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The Season's Greetings

To the many friends and patrons who have so generously and continually given their valued help and patronage to me I wish to extend my most sincere thanks and appreciation and to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and the most happy and prosperous New Year you have ever experienced.

We have enjoyed a most liberal share of business for which the least we can do is to be grateful and to promise that in the New Year the high standard of Quality maintained and the efficient Service given will be continued and even improved and trust that these will merit a continuation of your highly appreciated trade and influence.

Sincerely,

B. L. BOYDSTUN

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, Dec. 16, 1917.

Baptist Sunday School	
Number present	170
Collection	\$ 4.65
Methodist Sunday School	
Number present	109
Collection	\$ 3.36
Presbyterian Sunday School	
Number present	89
Collection	\$3.01
Total Attendance	
	368
Total Collection	
	\$11.02

Mf. and Mrs. Ed Dunlap spent a few hours in Abilene Wednesday.

NOTES FROM CAMP TRAVIS

Mance Abels, of Baird, now a member of Battery C. 345th Field Artillery, Camp Travis, has established quite a reputation for himself recently in the line of horse breaking.

Sergeant Paul L. Loven and Corporal Carl O. Fleming of Company 40 are now attending the Hand Grenade School. These men are having a fore taste of trench life. They are learning the art of making an enemy's trench uninhabitable by bombing and then going over the top to take it.

The members of Battery C. 345th Regiment Field Artillery, Camp Travis, look forward with great enthusiasm to the entertainment to be given in their battery this evening, Wednesday, December 12th, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

The Battery is equipped with a fine piano to which fact is attributed their good fortune in having the entertainment in their Barracks.

NOTICE

Fire works are prohibited in city of Baird. By order of City Council. According to City Ordinance. Hope all will obey this. Thank you.

W. L. Ashton,
City Marshal.

CHRISTMAS TREE

The Presbyterian Church will have their Christmas tree on Monday night, Dec. 24, and everyone is invited to attend and use the tree for their gifts.

UNION CHRISTMAS SERVICE

1. Song "Joy to the world"—Congregation.
2. Prayer—J. L. Lea.
3. Scripture Reading—R. L. Scranton.
4. Duet—Mrs. Dunlap and Mrs. Holmes.
5. What Christmas means to Children—S. Ernest Settle.
6. Brass Quartet, Arranged by C. E. Strain.
7. Red Cross Paper—Mrs. H. W. Ross.
8. Special Choruses—Choir.
9. Christmas and Patriotism—Choir.
10. Solo—Mrs. King.

11. Our Boys—B. L. Russell.
12. Song—Congregation.

W. D. Boydston Chairman.
Benediction.

The Pastor of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist Churches have decided on an Union Service to be held at the Baptist Church on December 23rd, at 7 p. m. A suitable program has been arranged for this occasion. A free-will offering will be taken to assist the united charities of the City. The Program is entirely in the hands of the laity. You are requested and urged to attend.

Mrs. W. J. Cook left Tuesday for Sweetwater to visit her mother and other relatives.

MASONIC MEETING

Next Saturday night December 22d is the regular meeting of Baird Lodge No. 522, A. F. & A. M. Rev. H. M. Peebles will deliver a Masonic lecture and perhaps other speakers will be heard. A regular program is being prepared. All Master Masons are cordially invited to be present.

PASTORS EXCHANGE PULPITS

Rev. H. M. Peebles will preach at the Methodist Church Sunday, December 23 at 11 o'clock and Rev. W. Y. Switzer will preach at the Presbyterian Church at the same hour. Union service at Baptist Church Sunday night. See notice.

W. D. Boydston left Tuesday night for Dallas on a business trip.

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

Years ago Christmas Morning the first gifts were given as a token of Love and Friendship, to the Christ Child in Bethlehem, by the three wise men, and from that time to the present, Christmas has been set apart for an exchange of gifts, expensive or inexpensive

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Bon Bons 3.10 to 10.00	Opal Rings, Hungarian 3.75 to 15.00	Jewel Boxes 2.20 to 5.00
Vases 2.15 to 15.00	Diamond and Opal Rings 9.85 to 20.00	Hair Receivers 2.55 to 6.00
Picture Frames 2.15 to 3.50	Cameo Rings, a large assortment 5.75 to 25.00	Military Brushes 2.20 to 8.50
Tooth Pick Holders .75 to 1.50	Diamond Rings, single stone 24.75 to 50.00	Combs .45 to 1.50
Salt Shakers .75 to 2.50	Black Onyx Ring, Diamond in center set in Platinum 14.75	Picture Frames 1.35 to 3.50
Nappies, a large assortment 2.10 to 6.50	Cuff Buttons, Diamond set 2.85 to 15.00	Nail Files .75 to .75
Compotes 5.85 to 10.00	The Clips, Diamond Set 1.85 to 5.00	Nail Buffs .70 to 1.00
Cream and Sugars 4.20 to 12.50	Waldemar Chain with Knife or Pencil 3.85 to 10.00	Perfume Bottles .75 to 2.75
Bowls, a large and beautiful line 4.15 to 20.00	Baby Rings, Plain or set .70 to 3.50	Hair Brushes 1.80 to 6.00
Flower and Fruit Bowls 2.65 to 10.00	Emblem Charms, a large line 1.85 to 20.00	Mirrors, large assortment of sizes 1.95 to 8.50
Celery Trays 3.95 to 10.25	Signal Rings, all new designs 2.65 to 12.50	Trays .95 to 3.50
Sugar Holders 2.65 to 5.00	Bracelet Watches 15.85 to 35.00	Button Hooks .75 to .75
Ice Tea Jug and Tumblers 8.35 to 25.00	Lavilliers, Diamond Set 9.85 to 50.00	Mirrors in Ebony, in different sizes .85 to 2.50
Mirror Servers 1.95 to 10.00	Lavilliers, Cameo Set 4.65 to 25.00	Military Brushes in Ebony 1.90 3.75
Water Sets 5.25 to 30.00	Brooches, Cameo and Diamond set 4.85 to 20.00	Toilet Sets in Ebony 2.85 8.50
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ARMISTICE SIGNED BY GERMANY AND RUSSIA

BECAME EFFECTIVE MONDAY AT NOON AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL JAN. 4.

PEACE PARLEYS WILL FOLLOW

Bolsheviki Delegates Report Germans Agreed Not to Transfer Troops to Western Front.

Berlin via London.—An armistice agreement between the Bolsheviki government in Russia and the Teutonic allies was signed at Brest-Litovsk Saturday, according to an official communication. The armistice became effective at noon Monday and is to remain in force until January 14.

A provision in the armistice agreement is that peace negotiations are to begin immediately after the signing of the armistice.

Petrograd.—An announcement was made by the Bolsheviki official news agency that Russia and Germany had agreed upon the terms of an armistice.

Leon Trotsky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, announced for a time a break in the negotiations seemed imminent because General Hoffman, the German negotiator, insisted on the right to transfer troops in small units. The German commander finally accepted the Russian formula.

"We can not and will not aid militarism in any way," M. Trotsky said. "This question of transferring troops was most fundamental. I think our formula is considered by our allies to be satisfactory."

FEW RESTRAINTS ON AUSTRIANS

Most of the Million or More in the United States Are Considered Loyal.

Washington.—Austro-Hungarian subjects in the United States, most of the million or more of whom are laborers and are loyal to the allied war cause, will suffer few restrictions as a result of war between the lands of their birth and adoption. In a proclamation declaring a state of war with Austria-Hungary, in accordance with the act of congress, President Wilson specified that unaturalized Austro-Hungarians, unlike the Germans in this country, should be free to live and travel everywhere, except that they may not enter or leave the states without permission, and those suspected of enemy activity may be interned.

They need not register with police or postoffice officials, as Germans will be required to do shortly, and are not barred from the 100-yard zones about the piers, docks and warehouses closed to Germans, and are not required to leave the District of Columbia.

Twin Cities Strike of Short Duration
Minneapolis, Minn.—All union men in St. Paul and Minneapolis who went on strike in sympathy with the street car employes had returned to work by mid-afternoon, in accordance with instructions from their leaders. Immediately after advices were received that President Wilson's special labor commissioner would investigate the situation, the strikers in both cities returned to their trades. Labor leaders said that approximately 16,000 men, 9,000 in Minneapolis and 7,000 in St. Paul, had responded to the strike call.

U. S. Guard Name of New Force.
Washington.—The United States Guard will be the name of the 25,000 auxiliary force of troops authorized by the war department to supplement state and other forces now guarding war supplies; war industries and doing police duty essential to the conduct of the war. Forty battalions will be organized to relieve regular troops, national guard or other purely military units of this guard duty. The order prescribed that the force be raised by voluntary enlistment or draft. Volunteers will be accepted only between the ages of 31 and 45.

Pershing Reports 17 Men Missing.
Washington.—Seventeen enlisted men of the United States army engineer corps were reported missing in action by General Pershing in a dispatch to the war department. They were missing on Nov. 30, the day of the German turning movement at Cambrai, and are believed to have fallen into the hands of the Germans while fighting valiantly with the engineer contingent, which distinguished itself helping the British to check the attack.

Surgical Dressings Short in France.
New York.—"A serious calamity and a national disgrace are inevitable," if surgical dressings are not sent to France with all possible speed, according to a cablegram from Major Grayson M. P. Murphy, head of the American Red Cross in France which was made public by headquarters here of the American fund for French wounded. "Nothing in the situation here is as important," the cablegram reads. "Surgical dressings must be sent in millions."

Blame Government for Sugar Shortage
Washington.—Blame for the sugar shortage in the east was charged to the food administration's fixed import price by Claus A. Spreckels, president of the Federal Sugar Refining company, testifying before the senate investigating committee. He testified that raw sugar from Cuba was passing through New York for Canada, where refiners are permitted to pay higher prices.

Italians Sink Two Austrian Warships
New York.—The torpedoing of two Austrian battleships in the harbor of Trieste by Italian torpedo craft on the night of Dec. 9 is reported in a message received here by Commander C. Pfister of the Italian navy. "After succeeding in crossing several obstructions from mine fields," the dispatch said, "the Italian torpedo craft entered the harbor of Trieste where they fired four torpedoes against two Austrian men of war of the Monarch type."

Webb Export Bill Passes Senate.
Washington.—The Webb export bill to legalize combinations of American exporters in promoting their foreign commerce was passed by the senate 51 to 11. President Wilson in his recent address to congress urged enactment of the measure, which was passed last June by the house. The measure provides that prohibitions of the Sherman and Clayton anti-trust laws against combinations for foreign selling shall not be enforced, provided trade in this country is not thereby restrained.

Disclose German Intrigue at Honolulu
Honolulu.—While the ship's band was playing lively tunes to drown out all tell-tale sounds, the wireless apparatus of the German cruiser Geter, at the time she was interned in this harbor, relayed messages between German agents in the United States and Japan in furtherance of a plot to embroil the two countries in war, according to an article printed here. The article declares that the seal placed on the Geter's wireless by the American government was broken by the Germans in order that the message might be transmitted.

Congressman Takes Shot at Austrians
Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy.—The first American shot against Austria was fired by Representative Tinkham of Boston on the lower Piave, when Mr. Tinkham pulled a string firing a large 149 millimeter gun, sending a shell hurtling across the Piave to the Austrian positions. A huge cloud of black smoke marked the place where the shell burst. The Italian batterymen gathered around the gun and raised a cheer as the American congressman fired.

SISTER M'AD. MS



Nursing Sister R. C. MacAdams, M. P., the first woman representative to be elected under the new Canadian regulations. Sister MacAdams has been chosen to represent the overseas soldiers from Alberta in their legislative assembly.

HEAVY GERMAN DRIVE STOPPED BY BRITISH

Apparently Germans Intended to Overwhelm British By Sheer Weight of Numbers.

London.—A fierce mass attack was made by the Germans Wednesday against the elbow in the bend of the British line between Bullecourt and Quant, about ten miles west of Cambrai, says the Reuter correspondent at British headquarters in France.

Their intention was to overwhelm their opponents by sheer weight of numbers. Owing to the staunchness of the British opposition the attack only enabled the Germans to get a foothold in about 500 yards of the British front line, when the attack was arrested.

Thus the attack was reduced to the limits of a very small local success at the most. The correspondent adds that it is difficult to get details, but the fighting lasted from dawn until 1 o'clock in the afternoon and the continuance of firing after that suggested a British counter-attack.

In his description of the battle, the correspondent says:

"The Germans opened an intense bombardment as the first streaks of a frosty dawn were paling the eastern sky. Our artillery promptly replied with a barrage put down between the opposing trenches, in order to catch any infantry advance. Assaulting waves of Bavarian troops came over in close formation."

"The weather remains fine and dry so that open warfare is still possible at a time of the year when normally both sides would be settled into winter quarters."

General Haig's Report.
The German attack east of Bullecourt was repulsed by the British except at one point, according to Field Marshal Haig's report. The Germans suffered heavy losses, many dead being left behind on their retirement.

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Uncle Lige bought a clock. One night the clock got out of order, and began to strike.

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"One who can keep order at a woman's club," growled the grizzled grouch.

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION
should be given to sprains, swellings, bruises, rheumatism and neuralgia. Keep Mansfield's Magic Arnica Liniment handy on the shelf. Three sizes—25c, 50c and \$1.00.—Adv.

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His Pride.
Governor Whitman said at a gathering in Syracuse:

"When the Kaiser boasts arrogantly to a ruined Germany about the blessings his rule has conferred upon the German people, I am irresistibly reminded of the German prison superintendent.

"This old fellow, after 30 years in office, was decorated with the order of the Red Hat, or Blue Sausage, or something of the sort, and in his speech of acknowledgment in the hall of the prison he said:

"As you see, friends, I have been decorated with the imperial order of the Blue Sausage, but I willingly confess that this honor has been attained, not by my own merits alone, but by the co-operation of all of you. I can also declare with pleasure that since I have occupied this office the number of prisoners has increased from 430 to 985—a fact of which both you and I may be justly proud."

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French matches may have improved in recent years, but not so very long ago they were quite unsatisfactory. A Frenchman was once arrested for having a lot of smuggled matches in his possession. The judge said to him: "What have you to say for yourself, prisoner?"

"Please, your honor," stammered the culprit, "it is true I use foreign matches, but only to light our own government ones with."

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CHAPTER XVII—Continued.

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Morning looks down into Khinjan hours after the sun has risen, because the precipices shut it out. But the peaks on every side are very beacons of the range, at the earliest peep of dawn. In silence they watched day's herald touch the peaks with rosy jeweled fingers—she waiting as if she expected the marvel of it all to make King speak.

It was cold. She came and snuggled close to him, and it was so they watched the sparkle of dawn's jewels die and the peaks grow gray again, she with an arm on his shoulder and strands of her golden hair blown past his face.

"Of what are you thinking?" she asked him at last.

"Of India, princess."

"What of India?"

"She lies helpless."

"Ah! You love India?"

"Yes."

"You shall love me better! You shall love me better than your life! Then, for love of me, you shall own the India you think you love! This letter shall go!" She tapped her bosom. "It is best to cut you off from India first. You shall lose that you may win!"

She got up and stood in the gap, smiling mockingly, framed in the darkness of the cave behind.

"I understand!" she said. "You think you are my enemy. Love and hate never lived side by side. You shall see!"

Her hands slipped into his, soft and warm; her eyes fastened on his and held them. And as they did so King sank, like a sack half-empty and toppled over sideways on the floor asleep.

He neither dreamed nor was conscious of anything, but slept like a dead man, having fought against her mesmerism harder than he knew.

Statesmen, generals, outlaws, all make their big mistakes and manage to recover. Very nearly always it is an apparently little mistake that does most damage in the end, something unnoticeable at the time, that grows in geometrical proportion, minus instead of plus.

Yasmini made her little mistake that minute in believing King was utterly mesmerized at last and utterly in her power. Whereas in truth he was only weary. It may be that she gave him orders in his sleep, after the accepted manner of mesmerists; but if she did, they never reached him; he was far too fast asleep. He slept so deep and long that he was not conscious of men's voices, nor of being carried, nor of time, nor of anxiety, nor of anything.

CHAPTER XVIII.

When King awoke he lay on a comfortable bed in a cave he had never yet seen, but there was no trace of Yasmini, nor of the men who must have carried him to it. He had no idea how long he had slept. It did not matter. He had probed Khinjan caves, and knew the whole purpose for which the lawless thousands had been gathering and were gathering still. Remained, to thwart that purpose. He began at the beginning, where he stood.

Behind him in a corner at the back of the cave was a narrow fissure, hung with a leather curtain, that was doubtless the door into Khinjan's heart; but the only way to the outer air was along a ledge above a dizzying precipice, so high that the huge waterfall looked like a little stream below. He was in a very eagle's aerie; the upper rim of Khinjan's gorge seemed not more than a quarter of a mile above him.

Round the corner, ten feet from the entrance, stood a guard, armed to the teeth, with a rifle, a sword, two pistols and a long curved Khyber knife stuck handy in his girdle. As he looked, a little procession of women, led by a man, came up the ledge. The man was armed, but the women were burdened with their own belongings—the medicine chest—his saddle and bridle—his untrifled mule-pack. They came past the dumb man on guard and laid them all at King's feet just inside the cave.

He smiled, with that genial, face-transforming smile of his that has so often melted a road for him through sultry crowds. But the man in charge of the women did not grin. He was suffering. He growled at the women, and they went away like obedient animals, to sit half-way down the ledge and await further orders. He himself made as if to follow them, and the dumb man on guard did not pay much attention; he let women and man pass behind him, stepping one pace forward toward the edge to make more room. That was his last entirely voluntary act in this world.

With a suddenness that disarmed all opposition the other humped himself against the wall and bucked into the dumb man's back, sending him, weapons and all, hurtling over the precipice to the caverns into which the water tumbled thousands of feet away. The other ruffian spat after him, and then walked back to where King stood. "Now heal me my boils!" he said, grinning at last, doubtless from pleasure at the prospect. He was the same man who had stood on guard at the "guest-cave" when Ismail led King

out to see the Cavern of Earth's Drink. The temptation was to fling the brute after his victim. The temptation always is to do the wrong thing—to cap wrath with wrath, injustice with vengeance. That way wars begin and are never ended. King beckoned him into the cave, and bent over the chest of medical supplies. Then, finding the light better for his purpose at the entrance, he called the man back and made him sit down on the box.

The business of lancing boils is not especially edifying in itself; but that particular minor operation probably saved India. But for hope of it the man with the boils would never have stood two turns on guard hand running and let the relief sleep on; so he



"Thou Liest! It was My Men Who Got the Head That Let Thee In! Else Why Are Thou Here?"

would not have been on duty when the message came to carry King's belongings to his new cave of residence. There would have been no object in killing the dumb man, and so there would have been an expert with a loaded rifle to keep Muhammad Anim lurking down the trail.

Muhammad Anim came—like the devil, to scotch King's faith. He had followed the women with the loads. He stood now, like a big bear on a mountain track, swaying his head from side to side six feet away. King jumped, nearly driving the lance into a new place in his patient's neck.

"Let him go!" growled Muhammad Anim. "Go, thou! Stand guard over the women until I come!"

The mullah turned a rifle this way and that in his paws, like a great bear dancing. The very Orakzal Pathan who had sat next King in the Cavern of Earth's Drink, was creeping up behind the women and already had his rifle leveled at the man with boils.

"Aye!" said the mullah, watching King's eyes. "He has done well, and the road is clear!"

The man with boils offered no fight. He dropped his rifle and threw his hands up. In a moment the Orakzal Pathan was in command of two rifles, holding King from among the women, whom he seemed to regard as his plunder too. The women appeared supremely indifferent in any event. King nodded back to him. A friend is a friend in the "Hills," and rare is the man who spares his enemy.

"None comes to earn a living in the 'Hills,'" growled the mullah, swaying his head slowly and devouring King with cruel calculating eyes. "Why art thou here?"

"I slew a man," said King. "Thou liest! It was my men who got the head that let thee in! Speak! Why art thou here?"

But King did not answer. The mullah resumed.

"He who brought me the message yesterday says he has it from another, who had it from a third, that thou art here because she plans a simultaneous rising in India, and thou art from the Punjab where the Sikhs all wait to rise. Is that true?"

"Thy man said it," answered King.

"Then hear me!" said the mullah. "Listen, thou." But he did not begin to speak yet. He tried to see past King into the cave and to peer about into the shadows.

"Where is she?" he asked. "Her man Rewa Gunga went yesterday, with three men and a letter to carry down the Khyber. But where is she?"

So he had slept the clock round! King did not answer. He blocked the way into the cave and looked past the mullah. The Orakzal Pathan crouched among the women, and the women grinned. The mullah stared into King's face, with the scrutiny of a trader appraising loot. Fire leaped up behind his calculating eyes. And without a word passing between them, King knew that this man as well as Yasmini was in possession of the secret of the Sleeper. Perhaps he knew it first; perhaps she snatched the keeping of the secret from him. At all events he knew it and recognized King's likeness to the Sleeper, for his eyes betrayed him. He began to stroke

his beard monotonously with one hand. The rifle, that he pretended to be holding, really leaned against his back and with the free hand he was making signals.

King knew well he was making signals. But he knew too that in Yasmini's power, her prisoner, he had no chance at all of interfering with her plans. Having grounded on the bottom of impotence, so to speak, any tide that would take him off must be a good tide. He pretended to be aware of nothing, and to be particularly unaware that the Pathan, with a rifle in each hand, was pretending to come casually up the path.

In a minute he was covered by a rifle. In another minute the mullah had lashed his hands. In five minutes more the women were loaded again with his belongings and they were all half-way down the track in single file, the mullah bringing up the rear, descending backward with rifle ready against surprise, as if he expected Yasmini and her men to pounce out any minute to the rescue.

They entered a tunnel and wound along it, stepping at short intervals over the bodies of three stabbed sentries. The Pathan spurred them with his heel as he passed. In the glare at the tunnel's mouth King tripped over the body of a fourth man and fell with his chin beyond the edge of a sheer precipice.

They were on a ledge above the waterfall again, having come through a projection on the cliff's side, for Khinjan is all rat-runs and projections, like a sponge or a hornet's nest on a titanic scale.

They soon reached another cave, at which the mullah stopped. It was a dark ill-smelling hole, but he ordered King into it and the Pathan after him on guard, after first seeing the women pile all their loads inside. Then he took the women away and went off muttering to himself, swaggering, swinging his right arm as he strode, in a way few natives do.

"Let us hope he has forgotten these!" the Pathan grinned, touching the pile of rifles. "Weight for weight in silver they will bring me a fine price! He may forget. He dreams. For a mullah he cares less for meat and money than any I ever saw. He is mad, I think. It is my opinion Allah touched him."

"What is that, under thy shirt?" King asked.

The Pathan grinned, and undid the button. There was a second shirt underneath, and to that on the left breast were pinned two British medals.

"Oh, yes!" he laughed. "I served the raj! I was in the army eleven years. 'Why did you leave it?' King asked, remembering that this man loved to hear his own voice.

"Oh, I had furlough. I knifed a man this side of the border. It was no affair of the British. But I was seen, and I entered this place. It is a devil of a place."

Now the art of ruling India consists not in treading barefooted on scorpions—not in virtuous indignation at men who know no better—but in seeking for and making much of the gold that lies ever amid the dross. There is gold in the character of any man who



"What Is Under Thy Shirt?" King Asked.

once passed the grilling tests before enlistment in a British-Indian regiment. It may need experience to lay a finger on it, but it is surely there.

"I heard," said King, "as I came toward the Khyber in great haste (for the police were at my heels)—"

"Ah, the police!" the Pathan grinned pleasantly. The inference was that at some time or other he had left his mark on the police.

"I heard," said King, "that the sirdar has offered pardons to all deserters who return."

"Hah! But thou art a hakim, not a soldier!"

"True!" said King. "In India I earned my salt. I obeyed the law. There is no law here in the

'Hills.' I am minded to go back and seek that pardon! It would feel good to stand in the ranks again, with a stiff-backed sahib out in front of me, and the thunder of the gun-wheels going by. The salt was good! Come thou with me!"

"The pardon is for deserters," King objected, "not for political offenders."

"Haugh!" said the Pathan, bringing down his flat hand hard on the hakim's thigh. "I will attend to that for thee. I will obtain my pardon first. Then will I lead thee by the hand to the karnal sahib and lie to him and say, 'This is the one who persuaded me against my will to come back to the regiment!'"

"Thou art a dreamer!" said King. "Untie my hands; the thoug cunts me."

The Pathan obeyed. "Dreamer, am I? It is good to dream such dreams. By Allah, I've a mind to see that dream come true! I never slew a man on Indian soil, only in these 'Hills.' I will go to them and say, 'Here I am! I am a deserter. I seek that pardon!' Truly I will go! Come thou with me, little hakim!"

"Nay," said King. "I have another thought. You who were seen to slay a man, and I who am a political offender, do not win pardons so easily as that. They would hang us unless we came bearing gifts."

"Gifts? Has Allah touched thee? What gifts should we bring? A dozen stolen rifles? A bag of silver? And I am the dreamer, am I?"

"Nay," said King. "I am the dreamer. There are others in these 'Hills'—others in Khinjan who wear British medals."

The Pathan nodded. "Hundreds. Men fight first on one side, then on the other, being true to either side while the contract lasts. In all there must be the makings of many regiments among the 'Hills.'"

King nodded. He himself had seen the chiefs come to parley after the Tirah war. Most of them had worn British medals and had worn them proudly.

"If we two," he said, speaking slowly, "could speak with some of those men and stir the spirit in them and persuade them to feel as thou dost, mentioning the pardon for deserters and the probability of bonuses to the time-expired for re-enlistment; if we could march down the Khyber with a hundred such, or even with fifty or with twenty-five or with a dozen men—we would receive our pardon for the sake of service rendered."

"Good!"

The Pathan thumped him on the back so hard that his eyes watered.

"We would have to use much caution," King advised him, when he was able to speak again.

"Aye! If Bull-with-a-beard got wind of it he would have us crucified. And if she heard of it—"

He was silent. Apparently there were no words in his tongue that could compass his dread of her revenge. He was silent for ten minutes, and King sat still beside him, letting memory of other days do its work—memory of the long, clean regimental lines, and of order and decency and of justice handed out to all and sundry by gentlemen who did not think themselves too good to wear a native regiment's uniform.

"In two days I could do the drill again as well as ever," he said at last. Then there was silence again for fifteen minutes more. "I could always shoot," he murmured; "I could always shoot."

When Muhammad Anim came back they had both forgotten to replace the lashing on King's wrists, but the mullah seemed not to notice it.

"Come!" he ordered, with a sideways jerk of his great ugly head, and then stood muttering impatiently while they obeyed.

They marched downward through interminable tunnels and along ledges poised between earth and heaven, until they came at last to the tunnel leading to the one entrance into Khinjan caves. Just before they entered it two more of the mullah's men came up with them, leading horses. One horse was for the mullah, and they helped King mount the other, showing him more respect than is usually shown a prisoner in the "Hills."

Then the mullah led the way into the tunnel, and he seemed in deadly fear. The echo of the hoof-beats irritated him. He eyed each hole in the roof as if Yasmini might be expected to shoot down at him or drench him with boiling oil and hurried past, each of them at a trot, only to draw rein immediately afterward because the noise was too great.

It became evident that his men had been at work here too, for at intervals along the passage lay dead bodies. Yasmini must have posted the men there, but where was she? Each of them lay dead with a knife wound in his back, and the mullah's men possessed themselves of rifles and knives and cartridges, wiping off blood that had scarcely cooled yet.

When they came to the end of the tunnel it was to find the door into the mosque open in front of them, and twenty more of Muhammad Anim's men standing guard over the eyelashless mullah. They had bound and

gagged him. At a word from Muhammad Anim they loosed him; and at a threat the hairless one gave a signal that brought the great stone door sliding forward on its oiled bronze grooves.

Then, with a dozen jests thrown to the hairless one for consolation, and an utter indifference to the sacredness of the mosque floor, they sought outer air, and Muhammad Anim led them up the Street of the Dwellings toward Khinjan's outer ramparts. They reached the outer gate without incident and hurried into the great dry valley beyond it. As they rode across the valley the mullah thumbed a long string of beads. Unlike Yasmini, he was praying to one god; but he seemed to have many prayers. His back was a picture of determined treachery—the backs of his men were expressions of the creed that "he shall keep who can!" King rode all but last now and had a good view of their unconsciously vaulted blackguardism. There was not a hint of honor or tenderness among the lot, man, woman or mullah. Yet his heart sang within him as if he were riding to his own marriage feast!

Last of all, close behind him, marched his friend, the Orakzal Pathan, and as they picked their way among the bowlders across the mill-wide moat the two contrived to fall a little to the rear. The Pathan began speaking in a whisper and King, riding with lowered head as if he were riding the dangerous track, listened.

"She sent her man Rewa Gunga toward the Khyber with a message," he whispered. "He took a few men with him, and he is to send them with the message when they reach the Khyber, but he is to come back. All he went for is to make sure the message is not intercepted, for Bull-with-a-beard is growing reckless these days. He knew what was doing and said at once that she is treating with the British, but there were few who believed that.

There are more who wonder where she hides while the message is on its way. None has seen her. Men have swarmed into the Cavern of Earth's Drink and howled for her, but she did not come. Then the mullah went to look for his ammunition that he stored and sealed in a cave. And it was gone. It was all gone. And there was no proof of who had taken it!"

"Hakim, there be some who say—and Bull-with-a-beard is one of them—that she is afraid and hides."

"His men say he is desperate. His own are losing faith in him. He snatched thee to be a bait for her, having it in mind that a man whom she hides in her private part of Khinjan must be of great value to her. He has sworn to have thee skinned alive on a hot rock should she fail to come to terms!"

CHAPTER XIX.

The march went on in single file until the sun died down in splendid fury. Then there began to be a wind that they had to lean against, but the women were allowed no rest.

At last at a place where the trail began to widen, the mullah beckoned King to ride beside him. It was not that he wished to be communicative, but there were things King knew that he did not know, and he had his own way of asking questions.

"D—hakim!" he growled. "Pill-man! Poultrice! That is a sweeper's trade of thine! Thou shalt apply it at my camp! I have some wounded and some sick."

King did not answer, but buttoned his coat closer against the keen wind. The mullah mistook the shudder for one of another kind.

"Did she choose thee only for thy face?" he asked. "Did she not consider thy courage? Does she love thee well enough to ransom thee?"

Again King did not answer, but he watched the mullah's face keenly in the dark and missed nothing of its expression. He decided the man was in doubt—even racked by indecision.

"Should she not ransom thee, hakim, thou shalt have a chance to show my men how a man out of India can die! By and by I will lend thee a messenger to send to her. Better make the message clear and urgent! Thou shalt state my terms to her and plead thine own cause in the same letter. My camp lies yonder."

He motioned with one sweep of his arm toward a valley that lay in shadow far below them. As they approached it the rock clove in two and became two great pillars, with a man on each. And between the pillars they looked down into a valley lit by fires that burned before a thousand hide tents, with shadows by the hundred fitting back and forth between them. A dull roar, like the voice of an army, rose out of the gorge.

"More than four thousand men!" said the mullah proudly.

"What are four thousand for a raid into India?" sneered King, greatly daring.

"Wait and see!" growled the mullah; but he seemed depressed. He led the way downward, getting off his horse and giving the reins to a man. King copied him, and partway sliding, part stumbling down they found their way along the dry bed of a water-course between two spurs of a hillside, until they stood at last in the

midst of a cluster of a dozen sentries, close to a tamarisk to which a man's body hung spiked. That the man had been spiked to it alive was suggested by the body's attitude.

Without a word to the sentries the mullah led on down a lane through the midst of the camp, toward a great open cave at the far side, in which a bonfire cast fitful light and shadow. Watchers sitting by the thousand tents yawned at them, but took no particular notice.

The mouth of the cave was like a lion's, fringed with teeth. There were men in it, ten or eleven of them, all armed, squatting round the fire.

"Get out!" growled the mullah. But they did not obey. They sat and stared at him.

"Have ye tents?" the mullah asked, in a voice like thunder.

"Aye!" But they did not go yet.

One of the men, he nearest the mullah, got on his feet, but he had to step back a pace, for the mullah would not give ground and their breath was in each other's faces.

"Where are the bombs? And the rifles? And the many cartridges?" he demanded. "We have waited long, Muhammad Anim. Where are they now?"

The others got up, to lend the first man encouragement. They leaned on rifles and surrounded the mullah, so that King could only get a glimpse of him between them. They seemed in no mood to be treated cavalierly—in no mood to be argued with. And the mullah did not argue.

"Ye dogs!" he growled at them, and he strode through them to the fire and chose himself a good, thick burning brand. "Ye sons of nameless mothers!"

Then he charged them suddenly, beating them over head and face and shoulders, driving them in front of him, utterly reckless of their rifles.



"So Thou Art to Ape the Sleeper in His Bronze Mail, Eh!"

His own rifle lay on the ground behind him, and King kicked its stock clear of the fire.

"Oh, I shall pray for you this night!" Muhammad Anim snarled. "What a curse I shall beg for you! Oh, what a burning of the bowels ye shall have! What a sickness! What running of the eyes! What sores! What boils! What sleepless nights and faithless women shall be yours! What a prayer I will pray to Allah!"

They scattered into outer gloom before his rage, and then came back to kneel to him and beg him withdraw his curse. He kicked them as they knelt and drove them away again. Then, silhouetted in the cave mouth, with the glow of the fire before him, he stood with folded arms and dared them shoot.

After five minutes of angry contemplation of the camp he turned on a contemptuous heel and came back to the fire, throwing on more fuel from a great pile in a corner. There was an iron pot in the embers. He seized a stick and stirred the contents furiously, then set the pot between his knees and ate like an animal. He passed the pot to King when he had finished, but fingers had passed too many times through what was left in it and the very thought of eating the mess made his gorge rise; so King thanked him and set the pot aside.

Then, "That is thy place!" Muhammad Anim growled, pointing over his shoulder to a ledge of rock, like a shelf in the far wall. But though he was allowed to climb up and lie down, he was not allowed to sleep—nor did he want to sleep—for more than an hour to come.

The mullah came over from the fire again and stood beside him, glaring like a great animal and grumbling in his beard.

"Does she surely love thee?" he asked at last, and King nodded, because he knew he was on the trail of information.

"So thou art to ape the Sleeper in his bronze mail, eh? Thou art to come to life, as she was said to come to life, and the two of you are to plunder India? Is that it?"

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We wish A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to everybody.

Old robber Villia is not doing much since he lost his press agent.

Col. E. M. House actually talked a little on his return from Europe, recently.

Foster says this spell will break the Mexican drought. What we need in rain to break the American drought.

If this war ends with the Hohenzollerns and Hapsburgs in complete control of central Europe, justice will be defeated and peace a sham.

More corn, maize, peanuts, potatoes, beans, wheat, oats, rye, barley, cotton, hogs, cattle, sheep and goats. The world must have these things in peace or war.

Emperor Charles of Austria, showed himself as big a hypocrite as the German Kaiser when he said recently that the sword was forced into Austria's hand. Who did the forcing? Poor little Serbia we suppose.

A German paper says the war is about to end in justice. If so the German War Lord and the Hapsburgs are near annihilation. No peace with justice can come with these robbers in power because neither regard a treaty as more than "a scrap of paper."

This war will do some good if it teaches the American people that they must be more saving of food and everything else, and then get the idea out of our heads that no nation will attack us if we will let them alone. With a lawless nation, like Germany running amuck in the world no nation is safe.

The United States Supreme Court in a decision just rendered holds that any state has the right to prohibit the making, sale, transportation or use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. It looks as if "personal liberty" is dead or soon will be. State-wide and perhaps nation-wide prohibition may soon follow. Cut 'er out boys a drought is impending.

When the United States first declared war against Germany, both England and France said all they needed was financial aid and food. That they needed no help in the way of an army, but just for the moral affect it would be a good idea to send one or two divisions of American troops over. Now they expect two or three million American soldiers, The Russian breakdown has changed the whole aspect of the war.

The American people have not yet awaked to the serious conditions that confront them in this war. If Germany wins, this old world will not be fit to live in. The forces that impelled Germany to attack it's neighbors will subjugate the world if they can overcome France, England and Italy. Nothing but a knock out blow for the German Kaiser will bring permanent peace and the sooner our people learn this the better.

That some Germans have proven disloyal in this country is no reason why we should suspect all citizens of German birth. Some Americans are disloyal and some of them are in Congress, La Follett for one but is that any reason why we should suspect all congressmen of disloyalty? Let us be fair and keep our heads, but deal firmly with all traitors and make it too hot for them in this country after the war, no matter whether they are native born Ameri-

can or any other nationality. Our ancestors had to deal with disloyalty during the Revolution and the war of 1812. The disloyal element nearly all left the country.

And Henry Ford expected to get the troops out of the trenches two years ago. They are there yet and may remain for two years more, maybe longer and more are going. The war made in Germany has spread all over the earth and the German supreme War Lord has had enough war and blood shed to satisfy even his Satanic majesty himself, both the Kaiser and the Devil call for more blood, while pretending to want peace. The peace the German Kaiser wants is a peace for Germany only with his iron heel upon the necks of the nations of earth. Extermination is preferable to such a peace.

Germany is boasting of the "great drive" they will soon make against the French front. Old Hindy will find the French and English there as usual. Perhaps all this talk is to scare France into a peace pact before the American troops are ready. There is no question whatever, that the Russians by making peace with Germany and Austria have hit the entente a hard blow and unless they can successfully resist the increased pressure of the Germans from the Russian front until the American army can reach France they may win England and France say they can hold their lines, but the outlook is dark for illfated France. If they can hold out for six months longer the American army will turn the tide.

The action of Russia in deserting her allies will prolong the war from one to five years is the way Military experts put it. The American people are up against it, but we must win; we cannot afford to lose, because if we lose we lose all. We had as well realize this now as later.

We must save in every way. We must furnish money and men to Uncle Sam in sufficient numbers. We all can help some way. What are you doing?

IT LOOKS LIKE A DROUGHT

By a vote of 282 to 128 in the House and 47 to 8 in the Senate Congress the joint resolution submitting the prohibition amendment to the constitution to the states. The amendment stands a good chance to carry and we had as well prepare to bid old John Barleycorn a long farewell. The war has changed the aspect of the liquor business all over the world and a majority of the people in all nations seem determined to smash the liquor business for all time. Good-by John B., take care of yourself.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

Following our usual custom we will not issue any paper Christmas week, so this is good-bye for 1917 and good luck to you all. May all have a pleasant Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SPECIAL NOTICE

I wish to again call attention to the fact that in 1918 payment in advance for subscription to THE STAR will be the rule for all. Every subscription in the county not paid for in advance will be discontinued on January 1st. The date printed opposite the name of all subscribers in the county shows when your time is out. If you do not see the figures 18 there your time is out and you will not receive any STAR the first week in January unless you pay up next week. With the low price of \$1.00 a year I cannot do any credit business and keep going. I do not want to lose any old subscribers, but will lose some if they do not renew during next week.

W. E. Gilliland,

RED CROSS

Gratifying indeed, are the reports coming from the workers of the Red Cross in the present campaign for membership during the Christmas drive, our co-workers are very efficient and are obtaining great results and that they will not relax their efforts until after Christmas we firmly believe, this work being strictly a labor of love for our boys at the front, who are fighting our battles

The Sign of the Red Cross



Millions and millions of stricken people in devastated Europe must depend on the activity of the Red Cross alone for the most meager necessities of life—just enough to keep body and soul together. The Red Cross organization is the universal helping hand. But in order to extend this hand to the sorrowing and afflicted, it must have your support. In fact, if you would do your part to relieve the suffering in the world, you can do it most directly and efficiently through the Red Cross. Become a member today.

deserve the best efforts of which we are capable. Wishing each and every one who has or will aid in this work a Merry Christmas, and that our boys at the front with the Red Cross to assist them when wounded and dying shall put an autocratic rule and Kaiserism out of business before another Christmas rolls around.

R. A. Scraaton Cam. Mgr.
H. Schwartz, Pres.
Geo. B. Scott, Sec.
Callahan County Red Cross

NOTICE.

It is hoped by the State Fire Commission that at this critical time no fire works will be exploded in Texas during the holidays. The Commission asked and demands that our ordinances relating to Fireworks be strictly observed. Let our motto be "Conservation." We cannot afford to have any fires—and I hope our good record will be kept up.

"We speak the same dear mother tongue,
Our blood is your blood, too,
The colors of our nations flags
The same red, white and blue,
Two flags, one land, and people,
Two nations, yet the same,
One thought, one hope, one purpose,
One object—win the war.
H. Schwartz, Fire Chief.

RALLY AT COURT HOUSE

There was a rally at the Court House Wednesday afternoon in honor of the soldier boys, leaving that night for California, and also Red Cross and Good Roads were discussed. Judge J. M. Waggstaff, of Abilene, connected with the National War Conservation Committee, was the principal speaker. He made a rousing, patriotic address that was heartily approved. Mrs. F. S. Bell spoke for the Red Cross work. The editor regrets that he was unable to be present, but we want to say that we heartily endorse every effort to carry on the war, the soldiers, the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. work, bonds, taxes and everything that will help win the war. United we win, divided we fail.

Remember this. We also favor good roads and the bond issue to be voted on today. Don't vote against it, but help yourself by helping your town.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

The First Quarterly Conference of the Methodist Church, South, was held at the Church Monday night, Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E., presiding. J. W. Turner was elected secretary.

Total collections for last Conference year was \$2,580.
Church property, value, \$4,000,
Parsonage, value, \$1,500, no indebtedness.

Note. There was an error in the report as published in THE STAR of Dec. 7th, we believe we had it \$2,460, but some items were left out of report furnished the press.

Total membership of church, 240.
Rev. Sensabaugh has had a wide experience as a preacher and Presiding Elder and has held the pastorate of some of the largest churches in the state. He came from the Dallas District where he served as Presiding Elder for 4 years and is serving his second year as Presiding Elder of the Abilene District, Northwest Texas Conference.

His admonition to the official members to "cheer up" and "talk up" church matters was timely and to the point. If times are hard, "cheer up." If you believe in your church and Sunday school talk them up. Good advice and we hope each member of the church will keep this up during the coming year.

The following is the list of Stewards for 1917-18:
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COTTON GINNED

There has been 4840 bales of cotton ginned in Callahan county up to December 1st, against 8137 same date last year.

NOTICE!

The "Bargain Days" on the FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM have been extended for a few days. Let me have your subscription during the "Bargain Days" and save money.

Miss John Gilliland
At Star Office, Baird

HEALTH HINTS FOR TEXAS PEOPLE. Tuberculosis, The Ally of Our Enemies.

Do you know that more people die in Texas from tuberculosis than from any other cause? Last year we had about 5,000 deaths from tuberculosis. The resulting economic loss to the State was more than the value of our entire wheat crop. Many tuberculosis patients migrate to Texas from other States and some of our cities now contain several thousand families some member of which has the disease.

The state and local health officials, and the Texas Public Health Association, financed through its sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals, are fighting tuberculosis with every means at their command; but

Your Support is Needed to Help Win This Fight.

Especially so at this time, when we have 200,000 American soldiers entrusted to our care in Texas camps. Don't forget that the allied armies on the Western front have already lost 150,000 soldiers from tuberculosis alone.

Every Texas county should have a public health nurse and a tuberculosis sanitarium, with special wards for negroes. The negro death rate from tuberculosis is three times as high as for whites. And remember that it is the negroes who nurse our babies and cook our food.

Buy Red Cross Christmas Seals Now.

And thereby help exterminate this dangerous, but preventable disease. If the seals are not for sale in your community, write Texas Public Health Association, Littlefield Building, Austin.

Preventing unnecessary sickness will help win the war. Are you doing your share?

Texas State Council of Defense, Committee on Sanitation & Medicine.

DEEP CREEK NOTES.

Again thru space in our paper I send you a rhyme from our creek. News that would be of interest. Too cold, and too bleak. Will our faces more be pleasant? Will we ever more be gay? Tho they tell us that is darkest.

Is before the commencing of day. Think most of our farmers are thru sowing their wheat. And all have killed some porkers and now have plenty of meat. We now have a flour mill at Putnam and have saved back wheat for our bread.

Guess we ought to feel thankful, we are really this much ahead. We think of our boys in training and those that peep over the trench. We think of the English soldiers and those that fight for the flag of the French.

They say most all of these people will depend on American grain. To win the war we can't do our part, for us it never does rain. Us younger ones sometimes get gloomy, but the older ones always can say.

Now you remember that slogan, "Where there's a will there's a way."

The birthday of Christ will soon be here, a day of Christmas joys. But it cannot be a joyful time when we think of our soldier boys.

Next year may find me a soldier, of course I hope to stay where I am. Merry Xmas to all of our readers and the khaki clad boys of our good Uncle Sam.

—Star Staff Poet.

NOTICE.

Dr. Simmons of Abilene will be in Baird Saturday Dec. 29. Practice confined to the Eye, Ear, Nose Throat and fitting glasses. Office with Dr. Griggs.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Jesse Walker of Admiral, spent Tuesday in Abilene.

J. J. Price made a business trip to Fort Worth the first of the week.

Mrs. W. L. Henry and daughter, Mrs. Hoover, were Abilene visitors, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Estes left the first of the week for Oklahoma City where they will visit Mr. Estes' sister, Mrs. Grover Bowman.

Mrs. Harry Meyer, Misses Eliza and John Gilliland, Grover Berry and Haynie Gilliland spent Tuesday evening in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Jones and the boys will leave Sunday for Dallas to spend Christmas with their daughter Mrs. Walton Green.

Mrs. H. Schwartz and daughter, Miss Lillian, will leave today for San Antonio, where they will spend Christmas with Cale Hall, who is stationed at Kelley Field.

Lee Champion and family, of Cottonwood were in Baird Wednesday. Mr. Champion moved up the figures on his subscription on THE STAR while in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Windham arrived yesterday from Kennett, California, to spend the holidays with the home folks. Mrs. Windham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Allen, of Oplin, met them here.

Dr. E. W. Tisdale, of Clyde, was to leave last night for Fort Ord, Georgia, where he will join the Medical Staff of the U. S. Army. Dr. Allen Shackelford has also joined the medical branch of the army.

W. D. (Jack) Young has enlisted in the regular army at Fort Sam Houston and has been assigned to the Quartermasters Department. Callahan county has men in every branch of Uncle Sam's great army, and we know they will all make good.

J. W. Robinson returned Wednesday from the T. & P. hospital at Marshall, where he has been for more than a month having his eyes treated. He received a severe burn in his right eye and before that healed he got paint in it from the brush while painting. Mr. Robinson is enthusiastic over the good treatment given him at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Quate of Waxahachie, are expected to arrive Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alvord. Mrs. Quate was formerly Miss Edith Alvord who was married to Mr. Quate on Thanksgiving day at Mansfield where she was teaching school. Her many friends in Baird extend good wishes to them.

Hal Ramsey is expected home on a furlough for Christmas. Hal has throat trouble and cannot speak above a whisper and on account of this has been offered a medical discharge, but has refused to accept it. Two other brothers, W. V., who is teaching at Carthage, and M. T., who is attending dental college at Memphis, Tenn., are expected home for the holidays.

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LEAVE FOR PACIFIC COAST.

The fourth and last contingent of Callahan County's quota, consisting of 17 men, left Wednesday night for San Diego, Calif., where they will be assigned to the Coast Artillery. The contingent was in charge of Dr. Tohn A. Dobbyzy of Clyde. The following is a list of the men in this squad:

Dr. John A. Dobbyzy, Captain.
George A. Frazier
Henry Calvin Ingram
Harry Tracy Sandlin
Charles Harper Threet
Edgar Smith
Brown Seay Jones
Dick Young
Homer McNurlen
Jas. A. McChristian
Charles W. Caddenhead
Charles Wesley Coats
John Wesley Bone
John S. Appleton
Jas. Webb Barks
William J. Ramsey
Charles August Baugh

There was a large crowd from the country to bid the boys good-bye. Good-bye boys, and God bless you. We hope the war will end so you can all be at home by next Christmas.

PROGRAM WOMAN'S MEETING

Program for Woman's Meeting to be held in connection with the Fifth Sunday Meeting of Callahan County Baptist Association with the Dressy Baptist Church, December 27-30:

2:00 p. m. Devotional—Mrs. McNair
2:15 p. m. Need of a Mission and Aid Society in each Church.

Mrs. A. R. Day
2:30 p. m. What are we doing toward organizing Societies over the Auxiliary?—Mrs. Dan Fleming.

3:15 The greatest need in my Society—Led by Mrs. Z. C. Henslee followed by talks from representative from each Society.

3:45 Special music arranged by ladies of Dressy Church.

We hope each of our four Societies and every Church in the Association will be represented. Everybody come.

Miss Ida Taylor, Sec.

WEDDINGS.

Mr. France James of Baird and Miss Ethalyne Coffee, of Lorraine, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Coffee, on Wednesday, December 5, 1917. France is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wylie M. James of Baird and is a well liked and popular young man. We extend congratulations and good wishes to him and his bride. They will make their home in Baird where France is engaged in the automobile business with his brother.

Mr. Ben Russell, Jr., and Miss Loula Mae Boydston were married Saturday evening, Dec. 15th, 1917. Rev. R. A. Scranton performing the marriage ceremony. The marriage of these popular young people came as quite a surprise to their many friends. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Boydston and the groom is the youngest son of Judge and Mrs. B. L. Russell. They have the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

BASKET BALL GAME

The Baird Boy's Basket Ball Team played Scranton last Friday and defeated them by a score of 35 to 15. This is not the first victory for them, they played Clyde and defeated them 62 to 16 and then Moran 45 to 12 and Putnam 35 to 15 and Clyde 29 to 27.

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MONDAY, December 24

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THURSDAY, December 27

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FRIDAY, December 28

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A Christmas Blessing

By Rev. Dr. Howard Duffield

MAY the blessing of the light that shown at midnight come to the hearts that are shadowed and the homes that are dark.

May the blessing of the Manger Cradle come to that innumerable company against whom the doors of hope and peace and rest are shut.

May the blessing of the Holy Child come to every one who has forgotten that thou, O God, art his father and that all men are brothers.

May the blessing of the Guiding star come to those who wander in the night and cannot find the homeward way.

May the blessing of the Stable come upon all hearts, wakening a kindly sense of kindred with every living thing that walks the field and forest or wings the air or passes along the paths of the seas.—New York World.

Christmas Observance

THERE is very little of the right motive in commemorating the birth of Jesus the Savior. The spirit of the modern Christmas is to have a good old time, feasting and business activity, with the Holy Child Jesus a figurehead.

Such is a very great offense to Almighty God. An offering to God in the spirit of righteousness, by humility, worship, mortification, in self denial and good works, should be the first duty in celebrating Christmas.

Really a number of hours similar to Lent ought to be considered, after which would come the feast and rejoicing.

Respectful thankfulness to the Lord God of Hosts for his love and pity for a sinful race in his priceless gift of a Savior—such would be a fitting grace before partaking of the good things and many blessings that he has pleased to bestow on all people. What would a person think in giving a reception and supper to have the guests hasten to the dining hall and devour the food without giving the honor and respect due to the host first? Almighty God is treated in a similar manner in celebrating the modern Christmas.—George Cashel in Philadelphia Press.

The Old Christmas Hymns.

Happy is the man or woman who, having left behind the schooldays and the home gatherings, still sings the old hymns and joins in the readings of the Christmas chapters in some simple church service designed to perpetuate the true spirit of the day.

Mother Mary



Soft, soft, so sleeps the little stranger;
Croon, croon in tender notes and mild!

Lovingly beside the lowly manger
Broods the Mother Mary o'er the Child.

Hush, hush, for far away lies danger!
See, see how winsomely he smiled!

Yearningly beside the lowly manger
Bends the Mother Mary o'er the Child.

Time, thou art the ruthless ranger,
And yet we all must needs be reconciled.

For still for us beside the lowly manger
Leans the Mother Mary o'er the Child!

—Clotne Scollard in Alnet's.

Christmas Carol

What Child Is This?



1. What Child is this, who laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing? Whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet, While shep-herds watch and keep-ing?

Chorus.
This, this is Christ the King; Whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing: Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Ma-ry!

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear! for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading:
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through,
The Cross be borne, for me, for you;
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come peasant, King to own Him;
The King of kings, salvation brings;
Let joyful hearts exult and sing:
Ease, raise, the song on high,
The Virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

A Christmas Prayer

By Very Rev. Michael J. Lavelle

SAVIOR of the world, humbly and lovingly we greet thee, this Christmas morning, thanking thee for all the blessings brought by thy coming and asking the grace that we and all mankind may appreciate them better and make them more truly our own with every year that passes by. Make us faithful, noble, industrious, temperate, sincere. Send forth thy spirit that we may be recreated and the face of the earth may be renewed. Make us able to sing with the angels, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will."—New York World.

The Season Of Peace

THE whole air at the first Christmas was fragrant with joy. It was a time for holy song, for inspired psalm, for seraphic song. Let joy come still to our homes and hearts. Christ gives a brightness and beauty, gladness and glory, to the whole circle of life and duty. Come, Lord Jesus! There shall be room for three in our homes. Once there was none in the inn, but only in the stable. Now our best is thine. Only honor us with thy beneficent presence.

Let us away with strife at this season. Now is the time to speak kindly words. Let us not carry into the new year the enmities of the old. Let not the harsh notes of contention come into the heavenly song of peace.

Christ came to give peace, and from heaven's throne today he bends to give peace to all who trust him. He was the only person ever born into the world who had his choice as to how he should come. He might have come man, as did the first Adam. He came a babe. He inserted himself into our race at its lowest and weakest point. If he were to lift the race he must get under it. He glorified the cradle; he glorified boyhood; he sanctified motherhood.

But Christ must be born in each heart in order that we may have a true Christmas. Are we rejoicing in the gifts of human love? Shall we be mindful of him who is the "unspeakable gift?"—Rev. Dr. Robert S. MacArthur in Houllette Review.

Blessed Christmas Day,
Oh, blessed day which giv'st the eternal life
To self and sense and all the brute within!
Oh, come to us amid this war of life—
To hail and hovel come! To all who toil
In senate, shop and study, and to those
Ill warned and sorely tempted,
Come to them, blest and blessing, Christ-
mas day!
Tell them once more the tale of Bethle-
hem,
The kneeling shepherds and the Babe di-
vine.
And keep them men, indeed, fair Christ-
mas day.
CHARLES KINGSLEY.

HALLELUJAH, HALLELUJAH



Child Jesus comes from heavenly height
To save us from sin's keeping.
On manger straw, in darksome night,
The Blessed One lies sleeping.
The star smiles down, the Angels greet,
The Oxen kiss the Baby's feet,
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Child Jesus!

Take courage, soul in grief cast down;
Forget the bitter dealing.
A Child is born in David's town
To touch all souls with healing.
Then let us go and seek the Child,
Children like him, meek, undefiled,
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Child Jesus!

Watchman, tell us of the night,
What its signs of promise are,
Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height,
See that glory bearing star!
Watchman, doth its beautiful ray
Aught of hope or joy foretell?
Traveler, yes! It brings the day,
Promised day of Israel.

O CHRIST THE CHILD!



The Season Of Peace

You little children! in whose eyes
The undimmed light of heaven
glows,
Whose dreams are bright of para-
dise,
Whose thoughts are whiter than the
snows,
From holy lips and undefiled
Breathe your soft prayers like Christ
the Child.
And you whose thinning locks are
spent
With unreturning autumn's rime,
Whose forms, like wind worn trees,
are bent
Beneath the heavy storms of time.
Take Christ the Child to be your
guide
Past the dim shoal where shadows
bide.
Oh, saving hands; oh, thou that hearest
An earthly mother's lullabies,
Who sharest all our doubts and fears,
Whose bosom trembles to our sighs,
Teach us thy gospel pure and mild!
Make us like thee, O Christ the Child!
—New York Tribune.

A Christmas Carol for Children

Good news from heaven the angels
bring,
Glad tidings to the earth they sing
To us this day a child is given
To crown us with the joy of heaven.

This is the Christ, our God and Lord
Who in all need shall aid afford;
He will himself our Saviour be,
From sin and sorrow set us free.

To us that blessedness he brings,
Which from the Father's bounty
springs;
That in the heavenly realm we may
With him enjoy eternal day.

All hail, thou noble guest, this morn'
Whose love did not the sinner scorn.
In my distress thou cam'st to me;
What thanks shall I return to thee!

Were earth a thousand times as fair
Beset with gold and jewels rare,
She yet were far too poor to be
A narrow cradle, Lord, for thee.

Ah, dearest Jesus, Holy Child!
Make thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for thee.

Praise God upon his heavenly throne
Who gave to us his only Son;
For this his hosts, on joyful wing,
A blest New Year of mercy bring.
—Martin Luther.

Date of the Birth of Christ.
"In looking through a reference book I find the birth of Jesus Christ took place in the year 4 E. C. How could it possibly be?" asked a correspondent of the Philadelphia Press.

To which the reply was made:
"The attempt to date things forward and backward from the birth of Christ was first made in 533 A. D. by a Roman abbot, Dionysius Exiguus. He regarded Christ's birth as taking place in the year 754 after the founding of Rome. Early Christians had put it in the year of Rome 750.

"The abbot's belated attempt to date things from Christ's birth was probably inaccurate, and the proper definition of the Christian era is that it begins with January 1 in the fourth year of the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad and the seven hundred and fifty-third from the founding of Rome.

"According to the latest computation, Christ was born in the year 6 B. C. or the year 7 B. C."

What of the Night?
Watchman, tell us of the night,
What its signs of promise are,
Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height,
See that glory bearing star!
Watchman, doth its beautiful ray
Aught of hope or joy foretell?
Traveler, yes! It brings the day,
Promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night,
Higher yet that star ascends,
Traveler, blessedness and light,
Peace and truth, its course portends.
Watchman, will its beams alone
Gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own,
And it bursts o'er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night,
For the morning seems to dawn,
Traveler, darkness takes its flight;
Doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, let thy wanderings cease,
Hie thee to thy quiet home,
Traveler, lo, the Prince of Peace—
Lo, the Son of God is come.
—Hans Christian Andersen.

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KAISER STRUTS FOR TURKS

German Ruler, on Visit to Constantinople, Amused at Opportunity of Dining in English Tent.

Before concluding his visit to Constantinople, the kaiser made a voyage in the Goeben and inspected the Dardanelles and Gallipoli battlefields.

According to Herr Karl Rosner, the kaiser's special war correspondent, says the European edition of the New York Herald, the sight "made a deep impression on the all highest," who once more took occasion to express his violent hatred of the English, and to explain to his Turkish friends that, without the aid of Germany, Constantinople could not have resisted for two days the onslaughts of the allies.

The kaiser breakfasted inside an English army tent which still bore the name of its London maker, and this incident, says the correspondent, "so greatly amused the war lord that he caused the imperial standard to be planted in front of the tent." A circumstance which added to the splendor of the occasion was the fact that the kaiser wore for the first time the full uniform of a Turkish field marshal.

The kaiser visited the grave of Field Marshal von der Goltz, inside the garden of the German embassy at Therapia, and immediately telegraphed to Baroness von der Goltz: "I am sending you an ivy leaf taken from the tomb of your unforgettable husband. I think of him with gratitude and want to give you pleasure by sending you 'his souvenir'."

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Got It Herself.

Isabel, aged eight, daughter of a Winchester couple, was at the dinner table when the conversation was on in regard to a neighbor woman who the day before received a decree of divorce. Isabel's mother said to her older daughter, "Who got the divorce for her?" Little Isabel quickly spoke up and said, "Why, mamma, I reckon she just went downtown and got it herself."—Indianapolis News.

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Take Cover!

Lord Northcliffe, apropos of a Zepelin attack on London, said at a dinner in New York:

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Acting Director of the Sunday School Course of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.) (Copyright, 1917, Western Newspaper Union.)

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 23

THE STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS.

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 2:1-12. GOLDEN TEXT—There is born to you this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.—Luke 2:11.

The story of the birth of Jesus is recorded in three of the four Gospels, Matthew, Luke and John, each of which contributes some feature essential to complete the picture. No one should teach this lesson who does not have a good "harmony of the Gospels." Every year for the 45 years of the International Sunday School Lessons, we have had the Christmas lesson taken from these three Gospels one at a time. This year in closing the present series, we unite all three Gospels in one complete story, "The Story of the First Christmas."

The order of events should clearly be kept in mind as follows: "The angelic announcement to Zacharias, the priest, while in the exercise of his ministerial office. The angelic announcement to Mary, the mother of Jesus, and to Joseph, her espoused husband. Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth, and the birth of John the Baptist. The birth of Jesus and his circumcision on the eighth day (Luke 2:21). His redemption some 31 days later, introducing Simon the priest (Luke 2:22), and the purification of the mother.

The coming of Jesus was at the most opportune time in all the history of the world, for Palestine was the central region of the Roman empire. The whole civilized world was subject to Roman domination. He was born while the entire world was at peace, for once in its history. Travel was at its best, for the Roman military roads all centered in Rome and extended throughout the empire. The Greek language was spoken everywhere, along with native languages, so that the Gospel could readily be heard in all parts of the empire. The Old Testament was translated into Greek. The Jews were scattered throughout all lands, carrying this Old Testament with them, and had established their synagogues in nearly every city and town. There was also a wide-spread intellectual and moral awakening, and there was wide-spread religious unrest and a hungering for something better.

I. The Search. Notice that he who was born on this first Christmas, was the "only begotten of God." This divine being became flesh, a strange and seemingly impossible union, but only such a union of the human and divine could draw man to God. If Jesus had not been identified with the divine nature of God, all the love, honor and devotion which we give to him, would lead us into idolatry. (1) Wisdom seeking (vv. 1, 2). See also Acts 13:6. Who these men were, we do not know. They were evidently students of the stars, and perhaps came from Persia whither Balaam went. (Numbers 23:7; Numbers 24:17-19.) They may have known of Daniel's prophecy. They came because they had seen a star. A little light, only a small star, and we may have the sun. (John 8:12.) The highest wisdom is to know God. (Prov. 9:10.) We do not have to seek far to find him. The highest wisdom is also teachable: "Where is he that is born?" These wise men were not the first ones to seek him, for the humble shepherds who had heard the angelic host (Luke 2:15, 16), immediately went to Jerusalem to make sure that the good news was true. Tradition only gives us the names of these men. They typify the world, the first Gentiles who came to seek Jesus. (2) Wickedness Seeking (v. 3-8). It is interesting to note the alarm of Herod, his suspicion and jealousy. Why? Note the carefulness of Herod's search. First the chief priests, who were the oligarchs; then the scribes and lawyers, who were the historians; then the common people who were familiar with the traditions; and, finally, the wise men (v. 7).

II. Wisdom Rewarded (vv. 9-11). Persistent obedient searching after God always brings wisdom. Notice the steps of the wise men. They sought, they found, they rejoiced, they worshiped and they gave gifts. The stable of Christ's birth is evidently an exchange for a house (v. 11 and Luke 2:7). The gifts they presented have a threefold significance: Gold, for royalty, indicating divine glory; Frankincense for deity, the aroma of his life; Myrrh, signifying death, his death and its value to mankind. Notice that they did not worship Mary.

III. Wickedness Foiled (vv. 12-16). God intervened (v. 12). Notice the impotent rage of the enemy (v. 16). Christ was delivered. Herod was dismayed, and the people were desolate. Suggestions: The cry "where" of the human heart is here answered. God answers all honest searching. God himself gave his best gift (John 3:16). God also desires our best gift. We must worship Jesus as king. Religion is not for the Magi alone, nor for the common people; it is for all. We have not far to go to seek the Christ. He is even more than near. "For behold I stand at the door and knock."

INDICTMENTS ARE DISMISSED.

Only Woodman Cases Remain to be Disposed of and These May Go Same Way.

Austin.—All cases against former Governor James E. Ferguson and other state officials indicted last July by the grand jury of the criminal district court of Travis county, except the eight cases charging perjury against former Commissioner of Labor C. W. Woodman, were dismissed. Indications are that the Woodman cases also will be dismissed.

The cases dismissed were the Ferguson case, in which diversion of the governor's mansion expense fund was charged, it being the only remaining case of the nine indictments originally returned; six cases against former Secretary of State C. J. Bartlett; two against former Secretary of State J. G. McKay; four against Commissioner of Insurance and Banking Charles O. Austin and one against former State Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds Charles L. Stowe, all charging misapplication of public funds.

The district attorney in his motions to dismiss averred that the state was without sufficient evidence and is unable to procure testimony that would warrant conviction.

Quarantine at Camp Bowie Extended. Fort Worth.—Following a conference with Lieut. Col. R. E. Metcalfe, divisional surgeon, Major General Greble, the commander in chief, has issued an order continuing the present quarantine in force at Camp Bowie until further notice. The order was issued on recommendation of Lieut. Col. Metcalfe, who said that the health situation at the cantonment shows improvement and if it continues he may be able to recommend that the restricting order be rescinded in time for the soldiers to be free by Christmas.

13,000 Troops to Get Furloughs. Fort Worth.—An announcement was issued at divisional headquarters by Major Upham, acting chief of staff, that 50 per cent of the soldiers stationed at the camp would be granted Christmas furloughs despite the quarantine. The soldiers leaving Camp Bowie will leave on four separate days in order that traffic will not be congested. This order means that approximately 13,000 soldiers will have to be provided with transportation.

EXECUTE 13 NEGRO SOLDIERS AT CAMP

MEN WHO MADE RAID ON HOUSTON IN AUGUST HANGED AT SAN ANTONIO.

Neither Time or Place of Execution Made Public Until After Sentence Was Carried Out.

San Antonio.—A trampled clearing in a lonely mesquite thicket, no different in appearance from hundreds of other clearings on the big government reservation here except for the ashes of two huge bonfires, show no signs that it was the execution place for 13 negro soldiers of the Twenty-fourth infantry Tuesday morning. The negroes, convicted of participating in the fatal riots at Houston, Texas, Aug. 23, last, were hanged at 7:17 o'clock, one minute before sunrise in this latitude.

The men executed were: Sergeant William C. Nesbitt, Corporals Larnon J. Brown, James Wheatley, Jesse Moore, Charles W. Baltimore, Privates William Brackenridge, Thomas C. Hawkins, Carlos Snodgrass, Ira B. Davis, James Divins, Frank Johnson, Riskey W. Young, Pat McWhorter.

In only one detail did the execution differ from other military executions which have preceded it. That was the part which the modern army truck played in making the execution itself and all the preparations for it secret.

After dark motor trucks carried the lumber for the scaffolds and a company of engineers to the clearing. The scaffolds were built by firelight. Motor trucks, shortly after 5 o'clock in the morning, carried the condemned negroes from the barracks where they spent their last night, and the officers and military guard to the place of execution. Motor trucks carried the negroes' bodies to a place as indistinguishable as the execution site, where the burial took place, and then the trucks hauled back to Fort Sam Houston every bit of timber used in the scaffold, so that the site was clear before formal announcement of the executions had been issued by southern department headquarters.

Told of Fate Sunday.

The condemned negroes had known of their fate since Sunday. Twelve of them sought spiritual counsel of army Y. M. C. A. workers. The thirteenth, whose name has not been disclosed, gave no inkling that he knew. Outwardly all of the negroes were stoical.

Aside from less than a dozen officers of the Southern department and the sheriff of Bexar county, no one in the city or army camps knew of the execution, date or place. The other negro defendants were ignorant of the fate of their companions until after the formal announcement had been made.

COURT-MARTIAL TO TRY 15 NEGROES.

San Antonio.—Fifteen negro soldiers of Companies I and M, Twenty-fourth United States infantry, appeared before a court martial at Ft. Sam Houston Monday on charges involving death penalties in connection with the riots at Houston Aug. 23 last. The men are charged with the murder of E. M. Jones, jitney driver, who was killed the night of the riot. The trial was held in the gymnasium of the infantry post and the same court which recently passed on the cases of 63 negroes of the same company presided.

Would Train Youths From 18 to 21. Washington.—Warning that the United States must prepare to assume further burdens to win the war was given in the senate by Senator Reed in vigorously opposing as a trust scheme the Webb export combination bill, which President Wilson in his recent address urged congress to enact. Although an opponent of army conscription, Senator Reed predicted that new draft levies probably would be necessary, and urged military training for youths between 18 and 21 for coast defense work.

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RETRIEVE FARM INSPECTED

Is One of the Largest Farms Cultivated Under Lease by Prison Commission.

Brazoria.—The Retrieve plantation between Brazoria and Angleton, one of the largest leased farms operated by the state prison system, has been inspected by Representative Frank Holaday of the penitentiary investigating committee of the Texas legislature.

The Retrieve plantation is the first leased property to be visited by a member of the committee. All the farms so far inspected being owned by the state. The Retrieve farm has been operated under lease for about eight years and the prison commission recently has renewed the lease for five years more.

Like the other prison farms, the Retrieve place has paid very well this year, J. H. Weems, the manager, estimating that the net profit will be approximately \$60,000.

BAPTIST BOARD HOLDS SESSION.

Dr. Gambrell Again Elected Corresponding Secretary—To Establish Home.

Dallas.—The executive board of the Baptist General convention of Texas adjourned after a session lasting two days. Among the business matters attended to were the election of Dr. J. B. Gambrell of Dallas as corresponding secretary of the convention; the election of general officers and evangelists to serve the ensuing year; the decision to establish a home for aged ministers and their wives or their widows at Palacios, using the property which has been used in the past for an academy, and the apportionment of funds to the many small churches and missionary enterprises of the church scattered over the state.

Dr. J. B. Gambrell, of Dallas, corresponding secretary, resigned the position during the recent general convention in order to enter seminary work as a teacher. He consented to continue the work, though his personal preference was to give it up.

Investigation May End by Dec. 20.

Austin.—Members of the several subcommittees of the legislative investigating committee have reached that stage of their work where they say that they expect to complete their labors by Dec. 20. That has become the generally accepted date for most of the subcommittees to get through accumulating records and to make reports to the central committees. Maybe there will be a formal adjournment until January and maybe the investigation will just sort of lag after Dec. 20 or thereabouts until the first week in January.

Hobby Undecided as to Special Meet.

Austin.—Governor Hobby said that he will not decide upon the date for a special session of the legislature until he shall have read the report of the legislative investigating committee; that he will call a session in case it shall be recommended by the committee is regarded as practically certain. The question is whether the legislature will be convened before or after the July primary election. This is likely to remain open until the report of the committee shall be in the governor's hands.

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Lofty. "Is he a man of high ideals?" "I guess so. He wants to be an 'ace' in an airplane squadron."

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Keeping the Quality Up. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE, the World-Famous Cure for Colds and Grip, is now 50c per box. On account of the advance in the price of the six different Medicinal Concentrated Extracts and Chemicals contained in LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE, it was necessary to increase the price to the Drugist. It has stood the test for a Quarter of a Century. It is used by every Civilized Nation.

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A Napoleonic Incident. The American ambassador's conversations with the kaiser recall the anecdote of the encounter between a British ambassador and Napoleon Bonaparte during a short truce, between England and the Corsican fire-eater. In an angry conversation, Napoleon said to the ambassador: "I will make war on England." "That is your affair, sir," replied the ambassador. "I will annihilate her," added the emperor. "That, sir, is our affair"—with a fine, courtly bow.—Christian Science Monitor.

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Royse City, Tex.—Mrs. Mary Killman, of this place, says: "After the birth of my little girl...my side commenced to hurt me. I had to go back to bed. We called the doctor. He treated me...but I got no better. I got worse and worse until the misery was unbearable...I was in bed for three months and suffered such agony that I was just drawn up in a knot... I told my husband if he would get me a bottle of Cardui I would try it... I commenced taking it, however, that evening I called my family about me... for I knew I could not last many days unless I had a change for

the better. That was six years ago and I am still here and am a well, strong woman, and I owe my life to Cardui. I had only taken half the bottle when I began to feel better. The misery in my side got less... I continued right on taking the Cardui until I had taken three bottles and I did not need any more for I was well and never felt better in my life... I have never had any trouble from that day to this."

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J. H. TERRELL

GOTTWOOD LOCALS

I am this morning going to chronicle such of the happenings of our community as comes to my memory at the present time. I call to memory very readily the fact that this country is really very dry. We are prepared to say this country is beyond a doubt drier than we have ever seen it before. We are among the few that has stock water, but we have it and we believe we are really thankful for the same.

If we could say "peace be still" and hostilities all over the world cease and we could all have our boys with us again, why we would be in our happiest moods, but alas! when will they come?

Mr. J. A. Ayres, a long time citizen of our town, laid aside this mortal coil last Thursday and was buried Friday. Rev. Davis a Methodist minister, performed the burial service. Mr. Ayres had been in feeble health for a long time, and had known for quite a while his demise was drawing rapidly nearer at each day. He leaves a wife, five daughters and two sons to mourn his loss. Mrs. Virgel Fulton, of Cottonwood, community, Mrs. Hodzpin, of Kansas City, Misses Bessie and Alma Ayres and Bud and John Ayres are the bereaved children who mourn the loss of a father. May the Lord guide and protect them, and peace to his ashes.

Mr. Norman Johnson one of the first fifty boys who left Callahan county to engage in the cruel war, died last Friday at Camp Bowie with, we suppose pneumonia and was buried at Scranton Sunday. Mr. Johnson has our heartfelt sympathies and we are ready to pay a tribute of respect to demised soldier. Our son is also a member of that fifty, and we are really anxious for his safety. Some of them will come home in health and vigor, and some or them will be brought home in wooden overcoats. Such is war. May the Giver of all good temper the wind to the shorn lamb, and when we have served our time out here below, may we meet all of our loved ones in that Celestial city above where we shall not part again.

As we forgot to say, in the right place, we will mention the fact right here, that all of Mr. Ayres' children were with him at his death. Miss Minnie Ayres, Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Clifton Borden, all daughters of Mr. Ayres, preceded him to the grave, and all also were victims of that dreaded disease, tuberculosis. We solemnly "keno" "Uncle Jimmie."

FEW ESCAPE

There are few indeed who escape at least one cold during the winter months, and they are fortunate who have but one and get through with it quickly and without any serious consequences. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and observe the direction with each bottle, and you are likely to be one of the fortunate ones. The worth and merit of this remedy has been fully proven. There are many families who have always used it for years when troubled with a cough or cold, and with the very best results. It only costs a quarter.

Herman Lovvern of Belle Plaine, has accepted a position as assistant book-keeper on the Marshall Messenger, daily and weekly. If Herman don't make good we will have some tall explaining to make to Will A. Adair, the publisher, when we meet, but we have no thought but that Herman will make good.

CHRISTMAS NEAR AT HAND

Remember that your friends and the boy that is away wants and expects you to send photos of Father, Mother and all, in the Christmas package. Girls don't forget to send that boy your photo if nothing more than a postcard for Christmas. Send Kodak films to J. D. Dallas, Baird, Texas. Developing per roll, 10c; prints 3 to 5c, post card size 5c, 2 1-4 x 3 1-4 and 2 1-2 x 4 1-2 3c, 3 1-4 x 4 1-4 5c. Send money with order. Finest finish. 1-1f J. D. Dallas, Baird, Texas.

TO REGISTRANTS, AND ASSISTANTS TO ADVISORY BOARD.

To the Registrants and also to the Assistants to the Legal Advisory Board of Callahan County:

Owing to the limited time and the great amount of work to be done before the 22nd in order to afford the said Board and Registrant Assistants an ample opportunity to inform themselves and to correctly answer the questions to be furnished to them on the 15th, we, the Legal Advisory Board of said County, have appointed and now call on the following named citizens at the different places, to aid the registrants, who may call upon them to answer their questionnaires, to wit:

Baird: W. R. Ely, Pitt Ramsey, Chas. Nordyke, Ernest Settle, O. J. Russell, Boone Holmes, J. W. Turner, Bob Norrell, W. D. Boydston, Geo. Scott, A. R. Day, H. F. Foy, Frank Alvord, E. L. Alexander, R. L. Surles, Ford Driskill, Everette Driskill, J. R. Jackson, J. F. Boren Clyde: M. C. Council, Homer Shanks, C. A. Bowman, John W. Robbins, F. S. Bouchett, Will Miller Cottonwood: Harry Varner, J. T. Respass, George Thomason, Will Everett, Walter Robbins. Admiral: J. R. Black, Oscar Black, J. H. Finch, Will Dawkins, Tom Harris.

Cross Plains: Virgil Hart, C. C. Hampton, Foster Bond, Dodd Price. Joe Shackelford, John Hembree, L. P. Henslee, W. C. Rutherford, John Horne.

Atwell: C. W. Bradley, Prof. Clay Christman, C. C. Andrews.

Eula: W. B. Ferguson, Henry Jones, J. M. Edwards, Monte Jolly, A. R. Kelton.

Eagle Cove: J. H. Carpenter, John Campbell, Jim Bourroughs.

Denton: T. B. Holland, Ira Williams.

Oplin: Chas. Allen, Ben Allen, Tod Windham, Q. J. Johnson, Al Irvin.

Putnam: J. R. Bird, Lewis Cook, F. P. Shackelford, Perry Clements, Pierce Shackelford, Y. A. Orr.

We have so arranged, that among these assistants, there are one or more who, with the Postmasters, are authorized to administer oaths, and who may do so without charge to the registrants. The said Assistants and Registrants are requested to carefully read the questionnaires and particularly rules on pages 2 and 3 and where a supporting affidavit is required, the Registrant is advised, to take with him, to the person, to administer the oath, any persons who can make such affidavit. Seven days after the day of notice furnished to the Registrants, they are required to return their Questionnaires to Judge B. L. Russell, Chairman of the Local Board, at Baird, Texas, properly answered and sworn to by them and their supporting affiants.

The said Assistant Legal Advisors are requested to assemble at some convenient place as soon as possible in order to better study and familiarize themselves with these Questionnaires. Respectfully, F. S. Bell, Chairman Board Legal Advisors

MRS. ISLEY'S LETTER

In a recent letter Mrs. D. W. Isley of Litchfield, Ill., say, "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for disorders of the stomach and as a laxative, and have found them a quick and sure relief." If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation these tablets will do you good.

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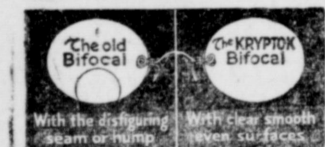
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