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FRENCH DELIVERS CRUSHING BLOW TO GERMANS

Paris, April 17.—Germany suffered another crushing blow on the western front yesterday when forty miles of the strongest part of her line were wrested from her with an estimate loss of nearly one hundred thousand killed, wounded and taken prisoners.

All France hails a victory as a brilliant demonstration of the skill of her generals and courage of her troops.

Measured by the amount of territory freed, the victory does not compare with the Somme offensive opening a month ago, but viewed from the amount of destruction done to the enemy's armed forces and the damage to his military prestige, it is a far greater success.

The enemy expected the attack and made every preparation to defeat it.

The great western battle has now joined along the front about one hundred and fifty miles, more than third of the mighty line from Switzerland to the sea.

BONAR LAW PRAISES TROOPS

London, April 17.—In the House of Commons Bonar Law said the British troops are engaged in the greatest operation since the beginning of the war and are succeeding beyond his expectations.

He moved second reading of the bill, extending the life of parliament through to November.

GERMANS ADMITS GREAT BATTLE

Berlin, April 17.—"One of the greatest battles of the mighty war and therefore also the world's history is in progress on the river Aisne," says an official statement.

Berlin, April 17.—The Germans captured more than twenty one hundred prisoners as a result of the French attack yesterday.

FRENCH LAUNCH GREAT DRIVE

Paris, April 17.—The great offensive drive was opened by the French along a twenty five mile front from Soissons to Rheims and is likely to extend still further tomorrow or day after.

A tremendous assault on the German lines have long been planned and for the past month, the French artillery has been pounding the enemy's position.

FRENCH REPULSE GERMANS

Paris, April 17.—German counter attacks of the force in the region of Courcy were repulsed last night by the French, according to an official statement. Heavy losses were inflicted on the Germans.

BRITISH ADVANCE

London, April 17.—The British advanced further in the neighborhood of Epey last night, according to an official statement.

The rains are hampering the operations.

LOCAL CHURCH CALLS PASTOR

Rev. Lambert Hancock, of Paris, Tenn., has been called as pastor of the First Christian church of Sweetwater and has accepted the call.

The new pastor is one of the ablest young men of his church in old Tennessee and his coming to Sweetwater will mean much to the church life not only of his own denomination but of the whole city.

C. A. Fagg of Greenville is here on business.

Bread Riot In Berlin

Berlin, April 17.—A day of apprehension in Berlin ended last night without alarming events of the threatened strike, because of the reduction in the weekly bread rations.

It materialized in only a part of the larger factories and didn't affect the transportation for public utilities.

More Peace Talk Again

Berlin, April 17.—Peace and spring weather are what Austria and Hungarian people most desire observes the Associated Press correspondent arriving from Vienna.

Every indication is that peace proposal leaves Austria-Hungary territory intact and makes no war indemnity claim. No other conditions would be acceptable.

GERMAN SUBS ON ATLANTIC

Washington, April 17.—The navy report said the submarine was sighted about three thirty this morning, running apparently submerged. It fired at the ship last night missing it by thirty yards, then disappeared. The wake of the torpedo was plainly seen. Further details are lacking, and it is unknown whether the submarine's presence force shadows a Sporadic raid, or is a signal for the beginning of a general submarine blockade of the Atlantic coast.

With the submarine war brought close to America the possibility of a German submarine basis on this side of the Atlantic is again revived.

The submarine's action is the first German recognition of the state of war between the United States and Germany.

WILL RECEIVE COMMISSIONS

Washington, April 16.—It was announced today that President Wilson would receive the British commissioners coming to discuss conduct of the war at the White House Wednesday, and the French commissioners on the same day if they have then arrived.

Both sets of commissioners will be formally welcomed to the country by delegates representing the army, the navy and civil department of the government.

I. W. Brashear is in Abilene on business.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS FRIDAY

Everything is not always smooth sailing with the men who travel in autos as was illustrated Monday when W. C. Chamblin, of the County Board of Education, was unable to attend the meeting of that body here.

Those who are in a position to know say Nolan County never had a more efficient or faithful member of the County Board of Education than W. C. Chamblin, the Blackwell banker, who is now the president of the board.

Monday was the day for the County Board to meet and Mr. Chamblin early in the morning climbed into his big auto, turned his steering wheel to the north, with the hope of soon being in Sweetwater. When he had reached a point near Decker, the machine balked and would go no further. This together with the additional fact that another member of the school board was unable to be here caused the Board to postpone its meeting till next Friday.

WILSON MAKES NOMINATION

Washington, April 17.—President Wilson renominated J. L. Camp of San Antonio United States attorney of the western district of Texas and William McDonald of Dallas United States Marshal of the Northern district, and John H. Rogers of Austin United States Marshal of western district.

INVITES SUGGESTION

Washington, April 17.—Secretary McAdoo informs the advisory council of the Federal Reserve Board comprising the big banking interests of the country, that the Government would welcome any suggestion on the floating of the five billion war bond issue.

BLANTON FOR CONSCRIPTION

Washington, April 16.—Texans, who had heretofore opposed President Wilson's suggestion that the United States raise its additional armies through selective conscription, instead of by the volunteer system, Saturday began getting a board the administration's wagon.

Representative Gregg of Palestine was the first Texas congressman to announce for conscription. Gregg has been studying the subject closely and announced that he has concluded it is the only fair and democratic way. "If we rely on the volunteer system the flower of the country will go first while as usual the slackers and shirkers won't do their share," he said.

Representative Blanton of the Sixteenth district which comprises most of West Texas, preferred the volunteer system, but to ascertain the views of his constituents he wired that he be advised as to what the people think. In his home town of Abilene 10,000 citizens, he was informed, at a mass meeting adopted strong resolutions indorsing conscription.

Blanton is now unreservedly for conscription.

Congressman Martin Dies, one of the leaders last winter against preparedness, is inclined to support conscription.

Congressman Buchanan of the Austin district has heretofore favored the volunteer system, but, he said, "I shall not stand in the way of conscription, if conscription is necessary to efficiently prosecute the war."

Congressman Summers of Dallas is leaning toward conscription. Senator Sheppard is "heartily in sympathy with conscription," while it is expected that Senator Culberson will be found voting for the plan when the bill reaches the senate.

Congressman-at-Large Garrett, a member of the military affairs committee, and Congressman Wilson of Fort Worth have not definitely made up their minds.

Texas & Pacific Freight Wreck

The Texas & Pacific Railway company experienced another very serious freight wreck yesterday afternoon about two o'clock just this side of Lorraine as the west bound train was entering that place.

Ike Inman was engineer and young Simmons was fireman on the engine which was pulling 24 cars of coal.

Just as the engine passed the section house at the edge of town it left the track and turned over on its back several feet below the embankment.

Fourteen cars followed the engine, most of which also turned over.

When the engineer and fireman felt their engine leave the track, they each jumped to the right going several feet down the embankment on that side of the track. Inman had his left shoulder dislocated his left ankle sprained and was badly bruised on the body. Simmons the fireman, was hurt internally and the attending physicians were unable to ascertain the extent of his injuries.

Both the injured men were taken to Big Springs for treatment.

Mr. Inman is the son of Mrs. G. W. Gentry of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Gentry went to the scene of the wreck immediately after the news of the accident was received here. As soon as Mr. Inman is able to stand the trip he will be brought here to the Santa Fe Hotel for treatment until he recovers.

The east bound train, due here last night at nine o'clock, did not reach here until early this morning.

CHAMPION FOR NEW BUILDING

County Superintendent A. D. Ellis, Tax Assessor, George Shepard, and County Farm Demonstrator, W. C. Calvert, attended a big school meeting at Champion last night and did not get home till after midnight.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the issuance of \$4,000 bonds for the erection of a new rural high school building for that community.

After the proposition had been thoroughly discussed it was decided to circulate petitions for signatures asking for the commissioners court to order an election for that purpose.

During the meeting Mr. Calvert made a very impressive and earnest appeal to the people of that community to respond to the Nation's call for the greatest food and feed crop ever grown in Nolan county.

SCHOOL PUPILS PLANT GARDEN

Austin, April 16.—Approximately 1000 school children of Austin have undertaken to plant vegetable gardens in every available spot in the yards at the home of their parents.

This is a concerted movement under the direction of the Housewives League and High School Mothers' Club of Austin. The aim of these organizations is to lower the high cost of living by increasing an open market for every thing produced where purchaser and consumer may deal directly with each other.

Another purpose is to inculcate the children, the two organizations have offered a number of prizes to the children making the best show ing with their gardens.

A large number of the citizens of Sweetwater met in the Luella Building last night and organized a Home Guard.

A. & M. MASS MEETING AROUSES ENTHUSIASM

WELLS CASE IS WITH THE JURY

A large and much interested audience has filled the court room yesterday and today to hear the evidence in the Oliver Wells trial.

The defendant through his attorneys, Grisham & Grisham, is pleading insanity and a large number of witnesses have been placed on the stand by both the state and defendant as to the insanity of the defendant.

The evidence in the case was completed at 11 o'clock this morning and court adjourned till one o'clock to prepare the charge to the jury and hear the attorneys submit their statement as to the charge.

The attorneys closed their arguments before the jury at a little past three this afternoon and Judge Beall asked the jury to retire and find its verdict.

WILSON APPEALS TO COUNTRY

Washington, April 16.—In a personal appeal addressed last night to his fellow countrymen, President Wilson calls upon every American citizen—man, woman and child—to join together to make the nation a unit for the preservation of its ideals and for triumph of democracy in the world war.

"The supreme test of the nation has come," says the address. "We must all speak, act and serve together." Putting the navy on a war footing and raising a great army are the simplest parts of the great task ahead, the president declares, and he urges all people, with particular emphasis on his words to the farmers, to concentrate their energies practice economy, prove unselfishness and demonstrate efficiency.

LEAGUE OF THE ALLIES

Rio Janeiro, April 16.—More than 50,000 persons attended a demonstration today under the auspices of the League of the Allies.

The flags of the entente nations were cheered, as were the diplomatic representatives of those countries who attended the celebration. The crowd was stirred to a high pitch of enthusiasm by a speech delivered by Ruy Barbosa, Brazilian ambassador to Argentina, who has a larger following among the Brazilian people than almost any other man in public life.

The ambassador solemnly admonished the Brazilian government to heed the signs of the times, calling attention to the revolution in Russia to demonstrate that it was necessary for the people to keep watch over the policy of their government.

"The great war is drawing Brazil irresistibly onward," he declared. "I am convinced that war is inevitable. All North and South America, ere long, will be fighting for humanity. I soon hope to see Brazil arise like a man who has broken the chains which bound him."

Representative E. R. Spencer will leave tonight to attend the special session of the Legislature which convenes tomorrow.

A monster mass meeting was held in the opera house at one o'clock this afternoon that aroused to the highest pitch the enthusiasm of the whole town on the possibility of securing the A. & M. school for Sweetwater.

Every store and business house in the city was closed for one hour and Prof. Woodward's Municipal band made music for the occasion.

Martin Bradford was chairman of the meeting and some half dozen of the leading citizens of the city made enthusiastic speeches that were greeted with much applause.

The various committees assured the audience that everything possible was being done to locate the school and that the prospects were never more favorable for Sweetwater.

Between \$500 and \$1,000 were raised to defray the necessary expenses of the committee in prosecuting its work, and more was promised if needed.

During the one hour's meeting of an audience that filled the building, not a discordant word or note was heard.

SAVES HIS DAUGHTER FROM DEATH IN CISTERN

Berlin's Hill, Texas, April 16.—Miss Ruth Hammer, 14 years old was saved from drowning in a cistern when her father M. D. Hammer jumped in and rescued her. The accident occurred about 6 o'clock.

MEXICAN SHOT AT ABILENE

Jose Gomez, 34 a Mexican is dead as a result of a pistol wound received at ten o'clock Sunday night while near the corner of Seventh and Mesquite streets.

Complaints charging murder have been filed against Felix Molina and Benito Molina, brothers, by county attorney Graham.

According to the testimony of Eligio Gonzales, Jose Gomez, the Molina brothers and himself were standing on the streets talking together. They had been together for some time and so far as he knew they were all friendly. Suddenly, he said, Felix Molina said he "wanted to kill somebody," and jerked out a pistol and fired two shots. One shot passed through the right shoulder of Gonzales' coat and another struck Gomez in the left shoulder near the neck, ranging down. Gomez called to his brother, Juan Gomez that he was shot, and walked in to his house, where he fell to the floor and died in ten minutes.

The Molinas ran, according to Gonzales, and neither has been apprehended. Gonzales said he thought Felix Molina was "about half drunk."

The dead Mexican leaves a widow and eight children.

In addition to being charged by complaint with the murder of Gomez both the Molinas are charged by complaint with assault with intent to murder Gonzales.

Justice P. B. Ford, who held an inquest found that Gomez came to his death by a wound from a pistol in the hand of Felix Molina. In his testimony Gonzales said that when Felix Molina remarked that he wanted to kill someone, Benito Molina said: "Shoot! shoot!" and the shots followed.—Abilene Reporter.

GERMAN SUB ACTIVE

New York, April 17.—British steamships, Karmala, was driven on a reef on March 17th near Spezia, Italy, after being shelled and torpedoed by a German submarine according to two Americans who were among the ship's hundred ninety passengers arriving today. All aboard were saved.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

At the regular bi-annual election for elective officers for the City of Sweetwater, Texas, had on April 3rd, 1917, there was a failure to elect a mayor for said city for the ensuing two years, and since by the election returns of said election, J. S. Grisham and R. A. Ragland received the greatest number of votes for said office and the City Commission has duly ordered an election to be had in said city to be held on Saturday May 5th, 1917 for the purpose of electing a mayor for said city of Sweetwater, Texas. I, A. B. Yantis, Mayor of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, do hereby give notice and order that an election be had on Saturday, May 5th, 1917 at the City Hall in said city for the purpose of electing a Mayor for the term ending in April A. D. 1919.

And Whereas, there is now pending a dispute between J. H. Bond and W. R. Johnson, as to whether the said Bond has been duly elected to the office of Chief of Police for said City of Sweetwater, the said J. H. Bond, at the election for said office had on April 3rd, 1917, having received more votes than the said W. R. Johnson, and the said J. H. Bond, in order to avoid any and all questions as to the legality of his election, has requested the City Commission of said city to have the names of himself and the said W. R. Johnson to be again voted upon at the election to be had May 5th, 1917, it is therefore ordered by the City of Sweetwater, Texas, that at said election to be had on May 5th 1917 the people of said city again cast their ballots as to their choice for said office of Chief of Police for said city of Sweetwater for the term of office to end in April, 1919.

A. B. YANTIS,
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SOCIAL MEETING, MRS HEMBY HOSTESS

Mrs. Jesse Hemby was a most delightful hostess for the ladies of the Womans' Missionary Society of the Methodist church Monday afternoon in her handsome new home, in the Orient addition.

The whole reception suite was filled with the members who came to enjoy the program, which was well arranged and each participant added pleasure and profit to the meeting. On the program were Mrs. Griswold leader, and Mrs. Rockwell, Mrs. Willis and Mrs. J. T. Hughes who read fine papers on "Systematic Giving," "Conditions in Korea" and "Tithing" which really was the subject under discussion.

The calendar report showed a collection of \$18.25 for this month's contribution from the days, weeks, and months.

At the conclusion of the program the hostess served a lovely course of ice cream and cake.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Monday afternoon a number of Master Earle Dupree's little friends gathered at his home to assist in celebrating the 7th birthday of the little host.

Games of all kinds were enjoyed and a merry time they had but the crowning joy was the birthday cake with its seven lighted candles, which were made.

This important episode was followed by a course of lovely refreshments.

Many nice little gifts attest the esteem and good wishes of Master Earle's friends who are still wishing him many happy returns of the day.

It has been said that all the plots have been used, that there is no new story to be told. But in "The Bondage of Fear," a new plot is revealed a new problem is presented and an unexpected and a sensational solution to this problem is reached. "The Bondage of Fear" is the newest World Picture Brady-Made and it will be shown at the Sweetwater Theatre today Miss Ethel Clayton plays the leading role in this thrilling production and she is assisted by a very able cast including Rockcliffe Fellows, Arthur Ashley and John Bowers.

THE KAISER'S PRAYER

Mine Gott, will you be mine pardner?
You don't know who I am?
I am the German Kaiser—
De Emperor Will-I-Yam.
You know I whipped dem Belgians,
Und nat bullets filled Russia full;
Und I'll whip France and Italy
Und blow up Johnny Bull
Now all dem other nations
I don't give a dtm,
If you just be mine pardner
And whip dot Uncle Sam.
You know I got dem submarines
All Europe knows dot well;
But dot Edison got a patent now
Vot blows dem all to hell.
Now Gott, if you vill do this,
Den you I vill always love;
Und I will be emperor of the de earth
Und you be emperor above
But Gott, if you refuse me dis,
Tomorrow night at 11
I'll call mine Zeppelins out
Und declare war on hetven.
I wouldn't as dis of you,
But it can plainly be seen.
Dat when Edison pushes dot button
I got no submarines.
—Exchange.

Fatch and Yarborough report the sale of the East 1-2 of block 80 to some parties in Derry, Pa., also the Jesse Dugger house and lot to Adams auto & machinery co.

The "Madden Hall" apartment house is almost full of occupants. Mr. and Mrs. Samuels and Mr. and Mrs. Draine moved in yesterday and others rooms are spoken for fast as they are completed.

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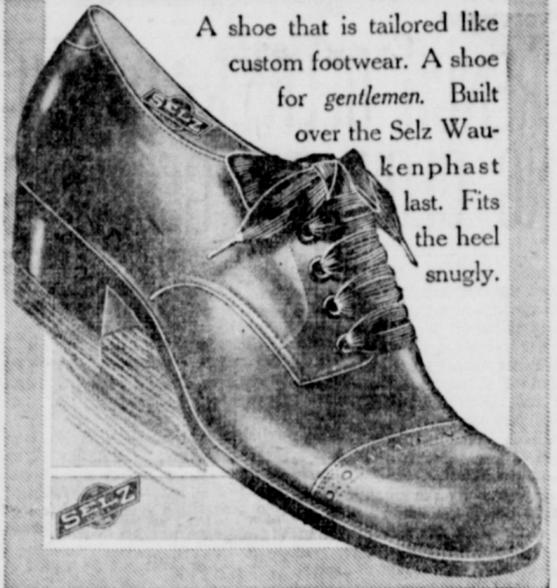
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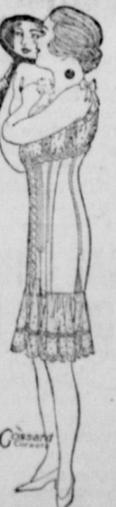
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Rockefeller's Reconciliation

New York, April 16—Death has ended the seventeen-year-old feud between John D. Rockefeller and his brother, Frank. The billionaire oil king announces he will attend his brother's funeral at Cleveland.

It took the Reaper to settle the grim, silent hatred that existed for what reason they themselves only knew—between the two brothers for nearly a score of years.

"John D. Rockefeller and William Rockefeller will attend the funeral of their brother, Frank, in Cleveland," was the laconic official statement from Rockefeller's Standard Oil offices here today.

Dead to Each Other

Neither friends associates, mutual business interests nor families succeeded in breaking down the mysterious wall between the two men. For seventeen years they neither spoke, wrote nor so much as referred to each other. It was to each as though the other never existed.

They were chums in boyhood. They fought early business battles side by side. They shared their first successes as they had shared their childhood poverty. They were unusually close as brothers.

The break came in 1900. In that year Frank Rockefeller announced that he had left the Standard Oil Company never to return; and that he had taken a vow never again to speak to his brother. The quarrel was said to have been over business affairs.

Both men spent part of each year in Cleveland, John coming from New York and Frank not far apart, but they studiously avoided seeing or hearing of each other.

Not Told of Illness

Even when he knew he was going to die, Frank prohibited those about him from informing his brother John.

Nothing vexed Frank Rockefeller more than to be referred to as "John D's" brother.

He was Frank Rockefeller, stock man, he said, and John D. was no concern of his.

Not long ago William Rockefeller made an unsuccessful attempt to reconcile his two brothers.

Frank, although he made a large fortune in stocks, did not begin to equal his brother John's fortune, but he lavished as much care and affection on his seven-mile-square farm in Kansas as John D. has on his Pocantico Hills estate.

SELF CULTURE CLUB WITH MRS. GEO. T. SPEARS

The Self Culture Club will meet Thursday afternoon with the following program on "Prose":

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"Where is Melrose Abbey?" Mrs. Guy Morris.

"What do you learn from Clough's Poems?" Mrs. W. W. Beall.

Pronunciation drill—Mrs. Walter Boothe.

WEATHER

The weatherman says cloudy weather for tonight and tomorrow.

The new School Board is called to meet this afternoon.

J. L. Wright of Rule is spending a few days in the city looking after business matters.

Dr. Len Bush of Huntsville left for his home this afternoon. He will be guest of Dr. Bass at Abilene en route.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lisman are visiting relatives in Taylor county this week.

Mrs. S. D. Myres will be hostess of the Priscilla club Wednesday afternoon.

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Big Sale in Silk Dresses

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We just received through our New York buying office a big closing out lot of Lingerie and Organdie Waist. This lot suppose to sell at \$1.50 up to \$2.00 We placed them on sale at less than they cost us if they are bought regular, special 98c

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If you ever contemplate buying a Spring Coat Suit don't miss this opportunity. We have decided to close out even below cost all of our Spring Suits before the summer sets in \$25.00 and \$30.00 values \$16.50
\$12.50 and \$14.50 values at \$7.50



We just received a big shipment of MIDSUMMER HATS in Milliams and Leghorns at from \$2.95 to \$7.95. Regular \$5.00 and \$10.00 values.

ABANDON THE BIG BANQUET

Washington, April 16.—More than 2,500 Daughters of the American Revolution opened their twenty-sixth annual convention here today with a salute to the flag.

While the great audience in Continental Memorial hall rose to its feet with a demonstration of patriotic enthusiasm, the daughters repeated their pledge of loyalty and in addition pledged themselves to any service President Wilson or their country might ask.

On motion of Mrs. James Hamilton Lewis, wife of the senator from Illinois, the daughters endorsed the economic movement by agreeing to abandon their banquet for Wednesday night.

TEXAS CAN FIGHT SOME

Austin, April 16.—In the event Texas should become a second Belgium, as intimated today by Governor Ferguson in a recent speech there could be raised an army of 690,000 men from this state alone to keep out the invaders, according to statistics prepared by Dr. W. A. Davis, state register of vital statistics.

He has figured out that there are that number of men of military age in Texas. He points out that the estimated population of Texas July, 1916, was 4,429,566; of this number 723,483 are negroes and 683,253 of foreign birth.

"In the spring of 1910 the Texas national guard was called out and sent to the border," Dr. Davis said, "and although the Texas division mustered only 4,500 men, there were 690,418 men within military age in Texas at that time."

Mr. W. E. Caperton was taken quite sick yesterday and is but little improved today.

ATTENTION MEMBERS O. E. S.

All members of Dove McCaulley Chapter Eastern Star, are urgently requested to attend regular meeting tonight. Initiations, refreshments. All visitors cordially invited.

Mrs. Pauline Winkler,
Worthy Matron.

BAPTIST LADIES

The ladies of the Baptist church enjoyed their regular lesson in their study course at the Baptist church Monday afternoon, with the pastor, Rev. T. Y. Adams leading the lesson.

A good attendance are taking a part in this study and Rev. Adams is assisting very much with his clear cut explanations of all knotty points.

MEETING TO TALK

OVER A. & M.
A meeting of twenty-five prominent citizens of Abilene will be held Monday night at the Chamber of Commerce to discuss matters pertaining to this city's efforts to get the new West Texas A. & M. College.

It is desired that every man who has been invited will be there on time.—Abilene Reporter.

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GERMANS IN OLD MEXICO

Washington, April 16.—Further evidences of German activities in Mexico, spreading anti-American and anti-entente propagand and exerting German influences upon the Mexican government, are contained in diplomatic reports passing through here to European capitals.

Funds of a number of foreign banks are reported to be in danger. Circulation of any matter at all favorable to the United States or to the entente is disapproved by Mexican officials and the newspaper El Universal recently was suppressed because publication disapproved by German agents. The publisher and editors have been summoned before a military tribunal.

Property of foreigners, Germans expected, is said to be in constant danger, efforts of the German press propagandists and agents being directed specially against materials which might be of assistance to the enemies of Germany. The writer of one of the reports asserted that he has information that 12,000 barrels of oil, the property of the Eagle Oil Company a British concern have been burned at Minatitlan.

The German bank and legation at Mexico City are said in these reports to be dominating Mexican affairs more than ever, the former having intimately connected itself with Mexican finances and the latter guiding and advising the government.

Mr. and Mrs. Will F. Butman of Taylor county spent Monday in Sweetwater on their way to Big Springs.

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