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Our Motto: "TIS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE; BUT THE GIT-UF-AND-GIT THAT MAKES MEN GREAT."

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BAIRD, TEXAS

FINE RAINS

Fine rains fell over Callahan county Tuesday night which will be worth a great deal to wheat recently sown. We hear of much wheat that was up before this last rain, and that will make pasture. It looks like old General Drouth has his back broken, but you never can tell what Texas weather will do.

CHANGE IN TIME

Sunday morning, Oct. 27th, at 2 o'clock, the people of the United States will go back to old time. That is all clocks must be turned back one hour. All railroad trains and government offices and works will be governed by new time. Set your clock back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night. If you do not note the change you may go to Sunday School or church an hour ahead of time Sunday morning.

WHAT ONE RAILROAD MAN DID

G. W. "Dad" Ham, aged 79 years an employe of the T. & P. Company did more than any of us in buying bonds according to financial ability. "Dad" Ham owns \$200 in war saving stamps and \$500 in bonds. He bought \$200 of the last loan. The railroad men are proud of "Dad" and so are all of us. "Dad" Ham is a veteran of the civil war, federal army, came south soon after the war and has lived in the south since and at Baird most of the time. He is a Mason, member of Blue Lodge No. 522 and Royal Arch Chapter No. 182, Baird. He is honored and respected by all Masons and every one else who knows him. May he live many, many years longer is the wish of all of us. So note it be!

For Sale or Rent—My home in north-west part of Baird.
42-44. Mrs. C. A. Neubauer.

WAR NEWS

The allied armies have slowed up somewhat in France, as the Germans are offering stiffer resistance. News yesterday was that the Americans were in a big battle north-west of Verdun, where the Huns are making a desperate effort to hold the American army back to prevent disaster to the German army further north. Germany's last peace note was delivered at Washington Wednesday. The note is a puzzle to government officials, but the main idea of the Germans is believed to get a chance to withdraw their armies safely to their own frontier. The consensus of opinion seems to be that the present German government is not sincere in asking for peace parley. The Kaiser's government has acted in such a way that none of the allied governments against him will trust it. President Wilson has not replied to the last German note, but Germany is not likely to get any comfort at Washington. The allied nations seem to believe that the only way to secure peace is to thrash Germany to a frazzle. Until that happens Germany's trickery will avail it nothing.

HOLLAND CASE REVERSED

The Court of Criminal Appeals has reversed the decision of the lower courts in the Dorman and Norvin Holland cases and remanded them new trial. Dorman Holland was tried in Taylor county and Norvin Holland in this county and given 5 and 2 years. They are charged with killing Lee Clements at Denton some years ago.

NOTICE

I am instructed by the City Council to notify all persons to screen their closets to prevent papers blowing out on alleys and streets. Much complaint has been made about this neglect of closets. I hope I will not have to report anyone for failure to comply with this order.
47 W. L. Ashton, City Marshal.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Regular preaching service at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.
The members of the Woman's Missionary Society are requested to meet at the Church Monday afternoon, Oct. 28th at 4 o'clock. This is a called meeting and it is important that every member be present.
Supt. of Pub.

CLAUD SAUNDERSON DEAD

A telegram was received here Thursday by Wm. Saunderson advising him of the death at Kansas City, Mo., of his youngest son, Claud Saunderson. The telegram gave no details. The body was shipped to Charleston, Mo., for burial. A brother, Charles Saunderson and Mrs. Charles Saunderson of Dallas, went to Missouri for the burial. The father is ill and unable to make the trip. Young Mr. Saunderson leaves a widow. He visited his father here this summer. He was a well-known actor and for some time was playing at Omaha, Neb. The many friends of the family will extend sympathy.—Abilene Reporter
Jack Saunderson, as he was known in Baird, has many friends here, who will regret to learn of his death. He assisted the Baird fire boys in putting on a number of plays a few years ago and made many friends during his stay here.

Presbyterian Items.

The services of last Sunday were encouraging in view of the recent epidemic. A goodly number attended both morning and evening services. The evening service has been changed from 8 to 7:30 o'clock. Everybody invited. Strangers in town are cordially welcome.

HELP FOR FARMERS.

We still have some money that can be secured by farmers who really need help. If you intend to make an application for this money, please do so at once so that the committee can act on your application. If you know of any one who is really needy tell them about this aid. If you want to help in their cause mail in your check.
J. R. Black,
Acting for Judge W. R. Ely.

HALLOWEEN PARTY.

The Red Cross Chapter of Baird will give a Halloween Party at the Cooke Hall next Thursday night, Oct. 31st. A small admission fee will be charged and the proceeds given to the Canteen Service. The Red Cross Chapters of the county are invited to attend also every one who wishes to spend a pleasant evening and help a worthy and very necessary work.

"OVER-THE-TOP" ON FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN

Callahan County went "over-the-top" on the Fourth Liberty Loan, which speaks mighty well for our people considering the fact that we have suffered from drouth for some time. The following is the amount subscribed through the different banks in the county:

First National Bank, Baird,	\$38,650.00
Home National Bank, Baird	25,300.00
Farmers National Bank, Cross Plains	28,000.00
Bank of Cross Plains, Cross Plains	7,900.00
Clyde National Bank, Clyde	12,150.00
First State Bank, Clyde	6,800.00
First State Bank, Oplin	16,000.00
Farmers State Bank Putnam	31,500.00
Texas & Pacific R. R. Employees (estimated)	10,300.00
Total	\$176,600.00

The Railroad men of Baird are 100 per cent American as every employe of the Company, including the Mexican section men, own bonds amounting to something near \$30,000.00. In addition to the \$10,300.00 subscribed through the Company, quite a number of the men bought bonds through the Banks.

NOTICE

Dr. J. W. Simmons will spend Saturday, October 26th in Baird. Practice limited to diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat and fitting glasses. Office with Dr. Griggs

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- See F. E. Alvord, 45-4tp.

FOR SALE—Second-hand typewriter, Oliver No. 5, reasonable price. Inquire at STAR Office.

FOR RENT—Two rooms furnished for light housekeeping. Mrs. B. L. Russell, Phone 52 47-1

BANKHEAD HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

The Committee will leave Abilene Saturday morning, November 2d at 8:30 a. m. and will arrive at Baird at 9:30 a. m. Please see Judge B. L. Russell and let him know if you will go with your auto to meet the committee at county line.

PAY WAR SAVING STAMP PLEDGES OCT. 24 to 31

The State W. S. S. Director, Mr. Lipsitz, in conjunction with the National Director, urges that W. S. S. Pledges be paid up-to-date. The government needs our pledge money. The "Hun is on the run" now! Let us do our part to keep him going. Pay your W. S. S. Pledge.
S. E. Settle, Co. Chm.

ADVERTISEMENT RELATING TO LOST POLICIES

To Whom It May Concern:
Notice is hereby given that Fire Policies Nos. 7376 to 7400 inclusive Tornado Policies Nos. 15427 to 15450 inclusive, Certificates Nos. 10826 to 10850 inclusive of the Colonial Fire Underwriters, Branch of the National Fire Ins. Co. of Hartford, and Fire Policies Nos. 4859726 to 4859750 inclusive, Certificates Nos. 7551 to 7575 inclusive of the Royal Exchange Assurance Company of London, England, requiring for their validity the counter signature of a duly authorized and licensed agent, have been lost. Since these policies have not been regularly countersigned, issued or accounted for, nor any premiums received thereunder by these companies, they will be valueless and void in the hands of whomsoever they may fall, and any claim thereunder would be illegal and fraudulent. Also commission of authority issued by both companies. If policies or commissions found they should be returned to Trezevant & Cochran, General Agents, Dallas, Texas.
No claim of any nature purporting to be based upon them will be recognized by the companies. The public will please take notice accordingly.

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GERMAN RESISTANCE BECOMES STRONGER

ADVANCE OF ALLIES ALL ALONG THE LINE LESS RAPID THAN ON SUNDAY.

LINE IS MUCH SHORTER NOW

Length Has Been Reduced More Than One Hundred Miles Since Eighteenth of July.

London.—German resistance has stiffened all along the line and the allied advance in the country north of Le Cateau was not as rapid as on Saturday and Sunday. Beginning just north of Tournai the British reached the west bank of the Scheldt canal on a front of ten miles, marking an advance of about four miles. Unofficial reports are to the effect that the Scheldt had been crossed at several points in the region of Audenard, 15 miles south of Ghent.

In front of Tournai and Valenciennes the Germans have succeeded in holding up the British advance to the extent that only about a mile toward these cities has been gained since Sunday. The British lines are within two miles of both places and supposedly on an even line in this region. Between Le Cateau and Valenciennes the British report a slight advance at one point.

South of Le Cateau to the Serre river, the only advance reported officially was between the Oise and the Serre. The French captured Mesbrecourt, near the Serre.

On the American front northwest of Verdun two strategic points were captured and this gain, small in itself, possibly will lead to larger things later. The Germans are massing men opposite this front as fast as they can.

The battle line in France was approximately 488 miles long on July 18, 1918, when the allies took matters into their own hands. The line is now approximately 180 miles long and therefore has been shortened 308 miles. The line is now shorter than at any other time since 1914. It was at its greatest length on July 18, 1918.

No Hint at What President Thinks Washington.—Germany has replied to President Wilson with a note which, though no one is prepared to say it will lead the president even to continue exchanges on the subject of an armistice and peace, at least has served almost to bring conviction here that the people of Germany actually are taking the reins of government and sincerely desire peace on any terms the United States and the allies are willing to give. There was no official intimation here Monday night of the attitude of the president and probably there will be none until the official text of the new German communication has been received.

All Registrants to Get Questionnaires

Dallas.—Orders have been received by local exemption boards, through Major John C. Townes, Jr., from Provost Marshal General Crowder to proceed immediately mailing out questionnaires to registrants of Sept. 12 who are 18 years of age, or between the ages of 37 and 45, both inclusive. Instructions were given the boards to mail out 10 per cent of the remaining list of registrants of Sept. 12 each day until the number is exhausted. All local boards expect to start mailing the new questionnaires at once.

French Troops Reach Danube

Paris.—French troops have reached the Danube river in the region of Vidin, Bulgaria, the war office has announced. Vidin is on a small strip of Bulgarian territory which extends northward between the boundaries of Roumania and Serbia. Vidin is about 35 miles directly east of Saltschik, Serbia. The German army of occupation in Roumania probably will resist any attempt of the allies to cross the Danube into Roumania at Vidin.

Warned Against Use of Alcohol

New York.—A warning to Spanish influenza sufferers against the use of alcoholic beverages has been issued by Dr. Royal S. Copeland, health commissioner, who declared alcohol tended to increase the danger from the disease. There is a period in the treatment of pneumonia, Dr. Copeland added, when the use of alcohol as a stimulant produces good results.

2,300,000 Liberated by Allies

Washington.—Cablegrams received by Herbert Hoover, chairman of the Belgian relief commission, indicate that the population of reoccupied territory in northern France is more than 1,500,000 and that of reoccupied Belgium about 800,000.

Huns Bill in Belgium Staggering

London.—Some of the items which figure in Germany's bill in Belgium are given as follows: Local contributions and fines levied by Germany on Belgium in 1914, £8,000,000; war contributions from Nov. 1914, to Oct. 1918, £155,000,000; raw materials and machinery taken by the Germans; were reckoned by them in January 1915, at £86,000,000. The damage to December, 1914, estimated by the North German Gazette, amounted to £200,000,000; total £843,000,000.

GENERAL D'ESPEREY



Gen. Franchet d'Esperay of France commander in chief of the allied forces in Macedonia, which conquered Bulgaria.

ALLIES FORCE 15,000 HUNS INTO HOLLAND

ALLIED ARMIES ADVANCING ON GHENT AND EARLY FALL OF CITY IS EXPECTED.

Paris.—Franco-Belgian troops, advancing northeast of Bruges in Belgium, have reached the Holland border at a point about 15 or 20 miles from the coast, succeeded in closing the bag that contained, according to unofficial reports, 15,000 German soldiers, who have crossed into Holland and have been interned. This movement has freed many square miles of Belgian territory from German rule and has liberated thousands of Belgian subjects.

In Belgium the advance toward Ghent continues against increasing enemy resistance. The advance lines are now within 10 or 12 miles of that city.

British troops Sunday morning launched an attack on the Sambre river, north of Le Cateau, and after stubborn fighting, crossed the river, recaptured the villages of Soiesmes and extended the line beyond the village of St. Python to the east.

The British fought their way up the eastern slopes of the Selle river and now hold the heights overlooking the valley of the Harpies river. The British advance extends to a point which indicates the early fall of Valenciennes.

Farther north, the British also advanced, and are now within less than two miles of Tournai. The general line in this sector runs east of Denain, Hois de Ecluses, Landas, Mouchin and Marquin, thence northeastward only a short distance east of the river S. S.

South of Le Cateau the French have improved their positions. On this portion of the front the Germans occupy the previously prepared defensive position known as the "Hunding line," in which they are strongly entrenched.

In the Champagne the American forces, operating in conjunction with the French, have made important gains. The Americans reported a strong German counter-attack in the vicinity of Grandpre. They first gave ground for strategic reasons, then rushed the Germans, sweeping them off their feet and scoring an advance. In other portions of the front near the Meuse, the Americans were busy consolidating their recently captured positions.

Tells Spain U-Boats Called Home

Madrid.—The Spanish government according to the newspapers, has received an official communication from the German government stating that the German admiralty has ordered submarines to return immediately to their bases.

Commissions Applied for Locally

Washington.—Applicants for commissions in staff corps and departments of the army need not write to Washington to have their applications acted upon. Gen. March has announced that the procurement of officers for all branches of the army has been centralized in the personnel branch of the general staff and district headquarters have been established in 13 principal cities to which applications can be made. Separate recruiting endeavors of individual staff corps are discontinued.

25,000,000 Persons Subscribe to Loan

Washington.—Probably 25,000,000 individuals bought bonds of the fourth Liberty loan, reports reaching Washington indicate. Because a large portion of these filed their subscriptions during the last few days of the campaign it will take several days to count the pledges and compile reports. Definite figures and the total subscriptions to the loan are not available, but officials are confident the \$5,000,000,000 had been oversubscribed.

PRESIDENT REJECTS AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL

FEDERALIZATION SCHEME JUST PROCLAIMED DOES NOT MEET NEW SITUATION.

Washington.—President Wilson has rejected the Austro-Hungarian government's offer to conclude an armistice and negotiate peace on principles enunciated by him and has given notice that mere autonomy for Austria's subject nationalities is no longer acceptable; that they must have liberty.

Text of Reply. The text of the note handed to the Swedish minister follows: "Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 7th instant, in which you transmit a communication of the imperial and royal government of Austria-Hungary to the president. I am now instructed by the president to request you to be good enough through your government to convey to the imperial and royal government the following reply:

"The president deems it his duty to say to the Austro-Hungarian government he can not entertain the present suggestions of that government because of certain events of utmost importance which, occurring since the delivery of his address of the eighth of January last, have necessarily altered the attitude and responsibility of the government of the United States. Among the 14 terms of peace which the president formulated at that time, occurred the following:

"The peoples of Austria-Hungary, whose place among the nations we wish to see safeguarded and assured, should be accorded the freest opportunity of autonomous development."

"Since that sentence was written and uttered to the congress of the United States the government of the United States has recognized that a state of belligerency exists between the Czechoslovaks and the German and Austro-Hungarian empires and that the Czechoslovak National Council is a de facto government, clothed with proper authority to direct the military and political affairs of the Czechoslovaks. It has also recognized in the fullest measure the justice of the nationalistic aspirations of the Jugo-Slavs for freedom.

"The president is, therefore, no longer at liberty to accept the mere 'autonomy' of these peoples as a basis of peace, but is obliged to insist that they, and not he, shall be the judges of what action on the part of the Austro-Hungarian government will satisfy their aspirations and their conceptions of their rights and destiny as members of the family of nations.

"Accept, sir, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration. (Signed) "Robert Lansing."

BAPTISTS IN GREAT CAMPAIGN

This Fund Will Include Army Camp Work and Aid For Drought-Stricken Churches

Dallas.—Texas Baptists are in a campaign to raise \$300,000.00 by November 20th. It is necessary that this amount be raised to care for the various interests fostered by the general convention. The state mission work requires over \$150,000.00.

This is the most fruitful feature of their work. During the last ten years the missionaries have baptized more than 75,000 converts, and received into the churches, by letter and otherwise, 156,000.

At least \$50,000.00 is needed to provide preaching for the soldiers in Texas camps. The results in this line of work, so far, have been most gratifying. Adequate support for aged ministers and free treatment for the poor in Baptist sanitariums will be provided for out of this fund.

The hundreds of churches in the drought stricken sections will receive aid, and thus be enabled to continue their services. This is a most urgent need.

The various needs make it imperative that the full amount be raised.

It has been arranged to use Liberty bonds as cash. This will enhance the offering. Churches are urged to buy bonds and give them to this cause.

This campaign is under the direction of the Executive Board, office 720 Slaughter building, Dallas, F. S. Groner, secretary. All funds should be sent to this address.

Nearly One Million British Slain

London.—Up to the present nearly one million British lives have been sacrificed in the war, according to information received by Reuters, limited.

Touch of Dramatic in Lille Capture

British Headquarters in Flanders.—The evacuation of Lille and the British entry into the city was one of the most dramatic events of the war. At 4 o'clock Thursday morning the German commandant at Lille ordered all the inhabitants to assemble as promptly as possible. As they hurried through the streets they observed the garrison marching out. They were told to go out to the British lines and meet their friends, and the Germans had gone.

COL. EDWARD P. O'HERN



Col. Edward P. O'Hern, chief of ordnance of the First American field army, has been for years one of the most noted experts of the ordnance bureau. He is a West Pointer, a native of New York, forty years old. He directed the work of the big guns in the St. Mihiel drive.

LILLE, DOUAI, OSTEND AND BRUGES TAKEN

DEMORALIZED GERMANS RAPIDLY YIELDING GROUND ON FRONT OF 60 MILES.

Paris.—In a grand sweep forward on the heels of the retreating enemy the allied armies have occupied a large area in the coast region of Belgium, including territory several miles east of Ostend. Farther south the Germans have evacuated Lille, and still farther south they have been forced to evacuate Douai. The allied advance reported in Thursday's dispatches ranged from two or three miles in the vicinity of Douai to about 25 miles on the Belgian coast. The front affected by these operations is 68 miles long, from Douai to the sea. The allies are moving about as fast as they can go without opposition on the Belgian end, and it is reasonable to believe that there are no longer any Germans on the Belgian coast. Unofficial advice is that the enemy is falling back to Antwerp. Some time ago there was talk that a defense line had been constructed beginning at Antwerp and extending almost straight to Namur, thence along the Meuse to the country north of Verdun where the Americans are now fighting. The battle line has been reduced several miles by Thursday's operations.

The important cities of Lille, Douai, Ostend, Courtrai and Bruges have been occupied and the occupation of Ghent is probably a matter of hours, along with Roubaix and Turcoing. If the Germans fall back to the Liege-Namur-Meuse line it will mean the evacuation of practically all of northern France and more than half of Belgium.

South of La Cateau the British and Americans have pushed forward two miles and are reported as still going. The Americans are operating in the neighborhood of Souplet.

South of Souplet the French have pushed across the Oise and captured Mont Origny and 1,200 prisoners. The Germans put up a strong resistance to the French.

In the American sector, northwest of Verdun, the weather continues bad, but additional small gains were reported.

It is reported that the Germans have called in their submarines by wireless. They have ordered the destruction of towns and cities stopped. Great activity in political circles in Berlin is reported in connection with President Wilson's note which is to be laid before the reichstag immediately, possibly in connection with such answer as the chancellor and his advisers have drafted.

The retreat from Belgium promises to shorten the battle line. In order for Germany to further resist a shortening of the line is necessary.

Ask \$10,000,000 To Fight Influenza

Washington.—Appropriation of \$10,000,000 in addition to the \$1,000,000 already provided by congress to combat Spanish influenza is proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Lewis of Illinois. The money would be expended through the health departments of states and municipalities.

Montenegro Border Open to Allies

Paris.—Austro-German forces in western Serbia have retired into Montenegro and have evacuated the town of Diakova on the Serbo-Montenegro frontier. Under allied pressure the hostile forces are retiring on Ipek. The allied forces continue to advance into northern Serbia. Serbian troops have taken the nasaf of Voliki lastrobatz and have reached the Moravia river at Grenotac and Rujinar, 20 kilometers north of Niah.

GERMANY'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT WILSON

CLAIMS RULE BY AUTOCRACY HAS BEEN ABOLISHED IN GERMANY FOREVER.

SUB WARFARE IS MODIFIED

Says Undue Destruction of Private Property is Not Looked Upon With Favor.

London.—The German reply to President Wilson's note, the text of which was received here Monday by wireless, follows:

"In accepting the proposal for an evacuation of occupied territories the German government has started from the assumption that that the procedure of this evacuation and of the conditions of an armistice should be left to the judgment of the military advisers and that the actual standard of power on both sides in the field has to form the basis for arrangements for safeguarding and guaranteeing this standard.

"The German government suggests to the president that an opportunity be brought about for fixing the details. It trusts that the president of the United States will approve of no demand which would be irreconcilable with the honor of the German people and with opening a way to a peace of justice.

"The German government protests against the reproach of illegal and inhumane actions made against the German land and sea forces and thereby against the German people. For the recovering of a retreat destructions will always be necessary and they are carried out in so far as is permitted by international law. The German troops are under most strict instructions to spare private property and to exercise care for the population to the best of their ability. Where transgressions occur in spite of these instructions the guilty are being punished.

"The German government further denies that the German navy in sinking ships has ever purposely destroyed lifeboats with their passengers. The German government proposes with regard to all those charges that the facts be cleared up by neutral commissions.

"In order to avoid anything that might hamper the work of peace the German government has caused orders to be dispatched to all submarine commanders precluding the torpedoing of passenger ships, without, however, for technical reasons, being able to guarantee that these orders will reach every single submarine at sea before its return.

"As a fundamental condition of peace the president prescribes the destruction of every arbitrary power that can separately, secretly and of its own single choice disturb the peace of the world. To this the German government replies: Hitherto the representation of the people in the German empire has not been endowed with an influence on the formation of the government.

"The constitution did not provide for a concurrence of representation of the people in decisions of peace and war. These conditions have just now undergone a fundamental change. A new government has been formed in complete accordance with the wishes (principle?) of the representation of the people, based on equal, universal, secret, direct franchise.

"The leaders of the great parties of the reichstag are members of this government. In the future no government can take or continue in office without possessing the confidence of a majority of the reichstag.

"The responsibility of the chancellor of the empire to the representation of the people is being legally developed and safeguarded. The first act of the new government has been to lay before the reichstag a bill to alter the constitution of the empire so that the consent of the representation of the people is required for decisions on war and peace.

"The permanence of the new system is, however, guaranteed not only by constitutional safeguards, but also by the unshakable determination of the German people, whose vast majority stands behind these reforms and demand their energetic continuance.

"The question of the president— with whom he and the governments associated against Germany are dealing—is therefore answered in a clear, unequivocal manner and by the statement that the offer of a peace and an armistice has come from a government which is free from any arbitrary and irresponsible influence, is supported by the approval of an overwhelming majority of the German people.

Influenza Improves in Six States

Washington.—Improvement in the influenza situation in six states as shown by reports received by the public health service, but 27 states reported the disease still spreading, with many additional cities and rural districts affected. Conditions apparently were worse in Pennsylvania where it is estimated 350,000 cases have occurred, with probably 150,000 in Philadelphia. For the first 18 days of October, 14,805 deaths were reported in the state.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR OCTOBER 27

ISAAC'S MARRIAGE TO REBECCA.

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 24. GOLDEN TEXT—Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: . . . So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man.—Proverbs 2:3-4. DEVOTIONAL READING—Ephesians 4:2-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FOR TEACHERS—Genesis 25:19-34; Proverbs 2:10-31.

I. Abraham's Solicitude for a Wife for Isaac (vv. 1-10).

He knew that Isaac's success in life would much depend upon what kind of a wife he should have. Man's welfare in this life and that to come largely depends upon his wife. For Isaac to have an idolatrous, Canaanitish wife would be fatal to his posterity, would subvert the plan of God as expressed in his covenant with Abraham. It would have been perilous to Isaac himself. To have married a woman in that land would have made him in a sense an heir to the land through marriage, and would have tended to divert his mind from the heirship through the covenant promise.

1. The Servant's Oath (vv. 2-4). Abraham committed to his trusted servant the matter of securing a wife for Isaac; therefore, he made him swear that he would go to Abraham's country and kindred to get a wife for him. He doubtless regarded his servant more competent to select a wife than Isaac was to select one for himself.

2. The Extent of the Servant's Responsibility (vv. 5, 8). Before the servant would take the oath he must have clearly defined the extent of his responsibility. If the woman would refuse the invitation, the servant would be clear of responsibility. The minister's obligation ends when he has earnestly and intelligently made known to sinners the will of God.

3. The Servant's Helper (v. 8). Abraham assured him that God would send his angel to make the mission successful. The servant found this to be true. God sends his Holy Spirit to make the message of the minister successful.

II. The Servant's Obedience (vv. 10-19).

1. He Took Ten Camels (v. 10). These were to carry presents to the bride, and to conduct her and her companions back to his master.

2. His Prayer for Guidance (vv. 12-14). He asked that the Lord would guide him to the woman whom he had chosen for Isaac. Earnest prayer for guidance should be in the selection of a wife.

3. His Prayer Answered (vv. 15-27). Before he had done praying, the answer was realized to be in the process of fulfillment. The answer was according to the request, even in the matter of fulfillment. God does definitely answer prayer.

4. The Servant's Message (vv. 23-49). The Lord had prospered the old servant's way. He now was face to face with Rebecca. Supper was ready, but the delivery of his message was more important to him than eating when he was hungry. He said, "I will not eat till I have said my errand." God were it if all ministers were as much interested in delivering the good news in Christ. (!) His master was rich (v. 35). God the Heavenly Father is rich. The silver and gold and the cattle upon a thousand hills are all his. (2) All his riches have been given to his son (v. 36). All the riches of heaven, God the Father has given to Jesus Christ, his son. (3) Oppressions were given Rebecca to become the wife of Isaac (v. 49). He not only gave the opportunity, but he urged her to accept the invitation.

III. Rebecca's Relatives Begging for Postponement of Action (v. 55). They did not object to her going sometime, but they desired that she postpone action for a time. What folly to remain and water sheep when she had the opportunity to become the bride of a rich man's son.

What folly for sinners to remain servants in the world when they have the privilege of becoming the bride of Christ.

IV.—Rebecca's Glorious Decision. (v. 65).

When the decision was referred to Rebecca she said, "I will go." Good judgment would not allow her to refuse nor delay.

V. The Meeting of Isaac and Rebecca (vv. 64-67).

Isaac was waiting for the return of the servant with the woman who was to be his wife. Isaac was joined to her in marriage, loved her, and was comforted in her after his mother's death.

Spirit of Christ.

The longer you read the Bible the more you will like it; it will grow sweeter and sweeter; the more you get into the spirit of it the more you will get into the spirit of Christ.—Romaine.

The Cross is Peace.

The Cross is peace, and that sums up the past; The Crown is joy and that my future sums. I need but simple faith, faith that shall last. The hope that liberates and overcomes.

THE KITCHEN CABINET

The hero we love in this land today is the hero who lightens some fellowman's load— Who makes of the mountain some pleasant highway, Who makes of the desert some blossoming road.

The ones who mean to win their stars For the deeds they shall have wrought Won't have too many sleeping cars Attached to their train of thought. —Nixon Waterman.

A FEW SNACKS.

EOR a small company when supplies are limited, a salad is the dish upon which we all rely. A most tasty and attractive one is this that was the invention of necessity, for one cucumber, one tomato, and one large apple served a happy salad. The apple was peeled and cored, then cut in thin rings and dropped in cold water with a little vinegar; this keeps the apple from turning brown. The cucumber was chopped or cut in fine cubes; and one small onion was also cut in the same manner. The slices of apple were heaped with the onion and cucumber mixture, which had been well seasoned and mixed with salad dressing and garnished with a strip or two of red pepper. The tomato was heaped with a teaspoonful of the salad dressing and garnished with two or three strips of green pepper.

Cheese Dreams.—With a biscuit cutter cut circles from slices of close-textured bread. Lay on thinly sliced cheese, place another circle on it in the form of a sandwich, and brown lightly in a little olive oil in a hot frying pan.

Hot Cheese Sandwiches.—Break open hot baking powder biscuit, butter, and lay in a thin slice of cheese. Cover with a hot cloth and serve quickly as the cheese should be melted at once. These make a most dainty lunch with a cupful of tea and a dish of fruit.

Tomatoes With Eggs.—Peel small firm tomatoes, scoop out the centers which may be used as a soup or in sauces, season well inside and out with salt and paprika and put in the oven, cook until boiling hot, then remove. Drop in a piece of butter and an egg, using care not to break the yolk. When the egg is firm, remove from the oven and serve on buttered rounds of toast. Leftover greens of any kind that are cooked and seasoned may be molded in small cups and served as a salad with a good dressing. Small balls of cottage cheese are good with these.

The white-fleshed fishes, such as cod, whitefish, haddock and halibut, make most acceptable dishes served in a white sauce.

Age is an opportunity no less Than youth itself, though in another dress; And as the evening twilight fades away The sky is filled with stars invisible by day.

A FEW PUREES.

PUREE is commonly known as a thickened soup. The kinds of purees are without limit.

Puree of Cucumber.—Peel, slice and parboil six cucumbers. Drain and fry in butter, season with salt, pepper and nutmeg. Dredge with four tablespoonfuls of flour, add two quarts of milk and one quart of veal stock; cook 15 minutes, stirring constantly. Rub through a sieve, reheat, add one cupful of scalding hot cream, season with sugar and butter and serve with croutons.

Puree of Beans and Rice.—Put a quart of beans into a soup pan with a little salt, a small onion, a slice of carrot, a tablespoonful of fat, a sprig of parsley and boiling water to cover. Cook until the beans are soft, rub through a sieve and add sufficient veal stock to make the desired quantity of soup. Season to taste, add two tablespoonfuls of butter substitute and a cupful of boiled rice. Reheat and serve at once.

Puree a la Croissy.—Put into a saucepan a carrot, a turnip and an onion cut fine, two cupfuls of beans, two leeks, a stalk of celery and a small bunch of parsley. Fry in butter, dredge with flour, add a can of tomatoes and two quarts of veal stock. Simmer for two hours, rub through a sieve, reheat, season with salt, pepper, sugar and butter. Add one cupful of cooked green peas and one cupful of boiling cream. Serve with croutons.

Puree of Celery.—Cut two bunches of celery into small pieces, parboil and drain, then fry in butter. Add salt, pepper and nutmeg to season; cover with veal stock and simmer one hour. Blend two tablespoonfuls of butter with two of flour, add a quart of veal stock and the celery and cook until thick. Rub through a sieve, reheat, add two cupfuls of hot milk, a pinch of sugar and a tablespoonful of butter. Serve with croutons.

The soup needs to be but opened and heated, adding a dash of paprika or a bit of onion or cooked rice and it is ready to serve.

WHAT TO HAVE FOR BREAKFAST.

NO MONTH is known, even in the summer time, when griddle cakes are not welcomed in the average family. In a large majority of hotels hot griddle cakes are always on the bill of fare, summer or winter, and in many, the cake is a favorite finish for the night meal.

Corn Flour Griddle Cakes.—Beat one egg very light, add a cupful of good rich buttermilk or sour milk, a half-teaspoonful of salt and a half-teaspoonful of soda, a quarter of a teaspoonful of baking powder; then add enough corn flour to make a thin batter. Cook on a hot griddle. The secret of a good tender cake is the materials used, sour or buttermilk making most tender and fluffy cakes, then the care with which they are cooked.

A breakfast, which is quite satisfactory, is the following: Either a dish of sliced peaches or a cantaloupe or muskmelon, a dish of well-cooked oatmeal, and if the peaches are served, they may be eaten with the cereal, cream and sugar, an egg on toast and a cupful of coffee.

Pears, plums, quinces and grapes are all in the market and furnish a good variety. The quinces are to be stewed or baked to make them palatable.

Scrambled Eggs a la Guerre.—Make a paste of a cupful of milk and a third of a cupful of flour—any kind may be used; cook until smooth and the starchy flavor is entirely removed. Now add three eggs, stir and cook with butter and seasoning until the eggs are thick. Serve at once.

Kentucky Batter Bread.—Take two cupfuls of cornmeal, three eggs, well beaten, one teaspoonful of salt, one tablespoonful of melted fat. Mix with milk to make a thin batter. Pour into shallow buttered tins and bake 45 minutes in a hot oven.

Rice With Eggs.—Brown a third of a cupful of rice in a little sweet fat, season and add broth or water, cook until the rice is tender, then stir in three eggs and serve hot at once.

We search the world for truth; we cull The good, the pure, the beautiful, From graven stone and written scroll; From all old flower-fields of the soul; And, weary seekers of the best, We come back laden from our quest To find that all the sages said Is in the book our mothers read. —John G. Whittier.

COMMONPLACE LUNCHEONS.

MOST tasty dish to serve hot for a main dish is a combination of fish, potato and white sauce.

Escalloped Fish and Potato.—Prepare creamed salmon by melting one tablespoonful of butter, adding two of flour, stirring until the mixture is smooth. Then add a cupful of milk, salt and pepper to taste; add the can of drained fish after the sauce is well cooked. Put a layer of the creamed fish into a baking dish, cover with a layer of cold mashed potato, then another layer of fish until all is used. Have the potato for a finish to the top. Dot with bits of butter, sprinkle with salt and paprika and bake in moderate oven.

Salmon Rice.—Line a buttered mold with cold boiled rice left from breakfast, fill the center with creamed salmon and cover with more rice. Cover mold and steam half an hour or more. Serve with a cream sauce, which may be seasoned with curry, lemon juice or chopped sour pickle.

Fruit Popovers.—Take one cupful of flour, one egg, unbeaten, one cupful of milk and half a teaspoonful of salt, a teaspoonful of baking powder; mix all together and beat well. When the gem pans are sizzling hot and well greased drop in the batter, filling each pan half-full; add a piece of banana, a spoonful of blackberries or any fruit. Bake in a hot oven until a golden brown. These may be served with a simple fruit syrup for dessert.

Tongue and Potato Salad.—Cut cold cooked pickled lamb's tongues into dice; mix with double the quantity of cold boiled potatoes; cut in dice and add hard-cooked egg, finely chopped. Pour over a French dressing and serve.

Baked Sausages With Rice.—Cut large pork sausages into thin slices; butter a baking dish and fill with cold boiled rice. Moisten the rice with cold water in which a little beef extract has been dissolved. Spread the sliced sausages over the rice and bake in a hot oven until the sausage is crisp.

Nellie Maxwell

HOW TO REMODEL THE OLD HOUSE

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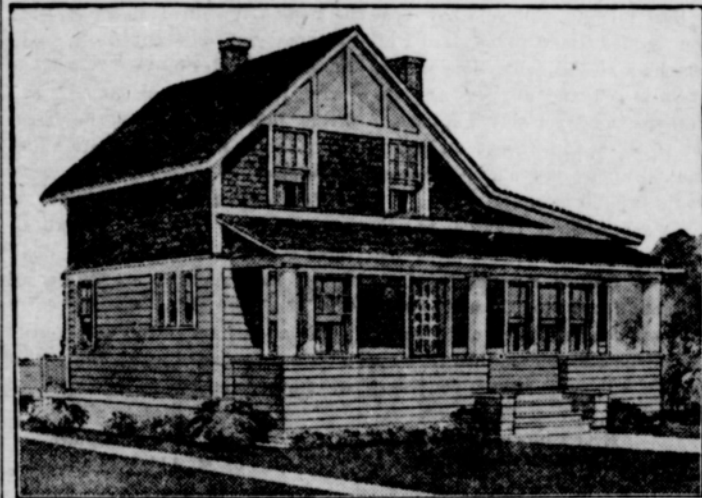
No Permit Required for Repair or Remodeling Up to \$2,500.

The following is authorized by the war industries board in its circular No. 21, dated September 3, 1918, relative to nonwar construction:

"Structures . . . falling within the following classification are hereby approved, and no permits or licenses will be required therefor:

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When one has a good house a very necessary thing is to keep it well preserved. Any parts that are worn or damaged by accident should be re-



paired as early as possible so that it will always be in good condition. To prevent decay we must paint wood-work or metal work, point up masonry and repair cracks in concrete and plastering.

It is far easier and cheaper to keep a house in constant good condition than to let it run down and then repair it all at one time. Parts subject to rot will do so very quickly if exposed to the elements. A leak in a roof is nothing serious, but if not attended to promptly the constant leaking will cause extensive damage to the ceilings, walls and floors. What would have cost perhaps a few dollars to repair at first has by neglect been allowed to cause damage that will cost ten times the amount to have it put in good condition again.

A house that is simply left alone will not only run down and look dilap-

idated, but it will go to ruin in a comparatively short while. It is like a machine that is kept in good condition and always working; it gives good service. But leave it alone and exposed to the weather and it will not be long before it rusts and becomes useless.

of the conveniences and the style of the modern house; and in many cases their owners become dissatisfied and wish they had a more up-to-date house. To only a very few does the thought occur that their good house can have all these modern conveniences and style. The majority of improvements can be made at comparatively little expense.

Many a good plain house can have a number of modern improvements added to it that will make it more convenient and comfortable on the inside, also a few well-chosen changes and additions on its exterior that will alter it so that it will have a certain snap to its appearance, so as to make it stand out from the commonplace house.

A very interesting example of what one can accomplish at comparatively slight expense in enlarging and making more convenient the small home is illustrated here.

The man who bought this little house went to a contractor with a little snapshot photo of the house and a rough pencil sketch of the floor layout of the rooms.

The contractor was an up-to-the-times business man. The owner and his wife wanted all the modern conveniences installed—a bathroom was absolutely required, and they wanted a dining room and a good-sized living room with an open fireplace.

The contractor took a look at the house and made careful measurements and in a few days he showed the owner a plan of the old house; also a plan showing how it could be changed to get the desired improvements. When a few minor changes were made it exactly suited the requirements of the owner and his wife. As the plans of the house show, it contained four good-sized rooms. The house was excellently built; the walls were sheathed and clapboarded, and between the studs sheathing quilt had been used, making a very warm house. Despite its excellent construction, it had no attractiveness and was sold at a good deal less than its cost.

The old owner had lost sight of the fact that it is the convenient and attractive house that can be sold at a good price when it is necessary to sell. The purchaser saw the possibilities in this house and got a bargain, and with the co-operation of the contractor and

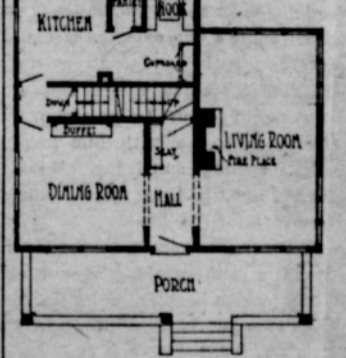
the lumber dealer he was able to remodel it into a comfortable, modern home at but slight cost.

But little need be said, as the pictures and plans tell the story better than words can. The principal changes were the addition to the living room and enlarging the front porch.

Downstairs the big kitchen was altered and a new pantry and cupboards built, also a breakfast nook. A partition with a wide casement opening was placed across the old living room, dividing it into a hall and dining room.

The old kitchen was a big, roomy affair. In the remodeling a new pantry was made alongside of the old one, the front wall of which was removed, and what was once the old pantry is now a delightful breakfast nook, and a cupboard adds to the convenience and looks of the kitchen.

Upstairs the greatest convenience of



First and Second Floor Plans of House After Remodeling, Showing Large Modern Living Room to the First Floor and Second Floor Rearranged to Provide a Bathroom.

all has been installed, and this is the bathroom—a portion of the large rear bedroom was partitioned off, thereby getting this much needed improvement in the house.

A small heating plant in the cellar completed the improvements, and as the house now stands it is thoroughly modern and gives one an excellent idea of what can be accomplished by doing a little remodeling to what many thought was an impossible house. The changes in the exterior are very simple and really self-evident.

Texas News

The Spanish influenza epidemic has caused a falling off in drilling operations in the Texas oil fields.

A dipping vat for the eradication of the cattle tick will be built at League City in Galveston county.

Corpus Christi seawall bonds amounting to \$600,000 were approved Saturday by the attorney general's department.

During the past ten days over three inches of rain has fallen in Brown county. Crop prospects are bright and farmers are very busy sowing grain. Every available acre of land is to be planted.

The federal food administration for Texas gives out the following: Texas for the months of November and December will have a sugar allotment of 12,500,000 pounds of sugar per month. The retailer will naturally supply the householder as heretofore at the rate of two pounds per person per month.

Out of 124 applications made for government loans on seed wheat in Runnels county, 111 were approved and loans aggregating more than \$16,000, covering more than 5,000 acres, were made. Much of the wheat has been planted and many fields are green with a good stand from the recent rains.

At an enthusiastic and largely attended meeting of the Texas Field Trial Association held at Houston it was decided that the annual field trial would be held this season on the Birdy Club course near Cypress, Texas, February 12, 13 and 14. The stakes will include the puppy, Derby and all-age classes.

A concrete dam across a lagoon that leads into the Pecos river is now under construction on the border line between Reeves and Pecos counties, forty miles west of Fort Stockton. When completed it will cost more than \$150,000, and it is estimated that it will impound water for the irrigation of 40,000 to 50,000 acres of land.

With Albert S. Leach of Fort Worth elected secretary and treasurer, and W. L. Mann of Wichita Falls president, the independent oil producers of Northwest Texas have organized for the purpose of protecting and promoting the interests of the independent producers all over the State in a meeting held at Wichita Falls a few days ago.

Professor E. B. LaRoche, graduate of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., and Cornell University, as well as graduate student in Columbia University and a practical architect of several years' experience, has accepted a position as head of the department of architecture and architectural engineering at A. and M. College. He is a native of South Carolina.

Of the larger counties which have filed tax rolls with the controller's department this year, Bexar county shows the largest increase in total valuation. Bexar county's total this year is \$140,671,220, an increase of \$23,143,543 over last year. Dallas county's total this year is \$157,508,260, an increase of \$6,568,490 over last year, and Harris county, \$142,248,522, an increase of \$2,867,124.

Figures compiled in the Texas selective service department show that 988,463 men of fighting age have registered in Texas since the United States declared war against Germany. In the opinion of Major John C. Townes, Jr., supervisor of the selective draft, the figures would have passed the 1,000,000 mark had not drought conditions prevailed in West Texas during the past two years.

Gentry Brothers' dog and pony show has arrived in Houston to take up winter quarters there.

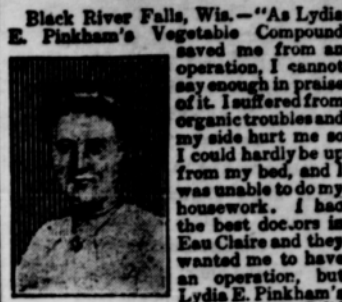
According to the monthly report of the state prison commission, made public this week, there were 3,531 convicts on hand October 1. During the month of September there were new received 60; recaptured, 11; returned by sheriffs, 2; returned from parole, 4; discharged, 87; pardoned, 29; escaped, 11, and paroled, 4. Of the total prison population 385 are in the penitentiaries proper; 2,389 on state farms, 745 on leased farms and 10 in insane asylums.

The State highway department has under construction a number of State and federal projects, and many others at the point of beginning. Seventy-three federal aid projects, involving the expenditure of \$4,196,421, have been approved, and State aid granted and construction ready to commence, involving \$430,208. Altogether, the State and federal aid work under construction and ready to start involves the construction of 7,455 miles of highway at a cost of \$5,630,947.

In a letter to C. A. Prouty, director United States railroad administration, Washington, D. C., the Texas railroad commission makes a vigorous protest against any further advance in express rates to, from or between points in Texas. The commission says it canceled its Texas-made rates at the instance of the federal railroad administration and substituted those of the interstate commerce commission, plus 10 per cent, on August 1, and that such increase was not a 10 per cent increase over the canceled Texas rates, but it was from 25 to 100 per cent, and in extreme cases even more.

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LOOK AT CHILD'S TONGUE IF SICK, CROSS, FEVERISH

HURRY, MOTHER! REMOVE POISONS FROM LITTLE STOMACH, LIVER, BOWELS.

GIVE CALIFORNIA SYRUP OF FIGS AT ONCE IF BILIOUS OR CONSTIPATED.



Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, it is a sure sign that your little one's stomach, liver and bowels needs a gentle, thorough cleansing at once.

When peevish, cross, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, doesn't eat or act naturally, or is feverish, stomach sour, breath bad; has stomach-ache, sore throat, diarrhea, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of the little bowels without gripping, and you have a well, playful child again.

You needn't coax sick children to take this harmless "fruit laxative"; they love its delicious taste, and it always makes them feel splendid.

Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. To be sure you get the genuine, ask to see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.—Adv.

Part American.

A shorehand met a French lieutenant on Michigan avenue.

"Yes," said the lieutenant, during the conversation, "I was born in France, but I am part American." "How's that?" asked a gob. "This glass eye of mine was made in New York."—Great Lakes Bulletin.

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Double-Header.

She—Marry a bright woman for success and a pretty woman for happiness, you know. He—Say, honey, you are just bigamy in the first degree!—Adelaide (Australia) Chronicle.

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Remorse is memory that has soured.

Children's Coughs

may be checked and more serious conditions of the throat will be averted, decided by promptly giving the child a dose of our

PISO'S

It was Emerson who said, "Hitch your wagon to a star," that is make your ideals high and noble.

Truth crushed to earth, shall rise again. The eternal years of God are here.—William Cullen Bryant.

Life is too short to waste
In critic peep or cynic bark,
Quarrels or reprimand:
'Twill soon be dark.—Emerson.

Our whole life is startlingly moral. There is never an instant's truce between virtue and vice. Goodness is the only investment that never fails.—Thoreau.

The Kaiser in a bombastic speech to his soldiers March 21st, bade them march forward with God and they would conquer. They did not conquer and are coming back three times faster than they advanced in the spring.

Talk about making the whole world Democratic, it seems that President Wilson was not such a dreamer as some thought. He has convinced the house of Hohenzollern and Hapsburgs that Democratic rule is best, and they have agreed with him. Don't that jar you?

The Dallas News remarks that the United States finds it easier to raise six billion dollars war loan for defense than it would have found it to raise the fifty billion dollars that the Kaiser was going to make us pay for selling goods to his enemies.

The German government have so camouflaged their government that they think they can fool President Wilson, but we do not believe they can. They are not fooling the world with their tricks to secure armistice to reform their armies.

The German officers are beginning to admit that the Americans will fight and that they show some evidence of training. That is admitting a great deal by these square heads, that have always believed it required 20 years training to make a soldier. The 36th Division, Texas and Oklahoma National Guard, is proving itself superior in fighting to the Kaiser's picked troops that have been sent against them.

The Court of Criminal Appeals decided, Wednesday, that the State-wide prohibition law is unconstitutional. The only effect the decision will have in this part of the state will be to open the booze joints at San Angelo, unless the people of San Angelo close them by local option. All the larger cities where army camps are located will remain dry under the ten mile law. Many believe the decision on the state-wide prohibition will help the pros in the State-wide election next year.

The 36th Division that trained at Camp Bowie, went "over the top" October 8th, taking the place of the Second Division of regulars. In three days the Division advanced thirteen miles along a considerable front, driving back some of the Kaiser's invincible troops, the Prussian Guards, said to be the best trained troops in Europe. A year ago most of the men composing this Division were working on farms, ranches, in stores, machine shops, on railroads, etc in Texas and Oklahoma. That they can successfully meet and defeat in all kinds of fighting, including hand-to-hand bayonet fighting, the best trained troops in the world, speaks well for them and the training they received under the command of Gen. Greble. There are many Callahan county boys in this Division.

Where the 36th Division is holding the line the Germans are putting up the most desperate fighting they have

done during the war to prevent the Americans breaking through the second line of their defense, as a break there would endanger the whole German line north to Flanders where the British and Belgians are driving the Germans out of Belgium. The American army on the right and along both sides of the river Meuse are gradually advancing through the second line of German defense, having crossed the Hindenburg line at that place. It appears that the 2nd and 36th Divisions are stationed to the north of the Argonne Forrest and are fighting with the French. The French General cited both Divisions for skill and bravery in this battle. The 36th Division is reported to be fighting coolly, methodically and with the skill of trained veterans in battle. As this was their baptism of fire, they have not only done well, but gloriously. Proof of this was their success and the commendation of the veteran French General, under whose command they are fighting. That year of long weary training at Camp Bowie, that became so tiresome to the boys, is bringing glorious results to the American army in France.

Uncle Sam has two million more just like them in France and two million on the way, and ten million will be sent if it requires that many to can the Kaiser, but it looks like the boys already "over there" will finish the job before the other two million can train and get into the game.

LETTERS FROM FRANCE.

(The following letter was received by Master Carl Oliphant from Arthur H. Legh of the British Army in France. He was stationed at Camp Bowie as instructor while the 36th Division was in training there, and as Carl lived at Fort Worth at that time a strong friendship was formed between them.)

On Active Service,
Sept. 22nd, 1918.

My Dear Nipper:
Very many thanks for your letter which was sent on to me by my sister. Mind you tell me all the news every time you write, and above all let me know what you are doing at school and how you are getting on. Don't forget what I told you about the kind of men who will be wanted after the war. The more education you have got the better chances you will have of getting on and making a good thing of life. And there is no time like the present for you. Read all you can get hold of in the way of good books and take an interest in everything. Later on, when you have taken up a profession, there will be no time—and then it will be too late.

Here I am back with my old Regiment again on the British part of the front. There are very few officers or men whom I know, left now—though I have only been ten and a half months away from France. But I found my old job waiting for me just the same and found plenty of work to do straight away.

Let me try and draw you a picture of my surroundings: I am sitting bunched up in a little dug out, rather bigger than a rabbit-hole, with my paper on my knees and the rain trickling through the roof onto my back. This shelter I share with the Senior Major or 2nd in command, as we call him. It is rather close quarters and gets very stuffy, but we get used to that sort of thing. We have just come to a temporary halt after pushing the Boche back nearly thirty miles and fighting hard most of the time.

You can have no idea of the desolation of the country outside my shelter. The villages and towns we have passed through. Not a house is left standing. Churches, theatres, town halls, big houses, small houses, all just tumbled about in heaps of ruins, the furniture sometimes blown hundreds of yards away and everything covered with thick, caked mud. All the wells are poisoned, all the railway lines and bridges blown up; it is just as though a terrific tornado had swept everything down and then an earthquake had tumbled the ruins on top of one another.

In the middle of this waste we trudge along through what once were

fields of corn, oats, grass and flax—now deserted, overgrown and blotched with shell holes. For miles you see nothing but shell holes—large holes, small holes, great yawning craters fifteen yards or more across—all full of packs, rifles, bombs, equipment, dead horses, broken transports and (till we buried them) German dead.

Our water has to be brought up miles in special tanks or water carts. Our food is mostly tinned meat and fruit—but there is plenty of it. And in the midst of this "abomination of desolation," with shells and machine gun bullets around us—for the Germans are still putting up a good fight—we are all supremely happy, laughing, joking, jesting at the rain and discomfort, cherry as we have never been before. And why? Because at last we have got the Hun on the run and the war is turning the right way for us. A few more smashing blows like this Peace will be upon us perhaps before we expect it. Still don't stop your efforts over there—you cannot do too much in the way of soldiers, food, munitions and ships for us—and the harder every one works in the U. S., the sooner it will be all over.

Well, old boy, I should like to go on with my picture—but I can't write much, as there are maps to be made and orders to be given, and it may be some time before I get another chance of writing to you, but I will let you have a line as often as I can. Many thanks for sending me a photograph of yourself, I have not seen it yet as I told my sister to keep it at home till I get back. We have to carry all our luggage on our backs now and things get spoiled and torn to bits, constantly wet through and used as a seat or a pillow.

Best love to you, old boy, you were a good friend to me, and I often think of the jolly time we had in Galveston and at San Antonio. Perhaps one day I may get back to the U. S. A. and revisit all the old haunts, when you are a bit older and would enjoy it more.

My very kindest regards to your father and mother, and please ask them to forgive my not writing a separate letter to them. I know they will see this letter, and some of the things I have described they will explain to you, where you don't understand.

Ever yours affectionally,
Arthur H. Legh.

(The following letter is from James Asbury, who is with the American Expeditionary Forces, to his mother, Mrs. John Asbury.)

Somewhere in France,
Monday, Sept. 23rd, 1918.

My dearest Mother: Will drop you a few lines today to let you all know that I am well and doing fine. I sent you a card last week but haven't had a chance to write since.

Was up "on the front" for about a week and from the looks of the papers the "Americans" must have "made good." We had quite a time while on the front and saw lots of interesting sights. I saw over 1500 German prisoners marched by in one bunch. Have also seen lots of dead Germans lying on the battlefield. The Americans ran them back so fast that they didn't have time to pick up or bury their dead. The American's loss was very small.

I have seen lots of battles in the air between aeroplanes, but the enemy can't "hold our planes a light." Saw one battle at night and have seen two big observation balloons set afire.

Have worked and slept among the big guns and have seen enough ammunition to tare up the world, almost, in fact I didn't think there was as much "big gun ammunition" in the world as I have already seen. I don't think the Kaiser would feel very well if he knew what was in store for him. Have seen town after town that had been shot to pieces, and miles and miles of barbed wire entanglements that the Germans put up as far back as 1914-15. They had to leave their best trenches and all that wire work, in a mighty big rush, a whole lot faster than they ever expected to.

This war is just what Sherman said it was—but the one's it hurts

most are the northern boys as all the old Texas and Oklahoma boys are used to "roughing it" and that's the worst part of it. When a fellow gets used to getting up just anytime and hiking twenty miles with a 60 lb pack on his back, carrying a rifle, 100 rounds of ammunition, slicker, blouse and "tin hat" and living on "hard tack," bacon and coffee, then he doesn't have much of a hard time and, as we have been "hardened" to this kind of work it doesn't bother me in the least. Of course the only time we have to live on hard tack, etc. is when out on a hike or something. As long as I have my shelter half and as good a "buddie" as I have now, I will be satisfied. My "buddie" is a kid from Gorman, Texas and surely is a fine old boy, so at present I am getting along fine.

Of course we don't know what kind of work we will be assigned to but I think from now on it will be somewhat safer than we have been.

The Americans surely did hit Germany a blow when they made their drive.

Robert and I have been camped about fifty yards apart the last few days and I have been over to see him two or three times. We camp near each other quite often. He saw Oscar Lambert the other day while we were on the front, but didn't get to talk to him. As he passed Oscar yelled, "Hello Robert, what in the devil are you doing over here?" "Fighting to beat H—, what are you doing?" answered Bob and kept driving as they were not allowed to stop. Oscar was driving a truck and Bob a wagon.

While on the front our company was lined up for "mess" one day at noon and a Hun aeroplane attacked an observation balloon near by, but when the Anti-craft guns opened up he made a low dive right over our company and we opened fire with rifles. The rifles told the tale to, as he fell just this side of our lines and a rifle bullet had done the work. His machine was riddled with bullet holes also.

Well Mother don't be uneasy if you don't hear from me in two or three weeks at a time as we don't hardly have a chance to write at all now and there is no use to worry about me as I am getting along quite a bit better than I expected. Will write every chance.

Love to all,
James,
Co. A., 111th Engineers,
American Expeditionary Forces.

(The following letter was received by Mrs. J. P. Walker of Baird, from her son, Walter Walker, who is with the American Expeditionary Forces in France.)

Oct. 5th, 1918.

Dear Mother: I received four letters from you last night, glad to hear you are all well. I am fine. I received a letter from Tom a few days ago, he is well and likes over here fine.

We are having some real hog-killing weather here now, but we are fareing fine. We are in good barracks about 8 miles behind the front line trenches. We don't see much of the real war, we can hear the big guns shoot and that's about all.

I saw an air battle yesterday in which two German planes were brought down about two miles from us. I made a trip over the trenches yesterday with a French aviator. The French are fine sports and are always glad for us to go along. I was invited to go with him today, but its raining and I don't think I shall, altho I like to fly and would be an aviator if I could.

The German aviators are the cruellest cattle in the world. They would rather raid a hospital and kill a few Red Cross nurses than to destroy a division of doughboys. The world will never be a decent place in which to live until every flat-head in Germany is smashed and that won't be long.

Walter Walker,
Hdq. Det., 3rd Division,
A. P. O. No. 740, A. E. F.

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PERSONALS

J. W. Merrick, of Eula, one the pioneers of this county, was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Horn, of Fort Worth is in Baird this week, looking after some business matters.

Miss Nell Price left Sunday for Admial, where she will teach the Public School which opened Monday

I want every soldier boy from Callahan county to have some photos in his Christmas box. J. D. Dallas. 47-1

Mrs. A. M. Miller, has letters from T. E. Park's family at Shawnee Okla., who are recovering from influenza.

Tom Windham left Saturday for Midland, to look after some cattle he is pasturing on the "C" Ranch near there.

FOR SALE—The R. Phillips residence in West Baird. Write R. Phillips, Rotan, Texas. 42-1f

Misses Hilda Albin and Eva Reed were the guests of Miss Cathryne Howell at her home south of town, last Friday.

LOST—somewhere between my home place and Baird, Monday morning, one mud chain and Mackinaw. Finder please notify J. A. Moore, Sheriff, Baird, Texas. 47

Miss Mary Ross, teacher in the Baird High School, received notice Tuesday of the death of her brother at Wichita Falls. The body was taken to Mexia, for burial. Miss Ross left Tuesday night to attend the funeral.

G. W. Jones, who was reported last week as critically ill with influenza is said to be getting along nicely. We are glad to hear this, as the report last week was not encouraging.

His portrait means much to you, (your soldier) your portrait means a thousand-fold more to him. J. D. Dallas, Baird is giving 20 per cent off to anyone sending one or more photos to a soldier boy. I spend the balance for Bonds. 47-1t

Judge W. R. Ely, started to Oklahoma on business a few days ago, and was taken ill with influenza on the way, returned to Dallas and wired Dr. Powell, who went down and brought him home. While he was right sick for a time, he was doing very well yesterday.

Earl Hall is quite sick at the home of his parents. He had quite severe spell of pneumonia at Strawn but got better and came home, but was taken ill soon after reaching home and has been seriously sick, but was reported some better yesterday.

We call attention to the large ad of the Ranger-Cisco Oil Co. on last page. E. H. Leach, of Baird, is agent for Callahan and Taylor counties. We are informed that Mr. Leach has purchased more stock than any one stock-holder in this Company, which shows his faith in this Company, as no man would want to invest both his time and money in a concern in which he did not have the utmost confidence.

Sergts. Cale and Gus Hall, sons of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hall, of Baird, have both been commissioned Second Lieutenants in the Aviation Corps. The boys enlisted in this department last year and for several months were stationed at Kelly Field San Antonio and later were transferred to San Diego, California. They are the first Callahan county boys to rise from the ranks to commissioned officers, which is quite an honor and speaks well of the ability of the boys, and their many friends congratulate them. Callahan county has more than 400 boys in the service of Uncle Sam in this great war and they are all doing their part.

The picture you are planning to send to that soldier of yours—they must be on the way if you would make sure that he has them to gladden his heart on Christmas morning. Surely every soldier boy from Callahan county will get a picture from home of Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, and—ah! I was about to say Sweetheart. Now I will give 20 per cent off on any of my work except post cards, where party wants one or more to send to a soldier boy. This offer is good until Dec. 1st. Pictures from home brightens and cheers a soldier's heart.

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Robert Estes and Oscar Lambert, two Callahan county boys, last met July was a year ago down on the Bayou. Last month Oscar Lambert was driving a big ammunition truck on the battle front in France, surprised Robert by hollowing at him, "Hello Robert! what are you doing over here?" Thus the two Callahan county boys met after fourteen months in France, six thousand miles away from home. Oscar went to France last May and for a time was with the Military Police, but is now with an ammunition train. Robert belongs to the 11th Engineers and arrived in France with the 36th Division about the last of July. Both boys were near the front when they met and the meeting was brief as they were going in opposite directions.

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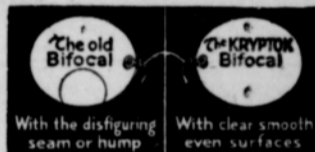
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Perfect Red Cross Star on Yank's Back

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SERGEANT REFUSES TO DIE

Put on Liquid Diet Because of Dangerous Wound, He Steals Food From "Joy Cart"—His Good Cheer Keeps Patients in Best of Humor.

Paris.—All life long Private Jean Fourman of New York city will carry a cross on his back as a souvenir of the great war. The wound that he marked him is so unusual that he is known at American Military Hospital No. 1, where he is now convalescing...

Fourman is a member of one of the American regiments recently engaged in the fighting near Soissons and Fismes. He has been in France since last October and went through "several kinds of hell" on several fronts without a scratch. And then, one morning a short time ago, just as his company went over the top headed for a Boche machine gun nest...

When he was carried to the operating room the surgeon looked him over and then called the other doctors to come and look. The boy had been hit by two pieces of shrapnel, one of which had gone down his back so close to his spine that only a miracle saved him from paralysis. The other had crossed at right angles, leaving the mark of a perfect cross on his back. Fourman has those pieces of shrapnel in his Red Cross treasure bag. He says they're "lucky pieces" because they "only left a scar."

Thoroughly Americanized. When Private Fourman is well enough to be discharged from the hospital he means to spend several days in the south of France, where he was born. But after the war is over he is going back to New York city to his adopted country, where he has lived for 15 years. He is so thoroughly Americanized that he prefers fighting with American troops, with whom he trained at Camp Syracuse.

Just by chance the American in the next bed to Fourman is of German parentage. "Frank Heill, Columbus, O.," reads the card at the head of his bed, and the corporal admits that his name is as German as it sounds. An uncle who lives in Texas was so pro-German that he disowned Heill when he enlisted for service. Heill felt that he had to live down his name, and so it was that he earned his corporal's chevrons shortly after he had gone into training. He wears two service stripes now, and he boasts that it took three machine gun bullets to knock him out the day he was wounded.

He was fighting near Soissons when he "got hit." His company had been entrenched on a hill slope that overlooked a valley of wheat fields beyond which the Germans were hiding in the woods of another slope. Heill and his men had managed to cross the valley by running short distances at top speed and then dropping for a breathing space into the wheat. Just as he started up the slope two bullets hit him, one in the thigh, the other below the knee of his left leg, and as he fell a third struck the big muscle in his right forearm, so completely paralyzing it that he had to jerk his rifle loose with his left hand.

Interested in "Eats." Heill remembers rolling over into a shell hole, where he lay for hours before a patrol of Boche prisoners, guarded by an American sergeant, came by and found him lying there. He was carried into a field hospital and later sent into Hospital No. 1. The leg wounds are healing rapidly, but the right forearm is still partially paralyzed.

YANK ENGINEERS GREETED IN SIBERIA



A wonderful ovation was extended to the American troops and other allies upon their arrival in Siberia. Here is shown the railroad station in Harbin profusely decorated upon the occasion of the arrival of the American engineer corps.

fore a patrol of Boche prisoners, guarded by an American sergeant, came by and found him lying there. He was carried into a field hospital and later sent into Hospital No. 1. The leg wounds are healing rapidly, but the right forearm is still partially paralyzed.

"But what's an arm as long as I'm getting plenty to eat," says Corporal Heill. "There were three days during the fighting up at the front when I missed out on rations, and another 24 hours that I was lying out on the field. Guess I never will get enough to make up for missing all those meals. But they do sure treat us fine here. Plenty of good food, a good looking nurse and a Red Cross chaplain that comes around every day with cigarettes."

"All right for you to talk," grumbles Webb La Pointe of Sheboygan, Wis., from another bed, "but what do you think about me? Laid up here like an invalid and I've never gotten a crack at a Boche."

La Pointe is in a machine gun company of one of the divisions that distinguished itself in the fighting near Compigne. He had just started over the top early one morning carrying the tripod of a gun when a "soup wagon" came along and knocked him down. He was hit in the knee and elbow and now he is in the hospital grumbling, not because he is done up in yards of bandages and painful apparatus that holds his injured leg straight, but because it will be some time before he gets back front again for a "crack at a Boche."

David Rittow of New York city is another convalescent of No. 1 who enjoys the food and the Red Cross cigarettes. He had several days on tinned rations when he was brought in from the field and was losing his strength because he refused to eat. In the bed next him was a sergeant of the regular army who had been brought in to die because a piece of shrapnel had lodged so close beneath his heart that an operation to remove it was impossible.

Steals Food From "Joy Cart." The sergeant, rejoicing in the name of Kelly and coming from the town of St. Joseph, Mich., refused to accept the verdict that he must die and dine on liquid rations. Whenever the "joy wagon" (as the boys call the food cart) appeared, the sergeant would arise from his "death bed" and steal food while the backs of the nurses were turned. After a while the doctors listened to his urgent request for "regular meals," and cancelled the order that he was to have liquid diet pending his stay in the hospital. Sergeant Kelly is still at the hospital, where he is now working as a hospital orderly. He is eating as much as they will give him and whenever possible sneaking "extras," which he hides beneath his pillow.

Rittow and the other men in ward 238 have developed real appetites from watching him eat and listening to his jokes. They know as well as does the sergeant that a chance accident may dislodge the bit of shrapnel that lies beneath his heart, but as long as he can shake his fist at death and laugh at his troubles, they laugh with him. He spins yarns by the hour of his experiences in the Philippines, on the Mexican border and in France, where he has served 12 months now. And when he runs out of breath, Rittow catches the ball and tells his story of service as "liaison" messenger between French and American troops who took Fere-en-Tardenois.

Took Wrong Turn. He trained at Camp Mills with another group of men from New York city, coming to France last October. His company was sent to several different fronts in France, and by odd coincidence every time that they were relieved the company which replaced them suffered heavy casualties from attacks, raids or bombardments. Finally came the day when they were recalled from the Champagne front and sent in to support the division that had pressed on beyond Chateau Thierry in the early days of the July offensive. The day he was wounded he had gone back and forth for 12 hours between French and American field headquarters, carrying important messages. He had just started off on another trip when a chance turn to the right instead of to the left, as he had been going, put him in the path of flying shrapnel that wounded him in the left thigh and below the knee.

"Oh, the leg's all right," he sings out cheerfully. "But I sure would have been gone if it hadn't been for the sergeant there. I couldn't make myself eat when they brought me here—nerves, the doctor said. Then I used to watch the sergeant sneaking out of bed when he was supposed to be dying and swiping food from the joy cart. It tickled me so to watch him that I began to get hungry—and now I'm getting fat."

Titled Persons Yield to Yanks

Princes Have to Get Off Dancing Floor Reserved for Our Soldiers.

FAMOUS CASINO RESERVED

Aix is Rest and Recreation Center for American Expeditionary Forces and American Soldiers Come First There.

By WALTER KELLOGG TOWERS. Aix-les-Bains, France.—Princes, dukes, counts and other titled personages have to yield place to the American soldier in the famous casino of Aix. Even a king seeking accommodations there would be discarded in favor of an American "ace." No prejudice against the nobility exists. Any duke or count can have certain accommodations, that is, if any remain after the American soldiers have been served. As for the dancing floor and soft-drink "bar," none but Yanks need apply. Aix was designated as the rest and recreation center for the American expeditionary force and there is no qualification on the priority of that organization.

Counts Don't Count. In the billiard room of the million-dollar casino, formerly a famous gambling place and haunt of the titled

wealthy of Europe, but now conducted by the American Y. M. C. A. for our soldiers, a tall, distinguished man in civilian garb wistfully watched the doughboys caroming the ivory balls. He would have liked to play a little billiards himself, but the doughboys from overseas had priority and he was only a count. He was allowed the use of the casino, but only insofar as it did not interfere with the soldiers' entertainment.

Over on the dance floor a well-dressed man and woman tried to participate in the merry maze where two hundred Yanks were jostling one another cheerfully in an effort not to miss their chance to dance with the thirty attractive girls wearing the Y. M. C. A. uniform. The couple not in uniform were told tactfully but firmly that the dancing floor was reserved for those in the uniform of the A. E. F., although the civilian dancers were known to be a prince and his consort.

Passing through the swinging doors marked "Bar" one finds more brightly-faced American girls serving lemonade, hot chocolate, cakes and cookies to the throng of enlisted men who line the rail. Here, too, the titled and distinguished men in "cits" are denied service.

Soak the Dukes. The movies in the big hall are free to all and well attended. In the casino's big theater vaudeville is purveyed at two scales of prices. In the front row recently a duke sat next to an American sergeant. The duke paid ten francs for his seat, the sergeant paid two francs. It was five times as advantageous to be an American soldier as to be a duke. The Y. M. C. A. arranged that.

At the Hotel de l'Europe the boniface "Daddy" Leder, who has welcomed royalty in other years, recently assigned three Yankee doughboys to the room once used by Queen Victoria. He had turned away a titled Englishman and his lady who doubtless would have given much for the queen's room, or any room. But the first gentlemen of Europe have to give way to the first gentlemen of America. The "Y" arranged that. And the Yankee boys have proven themselves gentlemen.

MOUNTAINEER LEARNS OF WAR, GLAD TO GO

Untontown, Pa.—"Hell, are we into the war?" asked Jacob Harris after a moment of surprise. "You don't have to force me to go. My place is at the front using the old shooting iron. I'm d— glad I came to town." Harris, a mountaineer, was making his first visit to the city in four years when the police learned that he had no registration card. Harris was inducted into service at once.

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Stop using calomel! It makes you sick. Don't lose a day's work. If you feel lazy, sluggish, bilious or constipated, listen to me! Calomel is mercury or quicksilver, which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with your bile, crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are "all knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour, just try a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tonic. Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tonic for a few cents. Take a spoonful tonight, and if it doesn't straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous by morning, I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tonic is destroying the sale of calomel because it is real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it can not salivate or make you sick. I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tonic will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable. I guarantee that a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tonic will keep the entire family feeling fine for months. Give it to your children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.—Adv.

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How Acid-Stomach Wrecks Health of Millions. Many people make the mistake of thinking that acid-stomach—superstition. It is the doctors call it—merely means an occasional attack of indigestion, bloating, heartburn, belching, sour, gassy stomach, or some other such minor ailment which quickly remedied—or will cure itself—and leave no serious after effects. As a matter of fact, acidity is responsible for a long train of serious ailments that cause awful suffering and sometimes hamper the best medical skill. It is a well established fact that many cases of chronic stomach trouble, anorexia, stomatitis, gastritis, rheumatism, gout, lumbago, cirrhosis of the liver, auto-intoxication, dyspepsia, catarrh of the stomach, intestinal stasis, cancer of the stomach, and frequently valvular heart trouble and heart failure, can be traced directly to an acid stomach. This is not at all surprising when you consider that even the acid formed in the mouth from fermentation of bits of food lodged in the teeth—an acid that is actually tasteless—is yet powerful enough to eat through the hard enamel of the teeth and decay them. Is it any wonder, then, that an excess amount of acid in the stomach causes so much misery, undermines the strength and wrecks the health and happiness of so many people? Is it not a fact, within the range of your own observation, that nine people out of ten are victims of acid stomach? If you ever hope to be well and strong you must get rid of that excess acid. Nothing is gained by taking medicines which merely stimulate and give you a false sense of strength and that leave the excess acid still in the stomach. You must depend upon your food for your strength—and unless you keep your stomach free from excess acid, pure, sweet and strong, it cannot properly digest food; your whole body suffers. What you want is relief—yes—and here is the way—absolutely guaranteed—you take no chance. It's been tested tens of thousands of times with universal success. Go to your druggist and get just one package of RANTONIC, a wonderful preparation that will literally wipe the excess acidity out of your stomach. The results obtained are nothing short of marvelous. Almost instantly it relieves that painful, puffed up feeling after eating, belching, heartburn, sour stomach, etc. Makes the stomach feel cool and comfortable. If you need this help it's your own fault if you suffer another day. RANTONIC is absolutely guaranteed, so get a big 50c box from your druggist. If it does not help you your money will be refunded. If your druggist does not carry RANTONIC, send your name and address to the Rantonio-Kennedy Company, 1018 S. Wabasha Ave., Chicago, Ill., and they will at once mail you a 50c box and you can send them the money for it after you receive it.

WINTERSMITH'S CHILL TONIC. SOLD FOR 80 YEARS For MALARIA, CHILLS and FEVER. Also a Fine General Strengthening Tonic. SOLD BY ALL DRUG STORES. An Ohio genius is said to have invented a device for utilizing the heat of an argument. Even one's failures may be assembled to form an interesting patch-work.

Nervous and All Unstrung? Feel nervous and irritable all the time? Continually worry over trifles? Then there's something wrong. Back of it all may be weak kidneys. Just as nerve work is a cause of many weakness, so is kidney trouble a cause of nervousness. If you have backache, "blues," nervous spells, headaches, dizzy spells, kidney irregularities and a tired, worn feeling, try Doan's Kidney Pills. They are recommended by thousands. A Texas Case. Mrs. George Head, 2712 East St., East Antonio, Tex., says: "I was miserable with kidney trouble. My kidneys were very irregular and my back would have a dull, nagging pain that fairly throbbled over my kidneys and sometimes let up a moment. I read a box of Doan's Kidney Pills and got a supply. I had only used them a few days before I felt better and felt like a different person. My kidneys acted regularly, my back stopped aching and my health improved in every way."

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The Reason. "Young Parvona is unusually well groomed." "So he is, but then his valet used to be an Esk." The occasional use of Roman Eye Balsam at night will prevent and relieve tired eyes, watery eyes, and eye strain. Adv.

TO COMBAT PLAGUE OF RATS

Buildings Must Be Constructed That Will Exclude the Pests From Shelter and Food. A single rat, remarks David E. Lantz in a recent publication of the United States department of agriculture, does far less harm in a year than any one lion, tiger or wolf; but the big animals of prey are few, while rats are deplorably abundant. There are possibly two or three times as many rats as there are people in the civilized world; and the destruction wrought by this vast horde of voracious rodents is far greater than that wrought by wolves, tigers and all other noxious animals together.

To combat this dangerous pest successfully, says Lantz, is largely a building problem. Buildings should be so constructed as to exclude the animals from shelter and food. When this is done, individual and community efforts to destroy rats will give satisfactory and lasting results. The program may be regarded by many as too expensive. Will it be too costly? What do rats cost now? If half the money now spent in feeding and fighting rats could be expended in wisely planned and well-executed co-operative efforts for rat repression, it would be possible within a few years nearly to rid the country of its worst animal pest, to reduce losses from its depredations by at least 90 per cent, and to free the land completely from the fear of bubonic plague.

Why Visitor Left Hurriedly. Willie (to talkative caller)—Well, now that you've come, I suppose I shall have to go for a doctor. Talkative Caller—Why, Willie? Willie—Father says you always make him ill.



Saving Sugar and Wheat is comfortably done when one uses Grape-Nuts. This cereal food is composed partly of barley and contains its own sugar made from its own grains. A truly wonderful Food, ready to eat. "There's a Reason"

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Miss Ivy Gray, Fairview, Kentucky, writes:

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I Ever Saw

Miss Gray's letter breathes hope to the ailing. It is an inspiration to the sick and infirm.

Liquid or Tablet Form



Noncommittal. Visitor—What are you doing here, my poor man? Convict—Time, mum.

His Job. "What does a press censor do, pa?" "Oh, just incenses everybody."

Do good to others because that is the way to be happy, but do not wait for a receipt for your goodness.—Ralph Parlette.

Honest praise is a verbal flower. The form withers but the sentiment lives.

PROUD RECORD OF RED CROSS

War Council Tells Chapters of Wonderful Work Done in the Past Year.

LARGE SUMS WELL EXPENDED

In the Eighteen Months Since This Country Entered the War the Immense Amount of \$35,000,000 Has Been Accounted For.

Annual meetings of the 3,854 chapters of the Red Cross were held October 23. The War Council of the organization sent the following message, covering the work for the past year: To the Chapters of the American Red Cross:

The War Council sends greetings to the chapters of the American Red Cross on the occasion of their annual meetings for 1918.

With these greetings go congratulations on the great work of the chapters during the past year and, above all things, on the wonderful spirit of sacrifice and patriotism which has pervaded that work.

The strength of the Red Cross rests upon its chapters. They are its base and sinew. They supply its funds, they supply its men and women, they supply its enthusiasm. Let us, then, review together the Red Cross story of the past year.

Some idea of the size to which your Red Cross family has grown may be gathered from the following facts:

On May 1, 1917, just before the appointment of the War Council, the American Red Cross had 486,194 members working through 562 chapters.

On July 31, 1918, the organization numbered 20,648,163 annual members, besides 8,000,000 members of the Junior Red Cross—a total enrollment of over one-fourth the population of the United States.

Since the beginning of the war you of the chapters have co-operated with the War Council in conducting two war fund drives and one membership drive, in addition to the campaign on behalf of the Junior Red Cross.

The total actual collections to date from the first war fund have amounted to more than \$115,000,000. The subscriptions to the second war fund amounted to upwards of \$176,000,000. From membership dues the collections have amounted to approximately \$24,500,000.

Splendid Work Done by Women.

To the foregoing must be added that very large contribution of materials and time given by the millions of women throughout the country in surgical dressings, in knitted articles, in hospital and refugee garments, in canteen work, and the other activities the chapters have been called upon to perform.

It is estimated that approximately 8,000,000 women are engaged in canteen work and the production of relief supplies through the chapters.

For the period up to July 1, 1918, American Red Cross chapters, through their workrooms, had produced:

- 490,129 refugee garments,
- 7,123,621 hospital supplies,
- 10,786,489 hospital garments,
- 10,134,501 knitted articles,
- 192,748,107 surgical dressings.

A total of 221,282,838 articles—of an estimated aggregate value of at least \$44,000,000.

These articles were largely the product of women's hands, and, by the same token, infinitely more precious than could have been the output of factories or machines. These articles going to the operating room of the hospitals, to homeless or needy refugees, and carrying comfort to our own boys in the field, convey a message of love from the women of this country entirely distinct from the great money value attaching to their handwork.

Money Spent in Work.

By the terms under which the first Red Cross war fund was raised, the chapters were entitled to retain 25 per cent of the amount collected, in order to defray local expenses, to carry on their home service work, to purchase materials to be utilized in chapter production and otherwise to meet the numerous calls made upon them. The chapters were thus entitled to retain nearly \$23,000,000. As a matter of fact, their actual retentions amounted to only about \$22,000,000.

Out of collections from annual memberships, the chapters have retained about \$11,000,000. From this total sum, therefore, of \$33,000,000 retained by the chapters, they have met all the oftentimes very heavy local demands upon them, and in addition have provided for use by national headquarters products valued, as stated above, at upwards of \$44,000,000.

The chapters have in effect returned to the War Council, not alone the \$33,000,000 retained out of the war fund membership dues but, in value of actual product, an additional contribution.

"GOOD FRIEND IN AMERICA"

Warm Tribute From Italian Soldier Whose Wife the Red Cross Organization Had Befriended.

His wife had been very ill, and was sent by the American Red Cross to recuperate in one of its country summer homes, unknown to "Gigi," who was doing his country's work in the trenches. This is the way he expresses himself when he learns what has been done:

It will thus be seen that during the eighteen months which have elapsed since the United States entered the war, the American people will have either paid in or pledged to the American Red Cross for its work of relief throughout the world, in money or in material values, a net total of at least \$325,000,000.

It has been because of this spirit which has pervaded all American Red Cross effort in this war that the aged governor of one of the stricken and battered provinces of France stated not long since that, though France had long known of America's greatness, strength and enterprise, it remained for the American Red Cross in this war to reveal America's heart.

In this country, at this moment, the workers of the Red Cross, through its chapters, are helping to add to the comfort and health of the millions of our soldiers in 102 camps and cantonments, as well as of those traveling on railroad trains or embarking on ships for duty overseas.

The home service of the Red Cross, with its now more than 40,000 workers, is extending its ministrations of sympathy and counsel each month to upwards of 100,000 families left behind by soldiers at the front—a number ever growing with the increase of our men under arms.

But, of course, the heart of the Red Cross and its money and attention always move toward and focus themselves in Europe where the American Red Cross, as truly "the greatest mother in the world," is seeking to draw "a vast net of mercy through an ocean of unspoken pain."

Nothing is withheld that can be given over there to supplement the efforts of our army and navy in caring for our own boys. The Red Cross does not pretend to do the work of the medical corps of the army or the navy; its purpose is to help and to supplement.

Nor does the Red Cross seek to glorify what it does or those who do it; our satisfaction is in the result, which, we are assured by Secretary Baker, General Pershing, General Ireland and all our leaders, is of inestimable value and of indispensable importance.

By the first of January your Red Cross will have working in France upwards of 5,000 Americans—a vivid contrast to the little group of eighteen men and women which, as the first Red Cross commission to France, sailed about June 1, 1917, to initiate our efforts in Europe.

Your Red Cross now has active, operating commissions in France, in England, in Italy, in Belgium, in Switzerland, in Palestine and in Greece. You have sent a shipment of relief supplies and a group of devoted workers to northern Russia; you have dispatched a commission to work behind our armies in eastern Siberia; you have sent special representatives to Denmark, to Serbia and to the Island of Madeira.

Indeed, we are told by those best informed in the countries of our allies that the efforts of your Red Cross to aid the soldiers and to sustain the morale of the civilian populations left at home, especially in France and Italy, have constituted a very real factor in winning the war.

The veil has already begun to lift. What the Red Cross may be called upon to do in the further course of the war, or with the coming of victory, peace and reconstruction, it would be idle to attempt to prophesy.

But your great organization, in very truth "the mobilized heart and spirit of the whole American people," has shown itself equal to any call, ready to respond to any emergency.

The American Red Cross has become not so much an organization as a great movement, seeking to embody in organized form the spirit of service, the spirit of sacrifice—in short, all that is best and highest in the ideals and aspirations of our country.

Indeed we cannot but believe that this wonderful spirit which service in and for the Red Cross has evoked in this war, is destined to become in our national life an element of permanent value.

At Christmas time we shall ask the whole American people to answer the Red Cross Christmas roll-call. It will constitute a unique appeal to every man, woman and child in this great land of ours to become enrolled in our army of mercy.

It is the hope of the War Council that this Christmas membership roll call shall constitute a reencarnation of the whole American people, an inspiring reassertion to mankind that in this hour of world tragedy, not to conquer but to serve is America's supreme aim.

THE WAR COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.
Henry P. Davison, Chairman,
Washington, D. C., Oct. 10, 1918.

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Let him go up into the office where market reports are coming in,—and reports of what other concerns are doing.

Let him watch the director of the Swift Refrigerator fleet, maneuvering it over the face of the country like a fleet of battleships at sea.

Let him take a trip with a Swift & Company salesman and try to sell a few orders of meat.

Let him stay at a branch house for an hour or two and see the retail meat dealers drive their bargains to the last penny as they shop around among the packers' branch houses, the wholesale dealers, and the local packing plants.

And then, when the day is over, let him have half an hour in the accounting department, where he can see for himself on what small profits the business is done. (Less than 4 cents on each dollar of sales.)

If he still thinks there is no competition in the meat business it will be because he wants to think so.

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IF YOUR BACK ACHES

Do you feel tired and "worn-out"? Are you nervous and irritable? Don't sleep well at night? Have a "dragged out," unrested feeling when you get up in the morning? Dizzy spells? Bilious? Bad taste in the mouth, backache, pain or soreness in the loins, and abdomen? Severe distress when urinating, bloody, cloudy urine or sediment? All these indicate gravel or stone in the bladder, or that the poisonous microbes, which are always in your system, have attacked your kidneys.

Don't ignore the "little pains and aches," especially backaches. They may be little now but there is no telling how soon a dangerous or fatal disease of which they are the forerunners may show itself. Go after the cause of that backache at once, or you may find yourself in the grip of an incurable disease.

Do not delay a minute. Go to your druggist and insist on his supplying you with a box of GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules. In 24 hours you will feel renewed health and vigor. After you have cured yourself, continue to take one or two Capsules each day so as to keep in first-class condition, and ward off the danger of future attacks. Money refunded if they do not help you. Ask for the original imported GOLD MEDAL brand, and thus be sure of getting the genuine.—Adv.

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NOTICE, SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas,
County of Callahan.

By virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Callahan County, on the 26th day of April 1918, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Texas & Pacific Ry. Co., by W. H. Abrams, Trustees, versus W. D. Boydston and D. M. Oldham, Trustee, No. 1696, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in November, 1918, it being the 5th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Callahan County, in the City of Baird, the following described property, to-wit: Lots Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Block No. 2, in Callahan County, Texas, in Baird, Texas

levied on as the property of W. D. Boydston and D. M. Oldham, Trustee, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$300.00 in favor of Texas & Pacific Ry. Co., by W. H. Abrams, Trustee, and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 7th day of October 1918.

J. A. Moore, Sheriff,
Callahan County, Texas

EULA LOCALS.

Oct. 14th.—We have found time to write a few lines. We can report a good rain and those who have not planted wheat will get busy. Lots of wheat means lots of biscuits next year and help win the war.

Cotton will soon be gone. There will be some late feed made but not enough to run the country. The peanut crop will be short, but the hay will be good which means lots

of feed for the cows. The nuts will make only about 10 bushels per acre. Personally we have plenty of turnip greens and butter milk so guess we are alright.

We have lots of sickness but nothing serious so far. We are sorry to hear of so many of our friends being sick in Clyde, Baird and Abilene. Hope they soon recover.

Seems like the war is going to close soon, so mote it be.

J. M. Davis, who has been visiting his children has returned to his home at Sinton.

Will Motley and family will soon leave for California, where they will make their home. Will has been here a long time to leave us now, but when a man once drinks this Bayou water he will come back.

We are glad to read the letters in The Star from our boys across the pond.

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Meadorsville, Ky.—Mrs. Cynthia Higginbotham, of this town, says: "At my age, which is 65, the liver does not act so well as when young. A few years ago, my stomach was all out of fix. I was constipated, my liver didn't act. My digestion was bad, and it took so little to upset me. My appetite was gone. I was very weak..."

I decided I would give Black-Draught a thorough trial as I knew it was highly recommended for this trouble. I began taking it. I felt better after a few doses. My appetite improved and I became stronger. My bowels acted naturally and the least trouble was soon righted with a few

doses of Black-Draught."

Seventy years of successful use has made Thedford's Black-Draught a standard, household remedy. Every member, of every family, at times, need the help that Black-Draught can give in cleansing the system and relieving the troubles that come from constipation, indigestion, lazy liver, etc. You cannot keep well unless your stomach, liver and bowels are in good working order. Keep them that way. Try Black-Draught. It acts promptly, gently and in a natural way. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c. a package—One cent a dose. All druggists. J. 69

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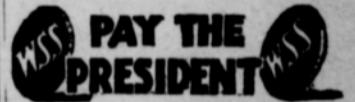
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The development of the "proven fields" of petroleum is as certain an expression of patriotism as any activity can be for the furtherance of the Allied cause, for without this development the war cannot be won. This is no mere assertion of ours but the statement of the Fuel Administration of the United States Government. The production of petroleum in no wise competes with any other war activity, but makes possible the production of manifold other war necessities which otherwise would be impossible. Without lubricants the wheels of industry would cease to turn; without petroleum the mechanism of war would be of no avail. Consequently the holding of petroleum in the bowels of the earth just at this time would be next to criminal, and even at any other time—when the war is over it would be absolute wastefulness, for without lubricants the wheels of industry of our great Nation would cease to turn

GASOLINE STORE IS DECREASING BY 44,000 BARRELS DAILY

Washington, Sept. 11, 1918.—The gasoline supply in this country is diminishing at the rate of 44,000 barrels daily, or 1,367,000 barrels monthly. Fuel Administrator, Garfield informed the Senate in answer to the large resolution. Garfield predicted a yearly deficit of over ONE BILLION barrels if the present con-

sumption is not decreased or if the production is not increased.—United Press.

RANGER-CISCO OIL COMPANY

(Incorporated under Texas Laws)

With the facts of increasing demand and positive shortage of petroleum staring us in the face, the Ranger-Cisco Oil Company was organized at Cisco, Eastland County, Texas, in the summer of this year, and in September was acknowledged and chartered by the State of Texas with a capital Stock of \$500,000.00. The par value of the stock is \$1.00 per share and non-assessable.

HOLDINGS OF THE COMPANY

The holdings of the company consist of 12 separate tracts and located in Eastland, Callahan, Comanche, Erath, and Young counties, or with a total acreage of 1,975 acres and located as indicated on the Company's map. All this acreage is surrounded by either producing wells, drilling wells and locations for wells, and is consequently practically all in "proven fields." The Company also owns one of the best and most complete strings of drilling tools in the famous Ranger oil field, also tanks, water, pipe lines, pumps, and casing, all paid for and on the ground.

COMPANY NOW DRILLING

The Company is now drilling on its 50 acre tract which is 5 miles southeast of Ranger. Mr. H. H. Adams, geologist, made a survey of this tract and from the standpoint of structure, etc., gave very flattering report as to the possibilities of getting good production where we are now drilling. The field manager expects to bring this well in during

the first days of December.

A LEGITIMATE OPPORTUNITY FOR INVESTMENT

It is needless for us to give details of fortunes made in OIL and kindred pursuits; too many instances are known to you just as well as they are known to us, so we feel that we can simply make the announcement that we have \$125,000.00 of stock that belongs to the Company for sale at its par value of \$1.00 per share, and that every dollar will be placed in the Company's Treasury and used for further developments and which we feel and believe will insure every stockholder, that his money will bring him a liberal dividend. We offer this stock knowing full well that this enterprise has ever known essential for a good investment, and one that will yield big profits. BECAUSE, our capitalization, while ample for our requirements is not burdensome; BECAUSE, our properties are located in proven territory; BECAUSE our Officers and Directors are sane, conservative and honest.

With these facts before you, though tersely and pointedly told, we are confident that if you will give them mature consideration that you will want to know more about our plan, our holdings and the men with whom you are associating yourself—that is exactly what we want.

WHAT THE CISCO ROUND-UP HAD TO SAY.

The personnel of the Company is indeed a very flattering one for this organization, and one that bids fair to establish an inviolable record in the near future.

Mr. Patterson is an experienced

oil man and he will have charge of the general business of the Company in his position as President.

Messrs Skinner, Mayhew, Triplett Pascall and Eppler are all men well and favorably known in this community and can be relied upon to do their duty to the utmost, which will in itself insure honest and conservative administration of the Company's affairs.

Mr. Brunson is a bayou and rancher from Midland, and in addition to being well supplied with this world's goods, has an unimpeachable record for successful and honest business dealings.

Mr. Flournoy is one of the directors of the Bank at Rochester, and is also engaged in the cattle business and is looked upon as a successful and clean business man.

Mr. Triplett will have charge of the Company's field work and drilling activities, and there is no doubt as to his ability to look after these in a capable and trustworthy manner for the benefit of all concerned.

With this calibre of men at its helm there is little doubt as to the success of the Company, and before many days are past we feel sure that the Ranger-Cisco Oil Co. is destined to be one of the liveliest and most productive organizations in the West Texas fields.—Cisco Round-Up

IT WILL BE A PLEASURE TO SHOW YOU

Our books, our list of stockholders, and then take you to see our various holdings—we know what we have and wish you to know also.

Write us; Wire us; Phone us; We are at your service.

RANGER-CISCO OIL COMPANY
E. H. LEACH, Baird, Texas, Agent for Callahan and Taylor Counties