

## LODZ OCCUPIED BY GERMANS

### Russian Stronghold Taken After Desperate Fighting and Loss of Thousands on Both Sides.

Geneva, via London.—The Journal de Geneve publishes a dispatch from Bucharest saying Rumania has definitely decided to enter the war on the side of the allies.

This decision, according to the dispatch, is in accordance with the wish of the entire country, including King Ferdinand and all the Rumanian statesmen, except the minister of finance, M. Marghileanu.

The question of when Rumania will make her entry into the conflict is still being discussed, however, one side desiring to avoid a winter campaign; but the military authorities express the fear that Serbia may be defeated before the spring.

The attitude of Bulgaria still remains doubtful. Greece, Serbia and Rumania, which have professed certain commitments, which, however, Sofia seems not to consider a sufficient inducement.

## Lodz Occupied by Germans.

Berlin, via London.—It is officially announced that the Germans occupied Lodz Sunday.

Lodz is the second city of Poland and is 75 miles to the southwest of Warsaw.

Around this important city a desperate battle has raged for days. Here countless thousands have fallen in desperate hand-to-hand conflicts and from the shells of hundreds of guns.

Lodz has long been an objective point of the German army. It has grown in recent years from an insignificant place to be one of the most populous cities in the Russian empire. In 1910 its population numbered 415,000, and with this important place as a base it is expected that the Germans will make a strong effort to reach the Polish capital of Warsaw.

Lodz is the chief manufacturing center of Russian Poland. It has numerous textile mills, the majority of them for the manufacture of cotton goods. In addition, it has many plants, flour mills, dyeing establishments, brickyards and breweries. The population is made up of Poles, Germans and Jews.

## GUTIERREZ ENTERS MEXICO CITY

### Capital Section is Occupied by Him, Villa and Zapata.

El Paso, Texas.—Eulalio Gutierrez, provisional president of Mexico, with Generals Villa and Zapata, formally occupied the capital section of Mexico City Sunday, according to a report given out by Villa agents here. The delay in entering the Mexican capital has been attributed by the Carranza element to a misunderstanding between the northern and southern leaders. Villa agents declare that it was caused by a fear that the Carranza troops had mined the central part of the city.

## Want American Coal.

London.—The Swedish state railways have invited tenders from the United States for 130,000 tons of coal, according to a Stockholm dispatch. This is the first time that tenders for American coal have been asked.

## Montenegro's Army a Third Depleted.

Petrograd.—King Nicholas of Montenegro has telegraphed that a third of his army has fallen on the battlefield. "Nevertheless," King Nicholas adds in his message, "Montenegrins will continue to defend their country and deliver attacks on the enemy's territory. Their means are exhausted and they will be most grateful for assistance either in money or supplies."

## Russians Take Two Turkish Towns.

Paris.—A Petrograd dispatch says it is officially announced that on Dec 2 the Russian army of the Caucasus has occupied the towns of Sarakli and Baschkal in the eastern part of Turkey in Asia, near the Persian border, "as the result of battles occurring on the Dilman and Khol routes." Dilman and Khol are both towns of northwestern Persia, between Turkey in Asia and Russian territory. "Depots of provisions and much war munitions were taken at Baschkal."

## \$10,000 Prize Fund to Be Distributed.

Dallas, Texas.—The \$10,000 prize fund offered by the Texas industrial congress will be distributed to the contestants who have made the greatest net profit in growing field crops and fattening baby beaves and hogs when the congress holds its sixth annual session in Dallas Dec. 19. A program of addresses by foremost agriculturists of the United States has been arranged, including Perry G. Holden, whose work has added millions of dollars to Iowa's corn crop.

## TEXAS NEWS CONDENSED

Leases on over 2000 acres of land for oil and gas were filed at Denton last week.

Fire in the cotton yard at Chillum last week destroyed 34 bales which were partially insured.

Students of the Agricultural and Mechanical college will be released for the holidays Saturday, Dec. 19.

An election was held at Higgins Nov. 28, on the pool hall election. Pool halls were voted out by a vote of 75 to 50.

The secretary of state has granted a charter to the Alfalfa cattle company, capitalized for \$50,000, with headquarters at Plainview.

Fire in the Kirby Lumber Company's dry kiln at Bronson, partially destroyed 40,000 feet of lumber. The estimated loss is \$5,000, amount of insurance unknown.

The Fort Worth postal fund receipts for November were \$32,914.89, a gain of about 8 per cent over November 1913, when the receipts were \$30,350.62.

The Texas Power and Light company has been given until Jan. 1, 1915, by the city commission of Waco to have their big new power plant erected and equipped in East Waco at a cost of over \$800,000, in operation.

The commissioners' court on petition of citizens of Brazos county has ordered a good roads bond election for the sum of \$600,000. Dec. 30 was set as the date for holding the election.

The General association of the Baptist churches of America, better known as Landmark Baptists, met in annual session in the West Side city hall at Texarkana, Tuesday, Dec. 8, and continued three days.

According to Ike N. Heartsell, liquor permit clerk in the comptroller's department at Austin, 3,100 permits have been issued. Under the school law recently taken, Texas is entitled to 3,350 saloons.

Permits granted at Galveston during November show the value of new buildings to be \$70,800, of about \$25,000 more than the valuation of buildings erected the previous month. The total value of buildings erected in the first 11 months of 1914 is more than \$1,600,000.

The big new power-house at the Texas Tuberculosis sanitarium at Carlsbad, has been completed and is now being used. The plant will furnish electricity to the entire institution as well as doing the washing for the inmates and heat all the buildings.

The good roads commissioners of Bonham district have advertised for bids for the construction of a part of the good roads to be built from the \$250,000 bond issue voted several months ago. About 30 miles will be constructed in this contract, the bids for which will be opened Dec. 28.

Plans for the construction of an addition to cost \$50,000 to the Santa Fe railway employes' general hospital at Temple have been approved by the board of directors, and bids for construction will be advertised for at an early date. The construction of a hospital car to be a venation of a hospital car has also been authorized at a cost of \$15,000 on the theory of bringing the hospital to the patient, where the reverse is impracticable for any reason.

Work on the new plant at Paris of the Texas Power and Light company, which was suspended shortly after the outbreak of the war in Europe, will be resumed right away.

The directors of the Tyler commercial club have undertaken the matter of the establishment of a syrup refinery there. Ribbow came in grown extensively in the county and yields from 450 to 500 gallons of syrup per acre, which finds a ready market at from 60c to 75c per gallon.

Estimates of appropriations for the Southwestern Insane asylum at San Antonio filed with the comptroller are for \$344,840 for the first year and \$304,840 for the second year.

Stock sales handled through two Carlsbad, N. M. banks since the first of the year total \$1,650,000. This includes cattle, sheep and horses; the greater part from the range. During November about 10,000 head of cattle were shipped from Carlsbad and Artesia.

Last week Moran precinct west of Dallas, Texas, had 212 votes cast giving prohibition 11 majority. This places Shackelford county entirely in the dry column.

Nov. 28 there was an election held at Shamrock for the purpose of voting for an additional public school building for a 50c per \$100, also for \$3,000 additional bonds to finish the basement and install a heating and sewerage system for the new \$20,000 public school building.

## EVENTS BOILED DOWN

### DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN HAPPENINGS SERVED UP IN ATTRACTIVE STYLE.

## NOTHING GOOD GOT AWAY

### Everything Important That Could Be Confined to a Small Space is Here Found.

A turkey dressing plant is one of the new industries at Ballinger. It has resumed operation to care for the holiday trade in this community.

A fire at Waxahachie last week destroyed several business buildings, entailing a loss of \$27,500, which was partially covered by insurance.

The Austrian government has confiscated the entire output of oil in Austria-Hungary. Refiners have been forbidden to supply oil to the trade.

Philander C. Knox, former secretary of state, appeared in the supreme court at Washington, as an attorney for Harry K. Thaw by filing a brief in behalf of the celebrated defendant in opposition to the state of New York's proposal to extradite Thaw from New Hampshire.

The boyhood home of General Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson, a frame house, north of Weston, Va., was destroyed by fire. Leaves left burning by children are believed to have ignited the building. The Jackson mill, near by, was not harmed.

President Wilson is hopeful now of an early clearing up of the Colorado coal strike situation. Ultimately, it was understood, the president wants a law applying to all industrial disputes, similar to the Newlands act, under which many threatened strikes on railroads have been avoided.

The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railway has filed in Jefferson City application for authority to issue \$3,500,000 first and refunding gold bonds. Two and one-half million dollars is intended for payment on property and for general improvements.

Experts estimate that the Germans lost two-thirds of their army in Poland in the recent fighting in the region between the Warta and Vistula rivers, says a dispatch from Petrograd. Prince Oscar and Prince Joachim, sons of the German Emperor, are reported to have escaped only by taking flight in an aeroplane.

The plan for the city to purchase \$200,000 worth of the \$600,000 public school bonds with cash in the sinking fund and to sell an additional \$100,000 of the bonds on the open market in order to provide funds for the erection of public school buildings, was formally passed by the Dallas board of city commissioners.

Estimates furnished the Indian committee by the Indian bureau for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, contemplate appropriations amounting to \$9,533,000, about \$250,000 less than appropriated for last year. Very few of the items increased. That for the suppression of the liquor traffic is increased from \$125,000 appropriated last year, to \$125,000.

Dispatch from Copenhagen says: "The latest German casualty list contains the names of 17,721 officers and men killed, wounded and missing. This makes a total of 658,483. An examination shows that the average Austrian and German loss daily during the last four months has been about 30,000 men."

Dallas business men have contributed to a fund establishing a soup kitchen to supply the worthy unemployed in the city with soup, coffee and other foods.

David Lamar was found guilty of impersonating A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of defrauding J. P. Morgan & company and the United States Steel corporation. He was immediately sentenced to serve two years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

The cotton loan committee announces that the conference in Washington with chairman of state committees will be held Dec. 14 instead of Dec. 15 as previously announced.

Three hundred and sixty cars of grain were received in Galveston in a day, a record for several weeks. The heavy number of arrivals was due to the fact that many cars that had been held up by the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe embargo reached their destination.

The new Washington City postoffice building is one of the show spots in Washington. It cost the federal government \$3,400,000 and three years time was required in its completion.

According to a condensed statement of the state banks at the close of business Oct. 31, 1914, the individual deposits of the 885 state banks and bank and trust companies aggregated \$62,601,888, an increase of \$1,773,451 since the previous call Sept. 22, 1914.

General Christian DeWet, leader of the rebellion in the Union of South Africa, has been captured, according to a Pretoria official dispatch.

Secretary Daniels announced that a supplemental contract has been signed for completion of the great naval dry dock at the Pearl Harbor naval station, Hawaii. Work on this dock was suspended nearly two years ago, when the bottom heaved.

The conference at Cleveland, of the miners and operators representing the Eastern Ohio coal fields, where 15,000 miners have been on strike since April 1, last, adjourned sine die, breaking off all negotiations toward a settlement of the strike.

An appropriation of \$5,000 for each of the next two fiscal years for enforcement of the liquor laws was approved by Comptroller W. P. Lane. Two years ago Comptroller Lane was given an appropriation of \$25,000 for this purpose, but it was vetoed by Governor Colquitt.

Guests who had gathered for his son's wedding attended the funeral of A. Vogses, a ranchman of Marion, Texas. Mr. Vogses fell dead in his wagon while hauling decorations for the house and provisions for the wedding feast.

The 1914 corn crop of Kansas was worth \$39,320,146, according to the report of the secretary of the Kansas board of agriculture. The same report places the value of this year's crop at \$17,750,394. This makes the total value of three Kansas crops \$23,683,471, the value of the wheat crop being estimated at \$151,553,631.

The expeditionary force of 2,600 marines who arrived at the Philadelphia navy yard on three transports from Vera Cruz were massed on the parade ground and addressed by Major General George Barnett, commanding the marine corps, who praised the work of the officers and men while in Mexico.

Orders were issued by Secretary Lane opening to homestead entry more than 500,000 acres of western public lands, which have been determined to be non-irrigable. After Jan. 11, 1915, the lands may be taken up in tracts of 80 acres each under the enlarged homestead act. The land is in New Mexico, Oregon and Montana.

Postmaster General Burleson joined the "shop early" throng when he issued his suggestions to the public, headed with the injunction "mail your parcels early." Official sanction for the use on parcels of the caution "Do not open until Christmas," also was announced.

A million head of cattle will be marketed at the Fort Worth live stock market during 1914, if receipts for December are as large as the November supply, receipts determined to be non-irrigable. After Jan. 11, 1915, the lands may be taken up in tracts of 80 acres each under the enlarged homestead act. The land is in New Mexico, Oregon and Montana.

The annual report of the Texas industrial accident board on the first year's operation of the employees liability act shows 18,888 persons were injured during the year, of this number 4,100 received compensation, 2,991 medical aid only, 7,091 with medical aid or compensation only, men killed, wounded and missing with the total amount paid injured employees \$219,519.48 and \$56,288.49 for medical aid. The report also showed 3,368 employers subscribing during the year.

The Republican national congressional committee has only \$17 in cash on hand, after receiving \$36,218 in contributions and expending \$36,201 on the recent congressional campaign.

Owing to heavy arrivals of hogs at western points, the price of fresh and salt pork, with the exception of bacon, have fallen 5c a pound within the week, at Omaha, and there promises to be a further decrease in prices.

Secretary Houston has raised the foot and mouth disease quarantine from a portion of the Chicago Union stock yards, so it may handle cattle shipments from territory outside of the quarantined areas.

A suit to thwart the efforts of the Cuyahoga county tax commission to collect from John D. Rockefeller taxes on \$31,000,000 worth of property stocks and bonds was filed in the federal court at Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 12.

The Peru budget for 1915 shows a deficit of \$5,000,000. The government is cutting expenses because of the impossibility of making a loan at this time.

Almost half of the engineers on railroads die violent deaths, according to statistics which will be presented in the course of the arbitration proceedings in Chicago, to adjust differences between 55,000 engineers and the 98 western railroads on which they are employed.

## AUSTRIA TAKES BELGRADE FROM SERBIAN FORCE

### Seat of the Little Kingdom is Deserted by Defenders After Four Months of Struggling.

## BATTLE NEAR ARRAS

### Germans Renew Their Assaults on the Allies' Front in Southern Belgium—Warsaw is Reported Safe Once More.

### (Summary of Events.)

### Belgrade, which, until the outbreak of the war, was the capital of Serbia, has been occupied by Austrian troops, the Serbians having previously evacuated the city.

Belgrade was frequently under bombardment early in the war and but for the general European conflict which compelled Austria to send her troops against Russia must have fallen an easy prey to Serbia's big neighbor. Apparently Austria miscalculated the nature of the Serbian opposition and only after Bosnia was invaded did she send a sufficient force against the Serbians to drive them back.

Now they are being forced backward and are eagerly looking for the advance of the Russians into Hungary to afford them relief. Russia has been sending Cossack raiding parties through the Carpathians with the object of diverting Austria's attention, but the dual monarchy seemingly determined to finish with Serbia first, and Hungary last.

### Warsaw Safe Again.

Russian Poland is still the center of interest in the war situation so far as military operations are concerned. Reports from the rival headquarters indicate that any decisive result on either side is still in the balance, although on the face of the known facts the conviction is growing that the German general, Mackensen, has done at Lodz what Bazaine in the Franco-Prussian war failed to do at Metz, he has saved his army after it was encircled by the enemy.

### Both Claim Success.

Official news from Poland continues to be scanty, and, with both headquarters claiming success, it is impossible to say how the battle is going. Of its intensity, however, there can be no doubt.

The Germans, when they started for Warsaw, dashed full tilt into a mass of Russian troops and forced their way so far in that the Russians closed on them. This was taken in Petrograd to mean that some of the German divisions had been cut off and that their surrender or annihilation was inevitable.

The losses, with the desperate fighting that has been going on for a fortnight, must necessarily be very heavy on both sides.

### Germans Escape Trap.

A Berlin dispatch says that a great story of success for the German troops has come to light in the fighting near Lodz. The German forces were operating against the right flank and in the rear of the Russians when they, in their turn, were attacked by Russians who pressed them hard, coming from the east and south.

The German troops turned from the Russians with whom they were engaged and fought a very bitter three-day fight and broke through the Russian ring. In doing so they brought with them twelve thousand prisoners as well as twenty-five guns and lost only one German gun.

### Russians Capture Passes.

The Russian troops after a fight lasting ten days, captured, November 28, the Austrian positions which protected the passes in the Carpathians, extending fifty versts (about thirty-three miles) from Koneczna, which is situated north of Bartfeld as far as Schuzko, situated south of Mieszlaborez. The Russians in this district captured cannons, machine guns and many prisoners.

In the first half of November, they claim, they captured fifty thousand Austro-Hungarian soldiers and six hundred officers. At Plock the Russian forces seized four ships laden with machine guns and munitions.

### Germans Renew the Attack.

The German artillery is still hammering at the allied lines between Ypres and Arras. Reports reaching Paris say re-enforcements continued to come up for the Germans in this section and the full quota of 100,000 additional line is expected to be on the firing line within the next few days.

### More Activity in West.

While there is every indication that another big battle is imminent in the West, there is no evidence that it actually has begun. There has been fighting in Flanders, but this doubtless is the result of an attempt by the Allies to take some advanced positions.

There also are reports that the Germans have evacuated several villages on the Yser canal and are concentrating on new positions. The British have taken over command of the Yser region, and, like the French, have been strongly reinforced. It is believed that on the first sign of a German movement to the East in any considerable force, the Allies will take the offensive.

### Germans Gathering Near Ostend.

The Germans have evacuated several villages north of the Yser. They are believed to be concentrating large forces south of Ostend for a decisive battle. Reinforcements of one hundred and sixty thousand men are said to have arrived during the last few days.

The harbor works at Zeebrugge have been put out of commission as a result of a renewed bombardment by the British fleet. The docks and various other works cannot be used now, it is stated, and the harbor has been closed completely. The submarines there are unable to leave.

### Germans Destroy Ypres.

The Germans have destroyed the old and magnificent city of Ypres, in southwestern Belgium. Falling to capture the place and hold it as a strategic position against the Allies, the Kaiser's army drew up to the northwest an armored train of heavy artillery and systematically battered the city to pieces in two days. This is the gist of a report given in the latest French official bulletin.

### Every Act Justified.

"Our forces were unable to succor the city," the report continues; "but French army sappers, working under the hostile shell fire, were able to rescue many of the inhabitants, the city records and a few pictures in the museum." Berlin has made no denial of this statement by the French. Instead, Major General Von Dittfurth writes: "Every act of whatever nature committed by our troops for the purpose of discouraging, defeating and destroying our enemies is a brave act and a good deed, and is fully justified."

### Germans Muster Entire Force.

Every able bodied German in Belgium who can be spared from garrison duty is on the fighting line between Ypres and the sea. Latest reports say that during the lull in the fighting of the last week Belgian towns back of the lines were emptied to the last man who could be spared in the maintenance of order.

### Big Levy on Belgium.

A message from Brussels states, that the German governor of the province of Brabant, in which Brussels is located, convoked a meeting of financiers and told them that Belgium must pay 25,000,000 francs (\$7,000,000) monthly for the maintenance of German troops. In addition to this sum, it is said, Belgium must contribute a war levy of 375,000,000 francs (\$75,000,000) as a penalty for violations of neutrality by Belgium and losses ensuing therefrom to Germany.

### Allies Assume Offensive.

Official reports from Paris and London say that the Allies have assumed the offensive against the Germans along the Yser river and the Ypres canal in the last few days. This is regarded as a significant change.

The Germans, following a lull lasting more than a week, made very heavy assaults all along the lines in the extreme northwest of France and in southwestern Belgium.

### Holy War Proclaimed.

The proclamation of a holy war, announced for the first time some ten days ago, has just been published at Constantinople. It is signed by the sultan and twenty-eight Moslem priests and calls on the Moslem world to participate in a holy war against Great Britain, Russia and France.

### Loss Felt From Cold.

Officers inactivated from the Allies front say there are at present about 1,500 officers and men suffering from frozen feet in the base hospitals in and about Boulogne-Sur-Mer, France. Fully 1,000 of that number must have one or both feet amputated, owing to the deadening of the nerves, which makes futile all attempts at treatment.

### Bitter Cold in Austria.

Unusually bitter cold, accompanied by a heavy snowfall, is said to be causing intense misery to the population of Vienna. The situation is made worse by the exorbitant prices of food, and the municipality is feeding many thousands of persons.

## GOD'S LOVE PROVED

### Inspiration and Hope for the Christian in the Blood of the Redeemer.

There is something sad about doing anything for the last time.

The breaking of the ties of our daily life is accompanied by pangs that pull at our very heartstrings. The fact that the Last Supper was the last meal shared by Jesus and his disciples was sufficient to make it a prominent milestone in their relationship.

However, let us first review the events leading up to the passover meal. It was probably Thursday, the 13th of Nisan, April 6, in the year 30. The disciples came inquiring of the master where they would eat, asking him to instruct them where to go to make the necessary preparations.

Starting except to those who knew Jesus was the answer, "Go into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water; follow him."

Suppose they had said that this was preposterous, bearing a pitcher was women's work, and that they wanted better instructions. They had learned to trust him, even as we must learn to take Jesus at his word. The disciples went forth and found "as he had said unto them."

### The Traitor.

While they were eating that evening the heart of Jesus was heavy with the thought of his coming betrayal, and this is reflected in the cry, "One of you shall betray me, even he that eateth with me."

We can hardly comprehend the depths of meaning in the words, "even he that eateth with me."

To the oriental mind this was a sacred bond that promised friendship and protection. To violate the pledge implied by a meal shared together was to invite the utmost contempt.

We read that Judas had conferred with the chief priests concerning Christ's betrayal, and after a promise of money he sought how he might conveniently deliver him into their hands.

The chief priests of a divinely given religion, too scrupulous to give blood-money to the treasury or to defile themselves by entering a pagan judgment hall, shrank not from such inhuman means as the betrayal of the reaching consequences of his act, thus becoming accomplices in the only crime through which it is quite certain that a soul was lost. For if Judas was to be saved in the end, whatever he had to pass through to achieve salvation, it could not have been said of him, as Jesus said, that it were better if he had never been born.

An interesting light is thrown upon the occasion by the question of the disciples, "Is it I?" It is plain from the Greek that the question expected a negative answer. It indicates the conscientious searching of hearts, rather than mutual suspicion, and quite clearly reveals how little they suspected Judas and how well he bore himself even under the direct charge of his Lord.

### The Memorial Rite.

Let us try to get close to Christ and get his viewpoint of this sacrament. It speaks in no uncertain terms of what he thought of his own death.

To us death is simply the close of our earthly life and the beginning of our spiritual life. But to him it was an achievement, a great victory. It was a victory that we remember with exultation, even though it cost the conqueror's life.

The amazing effect on the church by the life of Jesus is produced by his death, and nothing else. The supper had no reference to his resurrection. We find our inspiration in our Redeemer's blood. The creed contains no reference to his three-year ministry. But take from it the proclamation of his death and the whole structure falls. There is no Messiah, no church. Because Christ was lifted up, he draws all men unto him. Beyond dispute, the perpetual nourishment of the church, her bread and wine, are the slain body and the blood poured out for the many.

It is not for us to discuss the different views that separate bodies of Christians hold concerning the Lord's Supper. As we read the Scripture, we are held by the simplicity and beauty of the service, this first, administered by Jesus himself.

As we partake in whatever form, we feel the uplifting power of God's love for his children expressed in the death of his own son. This rite has been celebrated by untold millions. Wherever the name of Christ has entered, there have people joined in his remembrance. It is one of the supreme examples of the omnipotence of God, that through all ages, among all races, all classes and creeds, this service has been performed.

Of one thing we may be sure, Christ instituted this rite for all Christians. Whatever teaching appeals to us, that should we follow and receive the blessing that arises from fellowship at his table.

Fellowship is not gained by talking, but by acting. Therefore we should join some organization with which we can work in harmony, whose views we can endorse, not only to receive the benefit and inspiration which comes therefrom, but also to bring to that organization the strength of our own lives. Only in this way will we each do our part toward making all men one.

## COLONEL BRIDGES



Colonel Bridges of the British army has been highly praised for his bravery in action, has been decorated by the French government with the ribbon of the Legion of Honor, and is slated to receive the Victoria Cross and the Distinguished Service cross.

W. F. Kellis,  
Editor and Proprietor.

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CITY, TEXAS.

Subscribers failing to get their paper  
on time, will confer a favor by re-  
porting same to us.

The war tax is upon us. Let us  
cheerfully pay it and be thankful  
that war (hell) is not to pay along  
with it.

Again we notify our friends to  
bring in their copy for publication  
not later than Wednesday morning,  
if they would have it come out the  
following Friday.

About the first question a pros-  
pector asks when he comes here, is,  
"how are your schools?" No man,  
who is at all a desirable citizen,  
likes to settle in a community where  
good schools are not in evidence.

It takes a pile of money to main-  
tain bad roads. Only the very rich,  
and the few who can afford such luxuries.  
If the poor man undertakes to wear  
out his vehicles and teams trying to  
haul light loads over rough, muddy  
roads, he will soon go to the bad.

We must not let another season  
go by without planting the court  
house grounds in trees. There  
will be plenty of money in the Court  
House & Jail fund to do this, and  
it would seem that there is no valid  
excuse for not doing it.

A plan is on foot by the School  
Improvement Society to meet some  
time in February to plant some  
more trees and shrubs on the school  
grounds. Most of the trees planted  
last spring lived and are doing well,  
but as might be expected, some  
died and should be replanted.

You cannot make a go of your  
business without advertising it. Our  
lawmakers recognized this fact when  
they compelled sheriffs to advertise  
what they had to sell for 20 days  
prior to the sale in some newspaper.  
You may get along without the  
printer for a time, but he will get  
you at the finish.

Owing to the dilapidated condi-  
tion of our ancient wardrobe and  
the north wind playing "Farewell  
Old Summer-time" through the north  
side of our pantaloons, we feel con-  
strained to ask our friends, who are  
in arrears with us, to contribute to  
our present wants. This is not in-  
tended as a "dun," but we sure d.  
need the breeches.

The evacuation of Vera Cruz by  
the United States is construed by  
the average Mexican that they feared  
to stay there any longer. Carranza  
has given out to his admirers that  
all he had to do to make the  
gringos move, was to say "git!" and  
they "got." Our people do not un-  
derstand the Mexican, and the Mex-  
ican does not understand us. For  
the life of him, the Mexican can not  
see why our troops left Vera Cruz  
unless it was fear that drove them  
away.

The Board of Water Engineers, in  
session at San Angelo this week, an-  
nounced that all the normal flow of  
the Concho Rivers and their tribu-  
taries had been appropriated, and  
only those seeking to impound wa-  
ter by building dams across these  
streams would be granted permits  
in the future. There is plenty of  
water going down these streams ev-  
ery year to irrigate all the valleys  
on both banks if it was properly  
conserved.

The mudhole, a mile west of town,  
has been impassable since the rains  
set in. Only for the fact that Emette  
Westbrook has kindly permitted the  
traveling public to go through his  
pasture in order to get around the  
place, Sterling would be marooned  
so far as the travel from the west is  
concerned. Two men with spades  
could drain this pond in thirty min-  
utes; but this would cost the county  
fifty-six bits, and who wants to give  
up six-bits when in three months  
this place may be dry and as hard  
as a pavement?

# \$9,000.00 STOCK \$9,000.00

## TO BE SOLD AT TRUSTEE'S SALE

I have determined to sell the entire stock of B. F. Roberts General Merchandise at prices that will move the goods. This sale is so different from the ordinary sale that you will lose money on anything you do not buy, and save money on every article you do buy. Prices have been slashed from CELLAR TO GARRET.

**Don't take our word---Come and see**  
**You Will buy if you visit this Sale because**  
**of the COMPELLING PRICES.**

### E. D. Grimmer, Trustee

Let us again try to cut out "city" and call it "Sterling." If there was any virtue or practical sense in retaining "city" to the name of our town, there might be some excuse for it. All the world calls us "Sterling" and when abroad if asked where we live, we answer, "Sterling." A boy once drew what he called the picture of a horse, and for fear that his picture would be mistaken for a goose or rabbit, he wrote under it "This iz a hoss." As long as we persist in the affix "City," we place ourselves in the doubtful attitude of that boy.

#### Will The Jews Go Back To Palestine?

For more than two thousand years the Jews have been looking forward to the day when they would again be possessed of Palestine, their native land. Although they are scattered in every quarter of the globe, yet, they cling to the ancient custom of keeping their race intact. Their prophets have told them that some day the land would be restored to them; and to this day, every Jew firmly believes that through some Providential dispensation they will some future day come into possession of the land of their fathers.

Palestine is now owned and ruled by Turkey, and on the foundations of Solomon's magnificent temple a Turkish mosque now stands.

Turkey is now engaged in a war with England, France, Serbia, Russia and Japan, with many chances to lose and but few to win. In case Turkey loses, it is highly probable that she will be dismembered and divided among the allies. There are at least 15000 Jews in the Russian army, and as many more in the French and British armies doing valient service for their adopted countries. All three of these nations are beginning to feel kindly toward the Jew, and no doubt will give him a square deal in the way of giving him back the home of his fathers as a reward for his loyalty to their cause.

In the event that Palestine is restored to the Jews, a question would arise as to who would represent them as a governmental head. But as the American, British and French Jews are well versed in statecraft, this obstacle could be quickly removed, for they are well organized and would no doubt agree on a form of government; while, in the meantime the allies would hold the country in trust for them until such time as they could establish and main-

tain a stable government—after the manner Cuba was held by the United States after the war with Spain.

Palestine lies between the 31st and 34th north latitude. If a line was drawn around the earth, parallel to the south boundary line of Tom Green County, it would touch the south boundary of Palestine; and a line drawn east and west from Texarkana would touch the northern boundary. It is 23 miles wide at the north and 80 miles at the south end, and about 150 miles long, and has area of about 6010 square miles. The surface of the country is broken, and the soil varies from the richest of valleys to the most dreary deserts. Its climate ranges from that of subtropical to that of rigor. The average rainfall at Jerusalem is about 20 inches per annum, distributed over about fifty days.

With its resources developed under modern science, Palestine would support a large population; and if things should happen as above suggested, it would become a prosperous country.

Edison Disc Graphophone for Sale. Mahogany case—just the thing for Christmas. Phone Mrs. W. E. Allen for demonstration.

#### Jury Fails to Agree in Latham Case

We learn that the jury in the W. F. Latham case, charged with complicity in the killing of John Stewart, which was tried at Haskell this week, failed to agree, and has been dismissed. We understand the jury stood seven for acquittal and five for conviction.

A rehearing in the case of Mrs. Minnie Latham was to be argued before the Court of Criminal Appeals last Wednesday, but the result has not been learned here.

#### POSTED

Notice is hereby given that driving any stock across, working stock or otherwise trespassing upon any lands owned or controlled by me is hereby forbidden under pain of prosecution. p11-20-14

E. F. Atkinson

Miller Tires are the best—guaranteed for 4000 miles. See A. A. Gamble, agent.

#### A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION IN TAXIDERMRY

Animal rugs, felt lined, and mounted head, with open mouth or half head. Auto or buggy robe of your choice of furs, tanned and lined. Birds mounted in any pose; game heads, horns and antlers nicely mounted on shields, etc.

This is something different, and an excellent gift.

Satisfaction or your money back. Phone or leave specimens with R. B. Cummins.

W. A. Jones, Taxidermist

DIED:—Last Friday, J. H. Martin died at his home near Iolanthe, and was buried the following day at the Iolanthe cemetery.

MARRIED:—Last Sunday, at the residence of the bride, Mr. S. Kellogg was married to Mrs. Ione S. Douglas, Rev. Schultz officiating.

A good deal of "beefing" is heard from the people living west of here about that mudhole in the road, a mile west of town.

Owing to the train being late last Monday night, the mail could not be distributed until next day. We learn that our train was held at Miles to wait for a freight train.

A. J. Edwards, the Sherman nursery man delivered quite a number of grafted pecan trees to our citizens last Saturday.

NOTICE:—The ladies of the Central Christian Church are establishing a permanent magazine agency. Phone them your subscription to all the leading magazines, daily and weekly newspapers, including the News-Record. Careful and prompt attention given to all orders.

Mrs. E. WESTFOOK  
Mrs. J. E. MINYARD

[The fund realized from the above agency will be applied to paying the balance due on the new Christian church building. Help the cause by giving a subscription for your favorite paper or magazine to this agency.—Editor.]

When you need automobile tires see Brown & Pearce. The most miles for the least money—Firestone Goodyear and Michelin. 5% cash discount.

## A CHANGE IN BUSINESS

Beginning on the 1st of Jan. 1915, there will not be anything charged until past accounts are paid. All accounts must be paid on the 1st of each month or accounts will be stopped—too big a load for one man.

### COTTEN & DAVIS

#### TRESPASS NOTICE

Any person found hunting, fishing, hauling wood or otherwise trespassing on any lands owned or controlled by us will be prosecuted. Take warning and keep out. 4-26-14

A. C. Pearson  
R. B. McEntire

#### \$25 REWARD

STRAYED:—From my pasture, a two-year old, registered Herford bull, branded X on left jaw. I will pay \$25 reward for recovery.

J. L. Glass, Sterling City

#### NOTICE

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## CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE!

### WHAT IS YOUR GIFT TO BE?

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: We are sure that not more than one person out of ten can answer the above question at the present time. As in years past, we have taken into consideration the exact class of Holiday Goods demanded by our customers, and we believe we have a pleasing gift for each one of them. "Be a Spug—buy something useful," is now heard more than ever before. Aside from the many things we bought for the little ones, we selected those articles that are serviceable and, yet, "a joy forever." For your convenience and information, we name a few of the many articles we have in stock. Look over the list and then ask yourself the question: "What could I give 'him,' or 'her' that's better?"

<h4>Cut Glass</h4> <p>Cut Glass Bowls, \$2 to \$6 Cut Glass Compotes, \$1.50 Cut Glass Sherbert Sets, 1.25 Cut Glass Individual Salts, 1.50 Cut Glass Vases, 75c to \$8.00 Cut Glass Tea Glasses, 1.50 Cut Glass Pin Trays, 1.75 Cut Glass Pickle Trays, 2.00 Cut Glass Celery Trays, 2.50 to 6.50 Cut Glass Nut Bowls, \$6.00 Cut Glass Water Sets, 3.50 to 10.00</p>	<h4>Silverware</h4> <p>Knives and Forks, \$5.00 to \$8.50 Coffee Sets, \$3.75 Orange Spoons and Sugar Shell, 3.75</p>	<h4>Jewelry</h4> <p>7-jewel Elgin Watches, 20-year case, \$10 15- " " " " " " " \$14 17- " " " " " " " \$16</p> <p>We also have a handsome line of Diamond Lavalliers, Cuff Button, Stick Pins, Rings, Watch Chains and Fobs, Bracelets, Emblem Pins, and many other articles in jewelry. Our line of hand-painted China is of the best selections, and genuine. Parisian Ivory novelties, Dressing Cases, Manicure Sets, Traveling rolls.</p>
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Beyette's San Angelo Racket Store

Want your presence in our store. We will show you the greatest array of novelty merchandise ever displayed under one roof.

We are in the line of progress and our stock and facilities for handling your business is better than ever before in our history.

Mr. Beyette spent the entire month of August in New York and other markets, and in doing so he has gathered all the best things that cash money could buy.

Our Christmas goods are ready, and on your visit to us you can see anything you want for your gifts for the little ones, or any member of the family.

BEYETTE'S San Angelo Racket Store

LOCALS

Xmas goods at Hargraves. Best candies at Butler Drug Co. Pills and dipping dope at Coulson's.

Community silverware at Lowe Durham's.

Cushing & Mann, this week, sold to Coke County parties, 650 spring lambs at \$3.50 per head.

Bargain Days for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Dec. 1 to 15. \$3.25 per year.—Christian Aid Society.

When you need a new tire for your automobile, don't forget A. A. Gamble and the Miller Tires.

Cole & Son are agents for the Texas Oil Co.'s products. Try them for gasoline and lubricating oils.

Ask Cotten & Davis what is a load.

Go in and see the new steam pressing outfit at G. C. Potts' tailoring shop. Bring your suit along.

See reduced prices on guns at Lowe & Durham's.

The Houston Chronicle, the big \$6 daily, to new subscribers only, 100 days for \$1.—Christian Aid Society.

The entire stock of goods, formerly owned by B. F. Roberts, is now being sold out at cost by E. D. Grimmer, Trustee.

Will name location of bazaar next week. Be sure to ask about the doll wedding. Participants real Schoenhut dolls.

Found: A pair of spectacles and case. Owner may have same by calling at Butler Drug Co.'s and paying 25 for this notice.

Don't fail to read the big bargain offers of the big daily papers. Give your subscriptions to the Christian Aid Society.

Don't fail to attend the Trustee's sale of the B. F. Roberts' stock of goods. Mr. Grimmer, the Trustee, will sell you anything in the house at cost.

Ask Cotten & Davis what is a load.

Miss Lorena Williams, who has been undergoing treatment at St. John's sanitarium, at San Angelo, returned Wednesday evening much improved in health.

I have my steam vulcanizer in operation now, any will do any kind of tube work, and all kinds of car work. Try me.—G. H. Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Mann, of Garden City, accompanied by Mrs. Mann's sister, Miss Walker, were guests of our town Wednesday. Mr. Mann says he is out of the sheep business, but thinks he will buy more soon.

Winter is coming on and you will need a heater and stove pipe, and you'll better look after your flues, also. Austin & Williams carry a full line of these things and will sell them to you at a price that will allow you to live and let them live.

Ask Cotten & Davis what is a load.

One man's loss is another's gain. The sacrifice of the B. F. Roberts stock of goods which is now being sold at a Trustee's sale, means a gain to the purchaser. Now is the time to make a dollar go a long way.

Community silverware is re-encased at wearing points, and guaranteed for 25 years, at Lowe & Durham's.

H. K. Belton and Corbett Ray, Paul Allen and Newt Jackson left last Monday on a hunting trip to the Pecos country.

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See Hargrave for Xmas presents. O. T. Warlick, District Attorney at Vernon, Tex., accompanied by Mrs. Warlick and their son, O. T. Jr. are visiting Mr. Warlick's aunt, Mrs. D. S. Smith.

The Wimodaughis Club will hold a sale on December 24th for the benefit of the library. Those wanting knit or crocheted caps, jackets, etc., cannot afford to miss this sale.

Aluminum ware makes an appropriate gift. Lowe & Durham have some bargains in guaranteed ware.

Don't send off your subscriptions to papers and magazines yourself, but give them to us, and help to build a church in your own town. Sterling needs her churches.—Christian Aid Society.

A New Auto Shop

I am opening a repair shop on the corner east of the First National Bank, and will appreciate a share of your car work, gasoline, oils and other supplies.

I will have an air station as soon as I can get everything in. Yours for business, G. H. Jackson

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Anyone found hunting—most especially hunting—fishing, gathering pecans, hauling wood, or otherwise trespassing upon any lands owned or controlled by me will be prosecuted. You'd better keep out. 10-17-13pd W. J. Mann

Big Reduction on Guns

Table with 2 columns: Price, Description. \$35 Guns for \$30.00, 25.00 " " 22.00, 20.00 " " 17.00, 15.00 " " 12.00, 12.00 " " 10.00

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land where they can make a living by tilling the earth with a forked stick, but we do not need them so far as increasing production is concerned; we now have all the producers we can use.

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Taking the world as one big farm, we find two billion acres of land in cultivation. Of this amount there is approximately 750,000,000 acres on the western and 1,260,000,000 acres on the eastern hemisphere, in cultivation.

The world's annual crop approximates fifteen billion bushels of cereals, thirteen billion pounds of fibre and sixty-five million tons of meat.

The world shows an average increase in cereal production of 13 per cent. during the past decade, compared with the previous five years, while the world's population shows an increase of only 3 per cent.

The gain in production far exceeds that of our increase in population, and it is safe to estimate that the farmer can easily increase production 25 per cent. if a remunerative market can be found for the products.

RAILROADS APPEAL TO PRESIDENT

The Common Carriers Ask for Relief—President Wilson Directs Attention of Public to Their Needs.

The committee of railroad executives, headed by Mr. Frank Trumbull, representing thirty-five of the leading railroad systems of the nation, recently presented to President Wilson a memorandum briefly reviewing the difficulties now confronting the railroads of the country and asking for the co-operation of the governmental authorities and the public in supporting railroad credits and recognizing an emergency which requires that the railroads be given additional revenues.

The memorandum recites that the European war has resulted in general depression of business on the American continent and in the dislocation of credits at home and abroad. With revenues decreasing and interest rates increasing the transportation systems of the country face a most serious crisis and the memorandum is a strong presentation of the candle burning at both ends and the perils that must ultimately attend such a conflagration when the flames meet its apparent to all. In their general discussion the railroad representatives say in part: "By reason of legislation and regulation by the Federal Government and the forty-eight states acting independently of each other, as well as through the action of a strong public opinion, railroad expenses in recent years have vastly increased. No criticism is here made of the general theory of governmental regulation, but on the other hand, no ingenuity can relieve the carriers of expenses created thereby."

President Wilson, in transmitting the memorandum of the railroad presidents to the public, characterizes it as "a lucid statement of plain truth." The President recognizing the emergency as extraordinary, continuing, said in part: "You ask me to call the attention of the country to the imperative need that railway credits be sustained and the railroads helped in every possible way, whether by private co-operative effort or by the action, wherever feasible of governmental agencies and I am glad to do so because I think the need very real."

The conference was certainly a fortunate one for the nation and the President is to be congratulated for opening the gate to a new world of effort in which everyone may co-operate.

There are many important problems in our complex civilization that will yield to co-operation which will not lend themselves to arbitrary rulings of commissions and financing railroads is one of them. The man with the money is a factor that cannot be eliminated from any business transaction, and the public is an interested party that should always be consulted and happily the President has invited all to participate in the solution of our railroad problems.

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As usual, the road was "up" and so was part of the street, for that matter. But it takes more than this to keep Mrs. Bargainhunter at home.

"Oh, what a darling of a duck of a sweet hat!" she murmured. And, leaving the carriage for a closer look. Absorbed in that darling of a hat, she gazed at it all unconscious of the fact that the baby carriage had rolled away into a trench, until at last she was awakened from her blissful dream by the gruff voice of a workman.

"Say, missus," he said, "dyer want these kiddies any more? 'Cos we're just going to fill the hole up."

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Son Doubts Dad's Marksman-ship. Dr. Dan W. Layman, who had a muskellunge catching record, and who is proud of his ability in the hunting field, tells a good story on himself. Mrs. Layman had just completed reading an article in the News on the foot-and-mouth cattle disease and the possibility of rabbits being infected with the malady, when the doctor said to her:

"Mother, I believe I will go hunting the rest of the week."

"I don't believe I would go if I were you. I am afraid the rabbits are all sick," replied Mrs. Layman.

Then seven-year-old Dan, Jr., spoke up. "Let father go, mother," he said. "Maybe he could hit a rabbit if they are all sick."

And They So Scarce, Too. "While in Washington I visited the navy yard and lunched on a battleship."

"You must have a cast-iron digestion."

Pa's Off Day. "Pa, what's a cartographer?" "I'm not quite sure, son, but I think it's a person who names Pullman cars."

The Remedy. Student A—How can I keep my toes from going to sleep? Student B—Don't let them turn in.

Has to Be. "Don't you think that Judge's speech is inclined to be prosy?" "Well, naturally, he's sentimental."

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# GOOD JOKES



### COVERING HIS TRACKS.

"John," said the woman in a quietly earnest manner, "what time was it when you got home last night?" "Eleven o'clock."

"That new clock you gave me for a birthday present is evidently wrong. I distinctly heard it strike two."

"Oh, yes, that clock has novel modern ways that are a little confusing at first. What is struck was one and one, side by side, which makes eleven, you know. It isn't worth bothering with. I'll take it right back and change it for one that strikes the plain old-fashioned way."

### SURE.



"She seems to have lovely table manners."

"At the dinner table, yes; but you ought to see how she acts at the bridge table."

"I want to send some flowers to a reigning belle. What would you advise?"

"If she's reigning, why not send her a shower bouquet?"

"Tears Cost Nothing."

"You say he's a sentimentalist?" "Yes. He's the sort of fellow who weeps over a poet's birthplace, but wouldn't subscribe a dollar toward having the roof mended."

"One Place."

"You can't do much nowadays with one dollar."

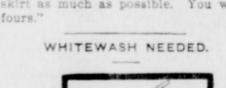
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"Women have no sense of humor." "Oh, yes they have. Within the last week I've heard half a dozen of them express the opinion that you were such a funny-looking person."

He Understood.

"The trouble with you is that you don't understand the difference between Socialists and anarchists." "Oh, yes I do. Lots of Socialists are willing to work."

Clear as a Cloudy Day.

Nagsby—What is the popular idea of the average government? Wargzy—That if 20 fellows chip in a nickel apiece one of them will have a dollar.

Typically Dutch.

"Did the gentleman from Holland put down anything for the children's fresh air fund?" "Yes, a great deal. He put down a name a yard long and \$1.50."

Most Annoying.

You ask the reason for his blues? He's bought a pair of button shoes. Each day he finds a button gone. Those blushing buttons won't stay on!

Force of Necessity.

"If I were you, Matilda, I wouldn't take any notice of the cook, if she's angry."

"But I have to take notice—she's just given it."

### Uses Explained.

"What's the use of that enormous feather on your hat?" asked he. "I don't know," replied she, "any more than I know the use of the little hat under the feather."

Took an Encore.

Sire—So you have to take another examination. Didn't you pass? Son—Say, I passed so well I was encored and now I have to do it all over again.—St. Paul Dispatch.

If Her Name Shows Her Nature.

Neil—So Will is to marry Miss Crabbe. He's entirely too young for her, don't you think? Bell—Oh, he'll age rapidly enough after he's married to her.

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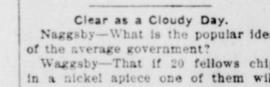
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## DODGING THE BEATEN PATH

Good Story as It is Related, Though It Doesn't Often Happen in Real Life.

Congressman Robert L. Dougherty of North Carolina smiled when the conversation turned to reversing the order of things. He said he was reminded of the case of Bowers.

Bowers met a benevolent party on a railroad train one day, and as the acquaintance ripened a bit he began to spread before the other a history of his life.

"When I was a clerk in a grocery store," remarked Bowers among other things, "I received only nine dollars a week, and, like many other young men, I fell in with bad companions and began to gamble."

"I see," interrupted the benevolent party, sadly, "you were tempted and took money which did not belong to you."

"Oh, no," cheerily responded Bowers. "In less than a month I won enough money to buy the grocery."

To Get Rid of Pimples.

Smear the affected surface with Cuticura Ointment. Let it remain five minutes, then wash off with Cuticura Soap and hot water and continue bathing a few minutes. These fragrant, super-creamy emollients quickly clear the skin of pimples, blackheads, redness and roughness, the scalp of dandruff and itching and the hands of chaps and irritations. For free sample each with 32-p. Skin Book address post card: Cuticura, Dept. X, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

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## MIXTURE OF MANY TONGUES

Troops of Allied Armies Find Some Difficulty in Arriving at Perfect Understanding.

The British Tommy Atkins is hard put to it these days to know which are friends and which are foes. Time was when he clasped them all as "dirty foreigners," but times have changed and a certain allied courtesy is demanded. It is told of one brave corporal who met a new kind of foreigner on French soil and demanded his nationality.

"Hungarian," came the answer. "Hungarian, are yer? Well, I'm blown if I know whether ter 'ug yer to me bosom or knock yer bally block off," remarked the perplexed defender of the Union Jack.

Many are the stories of the embarrassing confusion of tongues among the allies—French, Flemish, Russian, Servian, Indian (three brands), and several species of English. For it is rare that a Londoner can understand the Scotch dialect in its unalloyed purity, or the Cornish brogue.

Canadian slang, too, and the queer mixture of Maori that intrudes itself into Australian English, or of Boer Dutch that sickles or the Afriander's dialect make of so-called English a dozen different languages.

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Hotels in Canal Zone.

The Panama canal officials now operate three hotels, one being 14 miles out in the Pacific.

Foolish Question.

She—It is a secret society? He—No. Didn't I tell you there were women in it?—Judge.

## Always Have It on Hand.

Don't wait until you get scalded or burned because that will mean much suffering while you are sending to the dealer's for Hanford's Balsam of Myrrh. Always have it on hand and be prepared for accidents. The Balsam should give you quick relief. Adv.

Coming Into Line.

Two smartly dressed young men were discussing the present economic situation with a third whose holiday suit, straggling hair and grimy hands betokened a holiday at some distance from a hairdresser's and a hasty journey home.

"Well," observed number one, "the pater says it's not only sensible but it's patriotic to economize just now, so he and I have given up the two 'B's' and the miter the two 'T's'."

His hearers looked puzzled till he explained that the initials letters indicated respectively "beer and baccy" and "tea and toast."

"Since you put in that way," said number two, "I've dropped the two 'C's'—coffee and cigarettes."

The third man, evidently feeling out of it, began to explain that he had only just got back from the North of Scotland and hadn't really had time, you know, to think it out, but of course he'd have to come into line, etc.

"Don't worry, old chap," interposed number one. "You go on just as you are, and everybody'll know that you're economizing on the two 'S's'—scissors and soap!"

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of **Chas. H. Fletcher** In Use For Over 30 Years.

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Couldn't Reciprocate.

"Hum hum!" sighed the New Hampshire farmer, as he came in from down town, "Deacon Jones wants me to be pallbearer again to his wife's funeral."

"Wal, you're goin' to be, ain't ye?" asked the farmer's better half.

"I dunno. Y' know, when Deacon Jones' wife died, he asked me to be a pallbearer, an' I did; and then his second wife died, an' I was the same again. An' then he married the Perkins gal, and she died, and I was pallbearer to that funeral. An' now—wal, I don't like to be all the time acceptin' favors without bein' able to return 'em."

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The Inspector's Advice.

The late Inspector McCluskey—"Gentleman George," or "Cheaty George," as he was known in the New York force—was a good friend and a bad enemy. The inspector, while by no means vindictive, did not readily forget an injury, and one day an elderly millionaire who had injured him in the past rushed excitedly into his office and shouted: "McCluskey, one of your men just called me a spavined old mule. What are you going to do about it?" "Do? Why, nothing," the inspector answered. "I can't patch you up—I haven't the knowledge. Go and consult a vet."

Hicks' CAPUDINE

CURES HEADACHES AND COLDS—Easy To Take—Quick Relief.—Adv.

A Rebuke.

"Run along, Willie, and play with your tin soldiers."

"Mother," said the serious-minded and precocious youngster, "when I grow up I expect to work for universal peace and I do not wish to cultivate a martial spirit either in myself or in others by playing warlike games."

WHY SCRATCH? RESINOL

WILL STOP THAT ITCH

The moment that resinol ointment touches itching skin the itching stops and healing begins. That is why doctors have prescribed it successfully for nineteen years in even the severest cases of eczema, tetter, ringworm, rashes and other tormenting, disfiguring skin eruptions. Aided by warm baths with resinol soap, Resinol ointment makes the skin so deeply perfectly healthy, quickly, easily and at little cost. Try it yourself and see.

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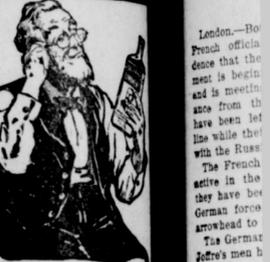
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Mr. James E. Alexander of York, Pa., writes: "Many years ago I had a severe attack of rheumatism in my right hand and wrist. I had a bad time of it and was unable to do anything but rest. I had to jump on my legs to get relief. I had read of Sloan's and I tried it on the affected part and in less than ten minutes it was perfectly gone. I find it is the best of all remedies I have ever used."

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