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Roberts County Red Cross Work

CHRISTMAS MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.

On Monday morning, December 10, 7, County Manager, B. F. Jackson, called a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Red Cross Christmas Membership Campaign for Roberts County, Texas, at the office of J. K. McKenzie, in Miami, which hereafter be known as the headquarters for said Campaign. The Executive Committee is composed of the following persons: B. F. Jackson, County Manager; Rev. C. E. Pitts, Rev. J. H. Hicks, Rev. H. P. Wilsford, L. G. Waggoner, Chairman Publicity Committee, J. K. McKenzie was appointed Secretary and Treasurer to the Executive Committee.

The question of dividing Roberts County into suitable districts was then discussed and the following action was taken.

Miami was divided into eight districts and one or two Captains appointed for each district, as follows:

For the district North of Red Deer Creek, Clarence Locke;

For the District North of the Railroad to Red Deer Creek, W. E. Stocker.

For the District between the railroad and Commercial Street, J. R. Durrett.

For the District between Commercial and Wichita Streets, which includes the court house block, J. W. Burks and J. D. Lard.

For the District between Wichita and Tascosa Streets, includes all the churches in Miami and the school building, J. L. Seiber.

For the district between Tascosa and Summit Streets, W. H. Craig.

For the district South of Summit Street, Dr. F. N. Reynolds.

For the district known as Coffeeville, lying East of the little creek running into Red Deer Creek at the railroad bridge near the corner of section 71, block M2, J. V. Coffee.

Outside of Miami the following districts were created and Captains appointed as follows:

From Wayside School House on the Hockaday Highway West, C. L. Thomas;

North of the Hockaday Highway to the River, W. B. Kitchen and S. E. Fitzgerald.

From the R. L. Morrison home place North to the River and East to the County line, C. R. Cowan.

South of the Hockaday Highway to the railroad, J. P. Osborne.

South of the railroad and South of Miami, L. G. Christopher.

East of Miami, and along the railroad, J. E. George.

North of the Canadian river, Woods King.

At this meeting of the Executive board, a request was made that the City Mayor issue a proclamation for Red Cross day next Monday, which proclamation appears in this issue. All pastors of the city have been asked to preach Sunday morning on the Red Cross movement, which they have agreed to do.

Judge Walker Hall

Judge Walker Hall will be in Miami Sunday and will speak Sunday night at the Baptist church on the Red Cross work. This will be a union meeting of all churches, and we understand that no services will be held at any other church. Mr. Hall is one of the Judges of the Court of Civil Appeals. He is a very strong speaker, and one of National reputation, and he is one of the most fluent speakers of the panhandle. His message will be one of much interest and you will miss a fine speech if

you do not take advantage of this opportunity.

County Chairman Jackson will call a meeting this week of the working captains, who will meet in some convenient place and give instructions and their supplies.

The Red Cross Christmas drive is going to be one of the biggest and strongest drives we have had this year, and we predict an easy task for the workers in securing our quota for the county.

If Roberts County can succeed (and we will) in securing her quota of 289 members to the Christmas drive, we can organize a Chapter with the same membership. This we understand will be done soon after the first of the year.

Will Stop Volunteering

REGISTERED MEN CANNOT VOLUNTEER AFTER DECEMBER 15TH.

The local Postmaster is just receipt of a communication from the Adjutant General stating that after the new Selective Draft Regulations go into effect December 15th no registrant may enlist voluntarily in the military service of the United States. Exception is made in the case of medical or dental students, hospital internes and veterinarians, who will be accepted for the Enlisted Reserve Corps of the Medical Department.

It is thought that this will materially reduce the number of volunteer recruits obtained for the various organizations of the Army. Heretofore many young men, subject to the draft, have arranged to close up their affairs before being called by the draft boards and have chosen to enlist rather than wait for the draft, in this way securing the privilege of enlisting in that branch of service for which they had a preference or in technical engineer regiments for which previous training had fitted them. Thousands of railroad construction and railroad operating men were securing in this way, as well as many road construction men, carpenters, mechanics, saw-mill men, well drillers, miners, quarrymen, surveyors and printers. Regiments of such men have been recruited for immediate service in France building railroads, cantonments and supply bases for the great American armies to be sent there in the spring.

Recruiting Officers say that they will continue to accept for enlistment in any branch desired all men who present themselves for enlistment prior to December 15th, provided such men have not been called for examination by the local boards or have not been exempted or discharged. It is expected that there will be a rush of registered men to take advantage of this opportunity to pick the branch in which they desire service.

ZERO WEATHER

The Panhandle has been going through the coldest spell we have experienced. A cold norther blew up Friday of last week, and with it came a light skiff of snow, possibly a half inch. The thermometer has been registering from 10 above to five below since that date. Tuesday was warmer and we are now looking for a few days of warmer weather.

The cattlemen in this country are in bad shape for a severe cold spell. There is scarcely any cake in the country. Only a very few cattlemen have enough cake to last them over two weeks, and cake is almost a thing of the past. The Government shipped out five hundred cars to the drought stricken country, and have promised to send a few cars to Miami, but so far none have arrived.

It is hoped that cake from some source will be available before another cold spell comes.

Community Xmas Tree

Miami, Texas, Dec. 10th
We the representatives of the different churches selected to arrange for a town Christmas tree hereby select Bro. Pitts as spokesman and general manager.

SOLICITING COMMITTEE
Miss Laura Talley, Chairman, Miss Lena Huber, Miss Dale Anderson and Miss Maurine Pitts.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE
Mrs. Baker, Chairman, Miss Cora McCluney, Mrs. L. G. Waggoner, and Mrs. J. W. Wells.

PURCHASING COMMITTEE
Mrs. Dave Lard, Mrs. H. E. Baird, Mrs. A. M. Jones and W. A. Dyer.

DECORATING COMMITTEE
Mrs. S. E. Fitzgerald, Mrs. J. K. McKenzie, Mrs. John Short, Mrs. Clarence Parley, Mr. L. G. Waggoner, Mr. Will Locke, Prof. Barcus and Prof. Potts.

We recommend that the Christmas Tree be at the High School Auditorium and that every person under 18 years of age that lives in Miami or attends any of the Sunday Schools or the Public School be presented the same kind of present by calling them forward in groups beginning with the younger children, this without labeling said presents or calling the children's name. We also suggest that the Committee on decoration secure the address of each SOLDIER Boy from this place and mail to him a suitable token of our remembrance, containing nuts or anything that will not perish on the way, same to be paid for out of this general fund.

We suggest a short program beginning at 7 o'clock p. m. closing 7:30. C. Coffee, Chairman. W. A. Dyer. L. B. Robertson. L. G. Christopher, Sec.

Proclamation

Whereas, "ten Million Americans are invited to join the American Red Cross during the week ending with Xmas eve; and

Whereas, the times require that every branch of our great national effort shall be loyally upheld, and it is peculiarly fitting that an Xmas season the Red Cross should be the branch through which your willingness to help is expressed;" and

Whereas, I am satisfied that if the people of Miami are aware of the facts they will respond to the appeal with their accustomed and ready generosity;

Now, Therefore, I, W. A. Dyer Mayor of the City of Miami, in order that this worthy cause may be aided, do hereby designate Monday, Dec. 17th 1917 as Flag Day, and I hereby direct that the Official Red Cross Flag be floated underneath the U. S. Flag both at the Court House and at the Public school building.

In witness whereof, I have this day caused this appeal to be made public and have affixed thereto my signature and seal of the City of Miami this Thirteenth day of Dec. 1917.

W. A. Dyer, Mayor.

Thrift Stamp Sale.

County Chairman, H. E. Baird has started in real earnest the campaign in Roberts County to sell about \$22,000 worth of War Saving Stamps and Certificates. This Campaign which started all over the United States last week will continue for one year, and aside from loaning the Government about two billion dollars, we believe it will be the education of the young American to save.

Chairman Baird has appointed the following committee to assist in selling the Thrift Stamps and to give out information to those asking for it.

Rev. C. E. Pitts, Chairman.
Rev. Hicks.
Rev. H. P. Wilsford.
Prof. Potts.
B. F. Jackson.
L. G. Christopher.
Thos. J. Boney.
J. W. Burks.
C. S. Seiber.
L. G. Waggoner.
Geo. Fletcher.

Any of whom will be glad to explain the Thrift Stamp and the war Saving Certificates. For immediate information we might state that the Thrift Stamps are now on sale at the post office. Any child with twenty five cents can purchase a stamp and will receive a card free to place it on. This card will hold four dollars worth of twenty five cent Thrift Stamps. When the four dollars worth of stamps are placed on the card it and 12 cents in money can be traded for a \$5. War Saving Certi-

ficate, payable at maturity in five years. You may purchase as many stamps and War Saving Certificates as you like.

SAVE A LIFE FOR CHRISTMAS.
The British recently drove five miles through enemy defenses by concentrating in one spot, a large number of huge fighting tanks, great armored cars, equipped with rapid firing guns and machine guns. They smashed through mile after mile of the Hindenburg Line with very little loss of life to our Allies.

We must have the greatest tanks, the greatest Guns, and the most of them, to save the lives of our American boys.

Give United States War Saving Certificates for Christmas gifts instead of gold pieces. They cost \$4.12 each in December, 1917. They are little five-year Government Bonds, bearing 4 per cent Compound interest—worth \$5.00 at maturity. Each one you give may save a life.

GIVE A FIVE DOLLAR UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BOND FOR CHRISTMAS INSTEAD OF A PEICE OF GOLD.

Every loyal American will be glad and proud to receive such a gift. Every one given aids your Government to save some American soldiers life.

United States War Savings Certificates are the finest investment in the world. They cost \$4.12 in December, 1917, and bear 4 per cent interest. They are better than gold. P. O. can supply you for Christmas.

DIVISION PUBLICITY OFFICE NINETEENTH DIVISION

Camp Travis, Texas.

If improved physical condition is an argument for military training, the best argument along this line to be found in Texas can be seen at Camp Travis. It is not stating, other than bare facts to assert that the soldiers now at Camp Travis are not the same men, physically they were when they first reached this cantonment.

This improvement in the physical being of the soldiers is not due to any accident. It is the result of systematic and scientific training. This training has been given in such an interesting way that the soldiers who have taken it were unaware that it was part of the work cut out for them to do; they thinking that it was part of the recreation provided for the soldiers of the camp.

Perhaps it is this happy faculty of making work a pleasure, coupled with the superb weather for training the men that has prevailed, that has so largely contributed to the magnificent advancement in their work that has marked the progress of the soldiers of Camp Travis. Some philosopher has declared that happy is the man who finds his work a pleasure. If this axiom is correct, at least one reason for the practically contentment that prevails at Camp Travis is not hard to find.

It should be borne in mind that the best shot in the world is of little practical use in the army unless he can reach the point where he can "lay" his gun on the target. To find this target requires marching, world of marching. The man who has the best feet, the most supple muscles and the reserves energy is the man who can go the route that must be traveled in warfare.

And in speaking of feet, it is no idle talk to state that the soldiers at Camp Travis are much better "at both ends" today than they were when they reached this camp raw recruits. One reason for this is the sensible last shoe worn in the army. It is in itself a pence for 75 per cent of the ill the feet are heir to. The corn crop at Camp Travis, as a result of this sensible last shoe, has been a total failure. Minor ailments of the feet that often prove so aggravating, are diminishing with a rapidity that is pleasing to the officers of this camp. If service in army does nothing else for thousands of young men, it will save them from the sufferings that are exacted in middle life from wearing illfitting shoes in the younger days.

Too much stress cannot be laid upon the splendid tonic effect letters from home has on the soldiers of Camp Travis. These letters are looked forward to with zest that can be compared only with the expectations of a child at Christmas time. When the mail comes and is distributed and there is no word from relatives and friends, it takes a terrible amount of mental shaking to loosen the feeling of disappointment in the heart of the soldier-boy. Mother is naturally expected to write often, and Mother seldom fails her boy. But Maude and Mabel, Elsie and Alice are the ones



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the soldier-boys think about the hardest and fret over the most when they fail to write. There is just a sort of feeling that can't be accurately described in the hearts of the soldier-boys that, when they don't hear from their sweethearts, perhaps some fellow who is at least 35 per cent slacker has cut a corner and has gotten in the good graces of the "girl left behind." The more letters the soldiers receive, the better soldiers they are, and then again the extra cent now put on every letter makes it just that much surer that Berlin will be reached.

All of your laundry for one month, no matter how much, at a flat rate of \$1.50. That is what Uncle Sam's big laundry at Camp Travis charges the soldier boys and collects at end of the month. The Soap Sud's factory is the largest of its kind in the world and contains some of the most modern and expensive laundry machinery. The task of sorting and classifying laundry for 30,000 soldiers is no small task when it must be taken into consideration that all of these clothes are exactly alike. This giant laundry does even more for the soldier than guaranteeing him the return of his own clothes, clean and ironed. They all come back mended. Buttons that have been lost drilling are replaced. Rents that have been made in crawling through the brush are neatly sewed. There are 132 machines for pressing that cost \$30,000 alone. There are 24 washing machines costing \$10,000. Twenty marking machines cost \$6700. Flat ironers cost \$22,000. Twenty two trucks are attached to the laundry for carrying the clothes back and forth. Four hundred and sixty windows furnish light and ventilation for the building which is 300 feet wide and 500 feet long. The laundry is under direction of the government.

A Hostess House has been erected at Camp Travis for the purpose of offering a place where soldiers can entertain their mothers, wives and sweet-hearts when they come to visit them at Camp Travis. The Hostess House is a large, wide-spread one-story building with screened porch, big living room, simply, but attractively furnished and with a large open fireplace at one end. There are arrangements for a tea room with service on the cafeteria plan, and a comfortable rest room. The Hostess House is conducted under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian Association. If you are coming to Camp Travis to visit your friends

or family, the Hostess House is an ideal place where you can be entertained.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday School Every Sunday at 10 A. M. and communion service at 11 A. M.

Dr. S. R. BOON, Chiropractic-Masseur
I. O. O. F. Building,
Phone No. 78.

SEND SANTA CLAUS TO THE FRONT.

Our French comrades have steadily sweeping back the enemy by concentrating in one spot more guns and larger guns than the enemy could gather there. After a furious bombardment of the enemy trenches the French infantry sweeps forward, gaining trench after trench with very little loss of life.

We must provide for our American Army guns greater in size and greater in number than the enemy can oppose to them. It will save many of the million American boys entering the conflict.

Save a life for Christmas by helping to buy one of these great guns. Give United State War Savings Certificates instead of gold pieces for Christmas gifts. They cost \$4.12 each in December. They are little five-year United States Government Bonds, bearing 4 per cent Compound interest—worth \$5.00 at maturity.

Have written on them the names of the persons you give them to and on Christmas morning they will have the evidence that in their respective names help has been given toward preparing—perhaps some American boy spared for many Christmas Days. And you will be saving as a Christian present the safest, best investment in the world today—Something better than gold.

THE FIRST STATE BANK



"CONTRABAND" A Thrilling War Story of the North Atlantic

By RANDALL PARRISH

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CHAPTER XVIII—Continued.

"There is not much to tell," he went on, almost jauntily. "I saw exactly how things were going before we left the boat. I knew Hollis' reputation ashore, and determined to warn you of his purpose, but had no opportunity. Besides, I felt you had so poor an opinion of me that probably you would not listen."

"You were greatly mistaken, Mr. McCann," she said pleasantly. "I would have gladly received your advice. You were my father's friend."

I could read the man's surprise in his face. The graciousness of her words was a shock, yet his egotism made him instantly her victim.

"You mean you trusted me? That you would have listened?"

"Most assuredly. How could you think otherwise? I knew you were not yourself in the boat, and the treatment to which you were subjected was brutal. I owed my life to you equally with Captain Hollis, and am very grateful. I have never forgotten that you have been a guest in our home, a business associate of my father's. Why should I not have confidence in you?"

I looked at her in amazement, but her eyes never met mine. What did this mean? Was the girl acting a part? Was she endeavoring to deceive him, or was she speaking now in deadly earnest? Nothing in her manner, or in the tone of her voice, gave me a clue. As for McCann, the very expression of his face pictured his delight. His conviction of her sincerity. It was almost too good to be true, yet his was not a nature to doubt his own attractiveness.

"I—I—you surprise me," he stammered, absolutely forgetting my presence. "I—I assure you I was actuated by the highest motives in all my efforts. My duty was to you, and your father."

He turned and faced me, the bully in him surging to the surface.

"I will converse with Miss Carrington alone."

To resist would have been utter foolishness. I could see the gleam of the gun in his hand, and realized that she only required an excuse to use it. More, there was nothing in the expression of the girl's face to inspire me to resistance. She did not even glance toward me, or exhibit the slightest interest.

With hands clenched in impotent rage, not even venturing a reply, I stepped backward. As I crossed the threshold McCann closed the door, and I heard the key turn in the lock. Trembling still with anger, and dazed by the strange action of the girl, I sank back upon the stool, realizing my utter helplessness. All she had done and said appeared so natural it never really occurred to me once that she might be acting a part, seeking in this way to gain McCann's confidence, in order to win from him the information we required. It was only as I sat there in silence, brooding over every detail, that this possible conception began to slowly dawn upon my mind. That she could trust the man in any way was practically impossible, for he had revealed to her his true character in so many ways the memory could not be blotted out.

As the full knowledge of this truth grew apparent, I was able to view all that had occurred later in a different light. She had simply accepted her one chance; had grasped with womanly intuition the single weapon left at her command. Girl as she was in years, her experience in the world had been that of a woman, and she instinctively realized her power—the power of wealth, of beauty, and of youth. It had been beautifully done, so deftly accomplished as to deceive even me. Aye! and the method had succeeded with McCann. I recalled the expression of awestruck pride on the man's face. He had no power of resistance left; he was already putty in her hands.

True, but would he remain so? The game she played was a dangerous one; if she ventured too far she would discover the brute lurking in him still. And he had the power, the physical power, to wreak vengeance once he suspected deceit. And there was no one to help her if she made a single false step—absolutely no one; she was a lamb among wolves. Those fellows would never release me again, not for a moment. I would be compelled to take observations, to calculate position, to trace our sailing course on the chart, but not for an instant would I be left again unguarded, either on deck or in the cabin. McCann would see to that.

The afternoon passed, dragging its weary hours. Nothing happened to relieve the monotony and dread of solitude. No one approached the door of the stateroom, not even to offer me food, and my ears were able to distinguish no sound of movement in the main cabin. Occasionally footsteps passed along the deck overhead, and once or twice I heard the voice of Liverpool sing out some order to the men forward. The sun sank, its rays glinting across the waters, and telling me the ship held to its southwest course, but the ocean, so far as I could see,

remained desolate, the horizon unbroken by a gleam of sail, or smudge of smoke. No echo of a cry reached me from any lookout aloft. The vessel proceeded quietly, no effort being made, apparently, to achieve speed. I judged our rate would not exceed eight knots, and decided there was either a scarcity of men in the stokehole, or else they were conserving fuel to attain greater speed during the hours of darkness. The bright sunlight began to fade into a purple dusk.

CHAPTER XIX.

A French Man-of-War.

No food was brought me during the afternoon, nor had I eaten all day, yet my mental state was such I had no consciousness of hunger. I had discovered no means of creating a light, although my eyes were sufficiently accustomed to dimness to enable me to move about my narrow quarters safely enough.

It must have been between eight and nine o'clock when the key turned in the lock of my door, and Liverpool looked in. The light from the swinging lamp in the main cabin flared into my eyes, blinding me, yet I recognized his face, and saw Dede close behind him, bearing a tray. Neither of them spoke, but Red, having assured himself of my presence, stood aside, and motioned the steward to enter. The latter deposited the laden tray on the deck, and backed out silently, every movement showing him thoroughly cowed by his guardian. Realizing that my word from me would only result in insult, I remained silent, and the two disappeared, closing and locking the door behind them. I confess I ate the food with relish, for it was well cooked, and served with some delicacies. After a sedate cup of coffee I felt much more like myself, rummaging through the captain's chest until I found some tobacco and a pipe, which I at once appropriated to my own use. No one returned for the emptied dishes, and I sat for a long while at the open port, smoking the blue spiral swept away by the rush of air, and my eyes on the starlit waters.

I had been sailing long enough to accept the ordinary perils of the sea as part of the profession. Nothing was so strange to be true at sea; and so it was not the position in which I found myself; nor the possible fate of the Indian Chief, or of her captives, which weighed most upon my mind—it was Vera Carrington. If those villains scuttled the ship; if they took to the boats to save themselves, leaving us to drown like rats, what would they do with the girl? Would McCann dare to take her with him? Would he venture leaving her alive to bear witness to his crime? There was but one answer—not unless she was utterly in his power. Either he must quiet her by force, and thus bring her spirit to his will, or else compel her to marry him, and so legally seal her lips. And the man was perfectly capable of taking either course—whichever seemed easier.

This was the consideration which served partially to arouse me from coma. I could not continue to sit there waiting for Fate to approach; better far to go forth and meet it in manly fashion. I had a good strong knife in my pocket, and the lock of the door was a common one, the wood surrounding it soft pine. There was nothing in that obstacle to prevent my escape, and if I was discovered at large, my punishment would merely be confinement elsewhere. I had therefore nothing to lose, but everything to gain by the experiment. The hour was late, the night had thus far been a quiet one, and it was quite probable the fellow, comfortably situated, was dozing at his task. Anyhow, I would make little noise, and the chance was worth taking.

The labor proved easier than I had supposed. The soft pine yielded easily to the sharp blade, and a very few moments sufficed to cut the lock clear, enabling me to open the door silently and take cautious survey of the main cabin. At first I doubted the presence of anyone, and had, indeed, ventured forth before perceiving the form of a man outstretched on the divan surmounting the butt of the mizzenmast. The fellow was asleep, yet restless enough to be dangerous. His face was in shadow, and I thought it best not to venture close enough to identify him, although the dim light revealed a belt about his waist, and the bulging butt of a revolver. Convinced that my only hope of accomplishment lay in the discovery and release of my fellow prisoners, I crept across the deserted cabin, and entered the passage leading forward. Somewhere amidships these were surely confined. But I was not destined to discover where.

I had taken scarcely a step when the companion door opened, and a man started down the stairs. Crouched in the darkness, I saw the fellow, aroused by the noise, spring upright, and as the light fell on his face, I recognized a seaman named Dubois. The man on the stairs paused, gripping the rail, staring down as though momentarily blinded by the light.

the harsh creak belonging to Jim White.

"D— you—you was asleep."

"I lay back to rest, but I was not asleep, monsieur—non, non."

"Well, we won't fight over that now. You're the only Frenchman on board, and we want you on deck. Go on up; I'll stay here. Aye, man, yer better leave the gun."

"Vat ees it, Monsieur White? Why they want me on deck?"

"What's the difference, you frogster? But I'll tell yer anyhow. There is a cruiser showing up off our port quarter, which has caught sight of us. She looks Frenchy, and if there is a hall, it will be up to you to answer—you are the only one aboard this hooker who talks the lingo like a native, see?"

Dubois' sudden staring, his lips parted in stolid terror.

"A French warship; eet hall us?"

"Not yet; but they are bound to question us, all right. There! did you hear that? A shot across our bows, politely asking us to leave; to aye! and we are slowing down; come, hurry up on deck with you, Frenchy."

"But—but, monsieur, what ees it I can say? I know not ze words, zeze explanation."

"You speak French, don't you?"

"Oul, monsieur, oul, but—but I know not what to speak."

"Well, don't let that worry you. McCann will tell you—but God pity you, Dubois, if you fail to repeat it. Up with you now, and be lively about it!"

All thought of my former purpose vanished from my mind as I realized this new chance of rescue. At my risk I must attain quickly to the open deck, where I could create an alarm sufficient to awaken suspicion on board the approaching Frenchman. McCann's only hope of escape lay in some satisfactory explanation, which would null the suspicions of the French commander—some lie smooth enough to prevent boarding and search.

Assured that White was beyond observation of any of my movements, I crept cautiously around the stair rail, and boldly mounted the steps. I found the after part of the main deck deserted, although forward of the mainmast I could perceive dark blotches along the port rail, where members of the watching party were observing the approach of the French cruiser. With heart beating like a trip-hammer, I made my way along the front of the cabin, until I ventured to peer over the port rail, secure that my presence on deck was screened by the deep shadows in which I lurked.

The gleam of the stars alone revealed the glittering surface of the sea, but the night was clear of fog, and the black outline of the French warship was plainly visible, approaching us at half-speed, and silently closing up the narrowing gap of water between the two vessels. I felt the heart come up into my throat as I gazed spellbound, every nerve in me throbbing painfully. A single voice echoing along those decks yonder could blow us out of the water. Even as I stared at the grim spectacle, the slim figure of a man appeared at the end of the bridge, and a voice hailed us in French.

"Ahoi there! What ship is that?"

There was a shuffling of feet above me; then McCann spoke in English:

"The American freighter Indian Chief, bound for Liverpool!"

"Is there anyone aboard who speaks French?"

I heard them hustle Dubois forward to the rail, and caught a word or two



The Black Outline of the French Warship was Plainly Visible.

of McCann's swift threat hissed into his ear; then the frightened Frenchman stammered out an answer.

"Oul, monsieur, je parle Francais."

"Then talk up; what ship is that?"

I could hear McCann prompting, and Dubois echoing the words put in his mouth.

"The Indian Chief, Boston, McCann, master, from St. Johns to Liverpool, two days out."

"Is that you, Dubois?" he asked in

"Miscellaneous; mostly farm machinery."

A searchlight swept us fore and aft, but finally settled on the little group of men clustered together on the poop rail.

"You're north of your course."

There was an instant of hesitation; then Dubois' explanation:

"We ran before the storm last night, monsieur, having been struck by lightning."

"Ah, I see; that accounts for your stamp of a foremast and the temporary wheel aft. What shape are your boats in?"

"Three of them left, monsieur."

"Send the captain, with the Frenchman, over with the ship's papers. Be lively about it."

"Oul, monsieur; what is the name of the warship?"

"The French cruiser Descartes, on patrol. Get your boat over."

What would McCann do? Was he ready for such an emergency as this? Had he taken the precaution to alter the ship's manifest, or even forged a new one? There was a moment of excited talk on the deck above me; then McCann descended the starboard ladder, and disappeared through the companion, evidently after the ship's papers.

Liverpool's voice ordering the watch to lower number five-boat, and stand by, sung out from the poop rail. McCann emerged from the companion, called up to Liverpool, waving his hand with a laugh full of confidence, and went forward. A moment later he was joined by Dubois, and the two proceeded to the lower part of the deck.

His actions, his easy manner, startled me; these must be carefully forged papers in his pocket to enable him to proceed with such confidence. Slowly I lifted myself until I could peer over the side at the dark crevice of water between the two vessels.

The searchlight of the warship flashed in a glare of white on the small boat bobbing up and down, revealing the men at the oars, and McCann and Dubois in the stern sheets. Neither faced back, but I could see their faces clearly, and McCann was smiling as though at an excellent joke.

CHAPTER XX.

The Cruiser Leaves Us.

I was still clinging to the rail, and staring down at the light; I heard nothing, felt no preparation of alarm, when suddenly a hand gripped my throat, the great fingers stifling every effort to cry out. Before I could resist, or even brace myself, another hand was clapped over my mouth and I was dazedly hurled back below the shelter of the rail, dragged across the black deck, and thrown through the opened door of the companion. This was accomplished so quickly, and with so little evidence of struggle, as to attract no notice from the Frenchman, from whose deck no doubt every eye was fastened upon the approaching boat.

Half hurled, half dragged, I plunged into the dimly lit cabin, and it was not until I struck the lower deck that I even realized clearly what had occurred, or who were my assailants. I fell sprawling on one shoulder, but was as instantly on my feet, bruised, but otherwise uninjured, maddened by a rage beyond all control. White, emerging from the stateroom, through the port of which he had been viewing the scene alongside, startled by the sudden appearance, a revolver gripped in his hand, was the first face I saw.

"What the—" he exclaimed in bewilderment, but before he could say more my fist jammed into his jaw, and the fellow went over full length on the deck, the gun flying from his opening fingers. I had possession of it before he could stop me, and was backed against the door of a stateroom opposite, murder in my heart as I confronted the two who had flung me from the top of the steps. I recognized them now for the first time—Liverpool Red and Tom Duzan. But one thought nestled in my brain—to kill.

"Curse you both," I cried, covering them as they shrank back, "we'll end this thing right here!"

Red gripped Duzan, holding the Irishman in front of him as a shield. My revolver covered them both, my fingers nervous on the trigger. Suddenly the door behind me yielded and I staggered back, unable to regain my balance until fairly within the stateroom. With a crash the door closed, instantly shutting out the surprised faces of the two men in the cabin; a key creaked in the lock and Vera Carrington fronted me, her back against the wood.

"Were—were they trying to kill you?" she panted.

"They certainly did their best," I answered, "but it was my turn when you dropped me in here."

"You—you mean that I made a mistake—that you were in no danger?"

"I had the upper hand. I took this revolver away from White, and do not believe either of the others were armed. In another second I should have fired. Our only hope of rescue lies in creating an alarm; there is a French cruiser 'A French cruiser! We have been captured!'"

"No; merely halted and questioned. The Frenchman does not even suspect

anything wrong. I was endeavoring to sound an alarm when these fellows seized me, and threw me down the stairs into the cabin."

"But how did you get on deck? And where did you procure the revolver?"

"I cut my way out; the gun was taken from White. Don't block the way, Miss Vera! I must get to the deck again, or it will be too late."

"Is McCann out there?"

"Not only Red, and a sailor named Duzan. White is knocked out, and McCann has gone aboard the cruiser. He has forged papers with him. Let me go; I can fight my way through with this gun. Those devils will either make way or get hurt."

She stepped aside, and with no other thought but the necessity for action, I turned the key in the lock and flung the door open. The main deck was deserted; to my surprise, all three of the men had disappeared. With revolver gripped in one hand, I stepped forward, searching with suspicious eyes every dark corner, dimly conscious that the girl followed. I had advanced a step upward, before my progress was arrested. Suddenly the companion door was flung open and a

mob of men confronted me, surging in through the narrow space from the deck. I drew instantly back, stunned by sight of McCann in their lead, realizing instantly that our effort to attain the open was already too late.

"There he is!" he cried eagerly. "Get him, you men. Lively now; there's no danger; if he lifts that gun, he's a dead man."

I was staring straight into the black muzzle leveled at my head, but before I could move, or even determine what was best to be done, Vera stood between me and the mob on the stairs.

"Go back! back to my stateroom; he'll never shoot me. Please, please go back!"

I was hot-headed enough to have fought them all, but to attempt resistance then would have endangered her life. I retained sense sufficient to know this, and that only force would cast her aside. I heard McCann mutter an oath, and Red roar out some order, punctured with profanity, yet did not truly comprehend what efforts were being made to block our retreat.

Before a hand could grasp either of us, we were within the shelter of the stateroom, and the girl had closed and locked the door. Flits pounded on the wood in impotent rage, and I heard voices urging others to bring implements with which to batter their way in.

"McCann," I shouted, "call off your men! I have six bullets here; and there'll be six of you dead if you break in this door."

There was silence; then a mutter of voices—one angry with threat others seemingly urging compromise. Whatever the argument, the advocates of peace seemed in the majority, for the hubbub McCann spoke loud enough to be plainly heard.

"There is no use of your threats, Hollis," he said, rapping on the door. "we have weapons as well as you, and whole ship's crew. The best thing for you to do now is to listen to reason."

"What has become of the French cruiser?"

He laughed, and I could hear Liverpool join in rather noisily.

"Five miles to leeward, and going strong. She'll be out of sight in two hours. There's no hope for you there, my man."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Answering Specifications.

"The jury in my case were a lot of fools."

"That couldn't be helped. The law requires a man to be tried by his peers."

You can't grow very great yourself by basking always in the shade of a fine old family tree.

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"Bobby," said his mother, "this is Mrs. Lord."

Bobby went up and shook hands gravely. Then he turned and regarded his mother with an amused twinkle. "Aw, say, inuvver," he returned, "you're kiddin' me. There ain't no Mrs. Lord."

Squaring Things.

A certain old farmer would never do any work of any kind on a Sunday, relates London Answers.

But one Saturday night rain fell in torrents, and when Sunday morning dawned the river was in flood and threatening to wash everything away unless some very hard work with pick and shovel was undertaken at once. The old man was in a quandary, but he saw bankruptcy looming very near. Suddenly a bright idea struck him. "Away with you, lads," he cried to his hands, "dig for your lives—and I'll put the clock back to Saturday night."

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Colds Coughs Catarrh

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Alaskan Country Fair.

Alaska recently had its first country fair. At Anchorage, in the Cooks Inlet country, a great competitive exhibition of agricultural, mining and fishing products was held. The Alaskan railroad commission gave the project all possible aid. There were baseball games and other field sports.

A Perfect Husband.

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HOME TOWN HELPS

TREE PLANTING NEEDS CARE

Appearance of Grounds as Important as House Plans, Interior Decorations or Furniture.

While house plans, interior decorations and furniture play a prominent part in the life of the new home builder, care of the grounds about the house should likewise be given consideration, particularly as regards the planting of trees to trim up the general appearance of the house.

In tree planting great care, foresight and judgment are required, says a landscape artist. The selection of young trees, their proper setting apart and their care after planting make beautiful grounds possible. In shade tree planting as in the construction of a building, the plan for the completed work should be determined in advance, for the tree planter must picture to himself how his work will look a great number of years later and with him it rests whether the result is to be one of satisfaction or regret.

In making selections one must bear in mind that the tree must possess certain characteristics to be desirable. In the first place it must be hardy, capable of withstanding unfavorable conditions of city life such as poor soil, drought, smoke, gas, heat and dust, easily transplanted and propagated. It must have a straight stem, a rounded well filled head, well-developed roots and be symmetrical in growth. They must to a great degree be immune from insect pests, retain their foliage in good condition through the summer until late fall and be clean in their habits of growth. The ideal shade tree must also be of medium growth and long lived. The desirability of developing good-sized shade trees as soon as possible after planting is admitted, and it is unfortunate that the trees growing most rapidly are the most undesirable.

OLD PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK KIDNEYS

Have you ever stopped to reason why it is that so many products that are extensively advertised, all at once drop out of sight and are soon forgotten? The reason is plain—the article did not fulfill the promises of the manufacturer. This applies more particularly to a medicine. A medicinal preparation that has real curative value almost sells itself, as like an endless chain system the remedy is recommended by those who have been benefited. To those who are in need of it. A prominent druggist says, "Take for example Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, a preparation I have sold for many years and never hesitate to recommend, for in almost every case it shows excellent results, as many of my customers testify. No other kidney remedy that I know of has so large a sale."

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NEVER TOO SOON TO BEGIN

Start is All That is Necessary in Planning House That One Good Day is Going to Build.

There are two kinds of people who are interested in the question of building houses: Those who have built one house and live in it, and those who are living in some one's else house. A pretty comprehensive statement, but really, who isn't interested in the matter of building a house?

Jones has a house of his own, and he is concerned with the thing he possesses, says an exchange. Smith, who owns no house, is concerned with something he lacks. Jones is homesick only when he is away from home. Smith can never be homesick in any place other than his home. Jones is an owner, a master, a logic lord of lands and all that is therein. Smith is a tenant, a payer of rent, a slave of tribute. Jones dwells on the right side of the door, Smith is eternally wishing that he did. It is never too soon to begin planning that house which some day you are going to want to build. It is never too soon, but sometimes too late, to save the money for a start towards it. The start is all that is necessary.

The Knocker's Prayer.

In the issue of Bloodworth's Times Publishing Company, 193 Southwestern Reporter, 527, Justice Wood of the Arkansas supreme court said, in substance, that when defendants in one party's paper referred to plaintiff as a "knocker," and it was alleged that he was the person specifically meant, it furnished the necessary colloquium to show that the following prayer published in the same paper applied to the plaintiff:

"The Knocker's Prayer: Lord, please don't let this town grow. I've been here for many years, and during that time I have fought every public improvement. I've knocked on everything and everybody. No firm or individual has established a business here without my doing all I could to foil them out of business. I've lied about them, and would have stolen from them if I had the courage. I am against building a new church, even though I gave nothing. I am against the electric light franchise being granted to George Booser, George Washington, or Jim Tom. It pains me, oh Lord, to see that in spite of my knocking the town is growing. Then, too, more people might come here, which would cause me to lose some of my pull. I ask, therefore, to keep this town at a standstill, that I may be one of the chiefs. Amen!"—The Docket.

Fishing on Sunday.

Sunday fishing, which has long been looked upon as sacrilegious in the Isle of Man, threatens to lose some of its terrors for the "meek and lowly" North of England and Scotch fishermen engaged in the Manx herring trade have kept Sunday so rigorously that they have remained in port from Saturday morning to Monday afternoon, fishermen from the South, resenting the loss of two night's fishing, have tried to break through the tradition and a Fleetwood boat put out to sea one Sunday evening recently, returning the next day with a good catch. The buyers at first looked askance at the herring as "Sunday-catch," but finally they were sold at a fair price.

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Kingfisher, Okla.—"For two years I suffered with a severe female trouble, was nervous, and had backache and a pain in my side most of the time. I had dizzy spells and was often so faint I could not walk across the floor. The doctor said I would have to have an operation. A friend asked me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. After taking ten bottles I am now well and strong, have no pain, backache or dizzy spells. Every one tells me how well I look and I tell them Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did it."—Miss NINA Southwick, R. F. D. No. 4, Box 33, Kingfisher, Okla.

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CHAPTER XVIII.—Continued.

"There is not much to tell," he went on, almost jauntily. "I saw exactly how things were going before we left the boat. I knew Hollis' reputation ashore, and determined to warn you of his purpose, but had no opportunity. Besides, I felt you had so poor an opinion of me that probably you would not listen."

"You were greatly mistaken, Mr. McCann," she said pleasantly. "I would have gladly received your advice. You were my father's friend."

I could read the man's surprise in his face. The graciousness of her words was a shock, yet his egotism made him instantly her victim.

"You mean you trusted me? That you would have listened?"

"Most assuredly. How could you think otherwise? I knew you were not yourself in the boat, and the treatment to which you were subjected was brutal. I owed my life to you equally with Captain Hollis, and am very grateful. I have never forgotten that you have been a guest in our home, a business associate of my father's. Why should I not have confidence in you?"

I looked at her in amazement, but her eyes never met mine. What did this mean? Was the girl acting a part? Was she endeavoring to deceive him, or was she speaking now in deadly earnest? Nothing in her manner, or in the tone of her voice, gave me a clue. As for McCann, the very expression of his face pictured his delight, his conviction of her sincerity. It was almost too good to be true, yet his was not a nature to doubt his own attractiveness.

"I—I— you surprise me," he stammered, absolutely forgetting my presence. "I—I assure you I am actuated by the highest motives in all my efforts. My—my duty was to you, and your father."

He turned and faced me, the bully in him surging to the surface.

"I will converse with Miss Carrington alone."

To resist would have been utter foolishness. I could see the gleam of the gun in his hand, and realized that he only required an excuse to use it.

More, there was nothing in the expression of the girl's face to inspire me to resistance. She did not even glance toward me, or exhibit the slightest interest.

With hands clenched in impotent rage, not even venturing a reply, I stepped backward. As I crossed the threshold McCann closed the door, and I heard the key turn in the lock. Trembling still with anger, and dazed by the strange action of the girl, I sank back upon the stool, realizing my utter helplessness. All she had done and said appeared so natural it never really occurred to me once that she might be acting a part, seeking in this way to gain McCann's confidence, in order to win from him the information we required. It was only as I sat there in silence, brooding over every detail, that this possible conception began to slowly dawn upon my mind. That she could trust the man in any way was practically impossible, for he had revealed to her his true character in so many ways the memory could not be blotted out.

As the full knowledge of this truth grew apparent, I was able to view all that had occurred later in a different light. She had simply accepted her own chance; had grasped with womanly intuition the single weapon left at her command. Girl as she was in years, her experience in the world had been that of a woman, and she instinctively realized her power—the power of wealth, of beauty, and of youth. It had been beautifully done, so deftly accomplished as to deceive even me. Aye! and the method had succeeded with McCann. I recalled the expression of surprise, of gratification, of awakened pride on the man's face. He had no power of resistance left; he was already putty in her hands.

True, but would he remain so? The game she played was a dangerous one; if she ventured too far she would discover the brute lurking in him still. And he had the power, the physical power, to wreak vengeance once he suspected deceit. And there was no one to help her if she made a single false step—absolutely no one; she was a lamb among wolves. Those fellows would never release me again, not for a moment. I would be compelled to take observations, to calculate position, to trace our sailing course on the chart, but not for an instant would I be left again unguarded, either on deck or in the cabin. McCann would see to that.

The afternoon passed, dragging its weary hours. Nothing happened to relieve the monotony and dread of solitude. No one approached the door of the stateroom, not even to offer me food, and my ears were able to distinguish no sound of movement in the main cabin. Occasionally footsteps passed along the deck overhead, and once or twice I heard the voice of Liverpool sing out some order to the men forward. The sun sank, its rays glinting across the waters, and telling me the ship held to its southwest course, but the ocean, so far as I could see,

remained desolate, the horizon unbroken by a gleam of sail, or smudge of smoke. No echo of a cry reached me from any lookout aloft. The vessel proceeded quietly, no effort being made, apparently, to achieve speed. I judged our rate would not exceed eight knots, and decided there was either a scarcity of men in the stokehole, or else they were conserving fuel to attain greater speed during the hours of darkness. The bright sunlight began to fade into a purple dusk.

CHAPTER XIX.

A French Man-of-War.

No food was brought me during the afternoon, nor had I eaten all day, yet my mental state was such I had no consciousness of hunger. I had discovered no means of creating a light, although my eyes were sufficiently accustomed to dimness to enable me to move about my narrow quarters safely enough.

It must have been between eight and nine o'clock when the key turned in the lock of my door, and Liverpool looked in. The light from the swinging lamp in the main cabin flared into my eyes, blinding me, yet I recognized his face, and saw Dade close behind him, bearing a tray. Neither of them spoke, but Red, having assured himself of my presence, stood aside, and motioned the steward to enter. The latter deposited the laden tray on the desk, and backed out silently, every movement showing him thoroughly covered by his guardian. Realizing that any word from me would only result in insult, I remained silent, and the two disappeared, closing and locking the door behind them. I confess I ate the food with relish, for it was well cooked, and served with some daintiness. After a second cup of coffee I felt much more like myself, rummaging through the captain's chest until I found some tobacco and a pipe, which I at once appropriated to my own use. No one returned for the emptied dishes, and I sat for a long while at the open port smoking, the blue spiral swept away by the rush of air, and my eyes on the starlit waters.

I had been sailor long enough to accept the ordinary perils of the sea as part of the profession. Nothing was so strange to be true at sea; and so it was not the position in which I found myself; not the possible fate of the Indian Chief, or of her captured officers, which weighed most upon my mind—it was Vera Carrington. If those villains scuttled the ship; if they took to the boats to save themselves, leaving us to drown like rats, what would they do with the girl? Would McCann dare to take her with him? Would he venture leaving her alive to bear witness to his crime? There was but one answer—not unless she was utterly in his power. Either he must quiet her by force, and thus bring her spirit to his will, or else compel her to marry him, and so legally seal her lips. And the man was perfectly capable of taking either course—whichever seemed easier.

This was the consideration which served partially to arouse me from coma. I could not continue to sit there waiting for Fate to approach; better far to go forth and meet it in manly fashion. I had a good strong knife in my pocket, and the lock of the door was a common one, the wood surrounding it soft pine. There was nothing in that obstacle to prevent my escape, and if I was discovered at large, my punishment would merely be confinement elsewhere. I had therefore nothing to lose, but everything to gain by the experiment. The hour was late, the night had thus far been a quiet one, and it was quite probable the fellow, comfortably situated, was dozing at his desk. Anyhow, I would make little noise, and the chance was worth taking.

The labor proved easier than I had supposed. The soft pine yielded easily to the sharp blade, and a very few moments sufficed to cut the lock clear, enabling me to open the door silently and take cautious survey of the main cabin. At first I doubted the presence of anyone, and had, indeed, ventured forth before perceiving the form of a man outstretched on the divan surrounding the butt of the mizzenmast. The fellow was asleep, yet restless enough to be dangerous. His face was in shadow, and I thought it best not to venture close enough to identify him, although the dim light revealed a belt about his waist, and the bulging butt of a revolver. Convinced that my only hope of accomplishment lay in the discovery and release of my fellow prisoners, I crept across the deserted cabin, and entered the passage leading forward. Somewhere amidst these were surely confined. But I was not destined to discover where.

I had taken scarcely a step when the companion door opened, and a man started down the stairs. Crouched in the darkness, I saw the sleeping guard, aroused by the noise, spring upright, and as the light fell on his face, I recognized a seaman named Dubois. The man on the stairs paused, gripping the rail, staring down as though momentarily blinded by the light.

"Is that you, Dubois?" he asked in

the harsh croak belonging to Jim White.

"D—you—you was asleep."

"I lay back to rest, but I was not asleep, monsieur—non, non."

"Well, you won't fight over that now. You're the only Frenchman on board, and we want you on deck. Go on up; I'll stay here. Aye, man, yer better leave the gun."

"Vat ees it, Monsieur White? Why they want me on deck?"

"What's the difference, you frog-eater? But I'll tell yer anyhow. There is a cruiser showing up off our port quarter, which has caught sight of us. She looks Frenchy, and if there is a hall, it will be up to you to answer— you are the only one aboard this hooker who talks the lingo like a native, see?"

Dubois stood staring, his lips parted in sudden terror.

"A French warship; eet hall us?"

"Not yet; but they are bound to question us, all right. There! did you hear that? A shot across our bows, politely asking us to heave to; aye! and we are slowing down; come, hurry up on deck with you, Frenchy."

"But—but, monsieur, what ees it I can say? I know not ze words, ze-ze explanation."

"You speak French, don't you?"

"Oul, monsieur, oul, but—but I know not what to speak."

"Well, don't let that worry you. McCann will tell you—but God pity you, Dubois, if you fall to repeat it. Up with you now, and be lively about it!"

All thought of my former purpose vanished from my mind as I realized this new chance of rescue. At any risk I must attain quickly to the open deck, where I could create an alarm sufficient to awaken suspicion on board the approaching Frenchman. McCann's only hope of escape lay in some satisfactory explanation, which would null the suspicions of the French commander—some lie smooth enough to prevent boarding and search.

Assured that White was beyond observation of any of my movements, I crept cautiously around the stair rail, and noiselessly mounted the steps. I found the after part of the main deck deserted, although forward of the mizzenmast I could perceive dark blotches along the port rail, where members of the watching party were observing the approach of the French cruiser. With heart beating like a trip-hammer, I made my way along the front of the cabin, until I ventured to peer over the port rail, secured by my presence on deck was scoured by the deep shadows in which I lurked.

The gleam of the stars alone revealed the glittering surface of the sea, but the night was clear of fog, and the black outline of the French warship was plainly visible, approaching us at half-speed, and silently closing up the narrowing gap of water between the two vessels. I felt the heart come up into my throat as I gazed spellbound, every nerve in me throbbing painfully. A single voice echoing along those decks yonder could blow us out of the water. Even as I stared at the grim spectacle, the slim figure of a man appeared at the end of the bridge, and a voice hailed us in French.

"Aho! there! What ship is that?"

There was a shuffling of feet above me; then McCann spoke in English:

"The American freighter, Indian Chief, bound for Liverpool."

"Is there anyone aboard who speaks French?"

I heard them hustle Dubois forward to the rail, and caught a word or two

"Miscellaneous; mostly farm machinery."

A searchlight swept us fore and aft, but finally settled on the little group of men clustered together on the poop rail.

"You're north of your course."

There was an instant of hesitation; then Dubois' explanation:

"We ran before the storm last night, monsieur, having been struck by lightning."

"Ah, I see; that accounts for your stump of a foremast and the temporary wheel aft. What shape are your boats in?"

"Three of them left, monsieur."

"Send the captain, with the Frenchman, over with the ship's papers. Be lively about it."

"Oul, monsieur; what is the name of the warship?"

"The French cruiser Descartes, on patrol. Get your boat over?"

What would McCann do? Was he ready for such an emergency as this? Had he taken the precaution to alter the ship's manifest, or even forged a new one? There was a moment of excited talk on the deck above me; then McCann descended the starboard ladder, and disappeared through the companion, evidently after the ship's papers. Liverpool's voice ordering the watch to lower number five-boat, and stand by, sung out from the poop rail. McCann emerged from the companion, called up to Liverpool, waving his hand with a laugh full of confidence, and went forward. A moment later he was joined by Dubois, and the two men clambered over the rail and dropped into the lowered boat. His actions, his easy manner, startled me; those must be carefully forged papers in his pocket to enable him to proceed with such confidence. Slowly I lifted myself until I could peer over the side in the dark expanse of water between the vessels. The searchlight of the warship rested in a glare of white on the small boat bobbing up and down, revealing the men at the oars, and McCann and Dubois in the stern sheets. Neither glanced back, but I could see their faces clearly, and McCann was smiling as though at an excellent joke.

CHAPTER XX.

The Cruiser Leaves Us.

I was still clinging to the rail, and staring down at the light; I heard nothing, felt no premonition of alarm, when suddenly a hand gripped my throat, the great fingers stifling every effort to cry out. Before I could resist, or even brace myself, another hand was clamped over my mouth, and I was fairly hurled back below the shelter of the rail, dragged across the black deck, and thrown through the opened door of the companion. This was accomplished so quickly, and with so little evidence of struggle, as to attract no notice from the Frenchman, from whose deck no doubt every eye was fastened upon the approaching boat. Half hurled, half dragged, I plunged into the dimly lit cabin, and it was not until I struck the lower deck that I even realized clearly what had occurred, or who were my assailants. I fell sprawling on one shoulder, but was as instantly on my feet, bruised, but otherwise uninjured, maddened by a rage beyond all control. White, emerging from the stateroom, through the port of which he had been viewing the scene alongside, startled by the sudden uproar, a revolver gripped in his hand, was the first face I saw.

"What the—?" he exclaimed in bewilderment, but before he could say more my fist jammed into his jaw, and the fellow went over full length on the deck, the gun flying from his opening fingers. I had possession of it before he could stop me, and was backed against the door of a stateroom opposite, murder in my heart as I confronted the two who had flung me from the top of the steps. I recognized them now for the first time—Liverpool Red and Tom Dugan. But one thought seethed in my brain—to kill.

"Curse you both," I cried, covering them as they shrunk back, "we'll end this thing right here."

Red gripped Rugan, holding the Irishman in front of him as a shield. My revolver covered them both, my fingers nervous on the trigger. Suddenly the door behind me yielded and I staggered back, unable to regain my balance until fairly within the stateroom. With a crash the door closed, instantly shutting out the surprised faces of the two men in the cabin; a key creaked in the lock, and Vera Carrington fronted me, her back against the wood.

"Were—were they trying to kill you?" she panted.

"They certainly did their best," I answered, "but it was my turn when you dropped me in here."

"You—you mean that I made a mistake—that you were in no danger?"

"I had the upper hand, I took this revolver away from White, and do not believe either of the others were armed. In another second I should have fired. Our only hope of rescue lies in creating an alarm; there is a French cruiser lying just off our port quarter."

"A French cruiser! We have been captured?"

"No; merely halted and questioned. The Frenchman does not even suspect

"With what cargo?"



The Black Outline of the French Warship Was Plainly Visible.

anything wrong. I was endeavoring to sound an alarm when these fellows seized me, and threw me down the stairs into the cabin."

"But how did you procure the revolver?"

"I cut my way out; the gun was taken from White. Don't block the way, Miss Vera! I must get to the deck again, or it will be too late."

"Is McCann out there?"

"No; only Red, and a sailor named Dugan. White is knocked out, and McCann has gone aboard the cruiser. He has forged papers with him. Let me go; I can fight my way through with this gun. Those devils will either make way or get hurt."

She stepped aside, and with no other thought but the necessity for action, I turned the key in the lock and flung the door open. The main deck was deserted; to my surprise, all three of the men had disappeared. With revolver gripped in one hand, I stepped forward, searching with suspicious eyes every dark corner, dimly conscious that the girl followed. I had attained the foot of the stairs, even advanced a step upward, before my progress was arrested. Suddenly the companion door was flung open and a

mob of men confronted me, surging in through the narrow space from the deck. I drew instantly back, stunned by sight of McCann in their lead, realizing instantly that our effort to attain the open was already too late.

"There he is!" he cried eagerly. "Get him, you men. Lively now; there's no danger; if he lifts that gun, he's a dead man."

I was staring straight into the black muzzle leveled at my head, but before I could move, or even determine what was best to be done, Vera stood between me and the mob on the stairs.

"Go back! back to my stateroom; he'll never shoot me. Please, please go back."

I was hot-headed enough to have fought them all, but to attempt resistance then would have endangered her life. I retained sense sufficient to know this, and that only force would cast her aside. I heard McCann mutter an oath, and Red roar out some order, punctured with profanity, yet did not truly comprehend what efforts were being made to block our retreat. Before a hand could grasp either of us, we were within the shelter of the stateroom, and the girl had closed and locked the door. Flats pounded on the wood in impotent rage, and I heard voices urging others to bring implements with which to batter their way in.

"McCann," I shouted, "call off your men! I have six bullets here; and there'll be six of you dead if you break in this door."

There was silence; then a mutter of voices—one angry with threat others seemingly urging compromise. Whatever the argument, the advocates of peace seemed in the majority, for out of the hubbub McCann spoke loud enough to be plainly heard.

"There is no use of your threats, Hollis," he said, ripping up the door, "we have weapons as well as you, and you cannot fight alone against the whole ship's crew. The best thing for you to do now is to listen to reason."

"What has become of the French cruiser?"

He laughed, and I could hear Liverpool join in rather noisily.

"Five miles to leeward, and going strong. She'll be out of sight in two hours. There's no hope for you here, my man."

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Answering Specifications.

"The jury in my case were a lot of fools."

"That couldn't be helped. The law requires a man to be tried by his peers."

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"Bobby," said his mother, "this is Mrs. Lord."

Bobby went up and shook hands gravely. Then he turned and regarded his mother with an amused twinkling eye.

"Aw, say, muvver," he returned, "you're kiddin' me. There ain't no Mrs. Lord."

Squaring Things.

A certain old farmer would never do any work of any kind on a Sunday, relates London Answers.

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Alaskan Country Fair.
Alaska recently had its first country fair. At Anchorage, in the Cooks Inlet country, a great competitive exhibition of agricultural, mining and fishing products was held. The Alaskan railroad commission gave the project all possible aid. There were baseball games and other field sports.

A Perfect Husband.
"Subster is a perfect husband. I never heard he was so wonderful." "What was that?" "Said with the country at war people ought not to have internal differences."

Only Fair Bargaining.
"There are no good bargains that are not fair bargains, and whoever makes any other kind cheats himself."

In His Class.
"I'm a man of few words." "Same here, I'm married, too."

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HOME TOWN HELPS

TREE PLANTING NEEDS CARE

Appearance of Grounds as Important as House Plans, Interior Decorations or Furniture.

While house plans, interior decorations and furniture play a prominent part in the life of the new home builder, care of the grounds about the house should likewise be given consideration, particularly as regards the planting of trees to trim up the general appearance of the house.

In tree planting great care, foresight and judgment are required, says a landscape artist. The selection of young trees, their proper setting apart and their care after planting make beautiful grounds possible. In shade tree planting as in the construction of a building, the plan for the completed work should be determined in advance, for the tree planter must picture to himself how his work will look a great number of years later and with him it rests whether the result is to be one of satisfaction or regret.

In making selections one must bear in mind that the tree must possess certain characteristics to be desirable. In the first place it must be hardy, capable of withstanding unfavorable conditions of city life such as poor soil, drought, smoke, gas, heat and dust, easily transplanted and propagated. It must have a straight stem, a rounded well filled head, well-developed roots and be symmetrical in growth. They must to a great degree be immune from insect pests, retain their foliage in good condition through the summer until late fall and be clean in their habits of growth. The ideal shade tree must also be of medium growth and long lived. The desirability of developing good-sized shade trees as soon as possible after planting is admitted, and it is unfortunate that the trees growing most rapidly are the most undesirable.

NEVER TOO SOON TO BEGIN

Start is All That is Necessary in Planning That One Some Day is Going to Build.

There are two kinds of people who are interested in the question of building houses: Those who have built one house and live in it, and those who are living in some one's else house. A pretty comprehensive statement, but really, who isn't interested in the matter of building a home?

Jones has a house of his own, and he is concerned with the thing he possesses, says an exchange. Smith, who owns no house, is concerned with something he lacks. Jones is homesick only when he is away from home. Smith can never be homesick in any place other than his home. Jones is an owner, a master, a liege lord of lands and all that is therein. Smith is a tenant, a payer of rent, a slave of tribute. Jones dwells on the right side of the door. Smith is eternally wishing that he did.

It is never too soon to begin planning that house which some day you are going to want to build. It is never too soon, but sometimes too late, to save the money for a start toward it. The start is all that is necessary.

The Knocker's Prayer.
In the case of Bloodworth vs Times Publishing Company, 193 Southwestern Reporter, 527, Justice Wood of the Arkansas supreme court said, in substance, that where defendants in one part of their paper referred to plaintiff as a "knocker," and it was alleged that he was the person specifically meant, it furnished the necessary collocation to show that the following prayer published in the same paper applied to the plaintiff:

"The Knocker's Prayer: Lord, please don't let this town grow. I've been here for many years, and during that time I have fought every public improvement. I've knocked on everything and everybody. No firm or individual has established a business here without my doing all I could to put them out of business. I've lied about them, and would have stolen from them if I had the courage. I am against building a new church, even though I gave nothing. I am against the electric light franchise being granted to George Blosser, George Washington, or Jim Tom. It pains me, oh Lord, to see that in spite of my knocking the town is growing. Then, too, more people might come here, which would cause me to lose some of my pull. I ask, therefore, to keep this town at a standstill, that I may be one of the chiefs. Amen!"—The Docket.

Fishing on Sunday.
Sunday fishing, which has long been looked upon as sacrilegious in the Isle of Man, threatens to lose some of its terrors for the "uncle gold," notes an exchange. Until recently the North of England and Scotch fishermen engaged in the Manx herring trade have kept Sunday so rigorously that they have remained in port from Saturday morning to Monday afternoon. Fishermen from the South, resenting the loss of two night's fishing, have tried to break through the tradition and a Fleetwood boat put out to sea one Sunday evening recently, returning the next day with a good catch. The buyers at first looked askance at the herring as "Sunday-caught," but finally they were sold at a fair price.

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Have you ever stopped to reason why it is that so many products that are extensively advertised, all at once drop out of sight and are soon forgotten? The reason is plain—the article did not fulfil the promises of the manufacturer. This applies more particularly to a medicine. A medicine preparation that has real curative value almost sells itself, as like an endless chain system the remedy is recommended by those who have been benefited, to those who are in need of it.

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Secretary of Commerce Redfield says Germany's foreign trade will largely come to the United States.

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Newburyport, (Conn.) house built in the seventeenth century will be preserved as a landmark.

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The British army camps employ over 6,000 female cooks.

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is her hair. If yours is streaked with gray, grizzly, gray hair, use "La Creole" Hair Dressing and change it in the natural way. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

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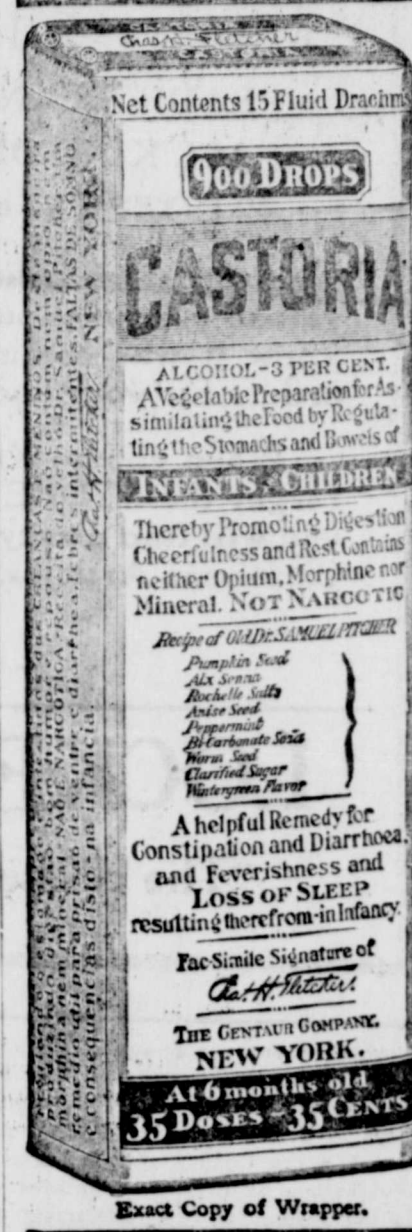
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No. 5. South 1-2 of section 2, Blk. 3, located 4 miles north and 1 mile west of Dawn in the Shallow water belt, 140 acres in cultivation. Every foot fine tillable land. Price \$16.50 per acre bonus. Terms \$2000 cash, balance in five yearly payments at 6 per cent.

No. 6. The southeast quarter section 21 in Blk. K-11, Deaf Smith county, located 4 miles south of Adron, farm well improved, has a 4 room house, barn and out buildings. Good well and wind mill. 110 acres in cultivation. Price \$16.50 per acre Terms \$2,000 cash, balance in five yearly payments. 5 per cent Commission to agents.

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charged from said administration, you are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days in a newspaper regularly published in the County of Roberts County give notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the January Term, 1918, when said account and application will be considered by said court.

Witness M. M. Craig, Jr., Clerk of the County Court of Roberts County. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office, in the City of Miami, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1917.

M. M. Craig, Jr. Clerk County Court of Roberts County.
A true copy, I certify:
O. B. Hardin, Sheriff Roberts County.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Roberts County. You are hereby commanded to summon T. J. Reeves by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 31st Judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in the said 31st, Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 31st. Judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the District of Roberts County, to be holden at the Courthouse thereof in Miami, Roberts County, Texas, on the second Monday in February, 1918, the same being the 11th day of February, 1918, then and there answer a petition filed in said Court on the 26th day of November, 1917, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 538. Wherein Thos. Cook is plaintiff and T. J. Reeves is defendant, said petition alleging:

1st: That heretofore to wit on the 1st day of October 1911 defendant made, executed and delivered to plaintiff his three several promissory vendors lien notes for the sum of \$600.00 each, bearing date on the day and year aforesaid and due one year, eighteen months and two years after date respectively payable to the order of Thos. Cook, bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from date until paid and providing that all past due interest on each note shall bear interest from the maturity thereof until paid at the rate of 10 per cent per annum until paid and stipulating for 10 per cent on the amount of principal and interest then due as attorneys fees in case suit is brought on same or if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, whereby defendant became bound and liable to pay and promised to pay plaintiff the sum of money in said notes specified together with all interest and attorneys fees due thereon

according to the tenor and effect thereof.

2nd: That said notes were given for a part of the purchase money of the following described real estate and premises situated in the County of Roberts and State of Texas to wit: The south 1-2 of section No. 200, Block No. 42, Abstract No. 759 and containing 320 acres; that said property was heretofore to wit: on the 1st day of October 1911 conveyed by plaintiff to defendant by his deed of writing of that date in consideration among other things of the three notes herein described and that in said deed of conveyance a lien was reserved thereon to secure the payment of said notes; that each of said notes are due and unpaid and defendant though often requested has failed and refused to pay said notes, each or either of them, or any part thereof, but the same remains still due and unpaid. That said notes have been placed in the hands of Coffee and Holmes attorneys for collection and plaintiff has contracted to pay them the 10 per cent attorneys fees stipulated therein which amount is a reasonable compensation for their services.

3rd. Plaintiff says that before the last of said notes were due, to-wit: on or about the 20th day of July 1913 the foreclosure of his lien on the above described land and premises the said defendant removed from the State of Texas to the State of Oklahoma and from there to Canada and has at all times been since said notes became due without the limits of the State of Texas so that the statute of limitations has not run against said notes.

Wherefore plaintiff prays the court that defendant be cited to appear and answer this petition, that he have judgement for his debt, interest, attorneys fees and costs of suit and for and the same be decreed to be sold according to law, that the sheriff or other officer executing said order of sale shall place the purchaser of said property sold under order of sale in possession thereof within thirty days after the day of sale and for such other and further relief special and general in law and in equity that he may be justly entitled to.

Coffee and Holmes, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
Herein fail not, but have before said court on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness M. M. Craig, Jr., Clerk of the District Court, of Roberts County. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, in the City of Miami, this the 30th day of November, A. D. 1917.

M. M. Craig, Jr., Clerk of the District Court of Roberts County. Issued this 30th day of November, A. D. 1917.
M. M. Craig, Jr., Clerk of Roberts County. First Published December 6th 1917

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The Cap Rock Theatre changed hands last week. Mr. Parnell and son taking charge of same. The new owners state that their aims is to always have a good show, and one that is clean and attractive. Tuesday night they showed the special picture, Civilization which is one of the real big attractions. It drew a very large crowd and was possibly the costliest picture ever shown here. It is a splendid picture and the musical accompaniment was very fine. The next big attraction at the Cap Rock will be the Hawaiian who will appear there this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lee and daughter, Miss Beulah and Mrs. M. R. Coffey of Mobeetie were shopping in Miami yesterday.

AT THE PRESBYTERIAN Church Remember that next Sunday will be communion day and all the members of the church and congregation are urged to be present. Everyone is most cordially invited.

Chas. E. Pitts, Pastor.

LOST, an auto laprobe between my place and town. H. Russell.

Womans Missionary Society met at the church at 3: o'clock. Opened by singing No. 143. Roll call and reading of minutes. Seven members present. Bible lesson Acts XXV, Acts XXVI, lead by Mrs. McKenzie.

Worlds Missions and world Peace, lead by Mrs. Durrett.

Prayer by Mrs. Burks.

E. M. McCracken was in the city yesterday for the first time in several days. He had been sick in bed for the past week. Mr. McCracken states that they get an occasional letter from Albert Mallory who is somewhere in France. He states that all the boys are getting along fine, and that they recently captured a wild hog.

Atty. J. A. Holmes returned this week from Waco where he attended the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. "Johnnie" reports a very fine time and a good attendance at the meeting.

J. W. Fultz was over from his farm near Mobeetie yesterday.

Herman Finch made a business trip to Amarillo yesterday.

Judge Heare came in Sunday from Electra and is getting this end of the oil well in shape. Through some little error the charter has been delayed, but will be forthcoming soon. Judge says the work is progressing satisfactorily on the well. They are now down over 200 feet. The cold spell stopped work for a few days, but will be resumed at once.

O. C. Elliott was over from his Mobeetie ranch Tuesday.

Eld. Reynolds, who it was announced would preach at the Church of Christ last Sunday, did not come on account of the death of a young man at Canadian. He will be here next Sunday to preach, and fill his regular appointment.

Mrs. Beebe was an office caller Tuesday and ordered the Chief sent to her son Lester, who is stationed at Hospital Marse Island, California H. A. I. The soldier boys enjoy reading the home paper, and we are glad to send them a message each week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Elkins have moved to Amarillo temporarily. Mr. Elkins is vaccinating many cattle over the Panhandle. They are living at 810 Tyler St.

Mrs. Perry LeFors of Pampa and daughter visited with Mrs. Thos. O'Loughlin last week.

Dan Kivlehen came in Monday from Electra where he has been working on the Miami-Electra oil well. Mr. Kivlehen states that the cold weather and getting wet so much around the well gave him a good case of rheumatism, and that he would not likely return to the feild before spring. He thinks that with good luck, the first well may be completed in thirty days or less time.

Quite a number of Miami people purchased stock in the Pyle lease near Harold, which is eight miles west of Electra. For their information we might state that the well was abandoned at 2010 feet with no showing for oil. Personally the writer was glad to receive such glad news for had it been a big producer, we would have again been bothered with a lot of oil money.

Thos. Cook, W. H. Rhodes and Sam Leadam left Monday for Woodward where they are interested in some good oil leases. Mr. Cook has spent about a week there since oil was struck. Mr. Rhodes will go from there to Missouri, where he expects to purchase several cars of corn for the Red Deer Grain Company.

R. L. Baskin was over from Mobeetie Tuesday.

Mrs. Keuhn went to Canadian Monday afternoon where she will visit with friends a few days.

Flake George, Roy Sewell and Clyde Mead left last week for Stillwater, Oklahoma where they will see about entering the Officers Training camp.

Mrs. John Lewis and sister left Monday for Indiana where they will visit a few weeks.

Geo. O'Bryan of Hereford was in the city yesterday visiting with W. L. Mathers.

Commissioners court was in session Monday afternoon of this week. No business of special importance came before them and the usual run of bills allowed. Commissioner Patton responded to the request of a number of citizens and agreed to put a concrete culvert on the new road between Mt. Moriah and town, and the city will do the grading and make a much better entrance to town from that direction.

J. K. McKenzie purchased a section of land from Alonzo Gill last week, closing the deal Saturday.

Dock Pursley is having a new residence built in the west part of town and carpenters are busy this week erecting same.

Byron Williams is having a new small barn built at his place in west Miami.

J. J. Carr closed a deal last week for 11 and 1-2 sections of land 10 miles west of Stratford.

Homer Allen and Randle Patton returned last week from Ft. Worth where they visited the Miami boys in training. They report all the boys getting along fine and most of them apparently well satisfied.

Mt. Zion Notes

W. E. West and family spent Sunday with Nep True and family.

Miss Helen McCauley spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Nep True.

Mrs. W. E. Dear entertained the young people Saturday night with a party in honor of the birthday of her son, Albert and Miss Virgie True.

Thurman True and Allen Ring visited friends on the Plains Sunday evening.

Clarence Parnell visited homefolks this week.

Lady Died Tuesday

Miss Effie Dunaway, a sister of Mrs. J. M. Smith died Tuesday afternoon at the Smith home in Miami. She was born in Madison County Arkansas, Nov. 7th, 1879. Age at death 38 years, one month and five days.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Pitts and the remains laid to rest in the Miami cemetery to await the call of the Great Master.

She is gone but not forgotten, and we have every assurance that her new home will be a happier one, without pain and suffering. A Friend.

Miami Defeats Pampa

Saturday afternoon the boys basket ball team of the Pampa High school came down to trim these Miami laddies as they called them in the first Basket Ball game the Miami boys had played this year. Our boys played foot ball through most of the foot ball season and did not start basket ball until after Thanksgiving.

The day was too cold to have much of a side line, but our boys with the "Peppy" yells from the Basket Ball girls gave Pampa the hardest beating they have had this year. The game was fast from the start, but some way or another our boys were more accurate with their throwing, and had the visitors bested for wind, having gone through a falls coaching in foot ball. The game ended 36-9 in favor of Miami, but our boys thing this nothing marvelous as they know not what defeat is, and victory means no more to them than playing a fast game and loosing it, does to some teams. The boys will likely play several games after the holidays, and will likely play one or two before, providing they are able to get the games.

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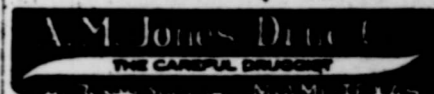
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L. G. Waggoner, Editor and Owner.
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Saturday of this week is the last day the Government will accept enlistments in the army. From then on they will be called as they are needed.

We haven't advised you to do your Christmas shopping early. Folks should know such things as that anyhow.

Declaring war on Austria by the United States appears to be a matter of formality, and will not change the status of the thing any.

A forecast on what Congress will do at this session is that we will have Woman's Suffrage and prohibition all over the United States.

The Red Cross movement, the Thrift Stamp movement and the Xmas tree has taken a good bit of our time this week from the regular rounds gathering locals news.

From the number of dreams the Kaiser is having lately, one would think he does nothing but sleep. We have read enough Kaiser dreams and poetry to make a good sized volume. And still new ones are coming.

The Red Cross Service Flag is a white flag with a blue border and a red cross in the center. For each member of the family or firm who joins the Christmas Red Cross drive, another Red Cross will be added to the center.

The Army Service flag is a white flag with blue border and a star in the center for each member of the family who is in the service. We have thought that it would be a nice thing for Roberts County to have a county service flag made and let it be placed at the courthouse beneath the big flag. We have forty-nine boys in the service, and could have a nice large flag made with forty-nine stars in it.

The Texoma Argus reached our desk last week with a new editor at the helm. Roland Busch, who has been printer on the paper for the past few months is now the Jester. What has become of its former editor, Mrs. N. G. Buckley was not stated, and neither was there a valedictory to her departure. We always thought that a newspaper editor should have some little word, and more especially a lady editor.

Mrs. Lee Satterwhite, wife of the Panhandle Herald Editor returned home from Dallas last week after two months spent in the hospital. We are indeed glad to know that the good lady has recovered and able to return home.

We see very few service flags around Miami. Nevertheless we have many boys in the service. If a member of your family is in the service, get you a flag. It is permissible to have them in the home, place of business, on your car, etc.

We have a weekly letter from the publicity officer at Camp Travis. This should be of interest to all, and especially those who have relatives and friends in training there. If you have not been reading it, better take a glance at it. You will find some good information in this letter each week.

Day by day and week by week the lines are being drawn tighter on where you stand in the war. A few have been able to stand on the fence and watch both sides, but their kingdom is tottering. You are either for or against the United States in this war and the fence top is no longer a hiding place.

Thirty or sixty days ago, predictions of an early peace were numerous. However the tide has turned the past two weeks and we see no predictions of peace. In fact men who read most and study the situation hardest can see no end yet in sight. The situation has looked dark the past few weeks. We are going to win is a settled fact, and no one is willing to stop until the war is won, but the task looks bigger and just how long it is going to take, or how many men and how much money is a very big item. A fellow is safe enough to prepare for several years of war. If it ends sooner, he will be just that much ahead.

Thirteen of the negro soldiers who did the rioting at Houston were hung Tuesday morning at Houston. 41 of them were given life sentence in the Federal prison. Four were given shorter terms and five were acquitted and sent back to their companies. It has been our opinion that the whole number should have been shot, however this may be wrong. Surely some of them were leaders, and others of them were possibly almost drafted into the riot. Anyhow a good portion of them will be out of the way, and should be a lesson to future negro troopers that the American people will stand no such actions. But then there comes the question of giving a lesson to a negro. It may have effect on some negroes, but in the past their lessons have been unlearned and despite the fact that a negro knows he will be burned to the stake they will continue to commit their crimes.

There is a tremendous lot of money been transferred lately to the banks over the country. The country banks show a greater deposit than ever before. High prices for farm products and labor are given as part cause for the bank deposits being so high. It naturally takes more money now to do the same amount of business than it did last year.

Miami is very fortunate in having a set of coal dealers that always keep a sufficient supply on hand. Hundreds of towns are out of coal and some of them asking government aid. Our dealers have so far had plenty of coal on hand to supply the needs of the people. Home merchants of the right class is something that any town should be proud of.

A letter from the publicity manager at Camp Travis, following instructions from higher officials ask all newspapers to refrain from publishing letters from soldier boys. The letter stated that the boys would unthoughtedly write home things of military importance, and that to avoid all mail being censured the practice of publishing their letters should be stopped.

Shattuck, Oklahoma will soon have a new Santa Fe depot. Several car loads of material are now on the ground and they are expecting work to start in the near future. This reminds us again that it is about time Miami was getting a new depot. The Miami people have said little and thought a great deal about the needs of new depot. For several years we have saw the need of one, and we understand that a few years back, some officials of the road stated that when Miami put in water and lights, the Santa Fe would build them a new depot. We now have them and would like to see some move toward the depot.

The United States is fighting Prussianism, not Germanism. When persons of the United States learn that it is the Prussian rule that we are fighting, there will be less disloyalty. We have been told by people from Germany that the Germans in Germany hated Prussianism as bad as anyone, but they are fighting because they are forced to by the Prussians. A man of German descent remarked the other day that he served in the German Army when he was young, that for a time they had German officers, and soon these German officers were replaced with Prussian officers, and then Army life was anything else but sweet.

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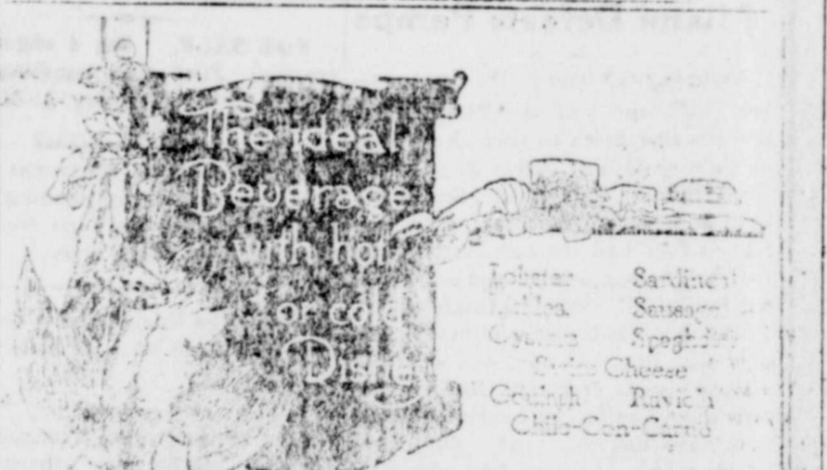
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EVERYONE has heard of Colon, the Atlantic terminal of the Panama canal, and of Cristobal, the American colony located on the Canal Zone; but how many know that they are twin towns on the Island of Manzanillo named for Columbus? In the Spanish language Christopher is "Cristobal" and Columbus would be the "Colon"—so the Colon really is "Christopher Columbus."

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FARM ANIMALS

COLD RAINS INJURE HORSES

Exposure of Young Animals to Severe Weather Causes Shrinkage and Retards Development.

The exposure of young horses to the short spells of severe weather which occur frequently during the fall causes a shrinkage in live weight and is a hindrance to rapid economical development. Older horses seem to stand this sort of treatment with less loss. It is doubtless true that animals become accustomed to winter weather, but frequent changes from fine fall weather to bad storms retard gains in colts without shelter.

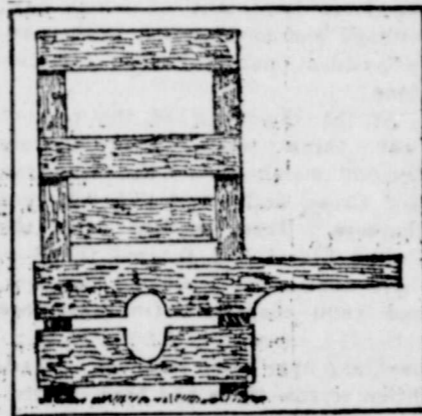
Four yearling Percheron fillies with an average weight of 1,169 pounds on pasture, with a ration of six pounds of corn and oats (one-half of each by weight) daily shrunk an average of 32 pounds each during the spell of severe weather on October 18 to 20 at the University of Missouri. Aged mares in foal, lost only slightly during the same period.

Inexpensive sheds which will protect colts from wind, rain, sleet and snow will prevent part of such loss in weight. Growing horses should not be housed too closely and prevented from taking plenty of exercise, but they should not be subjected to extremely bad weather if they are expected to make satisfactory growth.

DEVICE FOR HOLDING SWINE

Contraction Is Simple and Cheap in Its Construction—Illustration Explains Fully.

The device shown in the accompanying drawing is simple and cheap in its construction and easy to operate—so simple, in fact, that the mere illustration



Easy to Hold Hogs.

tion furnishes all the specifications necessary, says Farm Buildings. The uprights should be firmly set in the ground and the upper piece of stock pinned to the upright on a pivot at A. By nailing boards to the uprights on both sides in the rear a small chute may be formed by means of which the hogs may easily be driven into the "trap."

CARING FOR FEET OF SHEEP

Neglect Often Brings Troubles Later—On—Practical Plan Outlined for Needed Attention.

Neglect of the feet often brings sheep troubles later on. Uncared-for feet are favorable breeding grounds for foot rot and crooked pasterns. Try this plan: Turn the sheep out in pasture while the grass is wet. This will clean the feet and soften the hoof. After a few hours pen the sheep, take a hoof clipper or pruning knife and remove the surplus hoof or crooked portions. Trim so that the horn is on a level with the sole of the foot. If paring is necessary more on one side than the other in order to balance the foot, do this. Aim to have a level foot when the sheep stands on the ground.

COLLAR FITTED TO A HORSE

One That Is Too Large Should Not Be Put On Animal in Hope That He Will Grow Into It.

A collar should be fitted to the horse, and not the horse to the collar. The collar that is too large should not be used on a horse in the hope that he will grow large enough so it will eventually fit. A collar that fits well in the spring may not fit at all in the fall.

PROPER ALLOWANCE FOR SOW

Amount of Feed Given May Be Governed by Her Appetite—Tankage Should Be Fed Sparingly.

The amount of feed given a sow may be governed largely by her appetite. Tankage should not be fed to exceed more than 5 per cent. Corn may make up half the ration, as it tends to prevent the sow from becoming thin.

SHORT PASTURES FOR SHEEP

Brushy Field on Almost Every Farm Where Animals Can Be Made to Return Good Profit.

Sheep keeping should be encouraged. No other animal can thrive on such short pasturage as the sheep. Sheep manure is the most valuable of all. On almost every farm there is a brushy field on which sheep could browse eight months of the year.

BROOD MARES NEED EXERCISE IN WINTER



MOST DESIRABLE TYPE OF BROOD MARE AND FOAL.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Slow, light work nearly every day is good for the brood mare. It will make her healthier and the foal stronger at birth. If it is not possible to work her she should be turned in an open pasture in the summer, where she can get exercise, fresh air and nutritious feed. The maintenance of her own body and the development of the foal require a good, wholesome ration which should contain a little more protein and ash than that demanded by a working gelding.

If the mare is idle in winter, most of the feed may be roughage, but a heavier ration must be fed when work is done. The quantity of feed is determined by the size and condition of the animal, whether thin or fat, sick or well, by the appetite, by the amount of work done, by individuality, condition of the droppings, and whether the animal is easy or hard to keep. The following suggestions for feeding mares in foal are from Farmers' Bulletin 803, "Horse-Breeding Suggestions for Farmers," recently issued by the United States department of agriculture.

Grains.

Oats is the best grain for the horse; it is a light, palatable, and balanced feed. Corn is a good grain, but is used to better advantage if it forms only from one-third to one-half of the grain ration of the brood mare. If wheat is fed, it must be given ground and in small quantities. Barley is a good horse feed; it is more bulky than wheat and nearer like oats than corn in composition. Barley is often cooked and fed once or twice a week in the evening for its medicinal qualities. Bran is an almost essential horse feed. It is bulky and palatable and lightens the ration. Soy beans and cowpeas are relished by horses, and when accessible will serve as a useful addition to the grain feed for mares in foal. They are relatively rich in protein, and consequent-

ly combine exceedingly well with corn.

Roughage.

Timothy hay is a popular roughage for horses. Brome grass makes good hay which is equal to timothy hay in feeding value. Orchard grass, if cut in early bloom, is equal to the best of the hay grasses, and carries considerably more crude protein than timothy. Meadow fescue is not so valuable as timothy for horses. Sudan-grass hay is a safe feed for mares, and numerous native prairie grasses furnish hay that is equal to timothy. Clover hay is likely to be dusty, but it has great fattening qualities. Millet is not a safe feed for mares in foal. Corn fodder frequently is used to feed idle horses in the winter, but there is not enough nutrition in it alone for mares in foal. The same thing is true in a greater degree of straw. If either is fed, good quality hay also should be fed. Unthreshed cowpeas or soybean hay is also a valuable roughage which is relished by horses. Even the threshed hay contains considerable nutrition. It should not be fed to brood mares if it contains any mold. Alfalfa hay makes an excellent feed for mares if it is fed once a day and timothy or corn fodder given at the other feeding. Occasionally alfalfa hay is not properly cured, causing it to mold badly, in which case it should not be fed to the horses. Farmers have reported occasionally that alfalfa causes the kidneys to act too freely, but it is likely that this trouble will not be noticed if the alfalfa does not make up over one-half of the roughage.

Succulence.

Succulent feeds are those which are juicy, and are easily assimilated. Such feeds have a cooling, laxative effect on the digestive system and stimulate appetite. The most common succulent feeds on farms are grass, carrots, rutabagas, sugar beets and silage. Grass, although of a succulent nature, is generally used as the entire ration through the summer if the mares are idle.

FEED IMPORTANCE FOR WINTER DAIRY

Economy in Feeding Cows as Individuals and Not as Herd—Expert Tells of Errors.

Quantity of feed ranks next to the kind of feed in dairy rations. Economical feeding demands that cows be fed as individuals, and not as a herd. Too frequently each cow in a herd is fed the same amount of grain, regardless of how much milk she is producing. By this practice some cows will be underfed, while others will be overfed.

It should be understood that an animal always uses a certain amount of the food it receives to maintain the body. This is the first use to which the food is put, and is called the ration of maintenance. This amount is required by the animal whether or not she is producing milk. All feed above this amount is used for milk production, or is stored on the body of the animal as fat. In the case of the young animal part of this excess is used for growth.

Of the two mistakes made in feeding, perhaps underfeeding is most common, according to C. H. Eckles of the Missouri College of Agriculture. It is a serious mistake to feed a cow only enough to keep up her body. She must receive feed to keep her milk production up to capacity. If a cow loses weight while in milk, she is not receiving sufficient food. A good cow if not fed enough, will produce milk for a time at the expense of her body; that is, she will take the surplus flesh from her body, and convert it into milk and thereby will lose live weight. On the other hand, when a cow is overfed she will begin to fatten in a short time. This condition may be corrected by giving her only the amount she needs for maintenance and for milk production. Such feeding will maintain practically a uniform weight.

Roughness is the first important consideration in feeding cows. A cow

POULTRY

SUITABLE HOUSE FOR FOWLS

Most Essential That Hens Be Protected From Inclement Weather, and Their Enemies.

One of the most essential things in poultry keeping, is to have a suitable house which will protect the fowls from inclement weather and from their natural enemies. It is well understood that no two farms will present exactly the same conditions; for instance, one farmer will desire to keep one hundred hens while another may want many more or less. Then again, some farms will present one kind of soil, whereas on other farms the character of the soil and drainage are entirely different. Some farmers will desire a house which presents an attractive appearance, whereas on other farms poultry houses will be so located that they are not conspicuous, and hence the matter of appearance is of little concern.

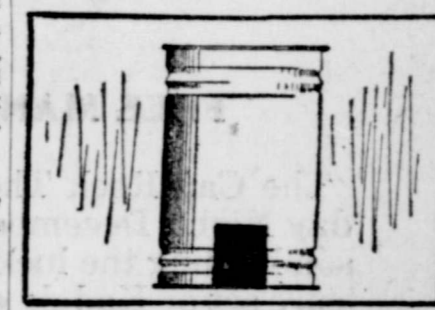
It must be remembered that from the standpoint of the hen, appearance makes very little difference, but the house must be so built and so arranged that it will be a comfortable place for the hens to live; otherwise they will not thrive and production will not be satisfactory. On many farms the hens are not provided with a house constructed especially for them but are housed in an old building originally made for some other purpose.

DISPOSE OF DEAD CHICKENS

Cremation Is Only Safe Method of Getting Rid of Carcasses—Old Carbide Can Is Handy.

There is only one safe method of disposal of the dead, and that is by burning. An ordinary wood fire does well, but an old carbide can or other such things made over slightly, makes the job easier, more complete and less repulsive, writes Dale R. Van Horn in Farm and Home. Having procured the carbide can, make a hole in the bottom a little smaller than the hole in the top, and then on one side near the top make a door as shown.

Before starting operations, dig a small hole and set the can inverted over it. Fill with coals or wood and soak with cold oil. Then drop the dead fowl in the top and ignite. When all has burned, nothing will be left but the ashes, which have fallen into



Carbide Can Cremator.

the hole and may be then covered up. In this way only, can one safely handle contagious diseases in the chicken yard.

FATTEN POULTRY IN CRATES

Sending Chickens to Market Not Properly Fattened, Is Wasteful Practice of Farmers.

Sending chickens to market which have not been properly fattened is a wasteful practice. The weight of healthy, well grown chickens can be increased from 25 to 50 per cent in two weeks by proper feeding. Three hundred and fifty to four hundred pounds of mash moistened with skim milk or butter milk and properly fed to good fowls will produce 100 pounds of poultry meat in from 12 to 14 days. Proper feeding of the chickens before marketing improves the quality of the flesh. "Crate fed" and "milk fed" are synonymous with "high quality."

Chickens which have been milk fed in crates should sell for 2 to 3 cents above the market price for unfattened chickens. At this price, they are cheaper to the consumer on account of the reduced waste in dressing.

MALE LACKING IN VITALITY

No Matter How Well Marked He Is He Will Be Failure as Breeder—Best Time for Culling.

No matter how well marked he is, a cockerel lacking in vitality will be a failure as a breeder. While the young stuff is growing up, and the age is unmistakable, is the time to cull. Later an early-hatched, stunted specimen may be thought to be a late-hatched prodigy.

PARASITES CAUSE OF WORRY

Hens and Chicks Worn Out With Constant Irritation Are Apt to Succumb to Disease.

Both hens and chicks worn out with the constant irritation of the skin caused by the parasites, and the loss of blood by actual sucking from the tissues lose vitality and are more apt to succumb to diseases which would otherwise be resisted.

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WHAT IS THE RED CROSS

Assuming that the average person is not informed as to the early history and working functions of the Red Cross Society, we will attempt briefly to give you some of the more important facts.

THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS.

At the battle of Solferino in 1859, Henri Dunant of Geneva, Switzerland, was a witness and devoted much thought and effort to relieving the suffering of the wounded left on the field. Soon after he published a pamphlet called, "A Souvenir of Solferino," in which he outlined a plan of organization and action. This proved to be the foundation on which the Red Cross was organized. In 1863 an international conference met at Geneva and, as a result, an International Society was organized. At another conference in 1866 the name of Red Cross was adopted with the Geneva Cross as its symbol. The assent of 39 governments was secured to a treaty making neutral in war all hospitals, their stores physicians and attendants. It was made obligatory upon the Red Cross Society to care impartially for every soldier, whatever his nationality.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.

When the United States joined the International Society in 1881, under the leadership of Clara Barton, the scope of the society was extended to cover national disasters of every kind. The present American Red Cross was incorporated by Act of Congress in 1905. The President of the United States appointed six out of the eighteen directors and he himself is president of the society. On its board sit the members of the Cabinet and its accounts are audited by the war department.

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ing in its endeavors and is so ably and efficiently managed. This is made possible from the fact that all of the executives who administer its affairs as well as a great many of the employees and all the workers are volunteers. In the administration of its affairs all the funds collected, less about 1-4 per cent for administration, have reached their final destination in the form of effective relief. No commercial organization can come anywhere near to this.

Why does not the Government Officially Finance the Red Cross?

First, because it is forbidden to do so by reason of the treaty governing the International Red Cross Society, made at Geneva, Switzerland in 1863.

Second, you can not administer in a commercial way or measure in dollars and cents the labor of love and sympathy. It would not be possible for any purely governmental agency to carry on this work and to mobilize the woman power of the country which is so great a factor in this work. This work must be done with tenderness, sympathy, dispatch and enthusiasm.

Third, The Red Cross is the connecting link between you and your government, especially in time of war and if this work was done by a government agency you would not only be denied the privilege of performing this splendid service, but your government would not be so apt to enlist your moral support.

THE WORK OF THE RED CROSS.

The work of the Red Cross is not confined alone to war activities but is directed toward relief of suffering humanity everywhere, any place in the world, at any time. For the purpose of intelligently handling the various activities incident to this great work, the American Red Cross is divided into departments or bureaus, the most important of which are: military and naval relief, civilian relief, educational, and many sub-divisions.

At the beginning of the present year there were approximately 200,000 members to the American Red Cross, and about 200 different chapters. Three months after the United States had entered the war, there were about 2,500,000 members, and 1800 chapters. On November 1st, 1917, there were 5,000,000 members, and over 8,000 chapters. In addition to this there had been 14 division headquarters established in order to expedite the work.

On May 10th, 1917, President Wilson as president of the American Red Cross, appointed a war council of seven members, of which Henry P. Davison was made chairman, to direct the work of the American Red Cross in the extraordinary emergency created by the entry of the United States into war. Mr. Davison is a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan and Company, and severed his connection with his firm to work without salary for the period of the war. On assuming his duties, being a prudent careful business man, he surveyed the work in sight and took stock of the resources of the Red Cross and found that there was a great number of bills owing, many of them 32 months past due, and no assets except the good will of the American people.

In order to carry on the necessary work of this organization for the relief of our own and our allies' soldiers it became necessary to raise a large sum of money. President Wilson designated the week of June 18th to 25th as Red Cross week and asked for \$100,000,000 from the American people as a gift, and the answer was \$102,000,000. Not only the entire sum contributed, but 2 per cent in addition has been applied to the purpose for which it was raised, this being made possible by the fact that once the fund collected and deposited in the bank, it immediately began to draw interest.

One of the first things which the French Commission, headed by Viviani and Joffre, told our officials on arriving in this country was the need of relief for the civilian population in France. Because of the enormous task of the French government in maintaining its army and mobilizing its able bodied men to hold the line, they were not in position to give the necessary attention to the destitute civilian population and furnishing them medical attention, clothing or provision. At the beginning of war twenty-four thousand physicians, eighteen thousand of whom have entered the service and 40 per cent have been killed. This left whole sections and cities containing thousands in population without proper medical attention for months. In addition to which it was impossible for the civilians to obtain food, fuel, clothing or shelter.

The morale or spirit of the military as well as the civilian population of France was rapidly declining to such an extent that previous to the French Commission's visit here two whole divisions of the French army mutinied. This fact is not generally known and did not appear in any of the papers. The reason for this was that

the soldiers living in the trenches during the past winter suffered hardships beyond words to describe and on the relief from duty for their trip home, found conditions in their families almost as bad. The mortality among infants and children was appalling. The suffering of their families was great. With this homecoming the French soldier, forgetful of himself, mindful only of those most dear to him, said, "If my family can not be properly taken care of while I am at the front, no matter what my condition may be, it will be better for us to accept even German peace as we certainly cannot be worse off." Can you blame them? As a military necessity for maintaining discipline, there was chosen by lot a given number of men from these two divisions who was executed.

Hurried preparations were made to send small contingent of soldiers to France to show that America was indeed their ally and had actually come to their rescue. But the great work done was the immediate dispatch of supplies by the American Red Cross, fuel, provisions, nurses and doctors to help the civilian population and this did more to buoy up the drooping spirit of France than even taking over twenty miles of line. Results to this stimulus were immediately seen. The French soldiers went back with renewed courage and vigor as was demonstrated at Verdun and Vimy Ridge and other places, and upon his return now the soldier finds that a Red Cross doctor and nurse have visited his sick family, that the Red Cross has provided food and clothing etc., and he knows whatever may be his lot his loved ones will be provided for.

In all of the occupied territory of Italy, Belgium and France, the civilian population, including old men, women and children, have been literally worked to death. Women and children unaccustomed to hard labor have been driven to the factories and farms from early morning to late at night without proper nourishment or shelter. When they become no longer a commercial asset to the Germans they have been sent back through neutral countries to their homes, suffering from all forms of diseases, particularly tuberculosis.

The specific value to us of all this work is that it helps to keep French soldiers on the job and obviates the necessity of putting untrained American soldiers in the line immediately upon their arrival in France. Every soldier of our allies that leaves the line now must be replaced by an

American soldier. The promptness with which a trainload of Red Cross doctors, nurses and supplies was patched to Halifax immediately upon receipt of news of the disaster there is a striking illustration of the efficiency with which the Red Cross is being managed now. When the Red Cross responded at once with \$5,000,000 for relief of the Red Cross War Council centered all of its war work upon these things:

First. To be ready to care for our soldiers and sailors on duty wherever and whenever that care may be needed.

Second. To shorten the war—strengthening the spirits of the people and their armies, by alluring their sufferings the period which must elapse until the American can become fully effective abroad.

Third. To lay foundations for enduring peace—by extending a message of practical relief and sympathy to the civilian population among our Allies, carrying to them an expression of the finest side of the American character.

The Red Cross aims to mobilize the heart and soul of America toward binding up the wounds of a bleeding world.

These things mean that each person who joins the American Red Cross personally adds to the comfort of all his friends in the army or navy and increases their chance of coming home again.

Those who do not join in this either that they do not care or happens to the sons of their neighbors or that they actually want the boys to suffer and die that the Kaiser may triumph. The men under now in France and the training camps, have already earned the right to know what all men over 31 are doing to help them win this war. They know, and will turn to the membership records of the Red Cross Chapter in their home community as the definite record of those who are willing to do the minimum—4 more. And what will these veterans think of those whose names are found there?

These are not harsh words. They only mildly intimate the true situation.

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