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## Largest Vote Ever Counted in Texas

According to the official canvass and count of the vote for democratic presidential electors cast in the last general election, the democratic vote in Texas has gained 66,925 over the total vote cast in 1912, which was 219,489. Marshall Hicks of San Antonio received the highest number of votes, 286,415.

Nine counties in Texas cast republican majorities. They are Comal, DeWitt, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Kendall, Lee, Maverick, Washington and Zapata. In all of these, except the last, the German-American population is very large.

The count for state officers is now proceeding in the secretary of state's office. The vote for congressman will be next announced. Probably it will be a week or ten days before the vote for all state officers has been canvassed.

The vote cast for republican electors average 64,949 for each, for prohibition electors 1,992 for each, and for socialist electors 7,099 for each.

The democratic and republican vote cast in the three largest

counties of Texas was:  
Dallas: Democratic, 13,410; Republican, 2,554.  
Harris: Democratic, 10,131; Republican, 3,009.  
Bexar: Democratic, 7,608; Republican, 5,474.—Austin American.

### Old Folks Service at Baptist Church

Special service will be held for the old people of the town at the Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. If you have no way to come we will call for you and take you back.

This is the last Sunday in this year and you are nearing the last Sunday of your life. Come.

Text: "At Even Time It Shall Be Light."

F. A. Whiteley.

The gin at Wilson burned to the ground Sunday night. The Slatonite has had no particulars of the fire, but no doubt if the cause could be traced it would go back to the pestiferous firecracker or a hot arrow that was shot out of a roman candle.

W. A. Blakeney drove up to Floydada Saturday and returned with his mother-in-law, Mrs. G. R. T. Massey, who had been at the bedside of a sick daughter. Mr. Massey will probably locate in Slaton.

## Santa Fe Lecture Wednesday Night

Geo. Marriott, manager of the Slaton Santa Fe Reading Room, announced this week that the Rev. E. W. Spencer, pastor of one of the leading Methodist Churches of Topeka, Kansas, assisted by his wife, will be at the Reading Room on Wednesday night, Jan. 3rd, to give an illustrated lecture on the greatest melo drama of history, "Enoch Arden," to the Santa Fe employees. This entertainment is a very pleasing one, and the lecture will be illustrated with the best stereopticon. Mrs. Spencer is fitted to give instructive talks to the ladies of the city on "Motherhood" in the afternoon at any place where the women would like to meet her.

### "JIMMY O'CONNOR IS DEAD."

"Jimmy O'Connor is dead." This startling message brought sorrow to every person who heard it in Slaton Tuesday afternoon. Mr. O'Connor died about 1 o'clock very unexpectedly and very quietly and without Mrs. O'Connor realizing that he had passed away. He was sitting in their home and after saying to his wife that he was sleepy he laid down on the bed; but he must have recognized the summons to the other world, for he suddenly said good bye to those around him, and then his soul left his body without a struggle, and the spirit of James O'Connor went into eternity.

The funeral was held from the O'Connor home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment was made in the Slaton Cemetery. The Rev. T. C. Willett of the Methodist Church read the Ninety-First Psalm and spoke a few brief words in a funeral sermon. All business houses closed and the attendance of sorrowing friends at the funeral was the largest that has ever gathered at the Slaton Cemetery. The funeral was simple and brief, as Mr. O'Connor would have had it, and the Ninety-First Psalm was one that he frequently read.

James O'Connor was born in Newport, Kentucky, on Jan. 17, 1884. He married Miss Vivian Olsen, daughter of Mrs. Geo. Farschon, at Boerne, Texas, on June 22, 1914, and the newly wedded couple came to Slaton about four weeks later to take charge of the Western Telephone Company's exchange in this city. Mr. O'Connor as manager gave very accommodating, courteous and satisfactory telephone service. About a year ago Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor left the telephone service and have since handled a laundry agency for this place.

Mr. O'Connor leaves a widow to mourn his departure from this life, and the deep sympathy of the entire community goes to her in her bereavement. One sister and one brother are his only other living relatives.

Jimmy O'Connor was one of the finest gentlemen of that vast host of the culture of the East who have turned their footsteps towards the invigorating atmosphere of the plains of West Texas, and his cheery optimism even in the shades of the night of his life left a lesson that will live for years in the hearts of the people of Slaton.

Up to the last when hailed by a friend, "Good morning, Jimmy, how are you?" he would respond with his rich Irish accent, "Oh, jest feelin' fine." One time he added: "I'd be all right if the Good Lord would just give me back my voice." On Monday morning when loved ones started to put his shoes on him, he pro-

tested, exclaiming: "Oh, I can do it; there is nothing the matter with me but jest lazziness!"

And so he lived, an inspiration to his fellowman, always contented and happy and thinking how beautiful the day was when the sun shone forth. He never gave up his business nor his work, even after tuberculosis had claimed every ounce of vitality and muscle on his body. And he laid aside this life as quietly and as beautifully as he had lived it. He belonged to no sects, faiths, nor creeds, but was a brother to all men. We would say that he was one of God's noblemen, and this world would indeed be a fine world if it were made up of Jimmy O'Connors. To such a heart "Death is no specter grim nor thing of dread, no spirit fraught with evil and with strife, but just a portal dark that lies ahead and opens on the mysteries of life."

### Watch Night Service M. E. Church

A watch night service will be held at the Methodist Church, Sunday night Dec. 31. The object of the service is to make it a kind of a get-together get acquainted service for the membership of the church and community, and to watch the old year out and the new year in. There will be a rather informal program rendered along the following lines:

Song service.

Prayer.

A brief statement by the pastor concerning the history of the division of the M. E. Church into the two branches, North and South, and the steps now being taken to re-unite them.

Some addresses by laymen of the church on topics of live interest.

Intermission and social hour.

Singing.

Installation of the officers.

Intermission and refreshments.

Singing.

Prayer by several of the members.

Doxology and Benediction.

The service will begin at 8 p. m. and close at 12 m.

F. B. Cloud and his son, Rockwell, and J. W. Cloud, all of Albany, Texas, are in Slaton this week checking up the books on the year's business of B. O. Cloud, manager of the Slaton Lumber Yard. The gentlemen drove overland from Albany Tuesday, and will remain here a few days visiting after the work of checking up is completed. The Slaton Lumber Yard has handled a large business in 1916. J. W. Cloud is B. O. Cloud's father, and F. B. Cloud is an uncle. They will check up also J. A. King, manager of the Rockwell Bros. & Company yard at Wilson, while in this vicinity.

A. H. Woodard is on the streets again this week after being confined to his home with an extended spell of sickness. He went home sick on the 22nd of November and was in bed until Monday with the fever and pneumonia. His many friends have missed him from his place in Robertson's store and they are glad to know that he is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Robertson entertained at the V Ranch Monday with a big turkey dinner. Twenty-eight plates were laid at the table, and a sumptuous dinner was served to the guests. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sewell and Mr. Otis Neal of Abilene.

J. S. Bagby and family went to Lamesa Wednesday to visit relatives for about ten days.

We Sincerely Extend to Our Many Friends and Patrons Our Heartiest Wishes for a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## Robertson D. G. Co.

Slaton and Southland

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MRS. J. P. ROBERTSON  
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MISS ALMA OWENS  
Ladies Department No. 2, Southland

## Happy New Year for 1917

The good year 1916 has brought us many new customers and has more firmly cemented our friendship with those who have contributed to our success in the past.

We indulge in the hope that each of our customers, old and new, may find this Yuletide season fraught with more happiness, good will and prosperity than ever before. Permit us also to express our genuine appreciation of your patronage, attended by the assurance of continued high class service in the years to come.

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Estimates furnished on short notice. All work given careful and prompt attention. Give us a trial.

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## "In Bohemia"

Eighth Episode of the  
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Next Tuesday Night at  
THE MOVIE THEATER

A High Class Entertainment  
Six Nights a Week

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To Our Countrymen:  
**We Extend The Season's Greetings!**

WE WISH to increase our prosperity; to expand our trade; to grow in wealth, in wisdom and in spirit, but our conception of the true way to accomplish this is not to pull down others to profit by their ruin, but our conception is to help all our friends to a common prosperity, a common growth, that we may all become stronger together.

WE ARE TRULY THANKFUL for the largest year's business we have ever enjoyed.

Wishing you a FULL MEASURE  
of PROSPERITY in the NEW YEAR

We are, Yours very truly,

**FORREST HARDWARE**  
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### NOW ON THE MARKET FOR EARLY SALE.

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### Tried to Palm on Public Charred Bones of Calf as His Own Body

Plainview, Dec. 14.—Admission that he had placed the bones of a calf within his house, which he then set on fire, in an endeavor to collect \$7,500 insurance, was made today by J. A. Morgan, on trial in the district court in Castro county on a charge of fraud and arson. He was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary.

When Morgan's house was burned in November, sixty bones found in the ruins were buried as his. Investigation resulted in Morgan's arrest at Sweetwater, Texas.

### Was a Collector of Life Insurance

Plainview, Dec. 14.—The state will attempt to prove that J. A. Morgan, who was arrested at Sweetwater, on a charge of arson has a long record for similar

transactions. Morgan and his wife were indicted following the burning of their home near Spring Lake.

It has been brought out, according to reports, that this man is the same Morgan, who on a previous occasion, attempted to defraud other insurance companies. It is alleged that in Fort Worth, Texas, several years ago he insured a healthy woman, who impersonated his wife, for \$20,000, while his wife was at the point of death in a sanitarium suffering with a cancer. His wife later died and an unsuccessful attempt was made to collect this insurance. He married the woman who had had impersonated his wife. Her life was insured by him, it is reported, and some time afterward she was found dead in her bed, a revolver in her hand, the death being pronounced suicide. Morgan was the beneficiary of the policy. The insurance company refused to pay the claim, and suit was filed on the policy. Judge Huff, now Chief Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals, of the Seventh Judicial District at Amarillo, Texas, it is alleged, presided in the trial. Developments were such that he took the case from the jury, gave a pre-emptory judgment in favor of the insurance company, and Morgan was indicted by the grand jury, it is reported, and tried for murder, of which charge he was cleared by the jury.

The Morgans have been working for Will Gilbreath, who has a lease on the Wolford farm. Their conduct, outside of the attempt to defraud the insurance companies, as stated, has been such as to command the respect of neighbors, and their employer was one of the last of the people of that community to believe them guilty of any breach of their confidence. Only when it was shown to him, without a question of doubt, that the bones

buried were those of a calf, and that part of them were dry bones and part were green, and the theory that such a small building could completely cremate a human body was shown impossible, would he believe their attempted deception.

### Palo Duro Gets Fish Hatchery

As a parting gift to the Panhandle which he has represented in congress for twenty years, Representative John H. Stephens secured the passage of a bill thru the House of Representatives last Saturday for appropriating \$50,000 to establish a fish hatchery in the Palo Duro Canyon. Fish never before seen in the Texas Panhandle will be hatched when the project is in operation.

Unexpected tributes were paid to Mr. Stephens Tuesday, when Representatives Charles Carter of Oklahoma and Phillip Campbell of Kansas, who stated, at the conclusion of debate of the Indian appropriation bill:

"If any man ever belonged to congress to whom the Indians owe a debt of gratitude, that man is Stephens, who has stood at the door of the Indian committee for twenty years with a club ready to assassinate any man who would infringe upon the rights of Indians or misuse their funds. Every person in Oklahoma particularly is obliged to him because they have always received thoughtful consideration at his hands. He has done his duty faithfully and is an honest man."

It was an honor that is given to few congressmen, and the House loudly applauded the compliments.

THAT good long leaf yellow pine lumber will make a house that will stand and hold its shape for a life time. Talk it over with the A. C. Houston Lumber Company.

## Christmas Candies

We have a fine line of candy for the Holiday shoppers and can furnish any quantity you desire of

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We have also a complete stock of

### Fruit and Nuts

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to come to the Red Cross Pharmacy for a selection of Choice Gifts. We have a large variety and can help you to make a suitable and acceptable choice. Call and look over our holiday display.

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AGAINST A SPELL OF  
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BILIOUSNESS  
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COLDS, GRIPPE  
OR MALARIA**

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AT THE FIRST SIGN OF TROUBLE



Not Apropos.  
"Jim always manages to say the wrong thing."  
"What's he been saying now?"  
"When he saw Smith under his auto, which had turned turtle, he laughed and said: 'Well, Jems, this is a horse on you.'"

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**Food Product They Overlooked.**  
This year the South is producing the largest rice crop in its history, and although all other chief food products now enjoy much higher ranges of values than normal, rice is the exception, its selling this season, due to large crop and limited demand, only about on a level with the average of the past ten years.—Vicksburg Herald.

**MILLIONS USE RED CROSS.**  
Millions of good housewives use Red Cross Ball Blue. Each year its sales increase. The old friends use it and tell others. Red Cross Ball Blue will make your old clothes look like new. Ask your grocer.—Adv.

**Attar of Roses.**  
Bulgarians are fighting so hard it is interesting for women to remember that in that country are raised 20,000 acres of roses from which the celebrated attar of roses is distilled. Only half as much was distilled this year as last, on account of the war, which means of course, that the precious stuff will be much more expensive. Germany makes an attar out of coal tar.

Dr. Pierce's Pellets are best for liver, bowels and stomach. One little Pellet for a laxative—three for a cathartic.—Adv.

**Studying Patience.**  
The rich old uncle from whom much was hoped was visiting his niece, who had been telling him how dearly his little grand-nephew and namesake loved his school and how well he was getting on with his studies.  
"Well, Teddy," said the uncle, jovially, upon the return of the little boy, "what do you do in school all day?"  
Teddy pondered. "Well," he said gravely, "mostly I wait until it's time to go home."

**AVOID A DOCTOR'S BILL.**  
on the first of the month by taking now a bottle of Mansfield Cough Balsam for that hacking, hollow cough. Price 25c and 50c.—Adv.

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# EPIDEMIC OF RUST

Heavy Losses May Be Caused by This Disease.

### STATUS OF TROUBLE GIVEN

Each of Common Cereals Including Corn Subject to Attack—Grasses Have Marked Influence on Prevalence of Rust.

(By H. B. HUMPHREY, Cereal Pathologist, United States Department of Agriculture.)  
A very serious epidemic of stem rust ("black rust") of wheat which occurred the past season, especially in the spring wheat states, has forcibly brought to light the heavy losses which may be caused by this disease. The following is a brief description of the present status of our knowledge of the cereal rusts and of the efforts which are being made, especially by the department of agriculture, to investigate and combat them.

**Kinds of Rusts.**  
Each of the common cereals including corn is subject to the attack of rust. As viewed by the farmer, this rust looks somewhat similar in all cases. In reality, however, there are several different kinds of rust which are distinct from each other and which vary in their virulence of attack. Wheat, for instance, is known to have in this country three kinds of rust: leaf rust, stem rust, and a yellow or stripe rust. Oats is commonly afflicted with both a leaf rust, sometimes also called "crown rust," and a stem rust. Barley and rye also have leaf and stem rusts. On corn, however,



Wheat Heads and Straw Showing Effects of Rust. Wellman's Fife (Smooth on Left.) Haynes Bluestem, No. 51 (Velvet).

only one kind of rust is found, and this is rarely serious.

The oat rusts are very commonly present and sometimes cause severe epidemics in certain oat-growing states. Of the wheat rusts the most important one at the present time is the stem rust, commonly called the "black rust," which was the cause of the epidemic of rust in the spring wheat states this year. The leaf rust of wheat is almost always present every year and is familiar to most farmers as "red rust," and while it undoubtedly does at least a slight damage, it seldom if ever causes a severe loss. The yellow, or stripe rust of wheat, has only recently been discovered in this country. It also attacks barley and certain wild grasses and has been found in the western part of the United States, but not as yet east of the Rocky mountains except in eastern Wyoming. It is a common rust in Europe and considered a serious disease. If it continues to spread in this country, and if it proves as serious an enemy to wheat here as it has in Europe, it is possible that it will add materially to the rust troubles of our cereals.

**Grasses as Rust Plants.**  
The life histories of the rusts are sometimes complex. This is especially true of the most important of the wheat rusts; namely, the stem rust. It may pass a part of its existence on an ornamental shrub known as barberry, Berberis vulgaris, where it produces rust spores in May or June. These rust spores may infect wheat or other cereals. The stem rust may also in its red and black stages live on many common wild grasses. It is also a fact that the stem rusts of the other cereals may also pass their spring stage on the barberry plant. Although the rust may live over the winter on grass plants or may be brought up in the early spring from the South without the intervention of barberry plants, nevertheless, barberry plants serve as an active means of spreading the rust in a very vigorous fashion. The common barberry should not be permitted in the neighborhood of any grain-growing farms and, in fact, it would best be eliminated entirely from the grain-growing states at least. The small-leaved barberry, Berberis thunbergii, called also "Japanese barberry," is not attacked by the rust and may be safely planted.

**Rusted Seed.**  
Since the cereal rusts may also live on grass plants, a considerable study has been undertaken to find out the exact relations between the rusts found on wild grasses and those on cereals. The matter is found to be somewhat complex. There can be no doubt that the grasses have a marked influence on the prevalence of rust, and that wheat rust epidemics are considerably promoted by the common wild grasses. The different rusts are found, however, only on certain kinds of grasses and these relationships, together with the possible effect of the grasses on the virulence of an epidemic, are now being investigated.

**Rusted Seed.**  
Another extremely important question under investigation is that of rust in the seed. It has been known for some time that in badly-rusted fields the rust if often present even on the tips of the wheat seeds. It has been thought by some that this rust might be transmitted by the seed to the young seedling and thus start the epidemic again in the following spring. Evidence from field and greenhouse experiments conducted up to the present time does not support this view, but conclusive evidence is dependent on further investigation.

**Co-Operative Work.**  
As far as is known at the present time it is safe to take seed from a rusted field. It is necessary, however, that the lightweight, shrunken kernels be removed and only the heaviest seed obtainable used from such a field. Much of the wheat from this year's crop is of very poor quality, and should be thoroughly fanned and screened. Special effort should be made this year to provide for good seed wheat for next year. Germination tests, of course, should be made.

A number of state experiment stations are vitally interested in the rust work and are co-operating with the cereal pathologist of the department. The stripe rust in the western states, its distribution and occurrence, together with its life history and varietal relations, are at present under investigation.

There is also considerable co-operative work being done on the variety testing and breeding of cereals for rust resistance. The major portion of this work is devoted to wheat, but oats is also receiving some attention. In this rust nurseries are maintained at four experiment stations where each year an artificial epidemic is secured, thus allowing for continuous rust records on any given variety, and also insuring the most severe rust conditions possible. Work on spring wheat is in progress at the Minnesota station; at the Iowa station on spring oats; at the Kansas station on soft winter wheats; and at the Tennessee station on soft winter wheats and winter oats. The field trials on rust resistance are supplemented by greenhouse tests, where both seedling and mature plants are artificially inoculated with rust and degree of infection noted.

**Testing and Breeding.**  
The results on the variety testing for resistance up to the present time have demonstrated several general facts. None of the common, or so-called bread spring wheats, is to any useful degree immune to the stem rust attack. The most commonly grown of these susceptible varieties of spring wheats are the Fife, Bluestem, and bearded wheats, including such varieties as Marquis, Power Fife, Haynes Bluestem, Prelude and Preston. On the other hand, it has been abundantly demonstrated that certain varieties of durum and emmer are extremely resistant to the rust in contrast to the common spring wheats. This fact has been very clearly demonstrated in the rust epidemic of the past season, where the common wheats, as well as many varieties of durum wheats were very heavily rusted, while other adjacent rows of durum wheat were practically clean of rust. In the field many farmers suffered severe loss in their durum crop on account of the rust, while others obtained yields of two to three times as many bushels of better grade wheat than was obtained from the common bread wheats in the same vicinity. This demonstrates very strongly the necessity for planting, where durum wheat is successfully grown, only the resistant types.

**Fertilizers and Rusts.**  
The results, obtained particularly at the Minnesota station in determining the effect of artificial fertilizers on rusts indicate that soil fertilizers do not play an important part either for or against resistance in a real field epidemic, and that as a factor in farm practice, the relations between the application of commercial fertilizers and the rust can largely be disregarded. It seems highly improbable that any control of rust through the application of any reasonable amount of commercial fertilizers can ever be hoped for.

**Control Measures.**  
It is well known that seed treatment has no effect on the rust. Soil treatment is also almost ineffective, except insofar as good soil practice will put the seedbed in the best condition and promote the most rapid and vigorous growth of the wheat plant.  
Of course, spraying of grain fields is not only impracticable but useless as well. Certain farm practices, as for instance the use of well-drained land, however, should be followed in order that the crop may be given the best possible chance to escape an epidemic or to endure it.  
Early maturing varieties on well-prepared land sown as early in the season as possible, may assist in escaping the rust if the attack is late.  
There can be no logical reason for maintaining common barberry plants anywhere in the vicinity of grain fields. Certainly no new ones should be planted and the old ones should be removed.

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The results, obtained particularly at the Minnesota station in determining the effect of artificial fertilizers on rusts indicate that soil fertilizers do not play an important part either for or against resistance in a real field epidemic, and that as a factor in farm practice, the relations between the application of commercial fertilizers and the rust can largely be disregarded. It seems highly improbable that any control of rust through the application of any reasonable amount of commercial fertilizers can ever be hoped for.

**Control Measures.**  
It is well known that seed treatment has no effect on the rust. Soil treatment is also almost ineffective, except insofar as good soil practice will put the seedbed in the best condition and promote the most rapid and vigorous growth of the wheat plant.  
Of course, spraying of grain fields is not only impracticable but useless as well. Certain farm practices, as for instance the use of well-drained land, however, should be followed in order that the crop may be given the best possible chance to escape an epidemic or to endure it.  
Early maturing varieties on well-prepared land sown as early in the season as possible, may assist in escaping the rust if the attack is late.  
There can be no logical reason for maintaining common barberry plants anywhere in the vicinity of grain fields. Certainly no new ones should be planted and the old ones should be removed.

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EIGHTH EPISODE

'In Bohemia'

The Irrepressibles. One evening at dusk John Burton was seated in his study killing the half hour which intervened before he must go to his dressing room and change his clothes for dinner.

He was now a marquis and a man of great means, yet, in the midst of a palatial establishment, with a troop of servants ready to obey his slightest wish, and an expensive French chef even then preparing his solitary meal, he suddenly realized that the last genuine pleasure within recollection had nothing whatsoever to do with titles and luxuries.

Moved by an uncontrollable impulse he sprang to his feet and ran upstairs two steps at a time.

'Quit that!' cried John, cheerfully. 'I'm off on a trip. Take charge here till I come back. My lawyers will attend to the necessary expenses.'

Producing a bunch of keys, he unlocked a drawer which the valet was never allowed to open, and astonished his servant by bringing forth an old and worn suit of blue serge, the 'everyday best' rig of his working days, which, with a thick flannel shirt, he proceeded to don forthwith.

Beyond a plentiful supply of money, John took nothing with him which savored of the dignity he was leaving behind. He meant giving himself a genuine test. He took a train for a neighboring town, ate a meal at a small restaurant (to be candid, he found the food coarse and unpalatable) and set about finding a lodging such as would be suitable to a mechanic out of work.

A friendly policeman directed him, and the man's sunburned face looked so kindly and sympathetic that John asked him where he might seek employment with some prospect of success. Just then a row in the street called for the intervention of the law.

Two men were fighting, and the policeman was about to grab the pair of them when an elderly, wizened man, fully sixty-five years of age, ran from a dilapidated building labeled 'Mission Hall,' and thrust himself between the pugilists.

'Come now, Jim, and you, Tom!' cried the peacemaker amicably. 'What's all this about? Why should two good pals like you try to settle a dispute like a couple of snarling curs? All right, officer,' he went on, winking at the policeman, 'I'll fix things. This stupid scrap ends here and now. Neither of 'em will hit Brother Billy—will you, mates?'

The combatants looked sheepish. One volunteered an explanation which the other capped by demanding fiercely: 'Why didn't you tell me sooner?'

So the row was settled. Incidentally, John made the acquaintance of one who had devoted his whole life to the service of his fellows. Brother Billy invited him to enter the Mission hall, and looked puzzled on hearing that his new friend was in search of work. The missionary was a judge of men. One glance at the young millionaire's clean-cut, thoughtful, and self-reliant face told him that here was no waster, but a man well able to take care of himself.

'I could do with your help here,' he said instantly. 'Sometimes my limbs grow troublesome, sheep, and require rather strenuous handling.'

But the offer was not to John's liking.

Brother Billy rendered his new friend an immediate service by directing him to a lodging slightly superior in quality to any place which Burton might have found otherwise. It had been erected as a studio building, but no industrial wave had submerged the district, and art is a tender flower which seldom thrives in such conditions.

Still, the muses had not wholly departed, as John learned while bargaining with the janitor for a sparsely furnished room. A pretty girl passed on the landing. She was carrying a bottle of milk and a box of crackers, and John was vastly surprised by noting the way in which the man scowled after her.

'I don't mind a chap like you being a few days shy with the rent,' came the janitor's prompt explanation. 'You can always make good after a week's work, but who's goin' to buy little images of soft clay, the same as she turns out?' and with a jerk of the head indicated the retreating figure.

'Why, she can't even raise the wind to buy a block of stone. I'll go and fire her right away.'

John had caught a glimpse of a sweet face, with big, artistic eyes of myosotis blue; eyes of that wonderful tint which becomes a deep and tender violet when shaded, and wished that he dared intercede in the defaulter's behalf.

The weather being warm, he left the door ajar and soon became aware that a somewhat lively crew occupied a suite on the same landing. The janitor's heavy footsteps sounded on the stairs. Apparently he had gone straight to the girl's apartment, and John guessed, quite accurately as it happened, that a gruff warning had been given and tearfully received. Seemingly a similar errand was imminent for the noisy, laughing young fellows whose chatter reached John clearly through the open door.

Indeed, he heard the man say loudly: 'I'm bringing you fellows a final notice. You're three weeks behind now, and if I ain't paid tomorrow—'

'Hush,' gurgled a rich, flutlike voice. 'Don't utter another word, and I'll show you where we keep the demon.'

John's curiosity was aroused. He rose and went to the door, and saw a very tall and phenomenally thin young man leading the janitor into the opposite flat. The uncouth Irishman was somewhat startled by that word 'demon,' and his guide's saturnine air was mystifying. At any rate, he was silenced for the moment and suffered himself to be taken across the room towards a cabinet which the tall young man suddenly threw open.

The janitor stepped back a pace, evidently expecting to see something uncanny, but his fascinated eyes merely rested on a few glasses and a big black bottle labeled 'The Demon Rum.'

A ribald yell from some unseen spectators greeted his surprise. But the Irishman took the situation and the rum good humoredly, and went out without delivering the ultimatum. John could not help overhearing what followed. He became aware that the lanky person flourished a five-dollar bill, the sight of which evidently induced a momentary stupefaction in his friends.

'Tell you what, boys,' chortled the youngster, 'we'll celebrate tonight. I've actually disposed of a masterpiece.'

'Bring Mary,' shouted someone. 'She's as hard up as we are.'

The suggestion was acted on instantly, and John knew that a protesting but laughing girl was being dragged forcibly downstairs. But the brotherhood of the arts did not end there. He heard the tall young man saying: 'That's four of us. We want a fifth, since there's luck in odd numbers, as witness the five in this bill. There's a new lodger across the way. Perhaps he's hungry, too.'

Thus it came about that John found himself in Bohemia, and was soon shaking hands with Mary Ames, sculptress; Reggie Burke, cartoonist; Tom Delancey, writer, and Charlie Pierce, musician.

The three men had been dubbed 'The Irrepressibles' by their friends, and never was title better deserved. Tom Delancey officiated as cook, and his friends were dispatched on errands to the neighboring stores. Hence, John had a few minutes' sustained talk with Mary. He was very much taken by the girl.

The foragers returned, and a most appetizing meal was soon sizzling and frizzling on a gas stove. Suddenly the cook uttered a cry of dismay.

'Dash it, if I haven't gone and forgotten the salt! There isn't as much in the piece as would fill a midge's eye.'

'I have some,' said Mary. 'I'll go and fetch it.'

She was gone so long that Delancey grew impatient, and yelled for her at the top of his voice. She came at once, but not alone. She was accompanied by a good-looking, well-dressed man of about thirty-five years of age, whose face and manner betokened the successful artist.

The three young men hailed him gleefully as 'Evan,' and invited him to join in the impromptu meal. He accepted instantly, and was evidently more than willing to renew memories of his own student days. Mary, whose eyes were sparkling but whose demeanor was now somewhat subdued, calmly introduced the newcomer to John as Mr. Evan Parker, and the surname revealed an artist whose work commanded high prices both from dealers and connoisseurs.

Now, a dramatic thing had happened during Mary Ames' brief absence from her friends, an event destined to shape the whole course of her life. She had gone into her room expecting to find it empty, and was surprised, even a trifle indignant, by discovering that the rich and well-known Evan Parker had actually dared to enter her apartment without permission. He had even stripped the wet cloths off the clay study on which she was engaged. Nor did he turn at the sound of her footsteps, but continued his scrutiny of the clay figure. His attitude was reverent. He seemed to exude a breathless admiration.

'Wonderful!' he murmured softly to himself. 'I didn't think there was anyone within a thousand miles who could create anything like that. But where on earth did she get her model?'

Now, Mary Ames was well aware that Parker's appreciation of her work was genuine. She knew, too, that 'praise from Sir Rupert was praise indeed,' and her heart swelled with momentary pride. Yet she had to find commonplace words somehow.

'Have you called on me, Mr. Parker?' she inquired.

The intruder spun round on his heels. 'A thousand pardons,' he said, bowing gracefully. 'I am here by mistake. I am horribly hard up for a model, Miss Ames. The new State Art gallery has commissioned a mural painting of Spring, and I can no more find a girl to pose for it than if I were asking for one cut out of a solid diamond. I called here tonight meaning to ask Reggie Burke if he could assist me. I misunderstood the janitor, and mounted one floor too high. Finding the door ajar, I peeped in, and saw your charming little study of a fawn. Do be kind, Miss Ames, and lend me your model. I'll pay her full time, both for you and for myself.'

The girl blushed furiously, and her eyes darted a sidelong glance at a full-length mirror standing close to the wall. Parker understood. She was her own model!

'Oh,' he said, 'is that it?'

Mary arched her eyebrows as the artist gave her a swift and searching glance.

'I hate pretense,' he went on quietly. 'You are too poor to study under the masters you need. Isn't that so? Don't I know too well what it means? Many a day have I worked in Julien's and sustained exhausted nature on a ten-centimes roll bought for breakfast and another for dinner. Now, let me suggest a way out of your difficulties. I mean no offense. I speak as one artist to another. I am sorely in need of just such a model as that from which you have fashioned your naïad. Will you pose for me? I'll pay you well—and I may be able to help you in other ways. Think it over, and let me know.'

Just then Tom Delancey shouted for the salt. Little wonder if Mary's eyes shone and her mind was distraught.

Mary's Decision. John thoroughly enjoyed the society of the Irrepressibles, and, marvelous to relate, had fallen head over heels in love with Mary Ames. The girl's in love with Mary Ames.

Of course, he maintained his dissident style. Since he did not wish now for regular employment, he accepted Brother Billy's offer, and helped in the work of the mission settlement.

Brother Billy's keen brain soon penetrated the young millionaire's disguise. A few tactful inquiries in other quarters, a few well-known flies in the shape of comments on men and affairs—casts which John rose at open-mouthed and unsuspecting—quickly made the evangelist aware of his protégé's identity.

One night, when the Irrepressibles had gone to some revel arranged by men of their own set, John sat in his room and probed deep into his heart. In other words, he tried to survey Mary Ames from every point of view as the partner of his future life. She fitted the bill adequately.

After half an hour of close self-communion, he resolved to put his fortunes to the test then and there. So it was with a mixture of high resolve and trepidation of heart that he tapped on her door. He was surprised by the sound of the voice that bade him enter. Mary had been crying. She made no effort to restrain her tears even when she saw John.

'Why, girlie, what is the matter?' he said tenderly.

She hung her head and muttered brokenly that it was silly to give way like that, but she could not help it.

He placed a hand gently on her shoulder. 'Won't you confide in me, dear?' he said.

'There are some things which a woman cannot tell a man, even a friend whom she prizes,' she sobbed.

Then John knew that he was face to face with the great adventure. He took her by the shoulders and half raised her from the bench where she was sitting.

'That is so, Mary,' he said softly. 'Perhaps you cannot confide in one who is little more than a stranger, but you might find it possible to take your husband into your confidence.'

'What are you saying?' she almost screamed, though she trembled violently, and did not seek to extricate herself from his embrace.

'I'll put it quite clearly, dear,' he cooed. 'Will you marry me?'

She recoiled as though he had struck her.

'Oh, no, no,' she wailed. 'Anything but that! It is impossible!'

'Listen, Mary,' he whispered. 'I love you, and I begin to hope that I am not altogether indifferent to you. You are a pure and good woman, I know, and I shall be honored beyond measure—'

'Stop!' she screamed in a frenzy. 'Must I even sacrifice one of my few friends? Marriage between us would be a crime. Our poverty would crush us. Don't you realize what it means? I am ambitious. I love my art, and would sell my very soul for the wherewithal to prosecute it. I want to see the great wide world—the world which I have read about and dreamed of but which seems to be a mere mirage on the ever more distant shore of the morass of my daily life.'

Now, John, in his wooing, had managed to lose sight of the all-important fact that he was supposed to be desperately poor, and Mary's passionate refusal to bear poverty's handicap came as a shock. Yet he was strong minded enough to hold back, even in that tense moment, the explanation that would have cleared the horizon and led the girl's stumbling steps into the firm, sure road of happiness.

'We are both young, Mary,' John urged. 'I have every confidence of being able soon to place you in a far better position than we both occupy at this time. Don't send me away from you because I am only a work-in-gang.'

He was astounded by the hard and defiant glitter which shone suddenly in those beautiful eyes. She plucked a note from her breast.

'Read that!' she said, almost harshly. 'There you will find the problem confronting me. God help me, I have to choose between honest love of a poor man and the temptation of a wealthy one!'

Hardly grasping the true sense of the words, John opened the crumpled letter. It was signed 'Evan,' and bore that day's date. A glance at its concluding passage sufficed.

—So I must go abroad, to Paris. Will you go with me? Think of the opportunities you will have for study. And don't you care just a little for me? Unhappily, I can't offer you marriage. That, as you know, is out of the question in present conditions. I want you to weigh this proposition fairly and reasonably, and will come for my answer this evening.'

A dawning horror showed in John's face. He had met Evan Parker before, and deemed him a decent sort of fellow. Yet the man had the callousness to admit an infamy over his very signature. Mary's tortured soul bared itself in a wild cry.

'God help me! I don't even know what I shall say when he comes.'

John realized vaguely that lovenaking or consolation was not to be thought of just then.

The two stricken people were made aware of hilarious sounds beneath that the Irrepressibles had returned unexpectedly. Somehow, the boys' harmless mirth grated at that instant, and John went out, dodging into his own room until he could be certain that his friends would not see him crossing the landing. Then he crept downstairs, meaning to seek Parker in the artist's luxurious studio.

In his rage against Parker he did not guess that his own visit to Mary might have a disastrous sequel. In fact, it served the girl to make up her mind, once and for all. She could endure the struggle no longer. Scrubbing her resolution to the pitch of sacrifice, she lifted the clay model of her statuette carefully in her arms, carried it into the disheveled living rooms where the three Irrepressibles were sprawled in as much ease as their ramshackle furniture would permit, and, sweeping aside some cooking utensils on the table, deposited there her one precious gift.

'I am going away, dear boys!' she sobbed, heedless of the amazed silence which greeted this dramatic entry of their tear-stained idol. 'I am going far, far away. You'll never see me again, and I want you to keep this—in remembrance—of—Princess Mary!'

She rushed out without another word, and three pipes fell with one accord from three wide-open mouths.

'What's the bitten Mary?' growled Reggie Burke, who was the first to recover the power of speech.

'She's not been herself for some time,' muttered Pierce. 'Haven't you fellows noticed—'

Tom Delancey, for all his good humor and light-heartedness, was the shrewdest of the trio.

'Tell you what,' he said gravely. 'I've a sort of notion that Evan Parker isn't playin' the game. Mary has gone to his studio a good deal of late. I think she's posing for that mural picture of his.'

At that instant John was confronting Mary's tempter and urging the man in the most solemn way to abandon his pursuit of a girl who deserved better treatment at his hands.

Parker's handsome face flushed with anger when he learned the nature of John's errand.

'I shall be obliged to you, my good fellow, if you will mind your own business,' he said icily. 'People of your class don't grasp these things. Miss Ames and I are blessed, or cursed, with the artistic temperament, and it is a mere piece of impertinence on your part to even try to understand us.'

John's lips set tightly and his fists clenched.

'If I can't convince you by the spoken word,' he said sternly, 'I'll try another style of argument. You are a man, I suppose, but I tell you straight you have the soul of a dog, and not a well-bred dog at that. Still, the veriest cur will show its teeth when attacked, and now I'm going to lick you into obedience.'

They fought like a couple of bulls, raising such a racket in the respectable neighborhood which harbored the artist's studio that servants came running in dismay. None dared to interfere, whereupon someone sent for the police. It chanced that Brother Billy was actually talking to a roundsman when a terrified housemaid blurted out the amazing statement that a strange man, who gave his name as John Burton, was trying to kill Mr. Parker.

The two hurried after the maid, but while on the way, Brother Billy thought it high time to reveal John's status. The policeman was surprised of course, but the knowledge that he was dealing with a millionaire marquis modified his attitude considerably. John was getting the better of Parker, and had almost succeeded in breaking the scoundrel's right wrist when the policeman dashed in and dragged him off his victim.

Parker, whose senses had never deserted him, glared balefully at his assailant, but motioned the policeman that he was simply to eject the intruder from his house.

'I bring no charge,' he snarled. 'I'll deal with him in another way. I know how to hurt him, the brute! I'll hit him worse than he can ever hit me!'

John understood, but had no option at that moment save to accompany the policeman. He had barely gone out when Mary dashed in. She was so wild-eyed with frenzied resolve that she did not notice at first the disheveled condition of the room and the battered state of the artist's features. But she had seen John walking down the street with a policeman, and a second glance told her what had happened.

'Did Burton attack you?' she demanded hysterically.

'Yes,' was the savage answer. 'How did he come to know of my letter?'

'I—I showed it to him. He asked me to marry him.'

'And what did you say?'

'I refused. I am sick of being poor. I am here to tell you now that I agree to your terms.'

She had given no heed to Brother Billy, who had withdrawn to a corner of the studio when she ran in.

'What are those terms?' he said quietly.

She wheeled round on him like an angry goddess.

'What business is that of yours?' she snapped. 'Keep your psalm-singing for those who need it. I don't—not yet, anyhow.'

'I can guess only too well,' replied the saddened evangelist. 'But you have chosen wrongly, you deluded girl. You are ready to become the partner of this evil-minded man, who will cast you off when tired of you as a child discards a broken toy. And in the same breath you have refused the honest love of a man who would have made you a marchioness and loaded you down with the wealth for which you have sold yourself body and soul.'

'What are you talking about?' shrieked Mary, almost at her wits' end, yet fully convinced that the old man had gone mad.

Brother Billy shook his head.

'The John Burton who shared your poverty of late is none other than John Burton the multimillionaire, marquis of Castleton in the British peerage, and owner of several fine estates,' he said. 'I have known his secret for some time. Now it is your punishment that you, too, should know it.'

So John still found Humanity in the Grip of Evil.

(END OF EIGHTH EPISODE.)

DETECTIVE ACTS OUT THE EVIDENCE

New York Sleuth Illustrates What He Saw by Few Well-Chosen Motions.

COURT IS CONVINCED

'What Do You Mean by Ballet Dancing?' Asks Court, and Detective Illustrates—Also Does Juggling and Acrobatic Stunts.

New York.—If John J. Miller, a detective attached to the staff of Inspector Thomas H. Ryan, in Harlem, ever arrests a person for climbing up the front of the Metropolitan tower, it is to be hoped that he is not asked what he means by the term climbing when the prisoner is arraigned in court. Miller unquestionably would be up the front of the tower before the superintendent could be awakened.

When asked what he means by anything, Miller does not speak, he illustrates.

Julius Bernheim and William S. Clapp, manager and stage directors, respectively, of the New York theater, in One Hundred and Sixteenth street, were arraigned before Magistrate Breen, in the Harlem court, charged with violation of the Sabbath law.

The complainant, Detective Miller, stated that they had, there and then, before a large audience, permitted jugglers to juggle, acrobats to bend, comedians to get funny and last and most frightful, ballet persons to wriggle and cavort.

Ballet-Dancing Stunt. Messrs. Bernheim and Clapp, having long been manager and stage director, respectively, of many theaters, listened with at least one sleeve of laughter between them. They realized that the court presently would ask the officer just what the performers did and then, in the customary clumsy recital of theatrical art, would rest their safety. It would sound awfully harmless, just as it always had. So they were all set when the court said:

'What do you mean by ballet dancing?'

What they were not ready for was this: Detective Miller, throwing a



Miller Does Not Speak, He Illustrates.

kiss to the court and another cut of the window, jumped high in the air, moved his legs tremulously, pulled up his jacket and running in a circle kicked high, turned on his toes, wiggled with discretion and finally sank with a sigh of artistic fervor back upon his own knees. Then he threw 72 freckled kisses at random.

Then the Juggling. 'Oh,' said the court, 'like that. Well, what of the juggling?'

Detective Miller took three derbies and his own felt hat, piled them, put a cigar on top of them, tossed them all into the air and caught his own. Through the clatter of the complainants' bounding turbans came the murmur of the court's approval.

'And the acrobats?' said Magistrate Breen.

Miller turned three handsprings. The defendants were held for examination.

FLY SAVES A BOY'S LIFE

Bullet Accidentally Discharged by Companion Only Hurt Wisconsin Youth.

La Crosse, Wis.—A fly saved the life of Carl Kaeppeler, thirteen years old, while he was hunting in the vicinity of Swift creek with William Stellick, fifteen years old.

Carl felt something irritating his forehead and raised his arm to brush the fly aside. At the same instant Stellick, who was only a few paces distant, accidentally discharged a rifle he was carrying.

The bullet passed through the fleshy part of young Kaeppeler's arm, and although most of its force was spent, struck the boy in the head.

Physicians said he probably would have been killed had not his arm been in the way of the bullet.

This Episode of the Grip of Evil will be Shown as a Film Feature at the Movie Theatre Next Tuesday Night.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Montgomery Dec. 23.

Chas. Acker bought a lot last week in Brownfield for a location for his real estate office, paying \$1,500 for the lot.

The infant child born to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Brown Monday died and was buried Tuesday afternoon in the Slaton Cemetery.

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Mrs. Josie Mitchell of Amarillo is spending the holidays in Slaton with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pickett at the G. L. Sledge residence.

TIME to lay in a good supply of coal for the winter. We have the coal that gives best satisfaction.—A. C. Houston Lumber Company.

J. W. Patterson, manager of the Alfalfa Lumber Yard at Plainview, was in Slaton Tuesday with his family visiting friends here. The Pattersons were en route home from spending the holidays at Lamesa.

W. R. Bridges of Post has located in Slaton and opened a leather shop in the building two doors west of the Slaton State Bank for the repair and manufacture of boots, shoes and harness. His business has been heavy from the first day.

**CLASSIFIED LOCALS**

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LOST—Purse containing about \$13 in money, on the streets of Slaton Sunday. Will pay liberal reward for its return. Please leave at Slatonite office and collect reward.

LOTS FOR SALE.—I have 48 lots in West Lawn Addition to Slaton to sell at \$50 per lot, one-half cash and the balance due in twelve months at 8 per cent. Approved abstract title.—J. F. Berry.

FOR SALE.—For next 30 days 160 acres of good land. About 130 acres in cultivation. Place well improved. Four miles west of Slaton, near Posey. \$40 per acre. Can give possession at once. For particulars apply to Wm. Klattenhoff, Hutto, Texas.

We are loaded down with work this week and our printer has been sick. 'Nuff said.

**Card of Thanks**

It is with grateful heart for the many acts of kindness and assistance shown me during the darker hours, occasioned by the death of my husband, that I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the good people of Slaton for their sympathy and help. Mrs. James O'Connor.

Judge J. C. Paul returned to Slaton Saturday from an extended visit at Marlin, Houston, and other cities of South Texas.

Mrs. J. P. REYNOLDS Music Class at residence opposite school house. Two lessons weekly. Tuition \$4 per month.

PLANNING to build? Call and ask for one of our big books of house plans. They will help you.—A. C. Houston Lumber Company.

J. W. Wilkinson of Clovis, N. M., was in Slaton Sunday looking after business interests here. Mr. Wilkinson is in the real estate business in Clovis with Cash Ramey.

Lester Berry came home Friday from Oklahoma, where he has been working with the bridge gang in the railroad service, to spend the holidays with homefolks.

The 1916 Christmas was the first one for several seasons that has passed without snow on the ground at Slaton. What little snow falls in this vicinity nearly always comes Christmas eve.

Mrs. H. H. Robinson returned home Sunday from Brownwood where she had been for several days on business and also to see her mother who has been seriously ill. Her mother had taken a decided turn for the better with indications of an early recovery, and Mrs. Robinson decided to return home.

Evangelist Geo. W. Shearer of Tulia who was sent to the Big Spring church by the last Methodist annual conference has been transferred to Stamford. The new appointment was due to a change in the Polk Street Methodist Church of Amarillo, the former pastor being sent from Amarillo to Big Spring. Brother Shearer conducted a revival meeting in Slaton last summer.

**Will Colonize Spearman Lands**

Harry T. McGee is now taking up in earnest the work of colonizing the Spearman lands of 170,000 acres in Terry, Gaines and Yoakum counties, as the advent of the new railroad in that locality will facilitate the sale of the lands. Mr. McGee will work out of Slaton with automobiles, and will use the road west from this city past L. W. Wilke's farm to Meadow where the Brownfield road is reached. This road is a good one and Mr. McGee will make some improvements where needed and make of it a standard highway.

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A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS  
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The Railway Company has Division Terminal Facilities at this point, constructed mostly of reinforced concrete material and including a Round House, a Power House, Machine and Blacksmith Shops, Coal Chute, a Sand House, Water Plant, Ice House, etc. Also have a Fred-Harvey Eating House, and a Reading Room for Santa Fe employees. Have extensive yard tracks for handling a heavy trans-continental business, both freight and passenger, between the Gulf and Atlantic Coast and the Pacific Coast territories, and on branch lines to Tahoka, Lamesa and other towns.

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### SLATON SLATONITE

Slaton, Lubbock County, Texas

Issued Once a Week on Friday Morning  
By L. P. LOOMIS  
Owner, Editor, and Publisher

SUBSCRIPTION, THE YEAR \$1.00

Entered as second class mail matter at the post office at Slaton, Texas, on Sept. 15, 1911 under the act of March 3, 1879.

Two Texas Rangers are on duty in Snyder to attempt to prevent any more homicides. The sentiment over the recent killing was increased to the extent of more trouble brewing.

The mayor of Lockney attempted to stop a street fight and in the scuffle received a severe knife cut wound. The fighters were uninjured. The marshal can attend to the doxology part of street fights in Slaton.

The holiday visitors in Slaton have been numbered by the scores this week, and so many faces on the streets at one time give the appearance of a big circus week. The stores have enjoyed an unusually prosperous December trade.

Slaton passed the Christmas days without a fire, but it was due to luck and not preparedness. Despite the warnings the people persisted in letting their children shoot fireworks. Just a short distance away our neighboring town, Wilson, lost their cotton gin in a Christmas fire. It is all fair weather as long as there is no conflagration, but when a fire actually does start and destroys property for you to the amount of perhaps several thousand dollars, kindly recall that we gave you the warning.

Amarillo turned a neat innovation last week in sending a cut of choice buffalo meat to the White House for President Wilson's Christmas dinner. The meat was cut from a buffalo yearling that was butchered at Good night. More than two dozen other prominent public men received cuts of meat from the same buffalo with Amarillo's compliments, among the lucky recipients being Senator Culbertson and members of the

Federal Farm Loan Board and members of the Texas A. & M. Board. Now tender buffalo meat is certainly good and sweet, as the editor can affirm, and when the aforementioned esteemed gentlemen finish their most generous 1916 Christmas dinner with the prime roasts sent them from Amarillo, they should have a lingering fondness for the Plains. We trust that the meat is fully up to expectations.

### He Would Stop the Slatonite

Like all other human beings an editor sometimes makes a mistake, but his mistakes are sometimes misplaced judgment. Recently we had on our subscription list a former citizen of Slaton, and sent the paper to him for a brief time after his subscription expired. We continued his subscription for the reason that we thought he wanted the paper and would be offended if we cut him off; and that the first time we met him in town we would collect a dollar from him. We didn't meet him, so we sent him a statement that his time had expired. Here is his answer:

"I never obligated myself for your paper, and I am not due you nothing, and will not pay you for it. You took it on your own hands to send this paper and though I would pay for it. It is your loss and my gain so stop your paper."

It is worth the loss of a few pennies just to find out the moral makeup of a man of this kind, and we are glad to get his name off of our list. We don't want on our list the name of any man who does not want to pay for value received. We cut his name off, but as for stopping the paper, that is another proposition and not subject to his wish at all. The Slatonite will never even hesitate, to say nothing of "stopping"—going out of business.

The First State Bank of Ralls has taken out a charter with a capital stock of \$25,000. V. N. Dillard, brother-in-law to J. P. Posey of Slaton, is organizing the bank.

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**HARRY T. MCGEE**  
GENERAL AGENT  
**SLATON, TEXAS**

# The Arrival of the New Year



## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Better to Make Many and Break Some Than to Have Made None at All.

It's very much the fashion to joke about making New Year's resolutions; but as a matter of fact there is advantage in making resolutions, if they are good ones, and there is no other date except one's birthday anniversary so appropriate for the practice.

That individual must be totally devoid of sentiment who has no sentiment on the subject of New Year. Jokers whose topic is New Year's resolutions lay stress on the fact that many of them are broken. A fact it is—there is no denying it. But not all of them are broken. A man who makes ten New Year's resolutions, every one of them good, and breaks nine, is better off to the extent of the virtue involved in keeping the one to which he adheres than if he made none at all.

For the sake of argument, however, perhaps it may be conceded that making numerous good resolutions at once is open to criticism on the ground that it is harder to attain perfection in many things than in a few things, and that failures cause discouragement, and that concentration is helpful to success. From this point of view the wise thing for New Year's resolution-makers to do is to survey their failings and frame a few resolutions hitting the high spots.

### SAME OLD BLUFF.



The old year was backing up, preparatory to his departure.

"Have you anything to say before you leave?" he was asked.

"I don't know that I have. No, I guess not. Unless—"

"Yes; go on."

"If I had my life over again I would do a whole lot different. I wish I had known then what I know now. I should have—"

"That's what they all say. It's old stuff. Good-by."

Look Forward.

Another milestone in life's journey disappears from human sight.

Another year is fleeting onward swiftly slipping in its flight.

But what has gone is gone for always and so let us shed no tear.

Just let us hope that 1917 will ever be a Happy Year.

Good New Year resolution. Don't be a pessimist.

Lucky thought to put New Year's so close to Christmas. If Bill's folks send us a Christmas card, reminding us that we should have sent them one, it's easy enough to retort with a New Year's greeting.

Good resolutions abandoned are about as beautiful as snowflakes that have fallen into a mud puddle.

## THE WAY THEY GO



"New Year's gifts are generally bad business investments."

"Why so?"

"Because they always go into the hands of receivers."

## NEW YEAR MEMORIES

By Fred Bogardus.

Oh! for an old-fashioned New Year day, With enjoyments keen and pure, When fun and frolic reigned supreme, Good fellowships the lure.

As we journeyed to the parties Afoot, perchance by sleigh, The atmosphere seemed laden with Best wishes of the day.

With good old hearty handshakes We knew were welcome grips, Instead of the present method of Just touching the fingertips.

How we merrily danced the lancers, Danced it with a zeal, Also the polka and minuet, And jolly Virginia reel.

How the young and old enjoyed it Each in his separate way, Youth thinking of the present, Age of the bygone day.

While times and vogues may change, alas, And nature's will obeys, I'll still retain sweet memories of The good old-fashioned ways.

Forget the Past.

The New Year is the best of all times to take mental inventory, and everyone of us should do so. We should forget the past entirely. All the regrets, all the sighs, all the tears that ever were, or ever will be, combined, cannot recall one single moment that has passed. Then why waste good time and vitality? Meet the New Year's day with a brave, smiling face. The world stops to take notice of the fighter, and gives him 99 chances out of 100, whereas the whiner is passed by without a glance. Then let us resolve that the first day of 1917 will see us starting all over again, standing fearlessly in our places; and let us further resolve that during the coming days we will, occasionally, reach out a helping hand to someone who needs it. This is a great resolution to make—a gilt-edged investment that pays the highest discount on record.

Rather Plain-Spoken.

"How about the New Year's resolutions?"

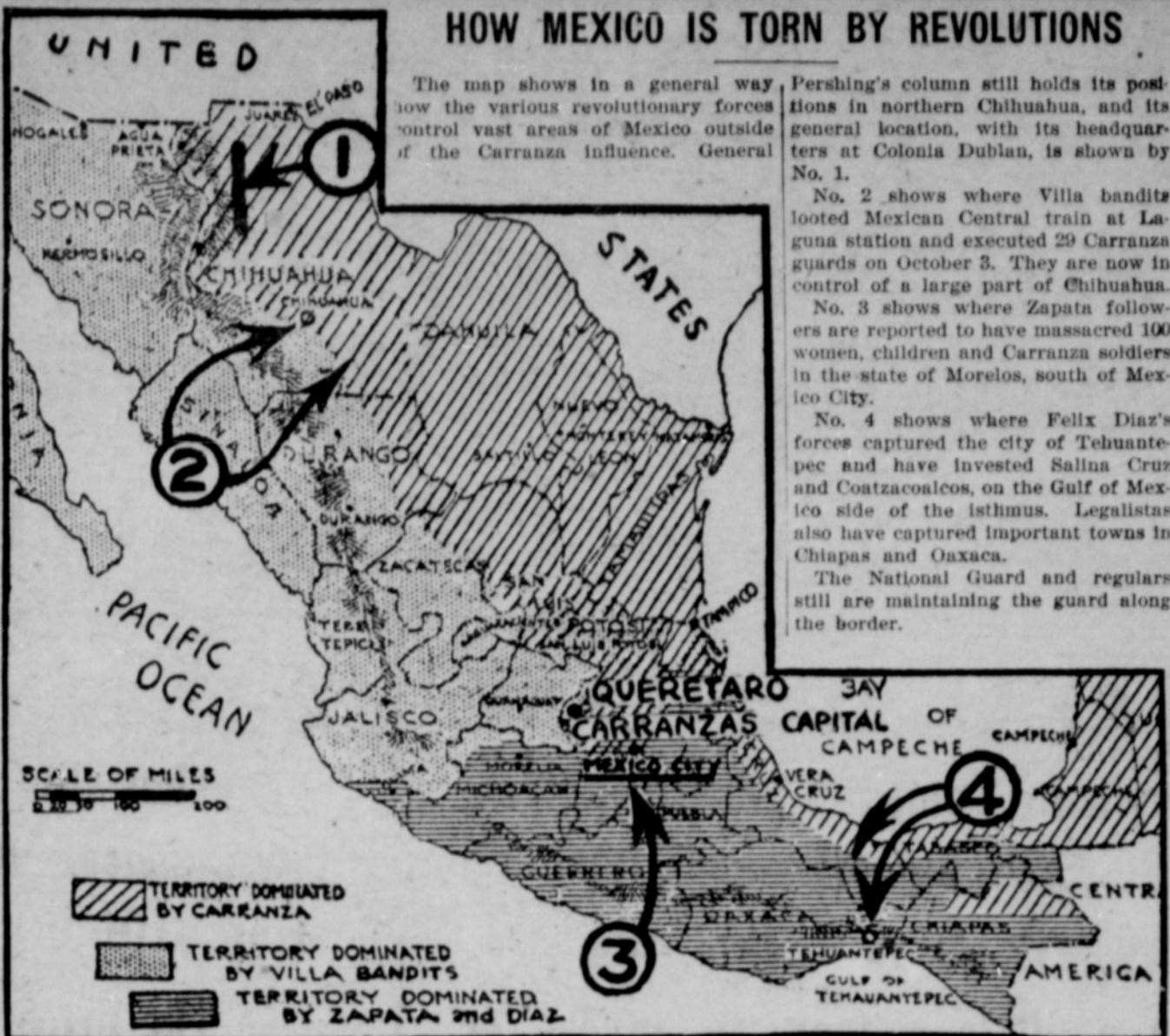
"I never make any," answered the busy man.

"You don't mean to say you are entirely free from bad habits?"

"No, indeed, but making New Year resolutions I don't intend to keep is not one of them."

Happy New Year.

With joy we'll tumble out of bed To see the New Year dawn; For now we are lots better fed, The turkey hash is gone.



## HOW MEXICO IS TORN BY REVOLUTIONS

The map shows in a general way how the various revolutionary forces control vast areas of Mexico outside of the Carranza influence. General

Pershing's column still holds its positions in northern Chihuahua, and its general location, with its headquarters at Colonia Dublan, is shown by No. 1.

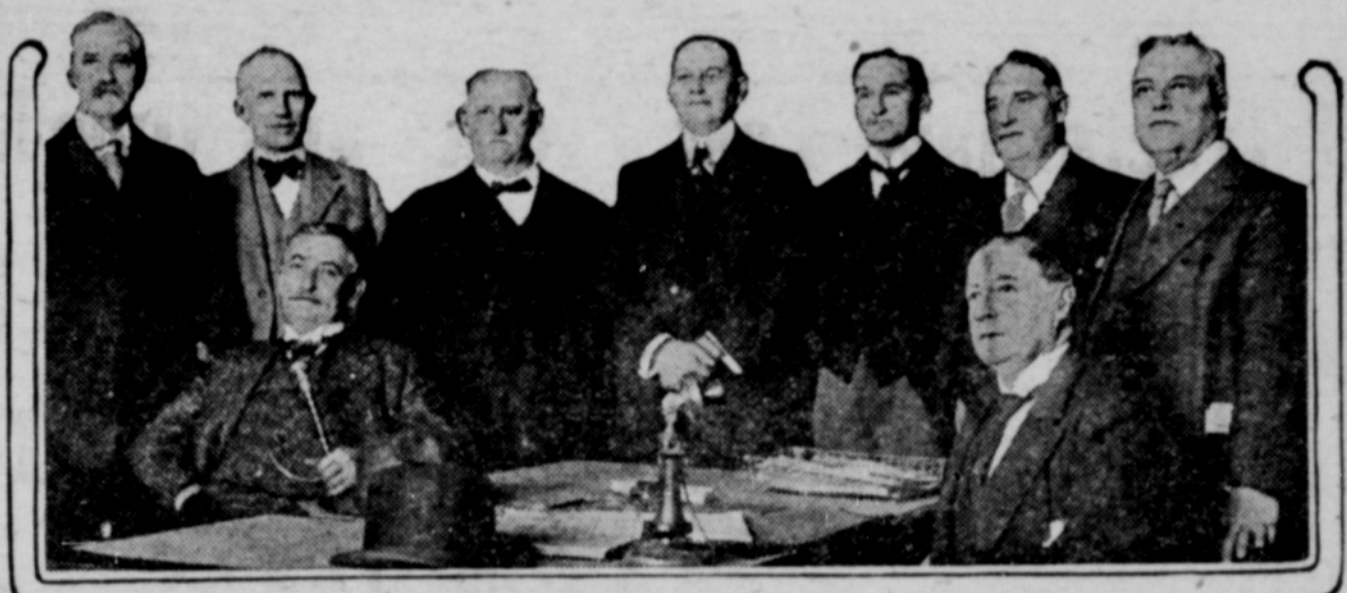
No. 2 shows where Villa bandits looted Mexican Central train at Laguna station and executed 29 Carranza guards on October 3. They are now in control of a large part of Chihuahua.

No. 3 shows where Zapata followers are reported to have massacred 100 women, children and Carranza soldiers in the state of Morelos, south of Mexico City.

No. 4 shows where Felix Diaz's forces captured the city of Tehuantepec and have invested Salina Cruz and Coatzacoalcos, on the Gulf of Mexico side of the isthmus. Legalistas also have captured important towns in Chiapas and Oaxaca.

The National Guard and regulars still are maintaining the guard along the border.

## CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE TAKES UP RAIL WAGES



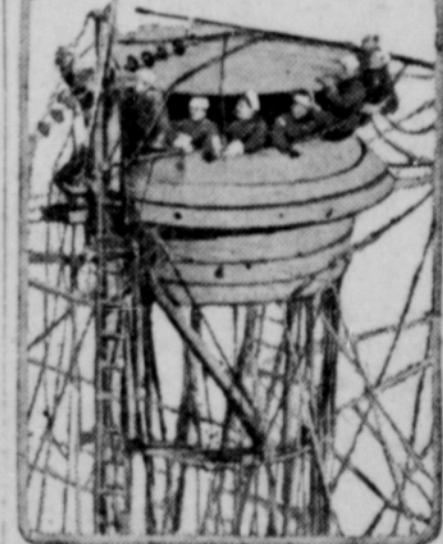
Senator Nowlands sprang a surprise at the opening session of the joint committee of congress appointed to consider conditions relating to interstate and foreign commerce when he declared that the whole railroad wage question will be investigated by the committee, as well as the advisability of government ownership in place of government control, the rights of shippers and a number of other lines of inquiry. Representative Adamson (seated at left) is chairman of the house committee, while Senator Nowlands (seated at right) is chairman of the senate committee. The other members (standing, left to right) are: Senator Cummins, Representatives Hamilton and Sims, Senators Underwood, Robinson and Brandegee and Representative Esch.

## NEW ROYAL FAMILY OF AUSTRIA-HUNGARY WARDS OFF AIRPLANE BOMBS



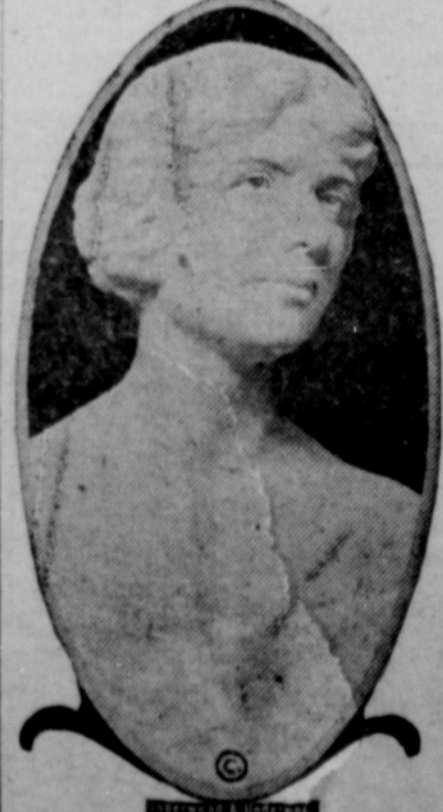
Charles Francis Joseph, the new emperor of Austria-Hungary, with the Empress Zita and their son and daughter.

## WARDS OFF AIRPLANE BOMBS



Here is the latest wrinkle in naval construction, a bomb-proof shelter for fighting masts of the U. S. S. Arizona. The steel awnings will protect the men in the fighting top from bombs dropped from airplanes.

## MRS. VANDERBILT IN MARBLE



C. S. Pietro has completed a marble bust of Mrs. Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, considered one of the beautiful women in America. The artist pronounces the bust a noble portrait work.

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Preserving a Sense of Security. "Do you think the electoral college should be abolished?" "No," replied Senator Sorghum; "now and then a few men should be permitted to take part in an election with no fear of heckling and with absolute confidence in the result."

## That Knife-Like Pain

Have you a lame back, aching day and night? Do you feel sharp pains after stooping? Are the kidneys sore? Is their action irregular? Do you have headaches, backaches, rheumatic pains, feel tired, nervous, all worn-out? Use Doan's Kidney Pills—the medicine recommended by so many people in this locality. Read the experience that follows:

### An Oklahoma Case

C. L. Cutter, E. Main St., Watonga, Okla., says: "I had kidney and bladder disease for years and was laid up for weeks. My back was so lame and painful at times that I could hardly move and I had almost given up hope of being cured. When I heard of Doan's Kidney Pills, they restored me to good health and during the past few years I haven't had a sign of the old trouble."



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## JUST MATTER OF PERCENTAGE

Legislator Had Figured Out Method by Which He Voted Right in Majority of Cases.

During the last session of a western legislature one member, a tall, angular man with a white mustache of the walrus pattern and the faculty of being able to throw both his thumbs out of joint at will, made himself conspicuous by voting "No" on every bill, resolution, or other form of business that came up. However innocent a measure might be, this man voted against it stentoriously.

Finally a legislator weakened under the strain and approached the gentleman with the walrus whiskers.

"Why is it?" asked the man, "that you vote 'No' on everything?"

"I'll tell you," said he of the walrus mustache, with a confidential air. "Seventy-five of those bills and resolutions are bad and ought never to be passed. And I figure that any man who votes right 75 per cent of the time is a pretty darned good legislator."

The P. P.

"I put my faith in the wisdom of the plain people," said the statesman.

"Yes," replied Senator Sorghum.

"The wisdom of the plain people is all right. The only thing I fear is that some of them are getting so that they know too much."

The cheerful feeling you possess after a drink of something hot and flavory should be only the beginning of your satisfaction.

For this very reason more and more people are turning from coffee to

## Instant Postum

A lessened tendency to such annoyances as nervousness and sleeplessness repays them

A ten-day trial of this delightful, flavory hot drink has assisted so many to health and comfort that your friend, the Postum drinker, will tell you its well worth while.

"There's a Reason"

# FIGHTING POWER OF THE FRENCH GROWS STEADILY

Stronger in Artillery, in Morale and in Morale Than Ever Before.

## PREPARED TO FIGHT IT OUT

Went Able in Four Hours at Verdun to Regain Nearly All That It Cost the Germans Five Months and Appalling Loss of Life to Win.

By ARNO DOSCH-FLEUROT, Correspondent of the New York World.

Paris.—In four hours a portion of the French mobile army under General Nivelle has regained nearly all the ground won by the crown prince before Verdun during five months of continuous attack. It is a great French victory—such a victory as the Germans at this stage of the war would make the occasion of a celebration, but here in France it has been received almost without demonstration.

More remarkable even than the victory is the way it has been accepted by the people of France. It has given a feeling of satisfaction and reassurance, to be sure, and it is very timely, as France has been having an hour of nervousness over the fate of her newly ally, Roumania; but, far from being any shouting about it, there has been simply the ordinary interest in how it was accomplished.

Nothing could express more plainly how the French feel about themselves and about the war. It reveals an unconscious attitude of success that characterizes all French thought at this stage of the war. It is a new phase in the absorbing question of French morale. There has certainly been no other time during the war when so signal a victory would have been accepted so calmly. To me, living here in France and watching the state of feeling more closely than anything else, it is entirely unexpected.

**Went Off Like Clock Work.**  
The whole story of this attack is, in fact, extraordinary. The time of it was known to a day two weeks in advance. The preparations were made with hardly any attempt at secrecy. Visiting correspondents were told by the commanding generals just what was going to happen. Here in Paris it has been the talk of the boulevards. The Germans were so well informed of details that they were able to bring up re-enforcements against the point whenever attacks took place, and it is to be presumed they did their best to check it. But the advance went off like clockwork as scheduled.

It will be recalled that the Germans a few months ago were able to do that kind of thing pretty much where they pleased. Now they are able to do it only against green troops such as Roumania brought into the war. To go no further back in the history of the war, the Verdun advances were themselves heralded from time to time, and except for the half-dozen announcements made from Berlin that Verdun itself was about to fall, they usually made good on their prophecies. They were able to do so because they knew what their preparations were and that the French had nothing to withstand them.

**"Other Way Round" Now.**  
Now it is cutting the other way. The French had such preparations that they knew the Germans could not stand against them. And no one wants to be deceived by the Berlin claim that the French have retaken the ground at frightful cost. It may have cost one-tenth what it cost the Germans to take it, not more. At this stage of the war human cost can be figured accurately on the basis of shell-fire and the number of hours the at-

## FAVORITE IN WASHINGTON



Mrs. G. A. Rebertsch has joined her parents, Senator and Mrs. Reed Smoot of Utah, in Washington, where she will spend the winter. She is a favorite in the capital's official set.

tacking army fought in the open. Ground taken in a few hours is bound to cost much less than ground captured after months of ceaseless attack.

The cost in lives has not entered into the discussion here at all, though the question of man-power is the catchword of the day, and there is a reason for it. Everyone in France knows now that French troops are not ordered out of the trenches until the opposing German trenches have been wiped out by shell fire. When the Germans cry "This is not war, it is slaughter," the French people simply rub their palms in self-congratulation. They know they have the job of driving the Germans out of France a *just* at a time, and if the Germans will jump back ahead of their shell fire they are content. They have reached the cheerful state of mind where they are willing to go on making shells in larger and larger numbers for an indefinite period.

### Verdun Front Secure.

Things may go ahead for a while on other fronts, but there is hardly a Frenchman living who thinks anything disastrous can happen again on this front. I am with them in that belief, and so is everybody who knows anything about the present strength of the French army in men and shells. My confidence in the situation, gathered from contact with the French people, is such that I am willing to write this and confide it to the slow-going mails when the French advance at Verdun is hardly more than under way, and I have no fear anything will happen meanwhile to contradict it.

There is a common-sense reason for this, too. For the first time there is an adequate supply of big new modern artillery before Verdun. The Germans nearly took Verdun because France did not have a sufficient number of heavy fieldpieces to protect it. It was saved by the small 75-millimeter guns, the same guns that turned the Germans on the Marne, and the Germans were stopped only when the French succeeded in bringing up fortress guns from the forts on the Italian frontier; the French army was that badly off in artillery. There was new artillery enough for the Somme, but not for both the Somme and Verdun, so they advanced with the new on the Somme and held the Germans at Verdun with the old. Now the French have enough new heavy artillery for both the Somme and Verdun, so they are advancing at both spots.

### Artillery the Big Factor.

It takes time to make artillery, but it takes longer yet to remove fixed ideas, and even the brilliant men who have turned France's military fortunes could not foresee what the war would be like at this stage and did not provide against the present necessity for heavy fieldpieces. It was Verdun that stirred things up. Verdun stands for many things, but in close-in military and political circles in France it means the point where France began to go in for heavy artillery on a big scale.

There are several different factions in France just now claiming the credit for France's growing artillery superiority, and without casting any discredit on the high command of the army it is generally conceded that the French parliament had an important hand in it. It is balm, too, to the feelings of French parliamentarians, for they were certainly subdued at the beginning of the war, and they can point out now with perfect propriety, especially the senators, that they ordered and voted the funds for heavy artillery when many military men in high position were inclined to think the thing was being overdone. The credit for the new Verdun advance—at least that part not due to the soldiers and the brilliant French artillerymen—will have to go to a senatorial committee that got busy months ago, when it was not very much encouraged, and made the new supply of big guns possible.

This whole matter is not talked about much here; it is simply accepted. One no longer hears scornful remarks from military men about "meddling politicians." And the members of parliament and all the civil side of the government they represent are wearing their regained prestige rather modestly. But anyone who ever feared a military dictatorship in France can now definitely put that fear aside.

### "Rained Crape on France."

At this time last year the more nervous Parisians were just beginning to believe that the Germans would never get to Paris. That had, in fact, been obvious since the battle of the Marne. Nevertheless, they had more confidence, and the army itself had more confidence than the facts justified. The Germans could not break through, perhaps, but they showed at Verdun that they could make it very expensive for France to hold its line. Verdun, as a whole, the loss and regaining of its outer circle of forts, has cost the French nowhere near so much as it has cost the Germans; but there is not a French village, hardly a French family, where mourning is not worn for someone lost at Verdun. Those families that escaped owe it to unusual luck. On the whole, Verdun has been a very bloody business—much worse than the Somme. The best proof of this is the comparatively few deaths on the Somme among one's personal acquaintances and connections. Verdun rained crape on France. The Somme has been no such slaughter house—for the French. But it was there the Germans first began harping on the phrase, "This is slaughter."

It was slaughter, because the French for the first time opposed them with as much artillery as they had, and French artillerymen are superior to any others. At the battle of the Marne itself, before the artillerymen had had all the experience the last two years

## WEDS KING GEORGE'S COUSIN



In the first marriage of royalty since the outbreak of the European war, Countess Nadejda Torby, twenty years old, daughter of Grand Duke Michael Michaelovitch of Russia, became the wife of Prince George of Battenberg, a cousin of King George of England.

Two ceremonies were performed, the first according to the bride's faith in the Russian embassy chapel and the other in the chapel royal, St. James palace.

King George, Queen Mary and Dowager Queen Alexandra witnessed the wedding; also the duke and duchess of Connaught, Princess Patricia of Connaught and ex-King Manuel of Portugal.

The bridegroom is a lieutenant in the British navy, serving on the battle cruiser New Zealand. He is twenty-four years old and a nephew of Princess Henry of Battenberg, King George's youngest aunt. The bride is the daughter of Grand Duke Michaelovitch, a cousin of the czar of Russia.

has given them, they showed themselves thoroughly capable. At every point where the Germans tried to make stands on the Ourcq and the Marne the French artillery cleaned them out by the most systematic fire. They dropped their shells as regularly as the squares on the checkerboard, and blew the German batteries all to pieces, so that immediately after the battle, when I passed that way, the fields were littered with wrecked fieldpieces and limbers and dead artillery horses.

### French Superiority.

In those days France had one piece of artillery to Germany's ten. Germany still has three or four to France's one, but, opposed to the French themselves, Germany can afford to spare only cannon for cannon. The fact that the French have consistently gained on a fair field with an even distribution of equipment shows the French to be not only superior artillerymen but better in the infantry attacks.

In an article last May I called attention to the construction of the French mobile army under General Petain, made up of divisions and corps which had particularly distinguished themselves in attack. This was the army which paid so heavy a price in saving Verdun, but was still in shape to make the Somme offensive. Some of the best of these corps happen to be having just now a well-earned rest. They have not been in either the later successes on the Somme or at Verdun. It has not been necessary to use the very crack troops.

The football team of one of the most distinguished, the Twentieth army corps, recently played a hot match in Paris. It was an excellent team, hardly a member of which did not wear every possible decoration, but the rooters of the Twentieth who came along were a sight in themselves. They had been through Verdun and the Somme—eight months of continuous attack—but they were the fittest-looking men you could ask for. There was not one who to use our own phrase, did not look as if he could "lick his weight in wildcats." And men of this kind, in the midst of two big offensives, are right now taking their ease. It shows that many other divisions have proved their mettle. The mobile army of crack troops that numbered, perhaps, 450,000 last May comes nearer being a million today. It is not that the French army has grown in proportion—the new men who have gone into action since last May number under a quarter of a million. The growth of the mobile army has come from men who have seen action since the beginning of the war. The whole army is showing a tendency to grow in fighting power. It is something in the French race. Napoleon made himself by developing the same characteristic.

### Dog Saves Woman's Life.

Waycross, Ga.—According to a report received here from Folkston, Mrs. Grady H. Gibson owes her life to her pet dog, which found and attacked a rattlesnake only a few feet from the path in which Mrs. Gibson was walking to her garden. The rattler bit the dog, causing his death shortly thereafter. But the dog's attack warned Mrs. Gibson, and she firmly believes the rattler would have bitten her had not her pet discovered the snake and given battle to it.

## SET FOR SKATING

THREE-PIECE SUIT OF BROAD-CLOTH AND ERMINE.

Strict Adherence to Fashion in Each One of the Articles Shown—Excellent Gift for Young Bride or Debutante.

Everything comes in sets this year. There are skating sets, morning, afternoon and evening sets and sets for young, middle-aged and old.

An afternoon set for a pretty debutante is shown in the sketch. It consists of a small hat, a cape or overgrown collar and cute little muff. White broadcloth is used, and each of the separate articles is trimmed with many narrow bands of unspotted ermine. Each has shell pink satin lining, the hat brim being faced underneath in pink, and small French bouquets of garden flowers used to trim hat and muff and to conceal the fastening of the narrow-folded scarf which circles the neck and holds the cape in place.

An interesting feature of the muff is the slightly full sleeve of pink georgette with narrow ermine cuff or edging which finishes each end. This sleeve may be pushed close to the wrist and form merely a rather full decorative puff, or it may be pushed up over the arms to serve as an extra protection.

A set of this kind would make an admirable gift for a young bride or



Broadcloth and Ermine.  
debutante, and it is needless to say that it offers an excellent Christmas gift suggestion.

Among the skating sets developed, the four-piece affairs are the smartest—cap, muff, scarf and long bag for holding the skates. Felt, velvet, broadcloth, camel's hair cloth, etc., are used for the skating sets, and they are interlined with bright contrasting color fabric and may be trimmed with fur, embroidery or shirring.

The Paisley shawl vogue, which has become a veritable fashion furore in the past few weeks, is given frequent expression through the medium of one of these three or four-piece sets.

### Elaboration in Tea Gowns.

Like everything else, the tea gown, once a trailing, diaphanous affair, much befrilled and befurrowed, meant for hours of ease, has had to yield to the exigencies of the times, and has been, pro tem, shorn of its train and other extraneous decorations and enlarged its functions from tea-time to dinner. It has come into the category of trailless garments and is sometimes even ankle length in its shortness. Also, the little loose coat that has come to be almost inseparable from it is pursuing a successful career.

A black and white tea gown of much charm has a fourreau of white brocade crepe de chine, over which is a flowing overdress, which reaches only to the knees, of black nylon patterned with silver, the bodice being draped and puffed fully round the figure and caught in front with a silver rose. The sleeves are of white shadow lace. Over all is worn a long, graceful three-quarter length coat of filmy black lace, edged with a full frill which is caught and festooned at regular intervals with single silver roses.

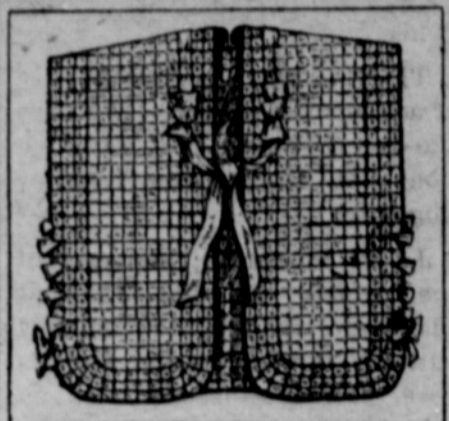
Another beautiful one is in purple satin, so simply made as hardly to warrant description except for the beauty of its coloring. Its sole ornament consisted of a very wide high belt, exquisitely molded to the figure, of cerise brocade in which was a delicate tracery of gold, from which hung two long ends weighted with heavy gold tassels. The shoes to be worn with it were of fuchsia color and gold brocade.

### Jacket Easy to Crochet.

Make a chain of 92 stitches and turn, double crochet in third stitch from the end, double crochet in next two stitches, one chain, skip one chain, double crochet in each of next three stitches, one chain, skip one, one double in each of three next stitches. This makes blocks of three stitches. Continue in this way for 23 rows. Turn, chain four, one single crochet in single between blocks, three chain, one single in next single and continue across. Turn, and continue same as first row, until you have 25 blocks. This forms the back.

To make fronts turn and make a

block in each of first ten blocks, turn and continue for 28 rows. Break off thread and begin on opposite side, making ten blocks across for 28 rows. This leaves three blocks at the top of center of back for the neck. Now with pink or yellow yarn make a chain of five, one single, four chain, one single all around. This is the beginning of the border. Fasten colored yarn and with white yarn make three doubles over four chains of four. Over fifth and sixth chains of four make three doubles, one chain, then two doubles.



Crocheted Jacket.

Over next make three doubles and continue in this way until the next corner. On each corner make three doubles, one chain, two doubles, in two chains of four. Now make four chains of pink or yellow, one single, etc., all around. Next make a row of three doubles all around, alternating in this way every other row for three rows. The outside edge is finished with chains of four, each fastened with a single. Each side is laced with pink ribbon or yellow ribbon, thus forming sleeves. Ribbon is also run around neck.

### Built Along Poilu Lines.

It is the milliners and the dressmakers of Paris, it is said, who are urging the wearing of clothes built on "poilu" lines; and the people themselves feel that there is a very decided question of propriety and sentiment concerned. They are keeping on with ever-increasing black in spite of the war-cross ribbon colors, red and green, which are offered by the makers.

Women's hats in the form of the Adrien helmet worn by the French soldier in the trenches have appeared for the second time (they did not meet with success the first time), and some dressmakers are ornamenting gowns with braid in the form and colors of the "fourragere" or aiguillettes that adorn the uniforms of regiments and battalions cited in orders.

Stuffs in the war-cross ribbon colors are being offered very largely and there are cloaks in khaki with a profusion of pockets, recalling the jacket of Thomas Atkins. These will be for spring rather than winter. But those who disapprove of the wearing of soldiers' clothes by civilians maintain that khaki, horizon blue, the red and green braid, and the Adrien helmet should all be sacred to the fighting men.

### Winter Suit.



This is a suit of soft lamb's wool fabric with wide bands of white lapin, which add considerably to its attractiveness. The hat is a small turban of silk plush with paradise trimmings.

### It's Four-Piece Suits Now.

Made of a tan all wool material, like wool khaki, are new four-piece suits being sold in New York. These are an overcoat, a belted coat, skirt and breeches.

## The KITCHEN CABINET

A kingdom falls and a monarch dies—But there's always need for lemon pies And jelly rolls and the bakery cart Hobbling its way from house to mart.

### RICE OF NATIONS.

As potatoes are high, rice should be more freely used to take the place of the much-used vegetable. Rice is a food served in all lands by nearly all people.

**Japanese Rice.**—Boil one cupful of rice, add three chopped shallots, a teaspoonful of soy and salt to taste. Place on a platter, cover with chopped, hard-cooked eggs, sprinkle with paprika and chopped parsley. Garnish with some thin slices of smoked salmon.

**Italian Rice.**—Put a tablespoonful of butter in a saucepan and when melted add to it two cupfuls of boiled rice and a cupful of tomato sauce or tomato chutney; season well and sprinkle with cheese and serve thoroughly heated through.

**Norwegian Rice.**—Cook rice until tender; then reheat in well-seasoned stock. Put on a platter, sprinkle with chopped chicken liver, scrambled egg, and grated cheese and serve at once.

**Spanish Rice.**—Fry one large, chopped onion with two cupfuls of tomatoes, add one cupful of stock, salt and pepper to taste. Cover and let simmer ten minutes; then add two cupfuls of boiled rice. Mix well together with a tablespoonful of butter.

**Rice Creole Style.**—Chop fine one white onion and two green peppers, saute with half a cupful of raw ham (cut fine with scissors), in one-quarter of a cupful of butter; cook ten minutes, then add one cupful of rice and three cupfuls of beef broth, simmer twenty minutes, then add four tomatoes, peeled and cut in slices and one teaspoonful of salt. Cover and finish cooking in the oven or in a double boiler.

**Belgian Rice Dessert.**—Cook one pint of milk, add a half a cupful of boiled rice and some currants; stir in the yolks of two eggs, well beaten with two tablespoonfuls of sugar. Remove from the fire. Add one teaspoonful of vanilla, then form into croquettes, dip in beaten egg and fine bread crumbs and fry golden brown. Sprinkle with pulverized sugar and serve with red currant jelly.

Rice pudding made by using a quarter of a cupful of rice, a quart or two of milk, a handful of raisins and sugar to taste, baked for several hours, makes a most wholesome dessert.

When tissue change is slow and the supply of energy equals the demand, as in well-nourished persons in middle life and old age, the quantity of nitrogenous food should be diminished.

### APPLE DAINTIES.

There are many delicious dishes that may be made from the common everyday apple. When apples lack flavor various fruits may be added to help the deficiency. Grated pineapple, quinces, dates, raisins and figs as well as various fruit juices may be used with excellent results.

Apples baked with nuts make a most delicious breakfast dish. Core and peel them and fill with chopped nuts, sugar and bit of orange or candied lemon peel, bake until tender. Jelly may be used for filling, orange marmalade, raisins and nuts, dates and figs, or marshmallows with jelly. So many combinations will occur to one that there may be a constant variety. Serve them cold with whipped cream.

Apple betty is never out of style. Chop a pint of apples, add buttered crumbs, brown sugar, a little spice, either cinnamon or nutmeg, put the ingredients into a buttered baking dish in layers and bake without any water if the apples are juicy.

**Apples and Almonds.**—Core and pare a half dozen even-sized apples, cook nearly tender in a sirup of sugar and water, remove carefully to a deep dish and decorate with blanched almonds, cut in eighths, lengthwise, and thrust point down into the apples, sprinkle with powdered sugar, pour the sirup in which they were cooked around them and brown in the oven. Serve either hot or cold with whipped cream and sugar.

**Apples in Sirup.**—Cook perfect apples unpeeled, red ones are prettier, in a heavy sirup until tender, then place in the dish in which they are to be served. Add to the juice a slice or two of lemon and cook briskly for a few minutes, then pour over the apples. Chill and serve with cream.

**Apple Ice Cream.**—This is delicious served with goose or roast pork. Take sifted apple sauce made from baked apples, well sweetened, using a pint of the pulp to a pint of rich milk, freeze as usual and serve in sherbet cups or in apple cups, sprinkled with grated nutmeg.

For a dainty dish for an invalid, a red apple cooked in water until tender, then carefully peeled, leaving the pink tint on the apple, or scaping the inside of the peeling and putting the tint on the cheek, is a dish most attractive. Serve with cream and sugar. This is called "apple in bloom."

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