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To Our Customers

every good wish
For a Happy
and prosperous
New Year

B. L. BOYDSTUN

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, Dec. 30, 1917.

Baptist Sunday School	
Number present	137
Collection	\$ 3.36
Methodist Sunday School.	
Number present	58
Collection	\$ 2.77
Church of Christ	
Number present	42
Collection	\$3.45
Chapters read	168
Total Attendance	
	237
Total Collection	
	\$9.58

Mrs. B. Nelson, of Big Springs, visited her mother, Mrs. N. H. Pratt during the holidays.

OLD SHEETS WANTED

The Red Cross, of Baird will appreciate donations of old sheets and pillow cases for use in making surgical dressings. The surgical dressings must be either 16 inches or 24 inches square, and if you have old sheets or pillow cases from which you can get that size square, help the Red Cross by sending them in. They will be appreciated. Phone 48.

C. E. Walker, jeweler, made a swagger stick as a Christmas gift for Lieut. Harold D. Austin. The stick is made of Bois d'Arc mounted with gold bands. It is a beautiful piece of work and has a spear or rapier concealed in the stock.

RED CROSS ENTERTAINMENT

The Ladies of the Red Cross will give a "42" Party at the Ramsey Hall, first door south of H. Schwartz on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Everybody cordially invited to attend. Wheatless and Meatless refreshments will be served. An admission of 25 cents will be charged the proceeds to be used in the Surgical Dressing Department. Tickets are now on sale.

Mr. I. B. Cupp, of Stephenville has been appointed County Agricultural Agent for Callahan county and has entered upon his duties. This place was made vacant when R. Q. Evans resigned to enlist in U. S. Army.

DIED

J. B. Romine died at the home of Louis Feeler on Saturday night December 29, 1917 and the remains were taken to Moran for burial Sunday. Mr. Romine was formerly an employee of the T. & P. Ry at Baird and was seriously injured in the wreck of the Sunshine Special near Chautauqua a year or more ago. He moved to Arkansaw last fall, hoping to regain his health, but becoming worse he returned to Baird a short time ago. He is survived by his wife and two little children. Mrs. Romine is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Feeler. Mr. Romine was a member of the Knights of Pythias.

We tender sincere sympathy to

the bereaved ones in their hour of sorrow.

WEDDINGS

Carl Cornett, a member of Headquarters Co. 142 Infantry, Camp Bowie, and Miss Lons Walker, daughter of Mrs. Lizzie Walker, were married at the Methodist Parsonage on December 26, 1917, Rev. Switzer performing the marriage ceremony. Frank McDonald of the same company, and Miss Mattie Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Russell were married on December 27th. We extend congratulations and good wishes to the young people and hope that the war in which the boys will probably soon go over the seas to take part in will

end soon and the boys return in safety, when they will enjoy many years of happiness together.

Mr. J. Y. Chambers, of Baird, and Miss Bertha McMillan, were married at Celeste, Hunt county on December 21, 1917. They will make their home in Baird. We extend congratulations to them.

The Draft Board for Callahan Co. has been very busy the past week working with the questionnaires recently sent out. The Board is composed of the following named persons: Dr. R. G. Powell and Judge B. L. Russell of Baird and J. M. Coffman of Cross Plains.

1918

We wish all our Friends and Customers a very Happy and Prosperous New Year (with plenty of rain). May you accomplish what you attempt, enjoy what you have and find nothing to regret.

WATCHMAKER

Every watch we repair is guaranteed to give satisfaction and keep as close time as when sent from the factory

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We repair, reshape and remodel old jewelry, making new, up-to-date designs out of the old family heirlooms. We guarantee every pair of glasses we fit to give perfect vision

J. H. TERRELL
OPTICIAN-JEWELER-DRUGGIST

EARTHQUAKE WRECKS CITY OF GUATEMALA

MANY PERSONS ARE KILLED AND 125,000 MADE HOMELESS BY DISASTER.

ENTIRE CITY IS LAID IN RUINS

Cablegram to Navy Department at Washington Tells of Suffering and Makes Appeal for Aid.

San Salvador.—Guatemala city, capital of the republic of Guatemala, has been completely destroyed by an earthquake. Many persons were killed in the disaster, some in their homes and others in the street.

The theater, which was filled with people, collapsed. There were many casualties among the audience. Various hospitals and asylums and the prisons were badly damaged and many patients and prisoners were killed.

The railroad depot, sugar mills, postoffice, the American and British legations, United States consulate and all the churches in the city have been leveled.

Deep fissures opened in the middle of the city. The inhabitants, in panic, have fled from the capital. More than 80,000 persons are homeless. The stock of provisions in the city is scant and aid is required promptly.

The Salvadorean government suspended the official New Year celebration and entered into mourning in sympathy with Guatemala.

Washington.—Guatemala city, capital city of the little central American republic of Guatemala, has been laid in ruins by a series of earthquakes beginning Christmas day and culminating Friday night in violent shocks which completed the work of destruction. A cablegram to the navy department said 125,000 people were in the streets without shelter and that a number were killed by falling walls.

Naval vessels in Central American waters have been ordered to the stricken city to render all possible assistance.

Red Cross to Give Relief.

The machinery of the American Red Cross has been set in motion to relieve the earthquake sufferers. In response to an appeal for assistance from Alfred Clark, chairman of the Red Cross chapter at Guatemala city, a preliminary appropriation of \$10,000 has been authorized for the purchase of relief supplies. Materials for temporary shelters are being assembled, but the mildness of climate in the devastated region minimizes fears of suffering likely to be caused by exposure.

PRESS CENSORSHIP IS REVISED.

New Regulations Permit Publication of Names of Line Officers Abroad.

Washington.—Revised regulations or requests to guide the American press in the voluntary censorship observed since the country went to war have been issued by the committee on public information effective Jan. 1. Several important changes have been made representing the lessons learned by the committee and the army and navy officers since the first regulations were issued last June.

Three of the original requests to which special importance was attached and under which loyal newspapers have gone to press without many an interesting piece of news have been withdrawn entirely. They are the requests that nothing be published tending to disclose the names of line officers or individual units of the expeditionary forces, tending to disclose the identity of American merchant ships and their crews defending themselves against submarines, or giving information relating to dry docks and repair and construction work.

Unofficially it is explained that these prohibitions are withdrawn largely because of the difficulty in having them universally observed and in the belief that such information would be obtained by the enemy regardless of whether it appeared in the American newspapers. Other changes are made and there are some additions, but most of these are of minor character.

Chinese Defeat Russians at Harbin

Tokio.—In a fight between Chinese and Russian Maximilian troops at Harbin, Manchuria, the Russians surrendered and were disarmed and made prisoner, according to a report which is considered reliable received here from Harbin. The advice says the Chinese now occupy the garrison at Harbin.

Senator Newlands Dies at Capitol

Washington.—Senator Francis Grifith Newlands of Nevada, died of heart disease at his home here after an illness of a few hours. He was stricken while at work in his office at the senate office building, but was able to go home and the capital knew nothing of his illness until the announcement of his death. No one realized the seriousness of the senator's condition and a physician was not called until the heart attacks had become acute.

LIEUT. GEN. YOUNG



Lieut. Gen. Samuel Baldwin Marks Young, who is seventy-seven years old and yet today is doing active service for his country, exercises an active command in the army as governor of the Washington home for invalided and superannuated soldiers of the regular army.

PEACE PROPOSALS GET SCANT CONSIDERATION

France and England Make Known That Czernin's Program is Not Acceptable to Them.

Washington.—America's war aims are regarded by the administration as having been sufficiently disclosed in President Wilson's reply to the pope's last peace proposal and in his recent message to congress. Consequently, unless there are further developments in the peace propaganda set afoot by the Germans and Austrians through their negotiations with the Russian Bolsheviks, there is no intention on the part of the United States government of attempting to elaborate or expound the statements of American purpose laid down in those documents.

It is fully understood in Washington that there may be internal reasons in entente countries for making some concessions to certain powerful political elements which are pressing for another statement of the entente war aims. These considerations will be weighed and acted upon in the discretion of the governments of those countries.

The decision involved is regarded as of great importance, because of the possibility that divergent statements might afford the German plotters opportunity to weaken the ties that bind the allies together.

Great Britain and France, respectively, through their prime minister and minister of foreign affairs, have made known to the world that the terms under which the Teutonic allies seek a general peace are not sufficient. And, backing their prime minister, the British proletariat represented by a national labor conference has reaffirmed, without equivocation, that it is the determination of labor to continue the war in order hereafter to make the world safe for democracy.

Fortified by the known attitude of President Wilson as to the requirements of the United States, if the war is to end and a peace concluded, the utterances of Premier Lloyd George and Foreign Minister Poincaré and the almost unanimous sentiment of the British workers seemingly make certain that the Teutonic allied power given in reply to the Russian Bolshevik proposals will go for naught, unless it is materially added to and brought into line with the demands that the United States and the entente allies have laid down as the concrete basis for the discussion of peace.

Labor Blamed for Shipbuilding Delay.

Washington.—Labor troubles were blamed for much of the delay in the government's shipbuilding program by Raymond B. Stevens, vice chairman of the shipping board, testifying in the senate commerce committee's investigation. Since the United States went to war, Mr. Stevens said, shipyards have lost a total of 536,992 working days by strikes and other disputes. This, he figured, represents the work of 20,000 men for a month. Happily, said Mr. Stevens, the situation is improving.

Czernin Announces Peace Terms.

Petrograd.—Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, at the session of the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk Tuesday read a statement to the effect that the central powers agreed to conclude immediately a general peace without forcible annexations and indemnities. "A general peace" is the term used heretofore to include all the nations at war.

Kaiser's Narrow Escape at Mannheim

Geneva.—The German emperor, returning with his staff from the western front, had a narrow escape during the reprisal raid of a British air squadron on Mannheim Dec. 25, according to dispatches received here. Only about an hour earlier the emperor's special train left the station, which was partly destroyed by several bombs. A section of the track was torn up, cutting communication north. In fact, the emperor's train was the last to leave Mannheim.

PRESIDENT WILSON TAKES OVER RAILROADS

SECRETARY McADOO APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TRANSPORTATION OF ALL LINES.

ORDER IN EFFECT DEC. 28

Commissions Will Continue to Regulate Roads, But Director Has Superior Power.

Washington.—Government possession and operation of the nation's railroads for the war was proclaimed by President Wilson Wednesday night, effective at noon Friday, Dec. 28.

William G. McAdoo, retaining the place in the cabinet as secretary of the treasury, is placed in charge as director general of railroads.

Every railroad engaged in general transportation, with its appurtenances, including steamship lines, is taken over and all systems will be operated as one under the director general.

Government backing will be given to new issues of railroad securities that a ready market may be found.

The president's move, although forecast for weeks, came at this time as a great surprise to nearly everybody in Washington, including railroad officials.

Operation Left Unchanged.

Direct management of the roads will remain in the hands of railroad officials and the railroad war board, composed of five railroad heads will continue to direct actual operation under Secretary McAdoo's general supervision.

The chief practical effect of government operation will be to permit a complete unification of all rail systems if possible under private operation by reason of statutes prohibiting pooling of rail traffic and earnings.

The roads themselves had gone as far as they dared in this direction, and it became known that they had been warned by Attorney General Gregory that a violation of anti-pooling laws could not be permitted.

Although the proclamation applies to all electric lines engaged in general transportation, local interurban systems are specifically exempted.

Asked to Guarantee Earnings.

Congress will be asked to guarantee earnings equivalent to the average net operating income of each railroad in the three-year period ended June 30, 1917. Railroad experts estimate that this will cost the government next year in the neighborhood of \$100,000,000, which can be raised in large part by increased freight rates if the interstate commerce commission grants the roads' application for the 15 per cent rate increase now pending. Otherwise it will be paid largely out of the general government funds.

The interstate commerce commission and other government agencies which have to do with the railroads will continue to perform their functions as heretofore, except that they will be subject to orders of the director of railroads.

The president makes it clear that his decision was not made because of any failure on the part of the railroads to perform their whole duty in so far as they could while hampered as they were by legal restrictions.

Follows British System.

The plan of control as outlined in the proclamation and statement leaves much unsaid as to details, but the general scheme appears to follow closely the British system. In England, however, government freight is carried free and the guaranteed earnings require an enormous amount of money from government funds, while in the United States the government will pay for its freight as in the past and will stand its part of increased freight tariffs if they are found to be necessary.

American Killed by German Captors.

With American Army in France.—German atrocities against American soldiers are officially reported. An American sentry has been found with his throat cut, and it is officially declared "he must have been so killed after capture." Information concerning German savagery has reached the troops in one of a series of bulletins read to them by the unit commanders and posted on the bulletin boards.

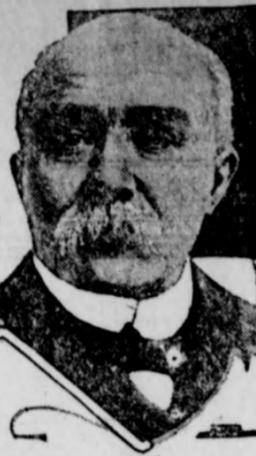
Kelly Field Aviators Make Record.

San Antonio.—With a total of 211 hours in the air, aviators at Kelly field established a new national record for flying last Saturday, according to a report made to Colonel W. D. Chitty, commander, by Major Paul Ferron, officer in charge of the flying department. The total was arrived at by adding the respective hours and minutes spent in the air by all flyers.

Eliminate Red Tape, President Orders

Washington.—War time efficiency is being practiced as well as preached by the government. President Wilson has sent to all the legislative departments, copies of a letter recently addressed by Secretary Redfield to his bureau chiefs: "Forget how things were done before the war; eliminate red tape," the letter said. "We must learn with the Germans that 'the war don't wait.' Delay is the Kaiser's ally."

GEORGES CLEMENCEAU



Georges Clemenceau, one of the most famous of living Frenchmen, has been made premier of France, a post he held some years ago. Despite his seventy years he is still vigorous and exhibits many of the characteristics that earned him the sobriquet of "The Tiger."

AIR BATTLES TAKE PLACE IN ITALY

Eleven Austrian Airplanes Brought Down During Raid on Two Towns on Venetian Plains.

London.—Once again the Germans have endeavored to break the French front on the Verdun sector, but again have failed. To assaults delivered north of the Caurieres wood resulted in the defeat of the enemy and the infliction of heavy casualties. The Germans at one point succeeded in penetrating a French front line trench, but were soon ejected.

On the northern Italian front there has been an abatement in the artillery activities between the Asiago plateau and the Brenta river, but the intensive duels between the Brenta and Piave continue.

The air forces of the belligerents are very inactive. Austro-German air squadrons attempting to bomb the Venetian plain towns of Treviso and Monte Belluno suffered the loss of 11 planes in spectacular aerial battles with British and Italian aviators. Over Treviso, 25 enemy machines were attacked and forced to flee with a loss of eight planes, while later a squadron of eight Austro-Germans in a fight over Monte Belluno lost three machines. All the British and Italian aircraft returned safely to their bases. Little damage was done by bombs dropped by the invaders.

Agreement Reached on War Prisoners

Paris.—An official note announces the reaching of an agreement between the French and German governments for the exchange of prisoners by which noncommissioned officers and men of 40 years of age or over who have been in captivity more than 18 months will be repatriated. Officers in the same category will be interned in Switzerland. Appreciable improvements are also obtained through the agreement for the men still in captivity as regards letters, parcels, regulation of work and discipline.

Germans Transfer Troops to France.

Petrograd.—The commander in chief of the army reported to the Bolshevik headquarters that the Germans were transferring troops in very large numbers and as quickly as possible to the western front against the allies and also to the southwest Russian front. Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, has called the attention of the peace delegation to this fact. A special dispatch from Brest-Litovsk announces that the Germans are not yet ready to reply to the Russian peace terms.

Runaway Street Car Kills 13 Persons.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Eighteen persons were killed and every other one of the 114 passengers on a Knoxville street car was hurt when the car ran away in a tunnel which connects the south side business district with the south hills. After a wild dash of almost a mile through the tunnel the car emerged and turned over on its side. Hospital doctors said that a number of the injured could not recover. The car was packed with city-bound shoppers when it left the station at the south end of the tunnel. A minute later the trolley is said to have left the wire and the lights went out. At almost the same instant the motorman lost control and the car dashed down the steep grade, gaining momentum with every instant as the wheels slipped along the wet rails.

Ten Persons Killed in London Raid.

London.—Ten persons were killed and 70 injured in London during the latest air raid. Outside of London five persons were injured. Several fires occurred. There was no damage to military or naval establishments. The war office announces that 16 to 20 raiders endeavored to reach London, but that only five succeeded in dropping bombs on the city. One of the raiders was brought down and another is believed to have been destroyed, it is officially stated.

U. S. SOLDIERS CHASE BANDITS INTO MEXICO

DETACHMENT OF CAVALRY FOLLOWS RAIDERS FOR TEN MILES, KILLING 18.

ONE TROOPER IS WOUNDED

One Mexican and Two Mexican-Americans Killed in Raid on Brito Ranch Christmas Morning.

Marfa, Texas.—After pursuing the Mexican bandits who raided the Brito ranch and store Christmas morning for a distance of ten miles into the mountains of Mexico, the American cavalry troops recrossed the Rio Grande to American territory at noon Thursday and made a complete report to Col. George T. Langhorne of the expedition across the border.

The American cavalrymen killed 18 members of the bandit band, wounded many and scattered the remaining bandits in the mountains south of the line. They brought back 25 horses which had been so hard ridden they had to be abandoned at the river, when they were ridden into quicksand by the bandits.

Three civilians, one American and two Mexican-Americans were killed in the raid, and one soldier and one civilian wounded. The civilian wounded was T. T. Neel, who was shot through the face while defending his family from the bandits. The soldier was private John Kelly, who was shot in the calf of the leg during the running fight in Mexico between the cavalry and bandits. Two pack train mules with the column that crossed were killed.

Germans Not Back of Raid.

Rumors that Germans in Mexico were responsible for the Brito ranch and store raid and Fitzgerald store raid Christmas day were refuted by Colonel Langhorne, who has ordered an investigation of the political aspects of the raid.

Men Join Red Cross After Flogging.

Brenham.—Six farmers of the community of German descent who refused to join the Red Cross recently were taken from their wagons and flogged by a committee of the most prominent citizens of Brenham, who acted in open daylight and without masks. The Red Cross campaign moved slowly at first. Later a meeting was held, at which a fund of \$250 was raised to buy membership, for those unable to purchase them and an armful of bugay whips was obtained for use on those able to buy but who would not. Six farmers who refused to join reconsidered after being whipped. The close of the campaign found Washington county exceeding its quota by 1,000 members.

State Bank Deposits Increase.

Austin.—The total deposits of the 875 state banks in Texas at the close of business on Nov. 20, 1917, was \$215,889,289, an increase of \$60,364,483 as compared with the statement of the 865 banks responding to the call of Sept. 11, 1917. This is the heaviest increase in deposits that has ever been shown between calls in the history of the state banks of Texas.

Texans Make Good Soldiers in France

Dallas.—In an article from John C. Granbery, Y. M. C. A. secretary with the expeditionary forces in France, dated Nov. 30, writes that the boys from Texas are making good as soldiers. The Lone Star state leads in the number of men there and all of them are eager to get down to real business.

Cadet Aviator Killed in Fall.

Fort Worth.—Gordon Mott, a student aviator of the Royal Flying corps in training here, was instantly killed near Camp Benbrook when he fell from his airplane from a height of about 1,000 feet.

Mannheim Raided by British Airmen.

London.—The city of Mannheim, in Germany, on the Rhine, was bombarded by a British air squadron early on Monday, says an official statement covering the operation of army aviators during Sunday and in Monday's early hours. A number of bombs were dropped and several fires were started. All but one of the British machines returned.

Roosevelt Lines With Nation-Widers

New York.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt has come out flat-footed in favor of nation-wide prohibition in a letter which he sent to the Rev. Ferdinand C. Iglehart, who for years was superintendent of the New York Anti-Saloon league and whose activity in the cause of prohibition is a matter of record.

Two Aviators Burn to Death in Air.

Fort Worth.—Two aviators, one a lieutenant and the other a cadet, both members of the Royal Flying corps, were burned to death in midair at Hicks when the gasoline tank of the airplane in which they were flying exploded, setting fire to the machine and partially consumed it before it reached the ground. It is estimated that the machine was flying at an altitude of 5,000 feet when the gasoline became ignited.

MAN, WIFE AND SON KILLED

Auto. in Which Party Was Riding, Struck by T. & P. Train at Dalworth Park.

Fort Worth.—Dr. A. L. Andrews, pastor of the First Methodist church here, and for years one of the most prominent ministers in Texas, his wife, and son Will, corporal in the army cantonment at Camp Bowie, were instantly killed when the T. & P. Sunshine special bore down on them at Dalworth crossing Friday afternoon, wrecking the auto in which they were driving and throwing the body of Dr. Andrews 150 feet, badly mutilating it.

The party were returning from Dallas, where they had been visiting friends and it is presumed had the curtains to the automobile drawn to protect them from the wind and that this obstructed their view of the tracks. There are practically no obstructions to the view of the track at this point.

Federal Control of Roads Welcomed.

Washington.—Soon after American railroads went under government regulation at noon Friday, Director General McAdoo issued his first order wiping out competitive conditions and providing for complete pooling of traffic, equipment, terminals and trackage facilities and for the retention of present officers and employes. The immediate result will be a re-routing of traffic over shortest lines, regardless of the company with which shipments originate, and the common use of terminals to effect maximum efficiency.

Southwest Over Red Cross Allotment.

St. Louis, Mo.—Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas literally are giving themselves to the Red Cross. It is estimated at Red Cross headquarters here that the southwestern division will have a bigger day Christmas eve than since the Christmas membership drive was started. Chairman Johnston said that he would not be satisfied unless the division led the whole United States. He is hoping for a membership of 3,000,000. This will be nearly three times the quota asked for by the Washington headquarters.

British Make Gains in Palestine.

London.—Further progress by the forces of General Allenby at two points in Palestine was reported in a statement issued by the war office. The statement says: "General Allenby reports that at mid-night of Dec. 20-21 our troops, crossing the Nahr El Auja (four miles north of Jaffa on the Mediterranean) on rafts and light bridges, seized Khurbet, Hadrah, Sheik Muannis, Teer Rekhet and El Nakhras. These localities are near the mouth of the river and include commanding ground three miles north of it."

Begin Revision of Texas Phone Rates

Dallas.—A new schedule of rates has been promulgated by the Southwestern Telephone company for Houston. The revision in that city was made by the company in connection with consideration of a proposed merger by the two companies operating in Dallas. It is expected that if the merger fails, rates here also will be revised. City officials are proceeding on the assumption that this will be done in Dallas if the merger fails, since they do not expect this city to be treated differently from other Texas cities.

Sub Informed of Ship Movements.

An Atlantic Port.—That the crew of a German submarine made prisoner after their vessel had been destroyed knew when a large steamship carrying army officers had left the United States and that the submarine lay in wait to sink her, was the statement of enlisted men of the American navy who were passengers on a British liner which arrived here. According to the German prisoners, who were taken to England, they knew "all about the departure of the steamship," but the submarine had failed to sink her because of the vigilance of her convoy.

12 British Ships Destroyed in Week.

London.—The loss to British shipping shows a material decrease for the week. According to the admiralty report, 11 British merchantmen of 1,600 tons or more were sunk during this period by mine or submarine, as well as one merchantman under that tonnage and one fishing vessel. Arrived 2,356 vessels, sailed 2,460. Unsuccessfully attacked 12.

The president and Mrs. Wilson remained at home Christmas day.

They had planned to go to church, but rain kept them indoors. During the day a Christmas tree was lighted for the president's grandchildren at the White House.

Five Schooners Sunk by Germans.

New York.—With the berthing of a French steamship at an American port it became known that the German U-boats a few weeks ago sunk five schooners in the war zone. Two passenger captains, Andrew Knudsen and William A. Morgan of the American schooner Ruby witnessed the sinking. Why their vessel was not destroyed is still a puzzle to them, for they were becalmed 85 miles from the French coast when the others were destroyed.

KING--OF THE KHYBER RIFLES

A Romance of Adventure
By TALBOT MUNDY

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CHAPTER XIX—Continued.

King nodded again, for a nod is less committal than a word; and the nod was enough to start the mullah off again.

"I saw the Sleeper and his bride before she knew of either! It was I who set her into Khinjan! It was I who told the men she is the 'Heart of the Hills' come to life! She tricked me! But this is no hour for bearing grudges. She has a plan and I am minded to help."

King lay still and looked up at him, sure that treachery was the ultimate end of any plan the mullah Muhammad Anim had. India has been saved by the treachery of her enemies more often than ruined by false friends. So has the world, for that matter.

"A jihad when the right hour comes will raise the tribes," the mullah growled. "She and thou, as the Sleeper and his mate, could work wonders. But who can trust her? She stole that head! She stole all the ammunition! Does she surely love thee?"

King nodded again, for modesty could not help him at that juncture. Love and boastfulness go together in the "Hills."

"She shall have thee back, then, at a price!"

King did not answer. His brown eyes watched the mullah's, and he drew his breath in little jerks, lest by breathing aloud he should miss one word of what was coming.

"Write thou a letter. Since she loves thee, state thine own case to her. Tell her that I hold thee hostage, and that Khinjan is mine already for a little fighting. In a month she cannot pick out my men from among her own. Her position is undermined. Tell her that. Tell her that if she obeys she shall have India and be queen. If she disobeys, she shall die in the Cavern of Earth's Drink!"

"She is a proud woman, mullah," answered King. "Threats to such as she—?"

The mullah mumbled and strode back and forth three times between King's bed and the fire, with his fists knotted together behind him and his head bent, as Napoleon used to walk. When he stood beside the bed again at last it was with his mind made up, as his clenched fists and his eyes indicated.

"Make thine own terms with her!" he growled. "Write the letter and send it! I hold thee; she holds Khinjan and the ammunition. I am between her and India. So be it. She shall starve in there! She shall lie in there until the war is over and take what terms are offered her in the end! Write thine own letter! State the case, and bid her answer!"

"Very well," said King. He began to see now definitely how India was to be saved. It was none of his business to plan yet, but to help others' plans destroy themselves and to sow such seed in the broken ground as might bear fruit in time.

The mullah led him, to squat and gaze into the fire, and mutter, and King lay still. After a while the mullah went to the mouth of the cave, to stand and stare out at the camp where the thousand fires were dying fitfully and wood smoke purged the air of human nastiness. The stars looked down on him, and he seemed to try to read them, standing with fists knotted together at his back.

And as he stood so, six other mullahs came to him and began to argue with him in low tones, he browbeating them all with furious words hissed between half-closed teeth. They were whispering still when King fell asleep. It was courage, not carelessness, that let him sleep—courage and a great hope born of the mullah's perplexity.

CHAPTER XX.

Next morning the Orakzai Pathan sat and sunned himself in the cave mouth, exulting wordily wisdom unadulterated with divinity. As King went toward him to see to whom he spoke he grinned and pointed with his thumb, and King looked down on some sick and wounded men who sat in a crowd together on the ramp, ten feet or so below the cave.

They seemed stout soldierly fellows. Men of another type were being kept at a distance by dint of argument and threats. Away in the distance was Muhammad Anim with his broad back turned to the cave, in altercation with a dozen other mullahs. For the time he was out of the reckoning.

"Some of these are wounded," the Pathan explained. "Some have sores. Some have the bellyache. Then again, some are sick of words, hot and cold by day and night. All have served in the army. All have medals. All are deserters, some for one reason, some for

another and some for no reason at all. Bull-with-a-beard looks the other way. Speak thou to them about the pardon that is offered!"

So King went down among them, taking some of the tools of his supposed trade with him and trying to crowd down the triumph that would well up. The seed he had sown had multiplied by fifty in a night. He wanted to shout, as men once did before the walls of Jericho. Possibility of pardon and reinstatement, though only heard of at second hand, had brought unity into being. And unity brought eagerness.

"Let us start tonight!" urged one man.

"Nay!" the Pathan objected at once. "Many of you can hardly march. Rest ye here and let the hakim treat your bellyaches. Bull-with-a-beard bade me wait here for a letter that must go to Khinjan today. Good. I will take his letter. And in Khinjan I will spread—about pardons. It is likely there are fifty there who will dare follow me back, and then we shall march down the Khyber like a full company of the old days!"

King got busy with his lancet, but the mullah came back and called him off and drove the crowd away to a distance; then he drove King into the cave in front of him, his mouth working as if he were biting bits of vengeance off for future use.

"Write thy letter, thou! Write thy letter! Here is paper. There is a pen

—take it! Sit! Yonder is ink—tut-tut!—write, now, write!"

King sat at a box and waited, as if to take dictation, but the mullah, tugging at his beard, grew furious.

"Write thine own letter! Invent thine own argument! Persuade her, or die in a new way! I will invent a new way for thee!"

So King began to write, in Urdu, for reasons of his own. He had spoken once or twice in Urdu to the mullah and had received no answer. It was a fair guess that Muhammad was ignorant of the scholars' language.

"Greeting," he wrote, "to the most beautiful and very wise Princess Yasmin, in her palace in the caves in Khinjan, from her servant Kurram Khan the hakim, in the camp of the mullah Muhammad Anim in the 'Hills'."

"The mullah Muhammad Anim demands surrender of Khinjan Caves and of all his ammunition. Further, he demands full control of you and of me and of all your men."

"He threatens as a preliminary to blockade Khinjan caves, unless the answer to this is given favorable, letting none enter, but calling his own men out to join him. This would suit the Indian government, because while the 'Hills' fight among themselves they cannot raid India, and while he blockades Khinjan caves there will be time to move against him."

"Knowing that he dares begin and accomplish what he threatens, I am sorry; because I know it is said how many services you have rendered of old to the government I serve. We who serve one raj are one—one to remember—one to forget—one to help each other in good time. It may be that vengeance against me would seem sweeter to you than return to your former allegiance. In that case, Princess, you only need betray me to the mullah, and be sure my death would leave nothing to be desired by the spectators. At present he does not suspect me."

"Be assured, however, that not to betray me to him is to leave me free to serve my government and well able to do so. I invite you to return to India with me, bearing news that the mullah Muhammad Anim and his men are bottled in Khinjan caves, and to plan with me to that end."

"If you will, then write an answer to Muhammad Anim, not in Urdu, but in a language he can understand; seem to surrender to him. But to me send a verbal message, either by the bearer of this or by some trustier messenger."

"India can profit yet by your service if you will. And in that case I pledge my word to direct the government's attention only to your good service in the matter. It is not yet too late to choose. It is not important in me to urge you."

"Nor can I say how gladly I would subscribe myself your grateful and loyal servant."

The mullah pounced on the finished letter, pretended to read it, and watched him seal it up, smudging the hot wax with his own great guarded thumb. Then he shouted for the Orakzai Pathan, who came striding in, all grins and swagger.

"There—take it! Make speed!" he

ordered, and with his rifle at the ready" and the letter tucked inside his shirt, the Pathan favored King with a farewell grin and obeyed.

"Get out!" the mullah started then immediately. "See to the sick. Tell them I sent thee. Bid them be grateful!"

King went. He recognized the almost madness that constituted the mullah's driving power. It is contagious, that madness, until it destroys itself. It had made several thousand men follow him and believe in him, but it had once given Yasmini a chance to fool him and defeat him, and now it gave King his chance. He let the mullah think himself obeyed implicitly.

He became the busiest man in all the "Hills." While the mullah glowered over the camp from the cave mouth or fulminated from the Quran or fought with other mullahs with words for weapons and abuse for argument, he bandaged and lanced and poulticed and physicked until his head swam with weariness.

The sick swarmed so around him that he had to have a bodyguard to keep them at bay; so he chose twenty of the least sick from among those who had talked with the Pathan after sunrise.

And because each of those men had friends, and it is only human to wish one's friend in the same boat, especially when the sea, so to speak, is rough, the progress through the camp became a current of missionary zeal and the virtues of the Anglo-Indian raj were better spoken of than the "Hills" had heard for years.

Not that there was any effort made to convert the camp en masse. Far from it. But the likely few were pounced on and were told of a chance to enlist for a bounty in India. And what with winter not so far ahead, and what with experience of former fighting against the British army, the choosing was none so difficult. From the day when the lad first feels soft down upon his face until the old man's beard turns white and his teeth shake out, the hillman would rather fight than eat; but he prefers to fight on the winning side if he may, and he likes good treatment.

Before it was dark that night there were thirty men sworn to hold their tongues and to wait for the word to hurry down the Khyber for the purpose of enlisting in some British-Indian regiment. Some even began to urge the hakim not to wait for the Orakzai Pathan, but to start with what he had.

"Shall I leave my brother in the lurch?" the hakim asked them; and though they murmured, they thought better of him for it.

Well for him that he had plenty of Epsom salts in his kit, for in the "Hills" physic should taste evil and show very quick results to be believed in. He found a dozen diseases of which he did not so much as know the name, but half of the sufferers swore they were cured after the first dose. They would have dubbed him fakir and have foisted him to a pillar of holiness had he cared to let them.

Muhammad Anim slept most of the day, like a great animal that scorns to live by rule. But at evening he came to the cave mouth and fulminated such a sermon as set the whole camp to roaring. He showed his power then. The jihad he preached would have tempted dead men from their graves to come and share the plunder, and the curses he called down on cowards and laggards and unbelievers were enough to have frightened the dead away again.

In twenty minutes he had undone all King's missionary work. And then in ten more, feeling his power and their response, and being at heart a fool as all rogues are, he built it up again.

He began to make promises too definite. He wanted Khinjan caves. More, he needed them. So he promised them they should all be free of Khinjan caves within a day or two, to come and go and live there at their pleasure. He promised them they should leave their wives and children and belongings safe in the caves while they themselves went down to plunder India. He overlooked the fact that Khinjan caves for centuries had been a secret to be spoken of in whispers, and that prospect of its violation came to them as a shock.

Half of them did not believe him. Such a thing was impossible, and if he were lying as to one point, why not as to all the others, too?

And the army veterans, who had been converted by King's talk of pardons, and almost reconverted by the sermon, shook their heads at the talk of taking Khinjan. Why waste time trying to do what never had been done, with her to reckon against, when a place in the sun was waiting for them down in India, to say nothing of the hope of pardons and clean living for a while? They shook their heads and combed their beards and eyed one another sidewise in a way the "Hills" understand.

That night, while the mullah glowered over the camp like a great old owl, with leaping firelight reflected in his eyes, the thousands under the skin tents argued, so that the night was all noise. But King slept.

All of another day and part of another night he toiled among the sick, wondering when a message would come back. It was nearly midnight when he bandaged his last patient and came out into the starlight to bend his back straight and yawn and pick his way reeling with weariness back to the mullah's cave. He had given him a man to carry ahead of him and had gone perhaps ten paces into the dark when a strong hand gripped him by the wrist.

"Hush!" said a voice that seemed familiar.

He turned swiftly and looked

straight into the eyes of the Rangar Rewa Gunga!

"How did you get here?" he asked in English.

"Any fool could learn the password into this camp! Come over here, sahib. I bring word from her."

The ground was criss-crossed like a man's palm by the shadows of tent-ropes. The Rangar led him to where the tents were forty feet apart and none was likely to overhear them. There he turned like a flash.

"She sends you this!" he hissed.

In that same instant King was fighting for his life. In another second they were down together among the tent-ropes, King holding the Rangar's wrist with both hands and struggling to break it, and the Rangar striving for another stroke. The dagger he held had missed King's ribs by so little that his skin yet tingled from its touch. It was a dagger with bronze blade and a gold hilt—her dagger. It was her perfume in the air.

They rolled over and over, breathing hard. King wanted to think before he gave an alarm, and he could not think with that scent in his nostrils and creeping into his lungs. Even in the stress of fighting he wondered how the Rangar's clothes and turban had come to be dressed in it. He admitted to himself afterward that it was nothing else than jealousy that suggested to him to make the Rangar prisoner and hand him over to the mullah.

That would have been a ridiculous thing to do, for it would have forced his own betrayal to the mullah. But as the Rangar had read his mind, he suddenly redoubled his efforts and King, weary to the point of sickness, had to redouble his own or die. Perhaps the jealousy helped put venom in his effort, for his strength came back to him as a madman's does. The Rangar gave a moan and let the knife fall.

And because jealousy is poison King did the wrong thing then. He pounced on the knife instead of on the Rangar. He could have questioned him—knelt on him and perhaps forced explanations from him. But with a sudden swift effort like a snake's the Rangar freed himself and was up and gone before King could struggle to his feet—gone like a shadow among shadows.

King got up and felt himself all over, for they had fought on stony ground and he was bruised. But bruises faded into nothing, and weariness as well, as his mind began to dwell on the new complication to his problem.

It was plain that the moment he had returned from his message to the Khyber the Rangar had been sent on this new murderous mission. Yasmini had never believed her letter would be treated seriously by the authorities, and had only sent it in the hope of fooling him and undermining his determination. Perhaps she saw her own peril. Perhaps she contemplated—gosh! what a contingency!—perhaps she contemplated bolting into India with a story of her own, and leaving the mullah to his own devices! Would she dare escape into India and leave himself alive behind her?

There was an alternative, the very thought of which made him fearfully uneasy, and yet brought a thrill with it. In all Eastern lands, love scorned takes to the dagger. He had half believed her when she swore she loved him! The man who could imagine himself loved by Yasmini and not be thrilled to his core would be inhuman, whatever reason and caution and caste and creed might whisper in imagination's wake.

Reeling from fatigue (he felt like a man who had been racked, for the Rangar's strength was nearly unbelievable), he started toward where the mullah sat glowering in the cave mouth. He found the man who had carried his bag asleep at the foot of the ramp, and taking the bag away from him, let him lie there. And it took him five minutes to drag his hurt, weary bones up the ramp, for the fight had taken more out of him than he had guessed at first.

The mullah glared at him but let him by without a word. It was by the fire at the back of the cave, where he stopped to dip water from the mullah's enormous crock, that the next



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"Hush!" said a voice that seemed familiar.

disturbing factor came to light. He kicked a brand into the fire and the flame leaped. Its light shone on a yard and a half of exquisitely fine hair, like spun gold, that caressed his shoulder and descended down one arm. One thread of hair that conjured up a million thoughts, and in a second upset every argument!

If Rewa Gunga had been near enough to her and intimate enough

with her not only to become scented with her unmistakable perfume but even to get her hair on his person, then gone was all imagination of her love for himself! Then she had lied from first to last! Then she had tried to make him love her that she might use him, and finding she had failed, she had sent her true love with the dagger to make an end!

In a moment he imagined a whole picture, as it might have been in a crystal, of himself trapped and made to pose to the savage "Hills"—or fooled into posing to them—as her lover, while Rewa Gunga lurked behind the scenes and waited for the harvest in the end. And what kind of harvest?

And what kind of man must Rewa Gunga be who could lightly let go all the prejudices of the East and submit to what only the West has endured hitherto with any complacency—a "tertium quid"?

Yet what a fool he, King, had been not to appreciate at once that Rewa Gunga must be her lover. Why should he not be? Were "she" not alike as cousins? And the "Zar" does not love its contrary, but its complement, being older in love than the West, and wiser in its ways in all but the material. He had been blind. He had overlooked the obvious—that from first to last her plan had been to set herself and this Rewa Gunga on the throne of India!

He washed and went through the mummery of Muslim prayers for the watchful mullah's sake, and climbed on to his bed. But sleep seemed out of the question. He lay and tossed for an hour, his mind as busy as a terrier in hay. And when he did fall asleep at last it was so to dream and mutter that the mullah came and shook him and preached his a half-hour sermon against the mortal sins that rob men of peaceful slumber by giving them a foretaste of the punishment to come. All that seemed kinder and more refreshing than King's own thoughts had been, for when the mullah had done at last and had gone striding back to the cave mouth, he really did fall sound asleep, and it was after dawn when he awoke. The mullah's voice, not unhelpful, was rousing all the valley echoes in the call to prayer.

CHAPTER XXI.

And while King knelt behind the mullah and the whole camp faced Mecca in forehead-in-the-dust abasement there came a strange man down the mid-st—not strange to the "Hills," where such sights are common, but strange to that camp and hour. Some-body rose and struck him, and he knelt like the rest; but when prayer was over and cooking had begun and the camp became a place of savory smell, he came on again—a blind man. He was clean shaven, and he looked as if he had not been blind long, for his physical health was good.

"Oh, the hakim—the good hakim!" he called. "Where is the famous hakim? Show me the way to him! Oh, the famous, great, good hakim who can heal men's eyes!"

"I am he," said King, and he stepped down toward him. The blind man's face looked strangely familiar, though it was partly disguised by some gummy stuff stuck all about the eyes. He stared at the face again.

"Ismail!" he said. "You?"

"Aye! Father of cleverness! Make play of healing my eyes!"

So King made a great show of rubbing on ointment. In a minute Ismail, looking almost like a young man without his great beard, was dancing like a lunatic with both fists in the air, and yelling as if wasps had stung him.

"Aleece-aleece-aleece!" he yelled. "I see again! I see! My eyes have light in them! Allah! Oh, Allah heap riches on the great, wise hakim who can heal men's eyes! Allah reward him richly; for I am a beggar and have no goods!"

The whole camp began to surge toward him to see the miracle, and his chosen bodyguard rushed up to drive them back. And as they went a tall Afridi came striding down the camp with a letter for the mullah held out in a cleft stick in front of him.

"Her answer!" said Ismail with a wicked grin.

"What is her word? Where is the Orakzai Pathan?"

But Ismail laughed and would not answer him. It seemed to King that he scented climax. Also he chose in that instant to force the mullah's hand, on the principle that hurried buffaloes will blunder.

"To Khinjan!" he shouted to the nearest man. "The mullah will march on Khinjan!"

They murmured and wondered and backed away from him to give him room. Ismail watched him with dropped jaw and wild eye.

"Spread it through the camp that we march on Khinjan! Shout it! Bid them strike the tents!"

Somebody behind took up the shout and it went across the camp in leaps, as men toss a ball. There was a surge toward the tents, but King called to his deserters and they clustered back to him. He had to cement their allegiance now or fall altogether, and he would not be able to do it by ordinary argument or by pleading; he had to fire their imagination. And he did.

"She is on our side!" That was a sheer guess. "She has kept our man and sent another as hostage for him in token of good faith! Listen! Ye saw this man's eyes healed. Let that be a token! Be ye the men with new eyes! Give it out! Claim the title and be true to it and see me guide you down the Khyber in good time like a regiment, many more than a hundred strong!"

They jumped at the idea. The "Hills"—the whole East, for that matter—are ever ready to form a new sect or join a new band or a new blood-

feud. Witness the Nikalseyns, who worship a long-since-dead Englishman. "We see!" yelled one of them.

"We see!" they chorused, and the idea took charge. From that minute they were a new band, with a war-cry of their own.

"We see!" they howled, scattering through the camp, and the mullah came out to glare at them and tug his beard and wonder what possessed them.

"To Khinjan!" they roared. "Lead us to Khinjan!"

"To Khinjan, then!" he thundered, throwing up both arms in a sort of



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"Khinjan is Mine!" He growled. "India is Mine!"

double apostolic blessing, and then mentioning as if he threw them the reins and leave to gallop. They roared back at him like the sea under the whip of a galling wind. And Ismail disappeared among them, leaving King alone. Then the mullah beckoned him and showed him a letter he had crumpled in his fist. There were only a few lines, written in Arabic, which all mullahs are supposed to be able to read, and they were signed with a strange scrawl that might have meant anything. But the paper smelt strongly of her perfume.

Come, then. Bring all your men, and I will let you and them enter Khinjan caves. We will strike a bargain in the Cavern of Earth's Drink.

That was all, but the fire in the mullah's eyes showed that he thought it was enough. He did not doubt that once he should have his extra four thousand in the caves Khinjan would be his; and he said so.

"Khinjan is mine!" he growled. "India is mine!"

King did not answer him. He could only be still and be glad he had set the camp moving and so had forced the mullah's hand. "The old fatalist would have suspected her answer otherwise," he told himself, for he knew that he himself suspected it.

While he and the mullah watched the tents began to fall and the women labored to roll them. The men began firing their rifles, and within the hour enough ammunition had been squandered to have fought a good-sized skirmish; but the mullah did not mind, for he had Khinjan caves in view, and none knew better than he what vast store of cartridges and dynamite was piled in there. He let them waste.

Watching his opportunity, King slipped down the ramp and into the crowd, while the mullah was busy with personal belongings in the cave. King left his own belongings to the fates, or to any thief who should care to steal them. He was safe from the mullah in the midst of his nearly eighty men, who half believed him a sending from the skies.

"We see! We see!" they yelled and danced around him.

Before ever the mullah gave an order they got under way and started climbing the steep valley wall. The mullah on his brown mule thrust forward, trying to get in the lead, and King and his men hung back, to keep at a distance from him. Two or three miles along the top of the escarpment the mullah sent back word that he wanted the hakim to be beside him. But King's men treated the messenger to open scorn and sent him packing.

"Bid the mullah hunt himself another hakim! Be thou his hakim! Stay, we will give thee a lesson in how to use a knife!"

The man ran, lest they carry out their threat, for men joke grimly in the "Hills."

Ismail came and held King's stirrup, striding beside him with the easy hill-man gait.

"Art thou my man at last?" King asked him, but Ismail laughed and shook his head.

"I am her man."

"Where is she?" King asked.

"Nay, who am I that I should know?"

"But she sent thee?"

"Aye, she sent me."

"To what purpose?"

"To her purpose!" the Afridi answered, and King could not get another word out of him. He fell behind.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Superiority. "Women are queer."

"Yes?"

"Mrs. Twobles has just returned from a trip to New York and merely because she stayed at a hotel with more dining rooms than the hotel usually patronized by Mrs. Jibway on her eastern trips can boast of she inclined to look down on Mrs. Jibway."

Only when a man is getting the best of it will be admit that he is getting the worst of it.

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NEW YEAR'S GREETING

We wish a Happy New Year to everybody.

Pigs, Peanuts, Poultry and Prosperity, our sandy land farmers are finding it so.

We hope 1918 will witness the end of the world war, in a just peace that will prevent other wars for a long, long time—forever if God wills.

This is no time for division of opinion. We are in a war with the most cruel nation on earth and we must win with our allies, or lose all. No red-blooded American will falter in his duty to the country now. Save all kicks and criticism until after the war.

It has been aptly said that Germany made an accurate estimate of the cost of the war to others but forgot to count the cost to herself. More than two million German soldiers have been killed and perhaps two million more maimed for life and the end is not yet. Germany has already paid an awful price even if she wins. The war planned to end in six weeks in a grand triumph for the Kaiser, with a small loss of life, and at little more than the cost of a grand army review, to be recompensed with much conquered territory and huge indemnities has gone glimmering. Germany wants peace without annexation or indemnity. After playing the role of a bandit for three and a half years Germany wants to escape the penalty for her outrageous attack on her peaceful neighbor. It is neither right nor just that she should escape all the penalties deserved and we hope when the war ends it will end the cursed houses of Hohenzollern and Hapsburg.

THE NEW YEAR

Our "Wish" is that the war and drouth will both end early in this year. Just at this time there is no indication on the surface that our wish in either case will be gratified, but we have great faith that both will come true. We believe the drouth will end this spring or before and that the war, if it does not end before that time, will end in the late summer or fall. Our reason for this is that we do not believe the armies of Europe will ever consent to go through a 5th winter campaign if possible to avoid it by any honorable means. We expect the German Kaiser will realize before snow falls next winter that it is impossible to cope with a world that is bent on his destruction, and that it will be better to make peace before he will be forced to make peace. If 1918 does see the end of the great world war then we will miss our guess badly. We realize that it is possible for the war to go on for years, but do not believe it probable.

PETTY POLITICS

When Congressman Blanton of this district last week requested the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce to announce a speaking date for him in that city, in which he expected to discuss the government's war policy, that dignified body replied that he would better go back to Washington where he was needed, implying that he was grossly neglecting his duty and administering a reprimand only fitting for a man entirely without character.

The Vanguard is not now committing to Mr. Blanton's support in the next campaign, and it has no authority to speak for him on this occasion, but we do not admire the Prussian style of undermining intrigue and propagandism. This

whole affair looks very much on its face as if Brownwood had one or more aspirants who would like to warm Mr. Blanton's seat in congress and who have captured and perverted it's commercial club for a petty effort to discredit Mr. Blanton before his own people. There is no doubt every county of the nineteen in his district has potential candidates for the place, and if these aspirants can convert non-political organizations into a position of hostility to him, they will have laid the foundation for defeating him.

As a matter of fact, Mr Blanton's presence was not needed to vote on the prohibition amendment, and this was well known all the time since the resolution went before the House from the Senate. And another thing well known to the country and the administration is that this district has a large number of people who are not awake to the gravity of the situation, and who still, through ignorance think our government was not justified in going to war. It is of the highest importance that all such ignorance be removed, and any congressman who has been in Washington continuously during the period since last April has had opportunities of inside information which qualifies him to shed a lot of light on the subject and render valuable service to the government.

The Vanguard believes that in this grave crisis petty politics should have no place in our national councils. It believes that the people themselves who are not aspiring to office will condemn the man or set of men who seek to cast odium upon any member of national administration for personal or political reason.—Comanche Vanguard.

CALLAHAN CO. TO THE FRONT.

After several years of work the people of Callahan county have waked up on the road question. Following is the vote by boxes on the District Road Bond Election held Dec. 21, 1917:

Baird	For	147
	Against	39
Clyde	For	189
	Against	26
Eula	For	35
	Against	4
Putnam	For	58
	Against	31
Total	For Bonds	422
	Against	100

That is fine, more than 4 to 1 in favor of the bonds. The bonds, \$100,000 will be used to construct Callahan County's part of the Fort Worth—El Paso Highway and lateral roads. Good roads in Precinct No. 1 will bring good roads in other precincts. We are going forward.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

To School Parents of the County

During the present school session—1917-18—pupils who are not more than 14 years of age on the 1st day of Sept. last or under 8 on said date, that is, scholastics from 8 to 14 years, are required to attend school 80 days. When it is impossible for such pupils to attend school the Law provides that written excuses signed by the parents or guardians shall be sent to the teacher, and the same shall be done for each period of absence.

The following excuses are legal: Illness of child, or illness or death in the family, quarantine against contagious diseases, severe storms, and for unusual causes acceptable to the teachers. Parents should give One or More of said causes in their written excuses.

Pupils should not be kept out of school for any causes not authorized by law—for causes other than the ones stated above. Teachers are charged by law with the duty of rejecting and reporting all unauthorized excuses to the proper officers and said excuses shall be investigated, and if they are found to be in violation of the Compulsory Attendance Law, prosecution shall be instituted. If parents are convicted, the law provides a fine of \$5 for each concerned for the first day, \$10 for the second day and \$25 a day thereafter, from the day such parent was legally warned. Trustees and teachers should ad-

vice the patrons of their respective districts of importance of keeping the children in school for the full 80 days, and in case of any violations of the law, such cases should be reported for investigation, etc.

Trusting that every body concerned with the Compulsory Attendance Law will co-operate heartily for its execution,
I am,
Respectfully,
S. Ernest Settle,
County Supt.

DINNER FOR THE SOLDIER BOYS.

W. G. Bowlus and daughters entertained the visiting soldier boys at a luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 27th, 1917, while they were home on furlough. In the absence of Mrs. Bowlus, who was visiting her son, Lawrence who is in the army at Fort Sam Houston, her daughters, Misses Esther Belle and Bertha acted as hostesses and preformed their duty splendidly. It was an informal affair and heartily enjoyed by all present. The luncheon, we used to call them dinners, was about the most elaborate affair in the way of good eatables we ever attended.

The decorations were very beautiful, the national colors being used. The following soldier boys, the honor guests, were present: Les Walker, DeWitt Gibson, Otho Lidia and Robert Estes. The other guests were: Rev. W. Y. Switzer, Mr. and Mrs. John Asbury, J. T. Asbury, W. E. Gilliland, Mrs. Willis Asbury, Mrs. Robert Estes, Misses Essie Walker, Agnes Monday, Maggie Scott, Naomi Cutbirth, Rexie Gilliland.

Rev. Switzer returned thanks and offered an earnest prayer for the boys present and those absent.

Several toasts were offered and responses made by the host, W. G. Bowlus, W. E. Gilliland, John Asbury and others.

After dinner several songs were sung closing with The Star Sprangled Banner and that grand old hymn, America.

Regret was expressed by all the guests that the eldest son, Lawrence, who is in the army at Fort Sam Houston could not be present.

It was an enjoyable affair and the boys when they get to France and some times get real hungry they will remember that one hospitable family in Baird gave them one good square meal before they left home.

TO THE PEOPLE OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

In making my announcement for re-election to the office of County Clerk, I feel that I am responding to the requests of many friends who have solicited me to make the race again.

As near as it has been possible for one to do, I have given my entire time and personal attention to the duties of the Clerk's office: I have faithfully endeavored to familiarize myself with the duties of the office that I may render the people a faithful and accurate service.

Assuring the people so long as I am their Clerk, every man alike, shall have my prompt and courteous service, I am,

Sincerely Yours,
5-1t-adv. Chas. Nordyke.

TO THE VOTERS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS

I am asking the people of Callahan County to elect me Tax Assessor. In doing so I call your attention to the fact that I have had considerable experience in this office, and if the people see fit to elect me to this important office, I will do my very best to make you a good assessor.

Assuring you that I will appreciate your support and in return promising you my best efforts, I am,
Respectfully,
5-2t-adv. C. W. Conner.

Callahan county will issue bonds and will build good roads from the line of that county where it joins Eastland county across to where the line touches Taylor county. The bonds were voted four to one. This shows that a progressive and thrifty people live in Callahan county.—Clisco Round-Up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to announce the following named candidates for office subject to the action of the Democratic primary:

For District Clerk:
Thos. H. Floyd,
Baird
Mrs. Kate Burkett-Grubbe
Clyde

For Tax Assessor:
C. W. Conner
Baird
Jack Jones

For Tax Collector:
W. P. Ramsey
Baird

For County Clerk:
Chas. Nordyke
re-election

Rates for announcements in THE STAR as follows:
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Liver, Stomach and Bowel Troubles, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation, Sick Headache, Dizziness, Enlargement of the Abdomen, Bad Breath.

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Drs. Rae Bros. are well known throughout the United States. Their plan is to secure in each community evidence of their good work so as to benefit them in securing more patients. The sick and those interested are invited to call. Married women must come with their husbands, and children with their parents.

Hours 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.
5-1t-adv.

NEW YEAR'S GREETING.

I wish to extend the greetings of the season to all and assure each one who gave me their orders for magazines and newspapers during the past year that every order was appreciated, and I hope to receive your orders during the New Year.

Very respectfully,
Miss John Gilliland,
Magazine Specialist, Baird, Texas

CHAMBERLAIN'S TABLETS

When you are troubled with indigestion or constipation, take Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Indigestion is usually accompanied by constipation and is aggravated by it. Chamberlain's Tablets cause a gentle movement of the bowels, relieving the constipated condition. 5-4t-adv. For sale by all Druggists

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UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Our aim is to please you. Our motto, "Nothing but the best." Have you seen our new \$150.00 curtain? If not you should come and see how bright and clear the pictures are and how they stand out on the screen. We promised you the best, and we are going to fulfill that promise. We appreciate very much your response to our efforts. We feel that our efforts are not going to be vain.

OUR PROGRAM FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY:

"ONE SHOT ROSS"
featuring Roy Stewart in a Thrilling Western Play, a Triangle
"THEIR LOVE LESSON"
a Triangle Comedy and the 15th number of
"LIBERTY"

MONDAY:

"A NEW MUTUAL FEATURE"
We mean new and not old junk. Also a George Ovey Comedy.

TUESDAY:

"WILD SUMAC"
a thrilling Triangle story of the Northwest Mounted Police, featuring Margery Wilson, also a Triangle Comedy

WEDNESDAY:

"STINGAREE"
in another exciting adventure. A Black Cat Feature and two good comedies

THURSDAY,

"A NEW MUTUAL FEATURE"
A Good One, a Strand Comedy and The Ford Weekly

FRIDAY, Jan. 11th

"A TRIANGLE FEATURE" and "A TRIANGLE COMEDY"
A Good Show. Come any night and you will see a good show.

H. T. HODGES, Mgr.

New Year Greetings

I take this opportunity of thanking my friends for their liberal patronage the past year and wish for each of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

E. M. WRISTEN

GREETINGS

We extend the Season's Greetings to our friends. We appreciate the pleasant business relations we have enjoyed during the past year, and will endeavor to merit a continuation of the same during the year 1918.

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Greetings For The New Year

We thank you for the liberal patronage the past year, and trust that our service to you will merit a continuance of your trade with us. With best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year in 1918.

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of the very best quality of Georgia Marble and Granite at reasonable prices see me. Satisfaction guaranteed. I shall be glad to show you through my beautiful design book. Woodmen monuments a specialty. The emblem of any order put on any monument. I will appreciate the opportunity to show you thru. Telephone, write, or come to see me, or allow me to see you

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We Wish to Thank Our Friends

for the real friendship shown us by the liberal business given our bank during the past year
We Wish You All

A Prosperous New Year

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PERSONALS

H. C. (Boy) McGowen, we regret to learn, is seriously ill.

Candidates cards printed on short notice at THE STAR Job Office.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cutbirth of Stiles, spent the holidays with relatives in Baird.

Mrs. J. B. Seay and son, Bryan, of Dallas, spent the holidays with relatives in this county.

The baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Walls is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Benny Halsted of Camp Bowie, spent the holidays with his parents in Baird.

Henry Estes, of Kansas, spent the holidays with his parents in Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burt, of Wichita Falls, spent a few days here Christmas week with relatives.

C. C. Seale, Sr., who has been at Fort Worth for several weeks has returned to his home at Belle Plaine.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Davis, of Saragosa spent the holidays in Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ramsey, of Cross Plains, spent the holidays in Baird.

Joe Fraser, Assistant Postmaster at Colorado, Texas, spent a few days here during Christmas week.

Clell Cochell, of Camp Bowie, spent the holidays with H. Ivey and family.

Miss Winnie Windham and Mrs. Walter Lincecum, of Olin, were Baird visitors last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Phillips, of Big Springs were Baird visitors during the holidays.

Joe Crutchfield, who is stationed at Fort Clark, Texas, spent the holidays with his parents at Admiral.

See the program of week's entertainment at the Gem Theatre on 2nd page.

We are sorry to learn that Ernest McGee is confined to his bed with typhoid fever.

M. D. Hoover had the misfortune to cut his foot while cutting wood a few days ago.

Mrs. John J. Bookhout and children, of Dallas, are the guest of her parents. Mr. and H. W. Ross.

Joe Hanley, who is a member of the Ambulance Corps at San Antonio spent the holidays with his parents in Baird.

Miss Esther Belle Bowins, who is attending Draughon's Business College at Abilene, spent the holidays in Baird.

J. H. Weeks, of Putnam, was a Baird visitor Wednesday and renewed his STAR while here, for which he has our thanks.

Mrs. W. Y. Chambers and Alba Chambers returned Tuesday from a visit with Ed Chambers at Camp Bowie.

Hugo Foy, of Little Rock, Ark. and Fred Foy who is stationed at Camp Travis, spent the holidays with their parents here.

O. D. Jones returned Friday from Stacy, McCulloch county, where he went to take his sister-in-law Mrs. J. F. Powell, who had been visiting his family.

Fleet Howell, who is in the Pharmacy Department of the U. S. Army, spent the holidays with relatives in Baird.

Mrs. W. E. Gilliland and daughter, Miss Ellen, spent Christmas day with Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Jones at the ranch.

J. L. Murray of Cottonwood, started the New Year right by calling at this office this week and ordering THE STAR for a year.

THAT BLUE X.

Occasionally we make a mistake and put a Blue "X" on subscribers paper who is paid in advance. This is never intentional, but it is nearly impossible to go over a list of several hundred papers and not make a mistake. The Blue "X" is not intended as a dun, but to call attention to the fact that figures in your address show that subscription is past due. Sometime the figures are not correct. If your figures are not correct let me know before next week. Subscriptions must be paid in advance, and all subscriptions not so paid will be discontinued when time expires.

POCKET BOOK LOST

On Saturday, December 22, I lost a small brown folded pocket book containing a \$10.00 bill, a small amount in silver, cards with my name printed on them and two small kodak pictures. Lost on Coleman road between Baird and Capt. J. W. Jones' ranch, or on road leading to Oplin through Capt. Jones' pasture. Reward for return of same to me.

Miss Eliza Gilliland,
Baird, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Estes and Mrs. John Estes spent a few days during Christmas week with relatives at Clarksville.

Mrs. Chas. Redwine left Tuesday for El Paso, where Mr. Redwine has been for sometime. They will make their home there for the present. Miss Eva will remain here.

Otho Lidia, Carl Cornett, Less Walker, Claud Poe and DeWitt Gibson, who are stationed at Camp Bowie, spent Christmas week with their homefolks in Baird.

Cari West, who is stationed at Camp Bowie, and John West, who is stationed at Camp Travis, spent the holidays with their parents south of Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Estes and children, of Tyler, spent a few days here Christmas week with Mr. Estes' brother, Lee Estes, and family. Little Miss Rachel Caylor, of Fort Worth, accompanied them.

Mrs. Bowlus and little sons, Grant and John and Miss Beulah McWhorter and brother, Alex, spent the holidays in San Antonio, with Lawrence Bowlus who is stationed at Fort Sam Houston.

W. V. and M. T. Ramsey spent the holidays with their parents here. W. V. has returned to Carthage where he is teaching school, and M. T. to Memphis, Tenn., where he is attending a dental college.

Eldon Boydston, who has been in charge of his brother B. L.'s store at Cross Plains for several years, left last night for California where he will make his home. He was accompanied by his wife and baby.

L. A. Blakley, Haynie Gilliland, Misses Eliza and Eliska Gilliland and Nell Price returned Monday from an auto trip to the Davis Mountains, where they spent the holidays with Jas. H. Walker and family at Balmorhea.

Mrs. Leland Jackson, of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McFarlane, of the Bayou, and Bryan McFarlane, who is attending the State University at Austin, spent a few days in Baird this week with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brightwell.

FOR SALE—Good piano. See Mrs. Frank Parker

NOTICE

The U. S. Food Administration has set a price on bread. I have regulated my prices accordingly and will sell all bread, present size, at 7 1-2 cents per loaf at the City Bakery.

ORCAR NITSCHKE
2-3t Prop.

1918

Is now here and we wish to thank all our customers for their courtesy and patronage to us during 1917 and we will put forth an extra effort to merit your trade during 1918. To those whom we did not have the pleasure of selling in 1917, we ask you to call and inspect our stock and at least try us for 1918. Again thanking you and wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year, we are

Respectfully yours,

THE COMADOT

W. D. BOYDSTUN, Mgr.

"The Same Goods for Less Money" "More Goods for Same Money"

SPIRELLA CORSETS

On account of my recent illness I cannot call on you, but will be very glad to have any who want Spirella corsets call at my home in East Baird, where I can fit you in the very latest and best corset at reasonable price. I sincerely thank all for the patronage given me and hope soon to be able to resume regular work. Sincerely,
Mrs. J. R. Price

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Turner, on Monday, Dec. 31, 1917 a 10 pound girl. Mother and child doing well.

STRAYED—from Berry's pasture a heifer 17 months old, no brand, light Jersey with white spots. Notify F. E. Stanley or phone 337. Reward. 5.1 p

FOR RENT—My house in west Baird. Will rent house and entire block of land, or house and half block, and garage. Phone 123. 5 2t-adv. W. C. Powell.

FOR SALE—1917 model twin Indian Motorcycle, run less than thousand miles, electric equipped, like new. Apply Farmers State Bank, Putnam, Texas. 2-4tadv

W. J. Ray is making extensive improvements in his brick shop and will use it for a garage. He will put in a glass front, concrete floor and sidewalk and will move 50 feet of his present garage to the rear of the shop.

Robert L. Estes, of Camp Bowie, spent the holidays with relatives in Baird. Mrs. Estes who has been spending a few weeks with him at Fort Worth, returned home with him.

Mrs. N. K. Clifford, of Stamford, was a pleasant caller at THE STAR office yesterday, and moved her figures up a year on THE STAR. She will visit relatives in the country before returning home.

We have a number of announcements for county offices this week. Most of them were handed in so late we cannot make a formal notice this week, but will do so next week. See list under the head of "Announcements."

Robert Walls, one of Callahan county's soldier boys, who has been with his brother, W. V. Walls, for the past month, returned to Camp Bowie yesterday. He came home on a few days furlough and was taken ill with pneumonia, and was seriously sick for sometime.

RAINFALL FOR 1917.

January, —, in.	February 1-4
March, 1-8,	April, 1 1-2
May, 9 1-8,	June, 2 3-8
July, 7-8,	August, 1 1-9
September, 4 1-8	October 1-8,
November, 1-9.	December, —
Total for year, 15 inches.	
This is the highest rainfall in 33 years.	
M. R. Halley.	

DIED IN NEW MEXICO.

Jas. M. Gibson, who was for 25 years a citizen of the Eula community, died at his home in Moro Co., New Mexico, Saturday, Dec. 22, 1917, aged 65 years, 4 months. His wife, 5 sons and 7 daughters survive. All the children except Mrs. G. O. Osborn of Abilene and J. R. Gibson of Clyde were with him. The writer conducted the funeral at the home and the body was interred in the Levi N. M., cemetery, Sunday afternoon. A. T. Ford,
701 Main St., E. Las Vegas, N. M.

WANTED—A second-hand Riding Planter. Write me price and description. Sidney S. Harville,
5-3tp. Putnam, Texas.

WANT TO TRADE—Low wheel iron farm wagon for one having larger wheels. If you have a good light wagon for sale, worth the money, see me.—J. B. Walton, Rt. 1, Baird Texas. 5-1tp.

J. T. HAMMONS

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Criminal, Civil, Probate, Commercial and Land Law. I examine Abstracts and perfect Land Titles. SPECIAL—Wills and Estate matters
48-6m-p Baird, Texas

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Baird, Texas

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German Promises Worthless. In the early days of the German advance into Belgium, the people had learned to fear the worst. This was particularly true in Antwerp. In order to alleviate their fears and to obtain guarantees which might hasten the restoration of settled conditions, Cardinal Mercier secured from the German government at Antwerp promises, and in a circular letter dated October 16th, 1914, asked the clergy of the province of Antwerp to communicate them to the people:

"The governor of Antwerp, Baron von Holnigen, General von Huene, has authorized me to inform you in his name and to communicate by your obliging intermediary to our populations, the three following declarations:
(1) The young men need not fear being taken to Germany, either to be enrolled into the army or to be employed at forced labor.
(2) If individual infractions of police regulations are committed, the authorities will institute a search for the responsible authors and will punish them, without placing the responsibility on the entire population.
(3) The German and Belgian authorities will neglect nothing to see that food is assured to the population."

"On March 23d, 1915, at the arsenal at Luttre the German authorities posted a notice demanding return to work. On April 21st, 200 workmen were called for. On April 27th soldiers went to fetch the workmen from their homes and take them to the arsenal. In the absence of a workman, a member of the family was arrested.

Workmen Imprisoned on Trains. "However, the men maintained their refusal to work, because they were unwilling to co-operate in acts of war against their country."
"On May 4th, 24 workmen detained in prison at Nivelles were tried at Mons by a court-martial, on the charge of being members of a secret society, having for its aim to thwart the carrying out of German military measures. They were condemned to imprisonment.

"On May 8th, 1915, 48 workmen were shut up in a freight car and taken to Germany."
"On May 14th, 45 men were deported to Germany."
"On May 18th a fresh proclamation announced that the prisoners would receive only dry bread and water, and hot food only every four days. On May 22d three cars with 104 workmen were sent toward Charleroi."

"A similar course was adopted at Malines, where by various methods of intimidation, the German authorities attempted to force the workers at the arsenal to work on material for the railways, as if it were not plain that this material would become war material sooner or later."
"The following notice was placarded at Mentz in July-August, 1915: 'By order: From today the town will no longer afford aid of any description—including assistance to their families, wives, and children—to any operatives except those who work regularly at military work, and other tasks assigned to them. All other operatives and their families can henceforward not be helped in any fashion.'

Punished for Refusal to Work. "Similar measures were taken in October, 1915, at Harlebekeez-Courral, Bisseghem, Lokeren, and Mons. From Harlebeke 29 inhabitants were transported to Germany. At Mons, in M. Lenoir's factory, the directors, foreman, and 81 workmen were imprisoned for having refused to work in the service of the German army. M. Lenoir was sentenced to five years' imprisonment, the five directors to a year each, six foremen to six months, and the 81 workmen to eight weeks.

The general government had recourse also to indirect methods of compulsion. It seized the Belgian Red Cross, confiscated its property, and changed its purpose arbitrarily. It attempted to make itself master of the public charities, and to control the national aid and food committee.
"If we were to cite in extenso the decree of the governor general of August 4th, 1915, concerning measures intended to assure the carrying out of works of public usefulness, and that of August 15th, 'concerning the unemployed, who, through idleness, refrain from work,' it would be seen by what tortuous means the occupying power attempts to attack at once the masters and the men."

Fines Imposed Without Reason. The German authorities were not satisfied with one impoverishing levy. In November, 1915, one month before the expiration of the twelve-month period fixed for the levy, they decreed that the contribution of 40,000,000 francs a month should be paid for an indefinite period. In November, 1916, they increased the levy to 50,000,000 francs a month. In addition, faithful to the method laid down by the high command, the German authorities have continued to levy fines upon towns and villages for acts committed in their neighborhood, although they had no proof that these acts had been committed by any inhabitant of the city or village thus fined.

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German Promises Worthless. In the early days of the German advance into Belgium, the people had learned to fear the worst. This was particularly true in Antwerp. In order to alleviate their fears and to obtain guarantees which might hasten the restoration of settled conditions, Cardinal Mercier secured from the German government at Antwerp promises, and in a circular letter dated October 16th, 1914, asked the clergy of the province of Antwerp to communicate them to the people:

"The governor of Antwerp, Baron von Holnigen, General von Huene, has authorized me to inform you in his name and to communicate by your obliging intermediary to our populations, the three following declarations:
(1) The young men need not fear being taken to Germany, either to be enrolled into the army or to be employed at forced labor.
(2) If individual infractions of police regulations are committed, the authorities will institute a search for the responsible authors and will punish them, without placing the responsibility on the entire population.
(3) The German and Belgian authorities will neglect nothing to see that food is assured to the population."

"On March 23d, 1915, at the arsenal at Luttre the German authorities posted a notice demanding return to work. On April 21st, 200 workmen were called for. On April 27th soldiers went to fetch the workmen from their homes and take them to the arsenal. In the absence of a workman, a member of the family was arrested.

Workmen Imprisoned on Trains. "However, the men maintained their refusal to work, because they were unwilling to co-operate in acts of war against their country."
"On May 4th, 24 workmen detained in prison at Nivelles were tried at Mons by a court-martial, on the charge of being members of a secret society, having for its aim to thwart the carrying out of German military measures. They were condemned to imprisonment.

"On May 8th, 1915, 48 workmen were shut up in a freight car and taken to Germany."
"On May 14th, 45 men were deported to Germany."
"On May 18th a fresh proclamation announced that the prisoners would receive only dry bread and water, and hot food only every four days. On May 22d three cars with 104 workmen were sent toward Charleroi."

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Sergeant Gellenthelm was sitting behind the desk at the Philadelphia police station recently when he beheld a negro struggling with a suitcase. The sergeant asked his business. The negro replied:
"Boss, I want you to answer me a question. The food administration wants us to save a slice of bread a day, and I been doing it for the last three months. I got 'em all here in the suitcase, and now I wants to know what am I going to do with 'em?" He opened the suitcase and revealed about ninety slices of stale bread. Gellenthelm recovered, and gave the negro a little lesson on real conservation."

In the Movies.
"So you've been in the movies, eh?"
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"But what does a veterinary surgeon know about a car?"
"I don't know. Only I do know that once he cured a horse I owned of balking, and I thought it wouldn't do any harm to let him try his hand on the car."
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Rubbing It In.
"I don't know," mused the man with the wispy hair, gazing at his birthday present. "I don't know. Maybe Henrietta didn't mean anything by it, and maybe she did—but it seems kind of funny that after all these years she should make me a present of this book on 'Ruling by Will Power, or How to Master Your Surroundings.' It's the first gift she ever gave me that wasn't useful."—Judge.

Cups From Tin Cans.
The resourcefulness of women as war workers was given exemplification recently by the Red Cross canteen workers in France. Seven of the women were operating a rest station at one of the aviation camps. Having an insufficient number of cups for the use of the canteen the head worker discovered that there were several plumbers among the German prisoners working about the camps. She gathered a quantity of empty tin cans and set the plumber prisoners to work making drinking cups. The canteen was quickly supplied with plenty of well-made cups with neat handles made from the covers.

Attention of Mr. Garfield.
It was on the Northwestern car line. The windows were covered with frost, and the sole contents of the stove consisted of a broken broom handle and several burnt matches, mused the Indianapolis News. Suddenly a coal wagon loomed up squarely on the track ahead. The brakes held and the gong changed, but the coal wagon did not leave the track. More clanging was to no avail, and then the car began to gather headway. A gentle bump attracted the attention of all the passengers, who looked forward just in time to see the motorman reach out of his window and rapidly transfer several big lumps of perfectly good Kentucky coal to his bin.
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LESSON FOR JANUARY 6

JOHN PREPARES THE WAY FOR JESUS.

LESSON TEXT—Mark 1:1-11.
GOLDEN TEXT—Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world.—John 1:29.
PRIMARY MEMORY VERSE—Thou shalt call his name Jesus: For it is he that shall save his people from their sins.—Matt. 1:21.

INTERMEDIATE, SENIOR AND ADULT TOPIC—Herald of the king.
ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FOR TEACHERS—Isa. 40:3-5; Mal. 3:1-3; Luke 1:5-25; 3:9-17; Matt. 3:1-17; Luke 3:1-3; John 1:19-42.

The first lesson for this year marks the introduction of the Improved Uniform series of International Sunday School Lessons. This series has grown out of several years of frank discussion and the presentation of many proposed lesson schemes. It is an effort to conserve the benefits of the uniform system of lessons with the desire to adapt the lessons as thoroughly as possible to the modern pedagogical idea of graded instruction for the various departments of the school; an attempt to provide for the whole school as thorough and as teachable a uniform lesson idea as possible.

Special topics and special memory verses and additional scriptural material have been designated wherever it has been deemed possible whereby to make the lessons more helpful to the pupils of different departments. It is the beginning of an eight-year cycle, chosen with the view first, of incorporating several short topical courses in addition to the usual series on the chronological basis, and second the committee had in mind the desirability of more frequent survey of the entire Bible with varying methods of approach than is possible under a six-years cycle. Finally, to harmonize in the period of the cycle the newly adopted quadrennial conventions of the International Sunday School association. Where no topic, memory verse or additional material is indicated for inter-departments of schools, it is intended that uniform material should be employed for such departments.

Occasionally the general title and lesson may be found to be more helpful than the special topics or additional material as indicated for a given department. Sunday school leaders frankly acknowledge that this new plan is an experiment. It is hoped, however, that the long continued controversies over graded lessons, extrabiblical material and uniform lessons may find a solution in this newer plan.

Mark's Gospel pictures Jesus as the servant; therefore, it makes no reference whatever to his genealogy. The key-word to this gospel is the word "straightway," which is used more than forty times, and it is a suggestion as regards the obedience of a servant.

I. Introduction (vv. 1-3). The beginning of the gospel is meant the beginning of the blessed story as told by the evangelist, Mark. Note it is a fulfillment of prophecy (Mal. 3:1; Isa. 60:3). Mark is here more particularly referring to Isaiah. This is the period in the life of Christ between his temple experience and the day of his baptism, when he first entered publically into the real history of Israel. Jesus must needs have a herald, even as an earthly king is announced before his arrival. Christ himself is the living word (John 1:1), though the voice which announces him is the voice of a man—John the Baptist. The baptism of John was unto repentance and the remission of sins. It must not be confused with Christian baptism. Some interesting questions arise as to the life of Jesus before this event—his religious habits (Luke 4:16); his attitude toward the word of God and its prophecies (Luke 4:17-21); the work he had been doing in Nazareth (Mark 6:3).

II. The Baptist. (vv. 4-9). To know what kind of a man John was, we must look up Mark 1:6 and Matt. 3:4. His religious convictions are interesting also. They were a matter of his heart (Luke 3:8), a thing of his daily life (Luke 3:10). He was a man who held to a strict moral standard (Mark 6:18). His method and his message were a protest and a warning as well as a preparation. Repentance is not remission of sin (1 John 1:9). John demanded "fruit" which should accompany repentance (Matt. 3:8, 9). His message was not national but individual and his suggestion (Matt. 3:10-12) of future punishment for wrong-doing is fully exceeded by the words of our Lord himself.

III. The Baptism (vv. 10, 11). Baptism is always an emblem, a symbol. (See Matt. 3:11; Luke 3:6; Mark 1:8; Rom. 6:4.) It is a public identification, a public consecration and confession of faith. Jesus Christ himself took the place of sinners (II Cor. 5:21).
While this lesson is a lesson of the herald who preceded our Lord, who came to prepare the way and to usher in his kingdom, still there is the other side which we cannot forget, and in teaching this lesson we must emphasize the character of the king whom John came to herald.

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Bruce Burton, author of "More Power to You," spent six months in a Montana construction camp. He left to take up newspaper work in Chicago.
"Ain't you ashamed of yourself?" said the foreman of the camp, when he left. "A big feller like you makin' your livin' with a little thing like a lead pencil! You're big enough to swing a pick."

Time for Them Later.
Tubs and razors were the first thought of the Sammies on coming out of the trenches. How disappointing for the sweethearts who had hoped to dwell first in their thoughts.—St. Paul Pioneer-Press.

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Jim—What security?

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Silver and Bronze Piece Commemorates Entrance of the United States into the War.

A medal to commemorate the entrance of the United States into the war and its European alliances for the preservation of democracy has been issued by the American Numismatic Society. It was designed by Eli Harvey, the sculptor, and depicts the white-headed eagle of North America, popularly called the bald eagle, perched on a crag with wings outstretched and head thrown back, in the attitude of readiness for instant attack upon its foe. The only inscription is the date, "April 6, 1917," the day that President Wilson proclaimed the existence of a state of war. The issue was limited to 500 copies, 50 in silver and the others in bronze. All have been subscribed for and it was stipulated that a member could take only one medal.

In selecting the design, the committee says, it was thought that the bald eagle shown naturally was more expressive of the spirit of the country than the heraldic eagle usually depicted on the United States coinage. Congress on June 20, 1782, adopted the bald eagle as the emblem for the arms and great seal of the nation. The seal has always shown the eagle treated in a semiheraldic manner with the shield on the breast. In the coinage designs there has been a greater variety. The first coinage showed an eagle with outstretched wings, very simply executed. A few years later a conventional eagle hampered by a shield was submitted.

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Sacred Harmony.
"There may be sacred harmony in the reichstag," said Senator Vardaman, "but when a minority socialist talks to a pan-German or when a Catholic centrist talks to a conservative the dialogue reminds me of Mrs. Spink."
"Mrs. Spink was ushered into a friend's house for an afternoon call by Jane and, as she stood in the hall, a voice called softly down from somewhere above:
"Jane, if that's Mrs. Spink, I'm not at home."
"The caller lifted her head sharply.
"It is Mrs. Spink!" she shouted, "and she's mighty glad to hear it."

Just a Private.
James N. Culp, a former newspaper man, now the postmaster at North Vernon, tells this one, relates a writer in the Indianapolis News.
A Jennings county man made inquiry the other day for his son's mail. The postmaster, not knowing whether the boy received his mail by city carrier, general delivery or rural route, ventured the query, "General delivery?"
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"I know it," replied the stern-visaged woman at the back door. "The last time you were here you had on a deaf-and-dumb sign."

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Many thousands of women suffering from womanly trouble, have been benefited by the use of Cardui, the woman's tonic, according to letters we receive, similar to this one from Mrs. Z. V. Spell, of Hayne, N. C. "I could not stand on my feet, and just suffered terribly," she says. "As my suffering was so great, and he had tried other remedies, Dr. — had us get Cardui. . . I began improving, and it cured me. I know, and my doctor knows, what Cardui did for me, for my nerves and health were about gone."

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She writes further: "I am in splendid health . . . can do my work. I feel I owe it to Cardui, for I was in dreadful condition." If you are nervous, run-down and weak, or suffer from headache, backache, etc., every month, try Cardui. Thousands of women praise this medicine for the good it has done them, and many physicians who have used Cardui successfully with their women patients, for years, endorse this medicine. Think what it means to be in splendid health, like Mrs. Spell. Give Cardui a trial.

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We are indebted to our friend, Oscar Nitschke, our popular baker, for a big pound cake as a Christmas present. We appreciate such kind remembrances. The cake, like all Mr. Nitschke's cakes, was all that could be desired.

COTTON GINNED
There has been 4882 bales of cotton ginned in Callahan county up to December 13, against 8211 same date last year.

FOR SALE—One or two good milch cows for sale, good young gentle stuff. If you need a real milker don't pass this by.—J. B. Walton, Rt. 1, Baird, Texas. 5-1tp.

Make your hens lay white eggs are high by giving them "More Eggs". Mrs. W. Y. Switzer has it.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Estes and Misses Lois Ivey and John Gilliland were the guests of Mrs. M. C. Berry on Wednesday of last week at her home near Baird.

Reefer's Roup Remedy and Cholera Cure are indispensable to poultry raisers. See Mrs. W. Y. Switzer.

Mrs. Leonard Looney came in Monday evening from Fort Worth. The boarding house in which Mr. and Mrs. Looney lived, was destroyed by fire Sunday night and they lost all their clothing and personal effects. Luke Terry was also staying there and also lost all his clothing. He was sleeping on the second floor and was cut off from the stairway by the fire and escaped by jumping from a window. He had his hand right badly burned.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY

Before using this preparation for a cough or cold you may wish to know what it has done for others. Mrs. O. Cook, Macon, Ill., writes, "I have found it gives the quickest relief of any cough remedy I have ever used." Mrs. James A. Knott, Chillicothe, Mo., says "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy cannot be beat for coughs and colds." H. J. Moore, Oval, Pa., says "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on several occasions when I was suffering with a settled cold upon the chest and it has always brought about a cure. 5-4t-adv. For sale by all Druggists

"More Eggs" will make your hens lay. See Mrs. W. Y. Switzer 1-4

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Welch of Ft. Worth, visited R. D. White and family during the holidays.

Homer Fewell, who is working in a garage at Abilene, is spending a few days this week in Baird.

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RED CROSS CAMPAIGN.

The first thing I wish to do is to thank the splendid corps of helpers I had to push this Christmas membership campaign to such a success. It could not have been done had it not been for the untiring work of the different chairmen of the committees and their associates in the several communities. Not a one failed to do his or her best. Not a word of complaint from anyone. The coming at the busiest week of the year, yet, all seemed glad to contribute to the success of the work.

It is impossible for me to mention each one personally in this brief article—neither do I know the names of all who helped for each chairman selected the rest of the working committee. Each person rendering service of any kind received a blessing in his or her own heart besides the blessing it is to the men who have gone and are to go from our firesides and homes to the battle front. We cannot do too much during these days of stress and danger. These are days that should call us to our sanest and most solemn attitude of mind. We should not only be careful of what we say but also of what we think. It is imperative that each one of us shall think right. We should send our boys from us with the assurance that we are standing by them as they go to fight our battles, to protect our home and loved ones. The man who forgets himself so far as to fail to honor and help these men has failed to show the proper spirit of appreciation to them and is a detriment to the best interests of his country.

I am giving a list of the different places, together with the chairman of the committee and the amount raised:

- Admiral, Miss Jennie Harris, \$41.05
- Atwell, Rev. C. C. Andrews, 51.60.
- Baird, Rev. W. Y. Switzer, 487.50
- Belle Plaine, Miss Eulalia Hearn, 22.50.
- Clyde, Mrs. Luther Jackson, 279.00
- Cottonwood, Mrs. Casey, 115.90
- Dressy, Rev. S. A. Rogers, 21.00
- Denton, J. M. Ellis, 70.75
- Erath, Mrs. J. E. Johnson, 46.00
- Eula, Mrs. A. R. Kelton, 115.00
- Cross Plains, Mrs. Dodd Price, 406.00
- Gilliland, Mrs. H. A. McWhorter, 29.00
- Lanham, Mrs. Morressett, 30.00
- Oplin, Mrs. Lincecum, 214.30
- Rowden, Geo. Miller, 35.00
- Tecumseh, Mrs. —, 26.00
- Eagle Cove, Jesse Carpenter, 42.00
- Caddo Peak, J. A. Moore, 14.00

Tho I put in the best of my time and thought during a period of four weeks, I feel, today, proud of the fact that I found it in my heart to do so and that I have not heard a word of complaint from any member of my congregation to whom belongs all my time, thought and energy. We both have been glad that the conditions were such that I could enter into the campaign as Campaign manager for the county, and with the splendid co-operation of a host of workers we could put Callahan county on the map as one of the largest contributors in this section to this most worthy cause. In the entire amount of more than twenty-one hundred dollars there were represented more than nineteen hundred persons—about eighteen hundred and fifty \$1 memberships, showing the individual co-operation.

I wish again to thank everyone who contributed in anyway to the success of this campaign feeling you have your reward in your own heart as I have it in mine.

Yours for a greater and more efficient Red Cross.
R. A. Scranton,
Campaign Manager, Callahan Co.,

Our popular T. & P. Operator, C. M. Mills and wife were pleasant callers at THE STAR office during Christmas week. Mr. Mills renewed his subscription to THE STAR and also ordered it sent to the boys, Charles Mills, Fort Morgan, Ala., and Robert L. Cochran, San Francisco, Calif. Thanks to you Mr. Mills and may the New Year bring happiness and prosperity to you both.

YOU AND I AND NOW AND THEN

By Orin R. Colle, St. Louis, Mo.

One of these days there will come from "over there" a casualty list of American soldiers that will eat into your soul and my soul. Many of the boys who went "over there" to protect your honor and my honor and your freedom and my freedom will be on the list of dead. They will have given up their lives, even as the Man of Galilee, for you and for me.

NOW, and not THEN, you and I should ask ourselves, "Are we doing EVERYTHING we can to help the Army which is back of the Army?" The Army Back of the Army is the great American Red Cross. The Red Cross is one of the biggest agencies for winning the war for the Allies. We are going to win the war, of course. But when? NOW is the time to consider that question, too. NOW is the time for you and for me to do EVERYTHING WE CAN for the government of the United States and for the rest of the Allies. And we ought to go to the depths of our hearts for the answer to the question: "Are we doing ALL we can?"

The American Red Cross is the very backbone of the American expeditionary forces. It cares for the soldier's family while he is away, if the family needs care; it cares for the soldier himself, both on the way to the battlefields and after he arrives there; the great American Red Cross MAKES the MORALE of not only the American forces overseas but the forces of the other Allies as well. We are going to win the war, yes, but we are not going to win it without the support of the American Red Cross.

And so, as I said before, one of these days we are going to get our first big casualty list from "over there," and your boy or your neighbor's boy will be one of the dead. THEN, with tears in our eyes and lumps in our throats, realizing at last that the boys "over there" have made the Supreme Sacrifice, realizing that they gave us LIFE by embracing DEATH, then—THEN—

But THEN will be TOO LATE. What about NOW? This is OUR hour to act; this is our hour to rally around the Red Cross; this is our hour to join that greatest of all great humanitarian organizations; this is our hour to help make a success of the Christmas membership campaign which has for its purpose the enlistment of 10,000,000 new members by Christmas eve, this is our hour to take to our hearts the Red Cross flag, the flag which stands not only for relief, not only for the care of OUR boys "over there," but also for the MORALE which is necessary for winning the war.

If YOU and I do not belong to the Red Cross we are prolonging the suffering of our boys in France, because we are prolonging the war itself.

Christmas day there will be flashed to the battlefields the inspiring message that 15,000,000 American men and women have joined the American Red Cross and have signified by that action that they are going to back up our boys in the trenches until the shot shall have been fired that will mean that the world has been saved for democracy!

Let us act NOW, not THEN, you and I.

WOMAN WORKER IN ALASKA RAISES FUNDS FOR RELIEF

The American Red Cross has received a remittance and the following letter from a woman in a town in Alaska:

"I am sending you a money order for the amount of \$35.50, to be used for the Red Cross. I collected it from the men on two Tin Dredges here in the summer. I am the only white woman here and my nearest Nahoic (white woman) are 50 miles from here. I have been here 10 years, without been outside, but tried to do my best to 'do my bit' for our boys in this awful war." I had only two refusals, so consider myself lucky, and a little bit proud. Please let me know when you receive it."

Miss Josephine Blakley, who is attending school at Big Springs, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Blakley at Belle Plaine.

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