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AMERICA'S PART IN WAR IS DEFINITELY OUTLINED

BREST-LITOVSK PEACE NEGOTIATIONS REPORTED BROKEN OFF BY RUSSIANS

Huns Retention Of Provinces Is Stumbling Block

By Associated Press

London, Jan. 2.—Peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk have been broken off by the Bolshevik government owing to the German attitude in regard to Poland and Lithuania and the enemy's proposal that garrisons be retained at Libau, Riga and elsewhere, according to a telegram from the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News appearing in a late edition of that paper today.

The dispatch quotes an article from the Bolshevik newspaper Izvestia discussing "the new phase in the peace negotiations." The article says that owing to pressure from below the Germans have been obliged to soil their lips with the formula put forward by the Socialists at the beginning of the war, but the German imperialists would not be imperialists if they did not try to take back in fact what with gritted teeth they yielded in words.

By Associated Press

Petrograd, Jan. 1.—The Russian peace delegation returned to Petrograd today and reported to a joint session of the Central Executive Committee of Soldiers and Workmen delegates and the Petrograd Council of Soldiers and Workmen deputies the progress of the negotiations with the Austro-Germans at Brest-Litovsk.

M. Kameneff, a member of the Russian delegation, read the German terms which he characterized as showing the positive annexation plans of the Central Powers and he declared they were unacceptable in their present form. He added that the terms had not been discussed.

SOLICITORS ARE TO BE ABOLISHED

Dallas, Jan. 2.—Railroad executives of lines in Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico, meeting here today, decided to abolish all uptown passenger and freight offices, eliminating passenger and freight solicitors and appoint a committee of five headed by W. B. Scott, president of the Sunset Central lines, which will revise schedules so as to do away with unnecessary passenger trains and substitute for these needed freight trains.

These steps were taken to aid Director General McAdoo in cutting down executive expenses and expedite transportation of government supplies. In a resolution the executives pledged their absolute support to Mr. McAdoo, especially in the matter of preventing freight congestion.

NATIONAL GUARD ORGANIZATION IS TO BE POSTPONED

Austin, Jan. 2.—The organization of the proposed new Texas National Guard was indefinitely postponed owing to the fact that the war department is unable to give any assurance as to when it will be able to furnish new Texas organizations with new supplies and equipment, says a statement given by state attorney today.

The statement said that in view of this fact, the governor is not in position to consider applications for commissions and they will have to be deferred pending definite instructions from Washington. When finally taken up, all applications will be considered without regard to the time they were filed.

◆◆◆◆◆ TEXAS RANGERS ARE ORDERED BACK HOME ◆◆◆◆◆ Austin, Texas, Jan. 2.—State rangers who were ordered to the border in the vicinity of Alpine Monday night in response to a call for assistance to combat a threatened raid of Mexicans across the border, were ordered to return to their home stations today by the Adjutant General Department. No trouble manifested.

Russ Revolutionists. "The Russian revolution cannot accept their conditions to retain Poland and Lithuania. Just you try it, gentlemen," says the Izvestia.

This is the line the correspondent of the Daily News adds that probably will be taken at a general meeting tonight (Tuesday) to consider the report of the Russian peace delegates.

The Bolshevik aim, he adds, is a world revolution of peace on their own terms which they think will discredit the imperialists.

The correspondent adds: "If in the long run Russia is driven to conclude a separate peace on any other terms I prophesy that the Russian signatories to such a peace will not be Bolsheviks but members of opposition political parties."

Red Guard to Front. The Daily News' correspondent says further that considerable numbers of Red Guards are being sent to reinforce the front and that other preparations for defense are being made.

It is not clear from the dispatch of the Daily News correspondent when the meeting resulting from the breaking off of negotiations was held and it is possible the report refers to an alleged rupture of negotiations several days ago when the discussions were adjourned.

I have private and reliable information with regard to the breaking off of the peace negotiations, which established beyond doubt the honesty of purpose of the Bolsheviks," says the correspondent whose dispatch is dated Tuesday. "The Central Powers proceeded to make a more detailed statement of terms, from which it appeared that they considered Poland, Lithuania, Courland, etc., had already defined themselves. They further based their demand on the statement of Ukraine that it would not recognize peace negotiations at which it was not represented officially. They demanded that they should keep garrisons at Riga, Libau and other strategic points.

HERBERT HOOVER GIVES TESTIMONY TO SENATE BODY

FOOD ADMINISTRATOR'S EXAMINATION IS CONDUCTED BY SENATOR REED.

TRIED TO STOP STRIKE

Controller Says His Reports On Cuban Situation In May Were Based On Facts Then Existing.

Washington, Jan. 2.—One of Herbert Hoover's first acts in his efforts to handle the food situation was to try to settle strikes in the Cuban cane fields, so this country's supply might be protected, he told the Senate investigating committee today.

Testimony showed that soon after that time much of the trouble was cleared up.

The examination of Hoover was conducted by Senator Lodge who announced that Chairman Reed was unable to come.

Lodge Attacks Testimony. Senator Lodge attacked Hoover's testimony before a Senate committee last May in which he said a short Cuban sugar crop was feared this year because of labor troubles. Statistics show that this year's crop was the largest on record.

"When I investigated the Cuban situation at the invitation of the state department, many sugar men gave a gloomy outlook which was not based on facts brought to my attention then. Those hearings were in executive session and they spoke so freely. I did not wish to alarm the country."

Higher Courts Meet At Austin To Renew Their Regular Grind

Austin, Tex., Jan. 2.—After the holiday vacation in the courts of civil appeals and criminal appeals met this morning. Because but little work was done by members of the courts during the holiday season no objections of content were handed down by the civil court. The session of the court of criminal appeals consisted merely of the formality of meeting and adjourning until next Wednesday.

Sweden Will Be Sent Numerous Supplies By United States Vessels

Stockholm, Jan. 2.—The Svenska Dagbladet, attributes to the Swedish foreign office information that negotiations with the United States have been concluded satisfactorily. It says that an agreement has been reached under which 11,000 tons of necessities, chiefly coffee, petroleum and drugs, will arrive in Sweden about the middle of February.

ITALY WILL INTERN ALL ENEMY SUBJECTS

Rome, Tuesday, Jan. 1.—The Italian government has taken measures to intern all enemy subjects in Italy within four or five days, La Epoca says. No exceptions will be made.

◆◆◆◆◆ CHATTANOOGA, TENN., JAN. 2.—An explosion which shook this section about 6 o'clock this morning had not been located three hours later, although the police and newspapermen telephoned in every direction in an effort to clear up the mystery.

In the absence of a definite explanation, it was regarded as probable that the explosion was caused by a falling meteor. Several points reported an illumination of the skies.

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British Ambassador Is Going Home On Leave; Mystery Shrouds Visit

Washington, Jan. 2.—The report from London that Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British ambassador to the United States, will return from his post here was confirmed today in official circles. The ambassador arranged to see Secretary Lansing this morning and it was understood he would inform the secretary of the change. The retirement of Ambassador Spring-Rice will not be followed by a change in policy at Washington by the British government, it was said.

Five Court-Martialed Negroes Will Hang In San Antonio Decision

San Antonio, Jan. 1.—Five of the negroes tried by the last court martial in connection with the Houston riots have been sentenced to be hanged according to the verdict of the court martial by Major General Ruckman this morning.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS WILL HELP ARMENIANS

Washington, Jan. 2.—Help for the Armenian and Syrian people, many of whom have died for want of food and drink will be given in Seventh Day Adventist churches throughout the United States and Canada in a special offering Saturday, January 12.

◆◆◆◆◆ SIX GERMAN PLANES PUT OUT BY FRENCH ◆◆◆◆◆ Paris, Jan. 2.—Six German airplanes were put out of action yesterday by the French, it is announced officially. Artillery fighting continues at various points on the front.

Blast Shakes Cities

several hundred thousand dollars. The plant is engaged largely in the manufacture of four inch shells for the United States government and hundreds of those in the last stages of completion were destroyed. Two colored workmen were badly burned but will recover.

◆◆◆◆◆ THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN AUTOMOBILES BURNED ◆◆◆◆◆ Shelbyville, Ill., Jan. 2.—A new garage containing eighty automobiles burned here today with an estimated total loss of \$75,000.

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SPEEDING TROOPS ACROSS ATLANTIC IS CHIEF DESIRE

By Associated Press

Washington, Jan. 2.—American troops are to be rushed to Europe in as large and as constant a stream as is humanly possible; the allied nations will so arrange their shippings as to provide the necessary transport; the merchant shipbuilding program must be rushed; there is to be closer co-operation of all the co-belligerents to present a single and united front to German autocracy; the part of the United States has been clearly defined and arrangements made to carry it out.

These are the principal results, as they affect America, of the recent inter-allied war council in Paris, announced today by the state department.

These recommendations made by the American delegates of whom Colonel E. M. House, President Wilson's personal representative, was the head, are the result of the great council of heads of all the co-belligerents.

By Associated Press

Washington, Jan. 2.—Constant and speedy dispatch of American troops to the European battle front is the principal recommendation made to the government by the American delegates who recently returned from the inter-allied war council at Paris.

Speeding up the merchant ship building program and closer co-operation with the co-belligerents are the other principal recommendations.

This was disclosed today by the state department which made public a summary of the result of the conference. Through a new inter-allied organization for co-ordinating shipping resources arrangements have been made to "devote the greatest amount of tonnage possible for the transportation of American troops."

A definite program for more active utilization of American naval forces and an agreement was made with the British admiralty to effect certain plans for anti-submarine warfare.

The contributions of the United States to a pooling of war resources was agreed upon. The arrangements guarantee full equipment of every kind will be available to all American forces sent to Europe during 1918.

Arrangements were made to have the United States participate in military deliberations of a supreme war council as a step toward effecting a centralized unit of control of military operations.

Plans were also worked out whereby in order to permit the United States to visualize the problems of food control at home, Great Britain, France and Italy agreed to put in organized and compulsory control of foodstuffs in their countries.

The extent of the military effort to be aimed at by the United States was clearly determined and an allied advisory board was created to advise each nation on allotments of ships so as to permit the American military effort to be realized.

Some Recommendations. The principal recommendations of the American delegates headed by Colonel E. M. House as President Wilson's personal representative are:

"That the United States exert all their influence to secure the entire unity of effort, military, naval and economic between the United States and the allied nations with whom they are associated with them in the war.

"Inasmuch as the successful termination of the war by the United States and allies can be greatly hastened by the extension of the United States' shipping program, that the government and the people of the United States bend every effort towards accomplishing this result by a systematic co-ordination of resources of men and materials.

"That the fighting forces of the United States be dispatched to Europe with the least possible delay, incident to training and equipment."

The following statement by the state department was made public in connection with the recommendations:

"A review of the report filed by the department of state by Colonel House, the head of the special war mission which visited Great Britain and France in November shows that it succeeded in its purpose of reaching a definite working plan for the prosecution of the war through co-operation of the governments represented at the conference held in Paris at the various fields of activity and through the marshalling of the resources of the nations at war with the Central Powers and co-ordinating their uses under a common authority, thus avoiding the waste and uncertainties that arise from independent action.

"The results of the conference, as shown in the report, are most gratifying to this government, first because they indicate that the conferees were inspired by the desire to be mutually helpful and second, because the agreements reached will result in a full operation which will greatly increase the effectiveness of the efforts now being put forth by the United States and the allies in conflict against Germany and Austria Hungary."

Summary of Result. "A summary of the results accomplished at the conference and the recommendations made by the American mission will indicate the value of the work done and the practical methods were considered by the mission."

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EISEMAN TELLS OF PREPARATION TO CONDUCT WAR

CANCELLED DSCRAP UNIFORM CLOTH IS AGAIN BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Washington, Jan. 2.—With Charles Eiseman, vice chairman of the supply committee of the council of national defense on the stand, the Senate war inquiry today continued its investigation into the cancelled scrap uniform cloth picking contracts. Quartermaster General Sharpe declared Saturday that under the contracts let by the defense council supply committee to the Base Sorting company of New York, the company might have profited to the extent of \$400,000 annually.

Samuel Kaplan, another member of the supply committee whose brother, it was developed at the hearings, is financially interested in the company, also is to be heard.

Supplies Committee. Mr. Eiseman, explaining operations of the supplies committee, stated that during the last eight months it had dealt in 4,500 transactions with merchandise valued at \$500,000,000. He had the responsibility of finally passing on all orders and contracts.

"The delay was due to the buying of supplies too late," said he, indicating that more troops were called into service than could be equipped.

"Is it right," he asked the committee "to call on men, defenseless against the elements when it is known that enough supplies are not on hand? We were ordered to provide a certain amount of materials. We never were told the number of men that were to be called out."

Cloth, he declared, was delivered to the quartermaster general office faster than it could be made into garments. Quartermaster General Sharpe has previously testified that cloth deliveries were behind.

POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE OF FINLAND MAY BE GRANTED

Petrograd, Jan. 2.—The Bolshevik news agency announces that the council of people's commissioners has decided to recommend to the council of workmen and soldiers delegates recognition of the political independence of the republic of Finland. A special commission has been appointed to take measures for the separation of Finland from Russia.

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FRANK KELL SAYS GOVERNMENT WILL IMPROVE SERVICE

LOCAL CAPITALIST TALKS OF FEDERAL CONTROL OF RAILROADS

MEANS OWNERSHIP NEXT

Direct Routing of Traffic, Regardless of "Company" Will Result in Less "Lost Motion."

From Sunday's Daily. Frank Kell, of the railroad builder, financier and operator, believes that within a few hours the traffic of the nation will have started moving under the plan of direct control in the successful solution of the nation's traffic problem. Mr. Kell expects to see all agencies bend themselves to carrying out the government plans and that the government will succeed in its purpose.

Elimination of 'Lost Motion.' Mr. Kell believes that the elimination of needless committee work will result in much greater efficiency and in almost incalculable savings for the railroads and the country. He believes that the government takes them over but that the government can present the railroads with a handrail position when they hand the railroads back.

Routing of Traffic. The direct routing of traffic, the elimination of needless committee effort and duplicated effort and lost motion, Mr. Kell believes will not only result in a great saving to the railroads but will enable the government to move the traffic of the country in a manner that would otherwise be impossible under present conditions. Mr. Kell yesterday received Order No. 1 of the director general by telegraph. The order follows:

Washington, D. C., 12:25 p. m., December 29.

Frank Kell, president Clinton and Oklahoma Western. Referring to the telegram of direct control standing on all boards of directors to move traffic by the most expeditious routes, please take up vigorously at once with all railroads the matter of the common use of terminals and parallel lines, keeping out all compulsory prohibitions, if any exist, and waiving all other conditions of limitation of traffic. Please report each day until further notice what particulars of the situation are having attention and what has been done in this respect.

We rely upon all railroads to adapt themselves to new conditions by prompt and energetic cooperation with the department from Washington in each specific case.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN PASSES RESOLUTION ON DEATH OF SKEEN

From Sunday's Daily.

At the meeting of the board of aldermen on Friday night a resolution was adopted testifying the high regard and esteem in which V. G. Skeen, late city clerk, was held by the board and all who knew him. A. Chambers, former clerk of the police court, was appointed an acting city clerk, to fill out the term of Mr. Skeen, and Patrolman A. B. Bullard installed in the place of Mr. Chambers.

The bond of Chief of Police Humphreys, was given and accepted, and sundry permits were applied for and granted.

The resolution regarding the death of Mr. Skeen follows:

Whereas, since our last meeting death has again visited our official family and has taken from his labors our city clerk, V. G. Skeen, leaving another vacancy hard to be filled by us, and whereas, his death was a great loss to his honest and faithful discharge of his official duties, by his genuine kindness and courtesy, by his cheerfulness and happy and conscientious willingness at all times to serve his city, its employees, its citizens, whether higher or low, with an equal liberality had made him an indispensable official as any man can well be, and

Whereas, he has filled his office with an untiring energy, by which all times the records in such an accurate and admirable form, and the finances of the city entrusted to him in such an honest and conscientious manner and all other official duties so willingly and ably that many times his official work has been praised and approved by both the governing body of the city and those entrusted with the audit of its accounts, and

Whereas, he was not only an efficient officer, but a kind and indulgent father and husband, a citizen of high ideals and a friend to be loved and trusted;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, in sorrow attest to the true and genuine worth of our departed City Clerk, and, extend to his beloved wife and children, and to those who are his relatives, our deepest sympathy and condolence, recognizing that our loss is second only to theirs, and knowing that we cannot do more than to commend his memory to the City of Wichita Falls, and its employees in our simple, but just tribute, we likewise add to our own the sympathy and condolence of the constituent members of the city government, and order this testimonial to be spread upon our minutes, and a copy thereof to be furnished to his family, so that those who may come after us may know the true love and esteem in which he was held by us.

A. H. BRITAIN, Mayor.
J. A. LEA, JR.,
A. RICHARD,
A. R. H. SMITH,
C. G. HILL,
W. M. GARDNER,
Board of Aldermen.

LOCAL BANK SAYS BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR YEAR IS GOOD

INCREASE OF ALMOST HUNDRED PERCENT IN FROZEN BEEF ON HAND

MUCH FOOD IN STORAGE

From Sunday's Daily.

The National Bank of Commerce has issued its business letter for January, 1918 showing figures for the 1917 crops and some very encouraging details of the amount of food in storage in the United States. The letter states that in the one item of frozen beef alone, there is an increase of 92.7 per cent, and of frozen eggs, 114.1 per cent.

The text of the letter follows: The fourth New Year of the great war brings with it the definite prospect that before another twelve months has passed the forces of civilization will have asserted their superiority in an unmistakable manner that, even though it may be too much to expect that hostilities will completely have ceased by January of the next year, it will at least be clearly apparent to the entire world that the Central Powers are fighting a losing battle. To fight stubbornly, as long as a shred of hope of victory remains is the natural instinct of any organized nation, but to prolong indefinitely a struggle that has inevitably disaster and ruin at the end, increasing in measure as time advances, is more than can be expected of human flesh and blood, even by the iron military mind of the Teuton. However, the assuring prospect of eventual success must not blind us to the fact that, as never before in the long bitter months of war, the allies need today the efficient marshalling of every ounce of strength in order to make absolutely certain that there shall be no counter-offensive or fatal reversal. It is just, when the lead is so great of the hill that the greatest strength must be exerted to pull it safely over. Similarly in the coming twelve months America will need the fullest cooperation of every one of her people so that by strict and practical economy and thrift, by saving money and depositing it in the bank, by spending wisely and avoiding waste, by living rationally and conserving all resources, the full weight of our enormous power shall be thrown into the scale and carry the balance of civilization swinging down to an overwhelming victory that will free the world forever from the menace of militarism—a thing without conscience or honor or capacity for covenanted peace.

The World's Crops. Estimates compiled by the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome show record world crops of corn, oats, potatoes, rice, sugar beets and tobacco. Three main crops, wheat, rye and barley have fallen below the five year average of production from 2,911 to 2,870 million bushels. Wheat in the seventeen leading countries not including the Central Powers is placed at 1,868,000,000 bushels, which is 86.6 per cent of the five year average. Corn totals 3,312,000,000 or 14.1 per cent greater than the five year average.

Food in Storage. The report of the United States Department of Agriculture concerning the amount of foodstuffs in cold storage on November first of this year shows some sensational figures. For example, frozen beef shows an increase compared with the same period of last year of no less than 92.7 per cent, the total amount in storage being 179,800,846 pounds and the increase for the month of October alone being 49.4 per cent. Frozen eggs show an even more remarkable increase, amounting to 114.1 per cent the amount in storage being 13,500,456 pounds.

Eggs in cases show an increase of 20.8 per cent, the total number of cases in storage being 4,407,881. Creamery butter which earlier showed a deficit compared with last year now shows an increase of 9.2 per cent, there being over 33,000,000 pounds in storage. Poultry also shows very heavy storage records and cheese stocks are 66.5 per cent greater than last year, there being over 76,000,000 pounds held in storage.

Silver. Silver, which was aptly described as the ugly duckling among metals, has certainly come into its own. The demand continues to increase and there is every indication that there is still more prosperity ahead for the white metal. The present situation may be said to be a development of the beginning of the war in August, 1914 when the various European governments, in addition to accumulating as much gold as possible to strengthen their credit, turned their attention to silver. Furthermore the war has brought unusual prosperity to the Far East and particularly to India and China, the latter being the only large independent nation in the world with a silver standard. India's demand for silver for coinage alone in 1916 was 116,000,000 ounces and what this means is best appreciated by considering the fact that the world's total production of silver during that year was 172,383,000 ounces.

The United States is by far the largest producer of silver, its record in 1916 being 72,835,000 ounces, or 42 per cent of the world's total. The world's production of silver has materially declined since the beginning of the war, the total output for 1913 the year immediately preceding the war having been nearly 234,000,000 ounces. It is therefore very interesting to see that a combination of decreased production and very much increased demand has resulted in materially higher prices for silver.

Great American Income. The income tax figures for the fiscal year 1917 show that there are in the

CHILDREN TO BE MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY EFFICIENT, AIM OF N. Y. C.



Wonderful work is being done by the Department of Public Charities of New York City to bring to the point of physical and mental perfection, so far as human endeavor may reach, the poor children who become charges of the city. The campaign has already begun by the establishment of the Children's Clearing Bureau, which promises to make of these neglected children something approaching the best children physically in the world, with a view also to making them mentally efficient. Less than one hundred pupils have the personal care of three competent teachers, whose business it is to ascertain just how much their charges know. After school the child is sent to the different clinics to have his defects corrected. The medical examination is thorough, two physicians giving their entire time to the work. In the mental clinic each child is observed closely by a psychologist trained in the most advanced methods. In the clinic for speech defects the little ones are cleared of any lack of proper articulation. The dental clinics most careful to give the children the closest critical examination.

United States 296 men with annual incomes of \$1,000,000 or more. Of these 196 have incomes ranging from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000 a year, while ten men have annual incomes of more than \$5,000,000. The income tax report indicates increasing figures despite the fact that a lower number of income tax payers is shown than was estimated. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1917, 780,000 income tax returns were made to the Internal Revenue Bureau. In 1918 it is estimated, there will be more than 6,000,000 income tax returns and almost as many more of other kinds of returns under the various provisions of the war revenue act.

New Coins. Plans are under way for passing a bill to authorize the minting of a 2-1-2 cent coin. Director of the Mint Baker has received letters from individuals and organizations in all parts of the country urging the coinage of this piece, and numerous requests have also been made for a six cent coin, principally by street railway interests who expect an increase to be effected in street railway fares.

COLLINS FORECAST TALKS OF FEDERAL BUSINESS CONTROL

DAYS OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE ARE DECLARED TO BE NUMBERED

Net Operating Incomes of Railroads of Country Declared to Be Less Than Same Time Last Year. "The days of unrestricted enterprise," says Collins Forecast, recently received by the Wichita State Bank, "and practical free trade are ended. What amount of profit an enterprise may make, and how business shall be conducted, once matters of individual judgment, are now being subjected to a growing legislative scrutiny. While it would be unwise for business to be unduly concerned over this tendency, it would be equally unwise to ignore completely the disposition of the government to take a larger hand in the direction of private enterprise. It is understood of course that in war times production can be forced without regard to profit, but in times of peace, neither capital nor labor will display much enthusiasm in working without adequate reward. When this latter principle resumes its sway on the return of peace, it will tend to limit to its just province the intervention of government in business enterprises."

HUMBLE OIL CO. NOW BUILDING STORAGE TANK

CONCERN IS ALSO CONSTRUCTING PIPE LINE FROM FIELD TO RECEPTACLES. The Humble Oil and Refining Co. is building a 55,000 barrel steel storage tank about a mile north of Iowa Park for crude oil. The same company has recently built storage at its loading racks at Iowa Park for gasoline and is building a large tank house in the field for its men.

The Humble company has a compression plant in operation in the field for making gasoline from casing head gas. This is shipped in tank cars from Iowa Park, it is not always possible to obtain cars when needed for shipping this gasoline and on this account the construction of storage tanks is necessary.

The company is also building a pipe line from the field for carrying crude oil to the shipping racks and the new tank now being built. The plant and business of the Dixie Refining Company at San Antonio was recently acquired by the Humble Co. It is probable that most of the crude oil produced in the fields here will be shipped to the San Antonio plant.

YEAR'S RAINFALL IN THIS CITY IS BUT 16.55 INCHES

RECORD FOR PAST YEAR IS DECLARED WELL UNDER AVERAGE. From Sunday's Daily. The rainfall for 1917 thus far shows a total of 16.55 inches, and it is considered by the new comers that there will be no more rain this year. To this may be added a snow fall of 4.15 inches. Taken month by month, the precipitation report is as follows: Jan. 15, 3 inches snow; Feb. 14, 1-16 rain; March 1, 1-30 snow; 4, 1-10 snow; 22, 3-10 rain; April 11, 6-10 rain; 12, 7-10 rain; 27, 3-10 rain; 29, 2-10, May 5, 95-100;

WONDERFUL STRIDES ARE TAKEN BY WICHITA FALLS COURSE OF PAST YEAR

From Sunday's Daily. Tomorrow will mark the close of the biggest year in the history of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce, so far as achievements are concerned. Reflected in practically every phase of the developments commercial, industrial and otherwise in which the Chamber of Commerce had a part, its entire military service and patriotism which is prevailing throughout the country and the greatest achievement on the calendar is a soaring flag, the location of the aviation camp. Call Field.

Before a single soldier had arrived, Call Field represented an outlay of nearly \$1,000,000, and though a large part of the military service and patriotism which is prevailing throughout the country and the greatest achievement on the calendar is a soaring flag, the location of the aviation camp. Call Field.

Securing the Camp. Wichita Falls secured the location of this camp on its merit, but there was necessary some very energetic work on the part of the Chamber of Commerce of which B. P. Johnson is secretary, and various other citizens. They knew that the best location in the country was right at Wichita Falls but they had to demonstrate this to the satisfaction of the war department and the locating board.

War Activities. In the war activities of Wichita Falls, which made the city one known throughout the country, an example of the proper "dollars and cents sort" of patriotism, the Chamber of Commerce has played its part. Early in December, 1916, when it was rumored that the war department contemplated establishing a series of aviation training schools, Mr. Johnson went up the rail. He got on the trail, and after the declaration of war in April, matters were speeded up to such an extent that the selection of Wichita Falls was announced late in May and as soon as practicable after selection of the ground construction was begun and now the camp has been running in regular routine for about two months. It is still in progress on some of the buildings and on the roads in the camp.

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Out of Town Customers. However, Will be Permitted Ten Pound Packages. From Sunday's Daily. Notwithstanding the fact that there is no existing shortage of sugar in Wichita Falls, local jobbers have limited retailers to 500 pounds at a time, on request of the federal food commission. The grocers in turn have been requested to limit their sales to 5 pounds for customers in town who can secure their supplies frequently, and 10 pounds to the rural customers according to one of the leading wholesale dealers in the city.

New Standard Suits For Men Are Adopted By British Officials

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 15, (by mail)—The new standard suits for men, which are to be manufactured under government control, will cost \$12 each. The cloth, it is announced, "will be composed in the bulk of wool" and there will be a limited variety of fabrics, mostly of the favorite gray and brown tweeds.

Bowie Attorney Will Be Fitzgerald's Law Partner In Future

H. E. Weldon of Bowie, one of the best known attorneys of Northwest Texas, is moving to Wichita Falls and entering into partnership with Judge W. E. Fitzgerald in the practice of law. The firm will be known as Fitzgerald and Weldon.

Asylum for the Insane

On November 25 of this year, the locating board for the Northwest Texas Insane Asylum, sitting at Austin, voted unanimously for Wichita Falls as the point of location, with several months by the Chamber of Commerce. Work on the asylum, which will be a 100-bed institution, will begin early in the new year, it is expected.

The Atlas Windmill factory was here early in the spring, the bottle factory building being the finished product has been turned out for some time. The factory represents an outlay of more than \$25,000. Another noteworthy feature is the construction of tanks, promoted by John Tanager, formerly of Fort Worth, was brought here in the spring, through the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce. The factory is located in the north part of town and is prepared to construct tanks of any diameter, and will have a very important industry in this section, as there is a great demand for oil tanks in this section, and with the factory work on the ground here will be no delay in the construction of the tanks on account of congested railroad traffic.

Motor Club Victor, Too. The Chamber of Commerce shares

honor with the Motor Club in the victory of ten \$750,000 good roads issue, which carried by an overwhelming majority, which Wichita County gave for the Titusson irrigation amendment at the state election on July was due to the educational work of the Chamber of Commerce and J. A. Kemp, who has long been an advocate of the reclamation of lands through irrigation and of district action in this matter.

Much publicity in sporting circles through the country was given Wichita Falls as the training place of the Milwaukee Brewers, here in March. In February the State Farm Inspectors met in annual convention here, March 5, 6 and 7, a Home Economics short course was held by the state university's department of extension, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

Eagles' Convention. The Eagles convention in May and the annual meeting of the Buy-it-Made-in-Texas Association in June were among the important conventions held in Wichita Falls in the year just closing and the Girls National Honor Guard's annual encampment from June 17 to July 1, drew widespread publicity.

The Mulhall Roundup Celebration was staged here June 16-17. And in addition to these bigger things the Chamber of Commerce has been carrying on the usual work, promoting the farm and home demonstration work, represented by J. W. Campbell and Miss Hazel Hughes, and the routine of commercial organizations, when it has had time to take from its extra work, put on it by the unusual war time conditions. Its slogan this year has been "Business as Usual" one better as will be shown when Secretary Johnson makes his annual report at the business meeting to be held Jan. 8, 1918.

MOTOR SUPPLY CO. IN NEW QUARTERS; SALES ON AVERAGE

SIX AUTOMOBILE DEALERS, HOWEVER, REPORT NO BUSINESS FOR WEEK. BEMROD TAKES AGENCY. Will Hereafter Handle the Prest-O-Lite Battery and Distribute For This Entire District.

From Sunday's Daily. The Motor Supply Co. has moved into its splendid new quarters on the corner of Indiana and Sixth streets, and if there should presently arise any difficulty in doing business, it will not be because the new establishment is not big enough or complete enough. Everything that can be required by the up-to-date car company is right on hand, with a place for everything, and everything in its place.

In the front of the building is a spacious sales room for cars, the general offices and parts sales room, ladies rest room, and managers private office. To the rear is a huge garage, 150 feet by 50, with cement floor, and three large doors, enabling cars to enter and leave without backtracking, and a repair shop well lighted and ventilated. The building is well planned and built, and the equipment is as complete and up-to-date as can be obtained.

W. S. Langford, manager of the Motor Supply Co., says he believes he has the best automobile house in North Texas. Bemrod Gets Agency. W. E. Muldrow and S. Bemrod, of the S. Bemrod Auto and Supply Co. have taken the agency of the Prest-o-lite battery, and will be the distributors for this district handling the batteries, and providing the service. For the present their headquarters for Wichita Falls through the S. Bemrod Auto and Supply Co., 712 Eighth street.

Sales last week ran close to the average, as a week of car shortage and bad weather. Six dealers here reported no sales, and but for the Motor Supply Co.'s delivery of 15 Ford cars, and the Consumers Cash Co.'s 9, the total would have been far below the usual weekly average. Fifty-five cars of all classifications, were sold with an unusual falling off in second hand cars, only five of these last having changed hands.

Sales For Week. Motor Supply wholesale, to this company's house in Burk Burnett, 6 cars, and in Electra, 6 cars; retail, H. A. Wimmer, J. O. Elliott, R. C. Ealy, Union Meat Market, and James M. Morton. Consumers Cash Co.: Saxons; wholesale, C. O. Parker, Charlie, I. B. Bailey, Bowie; retail, Herman J. Norton, M. A. Shophers, Cross Plains.

Staly Motor and Supply Co. retail; Hosen Car Co., Fort Worth, 1, and City Garage, East Chicago, 1; retail, J. J. Hill, Burk Burnett, Mrs. J. H. Fitchney, city, J. N. George, Burk Burnett, city, 2 second hand. McFall for Doria Dodge; retail, W. L. Scott, Burk Burnett, G. B. Farquason, Ben Calhoun, T. R. T. Orth, and G. S. Beard, city; 1 second hand.

Overland: Wholesale; Curtiss and Dunch, Byers, 5; 1 second hand. E. E. Sanders; Franklin; retail, 22. S. A. Sweeney, E. T. Crath, James Abernathy and Mrs. E. E. Sanders. S. Bemrod Auto and Supply Co.; Maxwell, E. L. Scott, Burk Burnett, truck to Ray Sheet Metal Works. Excelsior Motor Co., Okemobee, Henry Hundt, Cadillac, J. A. Richolt, Wichita Car Co.; Premier, W. C. Myers, city; 1 second hand.

Congress Blamed For Shortage of Army's Artillery

By Associated Press. Major General Crozier, army ordnance chief, today gave to the senate committee on the reasons for artillery shortages and of the celebrated controversy over the Lewis machine gun.

Artillery Shortage. Responsibility for artillery shortage, the general said, lay with the whole country, and he showed how it had been his to get larger appropriations for artillery in times of peace was overruled by the secretary of war and by congress.

The British and French governments, he showed by official records, had themselves offered to supply General Pershing's forces with artillery and he gave statements on board to show that the allies were able to do it because they had a surplus.

Submits Records. General Crozier submitted the record of the Lewis gun, showing that other guns were better than disclaimed any personal prejudice as claimed by Colonel Lewis, the inventor, and showed that since the gun had been perfected to use American ammunition the war department had bought great quantities of them.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The senate war inquiry again was turned to the ordnance situation when Major General Crozier was permitted to take the stand again today to reply to recent statements made by Senator Isaac Lewis, inventor of the Lewis machine gun, rejected by the war department in favor of the Browning type.

Before beginning General Crozier asked to be put under oath and then read a prepared statement, dealing with borrowing artillery from the allies for General Pershing's force.

Desiring to make America's forces of actual aid on the fighting front as soon as possible was a prime factor, General Crozier said in the artillery loan from French and British sources was produced in which M. Tardieu of the French high commission asked the war department to order French artillery and that French deliveries exceeded the number promised.

Tells of Conference. Conferences between the heads of the British, French and American governments abroad regarding furnishing of artillery to America's forces were recalled by General Crozier. He produced a letter from General Bliss, chief of staff stating that British and French machine heads had formally assured him that their artillery and ammunition production had so increased that they would be able to completely equip all American forces arriving abroad in 1918.

"I am not attempting to excuse the situation that requires us to depend on our own resources for our artillery," General Crozier said, "but the responsibility rests on the whole country."

How he had during previous years asked congress for larger appropriations for artillery and other army heads had many times called the country's attention to the need for more artillery was related by the general.

Statement of Case. "This is a plain statement of the case," said General Crozier, citing one instance before the war in which a modest program of artillery appropriations calling for \$1,200,000 was cut in half by direction of the secretary of war and then further reduced by congress. He stated that a considerable appropriation, he said, was made for heavy artillery until 1916. Appropriations in preceding years, he said, were "abysmally inferior" to the present.

Machine guns, General Crozier said, were never expected to become such an important weapon, but the Germans, in 1914, had an abundance of them and their great future, proceeded to secure them in quantity.

Turning to the charges that prejudice had kept the Lewis gun out of the American equipment General Crozier detailed the official records of the department.

The first offer of his knowledge was received May 1912, when the Automatic Arms Company asked for a special test. The correspondence showed that the ordnance board offered a regular test with ammunition furnished by the government. No test followed, but on March 3, 1913, another Lewis gun was offered for a test, which was held at the Springfield arsenal. The Vickers was adopted, however, because the board's report showed the Lewis gun jammed 206 times, while the Vickers gun jammed only 23 times and had no parts broken. The board said the Lewis gun inferior to the Vickers or Bennett-Mercier.

No other Lewis gun, General Crozier said, was submitted for a test until April 1916. The war department previously asked for a Lewis gun to test but the Savage Arms Company stated none was available. In the tests of April 1916 General Crozier said, the manufacturers withdrew the guns because it was said they were not in condition.

All the boards formed to test machine guns, General Crozier pointed out, were not subject to his jurisdiction. The board in April 1916, found the Lewis gun had many desirable features and offered to again test it when perfected. He produced a letter from President A. B. Borie of the Savage Arms Company stating that the board's action had been entirely impartial.

In the summer of 1916, General Crozier said, on his initiative and without funds having been appropriated, he bought 350 Lewis guns for use with British ammunition on the Mexican border. Letters from officers having charge of the guns criticizing the Lewis guns adversely, were presented to the board. General Crozier said that in the border service the Lewis gun was generally proven inferior to the Bennett-Mercier and Vickers.

Report of Army School. A report last January from the army school of musketry stating the Lewis gun "as at present undeveloped is not a satisfactory army" also was produced by General Crozier. It was because of machine gun development and the large 1916 appro-

riation, General Crozier said, Secretary Baker decided to appoint a special board organized in September 1916 and which arranged for the tests of May 1917.

In the meantime General Crozier said, the board ordered 4,400 Vickers guns; suspended the order at the request of the Lewis people; and later took 4,000 Vickers guns in September, 1916. The Vickers gun at that time, General Crozier said, had been proved the best for American ammunition. It was evident, he said, that good Lewis guns were being made in England for use with British ammunition and good Lewis guns were being made in this country.

Asked For Lewis Guns. When war with Germany became imminent, General Crozier said he asked for 5,000 Lewis guns. On April 12, he said 1300 Lewis guns were ordered 4400 more on June 13 and 2,000 more June 18.

"This shows," said General Crozier, "that as soon as the Lewis gun was developed for use with American ammunition, large orders were immediately given."

Letters from General Pershing last summer asking for the "great possible production" of Vickers guns, were put in evidence and General Pershing specially asked for Lewis guns in the latter service, General Crozier said, probably will result in continued orders for them.

To Lack No Machine Guns. "There is good prospect that our forces in Europe will not be lacking machine guns in any way," said General Crozier.

Seventy-five hundred machine guns available for training purposes in this country, General Crozier said, turning to the charges by Colonel Lewis, inventor of the gun bearing his name, that General Crozier had been prejudiced against him, General Crozier showed that a board which investigated the charges exonerated him. Assurances that he had opposed adoption of Colonel Lewis' rifle finder also were categorically denied by General Crozier.

"Which gun was jammed at Columbus bus," Senator Vandenberg, (Columbus was the scene of the Villa raid).

"The Bennett-Mercier," General Crozier replied adding that at the time it was superior to any Lewis gun submitted at any test.

"From every report and recommendation in the spring of 1916 when the Lewis gun was improved," said General Crozier, "there was absolutely no justification for investing one dollar more in Lewis guns. When it was improved its investigation was immediately begun."

Letter From Lewis. A letter from Colonel Lewis stating that he wanted the government to purchase his American rights in patents for a rifle finder, was produced by General Crozier. The offer was not accepted but it was shown that the government had paid royalties on Lewis rifle finders for years aggregating \$35,000.

General Crozier said he could see no reason for rejecting Colonel Lewis' check returning royalties on the 350 Lewis guns bought for border service and about \$1,000 was turned in to the treasury.

Regarding the machine gun supply of the Pershing expedition, General Crozier said that 200,000 have been ordered, including 34,000 abroad. Senator Chamberlain called attention to reports that a great many Lewis guns are being held in storage.

"Where are they?" he asked.

"Either in camps or the Springfield arsenal."

Modifying Enfield. To criticisms that the war department delayed rifle production by modifying the British Enfield so that it shall be used with American ammunition, General Crozier denied that standards fixed for interchangeability of parts caused any serious delay.

Regarding charges that there are rifles and machine gun shortage in training camps, General Crozier declared:

"Enough rifles have been manufactured and sent to the front cantonments but I do not know if they have actually arrived, they are on the way and they are abundant for all troops that are likely to be called out for service."

Scope of Work. To show the scope of the ordnance bureau's work General Crozier disclosed that contracts for ammunition aggregating \$200,000,000 have been placed up to December 15. Contracts average \$76,000,000 dollars.

In seven months orders for \$1,500,000,000 were placed as compared to \$1,300,000,000 of British ordnance orders in this country in three years. The ordnance bureau, he said, ordered 63,875,000 shells in December, 1917, against 30,000,000 ordered in this country by England during the entire war.

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Dr. Nunn is currently receiving \$23,700 and are for a period of five years.

Static Electricity Is Cause of Gin Fires As Result of Drouth

Special to The Times. Austin, Dec. 31.—Static electricity has been giving considerable trouble in the operation of cotton gins and other industrial plants during the last several weeks, according to reports received here. In fact, the large number of fires which have occurred in cotton gins is attributed, in part, to the static electricity generated by the protracted drouth, it is said.

One of the professors in the physics department of the University of Texas, who has been called to tell something about static electricity.

"Static electricity is frictional electricity generated by the rubbing of two dissimilar bodies. This may be noticed when a dry piece of brass, held by a handle which is a non-conductor, is rubbed by a piece of fur and the fur then removed. The brass is charged, and pieces of paper will be attracted to and held by it. It is possible to attract a distance from the gin passing over the gin saws may charge the machinery. If it rests on a floor which is so dry that it is a non-conductor, the static electricity generated by the friction of steam passing through the exhaust pipe, if the pipe is made of a material which is a non-conductor, and also by the electricity generated by the friction of the driving belt passing over the wheel.

Not Grounded. "It seems that if the machinery were grounded as the story states, the electric field would be broken down, and the trouble remedied. However, it may be that the wrong part of the machinery was grounded. It may be that there is an electric field existing between the gin and the cotton press, or some other piece of machinery, and the electric field is grounded, so that even though the gin is grounded, the field between the gin and the press is not broken down and the condition is not remedied. For a condition like this to exist, it is essential that a condition of unusual dryness prevail, for only in a case like this will so much static electricity be generated. We are not prepared to say whether or not the story is true, for in a time of extreme drouth such conditions are now experiencing, it is possible."

First Presbyterian Plans to Entertain Soldiers Regularly

The First Presbyterian Church will keep open house for the men of Callington in the celebration of World War day, Jan. 5, plans being made for the entertainment at a meeting of representatives from each department in the church and Sunday school Sunday night, and Sunday school and Saturdays will be observed for the open house nights.

Amusements will be the entertainment provided for the soldiers. The following committee on entertainment and arrangements was appointed at the Sunday night conference: Miss Polly Roberts from the Sunday school; Mrs. A. H. Carrigan from the Missionary Society; Mrs. H. A. Walker from the Ladies Aid; Mrs. J. W. Gray from the Helen Beavers Chapter of the Westminister Guild; Miss Anthony from the Myrtle Ducret Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star; the Lucy Hansell Chapter of the Christian Endeavor and Mrs. J. M. Bell from the choir.

This church has recently hung in the church auditorium its honor roll of boys who have been members of the church or Sunday school who are now serving in the army, in France or in the various training camps. There are twenty names at present on the roll, two of the boys, Robert and Alvin, William Toney are now in France.

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MEANS MORE THAN TWO BILLION FOR GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING INCOME TAXES.

REPORTS MUST BE MADE

Heads of Families in Many Walks of Life Will be Included Among War Contributors.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 31.—The great task of gathering income tax and excess profits returns will begin with the new year tomorrow.

Every unearned person earning more than \$1,000 during the last year, and every married person or head of a family who made more than \$2,000 must file with the internal revenue department a report of his earnings for the year between tomorrow and March 1. He will be notified before June 1 of the tax due, and payment will be due by the 15th.

The government expects to receive \$1,201,000,000 from income taxes before July 1, including \$668,000,000 from individuals and \$533,000,000 from corporations. This is more than one-third of the \$3,400,000,000 estimated receipts under the war revenue act passed by congress at the last session.

From excess profits taxes, the government expects to realize about \$1,220,000,000 before July 1.

The amount of tax for a married man or the head of a family is 2 per cent on the amount of his net income exceeding \$2,000, but less than \$4,000; 4 per cent on the amount of his net income above \$4,000 but less than \$5,000. An unmarried person not the head of a family will pay 2 per cent on the amount of his net income above \$1,000 but less than \$2,000; 4 per cent on the net income above \$2,000 but less than \$5,000. In addition to the normal tax is imposed on incomes above \$5,000, so that the amount of income between \$5,000 and \$7,500 is subject to a total income tax including both normal and extra, of 6 per cent; and between \$7,500 and \$10,000, 6 per cent. The surtax further increases with higher incomes, so that amounts of \$10,000 are taxable at 65 per cent with one per cent additional for each half million up to two million dollars. All incomes over the latter amount are taxable at 67 per cent.

Income Tax Levies. Typical income tax levies on heads of families are as follows: Income of \$2,500, tax is \$10; income of \$3,000, tax is \$20; income of \$3,500, tax is \$30; income of \$4,000, tax is \$40; income of \$4,500, tax is \$60; income of \$5,000, tax is \$80.

Unmarried persons would pay in this way: Income of \$1,500, tax \$6; income of \$2,000, tax \$8; income of \$2,500, tax \$10; income of \$3,000, tax \$14; income of \$3,500, tax \$18; income of \$4,000, tax \$24; income of \$4,500, tax \$30; income of \$5,000, tax \$40.

Taxes may be paid in four installments between now and June 15, if the taxpayer prefers, but the full amount must be paid by the latter date. The first installment is due on January 15, the second on February 15, the third on March 15, and the fourth on April 15. If the taxpayer pays in four installments he will receive a 5 per cent discount on the total amount.

Small army of accountants, especially trained for the work in schools conducted by district collectors for the past two weeks, will hit the field beginning Wednesday to assist persons in filling their returns, and will travel on pre-arranged itineraries for the purpose. In addition, federal agricultural agents and representatives of state and county councils of national defense have enlisted in the campaign of education by this extensive campaign of education. Internal Revenue Commissioner Rogers hopes to eliminate the chances of failure to file a return through ignorance of the requirements.

To Eliminate Grudging Spirit. In fact, officials in charge of the tax gathering machine expect to eliminate the usual grudging spirit of taxpayers. They have called this a "Liberty Tax" because it's proceeds go to the war, and because the Liberty Bond issues are being used to encourage the spirit of willing giving among those on whom the tax falls.

About 7,000,000 persons will pay in some taxes, it is estimated, and most will be subject to a direct federal tax, for the first time, for less than 500,000 under the new law. Tax returns have been made as simple as possible, those for incomes of less than \$3,000 being especially free from technical features.

"Corporations will pay income taxes also, but on a different basis. Their net income is subject to a tax of 6 per cent under the new law, and certain technical details are allowed. Corporation returns are due between Jan. 1 and March 1, for the year ending 1917, and companies operating on a fiscal year basis must report within 60 days after the end of the fiscal year.

Beginning tomorrow also, excess profits returns for the year 1917 will be received from corporations, partnerships and individuals. The last date for the filing of these is March 1; the same as on income returns, and payment must be made also before June 15, except under the fiscal year arrangement.

Those in "Upper Class." Individuals making more than \$6,000 during the year also are subject to an 8 per cent tax on their income above that amount, independent of the regular income tax. This 8 per cent levy is imposed on individuals with no capital, or with only nominal capital, such as professional men, with money invested in bonds, dentists and physicians' instruments, or other equipment.

Another kind of tax is laid on excess profits of businesses having invest capital. On this basis, taxes are on net incomes or profits in excess of certain deductions are at the rate of 20 per cent of the amount of net income in excess of the deduction and not in excess of 15 per cent on the invested capital, 25 per cent on the amount in excess of 15 per cent and not in excess of 20 per cent; 35 per cent on the amount in excess of 20 per cent and not in excess of 25 per cent; 40 per cent on the amount in excess of 25 per cent and not in excess of 33 per cent; and 60 per cent on the amount in excess of 33 per cent.

Before a tax is levied on excess profits, for 1917, a business is permitted to make the same percentage of profit on its invested capital that it made on its invested capital during 1911, 1912, and 1913, the so-called "pre-war" period. The average for 1911-1913 is 11.2 per cent. If the business has a profit of 25 per cent for 1917, the excess profit provision may be deducted from the 25 per cent, leaving 13.8 per cent as the net income on which income taxes are paid.

PATRIOTISM OF PEOPLE SHOWN HERE BY ACTS TO HELP WIN THE WAR

From Monday's Daily. In the midst of war activities during the past year, the achievements of Wichita County stand out in notable relief, forming a record of which the citizens are extremely proud, and including campaigns for both Liberty Loans (the second of which both in the normal over-subscription by practically fifty per cent, and in the exceedingly short space of time spent in raising the amount, was nothing less than spectacular), the Red Cross, for the million dollar war fund, the local chapter of the War Library (the "Thousand-Dollar-A-Month" maintenance fund, and the Christmas Membership drive, the War Libraries fund, two Y. M. C. A. funds, the Y. W. C. A. fund, the Thrift Campaign, and the Food Conservation movement; and, without fail, the gift of men to the two companies of the National Guard, the Medical Corps, and the Draft.

Many Men To Army. In men, Wichita County has given a total of 21,333 men to the regular army, the National Guard, the Medical Corps, the navy, and the draft. Two National Guard units departed for the front, and have taken, from first to last, between twenty and thirty men, and this does not include the staff of Major Everett Jones, whose company left with the National Guard. The draft has taken, to date, 13, and between three and four hundred men of the regular army joined the navy and the regular army.

Wichita County also provided some twenty-five officers commissioned from the camp at Leon Springs, and whose names are now actively at work whipping into shape the new fighting material with which Uncle Sam proposes to make his weight felt in the coming year. The Rainbow Division now in France, took ten stalwart sons of the county, who are doubtless in the thick of the fighting.

The first Liberty Loan was over-subscribed by over \$60,000, and a total of \$711,500 was raised. The county's contribution was \$135,000, and was the first county in the United States to report its quota.

From a small group of enthusiastic and patriotic women, who realized the vital work being done by the Red Cross, the present organization comprising some thirteen thousand members, has reached out into practically every home, putting the needs of the society before them, and providing a means for every person in the county to contribute his mite of support to the great cause. Of less importance than this, but by no means to be overlooked, is the fact that in the million dollar campaign, Wichita County contributed for \$25,000, contributing \$23,900, and further raised nearly \$800 per month for the maintenance of the local chapter in the Christmas membership campaign, the membership was brought up to the gratifying figure above mentioned.

Y. M. C. A. Campaign

In the great work of the Y. M. C. A. which is being done here, the first proceeds \$7,700, and the second \$6,600; both sums going to supply the army camps both at home and abroad, and for the necessary equipment to lighten the hours of ease of the fighting man. Akin to this was the \$1,000 raised for the Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of the entertainment of the girls living near cantonments, and having no other home surroundings and also a means of having the men of the camps meet girls under proper chaperonage.

The Food Conservation movement was conducted with unparalleled vigor, and 3,219 pledge cards were sent in to headquarters ahead of any other county. This has been considered one of the most successful movements undertaken here, though there are those who believe that it would be merely the next logical step in the same direction. If all the restaurants and cafes of the city were to observe the needless and wasteful days prescribed by the Food Administration. At present only the regular army has been reported as observing these days.

War Library

The campaign to raise money for the war libraries for the soldiers for the Y. M. C. A. has been a success. The total amount raised was \$58,550 over the set quota. The Thrift Stamp campaign was begun well, but as it has a year to run, it is not expected that any very startling returns will be made in this connection. It is believed that from month to month the movement will continue apace, bringing in a total of \$100,000 before the time elapses.

The bringing of Corporal F. K. Wishart to lecture here, under the auspices of the Lion's Club, has been rightly considered among the war activities, and amongst the important ones. The Council of Defense has laid great stress upon the necessity of educating the citizenry, and people so that they may know what and why the fighting is being done, and it was agreed that Corporal Wishart's lecture has a notable enlightenment to the whole audience.

RADIO COURSE IS OPEN TO STUDENTS UNTIL JANUARY 7

Austin, Dec. 31.—It is announced by Dean T. U. Taylor of the department of engineering, University of Texas, that students for the radio course may be admitted upon the University of Texas. This course will continue until March 15. It is open to any one of draft age. It has just been established in the department of engineering of the war department in order to train young men for the radio branch of the military service. The department of engineering, in addition, has a well equipped wireless station and radio laboratory. In discussing the new course, L. LeRoy, professor of physics, said:

"The universities of the country that are prepared to give practical instruction along technical lines have been called upon by the government to offer courses in signals and radio which will prepare men to enter signal corps work. The army needs 15,000 men to fill vacancies in the signal corps, and these must be drawn from the second and third drafts.

"The University of Texas is attempting to do its part in this war, and has established a radio course of about 160. This course was barely begun before the holidays and more are expected to take advantage of this training when the signal practice and lectures are resumed at the beginning of the new term this week.

"No Fee is Charged.

"Anyone of draft age may register no later than January 7. At that time the class will be divided into sections, and the instruction will be given the elementary instruction. Those just beginning the subject will be given the elementary instruction. University students may get credit towards degrees by registering for Military Science 106.

"Both visual and buzzer practice will be given with international code as used in army and navy. Lectures will be given on the theory and practice of radio telegraphy with demonstrations with the use of the code book that those taking the course may become familiar with the construction and operation of wireless equipment."

TRAFFIC ON ROADS OF COUNTRY HEAVY THROUGHOUT YEAR

By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 31.—Traffic on American railroads passed the \$4,000,000,000 mark in the last year, the first time in history, according to figures compiled by the bureau of railway news and statistics, made public today.

The figures are based on official returns to the Interstate Commerce Commission for the first ten months of the year and on estimates for the last two.

The gross receipts for the year are placed at \$4,188,227,185, a gain of \$451,905,438 over 1916, but despite this increase in business there was a decrease of \$91,876,153 in net. The net income for 1917 was \$1,022,741,992. Advancing cost of fuel, material and supplies, together with increased wages are blamed for the loss in net income.

GETS TEN YEARS IN PRISON WHEN DIDN'T REPORT

By Associated Press. St. Louis, Dec. 31.—Robert W. Frank, 31, was sentenced to ten years in prison for failure to report his income for 1917. The net income for 1917 was \$1,022,741,992. Advancing cost of fuel, material and supplies, together with increased wages are blamed for the loss in net income.

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American Sailor Weds Daughter of Knight In Ireland, Is Report

London, Jan. 1.—Among several recent marriages is that of the American sailor John O'Brien, who is reported to have married the daughter of a knight in Ireland, it is reported.

The bride is the daughter of Lord Clifton, whose husband, the late Sir James Carroll, was prominent in the civil life of Queenstown.

JACK HENDRICKS SIGNS WITH ST. LOUIS CLUB.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—Jack Hendricks, manager of the Indianapolis American team, today signed a contract to manage the St. Louis Nationals next season.

TEXAS RANGERS RUSHED TO BORDER TO PREVENT MEXICAN BANDIT RAID

By Associated Press.
Austin, Texas, Jan. 1.—Every available ranger of the Texas force has been dispatched to Alpine and vicinity by Adjutant General Harley on receipt of reports that Mexicans were planning a raid over the border near that point.
The orders were issued last night, it was announced today by the Adjutant General's department.
No details have been received here with reference to the trouble.
At the Adjutant General's department it was stated that it was not known whether a raid actually had been made as yet, but that the sheriff of Brewster county had asked for rangers at once owing to the threatened trouble.
It was stated that four companies of rangers, each with a complement of twenty men, had been detailed to hurry to Alpine. The companies were Del Rio, commanded by Captain Barler; Ysleta, commanded by Captain Dais; Marfa, Captain Fox and Austin, commanded by Captain Gray.

NATIONAL DEBT FIVE AND HALF BILLION DOLLARS

THIS IS ONLY ABOUT ONE-THIRD AS GREAT AS IT WILL BE NEXT YEAR.
HEAVIER YET TO COME

Actual Outlay for Military Establishments Up to December Estimate \$1,300,000,000.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 1.—The United States entered the new year with a national debt of \$5,515,000,000, more than five times greater than when it entered the war nine months ago but only one-third of the debt which promises to develop by the first of next year. The debt per capita is about \$51 and the percentage of debt to estimated national wealth is 24 percent. The treasury financial summary statement issued today for the first time since last June 30, shows that actual disbursements during the first half of the fiscal year have fallen far below estimates, particularly for the military establishment.

War Expenses.
An enormous prospective increase in war department expenses for munitions and materials contracts to be filled in the spring will raise the government outlays at that time but officials feel some doubt that ordinary disbursements will reach the \$1,215,000,000 estimated for the fiscal year ending next June 30.
The actual outlay for the military establishment up to December 1st was \$1,211,000,000; the estimated outlay for the whole fiscal year is \$2,790,000,000. The navy spent \$425,000,000 and the estimate for the year is \$1,390,000,000. Shipping board expenditures were \$118,000,000, while the year's estimate is \$961,000,000. Each of these three principal departments has outstanding contracts for more than \$100,000,000. It is expected to be made within the remaining half of the fiscal year, however, and the aggregate of these is the uncertain element which makes it impossible to determine at this time precisely how many additional liberty bonds must be issued between now and next June 30.
Great as the national debt seems to this country, whose debt before the war was only a little past the billion dollar mark, it is only about one-fourth that of either Great Britain, France, Russia or Germany. The debt of all America's co-belligerents is about \$34,000,000,000 or 14 percent of the estimated wealth of those of those nations and the Teutonic allies' debt is about \$40,000,000,000 or 23 percent of their estimated wealth.

M. L. TITTLE IS CANDIDATE FOR TAX COLLECTOR

(From Tuesday's Daily).
The Times today carries the announcement of M. L. Tittle as a candidate for county tax collector subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July. Tittle has been three years Mr. Tittle has been a deputy in the tax collectors office and is familiar with the duties and the details of the office. He is a native Texan having come here from Houston county about nine years ago. Before becoming deputy county tax collector Mr. Tittle has worked for the carpenters trade, being a member of the Carpenters' union here. Mr. Tittle has a family and as he has some spare time he wishes to contribute his share to community enterprises. He hopes to see all the voters before the day of the primary and personally present his claim for their suffrage.

ODELL IS TO ASSUME HIS DUTIES AT ONCE.
Austin, Tex., Jan. 1.—Senator D. W. Odell, of Fort Worth, recently appointed chairman of the state industrial board, will arrive here tomorrow to assume his new duties, according to a telegram received from him by Governor Hobby this morning. Mr. Odell succeeds Senator James H. Wiley, resigned.

LUSITANIA SURVIVOR ENGAGED TO U. S. AVIATOR



Miss Virginia B. Loney
Engaged to J. A. Sullivan, U. S. Aviator

Miss Virginia Bruce Loney, one of the 119 Americans rescued from the Lusitania when that steamship was sunk, will be married to Mr. Robert H. Gamble, of Jacksonville, Fla., who enlisted in the aviation section of the Naval Reserve. Miss Loney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. Loney, were lost when the Lusitania sank. Mr. Gamble is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gamble, of Jacksonville, previously of Richmond, Va. He has been training at the aviation camp at Miami, Fla.

CHILD WELFARE BUREAU SEEKS TO HOLD STANDARD

By Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 1.—The increasing necessity for maintaining standards of child welfare during war time was pointed out today by the Children's Bureau in a New Year warning calling the attention of American citizens to the disastrous effects of exemptions from child labor regulations in foreign countries.
"Foreign experience shows that countries which permitted special exemptions from child labor standards," the statement says, "have almost without an accord regretted them as injurious to the children and inefficient as regards industrial results. The immediate penalty has been a swelling stream of child offenders pouring through the courts.
"Protection of babies and little children and of their mothers—a first essential in war time to replace the wastage of human life on the battlefield—demands local provision for the nursing and medical care. Federal protection not being available as yet, the full burden rests with each state and community. Shortage and high prices of milk in many communities also is a matter of grave concern.
"Upon each community also must lie the responsibility of seeing that mothers are not driven by want to leave their children and go to work. The father's wages must keep pace with the high prices and if few are called to the army and the family's separation allowance is inadequate, the community cannot afford to shift to the mother the burden of supplementing this allowance.
"Neither must the burden of support nor the pressure of demand for labor be allowed to rest upon the children themselves."

KAISER PREDICTS SUPREMACY OVER ALL ALLIES SOON

By Associated Press.
Amsterdam, Jan. 1.—Berlin reports that Emperor William has addressed the following order to the army and navy:
"A year of heavy and important battles has come to a close. The gigantic battles which raged from spring to fall on Belgian and French soil were decided in favor of your glorious arms. In the east the offensive spirit of our armies, by powerful blows, achieved great success. Our arms there are now at rest. Brilliant victories in a few days destroyed the Italian offensive preparation of years.
"In cooperation with my army, my fleet has again proved its efficiency by daring enterprises. The submarines are unwaveringly performing their difficult and effective work. Filled with pride and admiration we survey the heroic band of our colonial troops.
"The German people in arms has achieved, everywhere, on land and sea, the greatest successes but our enemies still hope, with the assistance of new allies, to defeat you and then destroy forever the world position won by Germany in hard endeavor. They will not succeed. Trusting in our righteous cause and in our strength, we face the year 1918 with first confidence and firm will. Therefore forward with God to fresh deeds and fresh victories."

CELEBRATION IS QUIET IN CITY; LITTLE DRINKING

(From Tuesday's Daily).
More mild and gentle than the reception accorded previous New Year's was that celebrated here at midnight last night. There were few celebrations even among those who are prone to seek the cup that cheers. As an indication of the changing of the times, there were only four drunks haled before the city tribunal of justice this morning. Just four to represent the city jail over the meaning of the old year, where in some of the merry years gone by the lockup wasn't big enough to hold them. And at the county jail there has been almost solitude this entire holiday season. O tempora, mutator.

Reichstag Committee Fully Approves Terms Offered By Russians

By Associated Press.
Rotterdam, Jan. 1.—Matthias Erzberger of the clerical party; Friedrich Ebert of the Socialist party and Herr Fischer of the progressives, have informed the Reichstag committee of the New Year declaration of the German government that the Brest-Litovsk peace proposals are approved unreservedly by the members of the Reichstag committee. The members of this committee all represent the majority of the parties responsible for the Reichstag peace resolution of July 19.

J. P. JACKSON IS CANDIDATE FOR TAX COLLECTOR

The announcement of J. P. Jackson of this city as a candidate for tax collector appears in this issue of the Times. Mr. Jackson is now serving in the office of the county clerk 1 which office he has filled in a most satisfactory manner for several years. Mr. Jackson began his service for the public a number of years ago when he was appointed a road supervisor and has been doing his "bit" in the service of the public ever since.
As county commissioner Mr. Jackson has been zealous for the public interest and is willing that his record in that office be the measure of his capacity for discharging the duties of the office of tax collector. Mr. Jackson says that in several instances he has been compelled to act against the interests of his friends in matters connected with his office, but he asks them to remember that in so doing he was doing what he considered for the best interests of the county.
Mr. Jackson expects to make a canvass of the county and to meet the voters in person.

"DEAF AND DUMB MAN" SPEAKS AND HEARS AND NOW WANTS TO FIGHT.
By Associated Press.
Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 1.—William Murray, who has been deaf and dumb for fifteen years had both faculties restored yesterday by a full white on his way to town to fill out his questionnaire before a judge. Although married, he did not claim exemption.

Mr. and Mrs. Reese S. Allen and son of Dallas are spending a few days in the city.

Explosion Precedes Fires

PLENTY OF FEED IS NOW ON HAND IN MOST STATES
SHORTAGE IS TO BE FOUND ONLY IN TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 1.—A review of business conditions made public by the committee of statistical experts of the United States Chamber of Commerce says that with the exception of Texas and Oklahoma, southern states have raised more than enough corn for their own needs and are in position to ship it.
Taking up the changed conditions in the south, the review points to conditions caused in certain sections a year ago, "by boll weevil, excessive rains and the fact that negroes, the staple agricultural laborers, were leaving by thousands for the east."
Reports Optimistic.
Today, it says, the reports from those sections are "optimistic beyond expression."
The enlarged acreage of corn, which has been of excellent quality except in Texas and Oklahoma, the report says, has proved sufficient to ship and there is an "abundance of corn for export, the negroes, the stock raising is becoming more and more an important adjunct of farming in the territory south of Mason's and Dixon's lines."
Diversification.
Regarding diversification of crops in the south, the review says "the production of peanuts from Virginia along the Atlantic coast into southern Georgia and across into Oklahoma and Texas is becoming a matter of great import, the product running into many millions of dollars."
Cotton, it points out, is now being raised in a moderate way as far south as Tampa Bay.
"Rice and sugar cane crops were not as large as in some years past," the review says, "but brought higher prices. An unprecedented drought in Texas had cut the crop and has not been entirely relieved but it has served to give impetus to efforts to raise goats and sheep."

Mexican Congress Formally Adjourns Until September 1
By Associated Press.
Mexico City, Jan. 1.—The Mexican congress adjourned last night until September 1, in view of the closing session of the senate which was held over the weekend and the senate appointed 14 members, two of them from the Constitutional-Liberal party. The lower house selected fifteen members of the Constitutional-Liberal party to serve as its portion of the commission giving the party majority of the full commission.
Before adjournment the senate passed a bill giving the government full control of the Tehuantepec railway.
Congress passed a bill approving 25,000 pesos for the relief of sufferers from the Guatemala City earthquake.

LOYD-GEORGE GIVES MESSAGE TO HIS PEOPLE
London, Jan. 1.—Premier Lloyd George in his New Year message to the nation appeals to all at home to do their utmost for the cause for which the democracies of the world are leagued together, especially by practicing economy and saving money to send to the government. His message commends:
"To every civilian I would say that your firing line is at the works or office in which you do your bit, the shops or the kitchen in which you spend or save; the bank or postoffice where you buy your war bonds. To reach that firing line and to become an active combatant yourself there are no communication trenches to grope along, no barrage to face, no horrors, no wounds.
"The road of duty and patriotism is clear before you. Follow it and an army will lead ere long to safety for our own people and victory for our cause."
New Year's Message.
The New Year's message sent to the United States by the premier is similar in tenor sent to all entente nations except Russia. The premier thanks them all for the fortitude of the military and naval forces. The communication to the United States is the only one which mentions the league of nations standing as the guardian of justice and liberty.
The dispatch to Japan is somewhat similar to that to the others, mentioning only that nation's naval services. "All of them except the ones sent to America and Japan, close thus:
"No words of mine can adequately convey our sense of what we owe to the forces which are fighting and suffering so that those behind the lines may enjoy liberty and peace. We can only thank them from the bottom of our hearts, in full confidence that the year which opens must be the fruition of their sacrifices in victory."

PIERSOL IS CONFINED CLOSELY AS RESULT OF PLOT TO BREAK JAIL
By Associated Press.
Marshfield, Mo., Jan. 1.—Claude Piersol, under sentence for kidnaping Lloyd Keat and Taylor Adams, awaiting trial for alleged complicity in the conspiracy, has been confined to inner cells of the Webster county jail here and many of their privileges taken from them, it was learned today.
Sheriff Mackey said he overheard Adams ask Piersol the best means to effect a jail delivery and Piersol suggested that Adams should knock down the sheriff's door and escape. Mackey said, followed a proposal made to him by Piersol last Friday night that if the sheriff would liberate them, he and Adams would leave the country and never return.

ALLIES CONSIDERING GERMAN PEACE OFFER; WILL RETURN REPLIES
By Associated Press.
London, Jan. 1.—The British government recognized that Brest-Litovsk peace proposals constitute a grave and new factor of which officials must take account, says the Daily Chronicle in reporting, as did the Manchester Guardian yesterday, that the British government intends to return a serious and reasonable reply to the Austro-German peace terms when presented officially. The Chronicle adds that the United States, France and Italy already are exchanging views concerning the peace proposals.
The reported view of Premier Lloyd George to the matter is that he declares is an intelligent anticipation which may or may not be realized.

TURKISH ATTACK UPON JERUSALEM EASILY REPULSED
By Associated Press.
London, Dec. 31.—The British official statement on operations in Palestine says:
"The result of the Turkish attack on Jerusalem is that on the northwest we have gained seven miles of ground and now have four strong positions between the enemy and Jerusalem instead of one. The Turks suffered heavily in killed and wounded. As a result, the enemy is estimated at about 1,000. So far 600 prisoners and 20 machine guns have been counted."

NO NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE WILL BE GIVEN PEOPLE OF TEXAS BY GOVERNOR
By Associated Press.
Austin, Jan. 1.—No New Year's message to the people of Texas will be issued by Governor Hobby today. The chief executive had intended writing such a message but this morning said he had decided that none would be issued in view of the fact that subjects he naturally would deal with had been pretty fully covered in a message he issued Christmas.

IRRIGATION AMENDMENT IS EXPECTED SOON TO BE LAW IN TEXAS
By Associated Press.
Terrell, Tex., Dec. 31.—The post-office and three business houses at Elmo, seven miles east of here, were destroyed by fire early today. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

BANK CLEARINGS HERE FOR YEAR GIVEN

Total for year ending Dec. 31, 1917	\$31,631,070.57
Average per week	608,289.82
Average per business day	\$104,392.97
Largest Clearing	1,174,830.39
Smallest Clearings	354,411.94

NORFOLK HOTEL AND STORES ARE LOSSES AT NOON
By Associated Press.
Norfolk, Va., Jan. 1.—A series of fires here today, said to have been caused by two explosions, destroyed three stores on Granby street in the heart of the retail district, wrecked the Monticello Hotel with a loss estimated at \$750,000, caused the death of one fireman and the injury of several others, and this afternoon the flames had crossed Granby street, and destroyed two big stores. The entire block appeared to be doomed.
The Dickens building, seven stories opposite the burning block on Granby street, is among the buildings burning.
The mayor ordered out the home guards and from the navy yard 200 marines were called to guard the streets and other property. The cause of the explosions is unknown.
Thawed Hydrants.
While the fire was being compelled to build bonfires about the city water hydrants to thaw them out the flames gained great headway. Sparks flying to the roof of the Monticello Hotel set the hotel afire.
While fighting the flames on the sixth floor of the hotel, Charles McCoy, a fireman, was killed. Several other firemen were badly burned. Assistant Chief Bunting was slightly injured. The men were caught under burning timber when the roof of the dining room fell and were rescued from cremation by their comrades.
More than 200 marines were sent from the navy yard at the request of the police department to assist the local policemen in patrolling the streets and water front.
Apparatus Borrowed.
All of the fire fighting apparatus that could be spared from the navy yard was sent to Norfolk as has some apparatus from the Portsmouth fire department.
A regiment of naval reserves arrived here this afternoon to guard the burning block. All hotels, banks and public buildings are guarded and no one is allowed to leave or enter any of them unless vouched for as a responsible person.
One suspect has been arrested. He went to the scene of the fire and when found examining several prominent buildings was an agent of the department of justice. This was denied by the local agents of the department of justice.

WILSON'S PICTURE IS SENT BY WIRE TO NEW YORK CITY
By Associated Press.
Ogden Utah, Jan. 1.—Sending of a picture of President Wilson from Ogden to New York City and return, a total distance of 4,856 miles over telegraph wires, was accomplished yesterday afternoon by L. R. Leishman, an Ogden man who has invented a novel code system and receiving device for decoding. Only thirty-seven minutes was taken for actual transmission of the picture code and two hours for all the work in connection with the picture which was received in the presence of city officials.

NEW BRIDGE IS OPENED ACROSS OHIO RIVER
Chicago, Jan. 1.—The mile and a quarter bridge built jointly by the Burlington, Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroads across the Ohio river between Metropolis, Ill., and Paducah, Ky., was officially opened today. The bridge cost \$2,100,000 and one of its spans is 220 feet long. It is double tracked and is expected to expedite traffic between the north and the south.

THREE SLEEPERS BURNED TO DEATH IN TOLEDO, O., CHRISTMAS TREE CAUSE
By Associated Press.
Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 1.—Fire in a two-story apartment house here early this morning caused when a lighted candle fell from a Christmas tree, trapped three sleepers who were burned to death before firemen could reach them. The dead are: Mrs. Felix Schmidt, 23; William Meinen, 8, and Agnes Meinen, 10.

HUNS AWAKING TO FEAR INVASION OF U. S. AIR ARMY
By Associated Press.
London, Jan. 1.—Allied air raids over Germany are awakening the people here to the possibility of their rulers in the more exposed parts of the country, owing to the reported intention of the Americans to invade Germany by air. The object is discussed universally though efforts are made to calm anxiety by declarations about "American bluff."
The frequent explosions in munitions factories, the correspondent adds, are causing the German military authorities anxiety not only because of the interference with the supply of munitions but also because of the reports in the districts where the explosions occur. The greatest has been acute since the advent of frost.

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"CONSISTENCY, THOU ART A JEWEL"

General Crozier has definitely placed the blame upon Congress, and through Congress, upon the people for lack of heavy artillery in the United States army. If Congress and the people accept the situation like little men, they will take their respective portions of the medicine with good grace and make no answer to the ordinance expert of the army.

And now General Crozier, although he hasn't actually said it, as he sits before the Congressional Committee which has been engaged in grilling and roasting him, is thinking to himself: "Consistency, thou art a jewel!"—and rare, so rare!

Paul Hennig, a naturalized German, employed in a munitions plant, has been arrested charged with plotting to make defective torpedoes his firm was turning out for the government. There can be no doubt that there are many loyal naturalized Germans in the United States, but it seems to us that experience has proven that a munitions plant is not a suitable place for their employment.

The Government has decided upon a most effective method for making those men drafted into the national army "stay put." Hereafter a dishonorable discharge will be accompanied by a term in prison. The drafted man will now have to decide whether he would prefer to remain in the army or spend a few years behind the bars.

SAVE BIRDS—EAT RABBITS.

An insidious propaganda has been making the rounds which seeks modification of the country's game laws as a war emergency measure. We have an idea that the men behind this move wouldn't eat rabbit—wouldn't eat young rabbit, fried in batter until crisp and brown and smelling like somebody had left the cook room door of some cook's paradise standing ajar.

What these propagandists want to do is to kill a few deer, bag more birds than they and their neighbors can possibly eat, and enjoy to the fullest the "sport" of wantonly destroying the wild life of the country.

Rather than relax the vigilance of state and federal authorities with reference to the husbanding of game, we believe that the next few years should see even greater conservation of game than before—game, except rabbits to be fried in batter, young rabbits, crisp and brown—for it may be that the future holds "harder times" than the past, so far as the meat supply of the country is concerned.

We favor laws that will go further toward conserving the birds and game animals than any heretofore passed, permitting increased hunting only of rabbits, both young and old, both Texas Jack and Mollie Cotton Tails, and an amendment to said law compelling all to try rabbit just once—that is enough, if crisp and brown—and a second amendment making it unlawful to undercook or over cook or otherwise damage in the preparation any rabbits that find their way into kitchens.

KEEPING UP THE PACE

Never in all the history of the nation has a single year been so fraught with definite accomplishments, both physical and political, as the one just closed.

Never before have the American people shown the world so forcefully that, without heat of passion, without haste so great as to impair efficiency, the country is equal to any emergency which may arise.

manufactured and thousands of young men are being trained to operate them, while the Hun are already beginning to feel the danger of an invasion through the air by a veritable army of American flyers.

The resources of the country, along every imaginable line, have been taken under control of the government for the good of all the people, while the speculator has been driven into his lair.

Billions of dollars have been raised for war purposes without any tremendous effort upon the part of the government or of the war work organizations, such as the Red Cross, through which the funds will be expended.

Not the least of the steps which have been taken during the past year is that by which the railroads of the country are to be operated for the duration of the war under the direct control of the government, signaling, as many believe it does, government ownership later, not only of the transportation lines, but also of the telegraph and telephone lines.

What does the New Year hold? It is quite as hard to guess at the future as it would have been on January 1, 1917, to forecast the tremendous events of the past year.

Lloyd George, British premier, says he has good foundations for the belief that before the close of another year the war will be over and the allies will have gained all of the objects which they have sought from the beginning to attain.

Thus it may be that before the coming of another New Year's day this world will have been made safe for democracy, higher standards set for the relations of the nations, the one with the other, and the leadership of the United States as a world power will have been established for ages to come.

There is no way in which we may judge the future save by the past. Thus it seems safe to say that if the same pace is continued by the United States with which it has begun this year, the Kaiser will no longer be the accredited ruler of the German people, and the German people will no longer be his blind followers.

Anyway, here's to 1918! King Ferdinand of Rumania is said to have abdicated. The fall of the House of Hohenzollern, it would seem, has begun in a definite sort of way. Ferdinand is related to Bill.

Former President William Howard Taft has proven himself a big man in more ways than one since he left the White House. In fact, he has shown himself a man of far greater breadth of vision since he left Washington than when he was the nation's chief executive. In an address yesterday he defined a "traitor." One sort of traitor he declared to be the man who stirs up party animosities in time of war.

Leading railroad men the nation over are predicting that never again will the railroads of the country be operated as private corporations. They are confident that government ownership will follow as a matter of course.

Economies in every hand—will be effected within a surprisingly short time, they say. These economies will enable the government to make a handsome profit, a handsome profit will please the stockholders and a better service will please the people, and the president and the members of congress are on the job for just that purpose—to please the people! Hence they argue that government ownership will follow naturally.

THE PAN-GERMAN ATTITUDE

Pan-German newspapers have vigorously attacked the government's peace terms as giving up "all those things for which the blood of the nation has been spilled." In the Kaiser's announced willingness to cease the war without annexations or indemnities on either side.

The fact that such assertions have been made is no more significant than is the source from which they have come. The Kaiser was the war maker, but the Pan-Germans have fed the flames with untiring persistence. It is these rich men of the realm who seek a world dominion, first military, then commercial. It is to these men that the Kaiser has looked for support both moral and financial, and that they have lost something of their strength and that the Socialists and the democratic element of the nation have gained is only one of the indications in this opposition to these proposals.

We believe that the German militarists would under no circumstances have given up the war aims which they espoused some years ago, at a time when they seem to have made progress against allied arms on land, unless they could read the future with what to them must be considered a fair degree of certainty. They have definitely given up the hope that Germany will gain a decisive victory

since the entrance of the United States into the war. They have come to the conclusion that the time has arrived when the German empire must stand what it can to save what is left of itself.

The time seems ripe for the making of these "magnanimous" concessions, just upon the heels of their drive into Italy.

It is also expedient, with the Socialists crying for a peace with the Bolshevik faction in Russia, but with no definite assurance that a suitable agreement can be reached.

The German empire has not yet fallen asunder. But the process of disintegration has begun and will continue until the empire topples under the stress of the blows of the allied armies without and the weakening effect of the turmoil among the people within.

The Allies will not accept these terms. It is impossible, under the circumstances. But the offering of them seems to indicate that the Mad Kaiser is beginning to realize the true predicament of his nation, a predicament which has not been remedied by the withdrawal of Russia from the conflict.

The Times would be ungrateful if it failed at this time to acknowledge its indebtedness to the generous people of this city and county for their many favors during the past twelve months. The Times has not only kept its old readers but during the twelve months has added nearly a thousand new subscribers to its lists. The greater number of these subscribers have come into the Times office and laid down their money without solicitation.

There are no new subscribers added to the Times' lists. These new subscribers, and many other evidences of confidence and favor, will spur the Times to new efforts of service to the community during the coming year. The Times hopes for no greater opportunity during 1918 than the opportunity to continue to work for the best interests of this city, county and section.

Few towns have gone through a cold spell, such as visited Wichita Falls, with but half a car load of coal to be had and with a little suffering as Wichita Falls. Gas has its uses.

What's the use to urge potatoes as a staple dish in the South? All good Southern people have long regarded the Irish potato as a sort of companion to corn bread and rice and gravy.

Major General Leonard Wood is at last in France but Theodore Roosevelt, still a colonel, is at Sagamore Hill. At least, we suppose he is at Sagamore Hill. We have heard little of him since the beginning of the war.

TWO GOOD NEWSPAPERS.

Two excellent pieces of newspaper work have appeared on the Times exchange desk. One is the New Year's edition of the Dallas News and the other is the New Year's edition of the Vernon Record. The Dallas News is a much larger paper than the Vernon Record, and Dallas is a much larger city than Vernon, but the New Year's edition of the Record ranks right up with that of the News. In this comparison no disparagement is meant to the News, whose edition is representative of the splendid merit of that publication. The Times does wish to express a high compliment to the Vernon Record, a paper that is without an equal among the weekly newspapers of Texas.

RELAXATION OF THE CENSORSHIP.

Voluntary censorship regulations, in some instances, have been somewhat relaxed by the government within the last week.

Few if any newspapers of the country have maliciously violated the regulations suggested by the government and followed by the press as a patriotic duty. This is true in spite of the fact that some of the regulations have appeared to editors the length and breadth of the land as utterly ridiculous.

No paper desires to publish any item which might in the slightest degree be of benefit to the enemy. But the country is honeycombed with spies and there is little reason to think that these men are sitting with folded hands when the very facts which the papers are asked not to publish are common knowledge in the communities affected.

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All States Granted Federal Allotments Of Vocational Fund

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 2.—Every state in the Union has been granted an allotment from the federal vocational fund for the promotion of vocational education, agreeing to match every federal dollar with money raised by the state. In all about \$1,650,000 has been granted by the federal vocational education board.

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SHIPPING:

"1—Full and detailed reports were secured showing total losses of tonnage due to war risks and marine risks during August 1, 1914, to Sept. 30, 1917, the year 1918 was ascertained.

"2. The estimated output of shipping tonnage for the maximum utilization of such tonnage could be effected was provided for in a resolution adopted by the inter-allied conference. The allies considering that means of maritime transportation at their disposal as well as the provisions of the inter-allied conference should be utilized in common for the pursuit of the war have decided to create an inter-allied organization for the purpose of co-ordinating their action to the effect of re-establishing a common program constantly kept up to date, enabling them by the maximum utilization of the resources of the inter-allied organizations with a view to liberating the greatest amount of tonnage possible for the purpose of American transport.

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"4. The whole question of employment of neutral shipping in line with the proposals of the neutral countries with respect to this tonnage was exhaustively discussed and plans looking to the favor of the neutral countries were substantially agreed upon.

"5. A survey was completed of the ports of departure of American troops and supplies and plans were made looking to the more expeditious discharge of troops and supplies as well as the return of vessels to their home ports with the least possible delay.

"6. Full and detailed conferences were held with the British, French and Italian representatives upon blockade matters and complete understanding was obtained of the principles underlying these conferences were proceeding.

"7. A mass of information was obtained with regard to rationing in Great Britain, Sweden, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland.

"8. An agreement between the United States and the Gwas Society Surveillance Service to be executed by the Swiss delegates and Mr. McCormick, the chairman of the war trade board, for the participation of the United States in the deliberations of the permanent international commission on controlling arms in Paris and on the inter-allied commission of Bern, Switzerland.

"9. Tentative plans subject to the approval of the war trade board were made for the appointment of representatives and staffs of the war trade board in London and Paris.

"10. A detailed study was made of the organization of the British ministry of munitions and the supply departments of the British Admiralty and the British war office and a complete analysis of the facts and figures of the departments of the British government was made. The report embodying the results of the investigation contained all the data and methods in vogue in England for supplying the army and navy with munitions and other materials and the co-operation to be effected for the proper supplying of the armed forces of the countries waging war on the central powers.

"11. A survey was made of the system in practice in Great Britain relating to the letting of government contracts and the organization of industries throughout Great Britain.

"12. Attention at the inter-allied conference in Paris and in particular at the meeting of the representatives of the several allied nations having to do with the munitions questions.

"13. Full and frank discussions with representatives of the United States representative department in France and representatives of British and French munitions departments stationed there, concerning the embodying of conclusions in memoranda submitted to the war department.

"14. A comprehensive and accurate estimate was obtained of the food in the possession of the allied nations and other the amounts that must be supplied by North America during the year ending October 1, 1918—called information has not been of a satisfactory nature and personal contact with the statistical boards and food administrations of the countries concerned was necessary in order that the necessary data could be made available.

JOHNSON RELEASED TO AID CAMPAIGN FOR FOOD GROWING

LOCAL COMMERCIAL SECRETARY CHOSEN BY GOVERNOR FOR THIS WORK

From Wednesday's Daily Governor Hobbs has requested the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce to release B. F. Johnson from his duties here in order that he may take charge of a healthy campaign now planned by the state for the increase of the acreage of food and food crops; and at a called meeting this morning, the directors authorized the release for the purpose of about three months, until seeding time should be over, provided that Mr. Johnson's services should be in no way severed from the chamber and that all advertising expenditures have not yet been concluded. Mr. Johnson will leave this afternoon with Frank Kell to go to Austin to take the matter up with the governor.

It was decided this morning that in any event Mr. Johnson should not leave the chamber until after the work of reorganizing the Chamber of Commerce would be completed. The directors expressed themselves as being very sensible of the high compensation paid to Mr. Johnson and the chamber itself, in asking him and the chamber to aid in the undertaking of so important a work. Mr. Kell dwelt upon the great advertising value that such an arrangement would have for the chamber and predicted that because of it, that body would be in a position to do a greater thing this year than during 1917.

"We can afford," said Mr. Kell, "to go easy for two or three months on our city building, and in order to let Mr. Johnson's services to the government."

Mr. Johnson's objection that Mr. Johnson's absence might give the effect of letting the organization of the chamber go down, but Mr. Kell replied that "Our first duty was to whip this war, and after that to build cities."

"We shall have a liver and more important and more widely known organization than before," Mr. Kell continued, "and the government can use Mr. Johnson in a much bigger way than we can at the present time. When the seeding time is over, and Mr. Johnson's absence is over, we shall be able to have him back, and we can do big things then. At present it is my opinion that this is the biggest thing we can do."

Mr. Johnson stated that he would under no circumstances give up his title of secretary of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce, nor allow anything to interfere with the success of his work here. He further urged the directors present to get busy on the membership for 1918, requesting each director to write personal letters to the present members for renewals, and to make every endeavor to get new members for the coming year. It is the plan of the Chamber to have 1000 members this year.

A committee composed of Messrs. M. A. Gardner, A. L. Huey and C. E. Rodgers was appointed to make arrangements for the annual meeting of the chamber to be held on the 10th inst. at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, as announced. F. N. Lawton, chairman of the committee on the aviation camp activities reported that all that the committee has undertaken to do has been done, and requested formal dismissal of the committee. Mr. Lawton presented some outstanding bills, which were taken up and a resolution was passed that 25 per cent of the subscriptions on the aviation camp fund should now be called in. Mrs. O'Reilly was appointed to do the work of the committee on the aviation camp, and requested formal dismissal of the committee. Mr. Lawton presented some outstanding bills, which were taken up and a resolution was passed that 25 per cent of the subscriptions on the aviation camp fund should now be called in. Mrs. O'Reilly was appointed to do the work of the committee on the aviation camp, and requested formal dismissal of the committee.

NOTICE IN PROBATE. The State of Texas. To the Sheriff of any Constable of Wichita County, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of thirty days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year, a copy of the following notice: The State of Texas: To all persons interested in the estate of John Treadgill, deceased.

The Frances F. Treadgill, administrator of the estate of the said John Treadgill, deceased, has filed in the county court of Wichita County, Texas, an annual account of said guardianship, ending Oct. 18th, 1917, which will be heard by our said county court on the first Monday in February, 1918, the same being the 4th day of Feb. 1918, at the court house of said county, in Wichita Falls, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said account, if they see proper. Herein filed not, but have you before said court on the 1st day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas, this 29th day of December, 1917. (Seal) M. P. KELLY, Clerk County Court, Wichita Falls, Texas. By W. T. Harris, Deputy. (Weekly Jan. 4-11-18)

Deeds Filed For Record. The following deeds have been filed for record: F. J. Aten to Otto Stehlik and J. M. Baber, lots 23 and 24, block 247, city of Wichita Falls, \$750. J. E. Crow and wife to G. H. Cox, 100 acres of land off the south side of block 18 of sub division of the Koppers tract, \$5,000.

S. R. Burgess and wife to G. H. Cox, 96 1/2 acres of land of the east side of block 18, Henderson plot of the Koppers tract, \$3,500. Welch Morgan and wife to J. D. Meredith lot 3, block 263, city of Wichita Falls, \$2,750. G. W. Musgrave to M. F. Canabell, G. W. Musgrave to M. F. Canabell, G. W. Musgrave to M. F. Canabell, \$800.

Mrs. B. F. Terry of Dallas, who has been visiting at home, and Mrs. T. P. Orth, during the holidays, returned home this afternoon.

COAL SHIPMENTS RUSHED EAST TO RELIEVE PEOPLE

COAL TRAINS ARE TO BE SENT TO NEW YORK.

EVERY MEANS IS USED

Roads Are Instructed to Disregard Priority Orders and Hurtle Fuel And Food.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Director General McAdoo today ordered the Pennsylvania railroad tunnels under the Hudson river, across the used exclusively for passenger trains to be used for coal trains for the relief of New York City and Brooklyn.

RAILROAD WAR BOARD IS FORMALLY DISSOLVED.

Washington, Jan. 1.—In place of the railroad war board dissolved at its own request, Director General McAdoo last night named a temporary advisory committee of five members to aid in general control.

Other members of the new advisory cabinet named were: John Skeeton Williams, comptroller of the currency, who will handle financial questions; Chairman Henry Walters of the Atlantic Coast Line, who will assist in operations; Edward Chambers, traffic director of the Food Administration, in general charge of traffic and Walter D. Hines, assistant to the director general.

Gary, Indiana, Snaps Its Fingers at Order For Lightless Nights

Gary, Indiana, Dec. 27.—Gary is one of the few cities in the country that can snap its fingers at the fuel administration's order to conserve fuel, "less nights" in order to conserve fuel. It is not because the city is unpopulated, but because it does not use the electricity it has on hand to light the city, the current will have to be dissipated in the blue, thin atmosphere.

FIRST ACCIDENT AT CALL FIELD IS NOT SERIOUS

Call Field's first accident to a plane occurred Monday afternoon when a machine in which a pilot was making his first flight attempt was making his first flight attempt when an instructor fell about 75 feet. The young man was unhurt, and none of the plane only slightly damaged. The accident was of minor importance and its cause has not been determined, according to the officials.

TIMES TOBACCO KITS PROBABLY DELIVERED MEN

CARDS MAY BE EXPECTED FROM SOLDIERS WITHIN SHORT TIME.

Tobacco kits bought with money contributed by some time of the Times and forwarded through the Times have probably been distributed to American soldiers in France.

BRITISH TROOPS HOLD GROUND ON CAMBRAI FRONT

ENEMY ATTACKS ARE REPULSED AFTER LIVELY FIRE FROM DEFENDERS.

The situation of yesterday is summarized by the Associated Press as follows: The British troops on the Cambrai front passed the last day of the year in a desperate and successful fight to break down German attacks. Preceded by liquid fire the enemy attempted to rush the British trenches.

FRENCH SCORE IN ITALY

Attempts Made to Take Jerusalem Result in Placing of British Forces to Better Advantage.

By Associated Press. The situation of yesterday is summarized by the Associated Press as follows: British troops on the Italian northern front scored a brilliant stroke in the capture of important positions in the Monte Tomba sector between the Piave and the Brenta. Besides the positions the French took from the enemy 1,400 prisoners, sixty machine guns and seven large guns.

MANY APPLICANTS ARE DESIRED FOR GOVERNMENT JOBS

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS ARE TO BE HELD AT ANY TIME.

Applicants for civil service examinations still fall far short of the needs of the service, and announcements of further examinations continue to pour in, accompanied in many cases, by a demand for the demand is so great in several instances that applications will be received and papers graded at any time, under which head are the following:

- Assistant inspector, small arms ammunition (male), and ballistics inspector, \$3,200 per year.
Mechanical draftsman (male) (office of chief of ordnance, war department), \$3,200 per year.
Telegraph operator, \$900 to \$1,600.
On Jan. 15, mechanical and electrical engineering (male), \$1,500.
On Jan. 15, master sheet metal worker, \$1,200 to \$1,200.
On Jan. 15, inspector of rubber (male), \$1,200.
On Jan. 15, specification writer (male), \$2,200 to \$2,400 per year.
On Jan. 15, tabulating mechanician (male), \$1,200 to \$1,400.
On Jan. 23, calculating machine operator, \$1,200 to \$1,200.
On Jan. 23, statistical clerk, \$900 to \$1,200.
On Jan. 22, assistant director for agricultural education (male), \$4,500.
On Jan. 22, assistant director for home economics education (female), \$4,500.
On Jan. 22, assistant director for trade and industrial education (male), \$4,500.
On Jan. 22, assistant director for commercial education (male), \$4,500.
On Jan. 22, assistant director for research (male), \$4,000.
On Jan. 23, laboratory apprentice, \$500.
On Jan. 23, aid, Grade 1, \$600.
On Jan. 23, aid, Grade 2, \$720.
On Jan. 23, laboratory assistant, \$900.
On Jan. 23 and 24, clerk qualified in modern languages, \$900 to \$1,200.
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On Jan. 29, inspector of field glasses, \$1,200.
N. B. Where not otherwise specified, persons of either sex are eligible for the positions and salaries are for the period of one year.

Sixteen Million Join Red Cross As Result Of Christmas Drive

Washington, Jan. 1.—Sixteen million new names were added to the membership rolls of the American Red Cross as the result of the Christmas membership drive. Henry P. Davison, chairman of the national war council, announced today in New York his greetings forwarded to workers whose efforts made the drive a big success.

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NAMES ARE GIVEN OUT

All Claims of Improper Allotment in Lists Expected to Be Made Four Within Five Days Time.

The exemption board is at work on the task of classifying the registrants according to the information provided in the questionnaires, and two hundred and thirty-five have already been classified.

Each registrant is being notified of his classification as soon as it is made and is given the opportunity to make a claim to that effect must be sent in to the local board within five days of the date upon the notification card. This will then be taken up with the district board, and the decision announced as soon as possible.

WELL KNOWN LOCAL CONTRACTOR DIES OF HEART DISEASE

(From Tuesday's Daily.) On his way home from the drug store where he had gone to secure medicine for his troubles, R. F. Stewart, for twenty years a well known cement and brick contractor in Wichita Falls, was seized with an attack of heart trouble and died within a few minutes last night.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH HERE VICTORIOUS OVER GREENVILLE

The Sunday School contest which has been running for the last four months between the First Christian Church of this city and Greenville, Texas, reached its climax yesterday in a successful conclusion for the local Sunday School.

Whiskey Laden Car, Still Able to Run, Taken By Officers

(From Tuesday's Daily.) That a car left in its own device with fifty gallons of whiskey on board, more amenable to treatment than some men under the same circumstances was proven last night when the federal officers, after a long chase of a car they had reason to believe was going to Oklahoma to accelerate the New Year rejoicings, came up with the car and found it abandoned, though still going. Just where the men left it could not be discovered; but an inspection of the contents revealed fifteen sacks of rye. There were about 150 quarts in the car.

CLASSIFICATIONS OF REGISTRANTS

EACH IS BEING GIVEN FORMAL NOTICE OF CLASS IN WHICH HE BELONGS.

CITY NATIONAL IS REMODELING AND EXPANDING

In preparation for the 1918 business the City National Bank is undergoing a general remodeling and construction of a balcony to provide room for the growing departments.

PRISONERS VOTE TO SEND SOME TOBACCO TO SOLDIERS

San Quentin, Calif., Jan. 1.—Prisoners confined at the state prison here voted, with the sanction of Warden James A. Tobacco, to send one half of their tobacco allowance to the men of the American expeditionary force in France and the first allotment, two fifty-gallon barrels, filled with tobacco was ready today for shipment.

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The increase was due to the normal gain of November and December. Receipts by quarters for both years by quarters follows: 1917. First \$18,103.06, Second 19,239.74, Third 18,165.08, Fourth 25,236.67. Total \$80,743.55.

JUDGE NICHOLSON AND FELDER IN PARTNERSHIP

Judge E. W. Nicholson and Judge C. B. Felder have entered into a partnership in the law practice. The office will be in the same suits that Judge Felder has occupied in the First National Bank building and the firm name will be Nicholson and Felder.

LOCAL RAILROAD MAN SAYS TIME WILL BE SAVED

A. F. Winn, general freight and passenger agent of the Wichita Falls and Northwestern Railroad, speaking of the general railroad situation as it would be affected by the imposition of federal control, stated this morning that he believed the principal result would be the elimination of all competitive elements between the various lines, and a consequent saving of the entire staff of men at present occupied in this connection.

HIDES AND LEATHER ARE ADDED TO LIST BEING INVESTIGATED

Washington, Jan. 1.—Hides and leather today were added to the list of necessities under consideration by the Federal Trade Commission to determine why the prices of these commodities are so unusually high. The investigation is being held in storage.

FORTY-THREE ARE ENLISTED HERE IN AVIATION CORPS

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COUNTY SURVEYOR ONE

All Are Assigned Temporarily To Various Sections of the Work To Be Taken Permanent Placed.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Twenty-one young men of this county, including a number prominent in social and business circles, enlisted at Call Field in the aviation section of the signal corps when opportunity for enlistment was given.

All have been assigned temporarily to some department of the aviation section. Permanent assignment will be made according to the special training of the men. There were twenty-two boys and young men from nearby towns who were accepted in addition to the local recruits, making a total of 43 enlistments received at Call Field. There were many other applicants who were unsuccessful, it is understood.

WISCONSIN SCHOOLS

Only 19 of the 72 county superintendents of schools in Wisconsin favor the National Security League's recent appeal to the educational authorities of the country to make instruction on the meanings of the war part of the actual teaching in the schools. This effort by the League has met with the most enthusiastic response throughout the country, and is being approached by its failure in Wisconsin, having been successful in any other state in the Union.

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EVIDENCES OF NEED.

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LIST OF RECRUITS.

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BREAD REDUCTION PRIMARY CAUSE OF ITALIAN REVERSE?

TEXAS COUNCIL OF DEFENSE SAYS THERE WAS SHORT-AGE AT TIME.

JOB FOR AMERICA NOW

Hoover Now Asking People To Eat Less Sugar Than Merstorfere and To Save Flour.

From Sunday's Daily. As an interesting side light on the Italian debacle, the Texas State Council of Defense observes in a recently issued statement that the Italian line crumpled after the bread ration of the Italian soldier had been reduced from 750 grams to 500...

The United States Food Administration had not been created by Congress until August 10. There is no particular reason why it should not have been created two months earlier. Its work is to prevent such contingencies as the cutting of the Italian ration.

The work of the Food Administration is two jobs rather than one. The first task is to see that food in the more concentrated forms is saved from unnecessary consumption here in order that it may be shipped to Europe.

As part of this task Mr. Hoover asks every American to eat each day one ounce less of sugar than he usually eats. He is trying to inflict a hardship when it seems that Americans who do as he requests will still eat three fourths of their normal consumption of sugar.

In restricting the candy makers the Administration was performing the second in its task. By controlling the distribution of food supplies, in its conservation work the Administration deals directly with producer and consumer. On the side of control it deals with the manufacturer and the wholesaler.

Food control is saving money for the American household week by week. In May when a bushel of wheat was at \$2.50 and flour at \$17.10, Congress brought wheat down to \$2.20 for this year's crop, and Hoover's organization has reduced the price of flour to \$10.25.

Cost of Living. But keeping down the cost of living is not the primary object of the Administration. It opposes hoarding, not so much because hoarding raises prices, but because it takes time out of the market at the very times when it is most seriously needed.

The world's food situation is had- dened today because of the war. The United States Food Administration has got it pretty well under control.

SECOND DRAFT IS EXPECTED TO BE EXAMINED SOON

LOCAL EXEMPTION BOARD WILL MAIL NOTICES TO "CLASS 1" MONDAY

MAY BEGIN THIS WEEK

From Sunday's Daily. Examination of the second draft is expected to begin late next week, the local exemption board to mail out notices to men who have been placed in "Class 1" as soon as the questionnaires beginning Monday. No call has yet been issued by the war department for the second draft, but the men, both white and negro, left over from the first draft, about 16 in number, will be sent with the first installment of the second draft quota, according to the announcement of the local board.

Half of the questionnaires have already been sent out and George W. Thorburn at the local exemption board is classifying those received as quickly as they come in. The board is writing to the questionnaires and in cases where they deem it advisable the classification is changed. There are some cases, it is stated, where the registrant has asked exemption on the grounds of having dependents, where in the opinion of the board such exemption should not be granted. In such cases five days after the notice to appear an appeal is received is given for an appeal to the district board. The processes of the draft will remain as in the calling of the quota.

Lawyers Still Busy. The committee of lawyers at the court house continue to be kept busy by registrants seeking assistance in filling out their questionnaires. The Seventy-eighth district court room is practically filled morning and afternoon with men and women, many of them having several small children with them. So far the majority of the men have claimed exemption on the ground of dependent wives and according to a number of the local advisory board, there have been a few claims for agricultural exemption, and a few who have made no claims for exemption.

NATIONAL GUARD COMPANY TO BE RAISED IN CITY

From Sunday's Daily. Authorization for the war department is all that is now awaited before organization of the Wichita Falls company of the new National Guard is undertaken. According to Frank Kell, who was instrumental in the recruiting of the company, the organization will probably be begun the second week in January and efforts will be made even more vigorous than in the summer.

There has been no announcement as to the personnel of the officers of the new company, in fact the only definite announcement is that the roster will be opened about January 7. All matters in connection with the next Texas Guard to be left with the war department and the matters raised at this time are to be of full war strength.

KELLY ANNOUNCES FOR COUNTY CLERK UPON HIS RECORD

From Sunday's Daily. M. F. Kelly authorizes the Times to announce his candidacy for re-nomination for the office of County Clerk. In presenting his claim, Mr. Kelly takes pleasure in referring to his record and to the various matters that have been handled in a satisfactory manner through his office. In addition to the unusual work that falls upon the clerk's office, since Mr. Kelly has been in that office he has been called upon for many unusual services including the registration of automobiles, hospital, court house, bridge and road bond elections, work in connection with the registration for the selective draft and many other details. In addition to this there has been the removal from the old court house to the temporary court houses and the removal from the temporary court house to the new court house with all the work that the repeated moving of the county records entailed.

American Troops Are Held In Readiness To Follow Border Bandits

Eagle Pass, Texas, Dec. 23.—The third infantry regiment stationed at Eagle Pass, Texas, being held in readiness to proceed to the India Ranch, 20 miles below here, where the fourth cavalry and a machine gun company were sent last night following a raid on cattle by Mexicans from across the Rio Grande.

PRESIDENT WILSON RECEIVES A LESSON IN CAMOUFLAGE



A LESSON IN CAMOUFLAGE WHICH PERPLEXED PRESIDENT WILSON. THE ROCK IN THE FOREGROUND CONCEALS A MAN. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

President Wilson just has been told by these military officers that within ten feet of him there is a man concealed who is listening to their words and hearing them distinctly. The President is interested—and perhaps doubtful. But inasmuch as he knows the United States is going in strong for camouflage in the prosecution of the war, he is willing to be shown. Presently the rock in the foreground rolls mysteriously away and a man stands there saluting him, which causes astonishment and pleasure to be registered by a surprised smile on the President's face. He is then told the man who was hidden might have "gotten his ear full" of valuable military secrets had the President and the military party been Germans.

LEADERS IN CITY MAKE SUGGESTIONS FOR COMING YEAR

EXPRESSIONS ARE GIVEN BY A LARGE NUMBER OF MEN AND WOMEN WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

From Sunday's Daily. While expressions of satisfaction with Wichita Falls record in war work and civic undertakings are general, a number of prominent people, men and women, who represent various departments of civic activities are of the opinion that in the new year this city will not sleep on her laurels, but will go past all previous work.

Miss Willie Mae Kell, of the Red Cross—"Five hundred women working weekly in the Red Cross supply departments will be necessary if we are to come up to the standard of production which the southwestern department has set and do work of which Wichita Falls might be ashamed."

Miss Opal Hughes, whose demonstrations of the county need a program of production in city and country alike this next year. All of us at home will have to turn our backs on the conservation of work and the extension department is beginning to early urge a great increase in gardens.

J. M. McFall, president of the Rotary Club—"Rotary has a three-fold work this year, all looking toward winning the war. Conservation of food, assistance for the Red Cross and all other war plans and work among the younger boys, conserving money, and saving time. Wichita Falls Rotarians are ready to serve in any need, local, national or international."

Frank Kell, of Wichita Falls county—"Wichita Falls and Wichita county should and will contribute anything and everything they are called on for in this year, 1918, towards the successful prosecution of the war. Both men and women in Wichita Falls should and will do all that is asked toward the support of the Liberty Loans, Y. M. C. A., the Red Cross and other organizations which are doing that aids in winning the war. The community is looked upon by the entire state as the most patriotic in the state and has done most in proportion to the size in war work, men and money, than any other portion of Texas. We will continue to give liberally of men, money and willing workers."

Dow Williams, secretary of the Lion's Club—"The Lion's Club's motive for existence is to be of service wherever the need is greatest. This year the club will do anything and everything it is possible to assist in winning the war, with money, men and labor."

Mrs. T. B. Smoek, city sanitary and dairy inspector—"Wichita Falls' greatest shortcoming at the viewpoint of my department, is the lack of a supervised and properly inspected slaughterhouse. Call Field with his hundreds of soldiers will have to get meat elsewhere in Wichita Falls butchers can not give them meat that has been slaughtered under proper sanitary conditions and inspected. I intend to work to this end and ask the co-operation of the butchers and the townpeople as well. Citizens of Wichita Falls deserve safe meat as well as do soldiers. Let us remedy this shortcoming as soon as possible."

HALF CAR OF COAL IS LEFT IN CITY; GAS SUPPLY SHORT

PROSPECTS OF SLIGHTLY WARMER TEMPERATURES FOR TODAY ONLY HOPEFUL SIGN

CITY IS FACING CRISIS

Electra and Burk Burnett are Both Declared to be in Bad Flight, as Well as Wichita Falls.

With less than half a carload of coal in the city and with the gas supply short of the extra many demands resulting from the bitter cold, Wichita Falls is facing a crisis. Prospects for slightly warmer temperatures was the only hopeful indication for every citizen of pressure that can be raised is being poured into the gas mains and there is small prospect of any additions to the coal supply before the middle of the week, if that.

Electra and Burk Burnett. Conditions at Electra and Burk Burnett are reported to be even more critical than at Wichita Falls. The company has a carload of coal en route from McAlester, Oklahoma, but there is no certainty when it will arrive. It is an endeavor to get a carload of coal somehow. Hereafter Mr. Maricle has been compelled by the fuel administration to secure orders for coal on account of the natural gas here. For some time he has been allowing only 1,000 pounds to a purchaser in an effort to conserve the supply against just such an emergency as has arisen. Yesterday orders for coal poured in from all parts of the city and the coal office was swamped.

Make No Promises. Mr. Maricle said that he could make no promises whatever about securing an additional supply of coal and he is advising those who can lay in a supply of wood of any character for use in case the gas fails. The gas companies can make no promises of a larger supply of gas, for they have been putting every foot of gas available in the mains under high pressure. There has been such a large drain that it has been impossible to keep up the pressure through all the mains and laterals.

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FIGURES SHOW EXCELLENT RESULTS IN ALL OF COUNTY'S DISTRICTS

DRIVE GREAT SUCCESS

From Sunday's Daily. The late returns of the county on the Red Cross Christmas Membership drive were given out last night by W. D. Cline, who at this time, is a somewhat worried campaign manager, and a total membership of 11,507 is reported, these figures having been sent to Dallas headquarters.

The figures by districts are: Wichita Falls, 6591 adults, reported paid and tickets in, and 2875 juniors, also paid and tickets in, in addition to 30 memberships reported from Fall Field, no names having been given, to from Easton H. G. Robinson; 12 by W. D. Cline and fifty juniors by J. T. Culbertson, a total of 7,768 for the city, Iowa Park, 602 adults and 135 juniors; Burk Burnett, 1222 adults, and 20 juniors; Electra 1000 adults, and no juniors yet reported; and 40 adults and 125 juniors; a total for the county of 11,467, to which is added a further 100 junior memberships, which have been reported but not assigned making in all 11,507.

No Quota Sought. W. D. Cline stated that the difficulties of the campaign had been in no way lessened by the fact that publicity work had already been done with the idea that there were but 2,200 members to get, and that when the announcement that there was no quota but that the county was to have a deal of explanation had to be done, with no time to do it. It is conceded by all who have worked in the campaign, however, that they put it over in a most thorough manner, driving straight through the difficulties, and keeping the work going by his energy, determination and pleasant geniality, and bringing it to a notable success.

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By Associated Press. London, Dec. 31.—The Times correspondent dated Saturday which purports to substantiate a statement that the Bolshevik revolt was managed by German and anti-Russian influence.

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NUMBER OF WELLS ARE COMPLETED IN ELECTRA DISTRICT

From Wednesday's Daily. Despite the cold weather and the observance of the holidays the closing week of the year saw considerable activity in the Electra district and the completion of a number of wells. The Ward and Todd district is the scene of the greatest activity. The developments there have been one of the features of the year in the North Texas fields.

Two wells on completed during the week. They were E. A. Dale's, Ward and Todd No. 2, with the sand from 530-550 feet with a production of 35 barrels and the Denver Petroleum Company's Ward and Todd No. 1, completed at 600 feet with fifteen feet of pay and a production of 35 barrels.

Other Ward and Todd activities are as follows: Murray et al's Ward and Todd No. 1, is drilling at 580 feet. Miller et al's Ward and Todd No. 1 drilling at 300 feet. Lacy Saunders et al Ward and Todd No. 2 drilling at 190 feet. (L. Saunders No. 1, completed two weeks ago, is a 75-barrel well); W. J. Sheldon's Ward and Todd No. 1 drilling at 400 feet. E. A. Dale's Ward and Todd No. 3 drilling at 300 feet. Prince Ward and Todd No. 1 drilling at 200 feet. L. Saunders Ward and Todd No. 3 rig up. Acme Oil Company's Ward and Todd No. 3 shut down at 180 feet.

Magnolia Petroleum. In the Piper district the Magnolia Petroleum Company's No. 9, which has not been drilled in yet is still showing about 80 barrels from the 1970 foot sand. The sand is in W. J. Sheldon's Piper No. 9. The Magnolia Petroleum Company's Piper No. 15 and the tools are being moved in. Piper No. 13, brought in about two weeks ago, is good for 400 barrels.

The Magnolia Petroleum Company's R. R. Hamilton No. 23 is making 800 barrels from a sand at 950 to 1965 feet. The Magnolia Petroleum Company's R. R. Allen 64 is a 29 barrel well at 1,866 feet with nine feet of sand. Sheldon et al. are setting the casing in Sheldon No. 1, having a pay sand at 600 feet.

The Eureka Oil and Gas Company is drilling at 400 feet. The Texas Company's Waggoner, Nos. 159, 151 and 152, are rigging up and ready to drill, and that company's Waggoner No. 153, spudding in and drilling at 200 feet.

Culbertson District. In the Culbertson district the Gulf Production Company's Woods and Burnett was completed at 1,519 feet and is good for 75 barrels. The Colorado Heights and Texas Development Company's Jennings No. 1, which produces a few days after testing a sand at 1,545 feet. This is the same sand as was found in Gulf Production Company's Jennings No. 1, which produces a few days after testing a sand at 1,545 feet.

Little Arkansas. During the holidays there has been very little progress at Burk Burnett, partly owing to the cold weather and partly to the suspension in account of the observance of the holiday season. There are only three completions in the last week of the year and these were in the shallow sands. W. E. Conners Cropper No. 57 is making 8 barrels at 595 feet. Parker and Knell's Birk No. 7 is reported good for 8 barrels at 378 feet and Britton and Schulte Dodson No. 3 is making 2 barrels at 183 feet.

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GOVERNMENT SORT OF FLOUR BEING TURNED OUT HERE

ALL THE HERETOFORE MILLED WILL CONTINUE TO BE GIVEN PUBLIC

From Wednesday's Daily. Government flour from the Wichita mill is now on sale by Wichita Falls grocers, first deliveries of the flour made by government specifications which the local establishment has been milling since December 25, being made Tuesday afternoon. There is no change in price of the Belle of Wichita or the other leading brands of the Wichita mill, but the 100 per cent of high patent flour is increased in price 20 cents a barrel, the mill announces.

Saving of Wheat. An important saving of wheat is effected by the government formula from 8 to 12 pounds to each barrel of flour, according to the grade of wheat used in milling. Now the mills are required to get a barrel of flour out of 254 pounds of wheat, where previously between 270 and 276 pounds was used to the barrel. A mill with a large output, such as the Wichita mill, will save a large amount of wheat each month, allowing for only six pounds on each barrel.

J. C. Mytinger, general manager of the Wichita mill says that this new government flour should not be confused with the mixture that was put out in England early in the war under the name of "war flour."

"That flour contained many ingredients found later to be unwholesome and even injurious for human consumption," said Mr. Mytinger, "hence the term of 'war flour' has a tendency to alarm the people, who fear that this new flour would be part chaff and unwholesome. This is a mistake, there is just as much bran and shorts taken from the flour made under government specifications as in the old formula flour and the flour is good. We are not going to call this 'war flour' but 'government flour,' and it will be the best that can be put out. There will be no adulteration of any sort, the only difference will be that there will be fewer separations in the process of extracting the flour from the whole berry. We will continue to mill the various brands of flour and all brands will carry on the sack the government formula stamp."

Real Estate Transfers. W. D. Cline to Linn A. Boyd, lot 16, Kemp's subdivision of lot 2, block Bellevue addition, \$1,250.00, lot 17, \$1,350.00.
A. R. Riggs to I. H. Roberts, et al. 25x100 feet out of lots 1 and 2 block 142, \$2,750.
J. S. Bridwell to D. D. Morris, lots 9, 10, block 17, Bard J. Addition, \$2,200.

In Montague county the Herndin Anchor test on the Cranshaw ranch near Belcherville is shut down on account of boiler trouble at 1,220 feet. Work will be resumed as soon as the boiler can be repaired. The Heaver Valley Oil and Refining Company's test northeast of Neocoma on the Kaufman county school lands is also shut down. The rotary tools and rig are being moved off the location and arrangements are being made to put in standard tools to drill the test deeper as the formation encountered make it almost impossible to work with a rotary outfit.

Deeds Filed For Record. W. S. Gullaborn and wife to C. V. Ragdale, lot 14, block 21, I. Janonick addition, \$2,100.
J. A. Reicholt to Mrs. Katie Moore one half interest in lot 1, block 22

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Flue Fire Damages Office Over Mecca, Difficult To Handle

Fire starting in the fue of the chimney at the Mecca No. 1 Cafe, according to the report of the fire department, wrecked the office of A. F. Winn, general freight and passenger agent of the Northwestern Railway, yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock. The fire spreading between the ceiling of the cafe and the floor of the office, was very difficult to handle, and the floor of both Mr. Winn's office and the one adjoining, had to be torn up before the fire could be handled.

Mr. Winn stated that only very prompt and efficient work on the part of the department prevented a very bad blaze. As it was, the fire was confined to these two offices, and the greater part of the damage was caused by water. The books, records and papers were all carried into safety before being damaged, and it is estimated that only about \$500 worth of property was destroyed. The cafe was put out of business at supper time last night, but was open again this morning, for service as usual.

Counties Having State Highways That Have Not Yet Received Allotment of State and Federal Aid

Total number of counties 254.
The bookkeeper's general summary on December 1, 1917, receipts as follows:

190,207	Automobiles	\$791,531.72
3,275	Motorcycles	5,068.50
1,119	Dealers	12,094.00
5,156	Transfers	5,156.00
11,816	Chauffeurs	23,632.03
18	Visitors certificates	22.00
224	Duplicate seals	45.40
194	Directory	85.90
	Checks redposited	345.18

Total amount of receipts, \$837,892.93

Disbursements:

Administration	\$16,831.00
Motor Registration	81,936.92
Equipment	9,356.07
Engineering	8,818.49
Checks issued and charged back	639.18
Project No. 1	301.55
First allotments to date	342,193.36
Total warrants issued	460,095.53
Balance in Bank	22,253.75
Balance in State Treasury	355,549.69

The above report was made in part by the writer at the annual meeting of the State Highway Officials of America held at Richmond, December 4, 5 and 6. The bare statement of the above statistics created a sensation of the work and the rapidly of progress as expressed by the figures therein was received by many State Highway officials with incredulity and amazement. Although Texas is the last state to create a State Highway department, yet in this report we show progress equalled by none, which progress has been made possible by the untiring effort of the commission and every member of the State Highway department, together with an enthusiasm for highway improvement and the cooperation of the people of Texas, not surpassed in any other state.

STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.
GEO. A. DUREN,
State Highway Engineer.

DISTRICT FOOD ADMINISTRATOR GIVEN NOTICE

E. A. Peden, federal food administrator for Texas, has sent formal appointments to all district administrators, and B. F. Johnson was formally notified this morning of his appointment to that office, with the request that he inform the administration at once as to whether he will be able to undertake the duties in connection therewith. Mr. Johnson's district is No. 11, and comprises the counties of Cook, Montague, Clay, Wichita, Arch-

er, Wilbarger, Hardeman, Foard, Knox, Baylor, Young, Throckmorton and Haskell. Mr. Peden's letter intimates that as soon as the district administrators have all notified them as to acceptance of office, he will call a meeting at Houston for the purpose of giving instructions and receiving such reports as they may have.

Speaking of meatless and wheatless days, Mr. Johnson stated that Mr. Peden was strongly in favor of the strict observance of these days in all cafes, restaurants, dining rooms, and boarding houses. Mr. Peden told Mr. Johnson that in places where public opinion was not sufficiently strong to compel the observance of these days, the mayor and the chief of police would be given power to enforce it by law.

WAR AIMS MEETING OF LABOR FAVORS OFFICIAL VIEWS

By K. Walter. Special to The Times. The Trade Union and Labor conference on war aims had before it a memorandum on war aims which in itself does not radically differ from what the allies are fighting for, although it is in many places self-contradictory. It endorses a declaration made by the labor party of the allied nations in 1915, but is itself written in a much more pacific strain. It still includes, however, restitution and reparations for the destruction of Alsace-Lorraine, and the inclusion in the Italian state of those Italian territories left outside the boundaries as existing in 1917. But regarding Palestine, Mesopotamia and the colonies of tropical Africa it takes refuge in referring all problems to a supernatural authority.

This memorandum was accepted almost unanimously by a hurried vote at tea time after a desultory discussion mainly on procedure. Many of the delegates had, however, no such objections from their unions, others complained that they had not received their voting cards; the mass of them were prepared to do whatever the executive committee wanted and as the memorandum was presented by the committee, the memorandum was adopted.

Although the German answer to the Russian peace terms had been published that morning, no reference to it was made in debate. Henderson, who recently resigned from the cabinet because he thought a few words from Whitehall could have changed the impetus of a continent in revolution, once again made his most popular point by reference to his alleged lost opportunity in Russia. His resignation has strongly established his reputation with his supporters and he was, in plain language, running the whole show. He made a speech which must have a depressing effect on the American people as an enemy in sleet and snow, if they have time to read such a purely opportunist declaration.

The labor officials have evidently made up their minds that the best chance for the party to come into political power is to keep a good distance ahead of the government in any possible advance toward negotiations for peace, meanwhile escaping those problems of settlement which the government has to face by referring them all to a supernatural authority, the creation of which is of course, in itself the greatest of all these problems. If it were true that there was no enthusiasm whatever and scarcely any applause when the chairman declared the memorandum adopted, delegates assured that it was all very well to meet and pass moderate resolutions but the British working classes knew as well as those in France and America that such peace as the memorandum postulated can be obtained under militarism is utterly discredited and disowned by the German people to face by spirit of compromise exhibited in the memorandum may help the German people to this end.

SUGGESTIONS ARE MADE TO LEAGUE BY MRS. T. B. SMOCK

Owing to the small attendance, no business meeting of the Civic League was held Tuesday afternoon. The president, Mrs. T. B. Smock, had prepared a number of suggestions as to work for the coming year to read at the meeting, but as no meeting was held she supplied this list to the Times for publication for the benefit of the members.

The suggestions follow:

"Pay our dues and subscriptions.—Too many of our members have not done so yet.

"Do all the war work we can. Respond immediately to all calls of our government.

"Enlarge the committees on our 15 districts; it is war work to keep our home people well.

"We must see that no garbage is thrown out to draw flies and rats, for both will carry disease.

"We must see that no food is thrown out, before this war is over it will be a fineable offense to throw away a potato or piece of bread. It is that way now in France and England.

"We must see that back yards and alleys are clean, that horse, cow and chicken manure is hauled away or else so taken care of that flies cannot breed.

"We must see that every resident has a good garden, whether it be some garden and poultry, if not, why not. He may be a slacker.

"Helping to produce food this year is one of our most important war works. We must campaign for members, both new and old to subscribe to the support of the Civic League.

"I say must, here because if we do our duty we must do all these things and a lot more.

"It would be well to organize a City Federation of Clubs, much more work could be accomplished with organization, all clubs would pull together for a better city. Let's keep our reputation as the best city in the state.

"Let us as individuals and as a body do still more war work and thus feel that we are doing our part to help win this war.

"We must work to make the rat campaign a success. That also is war work for in getting rid of rats we are saving food.

"If you are not already a member of the Civic League then it is high time you are joining the Civic League.

"Lastly and a very important thing, members might attend the meetings."

Fort Worth Aviators Pay Social Call On Men At Local Field

Two aviators from Hicks Field, Fort Worth, stopped at Call Field Tuesday afternoon, while making trial flights from the Fort Worth field. One of the men went on to Ardmore, Okla., the second returning to Fort Worth.

LOUISVILLE MAN SAYS MEMORY IS ENTIRELY BLANK

KNOWS NOTHING OF EVENTS OCCURRING DURING WHICH WIFE WAS KILLED.

By Associated Press. Louisville, Ky., Jan. 2.—All knowledge of occurrences in his home between the hours of midnight and 8 o'clock Tuesday morning is denied by Dr. Harry H. Lewis, a well-known Louisville physician who is in the Jefferson county jail charged with the murder of his wife, Susan Lewis. It was some time within that period, according to physicians and Acting Coroner Kammer, that Mrs. Lewis was murdered.

Body Found. Her body was discovered yesterday by Dr. Edwin T. Bruce who had been summoned to the residence by a neighbor who said Dr. Lewis had told Mrs. Lewis was dead. On his arrival he found Mrs. Lewis' body in kneeling position on the floor of her bedroom with head and arms pillowed on a couch. The room was in disorder, he said, and Dr. Lewis apparently under the influence of liquor or drugs, was unable to give coherent answers to questions addressed to him.

Dr. Bruce called Acting Coroner Kammer, who when he was found on Mrs. Lewis' forehead, ordered Dr. Lewis arrested and charged with murder. An autopsy later developed that death was caused by strangulation.

Drinking Heavily. Late last night Dr. Lewis was questioned at the county jail and according to the report of the coroner had been with a party of friends and drinking heavily until nearly midnight Monday when he returned to his home. His wife was then in bed as usual, he told the acting coroner.

CRIMINAL CASES ARE CALLED IN DISTRICT COURT

From Wednesday's Daily. Judge W. N. Lonner convened the 13th district court this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and ordered the calling of the criminal cases. The jury was empaneled for the week.

The case of Jack Kell, charged with seduction, was expected to be taken up first though his attorney had made a motion for continuance. There are eleven cases on the docket, indictments returned by the grand jury when it recessed in December. In addition there are several cases held over from the last term of court that will be called.

RAGSDALE TO BE CANDIDATE FOR RE-NOMINATION

T. W. (Tom) Ragdale authorizes the Times today to announce his candidacy for re-nomination for the office of county tax assessor. Mr. Ragdale is now serving his first term in this office and believes that under Democratic precedent he can claim a second term provided that he has made a good record in his first term. It is upon the record of the first term that Mr. Ragdale wishes to be judged. He has held the office since 1912 and during that time he has been promptly and efficiently discharged and points to an increase of \$3,500,000 in the number of valuations and the fact that the county's rolls were accepted at the State comptrollers office without a single correction or change being necessary as evidence of the satisfactory conduct of the office. Before being elected tax assessor Mr. Ragdale was for a number of years deputy tax assessor doing the field work. He has been on practically every square mile of land in the county and is acquainted in every community. He promises, if re-elected, that the duties of his office will be discharged in the same prompt and efficient manner as heretofore.

IRISH POTATOES ON EVERY TABLE AIM OF CAMPAIGN

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 31.—The Irish potato on every table in America, every day in the year is the object of a campaign begun today by the United States food administration. Grocers will be asked to inaugurate a "potato day" each week, selecting whatever day is slack in every week, making a special price. Fairly regular purchases are to be urged on the public so that distribution will be equal everywhere for the next five or six months, relieving railroad congestion and encouraging production of a larger crop next spring.

Improvements in potato growing methods are being studied by the department of agriculture. German plants twice as many potatoes as the United States and gets more than twice as many bushels per acre.

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PRESIDENT ASKS CONGRESS FOR RAILWAY LEGISLATION

MUNITIONS SECRETARY IN CABINET CONSIDERED

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 4.—A department of munitions under a new cabinet head known as the secretary of munitions is proposed in a bill introduced today by Chairman Chamberlain of the senate military committee as a result of its investigation of war operations.

Takes Over All Bureaus. Government bureaus, agencies and funds necessary to a munitions administration, will be transferred to the new department, which contemplates control of naval as well as army supplies.

Heavy Property Loss Reported in Fire at Hoboken. Hoboken, N. J., Jan. 4.—Firemen, United States soldiers and other militia under control after a fight of several hours in the heart of the industrial section paralleling the government controlled water front here today.

Flames Make Headway. Two hours after the fire started, the flames continued to make headway. They had spread to a number of other structures and civilians were called upon to aid the firemen.

Major Brooks is Now in Command at Call Field. Major John B. Brooks, assigned to take command of Call Field, has arrived from Washington, where he has been on temporary duty.

Caillaux is Under Examination Result Charges of Treason. Paris, Jan. 3.—Former Premier Joseph Caillaux, who is accused of treasonable activities, was under examination for nearly five hours today by Captain Bouchardon, the military investigator.

Brotherhoods Agree with Madsco About Labor Settlements. Washington, Jan. 4.—Director General Madsco and heads of the four railroad brotherhoods agreed today on a plan for thrashing out all wage and labor disputes while government operation prevails through an investigating board which will report recommendations to the director general.

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ENGLISH METHOD OF CONTROL IS TOLD IN SENATE

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ADMINISTRATION RAILROAD BILL NOW PRESENTED

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Complete Text of Message Given To Congress By President Wilson

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BELL RINGERS PLEASE CROWDS WITH MELODIES

CONCERT IS GIVEN UNDER AUSPICES OF LION'S CLUB AT WICHITA THEATRE.

In the case of the Swiss Bell Ringers' concert last night, Miss Josephine Georgette had announced that she would now make music from an old shoe, or wheedle sweet melodies from a row of soap boxes. The audience would have believed her, and would have settled itself comfortably back in the seat to listen. Miss Georgette made music of nine different instruments last night, and seemed as much at home with one as another.

Miss Georgette has a charming stage presence, and a delightful manner, and her playing, especially of the violin, is marked by a most genuine personal enjoyment. The speaker of the "true musical temperament, and a dash, fire, and brilliance that takes one's breath away. Experience will doubtless place this young lady in the front rank of violinists; and as she is exceedingly anxious to specialize with this instrument, and avails herself of every opportunity to study, she will no far with her art. Mr. Georgette said after the performance that his daughter had but little ambition with novelty instruments, and never practiced them, though this was not noticeable from her handling of them.

Musician of Parts.
 F. L. Georgette, the manager of the company, is himself a musician of parts; though his particular genius lies with novelties rather than what might be called, for want of a better word, "legitimate" instruments. His few words of explanation of the origin and making of each of the instruments played were exceedingly interesting, and the patronizing air of the pedagogue was happily missing.

Among the novelties that proved most pleasing were the xylophone, which Miss Josephine played with the most amazing skill; the hand bell trio, in which all three artists took part, the marimbaphone, and the Georgette's father and daughter, the limitation of the ukulele—a most comical affair, arranged on the mandolin and a very little guitar, which looked as though it had been improvised out of a cigar box, and which Miss Georgette played with a sort of careless coquetry that quite captivated the audience—the musical tubes, and the musical roses.

Violin Solo Pleases.
 Of the legitimate numbers, the violin solo, "Mazurka de Concert" by Miss Georgette stood out in striking and bold relief. This is a composition fairly bristling with technical difficulties, into which the player threw herself with a joyous and flamboyant abandon, which swept all difficulties aside, and carried the audience off its feet. No amount of assistance was able to solicit an encore, however.

The concert was a most enjoyable one, there being hardly a weak number on the program, with the exception of the cello and horn solos, Signor Miraglia, the harpist, however, is a thoroughly reliable accompanist, and his work in this respect was consistently good throughout.

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Rossville, Ga.—Mrs. Kate Lee Able, of this place, writes: "My husband is an engineer, and once while lifting, he injured himself with a piece of heavy machinery, across the abdomen. He was so sore he could not bear to press on himself at all, on chest or abdomen. He weighed 165 lbs., and fell off until he weighed 110 lbs., in two weeks.

He became constipated and it looked like he would die. We had three different doctors, yet with all their medicine, his bowels failed to act. He would turn up a ten-cent bottle of castor oil, and drink it two or three days in succession. He did this yet without result. We became desperate, he suffered so. He was swollen terribly. He told me his suffering could only be described as torture.

I sent and bought Theodor's Black-Draught. I made him take a big dose, and when it began to act he fainted, he was in such misery, but he got relief and began to mend at once. He got well, and we both feel he owes his life to Theodor's Black-Draught."

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The Committee of American Aid for French Wounded, of which, under the supervision of Miss Anne Morgan, the above women are members, provides shelter and clothing to the inhabitants of reconquered French territory who have lost their homes during German occupancy. Miss Anne Morgan, of New York, who is the chairman of the Committee on American Funds for French Wounded Soldiers, is here shown talking in French with the newspaper correspondents.



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EXEMPTION BOARD HAS CLASSIFIED ADDITIONAL MEN

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The Exemption Board has classified and published a further list of registrants, and wishes again to call attention to the fact that if any registrant believes himself unjustly classified, he must put in a claim to the effect within five days of the date of sending out his classification notice by the board. Claims must be sent to the local board, and will be transferred to the district board. The following additional registrants have been classified and notified of their classification:

- Class Number 1. John Allen, Carl Benson, Allan Roy Brantley, Idas James Broach, Edgar Hilgert, Cooper, Charles Arthur Deane, William Byron Elliot, Oran Dean Green, Ernest Halford, John Foster Dodgett, Louis Harvey Howell, John Thomas James, Charlie King, Virgil Vasco Lowry, Wm. Lonzo Mann, Roscoe Alonzo Martin, Raymond Mowrey (col), James Patrick Rider, Wesley Swindall, Wm. H. Byron Ward, Gilbert West, Robert Morris Wood, Robert Leon Anderson, Leonard Arthur Bowen, John Homer Bridwell, Garfield Burton (col), Tom Frances Courtney, Noel Edward Dunning, Cornelius Elliott, John Henry Grubbs, Percival Hagemeyer, Albert Reed Kelly, Richard J. Ireland, Lawrence Johnson, Loy Daniel Lattimore, Albert Henry McClelland, Joseph Dee Marlow, Myra Mattie, Action Cleveland Muirhead, William Taylor Smith, Edgar Thomas, Hubert Pain Ward, John Clarence Wilburn, Wayne Louis Belser, Paul Branson, Jesse Harris Brown, Lucian A. Childs, Geo. Erasmus Dennis, Warren Edwards, Edgar Byron Elliot, Jr., Harry H. Haag, Brock Dell Hawthorne, Joe Gordie Holden, William Powell Jack, William Riley Jones, Ilo Levy, Gusnie Roy McMullen, Edward August Martin, Grady Morgan, Thomas E. Noble, Lawrence Bird-

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NEW AMBASSADOR FROM RUSSIA TO ENGLAND TALKS

IS WARM BELIEVER IN BOLSHEVIKI WHICH FACTION HE SAYS IS NOT PRO-GERMAN.

By Associated Press. London, Jan. 4.—Maxim Litvinoff who has been appointed Bolshevik ambassador to Great Britain and who said yesterday that he probably would return to Petrograd, has decided to remain in London pending the report of his instructions and to his newspapers. It shows the high intelligent face of a well-born and educated man. He is described as being broad-minded and it is said that he is attached to English institutions and England where he has lived for a decade.

M. Litvinoff's wife is an English woman and he is an old friend and associate of Lenin. He is declared to be a wholehearted supporter of the Bolsheviks with whom he apparently is in close touch. The Daily Mail quotes him as saying that until a courier brings him his formal appointment he cannot say whether he will accept the ambassadorship, but in a long interview in the Daily Chronicle he speaks as if he is resolved to take it.

"My task as ambassador," he says in the interview, "will be to disseminate the truth about Russia and to dispel the misunderstandings and misinterpretation of the motives, character and purpose of the workmen and soldiers' government. It is grossly misconceived to represent the Bolsheviks as pro-German, anti-ally or as mere pacifists. They realize as clearly as anyone that Kaiserism and Junkerdom are the greatest obstacles to the self-emancipation of the international proletariat but have discovered that Prussia is not the only foe of the proletariat. They oppose the replacing of Prussian militarism by French or English militarism."

M. Litvinoff declared his emphatic belief that by the present negotiations and propaganda among the German soldiers in the east, Trotsky and Lenin are contributing to the downfall of Kaiserism more effectively than the allies fighting in the west. He concludes: "I am sanguine enough to imagine that the Russian and German armies on the eastern front some day will march together against the common foe of the proletariat, and perhaps in other countries too."

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"BRIGHT, FUNNY AND LEAN" IS MUSICAL COMEDY'S CLAIM

Because of its brightness, humor, cleanliness, wit and melody and all around novelty, "Have A Heart," the musical comedy hit of last winter in New York, promises gladsome diversion when that amateur producer Henry W. Savage offers it at the Wichita Theatre on Tuesday, January 8th. It will be more welcome at a period when amusement seekers need something joyous and cheering. Assurance is given that one will be made. The score is by Jerome Kern, whose melodies have become a sort of craze—that is, tuneful without being blatant, that blend of the American and Viennese qualities and that has already set thousands of young feet to dancing throughout the land. Guy Bolton and P. G. Wodehouse, who first scored with "Miss Springtime" and next with "Have A Heart," are providers of book and lyrics. There are two settings, tasteful in design, in which lovely color schemes are absent, and that harmonize with very beautiful and artistic costume creations worn by a chorus of loveliness and singing quality. The eye without removing three-fourths of their wardrobe. "Have A Heart" opens in the lingerie section of a big department store, crowded with pretty, shop girls and fashionable patrons. There, a separated young couple, strangers now, but lovers still, meet again, there the advent of the husband's girl friend, a shop-girl who has become a queen of the film, threatens reconciliation, but the funny complications are finally untangled. The scene is a festive hotel scene at the seaside resort Blueport, R. I. And when the final curtain falls, the audience will take home happy memories of such song hits and fox-trotting airs as "You Said Something," "I'm So Busy," "Have A Heart," "Look In My Eyes," "I'm Alone," "I'm Here Little Girls, I'm Here," "Bright Lights," "The Road That Lies Before," "Samaritanland," "Honey-moon Inn," "Call The Cabaret," "My Wife," "My Man," "Napoleon" and "Daisy." A particularly satisfying feature will be the special orchestra provided by the company.

CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WILL OPEN JANUARY 18

Petrograd, Thursday, Jan. 3.—The Bolsheviks have fixed the opening of the constituent assembly for January 18, providing there is present at that time a quorum of 400 members.

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ORDINANCE PASSED GRANTING LAYING OF SPUR TRACKAGE

J. W. WALKUP IS ALSO ELECTED TO POSITION OF CITY CLERK.

An ordinance was passed at the city council last night granting permission to the Wichita Valley Railway Company to run a side track from the company's right of way to the alley in Block 225 of the original town of Wichita Falls, and along said alley for a distance of 140 feet, and no farther.

Faving was ordered on Filmore street from the north side of Ninth street, and on Ninth street from the west side of Filmore to the east side of Pierce. The backing of the monthly accounts concluded the evening's business.

THOSE VIOLATING LIGHTLESS NIGHT ORDER REPORTED

CLINE SAYS HE WILL HEREAF TER PASS WORD ON TO WILEY BLAIR. Because of a number of violations of the lightless night law reported to W. D. Cline, local city administrator, Mr. Cline stated that he would keep very accurate account of the

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IMPORTANCE OF SEED.

The farmer's entire crop hinges upon the sort of seed he has for planting.

It is useless to prepare a good rich pulverized seed bed if the grains that are to be placed in it are either poor specimens or not likely to germinate properly.

These facts are considered by Secretary Houston, of the Department of Agriculture, in the warning he has given congress that some steps must be taken by the government to guard against a shortage of good seed over the nation if the farmers are to grow the great crops of food stuffs this year that are expected of them.

While there might be no actual shortage of seed, the frugal farmer having not only enough for himself but enough for his neighbor, while the speculator is hoarding enough for the entire country, yet manipulations might be possible under prevailing conditions which would place the price of good seed out of reach of the average farmer.

It is sincerely to be hoped that congress will legislate to place a considerable amount of seed under control of the government, in order that Uncle Sam may sell it to the tillers of the soil at reasonable prices and insure them both good seed and plenty of it at reasonable prices.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The one striking feature of President Wilson's recommendations to Congress with regard to railroad legislation is the justness of every feature of it.

The President is not content with giving the entire country the benefit of unification of the lines as a war emergency measure, but he is also determined that the owners of railroad properties shall be treated fairly and that the men employed by the lines shall receive fair treatment.

As a matter of fact, instead of merely safeguarding the property values of the various systems of the country, the effect of the measures which are recommended will be to place them upon a firmer basis than ever before.

The President has also pointed out the fact that the unification of the roads cannot be accomplished overnight. It will take time in which to work out the details of the plan, but that great saving can be accomplished in the end is definitely known.

He merely suggests that the country not expect too much in too short a time.

MRS. SMOCK ON SLAUGHTER HOUSES

In connection with the slaughterhouse matter which I referred to in last Sunday's issue of your paper, and which Mr. Holt seems to have misunderstood, I wish to state that my contention for a municipal slaughterhouse is based upon four main points—the requirements of the city ordinance, inspection, the public health, and the public profit.

Section 16 of the city ordinance of Wichita Falls says: "All slaughterhouses supplying meat to the inhabitants of the City of Wichita Falls shall have an abundant supply of water from a well or other source, which is not contaminated. This water must be applied with adequate pressure through a hose attached to the front of the building for purpose of slaughtering or preparing meats for consumption as human food. All slaughterhouses shall have water-tight floors and water must be carried 100 feet away from the slaughter house, or connected with the sewers. The floor must be thoroughly washed each day after the slaughtering is completed, and the effluvia shall not be allowed to drain underneath the building, nor collect in pools nearby, nor shall such effluvia be conducted into any stream or pond or allowed to con-

Complete Text of Message Given To Congress By President Wilson

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Essentially just. I need not point out the essential justice of such guarantees and their great influence and significance as elements in the present financial and industrial situation of the country. Indeed, one of the strong arguments for assuming control of the railroads at this time is the financial argument. It is necessary that the value of railway securities should be justly and fairly paid and that the large financial operations every year necessary in connection with the maintenance, operation and development of the roads should during the period of the war, be wisely related to the financial operations of the government. Our first duty, in, of course, to conserve the common interest and the common safety and to make certain that nothing stands in the way of the successful prosecution of the great war for liberty and justice, but it is an obligation of public conscience and of public honor that the private interests we disturb should be kept safe from unjust injury and it is the utmost consequence to the government itself that all great financial operations should be sterilized and coordinated with the financial operations of the government. No borrowing should run athwart the borrowings of the federal treasury and no fundamental industrial values should anywhere be unnecessarily impaired. In the hands of many small investors in the country, as well as in national banks, in insurance companies, in trust banks, in trust companies, in financial agencies of every kind, railway securities, the sum total of which runs

up to some ten or eleven thousand millions, constitute a vital part of the structure of credit and the unquestioned solidity of that structure must be maintained. McAdoo Appointed. The Secretary of War and I fully agree (that) in view of the many complex interests which must be safeguarded and harmonized as well as because of his exceptional experience and ability in this new field of governmental action, the Hon. William G. McAdoo was the right man to assume direct administrative control of this new executive task. At our request, he consented to assume the authority and duties of organizer and director general of the new railway administration. He has assumed those duties and his work is in active progress. It is probably too much to expect that even under the unified railway administration which will not be possible, sufficient economies can be effected in the operation of the railroads to make it possible to add to their equipment and extend their operative facilities as much as the present extraordinary demands upon the result will render desirable without resort to the national treasury for the funds. If it is not possible, it will of course, be necessary to resort to the congress for grants of money for that purpose. The secretary of the treasury will advise with your committee with regard to this very practical aspect of the matter. For the present I suggest only the guarantee I have indicated and such appropriations as are necessary at the outset of this task. I take the liberty of expressing the hope that the congress may grant these promptly and ungrudgingly. We are dealing with great matters and will, I am sure, deal with them greatly

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ADMINISTRATION RAILROAD BILL NOW PRESENTED

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made to the road for the cost of the additions and improvements. Section 5 provides any carrier, under federal control, from without the president's prior approval, declaring or paying any dividends in excess of its regular rate during the three years ending June 30, 1917. This section stipulates, however, that the railroads that have paid no regular dividends during that period may, with the president's prior approval, pay dividends at whatever rate the president may determine. Section Six. Section 6 appropriates \$500,000,000, which, together with any funds available from any excess earnings of the railroads may be used by the president "as a revolving fund to pay expenses of the federal control on any deficit of railroad below the standard return and to provide terminals, improvements, engines, rolling stock and other necessary equipment. These terminal improvement and equipment are to be used and accounted for as the president may direct and to be disposed of as congress may hereafter provide.

The president may also, according to section seven, order any road to make any additions and improvements. He may from this revolving fund advance to the road all or any part of the expense of such additions and improvements so ordered and constructed by the road or by the government. These advances are to be charged against the road and to bear interest at such a rate and be payable on such terms as the president may determine so that the United States may be fully reimbursed for any sums advanced.

Any loss claim to accrue to any road by reason of any of these additions or improvements shall be determined by an agreement between the president and the road. Failing this agreement the amount of the loss will be ascertained under the terms provided in section three. From the revolving fund the president may expend whatever amount he may deem necessary or desirable for the construction or improvement and operation of boats, barges, tugs and other transportation facilities on the inland and coastwise waterways and may in the construction, operation or use of these facilities create or employ such agencies and enter into such contracts and agreements as he shall deem to be in the public interest. To provide funds for maturing obligations or for other legal and proper expenditures or for reorganizing railroads in receivership carriers may issue such bonds, notes, equipment trust certificates, stock and other forms of securities, secured or unsecured by mortgage, as the president may approve as consistent with the public interest.

Buying Securities. The same section authorized the president to purchase for the United States all or any part of these securities at prices not exceeding par and to sell these securities whenever in his judgment it is desirable at prices not less than their cost. Any sums available from the revolving fund which is published in section six may be used for such purposes. Section 8 provides that the president may execute any of the powers granted him through whatever agencies he may determine and may fix reasonable compensation for service. Section 9 would authorize the president to extend the federal workmen's compensation law to apply to railroad employees on such terms and conditions as will give due consideration to the funds available under state compensation laws or otherwise. Section 10 gives the president in addition to powers specifically prescribed any other power necessary.

Section 11 provides that while under federal control the roads are subject to all laws and liabilities as common carriers and suits may be brought by and against them and judgments rendered as provided by law. Except with the president's prior approval, however, no attachment or execution is to be made on any property used by a road in performance of its common carrier duties. Section 12 stipulates that any person or corporation acting for or employed by a carrier or shipper or any other person who shall fail to observe any of the provisions of the propos-



Private FRANK A. ROSS

Frank A. Ross, private, of the American Expeditionary Forces, has been cited for gallantry in French army orders. Letters of commendation written to him by General Pershing's chief of staff, was made public by the War Department. Private Ross distinguished himself by courage under fire during a recent bombardment. He was gassed, necessitating his removal to a hospital.

ed law or "shall knowingly interfere with or impede possession, use operation or control of any railroad or transportation system taken over by the president or shall violate or order or regulation for carrying out the law, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable by a maximum fine of \$500, or if a person, by imprisonment for not more than two years, or both.

Hon. W. S. Bell Will Be Candidate For Texas State Senator

Hon. W. S. Bell returned to his home at Crowell yesterday after spending several days here. Mr. Bell will be a candidate for the state senate in this district which comprises about fifty counties. Senator W. A. Johnson who has served this district for several terms is a candidate for lieutenant governor. Mr. Bell has represented the district comprised of Hardeman, Ford and Knox counties in the lower house of the state legislature for several terms and has given his district very useful service. Mr. Bell is engaged in farming on a large scale and has business interests including a bank, mill, elevator and other enterprises in his home county. He is famed throughout the Southwest as stock-raiser. He will have the support in his candidacy of a number of Wichitans who have known him for years.

Boy Under Treatment At Pasteur Institute; Bitten By Rabid Dog

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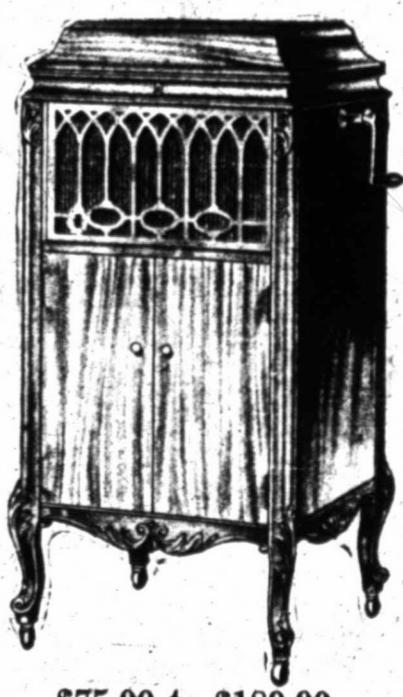
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rabid dog at the Schumaker ranch thirteen miles northeast of Wichita Falls, is now under treatment at the Pasteur Institute, according to a telegram received today by C. J. Schumaker, grandfather of the child, from his wife, who accompanied the little fellow to Austin. The message says that the swelling has already decreased after a single treatment and the boy is seemingly well and cheerful. It is now believed that there is no doubt that the treatment will prove effective in warding off the dread disease, although bites in the face and upper parts of the body are said to be particularly dangerous.

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KEEL HELD GUILTY OF SEDUCTION; TO SERVE SIX YEARS

"Guilty" was the verdict returned this afternoon by the jury in the case of Jack Keel charged with seduction. His punishment was fixed at six years in the penitentiary.

Locomotive Will Be Demonstrated Here By Willis Car Co.

W. S. Willis, manager of the Willis Car Company will give a demonstration of the Locomobile car in his showroom tomorrow night from 7 o'clock to 8:30. He announced this morning.

SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE IS TO BE URGED

Austin, Texas, Jan. 4.—At a meeting of the Central Legislative investigating committee held this afternoon, Representative W. D. Hobbs would advise Governor W. P. Hobby that facts thus far deduced show a case will submit a resolution which the committee's finding when completed will justify the calling of a special session of the legislature.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED—Middle aged lady to take care of baby. Inquire 718 Ohio. 203-2tc

ENTERTAINERS TO GIVE PROGRAM TO AVIATORS AT CAMP

Local entertainers have gotten up a program for the delectation of the men at Call Field, the same to be given tonight at the camp. Y. M. C. A. H. H. Bray was instrumental in securing the assistance of the artists and Katz will have his sixteen piece orchestra to provide music.

VON HERTLING MAY BE SUCCEEDED BY VON BEULOW SOON

REPORT OF GERMAN CHANCELLORS ILLNESS IS FOLLOWED BY RUMORS. The war situation of today is summarized by The Associated Press as follows:

Recognition of the Lenin-Trotsky regime in Russia as a de facto government by the entente allies is probable, according to the London Daily Chronicle. Such change of sentiment, it is said, would be due to the threatened break in peace negotiations and might bring from the allies a statement of democratic policy toward Russia.

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TODAY'S MARKETS

COTTON MARKET RECOVERS MUCH OF RECENT LOSS

By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 4.—The cotton market recovered a good part of yesterday's late reactions at the opening today. Liverpool made a relatively firm showing and first prices here were 17 to 24 points higher with January selling up to 31.15 and Mar. to 31.10 after the call.

SCANTY RECEIPTS HARDEN PRICES OF CORN AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Scantiness of receipts tended today to make corn prices harder. Notwithstanding that traffic conditions on the railroads were said to be showing a little improvement, rural offerings were not large. On the other hand the huge quantities of soft corn believed to be still awaiting disposal acted as a check on any radical advance.

Table with columns: CORN, OATS, PORK, LARD, HAMS, BEEF, MUTTON, CATTLE, SHEEP, HOGS, LAMBS, WETHERS, GOATS, CATTLE, SHEEP, HOGS, LAMBS, WETHERS, GOATS. Includes prices for various grades and types.

LIVESTOCK

Port Worth Live Stock. Port Worth, Texas, Jan. 4.—CATTLE: Receipts 3,000. 10 to 15 cents down. Beef 16.50@17.25; stockers 16.50@17.50; heifers 15.50@16.50; cows 15.50@16.50; bulls 15.50@17.00; calves 15.50@16.50.

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A Remarkable Clearance of Women's Dresses and Suits—A Price Surprise in These DRESSES. Handsome Green Models with Satin and Georgette, hand embroidered. These must be seen to be appreciated. Former price, \$24.75; Monday and Tuesday, \$12.37.

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Saturday and Saturday Night Specials

Here are a few articles that will bring you to this store to do your Saturday and Saturday night trading.

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- BARGAIN NO. 1.—Coat Suits and Coats; our entire stock offered to you at half price. See our windows and get your suit or coat now. BARGAIN NO. 2.—Every set of Fine Furs in the store, such as Lynx, Coney, Seal, etc., at One-Half Price. BARGAIN NO. 3.—Our entire stock of fine Wool Sweaters in white, old rose, yellow, etc.—the latest in sweaters; at One-Half Price.

Wide embroidery, just the thing for underwear. January is the time to make up your muslins—good assortment of patterns, values up to 25c yard, choice lot, yard . . . 10c Limit 20 Yards These and 5 other specials for Saturday and Saturday night.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. S. W. Kennedy, who underwent a serious operation last week is reported doing well today. Mrs. L. H. Duff, of Horton, Kan., left for home this afternoon after spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Snider. A party of business men from Altus, consisting of J. W. Patterson, A. S. J. Shaw and J. E. Whittle, are spending a few days here on business.

Naval Men Are Given Praise By Secretary For Their Gallantry

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 4.—Secretary Daniels commended several days ago the gallantry of the crew of the United States steamship Annapolis and chief boatswain's mate, Fred Zee, of the U. S. S. Ozark for gallantry in the rescue of the crew of the steamship Paddford, on October 30, when that vessel went ashore in heavy surf at an unannounced point.

Local Brevities

E. G. Hill, undertaker, office and parlors, 900 Scott Ave. Phone 225. Primm ambulance service 92 tlc. Dr. Du Val, Glasses fitted 174 tlc. Dr. Du Val, Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat, 174 tlc. Dr. Scharff, Osteopath, E. & K. Bldg. George Shannon who has been confined to his home for a number of weeks with an attack of pneumonia, was able to be downtown for the first time this afternoon.

For quick taxi, baggage and livery service phone 432.

We clean and remodel furs of all kinds into the latest shapes. Experts in charge.—Home Tailoring Co. Phone 1231. 186 tlc. Better be safe than sorry. Anti-Freeze your car now. Western Auto Supply Co. Phone 219—718 Indiana. 180 tlc. Our stock of tires and tubes is complete. All sizes. Lea Functure Proof, Mohawk, Federal Goodyear and Pennsylvania. Call and let us serve you. MOTOR SUPPLY CO. 171 tlc. Music at the St. James during meal hours, Saturday night and Sunday noon and night. 283 24tc. Inguatama are NOT HURT IN QUAKE. Upon the announcement through the press that twenty-five hundred people were killed in the earthquake at Guatemala City, the Wichita Mill and Elevator Company called its representatives at that point, Edward B. Coffey, to know what effect the earthquake had had upon its trade there. Mr. Coffey replied in a coded cable to the effect that the principal stores and merchants in Guatemala City were unhurt, from which it is inferred that the disturbance may have been in the native quarters, or some of the outlying suburbs of the city.

Notice to Out of Town Subscribers. The Times wishes to announce that J. K. Luton is authorized to solicit subscriptions for the Daily and Weekly Times. Any courtesies shown Mr. Luton will be appreciated by this company. TIMES PUBLISHING CO. A fine of \$25 and costs amounting to \$35.80 was imposed on Frank Dodson, charged with vagrancy, by Judge W. J. Howard in justice court this morning. Large Norway Mackerels 20c each at Sanitary Meat Market. Phone 2527. 201 tlc. I will buy any amount up to \$25.00 of first series 1-2 per cent Liberty Bonds at par. Dr. Joe E. Daniel. 178 tlc. L. A. Childs, the gas man, gas fitting, repair plumbing, phone 584. 1207 Scott 235 tlc. Have your furs made into the newest shapes. All work guaranteed.—Home Tailoring Co. Phone 1231. Country style sausage always on hand at Sanitary Meat Market. Phone 2527. 201 tlc.

"ALMOST ANYTHING MAY HAPPEN NOW" STATES DIPLOMAT

WRITER IN LONDON SEES POSSIBILITY OF RENEWAL OF WAR BY RUSSIA.

RECOGNITION CONSIDERED

Bolsheviks May Give Way, Germans May Give Way, or Slavs May Re-Enter War.

By Associated Press. London, Jan. 4.—Recognition of the Lenin government in Russia by the entire allies is probable owing to the developments in the Russo-German negotiations, according to the Daily Chronicle, which prints the statement in heavy type. The statement apparently is based on a contribution by a diplomatic correspondent which is printed beneath. The writer says that owing to the Bolshevik discovery of German duplicity, anything may happen.

Three Alternatives. "The Bolsheviks may give way, the German government may give way or there will be a rupture of relations. The first is hardly likely in view of Foreign Minister Trotsky's declaration, the second is possible for the Germans are past masters in the art of specious compromises. But the third is most probable since the Bolsheviks have exhibited a perspicacity which was hardly expected in this country. "Russia, the land of boundless surprises, may quite possibly witness a revival of war, if not in the most active form it might at least be a sullenly defensive war, necessitating the keeping on the frontier of a considerable German force, it would at least prevent those pleasant and profitable commercial exchanges which Germany hopes for.

Assuming such a situation and a consolidation of Bolshevik power, provided failure to extract a peace does not wreck the Lenin regime then recognition of that power as the de facto government follows since that is so, a Socialist would be the logical representative of that government and Maxim Litvinoff who has been appointed is a likely enough occupant of the embassy.

Buchanan's Retirement. Referring to the retirement of Sir George W. Buchanan the British ambassador to Russia, whose services are praised highly, the writer says: "In his place probably would be sent a diplomat in marked sympathy with the ideas of revolutionary Russia. "Be that as it may, we may expect shortly some new statements of policy with regard to Russia which should lead toward the latest developments and democracy would undoubtedly strengthen the allied cause in Russia."

WILLOCK IS ADMITTED TO BOND ON SUM OF \$750

Fund in the sum of \$750 was allowed Tom Willock, arrested yesterday at Selma, Texas, by Sheriff Hawkins, on a charge of perjury sworn out against him in connection with a petition for divorce he had filed here. Willock had made bond before Sheriff Hawkins arrived in Selma and the bond was accepted. Willock will appear before the grand jury on Jan. 14 to answer to the perjury charge.

RUSS PRISONERS BEING EXCHANGED NOW, BUT SLOWLY

By Associated Press. Petrograd, Jan. 3.—The work of the commission which is dealing with prisoners, is proceeding slowly. The Russian delegates claimed the right to send any publications they desired to Russian prisoners in Germany and to Socialists in the Central Empire. They also demanded unrestricted direct telephonic communication with representatives of the Socialist parties in the enemy countries. The German delegates replied they were unauthorized to make an agreement on this point. The Russians demanded the creation of a special commission to inquire into the deportation of Polish workmen for employment in privately owned factories in Germany. To this demand the Germans responded they had not been authorized to take up the question.

THIRD SERIES OF CAMPS WILL OPEN TOMORROW

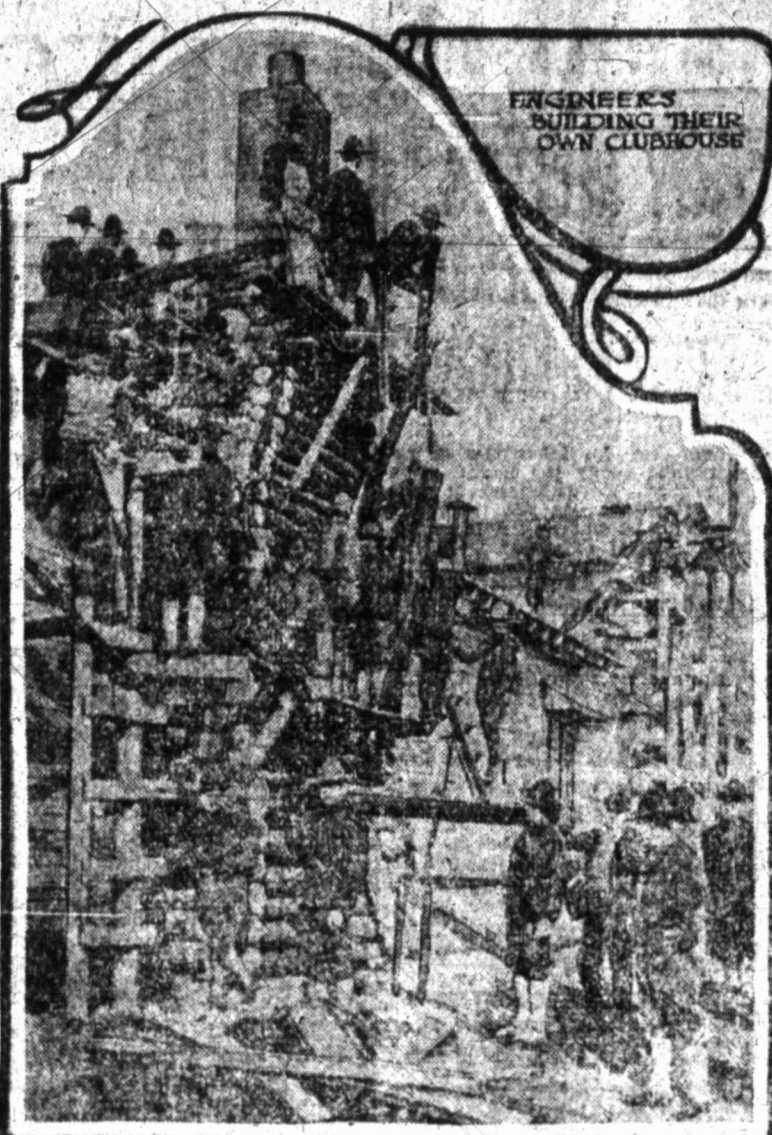
By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 4.—Preparations are complete for the opening Saturday of the third series of officers' training camps. From the non-commissioned and enlisted personnel of the regular army, the national guard and the national guard there have been drawn thousands of men whose qualifications, it is thought, entitle them to advancement into the commissioned grades. In addition, 2,500 candidates have been selected from specified schools and colleges including military training in the curriculum.

Architectural Firms Join Forces and Will Have Offices In City

Chas. J. Pate, a local architect, and Sanguiet & Staats, architects of Fort Worth, have formed a partnership under the firm name of Sanguiet, Staats & Pate, and will occupy the offices formerly occupied by Mr. Pate at No. 597 Kemp and Kell building.

While it is generally known that this agreement was made some time ago, formal announcement was withheld pending the closing of the year as possible of the business of last year. The firm of Sanguiet & Staats is said to be one of the best known architectural firms in the southwest, and having planned some of the most important buildings in Houston, San Antonio, Waco, Dallas and Fort Worth. All the members of this firm are well known in Wichita Falls. Mr. Pate has been a local resident for many years and has planned many buildings here and in the vicinity. Messrs. Sanguiet and Staats made the plans for the new courthouse, the First National bank and the new addition to the high school building, being associated on these buildings with local architects, who superintended the work. Mr. Pate says that this is a permanent Wichita Falls organization and will be identified with the best interests of the city.

DRAFTING SOLDIERS' BRAINS A NEW SCHEME



ENGINEERS BUILDING THEIR OWN CLUBHOUSE

Many men drawn into the new army are surprised to make the discovery that Uncle Sam has drafted not only their bodies as fighting machines, but their brains as well, and that the modern army can make use of their every talent. This illustration shows what they can do. These drafted men are constructing their own club house.

At the Churches

Church of the Good Shepherd. Tenth and Burnett streets, Rev. Reginald T. T. Stocks, rector. Residence 1107 Tenth street. Phone 1908. Services for Sunday, January 6th, Epiphany, will be held as follows: Holy communion at 7:30 a. m.; Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; Holy communion and sermon at 11 a. m.; evening prayer and sermon at 7:30. The Ladies Guild will meet on Monday afternoon in the parish house. At this meeting officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Tea will be served after the election, and all members are asked to be present. —On Tuesday evening at 7:30 the monthly meeting of the vestry will be held. This being the beginning of a new fiscal year. All are kindly asked to be present. Officers of the different organizations are asked to hand their reports for the past year to the clerk, or rather duplicates. Time of the annual parish meeting will be announced later. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the above services on Sunday. FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, CORNER 10TH AND LAMAR. Gus Barnes, Pastor. Sunday School at 9:30. The Orchestra begins on time. Come if you like good music. At 11 o'clock Dr. John R. Nelson of Ft. Worth will preach. Dr. Nelson is General Superintendent of Army work in Texas of the Methodist Church. He has a message you should hear. Mr. Marvin Stoddard of Call Field will sing. If you failed to hear Mr. Stoddard before you missed a treat. The Epworth League will meet at 6:15. You will miss a good live meeting with the young people when you fail to attend either the Intermediate or Senior League. At 7:15 "The Story of Armenia," Russell A. Harty of Houston will speak to a Union service of the Churches except the Christian and North Methodist churches. Mr. Harty will tell you some things you will never forget of some of the horrible cruelties being practiced in the Bible lands of Syria and Armenia. He has made a special study of these countries and has been devoting his time for more than year to telling of these terrible conditions in those countries. His story will grip you. Lutheran St. Paul's Church. Eleventh and Holliday streets. Sunday school (German and English classes) at 9:30 a. m. Morning services in the German language at 10:30 a. m. The quarterly business meeting of the congregation will take place at 2 p. m. All voting members are requested to be present. The elders are requested to meet at the parsonage at 1 p. m. The Ladies Aid will meet in the school room at 2:30 p. m. At 7:30 p. m. the Berea Bible class will meet for their Bible study meeting Tuesday night at 8 o'clock sharp. The Berea Bible class will have their business meeting at a entertainment at 9:00 Brook, residence of Mr. H. C. Luecke. School will open again on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

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The funeral of Mrs. Barbara Krootinger will be Monday morning at 9:30 from the residence, 513 Scott, and about 10:15 at the church. Owing to the inability of the pastor to officiate, the Rev. P. J. Klenk of Olney, will conduct the services. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to worship with us. C. M. BEYER, Pastor.

First Presbyterian Church. Arrangements have been perfected to thoroughly heat the basement and an anthem, an opportunity will however cold it may be Sunday. Be on hand at Sunday school Sunday morning. You will be comfortable Sunday morning is our communion morning. We are promised a solo and an anthem. An opportunity will be given for church membership following the communion meditation on "Comfort." There will be no service at night as all the churches have agreed to hold a union service at the M. E. Church, South, in the interest of the Syrian and Armenian sufferers. N. F. GRAFTON, Pastor.

Central Presbyterian Church, South. Corner Bluff and Eleventh Streets. Preaching Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. The public is cordially invited and warmly welcomed to all the services of this church. E. S. LOWRANCE, Minister.

Lutheran Trinity Church. (Corner 14th and Bluff Sts.) Sunday, January 6, regular Sunday school at 9:30 and German morning service at 10:30, followed by a meeting of the congregation. New members will be accepted. The English night service begins at 7:30. A New Year's sermon will be preached. All are cordially invited. W. UTESCH, Pastor.

Captain Will Visit His Home By Plane; Train Is Too Slow. By Associated Press. Fort Worth, Jan. 4.—Captain Berry, adjutant of the depot brigade at Camp Bowie, who has been ordered to Camp Virginia Stuart, to join Brigadier General Hoffman, will try to visit his home in Oklahoma by airplane. This is necessary because of the slowness of his orders to Virginia. He won't have time to go by train.

TWO TENDENCIES SHOWN AT PEACE CONFERENCE. By Associated Press. London, Jan. 4.—There were two distinct tendencies noticeable in the enemy delegations at the Brest-Litovsk meeting, the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News says. One was annexationist and was represented by General Von Hoffmann. A more moderate view was upheld by Foreign Secretaries Von Kuehlmann and Caerwin. There were frequent disputes between the two tendencies. These were settled, it is added by appeals to Brest which always supported Von Kuehlmann and Caerwin. General Von Hoffmann took the purely military point of view and complained with great bitterness that the Russians were using the armistice to negotiate among German soldiers.

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THEMES OF PUPILS WHO VISITED PHONE OFFICE ARE NOW BEING GRADED

Judging of the themes of the High school senior class, written as a report of their recent inspection of the local plant of the Southwestern Telephone company, has begun. J. W. Glenny, the local manager, having received fifteen themes yesterday. Mr. Glenny will be assisted by two other judges, selected in the office, and will grade the themes from the telephone standpoint. Three prizes will be given. The themes have already been graded by the English teachers and will be credited as part of the regular English work.

RUSSIAN MUNITIONS DEPOT REPORTED DESTROYED

By Associated Press. Stockholm, Jan. 4.—A Haparanda dispatch to the Tidningen, says that a munitions depot on the Russian southwestern front was blown up recently and that all buildings within a radius of two kilometers were destroyed. Two trains loaded with Cossacks on the way to the front were wrecked, causing the death of 2,000 men.

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Knights of Pythias Lodge Meets Friday Night Initiation in the Rank of Esquire. Dr. J. W. DuVal, C. G. H. P. Hodges, K. R. H.

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Knights of Columbus Wichita Falls Council No. 1473 Knights of Columbus meets every second and fourth Tuesday at 8 o'clock, Harrison-Everson Hall. Visiting Knights welcomed.

Wichita Falls Lodge B. P. O. E. ELKS Meets first and third Monday nights of each week in Elks' Hall. V. G. SKENE, Secy.

Wichita Falls Lodge No. 628 F. & A. M. State meetings first and third Friday nights in each month. W. E. BROTHERS, W. M. J. W. WALKUP, Sec.

Wichita Falls Commandry No. 59 Regular convocations fourth Friday night in each month. C. W. RICHOLT, W. M. J. W. WALKUP, Sec.

Wichita Falls Chapter No. 227 meetings first and third Tuesday nights of each month. MRS. E. STANFILL, W. M. MRS. MAE DAKAN, Sec.

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BOLSHEVIKI IS WILLING TO CLEAR PERSIA UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

By Associated Press.
London, Jan. 3.—The Bolshevik foreign minister, Leon Trotsky, is said by the Petrograd correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company to have sent a communication to the Persian Gulf offering to begin negotiations for the withdrawal of Russian troops from Persian territory provided Turkey will withdraw hers.

The Russian commissioner, the correspondent says, have decided to negotiate with the government of Ukraine on the basis of recognition of the Ukrainian republic provided it does not hinder military operations against General Kaledines, the Cossack leader in southern Russia. Negotiations were held at Smolensk or Vitebsk.

Kerensky's Account.

According to the same correspondent, M. Kerensky, the deposed premier, has prepared an account of his services during the period of the first revolution which will be presented to the constituent assembly. It includes full details of conditions at the front during the June offensive and the reasons which led Kerensky to decide to remove former Emperor Nicholas to Siberia.

Interesting Documents.

In the archives of the Russian foreign office there have been discovered documents of unusual interest dealing with negotiations between Germany and the Imperial Russian government in regard to an international conference to combat Socialism. Other documents relating to the origin of the war threw light on certain aspects of German policy. These papers will be published as soon as they have been classified.

Telephone Operators In Wichita Falls Now Enjoying Sweet Music

Telephone operators in the local exchange are now sticking in plugs to music. The grain interests of the city, J. C. Hunt Grain Co., the Wichita Mill and Elevator and W. M. Priddy, made their holiday gift to the operators in the form of a well known make of talking machine in a very attractive cabinet case. The machine is one of the most highly prized furnishings of the room and is in use at all hours of the day.

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DAVENPORT WILL BE IN RACE FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY

The Times today announces the candidacy of John Davenport for nomination for county attorney of Wichita county. For the past three years Mr. Davenport has been acting as deputy county attorney and has prosecuted practically every case that has come to trial and has proven his ability as a prosecutor.

Mr. Davenport began the practice of law in 1909 at Granbury, Texas. Five years ago he came to Wichita Falls and has since that time been engaged in the practice here. Mr. Davenport is recognized as a young man of ability and of force and in his practice here has lived up to the best traditions of his profession. If successful in securing the nomination and election Mr. Davenport promises to give his undivided and diligent attention to the duties of the office. Those familiar with Mr. Davenport's work in the county attorney's office are confident that if elected he will discharge the duties of that office with credit to himself and with satisfaction to the people of the county.

J. W. Campbell, county demonstration agent, requests all farmers who desire to order seed oats or shelled corn to communicate with him at the earliest possible moment as he is making up a large order to go forward within a few days.

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Meanest Boy In Nation Now Being Sought To Prove Given Theory

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Jan. 4.—The meanest boy in the United States is sought by the Chicago Boys Brotherhood republic to be used in an experiment to prove that bad boys are the products of society and environmental influence.

A committee of the organization

plans to leave here February 1 on a tour of twelve of the largest cities in search of the 100 per cent bad boy who will be brought to Chicago to live with members of the organization.

"In six months we'll turn him into a 100 per cent good boy," said one member in explaining the plan.

Resolutions authorizing the plan describes the boy sought as follows: "He must be the meanest, the toughest, the most no-account, the most dishonest, the most evil, vicious and wicked—in fact the worst boy morally that a human being can be."

American Soldier Is Easily Recognized By Both His Hat and Feet

Special to The Times.
London, Dec. 20.—There are two ways of recognizing an American soldier coming toward you out of a London fog. You can spot the looming silhouette of his hat, although this is not always to be relied upon as the New Zealanders wear similar hats. Watch for the feet. If you see a pair of shoes in action that by the fitness of things, ought to be attached to a high-spirited overlord of creation, rest assured you are rapidly approaching a Yank in Europe.

The hat and tread answered the test this foggy day. A salutation of "Hello, Uncle Sam" swung the figure about quickly. He was a fine fellow, a lieutenant in the medical corps, a Californian who has been living in Moberly, Mo., possessed of a name that rhymes perfectly with Hindenberg but a face and idealism that only America or England could mould.

He was sorry he would not be able to get into the thick of things in France, he said, coming across on the transport several months ago while he and his comrades were celebrating their opportunity to be among the first in American war service some one tossed up a loaf of bread which struck the lieutenant in his left eye. He has been given some minor work by the quartermaster

corps, now that he is becoming accustomed to his glass eye. "Lucky for me," he declared, "that I've a chance to do something over here. I was afraid I'd be sent back home in the discard."

These tidings, told backward, illustrate the spunk and zip that is American.

H. F. Robertson Has Announced Candidacy For City Tax Collector

H. F. Robertson's authorized Times to announce his candidacy for reelection to the office of city tax assessor and collector. Mr. Robertson has been city assessor and tax collector for a number of years and has discharged the duties of that office in a very efficient and satisfactory manner.

Recently Mr. Robertson was compelled to undergo a serious surgical operation and has been kept from his office for several months, but he is now nearly recovered and expects to be at his office again within a few days. During his absence from his office he has had a competent deputy in charge and has not permitted his official duties to be neglected in any manner. The press of official duties and his physical condition following his illness and operations may not permit Mr. Robertson to make a personal canvass and he wishes to express to the voters his appreciation for their past favors and to ask their favor again.

WATER POWER CONFERENCE CALLED BY PRESIDENT

By Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 4.—President Wilson has summoned some of the house leaders interested in water power legislation to a conference at the White House tonight with a view to expeditious action on some measure that will reconcile all differences.

The president will seek to get all sides together to avoid repeating the dead lock that occurred on the subject at the last session.

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2 Grape Nuts	25c
2 packages Post Toasties	75c
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Large Pork and Beans, Heinz	25c
3 cans small Lima Beans	50c
3 lbs. White Swan Coffee	\$1.15
10 bars Swift's Soap	50c
Frenches, per lb.	15c
Evaporated Peaches, per lb.	15c
Toilet Paper, 3 for	25c
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