

BANKERS IN CONVENTION TOMORROW

Group Five of the Oklahoma Bankers Association will assemble in Ardmore tomorrow. This group is composed of the bankers in all the countries of southeastern Oklahoma and has a large membership. An elaborate program has been prepared for the meeting.

Lieut. Hector MacQuarrie, of the British Royal Artillery, who spoke to 2,500 people in Convention Hall Friday night, will address the bankers at the forenoon session. His subject will be "Conditions at the Battle Front."

Another feature of interest will be the address by a special representative of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City on "Liberty Loans." J. L. Johnson of St. Louis, chairman of the Southwest division, who will speak on the "American Red Cross."

Following is the detailed program:

9:30 O'clock.
Call to Order—O. M. Anderson, chairman Group Five, McAlester, Okla.

Invocation—Rev. R. E. L. Morgan, pastor Broadway Methodist Church, Ardmore.

Address of Welcome—Col. Graves Leeper, Ardmore.

Response—L. T. Sammons, active vice-president First National Bank, McAlester.

Address, "Conditions at the Battle Front"—Lieut. Hector MacQuarrie, British Royal Field Artillery.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. E. B. Reid, Ardmore.

Chairman's Address—O. M. Anderson, cashier Bank of McAlester.

Secretary's Report—Tom Mitchell, president First National Bank, Coalgate.

Address, "Liberty Loans"—Special representative Federal Reserve Bank, Kansas City.

Appointment of Committees.
Nomination of Officers at Luncheon.

1:30 O'clock.
Address, "American Red Cross"—J. L. Johnson, chairman Southwest division, St. Louis, Mo.

Question Box, under direction of Frank B. Herron, cashier First National Bank, Madill.

Address, "Thrift Stamps"—G. W. Barnes, special representative of the United States Treasury Department.
A. & M. Club Work—John E. Swain, representative boys' and girls' clubs, A. & M. College.
Report of Committees.
Adjournment.

Social Features.

Auto ride over the city.

Reception in the afternoon at the Dornick Hills Country Club.

Theater parties and dance at Elks' Hall at 8:30 p. m.

Ten dollars in gold may be yours if you solve the puzzle of "The Muniificent Gift," in yesterday's paper.

AMERICANS IN RUSSIA CAPITAL TOTAL 150

Will Flee With Other Nationals, Is Report.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Occupation of Petrograd by Germans will involve the flight from the city of 150 Americans, including 15 members of the diplomatic and consular staffs. Information at the state department indicates that of the 150, there are thirty women. The number of French and British nationals in the menaced capital is larger.

Ambassador Francis has not reported to the department the details of any plan for the departure of nationals of the co-belligerent governments, but it has been assumed that practically all will leave with the allied diplomats.

No new instructions were sent to Mr. Francis, and none will be. Even the question of leaving the country has been left to his judgment.

The message from Ambassador Francis was dated Feb. 18, and it credited Foreign Minister Trotzky with saying he did not anticipate an early occupation of the city, since he had been given to understand that it would be given eight days' notice by the Germans. Such notice had not been received at the time Mr. Francis filed his dispatch.

RATION CARDS NOW FOR LONDONERS

King George Is Supposed to Obey the Rule.

London, Feb. 23.—This was the last day on which persons living in London and adjoining counties could buy meat, margarine and butter without producing a ration card. When the stores open Monday morning, the new plan will be in operation, and everyone will be compelled to produce a ration card before making any purchase of these articles.

The newspapers have featured the details of the ration card plan to the exclusion of the other news, giving prominence to the fact that King George has his food and meat cards as every other person in the city.

Voluntary rationing died hard. Long lines of people stood before the meat markets and margarine stores today. In most cases, thousands sought in vain to get extra supplies to tide them over the still more lean days to come.

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DEALING WITH SUBMARINE

No Patent Panacea Devised, But Many Remedies Appear.

World's Work: Let it be said at once that so far no sovereign remedy, no patent panacea has yet been devised for dealing with the submarine. But sometimes a number of little remedies are as good as one big remedy. Certainly they keep the enemy guessing all the time. But first of all, what are our chief difficulties in the matter? A modern submarine is an excellent sea boat, both on and below the surface, and under the latest methods of control should rarely meet with an ordinary sea mishap. Further, with the increased size of the boat and the increased comfort involved, the morale of the crew is no longer exposed to any great strain. So there is no longer anything specially heroic or romantic in the business. Moreover, a submarine is difficult to locate, especially in deep water. She can discharge a torpedo without coming to the surface. And she cannot be attacked unless she attacks first—for the simple reason that otherwise you would not know she was there. Again, if you should catch her on the surface—taking in air, or charging her batteries—she can dive out of sight in less than a minute.

Still, despite all these facts in her favor, the submarine has not quite lived up to the pious aspirations of Grand Admiral Tirpitz. Allied losses in merchant shipping have been kept down, and are decreasing. There are many secret methods of putting the submarine out of business, which at present must remain secret. Some of them are most interesting—fascinating, in fact; and the mortality which they have caused among the U boats has been very heavy. How heavy, only Potsdam knows!

But apart from these attractive secrets a great deal can be done, and it being done, by regularly patrolling, which forces the enemy to remain under water or emerge at his peril; secondly, by sending all merchant ships by unusual and constantly varied routes, and lastly, as already mentioned, by a very complete system of convoying over dangerous areas. This conveying work calls for a very large number of war vessels. Until recently, the entire burden, on the Atlantic routes at any rate, has fallen on the British navy, but recently America has reached a long arm across the sea and deposited some fresh pieces on the board; and now, when an American crosses to Europe, he will as likely as not find himself escorted safe into an English harbor by a number of long gray rakish vessels flying a flag pleasantly familiar.

MOSCOW, THE HEART OF RUSSIA

Christian Science Monitor: Not long ago it was reported that Petrograd was to be abandoned as the capital of Russia and the provisional government removed to Moscow. The report has been followed by the news of factional conflicts and battles royal between the bolsheviks and the defenders of the fortress city which saw the humble, almost obscure origins of modern Russia. Fire and sword, the common fate of Moscow throughout the centuries, are said by eye-witnesses again to have visited the city of the Tsars. The leader of the numerically small forces defending the city capitulated only because of the straits to which the people had been reduced, and in order to save the precious monuments of the city's past.

The small principality of Moscow saw the birth of the first and ancient capital of Russia, round the stones of the palisaded fortress which became the Kremlin of Moscow. It was this little principality which produced a line of able rulers, who broke the Tartar yoke and united all the petty Russian states into a single realm. Moscow laid the foundations of that greater Russia which spread out, through its sturdy pioneers, across the Ural Mountains and occupied and civilized the plains of Siberia, until the whole northern length of the Asiatic continent was won for the Tsars. This Kremlin, which the Tsars developed from out of the original fort, or nucleus of the city, is the Westminster Abbey of Russia. It has been sacked again and again, and Peter the Great, Teutonized, modernized, Occidentalized, sought to escape the Orientalism for which it essentially stood, by founding another capital on the Neva. But the Oriental atmosphere has never been lost. Imperial coronations have always had to have the sacred sanction of the Kremlin to impress the subjects of the Little Father. The Russian genius is essentially Oriental, and the very fashioning of the stones of the Kremlin will perpetuate that idea throughout history so long as this massive complex of buildings stands. Moscow is the Muscovite's typical city, and Constantinople is his Mecca. The architecture of the ancient Russian capital is the exact reflex of the Oriental mentality. There is the crude line, the grotesqueness of form and color which symbolize those corresponding human civilizations against which the ordered forces of Occidental Europe have stood like adamant. Peter the Great turned his back upon these eastern influences, but they are still the essence of Russia's inspiration. Moscow must logically continue as the meeting ground for Oriental administration and trade. Its rivers and canals connect the Baltic, the White, the Black and Caspian seas.

Russia can hardly avoid Moscow, do what she will. Russia was the first to enter the war and the first to make an effort to quit it. But it was only Petrograd with its Occidentalism that gave way. Muscovism has never been assailed.

Gogol, Tolstoy and Gorky are in essence not Occidental, but Oriental. Their thought is expressed from out of the very heart of Russia, and therefore of Muscovy. Russian literature portrays the restless spirit of the Russian people, and goes down to the fundamental dregs for its emotions and its terrible realism. Throughout it all sounds the clear note of truth to the basic life which beats around the stones of the Kremlin, not to the artificial one of a cosmopolitanized and Teutonized Petrograd.

TEXAS CONGRESSMAN AND SOCIALIST CLASH

Dies and London in Sarcastic Controversy.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Representative Dies of Texas, Democrat, assailed the Socialistic doctrines of Representative London of New York in the house today and Mr. London made a vigorous reply. Later the two shook hands.

Mr. Dies deprecating that Mr. London was called by Speaker Clark to temporarily preside in the house recently, declared that London's Socialism is a nightmare in Russia and advised the Socialist member to go to "his Lenin and Trotzky in the blighting shadow of bolsheviki Socialism."

London in reply said, "Dies knew nothing about Socialism," and added that the Texas member, invoking the principles of Washington, Jefferson, Madison and Hamilton gets his inspiration from the grave and studies the past "while I have my face set toward the sun."

Laymen War on Breweries.

Kansas City, Feb. 23.—Resolutions urging the government to close all breweries were enthusiastically and unanimously adopted this afternoon by the more than 4,000 delegates to the laymen's missionary convention being held here. Another resolution asked that the United States co-operate with the French in securing prohibition of the sale of liquor to men in overseas service.

Carload Horses Burn.

Kansas City, Feb. 23.—Police of Kansas City, Kan., are investigating the origin of a fire that tonight destroyed a carload of government

horses in railroads there, on the theory that incendiaries were responsible. Twenty-two animals, estimated as worth about \$5,000, were destroyed.

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U. S. Seized Bean Crop.

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—The white bean crop of California, amounting to approximately 3,000,000 pounds, has been commandeered by the United States army and will be put under military guard, according to an announcement by H. C. Miller, Pacific coast representative of the division of co-ordination of purchases, United States food administration, here today.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

To the Members of the Lions Club:

To each and every one of you individually and personally we desire to express our sincerest thanks for the money you gave us for the purchase of a cutting machine for the local Red Cross work rooms. With generous, loyal, patriotic men like you back of us we take new heart in our work, and it is incidents just of this kind that make us know our soldier boys shall be cared for and in the end victory shall be ours and the acts of mercy during these trying times shall be ones in our lives to bless our undertakings in useful work. May such sentiment as you noble men have manifested live forever, and permit us to congratulate Ardmore that it has such material in its Lion Club.

Very respectfully yours,
MRS. W. F. WHITTINGTON, MRS. COATS, MRS. I. H. SAYER, MRS. STEPHAM, Committee.

British Earl Dies.

London, Feb. 23.—The death of Earl Brassey is announced. Earl Brassey was an authority on naval subjects and was a former civil lord of the British admiralty and president of the Institute of Naval Architects. He was 82 years old.

Father Killed; Son Is Held.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 23.—Following a family quarrel, the police say, John T. Gannon, aged 53, a section foreman, was killed in his home here tonight by John T. Gannon Jr., aged 16, his son, who used an axe. The youth is being held at the police station.

THE LAST EXAMINATION OF WAR'S DRAFT

Many a man has fallen down because a test of his water showed unmistakably that he had kidney trouble.

The kidneys are the scavengers and they work day and night in separating the poisons from the blood. Their signals of distress are easily recognized and include such symptoms as backache, depressions, drowsiness, irritability, headaches, dizziness, rheumatic twinges, dropsy, gout.

"The very best way to restore the kidneys to their normal state of health and cure such symptoms," says Dr. Pierce, of Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., "is to drink plenty of water and obtain from your favorite pharmacy a small amount of An-u-ric, double strength, which is dispensed by almost every druggist." You will find Anuric more potent than lithia, dissolves uric acid as water does sugar.

Send Dr. Pierce 10c for trial pkg. and ask for advice if there is need.—

THE COLUMBIA SIX

with the Red Seal Continental Motor, Strongberg Carburetor, Timkin Axles and Bearings, Warner Transmission and Steering Gear Atwater Kent Ignition, Harrison Radiator with Shutter, Genuine Leather Upholstering and Pantasote One-Man Top is here for your inspection and pleasure.

W. A. PECK
Whittington Hotel

WEATHER FORECAST

Sunday fair and cooler. is official forecast.

BUY THRIFT STAMPS AT THIS STORE

Whiteman and Simpson

THE STORE OF SERVICE

FOR MONDAY AND TUESDAY ONLY—
36-inch Bleached Domestic. Has some starch, but is a good fabric and would cost 14 cts. a yd. at wholesale now.
SPECIAL 10 cts. yd. Limit of 20 yds. to each customer.

A REMARKABLE SHOWING OF NEW SUITS FOR THE SPRING

Recent express shipments have brought our stock up to full spring strength. You will see suits here that are the equal and in many instances superior to those shown in larger cities.

No store in Oklahoma or North Texas shows prettier suits, neither do they sell them for any less money. Ardmore has outgrown the idea that we cannot have just as good merchandise as Dallas or Oklahoma City. We do have it and you are invited to visit our store this week for a look at these really beautiful spring garments.

Notice Our Show Windows Today

LOVELY SUITS OF FAILLE, TAFFETA AND MOON-GLO (a new Cloth).

These are shown in Black, Navy, Receda and Tan. The combinations of the colors stand out as the best efforts of American Designers. Beautiful is only a faint description. You Must see them.

THE WOOL SUITS—Shown in Tan, Rooki, Navy, Sammy Pearl, Grey and Checks. They represent the best to be bought. The Eton, The Pony and The Bustle Back are featured in design.

WE SHALL TAKE SPECIAL PLEASURE IN SHOWING YOU THESE GARMENTS, EVEN IF YOU DO NOT CARE TO BUY.

NEW AUTO COATS OF TWEED. These are cut on a rather manish style and are positively the latest coats for Motor Wear.

JERSEY COATS OF THE SAMMY SHADE. Also shown in Rose. They are certainly lovely for early spring wear.

Have You Seen the New Boots for This Spring?

By all means visit our Shoe Department early this week. Such footwear as we show this season has never before been shown in Ardmore. People used to think they had to go out of the city to buy strictly up-to-date boots, but now they are fore sale right here in your own town. See our showing anyway and we leave it to you if there are prettier or more stylish ones to be had at any price in any other town.

Special

ONE LOT OF WAISTS TO CLOSE OUT AT \$1.00.

These are in Voile, Organdie and Lawns; Lace Trimmed and beautifully made up. Some of them sold for \$3.00. We have entirely too many and shall place about half a hundred on sale at this money-losing price, \$1.00 each.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only.

No Exchange. No Refund.

Stylish New Millinery

EVERY EXPRESS BRINGS NEW HATS TO OUR EVER POPULAR MILLINERY DEPARTMENT. IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE AS TO WHAT SUIT YOU MAY SELECT. WE ARE PREPARED TO FURNISH JUST THE PROPER HAT TO GO WITH IT.

There is a touch of newness in these last hats that makes the spring feeling fairly bubble out and you cannot help but like them. They are stylish, of course; then they are serviceable, too. Hats this season are not so gorgeous as in former seasons. They are smart and fetching by reason of the superior designing and clever needlework in the making. You will like them.

MILLINERY DEPT., 2nd Floor.



Skirt Special

About Fifty Skirts in one special lot. Worth \$5.00 to \$6.00 each. To close them out at once, Choice \$2.00. No free alterations at this sale price.