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### CLICK, CLACK.

After many hours of tension, tongues must wag. Escapes must be matched, damages compared, miracles and vagaries discussed in detail. The mind reacts in conversation; but there is such a thing as too much conversation. Now that our little old West Indian hurricane is pasted away in the scrapbook, let us begin to fasten our energies on things of more permanent account. The tongue has had its outing and has made the most of it. There is business to be done. Let us do it.

### REPRESENTATIVE.

Ed Cline had created a great fishing resort at Flour Bluff. He lost everything. Yesterday, while searching for workmen, he declared: "I am going to start building over today, and am going to build larger and better than before." Ed Cline, more than any man we know, represents the spirit of Corpus Christi.

### A QUESTION.

To railway, streetcar, electric, ice, telephone and other companies: You are getting things shipshape in marvelous time, and without unnecessary fuss or boasting. Fifteen minutes after the wind subsided, you were on the job, locating men, taking account, placing orders for materials, planning to resume service. Your record shines. It deserves recognition. Will it get it? Possibly, despite the fact that you are usually known as "soulless" corporations. What would we do without you, anyway?

### A DOUBLE CHANCE.

The bayfront has been an eyesore. In two hours, the hurricane did what ten years of agitation failed to do. The beach is almost clear of junk and flimsy buildings. Are we going to lose sight of the opportunity that has come to us without asking? Hardly. The City Council favors a clean beach, and the people favor a clean beach, overwhelmingly. They favor something else, too; they favor a rigorous interpretation and application of the building ordinance. Poor construction is accountable for much of the damage wrought about them, to their jeopardy.

### ONE BIG NEED.

Now that comparisons may be made, it is clear that the loss of the causeway, or rather the causeway fill, represents more to Corpus Christi and to Nueces county than any one single item. That it will be rebuilt, goes without saying; that it ought to be rebuilt at the earliest practicable date, we firmly believe; and we also believe that Judge Timon and the County Commisioners will achieve no end of popularity if they at once meet and call an election for the issuance of bonds in a sufficient amount to mend the damage. Engineers say that $50,000 will do it. The amount is small when it is considered alongside the benefits.

### THINK OF IT.

Occupied with other affairs, we have lost sight of Senator Culberson. This is unfortunate. The things we talk about will be righted in six weeks; a United States Senator can't be righted in less than six years. Saturday is the day. Colquitt and Culberson are the contenders. Let the people of Nueces county go to the polls and give Culberson their endorsement. It will equal in constructive ways. Among other things, it will show that they have faith in President Wilson. You noticed what H. F. McGregor, National Committeeman from Texas, said in Chicago. Why, on the strength of Colquitt's showing, McGregor had the effrontery to tell Republican headquarters that there was a possibility of Hughes and Fairbanks carrying Texas in the November election! Did you ever, in all your life, hear such bunk?

## *Texas Press*

**The Great Desire for Peace.**

Dispatches tell that throughout Germany the authorities have their hands full confiscating and trying to trace the source of pamphlets advocating peace at any price.

Peace advocates in the United States have not proven popular, strange as that may appear. That they are not popular in Germany is to be expected, if the general credit given the people of that country for being advocates of militarism and, naturally, following belligerency of their leaders is correct, but that there is an effort making for peace, even promise of better things to come.

That the German people have been suffering all know. That they are loyal and patriotic and never complain, no matter what their lot, is characteristic of them.

What is significant, however, is that the movement for peace comes from the laboring classes. In this class is found most of the strength of the Socialists and it is to the Socialists that the officials ascribe the efforts making toward peace, but in the fact that it is a move on the part of the Socialists, whose theories and acts often become a menace to government, makes the movement portable of degree that might prove as trying as is the writ that of threatened revolution. The Socialist is much like the Indian, he is always "against the government."

It is hard to see how internal strife could be of help to Germany, or any other country, and it is also hard to believe that Germany will be forced into the state, but of the threatened danger it may come. There are many people in Germany, as well as in every other country engaged in the terrible war, who are crying for peace, and when the time does come, and it will come, for the leaders to make, or accept, overtures for peace, there is going to be a united people behind their movements in that direction.

Everybody is tired of the war. All are praying that it may come. With the certainty of the struggle, the great sacrifice of human lives now going on the world looks on aghast. The time may not be ripe for the United States, or some other neutral power, to offer its good offices toward making for peace, but it cannot be far distant. Certainly civilization has not gone mad and this strife must have an end.—Austin Statesman.

**The Presidents Veto of the Army Bill.**

If there were no other justification of the president's veto of the army bill than that the provision exempting retired officers from liability to service is of questionable constitutionality his action would be commendable.

The bill recognized retired officers as part and parcel of the regular army, but exempted them from liability to service in time of war. The condition makes the president the commander-in-chief of the army, and the exemption attempted practically the retention of a part of the army of which he would not be commander. The probability that such a provision would be held in violation of the constitution by the courts is so great that this circumstance alone justifies the president's veto.

Moreover, there is justification in the doubtful propriety of keeping retired army officers on the pay roll and at the same time exempting them from service. Retired army officers are holders of public office and not pensioners and should not be mere pensioners.

President Wilson is doubtless right in his surmise that a majority of the retired officers themselves would resent such an arrangement, and it is probable the clause would find no support except from such of them as already have shown themselves to be mediocre of a most troublesome type, and in a few instances mere lobbyists for the munitions manufacturers. To free these from the authority of the president of the United States would be to promote a condition of affairs which would be hooted to discredit in the service.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

### HERO OF THE PAVILION
(Contributed)

The managers of the Pavilion, Mrs. L. G. May, wishes to express her sincere thanks to all those who so kindly came to her assistance during the recent storm.

Her help is due especial praise for their heroism and right here, I would like to add, that they were led by a most heroic leader, as Mrs. May stood by the Pavilion to the very last.

Messages and messages were sent to her to leave her post of duty, but she refused, thinking if her help could stay, she must.

Mrs. May spoke of the courageous manner in which Arthur Backus, Jr., a young lad of fifteen years, helped her, and also a number of Stag Patrol, Troop No. One, Boy Scouts, Corpus Christi, who thought not one moment of himself but for the lives of the women and children at the Pavilion, going back and forward across the dangerous pier through the severest of the storm, and trying also by his calm manner to help them keep quiet.

Young Backus can be well termed "The Hero of the Pavilion" and one of whom the Boy Scouts of Corpus can be well proud of.

He was also ably assisted by a little Spanish boy, a favorite of all the guests at the Pavilion; known to them only as little (Machacha).

Mrs. May also wishes to express her sincere thanks to the officers and firemen of the city, who came so nobly to her assistance, and in fact to each and every one who came to her in her distressful moment.

The ladies of the Methodist church will serve an old-fashioned chicken dinner Wednesday, Aug. 23, at Jordt-Allen. Price 35 cents.—Adv.

### MEMORY OF MRS. MINNIS BISSO.

When the lips of Mrs. Minnie Eslinger Bisso ceased to utter their usual cheerful words, and her eyes dropped their lids in that long sleep, a noble woman passed from our neighborhood and community.

After a hard struggle with the Grim Reaper, devoted friends at her bedside ministering to her every need wisely to gain, the soul of this dear woman left its citadel of suffering and took its flight to the world beyond.

She was a native of Germany and was born December 27, 1864. Besides a large circle of friends and acquaintances to mourn her death, her nearest surviving relative is a niece, Miss Rose Saylor of Kansas City, Mo.

Through years her junior, I was for a long time honored with her confidence and friendship, and few, I think, unless closely associated with her, knew the sterling integrity of her character and the keen but liberal sweep of her thought. Truly it may be said of her that she was full of "years and honors."

As a friend she was one to be proud to claim, for her genial friendship won her the heart of many who knew Mrs. Bisso. She was a noble woman indeed, for to her large circle of acquaintances she proved a true and faithful friend. We humbly bow to the will of our Maker, for He doeth all things well. Our Father arranged her life and the time of her going. There is much to comfort us first and peace for her, the battle is over, but we may yet hope to see her again, when sorrow and partings are no more.

She sleeps beside her husband, who told her goodbye more than four years ago, and now they are walking hand in hand together, as they so lovingly walked on this side of the river, hand in hand, waiting for the friends they know will come. The white mansions of the sky never converted a truer soul through the portals of peace.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our neighborhood,
Which never can be filled.
God in his wisdom has recalled,
The boon his love had given,
And though the body slumbers here,
The soul is safe in heaven.

—MINNIE TALBOT.

## FARMERS UNION HEAD DEMANDS 8-HOUR DAY FOR TILLERS OF SOIL

### HENRY N. POPE SENDS LONG TELEGRAM OF PROTEST TO PRESIDENT WILSON.

FORT WORTH, Texas, Aug. 22.—Henry N. Pope, president of the Texas Farmers' Union, today wired President Wilson favoring the eight hour day if it applied to farmers as well as industrial laborers and protesting against any discrimination against the farming population in favor of any other class of laborers. Mr. Pope's telegram follows:

"The farmers stand for a fair and reasonable wage to both inferior and capital engaged in handling the products of the soil from the time it leaves the hand of the farmer until it reaches the ultimate consumer. To the condition that eight hours of labor should constitute a day's work we agree, and that every laborer should receive such compensation as will enable him to support his family in comfort we also remember. If your plans contemplate eight hours per day for all those who labor, including the farmers, and a reasonable wage for the man who plows as well as those who work in industry, then we are with you, but if its application results in reducing the hours of those employed in the city and increasing the hours of those employed in the field, then we are opposed to it. The farmers of this state work from twelve to fifteen hours per day and the average compensation does not exceed two dollars per day. We have in this state nearly a quarter of a million women working as farm hands in the field from sun to sun for fifty cents per day which is as much as the products of their toil will bear.

"If your plan is capable of giving them a full day's pay for eight hours' labor, then we agree with you, but if it results in shifting either hours or dollars from those who labor in industry to the backs of those who follow the plow we are unalterably opposed to it.

"We are willing to give labor engaged in transportation service as favorable working conditions and as fair remuneration as we ourselves receive. It is an accepted custom in increasing the wages of labor to pass the increase on to the consumer and producer. The men who pay the freight therefore have an equity in these disputes which cannot be involuntarily transmitted to others and the principal involved is to temporarily yield to intimidation.

"We believe the fundamental issues so far reaching, the financial outlay of such gigantic proportions and the present application of the principle so limited in its scope that the subject should receive the most careful investigation and study where the farmers and all interests can receive a patient hearing and we ask that the entire controversy be turned over to a properly constituted committee for adjustment. It is the history of most economic reforms that they exhaust themselves before reaching the farmer and we want the farming interests directly represented in such a fundamental controversy before this government commits itself to any definite policy, temporary or permanent, in which they are made a party.

(Signed) "Henry N. Pope,
"President Texas Farmers' Union."


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## MANY EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS AT TEXAS STATE FAIR

W. I. Yopp

A feature of the State Fair of Texas which possesses great educational value, and one which, last year, was of intense interest to thousands of Fair visitors, is the Better Babies Contest designed for the purpose of creating a higher standard of health for Texas babies.

W. I. Yopp, director in charge of the State Fair's Department of Colleges and Schools, in which Department the management of the Better Babies Contest is vested, states that complete arrangements have been concluded during the past year to conduct this contest with better facilities than prevailed last year. A handsome and convenient auditorium has been constructed for the purpose in the State Fair's beautiful Hospital building, and this Auditorium will be provided with the best of modern equipment.

Mr. Yopp states that a great deal of interest has been aroused throughout the State by the preliminary announcements of this contest and that present indications point to a very large number of entries.

It is also announced that a majority of the State's larger educational institutions are preparing large exhibits. The University of Texas, State Agricultural and Mechanical College, Prairie View Normal, College of Industrial Arts, Southwestern University and others have already made application for space, and it is expected that several others will be in line by September 1. Mr. Yopp predicts an unusually big year in the educational division.

## *Amusements*

William Nigh and Marguerite Snow in "Her Great Triumph" at the Amuse Today.

The attraction at the Amuse today will be William Nigh and Marguerite Snow in "Nobodies" (Refined) or "The Great Triumph."

To be without one's title, or to be at one time in debt to an acquaintance and a distinction, is William Nigh, the screen star, in the guise he does in the photoplay, "Nobodies" (Refined) that it is possible to be all three and attain success in each field. Mr. Nigh, whose portrait does "A Yellow Streak" with Lionel Barrymore, and "The Edge of Hate" with Ethel Barrymore, in the earlier you saw two of the most successful photoplays ever presented on the screen, finds his new role in Metro's sixteen-reel "His Child of Honor" with Valli Valli in the star part, a challenge, which Mr. Nigh also weeks and directed himself, besides portraying the leading masculine role in "Nobodies (Refined)." Mr. Nigh shares similar honors with lovely Marguerite Snow, whose name is one to conjure with among photoplay lovers everywhere. Tomorrow Nigh takes upon himself a new role, he turns playwright.

"Nobodies (Refined)" is the story of "Dudley," a pickpocket, a proud girl of New York's great East Side, who through by night here, there, from one other city, to England in the "Wild," she meets Stuffed and knocked about all her life. He succeeds in the end in a case, runaway, crooks, adventures, jewels and the law. Despite his environment "Dudley" is a dreamer and one night he dines in a fine house and meets a lady's maid in progress inside the home of a wealthy man. In the same way "Duffer" means an estimation of the various persons present and in his anxiety he has the lines and disguise. He falls asleep on the fire escape. Burglars who enter the house are detected and they kill one of the servants in making their escape. "Duffer" is found by the police and held for the murder.

The days that follow are anxious ones for "Dudley." Never before has anyone paid any attention to him. Now he is the center of interest. Women send him flowers and candy, the newspapers print columns about him and his family, crowds fill the street to get a glimpse of him. And altogether he becomes in his mind a hero. When he finds he is about to be exonerated, rather than give up his new found glory, "Duffer" pleads guilty to the crime. How he is saved from the death penalty and brought to his right mind forms a story that is entirely new and startling in its development and denouement.

### German War Pictures.

Continuing the war pictures "Fighting the Allies" to be shown at the Majestic theater today and Saturday, the Washington Herald in a recent issue said:

Heretofore "War" pictures shown in Washington have been the familiar scenes of the armies and military activities of the various countries on the parade ground or in general maneuvers, posed for the camera, but the pictures at the Belasco theater this week, under the auspices of the "Fatherland" magazine, are scenes of the opposing troops in actual combat.

Yesterday afternoon the "Germany at War" pictures were shown for the first time at a public performance and it is a vivid and thrilling presentation of the German side of the great conflict. The grim reality of war evident in every foot of reel, when daring charges are made over space between trenches and the audiences sees men falling in bayonet charges.

The telescopic lens has made it possible to obtain most of the actual battle scenes, with a faithfulness of portrayal that is almost horrible in its realism.

Especially thrilling is a battle in the clouds where one of the enemy air craft is sent to the earth, and other pictures showed the effectiveness of the specially designed defense guns in bringing down the aeroplanes.

Throughout the four or five thousand feet of film, the outstanding impression is that of German military efficiency which is giving a good account of itself. The views are comprehensive, giving a pictorial record of the fighting in France, on the eastern front in Russia, and also at the Dardanelles.


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