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## The Bank of Cross Plains

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CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS.

The last few years have been hard ones on the banks as well as the people. A great test has been put to the banks to supply the people's needs. OUR BANK HAS BEEN EQUAL TO THE TEST. A large crop is assured this year and we want you to remember us now. Bring us your cotton, wheat, oat or any other check you may have and on any bank and we will gladly collect it for you without cost. If you haven't already started an account at our Bank we would appreciate your doing so at once.

## THE BANK OF CROSS PLAINS



## THE FARMERS NAT'L BANK

CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

Capital and Surplus, \$30,000.00.

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### BOUNTED RAINS

#### Turkey Creek Gets Higher Than before in Years Say Old Timers

Local rains have been falling in all directions from Cross Plains, but save for a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch rainfall in town on Thursday of last week our rains have amounted to nothing, until Wednesday of this week when a great lowering cloud came up from the west at about 4 o'clock, from which cloud rain fell with little intermission until Thursday noon, with a four inch precipitation the greatest fall for the year. Turkey Creek overflowed, and at the bridge was about one-fourth of a mile wide, old timers saying that the creek was as high and some say higher than they had ever known. The damage to valley crops will likely be considerable. Mother earth is now wet to point of saturation.

Do not miss the bargains at Carters.

### TRADESDAY! TRADESDAY!

Spend a few minutes tradesday at the Racket Store. It means money to you on everything you buy. The Racket Store.

### CONDITIONS HERE

#### Prospects for Cross Plains and Territory Are Flattering

Except for the factor the European war may be in the marketing of our crops, the year 1914 bids fair to be the best for many a year. This much is true for the country at large, and especially true of the west. The Nation has just harvested a bumper wheat crop, a good oat crop, and a good feed crop is now being gathered. Now a great cotton crop is in prospect. All of this is true of this section of the West. Our wheat crop has been excellent, our oat yield good, the feed crop being harvested is good, and early enough with the proper seasons to follow for the second crop, and our prospects for a bumper cotton crop are truly flattering. Without a calamity in the way of insects or droughts, the 1914 cotton yield for this section will be a record-breaker. This is not our personal opinion, but the collective opinion of those we have talked to who are acquainted with the conditions. The rains that have been falling this week give additional force to what we have just said, especially in that they have begun falling since the

beginning of this article.

To come nearer home still, Cross Plains, it would appear, is reflecting her full share of these good times. There is not an empty three room house in town, and but few smaller ones. There have been some half dozen or more residences built in the last few months, and there is need for many more, as there are people who have not moved here because of their not being able to rent a house. Then there is the Higinbotham building, which in itself would furnish the business section for a small town. Cross Plains should do a large volume of business this fall. Taking it all in all, our little town should grow until she should become the pearl city of the territory lying between Brown-wood-Dublin and Abilene.

### NOT ALWAYS THE BIG STOCK

The big daily business of this of this store is not created by advertising big stocks but is the expression of confidence on the part of the public in the values obtained here. You will always get good values when you trade here.

The Racket Store.

### CROP ESTIMATE

The Texas Industrial congress estimates the Texas cotton crop for 1914, at 4,066,000 bales, as against 3,943,000 for 1913, which last yield is a ten-years average. It also gives the estimate for Callahan county at 20,000 bales as against 10,000 for 1913 and 16,000 in 1912. These estimates are made upon a basis of our having reasonably good seasons and no other unfavorable developments.

Kathlyn series continued Friday night August 21st, at the Moving Picture Show.

### ALL AGREE

Who have once given our prices a thorough trial, that they are the best values in town. You owe your pocketbook a trial here.

The Racket Store.

Massdames C. E. Barr and Frank Lilly and their brother Dave Hargrove left Wednesday to be at the bedside of their sister Mrs. J. L. Crownover who is ill at her home at San Gabriel, Milan county.

### Auditor On Branch

The DeLeon-Cross Plains branch of the Texas Central now has an auditor, one C. F. Eubanks, formerly assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Waco. But that is not all the branch has; for this week or a part thereof at least, a newsbutch has been making this run. We understand that his disbursements were more than his receipts; that probably accounts for his not remaining on the run.

### Cost Price Sale of Seasonable merchandise continues, at Carters

Take one quart of Pluto Mineral Water, pour it in four gallons of water and you have the best mineral water to be found. Try it, will only cost you 35c.

The City Drug Store.

Misses Jake and Beulah Adams returned Tuesday from a several days visit with their uncle Mr. Cutbirth at Meridian. They report a very pleasant time.

One of the best remedies for constipation is some good mineral water nothing beats Pluto. Buy a quart bottle for 35c and try it.

City Drug Store

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FOUR ISSUES CONSTITUTE A MONTH

CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS.

Our idea of something on the move. the local sugar market.

The historical question of the hour is, Have the Germans captured Liege or not?

In the European war, it seems the auto has largely taken the place of the horse. This at least should please the humane societies.

You had better enjoy 1914. In all probability in the after years you will look back upon 1914 as the "Mecca" year since 1900 or 1906 any way, so far as the making of crops is concerned.

Now that we have swatted the flies until we have worn out the subject if we have not swatted the flies out, and that we can't repeat stories of Ball and Ferguson, we will have to go back to boosting the country. Of course there is war in Europe but it is too far away from home for our comments to be worth while.

The farmers and merchants of Hill county have decided to erect a warehouse at a cost of not less than \$15,000.00 for the storing of cotton. The local banks are to provide the funds for holding the cotton. This method of holding cotton has often been tried, partially if not in toto, and it seems to us is about the most palusible plan. It is something like the Farmers Union plan, which has been used to good advantage.

The effect the European war may have on the cotton market is of course yet to be seen. An effort is being made to take measure to offset any bad effect the war may have upon the moving of our king crop. Whether the governors, the bankers and others who are working to this end will be able to accomplish much is in the purview of uncertainty, as they are working under not only novel but the most unusual conditions.

What can we do? We know not, only to keep producing more cotton.

Let me order you a all wool made to measure suit for \$12.50

Carl Murdock

Tom Davis and daughter Miss Etta of Cross Cut were here Tuesday.

The 18 month old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Austin of Denton was buried at the Cross Plains cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Day and daughter, Miss Katie returned Wednesday to Liberty Hill Tenn.

Rev. J. M. Ferguson of Cottonwood was here Wednesday. He was here to meet his wife's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ector Harman of Tyler. These folk formerly lived here, and have many friends who are glad to see them again.

We have a nice selection of initial stationery; will be pleased to show it to you.

City Drug Store:

## BELGIANS REPULSE GERMAN ARMY

ATTACK ON BELGIAN CITY OF LIEGE RESULTS DISASTROUS FOR INVADERS.

### SEVERAL THOUSAND LOSS

Battle Was Fought Between 25,000 Belgians and 40,000 Germans, With Latter's Losses Great.

Brussels (Via. Paris)—Several thousand dead and wounded is the toll paid by the German army of the Meuse for its attack on Liege. The Belgians made a heroic defense, repulsing the Germans after heavy and continuous fighting.

The fortified position of Liege had to support on Wednesday the general shock of the German attack. The Belgian forts resisted the advance fiercely and did not suffer. One Belgian squadron attacked and drove back six German squadrons.

Eight hundred wounded Germans were transferred to the city of Liege, where they are being cared for.

Prior to the attack on Liege Gen. von Emmich, commanding the German army of the Meuse, issued a proclamation calling for an open road through Belgium for the advance of his forces and suggesting that prudence would show it to be the duty of the Belgian people to accede to this to avoid the horrors of war.

The Germans committed repressions against the civil population of the town of Vice, eight miles northeast of Liege, burning the city and shooting many residents.

Gen. Linzer in the official report of his operations in the Liege district states that in Wednesday's battle 25,000 Belgians were engaged against 40,000 Germans. The success of the Belgians was complete, the German army corps retreated into Dutch territory.

French troops are reported to have entered the province of Hainaut, a frontier province of Belgium, and to have joined the Belgian army.

### Two Regiments of Uhlans Destroyed.

Paris.—Two regiments of German Uhlans have been destroyed by the Belgian army, according to an official announcement given out Wednesday night by the French war office.

### Prussian Cavalry Suffers.

Brussels (Via. London).—The newspaper LePeuple says an early landing of British troops in Belgium is expected.

Le Peuple asserts that in the fighting between Germans and Belgians near Vice a platoon of Prussian cavalry was almost annihilated by the enflading fire of the Belgians from a building on the bank of the river. The Prussians in revenge, the newspaper says, fired on civilians.

At Flemalle, near Argenteau, a Belgian force surprised a body of Prussians and killed seven out of ten officers and 80 men. The Belgian losses were two officers killed and ten men wounded.

### Think German Army Holds Warsaw.

Washington.—The Russian imperial staff has announced a decision not to defend Warsaw, the capital of Russian Poland, according to an official diplomatic dispatch received here. War college experts interpret this announcement as an admission that German and Austrian forces have occupied Warsaw, about 100 miles from the border. Meager reports received by official Washington leads military experts to the opinion that the German and Austrian advance along the Russian frontier is being pushed far more vigorously than the operations in Belgium and against the French frontier.

Jinks Garrett and family have returned to their home at Jayton after visiting Mr. Garrett's parents Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Garrett and Mrs. Garrett's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilson of Dressy.

J. D. Corlee has returned home from attending the Summer Normal at Cisco. He took the examination for a teacher's certificate.

Henry Hardin of Carbon is visiting his brother Frank.

### Cottonwood Meeting

The revival at the Baptist church at Cottonwood with Rev. Williams as pastor and Rev. Parker of Cross Plains as preacher, came to a close Wednesday night. There were 16 conversions and 21 additions to the church. 16 candidates received the ordinance of baptism Thursday.

This was a successful meeting, and had a good effect religiously upon the church. The pastor's salary was raised from \$150 to \$200 per year, and 50.00 was raised for Rev. Parker's services during this meeting.

### The Adventures of Kathlyn Friday night August the 21st.

Joe Waller has returned to his home at Dressy from a trip to new Mexico. We understand that Mr. Waller has bought land in the new state, and that he means to move to it. We will regret to see him and his family leave Callahan.

We have the famous Durham Duplex Safety Razor at 35c, any one can use them. Try one.

City Drug Store

Sterling Crutchfield and sister Miss Delia, of Arkansas, are visiting their relatives E. A. Haley and family.

Hubert Jones of Rising Star has been visiting his brother J. Lee Jones.

### TURNIP SEED

Just received a good supply of bulk turnip seed brought direct from the man who grows them. Come here for pure fresh seed.

The Racket Store

A. L. Keller and family of Hale Center are the guests of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jim Keller. A. L. is working in the grocery business.

Mrs. Joe Linequist and daughter Corine have returned from an extended visit to Colorado. Mrs. Linequist makes a visit there there nearly every summer, and usually attends the chautauqua.

J. A. Clements and family of Putnam have been visiting their folks here.

Scott Gilbert and family of Woodson have been visiting relatives here.

### Don't forget the Adventures of Kathlyn.

Mrs. A. C. Marr and son Fred Marr of Stephenville are visiting Mrs. Marr's daughter Mrs. J. Lee Miss Della Ramsey of Nixon, a cousin to Mrs. Jones, and Emory Crow of Cleburne, a cousin to Lee, came with them. They all left Wednesday for a fishing trip on the Bayou.

Willie Wittchell returned Monday from Gordon, where he and Mrs. Mitchell have been visiting her parents.

Miss Bessie Haley has returned from Baird.

### EVERYBODY

will get a broom, tradesday's price only 15c.

THE RACKET STORE

The Texas Good Roads Demonstration train operated by the Texas Good Roads Association, the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway and the A. & M. College, has begun its trip through the state. It started from Dallas, August 2th and will end its journey at Galveston, August 15th. Following the arrival of the train at Galveston, the Mid-Summer meeting of the Texas Good Roads Association will take place, the dates being August 17th, 18th and 19th.

The object of the demonstration train is to diffuse knowledge upon the subject of Good Roads and exhibit the Galveston meeting.

The Mid Summer convention of the Texas Good Roads Association will be held in the Galvez Hotel in Galveston, August 17th, 18th and 19th. Every organization in Texas interested in the development of the state is requested to send delegates and all others interested are invited to attend.

The program comprehends every phase of the subject of improved highways and will be instructive and helpful to all.

The railways are giving a round trip rate of one fare plus one dollar on account of the convention and Galveston assures all a most cordial welcome.

### Fall Samples on Display

I have just received a full line of fall and winter samples. I represent the best companies and guarantee satisfaction in every respect.

I will positively sell cheaper than you can buy elsewhere, and you lose if you don't see me before you order.

Carl Murdock

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mansham and son Hugh have returned from a trip to San Antonio and other places in south Texas.

Little Misses Marjorie and Lula Mae Boydston, daughters of Will and P. L. Boydston respectively, returned Tuesday to their homes at Baird after visiting their relatives here E. C. Boydston and W. A. McGowan.

### FERGUSON SPENDS \$31,424.63

Statement Declares Candidate Contributed Every Dollar of Fund.

Bolton, Texas.—Two campaign expense statements filed here show that the expenses of James E. Ferguson for governor were \$31,424.63.

Mr. Ferguson filed his personal expense account of \$884.20 for railway fare, automobile hire and hotel bills and \$260 for hotels.

A statement filed by Manager John G. McKay of the campaign shows a total of \$30,540.43, all of which the statement says was paid by Ferguson, not a cent contributed by any one.

The amounts are: Printing literature, newspaper ads, and paying for poll lists, \$14,091.15; stamps, \$3,950.50; auto hire, hotel bills and railway fare, \$2,729.05; speakers' traveling expenses and hotel bills, \$4,707.15; telephone, telegraph and express, \$1,802.47; campaign buttons, \$957.33; staff correspondents' expenses, \$442.15; salaries of clerks and stenographers and office expenses, \$2,095.63; managers' expenses, including railway fares, hotel bills and all other expenses, \$325.

### Ball Files Expense List.

Houston, Texas.—Col. Tom Ball has filed his itemized statement of expenses for the recent campaign for governor with the county clerk of Harris county. The statement shows that he spent a total of \$11,983.96 and was divided in three sections as follows: Houston office and personal, \$2,453.24; Dallas headquarters, as reported to him by Judge A. W. Walker, \$8,662.34; telephone and telegraph bills of the Dallas headquarters not included in Judge Walker's report \$868.38.

Texas Roads Won't Ask Write. Galveston, Texas.—There were no developments in the railroad injunction situation here, though the railroad officials who participated in Wednesday's conference concluded their work and most of them departed for home. F. G. Pettibone, vice president and general manager of the Santa Fe, who was selected to head the campaign in behalf of higher freight rates for Texas loads, gave out a formal statement in which he confirms the important features of a former statement.

Quite a pleasant time was had at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Bond Sunday by a few of their friends. Those partaking of the good dinner served and the watermelon were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Carson and daughter Mary Francis, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Neesh, and son C. C. Jr., Miss Correll and Randolph Robertson.

### HOW TO PREVENT TYPHOID FEVER

First, take 3 czs. of common horse sense and get you a Mead tank made here in Cross Plains. Second, have your house guttered immediately. Third, drink no other water except the water you catch in your tank. One case of fever will cost twice this much and besides you risk your life just for a few pennies. SEE

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DENTIST

OVER FARMER'S NATIONAL BANK



L. P. Henslee

Notary Public

Ernest and Sargent Hollis of Sabanno were in town Monday.

J. S. Ervin of Sabanno has torn down and removed to his home at Sobanno the building on Main Street formerly occupied by H. B. Peoples. He is using the lumber in the construction of a barn.

#### Married

Mr. Hugh Smith and Mrs. S. C. Eldridge were married at about 11, p. m. Thursday, by J. M. Harlow, at his residence. The contracting parties are widower and widow respectively, and are widely and favorably known. The Review wishes them many pleasant days of wedded life.

Luther Pharr returned to Cross Plains from the east Monday.

#### SINGING CONVENTION

We are requested to announce that the old Sacred Harp Convention will meet at Cottonwood the 5th Sunday in August.

J. A. J. Sawyer of Burnt Branch was here Friday. He came to town with Geo. Baum.

W. O. Spencer and family were here Friday.

John Sowell and wife of Holly Springs, Miss., are visiting Mr. Sowell's sisters Messdames W. J. Cooman and C. E. Lovelady.

Jack DeBusk and family left Tuesday for their home at Dublin after visiting relatives here, Mrs. DeBusk has been stricken with paralysis, and is now in practically a helpless condition, Jack formerly lived here, but says he is well satisfied with his Erath home.

Mrs. K. Colter of McKinney is visiting her sister Mrs. B. T. Higginbotham.

#### Plan To Help Cotton

##### Growers

Dallas—The European situation has caused much unrest to the cotton growers of this State and the local Chamber of Commerce has called a meeting to consider plans for a marketing system whereby the producer can either dispose of his staple at a normal price, or either hold it for a twelve months period without a loss.

#### Entertained

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Clark entertained with a 42 party last Monday evening from 8 till 10. Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Boyles, W. A. Williams, Sam H. Carson, Chas. Teague, Jack Aiken, Mr. J. W. Wesley and Miss Ophelia, Mrs. W. A. Williams got high score. After the series of games all enjoyed iced watermelons in an old fashioned way, on a table out on the lawn and went home feeling they'd had a pleasant evening indeed.

Mrs. R. D. Carter has been quite ill this week.

C. S. Kenady had a nice two-year old horse to drown the over of Turkey creek Thursday morning.

#### THE REVIEW FOR 75¢

How? Simply by giving us \$1.75 for one year's subscription to both the Review and the Semi-W'kly Farm News or Record.

# The Maid of the Forest

A Romance of St. Clair's Defeat

By Randall Parrish  
Illustrated by D. J. Lavin

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#### SYNOPSIS.

**CHAPTER I**—Joseph Hayward, an ensign in the United States army on his way to Fort Harmar, meets Simon Girty, a renegade whose name has been connected with all manner of atrocities, also headed for Fort Harmar with a message from the British general, Hamilton. Hayward guides him to the fort and protects him from a number of scouts who tried to kill him.

**CHAPTER II**—At General Harmar's headquarters Hayward meets Rene D'Auvray who professes to recognize him, although he has no recollection of ever having seen her before.

**CHAPTER III**—Hayward volunteers to carry a message for Harmar to Sandusky where Hamilton is stationed. He notifies the friendly Wyandots to join. The latter are demanding the return of Wa-pa-te-tah, a religious teacher whom they believe to be a prisoner. Hayward's mission is to assure the Wyandots that the man is not held by the soldiers. Harmar impresses on Hayward the necessity of reaching Hamilton before Girty.

**CHAPTER IV**—Rene asks Hayward to let her accompany him. She tells him that she is a quarter-blood Wyandot and a missionary among the Indians. She has been in search of her father. She insists that she has seen Hayward before, but in a British uniform. Hayward starts for the north accompanied by a scout named Brady and a private soldier.

**CHAPTER V**—They come on the trail of a war party and, to escape from the Indians, take shelter in a hut on an island. Hayward finds a murdered man in the hut.

**CHAPTER VI**—It proves to be Rael D'Auvray, a former French officer, who is called by the Wyandots "white chief." Rene appears and Hayward is puzzled by her insistence that they have met before.

**CHAPTER VII**—Rene recognizes the murdered man as her father, who was known among the Indians as Wa-pa-te-tah.

**CHAPTER VIII**—She tells Hayward her father was exiled from the French court and had spent his life among the Indians converting them to Christianity.

**CHAPTER IX**—Brady reports seeing a band of marauding Indians in the vicinity and with them Simon Girty. Brady's evidence convinces the girl that there is a British officer by the name of Hayward who resembles the American.

**CHAPTER X**—Finding escape from the island cut off Hayward and his companions prepare to resist an attack from the Indians.

**CHAPTER XI**—Reconnoitering around the cabin at night Hayward discovers a white man in a British uniform and leaves him for dead, after a desperate fight.

**CHAPTER XII**—The Indians capture the cabin after a hard struggle in which Hayward is wounded.

**CHAPTER XIII**—Rene saves Hayward from death at the hands of the savages and conceals him in the cellar of the cabin.

**CHAPTER XIV**—Hayward discovers a half breed negro in the cellar. They engage in a fierce fight, which ends when the negro accidentally butts his brains out against the low roof of the cellar.

**CHAPTER XV**—Hayward meets his double, Joseph Hayward of the British army. The latter admits that he had held D'Auvray a prisoner in the cabin, but that he knew nothing about his death. His object in detaining D'Auvray was to help incite the Wyandots to war.

**CHAPTER XVI**—The Britisher declares that D'Auvray was murdered by the negro, out of vengeance.

**CHAPTER XVII**—Rene reports that Brady is a prisoner of the Indians and that he is to be burned at the stake. They plan to rescue the scout.

**CHAPTER XVIII**—Rene pleads with the chief for the life of the scout. Although she is highly respected among the Indians her efforts are without avail. The British officer is recognized by a renegade named Lappin, who demands his life of the chief.

**CHAPTER XIX**—The renegade kills the officer after a desperate fight.

**CHAPTER XX**—Brady is tied to the stake and the fire started. Hayward plasters clay on his face and hair and appears before the Indians who, thinking it is the ghost of the dead man, flee in terror. Simon Girty appears and assists in rescuing Brady from the flames.

**CHAPTER XXI**—Girty reports that the Wyandots have joined the other tribes on the warpath. Brady and Hayward are made prisoners by the Indians, but through Rene's influence are not harmed.

**CHAPTER XXII**—Brady and Hayward escape with the assistance of Rene.

**CHAPTER XXIII**—Hayward insists on Rene accompanying them. Brady, wounded, takes his own life rather than be a burden to them on their flight. Hayward reaches St. Clair, the American general, and warns him of the approach of the consolidated Indian tribes, but St. Clair is not impressed by the seriousness of the situation.

**CHAPTER XXIV**—Hayward participates in the battle on the Wabash in which St. Clair's forces are utterly routed.

**CHAPTER XXV**—Hayward starts with Rene for his home on the Ohio. They confess their love for each other.

# The MAID of the FOREST

A Romance of St. Clair's Defeat

By RANDALL PARRISH

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#### CHAPTER I.

##### A Messenger From the North.

I stood alone on the banks of a small stream gazing down into the clear water, my thought centering upon the journey homeward, when the bushes opposite parted, and a man stood on the bank scarcely a dozen steps away, with only the stream between us. It was time and place for caution, for suspicion of strangers, and my rifle came forward in instant readiness, my heart throbbing with startled surprise. He held up both hands, his own weapon resting on the ground. "Not so careless, boy," he called across cheerfully. "There is no war, so far as I know, between white men."

His easy tone, as well as his words, jarred on me, yet I lowered the rifle.

"I am no boy," I retorted, "as you may discover before we are through our acquaintance."

"No? Well by my eyesight you look it, although in faith you are surely big enough for a grown man. Yours is the first white face I've seen since I left the Shawnee towns—a weary journey."

"The Shawnee towns!" I echoed, staring at him in fresh wonderment. "You come from beyond? From the Illinois?"

He stroked his beard. "A longer journey than that even," he acknowledged slowly. "I am from Sandusky, by way of Vincennes."

"Alone?"

"The Indians who were with me remained at Shawnee; they lost heart. Since then I have been by myself."

"Come over," I said shortly, "where we can converse more easily."

He stepped into the cool water unhesitatingly, and waded across, a small pack at his back, and a long rifle across his shoulder. There was a reckless audacity about the fellow I could not fail to observe, and, as he scrambled up the rather steep bank, I had a glimpse of a face far from my liking. However, ours was a rough life in those days, accustoming us to strange acquaintances, so I waited, my rifle in my hand, determined to know more of this wanderer. He was a man of middle age, with gray hairs a plenty, and scraggly beard, an active body, of good girth, and a dark face, deeply seamed, having an ugly scar across his right cheek, seemingly from its white center the slash of a knife. The eyes, gleaming beneath the brim of his hat, were furtive, uncanny, black as to color, and bold enough in the sneaking way of a tiger cat. Beyond these things there was little distinctive about the man, his dress merely that of the backwoods—fringed hunting shirt and leggings of leather, dirty and soiled by long use, yet exhibiting a bit of foppery in decoration which made me recall the French voyageurs of the north and their gay rubeons. At his belt dangled hunting knife and tomahawk, but these, with the rifle, constituted his whole display of weapons. Even before he had obtained the level on which I stood I had conceived a dislike for the fellow, a desire to have done with further acquaintanceship. With feet planted firmly on the edge of the grass he scanned me from head to foot with unwinning eyes, that sought vainly to smile.

"You are surely a big fellow," he said at last. "Some hand at rough and tumble, I make bold to guess. Let us have frankness between us. I come from the north on a mission of peace, the representative of the tribes, and of Hamilton. All I ask is fair speech, and guidance."

"You represent Hamilton, you say?"

"Aye, though I expect little will come from it. I would have word with St. Clair and Harmar. Know you either man?"

"Both, passing well. St. Clair is up the river—or was three days since—but General Harmar represents him at the settlement. How happens it, my friend, if the message be so important, Hamilton did not dispatch an officer?"

"He had no choice. None volunteered for the task, and I was the selection of the tribes. You question me as though you were Harmar himself; and more, you have the look of it. You're not a woodsman, you say; then I make a guess—you're a soldier."

"I am," I returned quietly, "an ensign in the regular service."

#### "Name?"

"Joseph Hayward of Fort Harmar."

"The gods be praised! Now is the way made clear. You were traveling thither?"

"I am to be there tomorrow."

"In ample time for my purpose. I recall your name, Master Hayward, as spoken by the Delawares. You were at Chillicothe last spring?"

"I attended the council."

"The very man, and now you can serve me well, if I may journey with you."

"I am not overly fond of white men who turn Indian," I said coldly. "However I'll see you safe to the fort gates if you play no forest tricks on the way. And now you might tell me who it is I am to companion with."

He grinned, showing his teeth, and my eyes noted how firmly he held his gun.

"A pledge is a pledge, Master Hayward," he answered, insolently. "I am called Simon Girty."

I involuntarily took a step backward, staring into the man's face. That he was a renegade of some sort, I had realized from the first, yet it had never once occurred to me that he could be that bloody scoundrel, Girty. There flashed across my mind the stories I had heard of his atrocities: his leadership of Indians in midnight forays; his malignant cruelty; the heartlessness with which he watched victims burning at the stake; his outrages on helpless women and children; the fiendish acts of savagery with which his brutal name was connected along the border. And this was the man—this cowardly-eyed dastard, who stood there grinning into my face, evidently amused at my undisguised expression of horror. Protect, and guide him! My first inclination was to strike the man down in his tracks, kill him as I would a venomous snake. He read all this in my eyes, in the stiffening of my muscles.

"No, no, Master Hayward," he sneered, bringing his rifle forward, "don't let the name frighten you. The half you've heard of me are lies. I'm not so bad when all is told, and there is more than one borderman who can recall my mercy. Kenton escaped the stake through me, and there are white women and children awaiting ransom in Detroit because I interceded for them. Now I play fair, above board—see?" and he dropped his gun on the grass, and held out his empty hands.

"It is easy to kill me, yet you will not—you are a soldier."

I stood irresolute, hesitating, half tempted still to come to blows, yet his act disarmed me. Beast though he might be I could not kill him in cold blood; I was no murderer, yet it was a struggle to resist.

"Now listen, Simon Girty," I managed to say, at last. "There is no friendship between us, now nor at any time. I hold you a murderous renegade, a white savage, to be shown less mercy than an Indian dog. But I leave others to deal with you as you deserve. As you say, I am a soldier, and will act like one. I have pledged you my word of guidance to Fort Harmar. I will keep the pledge to the letter, but no more. Beyond the gate you proceed at your own risk, for I lift no hand to protect you from just vengeance. I despise you too much to fear you. Pick up your rifle. That is all; now we will break our fast, and go."

Convinced as I was that Girty actually desired to reach the fort, although somewhat skeptical as to his purpose, I felt no fear of treachery. I was of too great value to the fellow to warrant an attack; so, without hesitation, I led the way, permitting him to follow or not, as he pleased. I had it in my mind to question him, but refrained. "What would be the use? The fellow would only lie, in all probability, and one word would lead to another. He would have to be explicit enough once he confronted Harmar, and my duty merely consisted in delivering him safely at the gates of the fort."

It was noon when we came to the clearings, littered with stumps, but yielding view of the distant river, and the scattered log houses of Marietta. Men were at work in the fields, but I avoided these as much as possible, although they paused in their labor and stared suspiciously at us as we advanced. However I was well known, my size making me notable, and as

was no recognition of the man, who clung close to my heels, and I wasted no time in getting past, eager to be well rid of him.

In truth I felt little hope of getting through thus easily. The fellow was too widely known not to be recognized by some one. These men of the fields were settlers, newly arrived mostly, and slightly acquainted as yet with border history, but there would be idle hunters in the village, backwoodsmen from across the river, men who had ranged the northern forests, and to whom the name of Girty meant much. Let one of these look upon the man and his life would scarce be worth the snap of a finger. Not that I cared, except as his safe passage involved my own word.

"Come along," I said harshly. "It would be done with you."

We advanced up the road to where the fort gates stood open, a single sentry standing motionless between the posts. As we drew near, a group of hunters—a half dozen maybe—suddenly emerged, their long rifles trailing, on their way to the valley. I recognized the man in advance as the Kentuckian Brady, frontiersman and Indian fighter, and recognizing me he stopped.

"Ah, back again, Master Hayward," he exclaimed good humoredly. But what is it you have here? No settler of this valley, to my remembrance."

He stared at my companion, shading his eyes with one hand, his face losing its look of cheerfulness.

"Indian trappings—hey!" he exclaimed. "Some northwest renegade! Stop! I've seen that face before!" His rifle came forward swiftly, as the truth burst upon him. "Curse you, you're Simon Girty!"

I gripped the barrel of his gun, pressing my way between him and the others behind.

"Whatever his name," I said sternly, "this is not your affair. The fellow comes with message from Hamilton, and has my pledge of safe guidance. Stand back now, and let us pass!"

"I'll not stand back," he said, wrestling to break my grip on his rifle. "Not to let that devil go free. Let go of the gun barrel, you young fool! I'm not one of your soldiers. Here Potter, Evans, do you hear? That is the bloody villain Girty—come on!"

They had hold of me instantly hurling me back in spite of my struggling. I saw the renegade throw forward his rifle, and shouted to him.

"Don't do that, you fool—run!"

Even as I cried out the order I leaped forward, seeking to get grip on Brady, hurling the others aside with a sweep of my arms. There was an instant of close fighting, of blows, curses, threats. I lunged over the rifle barrel, and got grip on Brady's beard, only to be hauled back by a dozen hands, and flung to my knees.

"Sentry! Call the guard!"

I got the words out somehow, boring my way forth from under the huddle of forms. There was a rush of feet, the shouting of an order, the shock of contact, and then I stood alone, wiping the perspiration from my eyes.

#### CHAPTER II.

##### With General Harmar.

"That will do, sergeant," I called out, the moment I could gain breath. "Here now, don't hit that man! Surround this fellow and take him inside the stockade. Never mind me; I'll take care of myself."

The little squad tramped off, Girty in their midst, his head turned back over his shoulder watchfully. I stepped forward fronting Brady, and held out my hand.

"Sorry this happened," I said soberly, "but I promised to bring the man to the fort, and I had to defend him."

"He's a bloody savage!" he retorted, with an oath, and making no responsive movement; "he's worse than any Injun on the border."

"I know all that, Brady. I despise the fellow as much as any of you, although I may not have suffered through his acts as some of you have. But he is here in peace, not war. To injure him now might cost hundreds of lives. Let him give his message to General Harmar; after that we shall know how to deal with the skunk. At least do not hold this against me; I only did my duty."

Brady loosened his grip on his gun, and took my hand.

"I understand that, boy," he said, not unkindly. "Your fighting was square enough, and no harm done. I like the way you went at it, but I reckon you don't quite sense how we old Kentuckians feel about renegades."

"For those who love a combat and a strong fascination, this story will give you a strong fascination." The Maid of the Forest

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## TWO CHILDREN DIE IN FIRE

Mother Injured Also and is in Serious Condition, Prostrated With Grief.

Dallas, Texas.—Two children are dead and the mother is in a critical condition as a result of a fire which destroyed the dwelling of Emmett W. Scott, corner Hershell and Dickason avenues.

Margaret Scott, aged 5 years, who was burned beyond recognition, died soon after the fire. Clara Gertrude Scott, aged 12, died two hours later.

Mrs. E. W. Scott, aged 35, the mother, was burned about the hands and face in her effort to rescue the children. The eldest daughter, Laura, aged 14, was not injured.

Laura Scott said her younger sisters were making candy on a wood burning cook stove in the kitchen and her mother was in an adjoining room talking over the telephone when the fire started. Turning from the phone Mrs. Scott beheld the kitchen in flames. She ran to the aid of the children, and received her burns while trying to save them.

## W.D. LEWIS HEADS FARMERS UNION

Receives Two-Thirds of Vote at Convention in Fort Worth.

Fort Worth, Texas.—W. D. Lewis of Coryell county was re-elected president of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative union of Texas as Wednesday morning's session of the annual convention. He received more than two-thirds of the votes. Judge S. B. Stedman of Grayson county was his only opponent. The election of president consumed the entire morning session.

At the afternoon session George E. Courtney of Haskell county was elected vice president; A. I. Baker, secretary and treasurer; Henry N. Pope, state lecturer; J. D. Lane, chaplain; J. W. Hickman, conductor; Oscar Huffman, doorkeeper; A. H. Lee, William Scott, Edward A. Doss, F. I. Townsend and J. I. McConkey, members of the executive committee.

## BANKERS AND COTTON MEN EASY

Latter Have No Fear That War Will Damage Markets Materially.

Dallas, Texas.—Local cotton brokers have no fear that the bottom is going to drop out of the cotton market, war or no war. They feel that even if the war should continue for some months, comparatively little of the cotton produced in the south will be left without a market. A general feeling of optimism prevails among local cotton brokers and bankers. That feeling among the former was superinduced largely by telegrams received here by J. J. Russell, a broker. According to Mr. Russell these telegrams conveyed the information that American cotton mills would immediately begin to work on double time. This action, he asserted, would result in providing an American market for between 8,000,000 and 10,000,000 bales of this year's cotton crop. This year's crop, he anticipated, would amount to about 13,500,000 bales. At least 1,000,000 bales of that left after the American demand had been satisfied, he believed, would be used by China and Japan.

## 13 Inches of Rain at Beeville.

Beeville, Texas.—A most destructive flood, following 13 inches of rain, visited this city and community Saturday. Reports coming from farmers indicate that the heavy rains carried away many bales of unpicked cotton. Late cotton will be benefited by the downpour and the situation summed up tends to indicate that the cotton prospects in this section are as good if not better than before the rain. Railroad traffic was cut off for 24 hours.

Washington.—Receipt of President Wilson's offer of good offices has been acknowledged by some of the warring nations in Europe, but none of the responses constitutes anything in the nature of a reply. Officials do not know whether it has been received in Germany. The response from the Russian foreign office said the proposal had not been brought to the attention of Emperor Nicholas, because he was moving about the country directing war preparations.

## News Print Paper is Getting Scarce.

Watertown, N. Y.—There is only a few days supply of news print paper on hand in all the mills of this country, according to Frank L. Moore of Watertown, president of the American Paper and Pulp association. Seventy-five per cent of the chemical pulp used in this country comes from the west zone in Germany and from Norway and Sweden, and all the shipments have been stopped, according to Mr. Moore. Some mills, however, manufacture their own sulphite.

The successful candidates, seem to be very expressive of their appreciation of the suffrage of the voters of Cross Plains territory. Vide their "words of thanks" in the Review.

A. H. McCord and family of Burnt Branch were here Friday to see Mr. McCord's sister Mrs. Esther Terrell.

Jim Bennett and Albert Evans left Sunday for Moran. Mr. Bennett has the contract for putting up the metal ceiling for the Powell building at that place.

Tom Boswell, foreman on the Higginbotham puilding, went Sunday to his home at De Leon.

J. M. Greenhill and family returned Sunday from a visit to Ballinger.

## To Build

Wilbur Williams has made contract with T. D. Pope and J. B. Pierce to build a three room house for each on their farms, the same to be used for rent houses. For farmers to begin building houses is a sign of prosperity.

T. J. Renfro and daughter Miss Myrtle of McGregor are visiting Mr. Renfro's brother R. M. Renfro. Mr. Renfro hails from the rich black land belt, where he says crop conditions are good.

Dick Stone of the Bayou and Turkey Creek was here Saturday and Sunday. He was expecting to meet a friend from Sabinal, south Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thompson of Dallas arrived here Saturday to be the guests of the latter's mother Mrs. W. R. Ship and sister.

Wiss Vera White returned Monday from Cross Plains where she visited a few days with Mrs. Walderson.

C. R. Martin visited his parents at Cross Plains Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walderson of Cross Plains were in the city the first of the week.

Miss Vivian Nordike returned to her home at Cross Plains Tuesday after a several days visit with Misses Erma and May Alsobrook.

Mrs. J. J. Horn and little son, John Jay, of Cross Plains, and Miss Heln Higginbotham, of Dublin, visited their cousin Mrs. J. W. Flkins and family in this city Tuesday.—X-Ray.

Mrs. W. R. Shipp returned to Sunday from a trip to Hollis, Okla., where she visited her mother and brother. She says she had a very pleasant trip, and that there are good crops in Oklahoma.

Uncle Lat Edminson of Birkett and a Miss Keller were here Monday.

Messers Alvis, Taylor Bond and John Horn left Sunday for St. Louis Chicago, and other points. Messers Alvis and Horn are gone to market for Dav's-Garner & Co. and Higginbotham Trading Co. respectively and Taylor is taking a pleasure trip.

Rising Star is now without a moving picture show. A good show is an advantage to the town and the Leader is sorry to see Joy & Walderson leave. They are good people and conducted a highclass show, but the support here was not sufficient to justify them to stay. Hope they will be successful in Cross Plains even beyond their most sanguine hopes and expectations.—Leader

## Burnt Branch Gossip.

Burnt Branch Community is progressing nicely since the rains, farmers are all smiles, and are very busy harvesting the summer crops of feed, planting feed and sowing turnips for fall harvest.

Bro. Gillieand (under Bro. Sisk's charge) is conducting the methodist meeting which began Sunday at 11 a. m.

Oscar Fisher and family from DeLeon visited his wives parents W. D. Drury and wife the later part of last week returning to their home Monday accompanied by Miss Lucy Drury.

Roy Hall and family from Abilene spent Saturday and Sunday with his wives parents V. A. Mauldin and wife returning home on Monday.

Mrs. Emma Hill and Mrs. Mattie Scarborough have gone to Hamlin in answer to a call to the bedside of Mrs. Scarboroughs son's baby.

Mr. Ivan Odom, wife and son were the guest of J. C. Ford and wife Sunday.

Several of Burnt Branch young people attended the baptising at Turkey Creek Sunday evening.

Gossip

## ONLY FIVE CENTS

for a big 16 ounce can Good Luck Baking Powder tradesday.

THE RACKET STORE

Full line of queens and aluminum ware at Davis-Garner & Co.

## Dressy News

Rain! Rain! It has rained off and on for the last week, even so much that it looks to us like crops have had entirely too much rain. The hardest and best rain fell last Monday evening. There was some hail and considerable wind with the rain but little damage was done by either.

The Methodist meeting has been going on a week, but we do not know how much longer it will last.

Mrs. Noah Johnson and son Flem left last Tuesday for Mineral Wells where they will visit Mrs. Jonson's sister.

Mrs. Henslee and children from near Abilene are visiting friends and relatives here.

Rowden Freeman, Wilber Stacy and Frank Rodgers spent three days last week on Tom Young's ranch, helping to fill Mr. Young's silo.

T. E. Mitchell and two daughters or near Cross Plains attended church here Sunday.

Dovie Neeb has had the smaller bone of his leg broken and the larger bone fractured since our last writing. He was riding on horseback and the saddle turted with him.

Andy Young brought a load of passengers to Dressy Saturday evening in his car.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mathews are staying on W. T. Wilson's place during Mr. Wilson's absence.

A few of our people attended the show at Cross Plains last week.

As this is a drowsy time and news is scarce we will ring off.

Meddler

Jim McDaniel of May is visiting his son south of town.

V. V. Hart and Dr. S. P. Rumph returned Sunday from a trip to Eastland.

Mrs. Sarah J. Casey of Burnett county is visiting her son D. L. Casey.

## Married

Turner Cooper of Bell county and Miss Francis Slaughter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Slaughter, were married Tuesday at the parsonage by Rev. S. P. Collins. Here's wishing them happiness.

J.C. Wyatt has come in from Brownwood and is the guest of W. A. Wagner. He says he will be here until about the 10th of September. He has many friends here who are glad to see him back.

The screen is the only thing that we keep out those flies. Try it, w have all kinds of screens and building material. come and get yours.  
Brazelton-Prvor & Co.

## Murdock's Song "Ad"

If "Casey Jones" takes the "Beautiful Doll" down by the "Old Mill Stream" while "Alexanders's Ragtime Band" plays "Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland", you should take your "Mysterious Rags" to Carl Murdock, the Tailor, and get them cleaned and pressed, for Everybody's Doing it now.

Coming! The second number of The Adventures of Kathlyn Friday night August 21st.

Will Erwin and his Uncle Horace left Tuesday for Chicago, whence they will go to some other point in Illinois to attend a chautauqua. Will expresses himself as well pleased with his stay in Cross Plains.

## TRADES DAY SPECIAL

A good broom worth 35c. trades-day price 15c.

THE RACKET STORE

Mrs. Sarah Frank Penn of Dallas is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. McGowen.

Albert Adkisson returned Friday from a short visit with his grandmother at Chickasha, Okla.

Mrs. J. H. Chambliss of Goree is visiting her daughter Mrs. C. E. Alvis.

## CIRCUS DAY

Friday may not have been circus day in Cross Plains, as far as the show given was concerned, as it fell a deal short of the dignity of circus, but as far as the crowd here to see the show or especially the parade was concerned it smacked a good deal of circus day. There were more people here from the surrounding country to see the elephant, lion (that's all the animals we could see in the parade) than was at all expected. Some say this is the first elephant brought to Cross Plains. Be that as it may, it was a sure enough elephant, and a smart one. Tho we did not attend the show we suppose from general appearances it could not have been more than mediocre.

Bob Cross, confectioner of Birkett, had business in Cross Plains Friday.

J. C. Teague, the genial bachelor of Burnt Branch was here Friday to see the show. As he has no family he did not have the usual excuse of bringing them to town to see the show.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Childers of Rosebud are visiting Mr. Childers brother E. H. Childers of west of town. Mr. Childers says their stable crops, cotton and corn, are very good. He is a subscriber to the Review and says he receives the same regularly.

Miss Myrtle Gun has returned from Cross Plains where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. E. Melton for the past three weeks Mrs. Melton accompanied her home for a short visit.—Baird Star.

Mr. John Clark of Blum, Hill county, is spending a few weeks with his daughter Mrs. Jim Keller.

Taylor Higginbotham and wife left this week for thier new home at Cross Plains, where Taylor has charge of the new Higginbotham store. We regret very much to lose them but wish them much success in their new home.—Free Press

## Pioneer Happenings

Crops are certainly looking fine in this vicinity since the splendor which fell Monday evening.

Mrs. Doyle of this place has been real sick for the past few days, she is improving nicely at th's writing.

There were quite a crowd of young people from this place attended the meeting at Rising Star last Saturday night.

Misses Hattie Armstrong, Cora Gooch, Ethel King and Prof. R. P. Evans returned home last Saturday from Cisco where they have been attending the Summer Normal.

R. M. Kelley and family of near Putman are visiting relatives here.

T. J. McClure and sons have just returned from Brownwood where they have been marketing fruit.

There were several from here who went fishing last week on the Bayou.

Mrs. Lucy Stewart and family of Baird are visiting home folks here.

Prof. C. A. Browning and family have returned to their home at Lazare after a few days stay among relatives at this place.

Well, Well, Mr. Editor, we learned that you succeeded in getting another subscriber at Pioneer. We certainly hope that you will continue to get more from this place and thus add to the list.

Dixie

J. Meadow of Sobanno reports reasonably good rain in his part of the country.

RECEIVED: a car of Studebaker Buggies and Wagons at Carter's

## Married

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Roy E. Smith and Miss Carria A. Scarborough, on Tuesday evening the eleventh. The wedding was solemnized at 6 o'clock, in the presnce of a few relatives and friends, Rev. J. M. Parker officiating. The bride is the daughter of Rev. Ike P. Scarborough, who is an old timer in the Cross Plains country. The groom formerly lived at Rising Star, but is now working at the Reeder and Hitt barber shop. The Review joins their many friends in wishing them life's choicest blessings.

Dry Goods prices slaughtered at Carters

## FRENCH ARE AROUSED BY ALSATIAN SUCCESS

ALTKIRCH AND MUELHAUSEN ARE OCCUPIED WITHOUT SEVERE FIGHTING.

## GREAT WORK OF REVENGE

General Joffre So Characterizes Advance into Alsace in Proclamation at Muelhausen.

Paris.—The invasion of Lower Alsace by a French army under Gen. Joseph Joffre, the French commander in chief, has awakened great enthusiasm in France.

French military authorities, while recognizing that the occupation of Altkirch and Muelhausen by French troops is not of high strategic importance, believe the successful advance of the French army so far across the German frontier will have considerable moral effect.

It is reported unofficially that Kolmar, farther to the north, has fallen into the hands of the French. None of these three places was strongly fortified and all lie outside the line of real German defense, being regarded as outposts of the strongly fortified cities.

Official reports of fighting between the French and German troops state that the French losses were "not excessive," while those of the Germans are declared by the French to have been "very serious."

The inhabitants of Altkirch, which the French troops captured after a fight Friday, received the visitors with great rejoicing. The older men embraced the soldiers after they entered the town. After the place was occupied the French proceeded to Muelhausen, which they entered without resistance. Muelhausen was not occupied by Germans when the French troops arrived.

Gen. Joffre, commander of the French forces, issued this proclamation at Muelhausen:

"After 44 years of sorrowful waiting French soldiers once more tread the soil of your noble country. They are pioneers in a great work of revenge. For them what emotion it calls forth and what pride to complete the work which they have made at the sacrifice of their lives.

"The French nation unanimously urges them on and in the folds of their flag are inscribed the magic words, 'Right and Liberty, Long live Alsace! Long live France!'"

The Alsation inhabitants are said to have been so overjoyed at the appearance of the French army that they tore up the frontier posts.

## White Star Liner Sails for England

New York.—Loaded to her carrying capacity with provisions and coal, the White Star liner Olympic suddenly left her pier here Sunday and sailed for Liverpool. The Olympic was permitted to leave the harbor without question. As the vessel steamed down the bay she met the American liner New York coming in. Cheers were exchanged by passengers on the New York and sailors on the British vessel, which carried no passengers and it is assumed is recalled to British waters to serve as an auxiliary war vessel or transport.

## Forts Not Seriously Damaged

Paris.—Details of fighting around Liege state that the forts there were not seriously affected by the fire of the big German siege guns. During the two days' cessation of fighting more than 50,000 civilians were employed in throwing up entrenchments between the ring of forts, which are said to have rendered the city almost impregnable.

## Enormous Gas Well Struck in Okla

Ardmore, Okla.—A gas well at a depth of 150 feet in the Loco fields in section 9, 3 south, 5 west, is making 15,000,000 feet of gas. It is escaping through 15-inch casing and the roar can be heard four miles. The Oklahoma Diamond company is drilling the well and the gas is owned by the Lone Star Gas company of Texas.

## Steamship Rammed in Hudson River

New York.—The steamer Iroquois of the Manhattan line crashed into the Berkshire of the Hudson Navigation company line, Sunday in a dense fog in the Hudson river, cutting 18 feet into the Berkshire's center and ripping her almost to the water line. Both boats were carrying passengers from Albany to New York, the Berkshire having nearly a thousand on board. There was a rush to the decks by her passengers, but officers quickly reassured them and they

## RACES RUN CLOSE IN FINAL RETURNS

HOBBY HAS LEAD OF 7,800 VOTES, McLEMORE 720 OVER LANE.

## FERGUSON IS AHEAD 45,603

Submission Loses by 22,583—Total Vote Largest in History of Tefas Primary Elections.

Dallas, Texas.—Final returns received of the vote cast in the Democratic primary election of July 25 show the following totals, with the vote for submission in 1910, and the vote for governor in 1912, given in comparison:

For governor (1914)—	
Ferguson	236,925
Ball	191,322
Morris	6,656
Ferguson's majority	39,847
Ferguson's plurality	45,603
For governor (1912)—	
Colquitt	219,808
Ramsey	179,857
Colquitt's majority	39,951
Submission (1914)—	
For	156,230
Against	178,813
Majority against submission	22,583
Submission (1910)—	
For	159,406
Against	131,324
Majority for submission	28,082
Lieutenant Governor—	
Hobby	210,277
Sturgeon	202,461
Attorney general—	
Looney	406,117
State Treasurer—	
Edwards	218,386
Baker	183,150
—Court Criminal Appeals—	
Davidson	262,652
Faulk	147,145
Supreme court—	
Hawkins	411,994
Commissioner of agriculture—	
Davis	217,323
Halbert	182,353
Railroad commissioner—	
Mayfield	268,097
Arnold	140,599
Superintendent of instruction—	
Doughty	259,952
Marrs	156,352
Land commissioner—	
Robison	249,834
Barlcy	148,254
Comptroller—	
Terrell	178,650
Franklin	125,311
Mayfield	88,720
Congressman-at-Large (two chosen)	
Davis	102,213
McLemore	97,990
Lane	97,180
Garrett	91,581
Kone	77,089
Lowry	52,425
Harris	49,930
Shield	27,972
O'Donnell	25,880
Porter	18,581

## Returns From 245 Counties

The returns for governor are complete from 245 of the 247 organized counties of Texas. The two missing counties are McMullen, which in 1910 cast 179 votes for governor, and Zapata, which heretofore has held no Democratic primary and probably held none this year. From Wheeler county, only returns for governor have been received, the total number of votes cast for that office being 602. From Sabine returns have been received only for governor and upon submission, the total vote cast in that county being 1,037. The returns do not include a report on submission or congressmen, at large from Cottle county.

## Record Vote Polled

The total vote for governor thus far reported is 433,264, and probably will reach 200 more with McMullen county added. This is the largest vote ever polled in a Texas Democratic primary election, the highest previous total being 399,665 in 1912.

## Texas Scholastic Increase

Austin, Texas.—Complete and partial scholastic census reports received by the department of education from every county in the state show an increase of 59,954 in the number of children of scholastic age in Texas. Figuring that the additional reports will bring the total scholastic population to 1,100,000, the state board of education used this number as the basis for setting the apportionment at \$8 per capita.

## Bavarian Corps Reported Defeated

London.—A Brussels dispatch gives an unofficial report that a Bavarian corps has been defeated by the French at Marrehan, north of Luxembourg. Many prisoners are said to have been taken.

## GERMANS CONTINUE FIGHT FOR LIEGE

BELGIANS MAKE HEROIC RESISTANCE AGAINST GREATER NUMBERS.

## MAY BE VICTORIOUS ANY TIME

Advances Made by German Army Wednesday Indicate Victory for Invaders.

Brussels via Paris.—After having suffered a serious check and heavy casualties at the hands of the Belgians at Liege Wednesday, the German troops returned to the fray with redoubled ardor and Thursday were pouncing away at the forts with siege and field guns and rifles.

In the fighting of Wednesday the estimates of the German casualties ran as high as 8,000 men. The invaders also are said to have lost a large number of guns. In one attack a German infantry division supported by cavalry marched onto mined ground. The Belgians detonated the mines and an entire battalion of Germans was killed. Wounded Germans to the number of 1,200 were picked up on the battlefield.

It is estimated that in the fighting 40,000 Germans were faced by 25,000 Belgians.

## Slaughter Appalling

In the attack on Fort Panchon northeast of the city, the Belgians permitted the Germans to draw up almost to the walls of the fortress. They then turned loose their guns and the slaughter is reported to have been appalling.

Under the terrific fire here and from the other forts the Germans were forced to retire all along the line.

A detachment of Uhlans penetrated the city Wednesday night with the intention, it is said, of capturing high officials. They had reached the building where the officials had quarters when all were surprised and killed.

## Germans Expected to Win

German shells breached the walls of two of the fortresses which were captured. From the other forts, however, the Belgians continued to pour a deadly rain of shot and shell into the advancing Germans.

Despite the heroic resistance of the Belgians, it was felt in Brussels that the invaders, by reason of their great strength, could not much longer be denied and that ultimately they must gain the city of Liege, whence they are expected to press on toward Namur in their march across Belgium to the French frontier.

At Namur, which is strongly fortified, it is asserted the Germans will meet with resistance as strong as that at Liege.

## Votes \$500,000,000 for Army Increase

London.—The house of commons unanimously passed a war credit of \$500,000,000 for the increase of the British army. This is the second war credit passed by the house, \$25,000,000 having been voted two days before. Premier Asquith said that Field Marshal Earl Kitchener wanted power to increase the British army to 500,000 men. He told the house that the white paper issued by the government showed how strenuous and unremitting had been the efforts of Sir Edward Grey to secure honorable peace for Europe.

## British Cruiser Sunk; 131 Lost

London.—An admiralty report says the British cruiser Amphion was sunk by striking a mine. Paymaster J. T. Gedge and 130 men were lost. The captain, 16 officers and 125 men were saved. A previous report said the German mine layer Koenigin Luise probably had placed some mines before she was sunk by the British torpedo boat Lance. The Amphion was a light cruiser of 3,440 tons. She was attached to the third destroyer flotilla under Capt. Cecil H. Fox, commanding officer. Her regular complement was 232 men. She was commissioned in April, 1913.

## German and Russian Cruisers Sunk

London.—A dispatch from Tientsin says that the Russian cruiser Askold and the German cruiser Emden both have been sunk after an engagement off Wef-Hai Wei, China. The Emden was a protected cruiser of 3,592 tons. She carried ten 4.1-inch guns and was fitted with two torpedo tubes. The displacement of the Askold was 5,905 tons. Her armament consisted of 12 six-inch guns and eight three-pounders. After the battle of the Yellow sea, in the Russo-Japanese war, she was interned at Shanghai.

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London.—The British admiralty officially announces that the government has taken over the two battleships—one completed and the other nearly completed—ordered in England by Turkey, and two destroyers by Chile. The battleships have been named the Erin and Agincourt.

## Turkey to be Neutral.

London.—The French embassy in London has been informed of the declaration of Italian neutrality and that Italy will probably call out one or two classes of the army, but with no aggressive idea. It is added that Italy does not intend to reinforce her troops either of the French or Austrian frontiers. It is also announced officially that Turkey will proclaim her neutrality.

## Ottoman Empire is Mobilizing Forces.

London.—Turkey has informed Great Britain that the forces of the Ottoman empire are being mobilized. The mobilization, Turkey says, is a precautionary measure and Turkey will remain absolutely neutral. In some quarters, however, it is believed this step is being taken by Turkey in the fear that the Russian Black sea fleet will attempt to force the Bosphorus and that Russia may even land troops on the Turkish shores of the Black sea and seize Constantinople.

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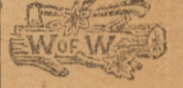


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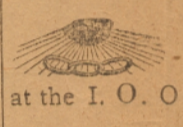
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4 p. m.

Pastor.

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#### M. W. A. No. 12642

meets every 3rd Saturday night  
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each month.  
B. D. Wesley, Clerk

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Elsie M. Cochran Clerk  
Burkett Texas

Mell Davis of Merkel is here with  
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two years ago.

Henry Peavy and wife returned  
Monday from a several days trip to  
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W. E. Melton

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W. P. (Pit) Ramsey

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struction  
S. E. Settle

For County Tax Assessor:  
M. G. Farmer

For Sheriff:  
J. (John) A. Moore

For County Commissioner P. No. 4  
Milton Houston of Cottonwood.

For Constable Precinct No. 6  
W. A. [Ated] Peterson.

For Public Weigher of Precinct  
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Martin Neeb

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