

# THE PORTALES VALLEY NEWS

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## CONGRESSMAN HEFLIN



Congressman Tom Heflin of Alabama almost caused a riot in the house by charges that a number of members have acted suspiciously and that German money was alleged to have been paid out in the guise of poker winnings to congressmen in a Washington gambling house.

## County Teacher's Association

The Roosevelt county teachers' association just closed was doubtless the best attended of any ever held in the county. Last year when seventy seven were enrolled the attendance was thought to be unusually large but this year there were ninety six teachers in attendance besides the many visitor of Portales and the county who attended and enjoyed the many good things of the meeting.

State Superintendent Wagoner was present at the meeting and addressed the body Friday afternoon. His address demonstrated the fact that he is thoroughly familiar with school conditions throughout the state. Dr. Roberts of East Las Vegas was present and as usual made an interesting and inspiring address. He urged that all teachers attend the State teachers meeting at Santa Fe this month.

On Friday evening Dr. Boyd, president state University, made one of his splendid addresses. He always comes to help and brings just the right sort of message. He complimented Portales' new buildings and urged us to continue to build and equip until we have just what we need.

Many helpful and interesting talks were made by the teachers of the county and all went back to their schools at the close of the session feeling they had been helped because of their attendance at the association. The next and last meeting of the association this year will be held at Elida about the first of April.

Mr. Walker Hunter, state manager of the Brotherhood of American Yeoman, was here the first of the week in interest of this organization, he expects to organize here and make a go of this fraternal order.

## Miss Henderson Resigns

Miss Sue Henderson this week resigned her position with the Mountain States Telephone company and will leave Sunday for Amarillo, Texas, where she will take a business course in the Amarillo Business College. Miss Sue has been in the employ of this company for the past eight years and is one of the best operators on the line, always courteous and willing to do anything reasonable to give the public the best service. She has many friends here who regret to lose her from the phone office but wish her success in her new undertaking.

R. H. Adams has just received an orchestra piano, which he will place in the skating rink. A big time is expected at least once a week, with big dances and skating expeditions.

## "FOUR MINUTE MEN"

Will Supply Speakers For Public Meetings

The "Four Minute Men" of New Mexico are getting ready to do even bigger and more important work in the matter of keeping the people of the state informed as to the war, its progress and its needs. At the conference of these workers, held in Albuquerque last week, the following resolution was adopted:

"Be it resolved, by the New Mexico section of the National Four Minute Men, in conference assembled; That in order to extend the activities and usefulness of this organization, the general public be informed that this organization will undertake to furnish, without expense, speakers to disseminate authentic and official information on patriotic subjects, at all public gatherings of every kind, including meetings of church organizations, schools, lodges, societies, clubs, associations, dances, fiestas, social gatherings of any sort, public dinners in restaurants or hotels, or gatherings of any kind where a considerable number of people come together.

Be it further resolved: That persons in charge of such gatherings are urged to make application for speakers in advance to the respective local chairman of Four Minute Men or to Laurance F. Lee, State Chairman, Albuquerque, New Mexico."

W. H. Ball and son George were here election day from Albuquerque.

## Resolution of Historical Society

"Whereas, the United States is now engaged in a war of world-wide importance, and the people of New Mexico are patriotically performing their full duty on land and sea for the honor of the Nation, as they did half a century before in the war for the Union; and  
"Whereas, the Historical Society is the only institution having a collection of the portraits of the public men of New Mexico, from early days to the present time; and believes that the portraits of the patriotic soldiery of the present war should be collected while it is possible, for permanent preservation; therefore be it

"Resolved, that the New Mexico Historical Society hereby establish a gallery of portraits of the New Mexico Soldiers of the War of 1917, including in the word 'Soldiers' all who follow the Flag on land or sea or in the air and requests that a photograph of every Soldier enlisted in the United States Service from this State be furnished to the Society, and the Society pledges itself to their proper arrangement for public exhibition, and for their absolute safety and permanent preservation through the years to come; and be it further

"Resolved, that a committee be appointed to carry this plan into effect, and the president is authorized to appoint members of this committee from time to time, as will tend to its successful accomplishment."

## Alamogordo's Oil Well

That oil well eleven miles southwest of Alamogordo is flowing artesian water, which makes it worth all it has cost so far, the flow being encountered at a depth of a little more than nine hundred feet. The water will be cased off and the boring for oil continued.

## Their Boy In Uniform



## BOYS CRAVE FOR MUSIC

Victrolas Are Wanted—Old Records Will Be Highly Appreciated

Mrs. Roy Passons, of 401 Stevenson Street, who has just returned from Camp Funston, where she visited her brother, Clarence Greathouse, a member of the national army, is very enthusiastic about both the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. work that is being carried on in such an efficient manner at the national army cantonment. One of the greatest things at the camp for the pleasure and delight of the boys is the Y. W. C. A. hostess house, which is for the accommodation of all mothers, wives, sweethearts and friends of the boys who are in camp. A cafeteria is being planned for at the hostess house so that meals can be served to the boys and their friends. It has not yet been completed but will be in the very near future. While there Mrs. Parsons sang for the boys in the Y. M. C. A. tents. The promoters of the association are planning to arrange it so that forty-five-minute programs can be given for the entertainment of the soldiers. During her visit there she very generously contributed of her talent as a singer and whistler to two forty-five-minute programs which were highly appreciated. Mrs. Parsons is gifted with a lovely voice and Independence music lovers know what a treat the boys were given. A number of sacred selections were given that seemed to be highly appreciated and enjoyed. The Y. M. C. A. needs helpers and the association leaders at Junction City are urging people who can leave their work to come and assist in the association work and, while perhaps they will not be repaid in money, the appreciation of the boys should be enough to repay anyone for their time and expense. The Y. M. C. A. is divided into twelve units, and each unit, or tent, will accommodate 1200. A large auditorium is being planned where the entertainment of the boys can be conducted, that will seat 10000. Small tables where the boys can write or read are found in each Y. M. C. A. tent, but these are curtained off into separate little rooms from the main auditorium. Music seems to be more highly appreciated than any other enjoyment that can be given to them. In each tent is found a Victrola with ten records, with the exception of one tent, which as yet has not been supplied. It was urged that anyone who has any old records that have been cast aside, send them to the Y. M. C. A. headquarters at Camp Funston and they will be readily distributed to the tents where most needed. Pianos are also in great demand. Three tents are found missing the piano. Any individual or organization that sends a piano will have it named in their honor, as did Schumann-Heink, who so generously donated a piano to Y. M. tent No. 10, bearing her autograph. If any Independence citizen or organization will be generous enough to do this needful act it would be called the Independence piano or the Independence Community piano or something of that nature. Just to show how hungry the boys are for good music, one soldier was heard to remark that they didn't care how a woman looked or how ugly she was if she would only sing. Anyone who has any old Victrola records is urged to send them at once to help the boys.—Independence (Kansas) Daily Reporter.

## FREDERIC C. WALCOTT



Frederic C. Walcott, a New York banker whose home is in Inglewood, N. J., is one of the big business men who is devoting his time and energy to assist the food administration.

## Upton News

School dismissed one day last week for the teachers' meeting at Portales. This was one of the best meetings ever held in the county.

Mr. Cook and Mr. Lesure have moved to their new homes.

Mr. Wight has been hauling his feed home.

Several people met at school house last Monday night to hear a lecture on prohibition, as had been announced by Mr. Turner. When the speaker did not appear a cyphering match was held. The cyphering was enjoyed by all present.

It is something unusual for an old time shooting match these days but we expect to have one here November 17th. All games of skill should be encouraged.

A. J. McNutt, A. B. Crane, Bert Gore and Oliver Gore went to Kansas City last week with several car loads of cattle.

## New Mexico Production

The government crop reporter estimates the value of the corn, wheat, potato, and alfalfa crops of New Mexico for 1917 at about \$23,000,000, and with the beans it will easily reach twenty-five millions of dollars. As the same authority estimates the value of lambs and wool produced by the state at the same amount, the total is large. The other crops are to be heard from yet, but it is now known that the total production of the year will reach a tremendous sum and will probably cause an unusual demand for New Mexico agricultural lands.

## Birthday Party

On Tuesday afternoon, November 6th, Mrs. J. L. May entertained in honor of her daughter's first birthday. Several little tots and their mothers were present. Angel food cake and marshmallow pudding was served the mothers after which the little folks were lined up and had their pictures made. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon immensely and departed for their homes wishing Miss Winifred many happy birthdays.

## Mineral in Pecos Valley

The mineral possibilities of the eastern counties of the state now attract the attention of capitalists. The first development will probably be the potash bearing deposits of the Pecos country, which will encourage the development of other natural resources.

A. B. Austin, the prominent groceryman of Clovis, was in our city Thursday visiting friends and attending business.

Mrs. Claude L. Perryman is visiting her parents and other relatives at Duke, Oklahoma.

## NEW MEXICO VOTED DRY BY A GOOD MAJORITY

Result of Other Two Amendments Voted on Last Wednesday Is in Doubt

Exact Figures for the State Cannot Be Given Until the Official Returns Are Known

Up to the time of going to press it has been impossible to get any definite information as to how any of the three constitutional amendments went.

From all available indications the state went dry by from ten to fifteen thousand majority. This however is claims from prohibition headquarters and are subject to revision either way upon the official count.

It is impossible at this time to offer a suggestion as to how the

other two amendments went, as it is impossible to get returns. This county, for instance, the judges in sending in the election boxes, in most instances, locked up all of the tally sheets instead of sending one to the county clerk outside of the box, and it will therefore be necessary to await the official count before the public can get definite information as to how the election actually went on each of the three amendments.

## Delphian Club Organized

An enthusiastic meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilcox on Wednesday evening of this week for the purpose of organizing a Delphian Chapter in Portales.

The object of this society is the stimulation of interest along educational and cultural lines and to better prepare them to aid in public and civic improvement. As this organization numbers among its members several of the progressive people of Portales it will undoubtedly grow in number and prove to be a power in the community.

Miss Florine McChesney, of St. Louis, Delphian field secretary, presided over the meeting and explained further the outline of the work. Constitution was adopted and the following officers were elected: R. G. Bryant, president; Mrs. Jack Wilcox, vice president; H. C. Waggoner, secretary and treasurer; Mesdames C. J. Whitcomb, H. C. Waggoner and R. G. Bryant, members of the advisory board.

Meetings will be held Thursday evening of each week at 7:30 when the epochs of progress will be taken up. Following is a list of the charter members: Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Waggoner, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Whitcomb, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Bryant and Dr. and Mrs. L. R. Hough.

Mrs. W. B. Oldham and children arrived Monday from Alamogordo, where they had been living for the past two years. This will be their future home.

## Honor Roll—Portales School

First Grade: Joe Green, Eldridge Mears, Ridgley White-man, Helen Compton, Felecia Green, Margaret Grathouse, Spencer Crow, Reba Cope, Eva McCormick.

Second Grade: Juanita Knapp, Juanita Hancock.

Third Grade: Mauda Brown, Howard McDonald, Virginia Jones, Tom Davis, H. F. Crow, Edwin Johnston, Laura Turner, Roy Lewis Ballow, Lillian Bedinger, Chris Thompson.

Fourth Grade: Iris Ribble, Stella Duncan, Josephine Knapp, Otis Fails, Durward Jones, Lora Nelson, Melvin Gilliam, Dollie Hughes, Kathryn McCall, Lois Troutt, Nita Nelson, Robert Deen, Bernice Lawrence.

Fifth Grade: Verona Thompson, Myria Roberson, Beatrice Crow, Robbie Jones, Leroy Glover, Nettie Allison, Chas. Hughes, Herbert Hughes, Henry Denison, Joe Lindsey, Joe Morrison.

Sixth Grade: Kathleen Eakle.

Seventh Grade: LaVon Brown, Kenneth Bell.

High School: Lillian Hatch.

Mrs. Eva Pritchett left this morning for Norman, Oklahoma, where she will reside in the future. She has leased her studio and Mrs. Richmond will be in charge. Mrs. Pritchett is an exceptionally good photographer and enjoyed a nice business in Portales but stated that the cause for her removal was that she wanted to be with her folks.





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Santa Fe must be a splendid newspaper town. The New Mexican has been in the hands of a receiver for some weeks now, the State Record has just been placed in charge of a receiver, LaRevista Ilustrada is reported as having suspended its weekly publication, and the Eagle, the only other publication there, and the democratic organ, looks as though some one had pulled all its tail feathers.

Santa Fe, the city, oversubscribed its quota of the Liberty Loan and is surprised at itself. It was done with out a special appropriation for the purpose by the legislature, and indicates some improvement up there. The fact that the El Paso & Southwestern subscribed \$25,000, the Santa Fe a large sum, and the like, may be responsible for the politician making the record, but they have made it, just the same.

The closing down of the coal mines at Clark sends a cold shudder through the state, particularly as the Kansas coal miners are on a strike again. It is now plain to the government that unseen workers are making themselves felt in many fields of labor, and particularly in the mining industry. It has been established that the Arizona troubles were caused by disloyal men, and Germans straight, and it has been fairly well established that the Gallup and Madrid troubles were started by the same influences. Then followed the eastern troubles, and now those in Kansas. It is understood that the government will take severe measures with such occurrences from now on. In connection with the mine strikes in Arizona it was shown that the wages paid were the highest in the world for like work, and that the working conditions had never before been complained of, and then only by the foreign elements.

Some of our good business men signed a petition which was circulated last week requesting that they refrain from having their merchandise freighted over the Portales-Clovis highway. Some two years ago there was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$14,000 spent in putting this road in shape for all traffic and now the fourteen inch surface has worn down to some three or four inches and will not hold up under heavy traffic. The building is only the beginning of a highway and had there been someone employed to keep this road in shape we would not have been bothered in this matter. There are roads in this and other states on which heavy trucks run daily. Do they stop this traffic? We have just appropriated \$5000 to build a Lovington road, which is a good theory, but as we have built a highway for the automobile lovers to enjoy themselves, and now let it go to rack and be destroyed, to build a road which will not benefit us nearly so much as the Clovis-Portales-Roswell road, we suggest that they place a sign at each end of this road stating: "This road must be used for joy riding only."

## Resolutions of Roosevelt County Teachers' Association

We, your committee on resolutions, beg to submit the following:

- 1st. That we extend our thanks to the teachers and people of Portales for their splendid hospitality and entertainment.
- 2nd. That we especially thank the able president of our University, Dr. David R. Boyd, for his very helpful address, also Mr. Wagner, state superintendent, and Dr. Frank H. H. Roberts.
- 3rd. That we, the teachers, strive strenuously on next Tuesday to get the voters out to cast their votes for the prohibition and judicial amendments and against the tax amendment.
- 4th. That the teachers conduct the election in the schools as suggested by our state superintendent.
- 5th. That we thank Mr. Stinnett for his entertaining talk on "Conditions in the Schools of Roosevelt County;" also Mr. J. S. Long and Rev. Carter for their inspiring talks on patriotism.
- 6th. That we thank the Glee Club for music; also Misses Mignon Jones, Eddie Lee Hall, and Lillian Branlett; and Miss Leota Merrill for reading.
- 7th. That we thank the boys who were to sing the Spanish song for us, but we are glad that they are able to hit the line with the Roswell boys.
- 8th. That we extend greetings to our absent soldier teachers and assure them that Roosevelt County Teachers' Association is backing at home the efforts they are making abroad and that their absence is noted with a feeling of appreciation.
- 9th. That copies of these resolutions be sent to the New Mexico School Journal and the papers of Portales for publication.

JOHN W. RUSSELL,  
J. R. SHOCK,  
JUDD MILLER,  
HESTER KENAMORE,  
Committee.

An Eastern man who wrote a prize essay on how to live cheaply has recently died from what the doctors call insufficient nourishment. Anyhow, he believed in his own system.

### Successful Sale

Our sale which was conducted October, 31st, by Auctioneer Erle E. Forbes, was beyond our expectations, we feel that it is only due Mr. Forbes to say these few words in his behalf, we suggest that those who contemplate having a sale should not fail to see Mr. Forbes.

GOELZER, SCHWARTZ & MAGEE

Mrs. W. H. Ball is in the City visiting with her many friends.

**The latest shopping bags at C. V. Harris.**  
Governor W. E. Lindsey was in Portales on election day, he was very proud over the prohibition showing made in Roosevelt county.

## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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### LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 11

LESSON TEXT—Nehemiah 1.  
GOLDEN TEXT—"Whatever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do these things that are pleasing in his sight."—1 John 3:22.

Some twelve or fourteen years after the revival of the worship of Jehovah under the administration of Ezra, Nehemiah led a company to Jerusalem to restore the city walls and civil authority. The walls and gates of the city had lain in ruins ever since they were broken down by Nebuchadnezzar. In this condition the remnant of the Jews who had gone back to Jerusalem were exposed to the dangers of assaults from the surrounding enemies. Not only was this exposure detrimental to the peace and comfort of the people, but it was a matter of severe reproach to them (v. 3). Nehemiah was a man of strong character. Though occupying a position of high honor and responsibility in the very center of the great heathen capitol, the desire to honor God was uppermost in his heart. He is an example to all young men, demonstrating to them that it is possible to be true to God regardless of the environment in which he may be compelled to live. In order for a man to thus stand, his life must be rooted in Christ, and these roots—our faith—must be watered and kept alive through vital communion with God in prayer and study of His Holy Word.

#### I. Nehemiah Learns of the Affliction and Reproach of the Returned Remnant in Jerusalem (vv. 1-4).

1. The time (v. 1). It was in a winter month, November or December, in the 20th year of Artaxerxes. He was engaged in the performance of his accustomed duties as cup-bearer to the king, when the news came to him of the deplorable condition of Jerusalem and the remnant who had gone there.

2. The occasion of (vv. 2, 3). The visit of Nehemiah's brother and certain men of Judah made it possible for him to inquire concerning the state of the remnant and the conditions of Jerusalem. They informed him that they were in great affliction and reproach.

3. The effect upon Nehemiah (v. 4). He was greatly moved by the story of the distress of his brethren. Though occupying a position of honor, and enjoying all that heart could desire, he keenly took the misfortune of his brethren to heart. He not only shed tears of sympathy, but took these burdens in prayer to God. This is the proper way to sympathize with the unfortunate. It is manly to weep with those in distress, and to pray for those who have need. Jesus wept over Jerusalem and prayed for his own. Nehemiah exhibited the spirit of true patriotism. The affliction and shame of his own people went close to his own heart. National and racial solidarity constitutes the real basis of patriotism. The reproach and affliction of a nation is the reproach and affliction of every member thereof.

#### II. Nehemiah's Prayer for Israel (vv. 5-11). We are taught that in the midst of affliction, we should pray. Nehemiah in this early time practiced this New Testament direction. A study of his prayer is most helpful.

1. It was earnest (v. 4). He fasted and prayed for several days. When men are willing to desist from food and turn aside from their occupations to pray to God, they are unmistakably in earnest. This is true fasting.

2. The ground of (v. 5). He pleaded covenant relationship and the faithfulness of God in keeping his covenant. It is a good thing always in our praying to plead thus with God. He is delighted when we come as children pleading for the things we need on the basis of our relationship to him.

3. Unselfish (v. 6). He has as his supreme object the welfare of Israel. His personal interests were not affected, either for better or for worse, by the condition of the Jews in Jerusalem. Many prayers do not count with God because they are self-centered.

4. Penitent (vv. 6, 7). He acknowledges that the state of Israel was due to disobedience to God's commandments and their corrupt dealings with God. So completely had he identified himself with his people that he included himself with Israel as having sinned.

5. The prayer of faith (vv. 8, 9). He believed the word which God had spoken to Moses touching his willingness to restore and bless his people, though he was obliged to severely judge them. In our praying, we should be able to point to some definite promise in God's word, as we plead with him. Faith takes God at his word, and holds him to it.

6. Definite (vv. 10, 11).

a. He pointed to the specific people, as those redeemed by God's powerful hand.  
b. He asked that God would prosper his way and grant him mercy in the sight of the king. This was a part of wisdom on Nehemiah's part. Before going before men for consideration of important interests, we should ask God to prepare their hearts, so that they will listen sympathetically to our plea. This we should do in all things, and we can do it, when our own hearts are right, and we see the good of others and not that of ourselves.

## WANTS

For Sale—Northwest quarter sec. 11, twp. 2 south, range 35 east, adjoining Mrs. Lizzie Burrows place, in proven water belt. Reasonable price and terms on part. Address E. S. Anderson, 212 Main St., Denison, Texas. 40-1f

LAND LOANS—See W. O. Oldham or W. B. Oldham. 49-1f

For Sale—1 good Jersey cow, fresh. C. L. Sanders. Portales. 49-51p.

Wanted to buy 50 brown leghorn pullets. Mrs. M. F. Fowler. 491f

For Sale—Five room box house, nine miles Southwest of Portales. See Mrs. M. F. Fowler.

FOR SALE—About fifty good grade Plymouth hons. Apply at this office.

FOR SALE—About twenty joints of stove pipe, in good condition, a bargain, apply at this office.

FOR SALE—Two-year-old colt, good condition. Will be fine for children. Apply at this office.

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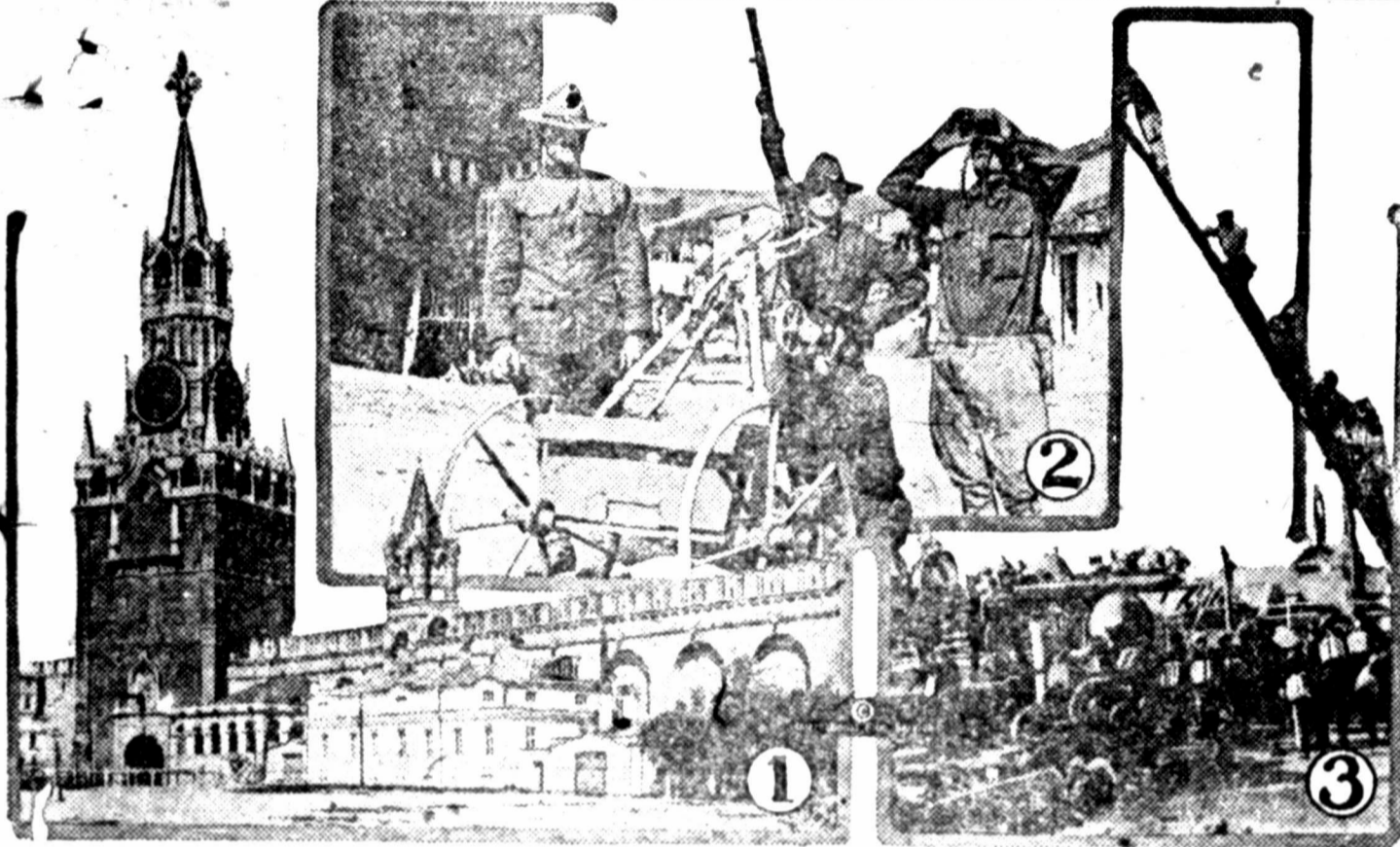
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1—Holy Gate of the Kremlin in Moscow, the buildings which will be occupied by the Russian government when it moves from Petrograd. 2—American soldiers in France manning an anti-aircraft gun to fight German aviators who are beginning to trouble them. 3—This photograph taken on an American vessel carrying many Y. M. C. A. men to Europe, shows the passengers climbing coolly into the rigging to watch a submarine that had just been sighted.

**NEWS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK**

**Austrians and Germans Drive the Italian Armies Back Across the Isonzo.**

**GAINS OF MANY MONTHS LOST**

Treachery and Cowardice Help Bring About the Disaster—American Troops at Last Fighting in Front-Line Trenches—Great French Push Toward Laon.

By EDWARD PICKARD.

Disaster, swift and sudden, overtook the Italian armies of Count Cadorna last week, and they are now battling on their own soil in the desperate endeavor to keep the enemy from the plains of northern Italy. In three days the forces of Austria, strongly reinforced by Germans, regained practically all the ground that the Italians had won in many months of fighting. Driving a huge wedge between Piave and Tolmino, the foe compelled the Italians in turn to withdraw beyond the upper Isonzo, to abandon the Bainsizza plateau, to give up Gorizia. Late reports indicate that they still hold a piece of Austrian territory east of the big bend the Isonzo makes between Gorizia and the sea, but by this time may have retired in that sector also.

The loss of ground is not the most serious part of the great defeat, for a vast number of prisoners, put at 100,000 by Berlin, has been taken, and some 700 guns captured. Moreover the retreating Italians were forced to destroy immense quantities of supplies. Dispatches from Rome do not minimize the disaster, but are still brave in tone and borrow Berlin's well known location, saying the fleeing armies are withdrawing to prepared positions. They also declare that treachery and cowardice contributed to the defeat, some units of the second or northern army retiring or surrendering without attempting to resist the enemy.

Austria's armies are led by Emperor Charles in person and General von Mackensen commands the Germans. It is apparent this combined attack on Italy has been in preparation for a long time, and that its purpose is partly political, to strengthen the hands of Austria and suppress the growing disaffection in that country. That this result will be accomplished for the time being there is no doubt, and while the rout of the Italians cannot be decisive in bringing final victory to the Teutons, it will greatly prolong the war.

**Americans in Front Trenches.**

The men of General Pershing's expedition are in the front-line trenches at last and are under fire. Also the American batteries have been shelling the enemy. This took place at a comparatively quiet sector of the French front and is reported by General St. Ibert as a continuation of the intensive training of the Americans. The news sent a thrill through the nation, and the advent of the Americans in the

trenches was greeted by the French with almost delirious joy. So far no casualty list has come across. The case of the first shell fired by an American battery was saved to be sent to President Wilson.

General Pershing already had been under fire for earlier in the week he accompanied the French commander during the advance north of the Aisne and calmly went forward as far as the second line of German trenches in order to see what he desired to see, this being merely part of the day's work for him.

**Great Advance by the French.**

The French army made last week one of the most important advances of the fall campaign on the front north-east of Soissons. After a furious barrage by the artillery, the troops rushed forward for a gain of more than two miles, and when they rested, they were in a position to enfilade the German lines all along the valley of the Ailette. Petain also now directly threatens Laon, the big railroad center that forms the southern extremity of the Hindenburg line, and can enfilade the crown prince's troops that still hold the northern edge of the plateau that parallels the Chemin des Dames. The German line running north to the forest of St. Gobain is in danger, and if this gives way, the enemy would have to give up his present front from Chavignon to St. Quentin.

In this operation the French captured Fort de la Malmaison and other strong positions and routed some of the finest troops in the German army, taking more than 8,000 prisoners and a great number of guns. The French aviators did especially good work during the battle, flying at a very low altitude and breaking up with their machine-guns several German attempts to counter-attack.

The first French smash was made on Thursday, and again on Thursday Petain's forces struck hard, driving the Germans from Monkey mountain and other strong positions and advancing to within eight miles of Laon. The number of prisoners was increased to 12,000.

**Another Advance in Flanders.**

The British in Flanders, with the French co-operating, pushed forward about a thousand yards on a front of a mile and a half on Monday, taking some important positions and getting astride the Ypres-Soelden road. The Germans made desperate attempts to recover the ground, but succeeded in regaining only one farm at the edge of the Hawtholst forest.

On Saturday the French and Belgians made a remarkable advance across the flooded marsh lands of Flanders under heavy fire and occupied the Mercken peninsula, south of Dixmude.

All week the allied aviators made destructive raids behind the German lines, dropping many tons of explosives on munition works, lines of communication and other military establishments.

**Kerensky Attacked in Russia.**

In many respects the week's developments in Russia were unsatisfactory. Though the fleet succeeded in keeping the German sea forces out of the Gulf of Finland for the time being, the enemy completed the occupation of the islands at the mouth of the Gulf of Riga. The civil population of Revel, Kronstadt and in part of Holmingsfors was removed, and the government proceeded with its plans of moving to Moscow. The worst of the news, how-

ever, was that the council of soldiers and workmen had adopted a resolution declaring the salvation of the country lay in the conclusion of peace as soon as possible and that all power must pass into its hands, and accusing Kerensky of openly favoring the kaiser and seeking to give Petrograd into his hands. Furthermore, the council has given to its delegate to the coming conference of the allies in Paris instructions that cannot fall to be displeasing to the other allies. They cover the whole ground and would result in a peace in some respects more German than Germany itself dares to hope for.

Another source of anxiety to the allies, Great Britain especially, is Ireland. With the able assistance of German agents, the militant Sinn Feiners are becoming more defiant every day until now the whole west part of the island is said to be on the verge of open rebellion. Several of the conspirators have been arrested in the United States and others in Ireland.

**Germany Loses Zeppelin Fleet.**

Germany, ridiculously indignant at the promises of reprisals for her murderous air raids, threatened that "for every brick which falls from peaceful German homes whole rows of buildings will be overthrown in Paris." Then she sent a big fleet of Zeppelins over England, their bombs killing 34 persons. From there the monster airships sailed across to France to punish Paris. But the Frenchmen were awake and such an army of aviators and storm of anti-aircraft gunfire met the invaders that four of them were brought down and three others were partly disabled and fled. One of the Zeppelins was captured uninjured and as it is of the latest type it has been an interesting object of study.

**Preparing for Two Years More.**

Although America's land forces have not yet begun to participate in the conflict, it becomes more apparent daily that we will take a commanding part in the war. Great Britain and France make it plain that they rely on the United States to clinch the victory, and Uncle Sam is girding up his loins for the mighty task. We are to be well represented in the coming conference in Paris, when it is probable there will be mapped out a more definite and cohesive plan of military operations than has yet been followed. Lloyd George and other leaders assert that peace is not in sight because no terms have been suggested that all can accept, and the nations are laying their plans for at least two years more of warfare. It is understood, and admitted by captured German officers, that the morale of the German army is weakening and that the food situation in the central empire is bad, but those who know do not claim that Germany's fighting power is nearly exhausted.

The success of the second Liberty loan is a source of immense gratification to the government and to the entire nation. During the last week subscriptions came in with a rush, under the urging of thousands of patriotic workers, and even the Philippines, Panama and Cuba responded nobly Wednesday, by national and state proclamation, was celebrated everywhere as Liberty day. Great parades were held in every city and smaller ones in every town and village, and in the army training camps the boys carried out special programs and handed in their dollars for the cause of freedom. In some places the people dealt in their own way with certain pro-German obstructors of the loan, but nothing was done to Mayor Bill Thompson

of Chicago, who took no part whatever in the city's demonstration. His recent half-hearted conversion to open patriotism seems to have suffered a relapse.

**Curbing the Traitor Press.**

Postmaster General Burleson has made public his plans for enforcing the espionage law against seditious publications, and gives this outline of what he will consider unmailable printed matter:

Advocating or urging treason, insurrection, or forcible resistance to any law of the United States.

Conveying false reports or false statements intended to interfere with the operations or success of the military or naval forces of the United States, or to promote the success of its enemies.

Intended to cause insubordination, disloyalty, mutiny, or refusal of duty in the military or naval forces of the United States.

Intended to obstruct the recruiting or enlisting services of the United States, to the injury of the services of United States.

Matter the circulation of the publication of which involves the violation of any of the numerous other criminal provisions of the espionage act, but which are not of special interest to publishers.

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complete translation of the entire article containing such matter proposed to be published.

**Food Regulation in America.**

The food administration last week began the daily publication of wholesale prices of prime commodities so that the housewives might know what the retailer should ask. But the consumers speedily found out they could not buy at the suggested reasonable prices. The retailer said the wholesaler was to blame in that he was not coming down to the figures set by Mr. Hoover and his aids. The licensing of wholesalers goes into effect on November 1, however, and thereafter it will be easy to bring the balking ones to terms. The National Association of Wholesale Grocers met in Chicago and pledged itself to the support of the administration regardless of diminishing profits, so the outlook for the consumer is bright.

Throughout the country generally there is evidenced a desire to conform to the regulation for one wheatless and one meatless day each week. The hotels and restaurants are being watched by the agents of the food administration, but obedience to the rule in the home must depend on the patriotism of the individual.

**Conserving Leather.**

Leather is one of the materials which must be used economically in order that the army may have shoes, harness, saddles and puttees. The department of agriculture explains that the civilian can conserve leather by making his shoes last as long as possible. Greasing them when the leather gets hard and dry; wearing heel plates or otherwise preventing run-over heels, which ruin the shape of a shoe, and having them half-soled when practicable, will cut the family shoe bill, and help the government keep the soldiers properly shod.

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**NEW MEXICO STATE NEWS**

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

**COMING EVENTS.**  
Nov. 24-29—Meeting New Mexico Teachers' Association at Santa Fe.  
March, 1918—Wool Growers' convention at Roswell.

Raton has organized a woman's club.

East Las Vegas Elks celebrated Halloween.

Fire destroyed eight buildings in Lovington.

Mexican beans are selling at Clayton at 9@10 1/4c.

A parent-teachers' association has been organized at Belen.

The live stock outlook in the Pecos valley is reported very bright.

Covers will be laid for 300 at the Teachers' banquet in Santa Fe.

The Santa Fe Red Cross chapter has raised \$5,124.82 as a war fund.

The Archaeological Society of New Mexico subscribed to \$400 of Liberty bonds.

Former Governor William C. McDonald was appointed federal fuel administrator.

State Treasurer Hall invested \$381,300 of the state school funds in Liberty bonds.

The Cannonball Motor Company, capitalized at \$10,000,000, has located at Texico, N. M.

Twenty-seven state prisoners at Santa Fe combined and bought a \$1,000 Liberty bond.

The large number of Liberty bonds purchased evidences the prosperity of New Mexico people.

Residents of Old Albuquerque subscribed \$550 to the Liberty loan following a meeting at the court house.

Dr. W. R. Tipton began his duties as superintendent of the New Mexico hospital for the insane at East Las Vegas.

Santa Fe health authorities have received notice of five cases of typhoid fever at Roswell and a case of scarlet fever at Clovis.

The State Board of Examining Surveyors adjourned from its first meeting after licensing thirty-four engineers and surveyors.

The Woman's Museum Board is putting the final touches to the plans for its headquarters in the new Museum building at Santa Fe.

The New Mexico battery, which has been at Charlotte, N. C. for three weeks, was on the move again, possibly to a point of embarkation for France.

The Sheriffs' and Peace Officers' Association of New Mexico was formed at Albuquerque, Sheriff C. A. Rector of Chaves county being elected president.

Completions so far made by the State Tax Commission indicate that the tax rate in New Mexico during the coming year will average 20 per cent higher than the rate this year.

Bail in the sum of \$19,000 was fixed by the Court of Criminal Appeals in the case of Felix R. Jones, charged with the murder of Thomas Lyons, a wealthy cattleman of Silver City.

This has been what the apiarists call an uncommonly good year for honey, and 48,000 pounds have already been shipped from the Artesia station to points in New Mexico and Texas.

At Clayton, a new auto struck a sleeping dog in the road and turned turtle. Jed Scott's back was broken. His wife was only bruised. His brother also escaped serious injury. His brother's wife received an injury to the knee.

The body of Jacob Harden, a well known mining man, was found in the Antone river in Sierra county. He had been missing for some time.

Judge Olin Neblett sentenced George Fendell, H. G. Norris, and

Cleve Mayfield to ninety days in jail for peddling liquor to soldiers at Camp Cody. Mayfield also was fined the costs of the case and \$200.

At Socorro, after deliberating for an hour and thirty minutes, the jury in the case of the State vs. Jacobo Sedillo for the killing of Antonio Glenera on April 9 last, returned a verdict in the second degree.

Business men of Clifton, Ariz., are working on the connection of Clifton and the Mogollon district by a state

highway. This would shorten freight and passenger service and is receiving encouragement at this end.

Chief Justice R. H. Hanna took a prominent part in the proceedings of the supreme council of the thirty-third degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry held at the temple in Washington, D. C.

Every farmer in New Mexico who wishes to learn something about agriculture, will be given an opportunity to do so between Nov. 1 and Jan. 1. Announcement was made at Albuquerque by A. C. Cooley, director of extension service work in New Mexico, that a short course for farmers is to be given in every county of the state before the first of the year.

The Clark coal mine near Stanley has closed, the operators notifying the county defense council they could not produce under the government-fixed price.

**WHY NEGROES ARE RELIGIOUS**

**Solace Was Found in the Gospel Brought to Them by Missionaries or Taught by Masters.**

The negro sought a channel for artistic solace, into which he could throw the symbolism of his racial longing. He found it in the religion brought to him by missionaries or taught him by his masters. Here he was free to dream his dreams and create his visions of future happiness, for no master could punish him for praising God. Thus he "found religion," and in religion he found no mood of his simple soul unexpressed.

It is, then, not so hard to understand why the negro's folk song is, in its superficial form, so predominantly religious. The "spirituals" of the camp meeting show a quite unecceastical variety of style and mood, a variety, in fact, co-extensive with the emotional range of simple peasant life. They

include lively dances, bitter laments, psalms of joy and majestic, organlike anthems. In the Bible stories which are retold in ballad form in some of the spirituals the negro found expression for his buoyant, genial humor. Nearly all the familiar moods of folk-song, from the gayest to the most profoundly tragic, are to be found under the religious veil which permitted the slave to live his own varied emotional life without interference from his master.—New Republic.

**All Circus Rings Same Size.**  
Railway tickets are the same size all over Britain and the continent and America—viz., two and one-quarter inches—and have been so for the last 50 years. This surely indicates a world wide tendency to standardize.

Every builder's ladder is built to scale, and the fireman's ladder is on the scale of the seaman's run up the ratlines, not the bricklayer's trudge up the wooden rungs. But perhaps the greatest triumph of standardizing is that of the circus. London Tit-Bits says: There are big and little circuses in the world, but the ring is always of the same diameter, for the bareback rider has discovered the exact angle at which he can square the circle. No matter whether it be a ring cut in the turf or a luxuriously appointed theater, the circus ring never varies a foot.

**Learn to Listen.**  
Men like the girl who can chatter, but they love the girl who can listen. There are so few of us who learn this in early youth. But as we get older we realize that people in general would rather talk to a good listener than to be entertained by the most brilliant conversationalist in the world.

If you are not popular with men and with women, make up your mind to find out why you are not. Study yourself and try to realize if you are disloyal, unsympathetic, opinionated or selfish.—Exchange.

**GENERAL PROGRAM  
State Teachers' Association**

Santa Fe, November 24-28, 1917.

Sunday, November 25, 1917.

8:00 P. M. Visions..... Dr. A. E. Winship.  
Monday, November 26, 1917.

2:00 Music.....  
2:20 Greetings from the State..... Governor W. E. Lindsey.  
2:40 Annual Address..... State Superintendent J. H. Wagner.  
3:00 Getting into the Game..... Dr. A. E. Winship.  
3:45 Business Session.....  
8:00 Music.....  
8:15 President's Address..... Frank H. H. Roberts.  
8:35 Boys and Girls..... Dr. O. H. Benson.

Tuesday, November 27, 1917.

2:00-5:00 Reception, rides and other entertainment by the cienstz of Santa Fe.  
6:00 Dinner..... Household Arts Section.  
8:00 Music.....  
8:15 The Schools and Health..... Dr. R. E. McBride.  
8:35 The marks of an American..... Dr. Frank Slutz.

Wednesday, November 28, 1917.

2:00 Music.....  
2:20 Wild Life Conservation..... Aldo Leopold.  
2:40 Making Education Significant for the child..... Dr. Frank Slutz.  
3:39 Business Meeting.....  
8:00 Oratorical Contest.....

**The Flatterer.**  
"You seem able-bodied and healthy; you ought to be strong enough to work," she remarked, scrutinizingly.  
"Yes, ma'am, I know. And you seem beautiful enough to be on the stage, but evidently you prefer the simple life."  
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**NEW AERIAL TORCH**

Enables Scout to Make Observations at Night.

Capable of Illuminating Battlefield, Protecting Itself, Finally Exploding With Terrific Effect.

Prominent military officers have expressed their approval of a flaring torch, the late development of a Texas inventor, that is primarily designed to enable an aerial scout to make observations behind enemy lines at night.

The instrument has a number of ingenious features, and as a whole the earmarks of being not only an effective, but also a destructive weapon. It is potentially capable of brilliantly illuminating a considerable area of a battlefield for a period of ten minutes, formidably protecting itself against disturbance in the meantime, and finally exploding, destroying whatever may be within 30 or 40 feet.

It has three major parts. The base consists of a pointed cone that houses a heavy bomb. On one side of this is fixed a cylinder holding a quantity of powder for priming purposes. At the middle, radiating in all directions a couple of feet from the bottom, are 35 rifle barrels arranged in tiers of seven. Surmounting these is a tank containing a special powder that gives off an intense light when ignited. Capping the top is a parachute-shaped reflector that serves the double function of properly distributing the light rays and in a degree breaking the fall of the torch, which is supposed to be dropped from an airplane.

In its present form the apparatus weighs 38 pounds, and it is estimated that three or four like it could be conveniently carried by a military biplane. As needed, they would be released by the observer so as to strike desired points within the enemy's lines. The device is balanced so that it falls point down, and from an average height will penetrate the ground for a distance of about a foot, thus firmly anchoring itself.

The resulting impact discharges a percussion cap that ignites the cylinder of priming powder. This touches off the illuminating substance and ignites a series of time fuses connecting each of the rifles. While the torch flares brightly, throwing its light in all directions across a field, the rifles discharge one after the other, making any attempt to overturn it exceedingly hazardous. At the same time that the light extinguishes itself a fuse leading to the bomb in the base is lighted. The explosion of the latter demolishes the torch and does damage to anything near it.

**Women Knew About It.**

We have a new word—camouflage. A new word but not a new idea or a new art. We have had the camouflage girl with us for some time, says an exchange. Camouflage, so the dictionary people tell us, means painting to deceive the eye. It is an art that is being employed in the war. The tops of submarines are being painted to look like the rippling green sea waves. Battle ships and cruisers are being painted so that their hulls will blend with the gray sea mists. Along the war fronts camouflage is being used to convey the impression to the enemy balloon and airplane observers that batteries are located where they are not, also conceal the real location of guns, ammunition cellars and strategic troop movements. Paint is used to deceive the eye. That is camouflage. But is it a new thing under the sun? Go to! It is not so! Are we not all distressingly familiar with the camouflage girl? The idea is just the same when applied to faces, we take it, as in the case of the submarines and the terrible tanks—to deceive the eye of the critical observer. Camouflage as applied to ships and armored tanks may be more or less of a success, but as applied to the ladies it doesn't fool even the wayfaring man.



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## Prudence Says So

By Ethel Hueston

Author of "Prudence of the Passage"

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"Why—it's very interesting," explained Lark, coming to Carol's rescue. "Of course we don't believe it—yet. But there are some good things in it—it's very deep. But some of the ideas are very fine, and—er—uplifting, you know."

Prudence looked most miserable. "But—twins, do you think—minister's daughters ought to read—things like that?"

"Why, Prudence, I think minister's daughters ought to be well informed on every subject," declared Lark conscientiously. "How can we be an influence if we don't know anything about things?"

Prudence looked at Fairly and her aunt in helpless dismay. This was something entirely new in her experience of rearing a family.

"I—I don't think you ought to read it," she said slowly. "But at the same time—what do you think about it, Aunt Grace?"

"Why—I don't know, Prudence. You know more about rearing twins than I do."

Prudence at that moment felt that she knew very little about it, indeed. She turned to Fairly. There was a strange intensity in Fairly's fine eyes as she studied the twins on the floor at her feet.

"You aren't thinking of turning Christian Scientists, yourselves, are you?" asked Prudence rather humbly.

"Oh, of course, we aren't Scientists, Prudence," was the quick denial. "We don't know anything about it yet, really. But there are lots of very helpful things in it, and—people talk about it so much, and—they have made such wonderful cures, you know, and—we'd thought we'd just study up a little."

"You take the book yourself and read it, Prue," urged Carol hospitably. "You'll see what we mean."

Prudence drew back quickly as though the book would sear her fingers. She looked very forlorn. If only her father were at home—ten days between herself and the lifting of responsibility!

"When father comes home—" she began. And then suddenly Fairly spoke. "I think the twins are right," she said emphatically. "It would be very narrow-minded of us to refuse to look into a subject as important as this. Let them go on and study it; we can decide things later."

Prudence looked very doubtful, but a warning movement of Fairly's left eyelash—the side removed from the twins—comforted her.

"Well—" she said.

"Of course, Prudence, we know it would nearly break father's heart for us to go back on our own church—but don't you think if folks become truly convinced that Christian Science is the true and good religion, they ought to stand by it and suffer—just like the martyrs of old?" suggested Lark—and the suggestion brought the doubt-clouds thick about Prudence's head once more.

"We may not be convinced, of course," added Carol, "but there is something rather—assuring—about it."

"Oh, twins," Prudence cried earnestly, but stopped as she caught again the slight suggestive movement of Fairly's left eyelash.

"Well, let it go for this afternoon," she said, her eyes intent on Fairly's face. "I must think it over."

The twins, with apparent relish, returned to their perusal of the book.

Fairly rose almost immediately and went into the house, coming back a moment later with her hat and gloves.

"I'm going for a stroll, Prue," she said. "I'll be back in time for supper."

It was two hours later when Fairly came back. Prudence was alone on the porch.

"Where are the twins?" asked Fairly softly.

"Upstairs," was the whispered reply.

"Well?"

Then Fairly spoke more loudly, confident that the twins, in their upstairs room, could hear every word she said. "Come upstairs, Prue. I want to talk this over with you alone." And then she whispered, "Now, you just take your cue from me, and do as I say. The little sinners! We'll teach them to be so funny!"

In their own room she carefully closed the door and smiled, as she noted the creaking of the closet door on the twins' side of the wall. Eavesdropping was not included among the cardinal sins in the twins' private dialogue, when the conversation concerned themselves.

"Now, Prudence," Fairly began, speaking with an appearance of softness, though she took great pains to turn her face toward the twins' room, and enunciated very clearly indeed. "I know this will hurt you, as it does me, but we've got to face it fairly. If the twins are convinced that Christian Science is the right kind of religion,

we can't stand in their way. I've been reading up a little myself this afternoon, and there are some good points in Christian Science. Of course, for our sakes and father's, the twins will be generous and deny they are Scientists. But at heart, they are. I saw it this afternoon. And you and I, Prudence, must stand together and back them up. They'll have to leave the church. I think we'll have them go before the deacons next Sunday while father is gone—then he will be spared the pain of it. We must make it as easy for them as we can. They'll prob-



Then She Hissed in Prudence's Ear, "Now Cry."

ably dismiss them—I don't suppose they'll give them letters. But it must be all over before papa comes back."

Then she hissed in Prudence's ear, "Now cry."

Prudence obediently began sniffing and gulping, and Fairly rushed to her and threw her arms about her, sobbing in heartbroken accents, "There, there, Prue, I know—I felt just the same about it. But we can't stand between the twins and what they think is right. We aren't have that on our consciences."

The two wept together, encouraged by the deathlike stillness in the closet on the other side of the wall.

Then Fairly said, more calmly, though still sobbing occasionally, "For our sakes, they'll try to deny it. But we can't let the little darlings sacrifice themselves. They've got to have a chance to try their new belief. We'll just be firm and insist that they stand on their rights. We won't mention it to them for a day or two—we'll fix it up with the elders first. And we must surely get it over by Sunday. Poor old father—and how he loves—Oh, Prudence, dear, don't cry so."

Prudence caught her cue again and began weeping afresh. They soothed and caressed and comforted each other for a while, and then went downstairs to finish getting supper.

In the meantime the shocked and horrified twins in the closet of their own room, were clutching each other with passionate intensity. When their sisters had gone downstairs they stared at each other in agony.

"They—they won't p-p-p-up us out of the ch-ch-church," gasped Carol.

"They will," stammered Lark. "You know what Prudence is! She'd put the whole church out if she thought it would do us any good. Oh, Carol, I told you it was wicked to joke about religion."

This unexpected reproach on the part of her twin brought Carol back to earth. "I didn't read a word of it, did you?—I just thought it would be such a good joke on Prudence—with father out of town."

The good joke was anything but funny now.

"They can't make us be Scientists if we don't want to," protested Lark. "They can't. Why, I wouldn't be anything but a Methodist for anything on earth. I'd die first. We'll just go and tell Prudence it was a joke—Prudence is always reasonable. She won't—"

"She'll punish us, and—it'll be such a joke on us, Larkie. Even Connie'll laugh."

They squirmed together, wretchedly, at that.

"It—it was a good joke while it lasted," said Carol, with a very faint shadow of a smile. "Don't you remember how Prudence gasped? She kept her mouth open for five minutes!"

"It's still a joke," added Lark gloomily, "but it's on us."

"They can't put us out of the church!"

"I don't know. Like as not they'll say we'd be a bad influence among the members."

"Twins!"

The call outside their door sounded like the trump of doom to the conscience-smitten twins, and they clutched each other, startled, crying out. Then, sheepishly, they stepped out of the closet to find Fairly regarding them quizzically from the doorway. She repressed a smile with difficulty, as she said quietly,

"I was just talking to Mrs. Mains over the phone. She's going to a Christian Science lecture tonight, and she said she wished I wasn't a minister's daughter and she'd ask me to go along. I told her I didn't care to, but said you twins would enjoy it. She'll be here in the car for you at seven forty-five."

"I won't go," cried Carol. "I won't go near their old church. You can't make me."

Lark shook her head in corroborative denial.

"Well, that's queer," Fairly frowned then she smiled.

Suddenly, to the tempest-tossed, troubled twins, the tall, splendid Fairly seemed a haven of refuge. And with a cry of relief and shame and fear, the twins plunged upon her and told her their little tale.

"You punish us this time, Fairly," begged Carol. "We—we don't want the rest of the family to know. We'll take any kind of punishment, but keep it dark, won't you?"

"I'll talk it over with Prudence," said Fairly. "But—I think we'll have to tell the family."

Lark moved her feet restlessly. "Well, little twins," she said, "I guess I will take charge of this myself. Here is your punishment." She stood up again, and looked down at them with sparkling eyes as they gazed at her expectantly.

Fairly looked at them a moment, wondering if, indeed, their punishment had been sufficient.

"Well, little twins," she said, "I guess I will take charge of this myself. Here is your punishment." She stood up again, and looked down at them with sparkling eyes as they gazed at her expectantly.

"We caught on that it was a joke. We knew you were listening in the closet. And Prudence and I acted out little parts to give you one good scare. Who's the laugh on now? Are we square? Supper's ready." And Fairly ran downstairs, laughing, followed by two entirely abashed and humbled twins.

(Continued next week)

## BIG BUSINESS MEN

Some Who Do a Day's Work Before Breakfast.

Lord Rhondda and Lloyd-George of England, Roosevelt and Rockefeller Among Quick Thinkers.

Lord Rhondda, the food controller, is one of the greatest business men England has ever produced. London Tit-Bits says. His lordship is accustomed to commence his day's work before he rises in the morning. From then until the time when his dressing is completed he is busy with various problems, and upon many occasions he has actually settled important matters in connection with the department at the breakfast table. Thus, when he arrives at his office he has already done what many men would consider a good day's work.

Perhaps no member of the win-the-war government leads a more strenuous existence than its leader, Lloyd-George. Always up before six in the morning, he gives his attention to multitudinous affairs of state. Although he invariably spends his week-ends at his charming house in the country, the prime minister is in constant touch with 10 Downing street by telephone. If any important question arises during his sojourn out of town, less than half an hour finds the premier back at No. 10. This wonderful little Welshman frequently makes an "all-night sitting" in order to solve some problem of momentous importance that has "cropped up."

Our foreign minister, Arthur Balfour, is another expert at time saving. He gets through a large amount of correspondence every day during meals, dictating letters to his secretary between the courses. Although he is seldom seen in the house of commons nowadays, it was invariably his practice before the war to compose his speeches while listening to the debates.

Ex-President Roosevelt is another celebrity who has reduced time saving to a fine art. He constantly takes a paper and pencil out with him when he is riding on horseback, and at such times decides upon his reply to a difficult question or outlines an article for the press.

J. D. Rockefeller believes in an economy of words. When he has an important piece of business to negotiate, he thinks out beforehand what is the simplest and quickest way of getting it through. Another man who had once to negotiate an important oil deal with him, one involving the transfers of hundreds of thousands of pounds, spent weeks in preparing for the final momentous interview.

Mr. Rockefeller walked into the room where he was sitting with his piles of papers. "How much?" he asked. The man named a figure, though almost surprised into dumbness by the bluntness of the question. "Right," said the millionaire, and left the room, thereupon handing over the other party to some of his subordinates for the completion of details, while he himself gave his attention to other matters. It is part of his system of saving time that his mind and attention shall only be occupied with the settlement of principles, and that thereafter the arrangement of details shall always be taken in hand by his numerous assistants, who are quite competent for the purpose.

## Glass-Bottom Sea Boats.

After refusing to accept a \$4,000,000 shrapnel order at the beginning of the European conflict from the British government because of humanitarian reasons, Charles R. Bryson, president of the Electric Steel company, has placed his patriotism above his conscientious beliefs and is now aiding Uncle Sam in seeking a solution for the German submarine menace, says a Pittsburgh correspondent of the New York Commercial.

He has submitted plans to the government of his "glass-bottom" patrol boats, which, he declares, can be used as a means to rid the sea of the U-boats, mines and other unseen perils to navigation.

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**Jettings From Emzy**

The people of Emzy and surrounding country had the privilege of voting at home, which is one of the advantages due to the annexation to Roosevelt County. Heretofore the people desiring to vote have been forced to go to Richland, some of us going as far as twenty-five miles out. Thanks to the untiring efforts of the founder of our town, W. E. Roberts, we are fast securing privileges belonging to a loyal people.

Our schools are growing under the efficient management of Professor Schwartz of Wisconsin and Mrs. W. F. Greer, who spare no effort to benefit our schools and community. They have organized a community club that is rapidly awakening our people to their patriotic and civic duties by the introduction of questions of vital interest to the citizens of the community, and the future aspirants for public office in Roosevelt County will find that they will be expected to give a creditable account of themselves if they secure the support of our people.

They have also organized a Sunday school which gives promise of becoming one of the most active agencies for the community upbuilding that we have had. Rev. E. S. Bilberry, one of the pioneers of our country, preach-

es each fourth Sunday. He is a man we all know to love. Rev. T. A. Knight will begin a series of meetings at the school house on Friday night, November 9th, to continue several days.

Mrs. O'Neal is organizing a class in Spanish. She informs us she has ten pupils.

Mrs. Greer is very busy with her school duties and music classes but being a tireless worker is making good.

The damp mornings have been very acceptable to the farmers this week for hawling in what feed there is in the country. The cattlemen are all busy dipping and preparing their herds for winter.

There are quite a few hogs being bought up for shipment to market.

Our children are anticipating a few holidays thanksgiving week that will be quite a treat to them after a few months arduous work in school rooms their teachers expect to attend the State teachers meeting at Silver City.

**Red Cross Work**

The following is a copy of a cablegram from Major Murphy in charge of the American Red Cross commission in France:

"The Red Cross has direct responsibility of supplying us with surgical dressings, and nothing in the whole situation here is equally important. Red

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Cross standard dressings in millions must be sent over with all possible speed. If this is not done and done immediately a serious calamity and national disgrace is inevitable. The American women who compose the Red Cross chapters should prepare with all the enthusiasm and speed possible the dressings which are going to mean life or death to our own men. This whole question deals with the most vital thing that the women of America can do for the soldiers in this war."

We wish to call your particular attention to this cablegram emphasizing the necessity and importance of producing as many surgical dressings as possible.

Remember! The hospital supplies that have been furnished in the past have gone largely to the troops of our allies. The hospital supplies produced from now on may be used for our own men as well.

Let me urge the men and women of Roosevelt county to come to the relief of the government and the boys in the trenches. They are fighting for a continuance of Democracy and the homes of America. Let us all respond to Red Cross work with our means and labor, that these surgical dressings may be furnished the boys who are doing the fighting.

J. S. LONG, Chairman,  
County Red Cross.

**Town Council Proceedings**

Portales, New Mexico,  
November 6, 1917.

The town council met in regular session and upon roll call the following members were present: E. B. Hawkins, mayor; Inda Humphrey and G. M. Williamson, trustees; absent: Charles Goodloe and P. E. Jordan.

The following claims were presented and, after having been examined and audited, were ordered paid, as follows:

C. O. Leach Coal Co., car coal \$ 260.54
Chase National Bank, interest on bonds 2255.63
W. E. Keeter, salary 100.00
M. E. Duncan, salary 75.00
W. H. Braley, salary 25.00
Inda Humphrey, salary 25.00
Portales Lumber Co., supplies 7.35
Continental Oil Co., supplies 18.66
C. M. Dobbs, supplies 2.45
J. W. George, labor 15.25
Universal Garage, supplies 13.10
H. L. Atkinson, labor 9.75
J. L. Fernandes, blacksmithing and supplies 24.60
J. B. Crow, meter covers 1.60
Portales Garage, supplies 4.00
Portales Garage, rent on fire department, October 5.00
Kemp Lumber Co., supplies 2.25
Portales Valley News, printing and supplies 8.98
General Electric Co. 2.07
C. O. Leach Coal Co. 3.90

Garlock Packing Co. 6.22
U. N. Hall, drayage 2.25
C. O. Bickham, hauling dogs 5.00
A. S. Walker, work on stand pipe 35.00
Mountain States Telephone Co. 3.90

Motion was made by Humphrey and seconded by Williamson that the above claims be paid. Those voting "aye," Humphrey, Williamson and Hawkins; absent and not voting, Jordan and Goodloe. The council instructed the clerk to have a new hog ordinance passed covering the entire incorporated limits of the town. There being no further business the council adjourned.

E. B. HAWKINS, Mayor.  
Attest—W. H. BRALEY, Clerk.

**New neckwear for ladies and men.—C. V. Harris.**

**Dr. Swearingin's Dates**

Drs. Swearingin and Presley, the specialists of Roswell, will be in Portales, at Neer's drug store, on the 20th day of each month, to treat diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and to fit glasses.

## Christmas Suggestions

The NEW EDISON would be the nicest present one could give the family-- because it will bring into your home the best music in the world, and music always brings cheer.

But whatever your wants for Christmas may be the Portales Drug Store will supply that want if it's in our line. Already many hundred dollars worth of the newest and niftiest Holiday Goods have arrived and many more to come. If you have in mind what you want and we haven't it, we will get it.

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**Milnesand School Notes**

Quite a large crowd gathered at the Milnesand school house Saturday evening, October 27th, to listen to the Halloween program rendered by the school children under the direction of the Misses Lillie Zimmerman and Sybil Autrey. Witches and goblins were in evidence and sold candy and told fortunes to help to pay the basket ball deficit and to start a fund for the flag. All voted that they had a most enjoyable evening.

The program rendered was thus:  
Song—"Canning the Kaiser" School  
Recitation—"Is the Owl Wise?" Phoebe Falls  
Song—"Peek-a-Boo" The Children  
Song—"Jolly Jack-o' Lanterns" The Small Children  
Recitation—"Not Afraid of Anything" L. H. Albright  
Play—"Halloween Surprises" The Older Pupils  
Song—"The Goblin Mad" Older Pupils  
Recitation—"A Small Girl's Halloween Charm" Elva Bryant  
"All Halloween" Mary Albright  
Playlet The Small Children  
Recitation—"Goblins" Myrtle Falls  
Play—"Unexpected Guests" The Older Children  
Recitation—"Old Halloween Friends" Artice Bryant  
Chorus The Older Pupils  
Drill "Fairies, Elves, Witches, Ghosts, Negroes and Negresses"

Following is the "Honor Roll": First grade—Paul McCloud. Fourth grade—Myrtle Falls. Fifth grade—Ruth McCloud.

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E M Billings	C L Sanders
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D E Thomas	Lem Miller
J P Autry	J L Paxton
T C Hunter	A L Wilson
L L Harris	Francis Kohl
Thad Rice	Preston Williams
H G Kauts	R Y Dowling
Mrs. C M Dobbs	for Buck Dobbs
U S Frazee	for Rebecca F Frazee

M. H. Campbell, has returned from a few days trip on business for the Kemp Lumber Company, at Roswell and Ft. Sumner.

The Globe-Democrat says one can make as many friends by listening attentively as by talking. True enough, but most of us would rather have fewer friends and a chance to say something occasionally.

These days are raising the humble into patrician prominence. Prunes are now rated as among the valuable foods. So prunes, potatoes and papas are linked in a new combination for the defeat of the high cost of living.

The public libraries report a lively demand for garden books this year. Why should anyone discourage the ambitious by remarking that book farming isn't always profitable?

Standard outing flannel at the right price.—C.V. Harris.