

Anyhow, old man Adam can't lay his own cussedness to eugenics.

Every warring nation talks of more war and dreams of an early peace.

The order of the garter has small attractions for a hero with both legs gone.

Something for a man without an auto to worry about is the size of his garage.

When a woman goes to a drug store to get "something for her face," it never is soap.

When Europe buries the hatchet it will enter the censor simultaneously and gleefully.

One of the charms of golf is the opportunity it gives for the wearing of sensible clothes.

Emperor Yoshitoh's trip from Tokyo to Kyoto looks like a complete reversal of form.

After all, man is a lucky animal. Fashion doesn't tell him what length shirts he must wear.

There will be a plentiful oyster supply this season, so life cannot altogether be one of gloom.

The automobile may be all-pervading, but at the horse shows the real king comes again into his own.

As a question of style: Do the short skirts come from London, like the high-water trousers men wear?

Seedless grapes have been developed now, but Luther Burbank hasn't started yet developing a seedless fig.

Another sign of prosperity is when forty able-bodied men are not running for one little jim-crow office.

The girl who tries to act like a man may be idiotic, but the imitation is often very flattering, just the same.

Nature has a roundabout way of doing things. For example, we get eggs from chickens, and chickens from eggs.

Oysters are a drink, not a food, says one expert. If he means the ordinary festival oyster soup he is right, all right.

The fabric of a ready-made suit may not be of the best, but the fabrications of the dealer are usually the real thing.

Usually when a girl goes back on her sweetheart and marries another in a fit of pique all three live to regret it.

A writer on war topics says the modern soldier sits in a trench and waits for something to happen. It usually happens.

Considering its name, and present conditions on the earth, why doubt that those lines on Mars are army trenches?

Pessimism may be defined as that form of restricted mental vision that causes men to anticipate evils that do not happen.

The way they deny rumors in the capitals of Europe, one would imagine it is a disgrace to think of such a thing as peace.

The only proper way for an American citizen to hyphenate is to get his girl and visit the marriage license clerk and the parson.

Among the articles recently condemned by the war department are 15 coffins and 117 skillets. Here's a chance to pick up a coffin or a skillet cheap.

The Boston scientist who says that rheumatism is a myth has possibly never had an opportunity to inspect an estimate of the rheumatic vote of this country.

There are some men so conceited they are willing to be listed as "big business" and get prosecuted rather than remain in the piker class to which they belong.

Controlling bullets by wireless so as to keep them from finding human targets during the hunting season is a phase of preparedness our scientists haven't thought about yet.

An Oregon hen has laid 834 eggs in four consecutive years. There are times when it looks as if the efficiency experts were pressing nature so hard that the S. P. C. A. ought to interfere.

Blue dyes are becoming so scarce that workers soon may have to begin wearing pink overalls. Since pink is the color dedicated to pajamas sensitive workers will naturally be embarrassed.

It is now asserted that there are thirty flowering plants in the United States that cause hay fever. This lessens the heavy burden of responsibility formerly heaped on the head of goldenrod.

There is something about money that means strength. That is to say, if you have the scads you command the respect of men who would try to kick you off the sidewalk if they thought you were broke.

ALLIES HAVE BEGUN TO ABANDON DARDANELLES

WITHDRAWAL FROM SUOLAAND AND ANZAC HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WITH SUCCESS.

GREAT UNDERTAKING FAILS

Forces at Tip of Peninsula to Remain Under Protection of Warships. Bulgars and Greeks Have Skirmish—Other Fronts, Etc.

Latest News From Battle Fronts.

Operations in other sectors of the front on the Gallipoli peninsula than those from which more than 100,000 troops were announced Monday to have been withdrawn are to be continued. The withdrawal was effected without knowledge of the movement on the part of the Turks, it is declared.

Thus the long-drawn-out and costly effects of the French and British forces to reduce the Dardanelles forts and break their way through to Constantinople apparently have come to an end, for, although it is believed the tip of Gallipoli peninsula will continue to be held by the allies, no offensive movement of any importance can now be made against the Turkish defenses, and the opinion is generally held that the Dardanelles campaign has virtually been concluded.

Persistent reports of a Greco-Bulgarian encounter resulting from a Bulgarian surprise attack have been cleared up by the Greek statement that the encounter took place in Albanian territory. No one was killed and few were wounded. Order was restored promptly and an amicable inquiry is proceeding.

It is announced from Paris that no enemy detachment has yet crossed the Greek frontier. Meanwhile work on the defensive lines around Saloniki is being actively pushed and the Greek villages in the neighborhood of the lines are being evacuated by the population.

Greek military circles at London declare they are convinced that the forces opposing the allies will not attempt to cross the frontier, the Bulgarians because they realize the danger of provoking Greece, the Germans because they realize the tremendous cost which the enterprise would entail.

In the western theater of the war the British front has been the scene of heavy bombardments, both sides using their big guns at long range. In addition, engagements between aircraft have been a feature of the fighting, no less than forty combats in the air having taken place on Dec. 20, two of the German aeroplanes being shot down and others driven off in a damaged condition, according to the British report, and one of the British machines being recorded as missing.

The possible prelude of a strong German offensive movement in the western front, where the Germans are reported to have received large reinforcements, occurred early this week against the British line to the northeast of Ypres. To the accompaniment of a heavy bombardment the Germans directed clouds of gas against the British, who, in conjunction with the French batteries, turned their guns on the German trenches engaged in the gas operations.

The British official report says that most of the German infantry were prevented by the gun fire from leaving their trenches, while other detachments were driven back before reaching the British line.

On the other war fronts there has been little fighting of importance. For the present the campaign in the Balkans, except for the pursuit of the Serbians in Northern Albania and actions between the Bulgarians and Montenegrins, is virtually at a standstill. The Bulgarians are still standing guard at the Greek frontier, where the Anglo-French forces crossed to make their way back to Saloniki.

Along the Austro-Italian front snow in the mountains and rains are hampering the Italians in their operations against Gorizia. Near Monte San Michele an Austrian trench which formed a salient in the Italian line was taken by a surprise attack.

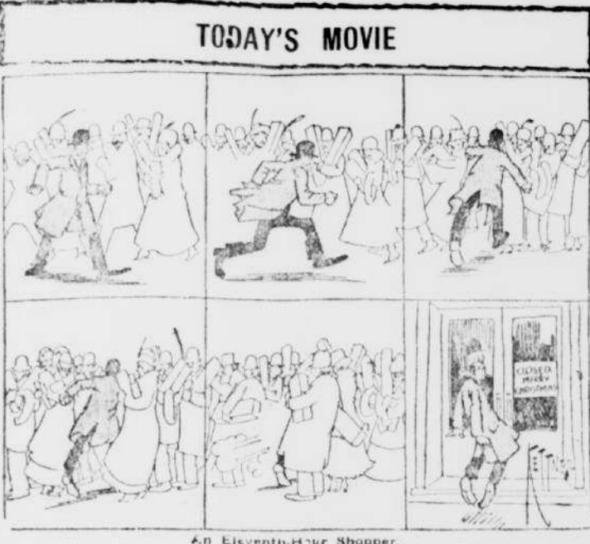
Only isolated fighting, in which no important result was obtained by either side, has taken place on the Russian frontier. Artillery bombardments of Turkish positions by entente warships are reported from the Gallipoli peninsula.

A second note from the American government to the Austro-Hungarian government in connection with the demands for a disavowal of the sinking of the steamship Ancona, punishment of the submarine commander and the payment of an indemnity has been sent to Vienna. The new note is understood to be a reiteration of the original demands and to intimate that it is the final word of the United States.

The German Field Marshal von der Goltz is reported at Aleppo forming an army with which it is supposed to operate against the Suez canal.

Field Marshal Sir John French has relinquished command of the British forces in France and Belgium to General Sir Douglas Haig. In an order of the day he predicts victory for the entente allies' arms.

The Turks claim to have sunk a British monitor in the Tigris river near Kut-el-Amara.



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MONEY EARNINGS IN TEXAS REPORT FOR INCOME TAX

Greatest Number Making Returns to Department Have Incomes Ranging From \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Washington.—The greatest number of people making income tax returns to the internal revenue department of the government shows incomes ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year. For the United States these aggregate 127,448, and the number shown for the Southwestern States is the average in other sections of the country. There are nearly 83,000 earning between \$3,000 and \$4,000, and 65,525 earning between \$4,000 and \$5,000. The department has no figures showing incomes below these classifications. One of the recommendations of the treasury department is to lower the amount for married people from \$4,000 to \$3,000 minimum, and for single persons from \$3,000 to \$2,000.

The total revenue collections from all sources during the year, as shown in the report of Commissioner Osborn, amounted to \$415,581,023. The total collections in Texas amounted to \$2,841,336; Oklahoma, \$729,323; Louisiana, \$8,604,940, and Arkansas, \$394,536. These states contributed in income tax: Texas, corporation \$622,645, individual \$425,631; Oklahoma, corporation \$273,292, individual \$133,685; Louisiana, corporation \$316,264, individual \$209,813; Arkansas, corporation \$89,149, individual \$38,177. The income tax collections amounted to \$80,190,693, of which the personal tax amounted to \$41,046,162. Based upon a ratio of increases, Commissioner Osborn estimates for the present fiscal year the income tax will amount to \$85,000,000, and for the fiscal year of 1917 it will amount to \$90,000,000. One of the recommendations for legislation is that returns shall be made on gross in place of net incomes.

Individual returns from Texas numbered 8,450, of whom 7,022 were married persons, 1,022 single men and 426 single women. Twenty-six married women made separate returns. Those showing incomes between \$3,000 and \$4,000 numbered 2,384; 1,606 from \$4,000 to \$5,000; 2,934 from \$5,000 to \$10,000; 723 from \$10,000 to \$15,000; 334 from \$15,000 to \$20,000; 147 from \$20,000 to \$25,000; 103 from \$25,000 to \$30,000; 98 from \$30,000 to \$40,000; 48 from \$40,000 to \$50,000; 34 from \$50,000 to \$75,000; 21 from \$75,000 to \$100,000; 12 from \$100,000 to \$150,000; 3 from \$200,000 to \$250,000; 1 from \$250,000 to \$300,000; 1 from \$400,000 to \$500,000, and 1 whose income was in excess of \$500,000.

Fourteen hundred and forty-six residents of Oklahoma made returns for personal income tax, of which number 1,234 were married persons, 174 single men and 38 single women.

Noted Irish Patriot Passes Away. New York.—Captain Edward O. Meagher Coudon, civil war veteran and Irish patriot, died Wednesday, aged 74. He became active in the Fenian movement in Ireland and, with Allen, Larkin and O'Brien, was sentenced to death for participation in the Manchester riots. Coudon's sentence was commuted to life imprisonment because of his American citizenship and civil war record.

Germany's Losses Are High. Rotterdam.—Prussian casualty lists Nos. 389 to 399, according to the Rotterdam Courant, contain the names of 65,340 killed, wounded and missing, making the total 2,244,248. This total is exclusive of the names of 237 Bavarian, 310 Wurttembergian, 233 Saxonian and the naval and Turkish lists, says the newspaper.

Bond Issue Election Is Called. Waelder, Tex.—The commissioners court has ordered an election to be held February 5, 1916, to determine whether or not bonds to the amount of \$75,000 shall be issued for road purposes.

Brownsville for Commission Plan. Brownsville, Tex.—Commission form of government under the city manager plan was adopted by the city of Brownsville Tuesday by an overwhelming vote of 10 to 1.

Louisiana Oils Are Advanced. Shreveport, La.—Oil prices in Northwestern Louisiana were advanced 10c a barrel on Caddo production and 5c on Red River oil Friday. This makes the seventh advance during the past few months and establishes prices of \$1.10 for Caddo light, \$1.00 for De Soto light, 85c for Red River light and 80c for Caddo heavy oils.

Mount Etna in Active Eruption. Catania.—Mount Etna is emitting red-hot lava, which, streaming along the sides of the mountain and melting the snow, produces a wonderful effect, especially at night. Glowing cinders and smoke form an umbrella-shaped cloud above the volcano.

Snow Ties Up Railroads. New York.—Railroads leading out of New York are struggling this week to release themselves from the grip of the first severe storm of the season.

China Revolt King's Rule. San Francisco, Cal.—Tong King Chong, president of the Chinese Republic Association, received a telegram from Shanghai, China, Monday, which stated that five Chinese provinces had declared their independence against the rule of Yuan Shi Kai.

Booker's Successor Chosen. New York.—Robert J. Moton of Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., was selected to succeed Booker T. Washington as president of Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., at a meeting of the special committee of the trustees of the institute Monday.

Tick Eradication Is Defeated. Jacksboro, Tex.—Tick eradication in Jack County was defeated by a vote of 385 to 489 in an election held Saturday.

VILLA LEADERS AGREE TO STOP FIGHTING

Agreement Grants Amnesty to All But General Villa and His Brother.

El Paso, Tex.—The Carranza de facto government is now in official control of the former Villa state of Chihuahua and the organization of the Villa government, including 4,000 troops in the cities of Juarez and Chihuahua and all border points, agree to accept the Carranza domination.

This was made possible by an agreement signed by the Villa leaders, Generals Roberto Tinon, Manuel Bando, Lieutenant Colonel Flaviano Paliza and Colonel Eduardo Andalon and Carranza Consul Andres Garcia. The agreement grants amnesty to all but General Villa and his brother, Hipolito.

The general entered into conference Monday with a delegation from General Villa to confer with the Carranza consul upon a plan to turn over the entire territory and all troops and arms and for Villa to leave the capital without any following.

They reported the result of their conference to General Villa at Chihuahua City.

Late Monday they had received no reply from General Villa, and, instead, learned that after receiving their advice Villa gathered 400 or 500 men and left the capital.

Colonel Hipolito Villa, with his office force of the financial agency of the Villa organization at Juarez, crossed into the United States.

General Villa himself, it was said on good authority, also had crossed. The surrender of the Villa organization includes about four thousand armed men, about 75 per cent of the rolling stock of the railroads of Mexico and the state of Chihuahua, the richest mining and live stock district in Mexico.

According to officials at El Paso, Texas, the foreign interests in Villa controlled territory have suffered a loss estimated at \$50,000,000 due to confiscation and alleged thefts of ore, cattle and other property and the depreciation of Villa currency. These officials charge that churches were stripped of their treasures, banks looted of coin and specie and confiscated goods given away to satisfy people ruined by lack of employment and depreciation of Villa currency, and that murder and terrorism reigned in Villa controlled territory.

Testifies in Bomb Plot Case.

San Francisco, Cal.—B. Hauschildt, cashier of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, testified Tuesday before the federal grand jury which has been investigating alleged German bomb plots and violations of neutrality. Hauschildt was summoned, it was said, in an effort to trace about \$125,000, part of a fund of \$255,000 said to have been sent here by German agents for use in various ways.

Neutrality Changes Proposed.

Washington.—More than thirty recommendations for changes in the federal neutral laws have been prepared for the consideration of Attorney General Gregory by assistants engaged in enforcement of neutral statutes. The amendments proposed, it is believed by those who drafted them, cover every contingency such as has arisen in this country in the last year.

Pardons Granted to Seventy-Five.

Austin, Tex.—The pardons to be granted deserving convicts this Christmas number approximately seventy-five and all were signed by Acting Governor Hobby, following recommendations by the board of pardons. The pardons will be ready for issuance in time to permit the fortunate convicts to be at home with their loved ones on Christmas Day.

Dead Girl's Father Accused.

Paris, Tex.—A ceaseless investigation by the county and city officers into the circumstances connected with the murder of Miss Pauline Walton, the 17-year-old daughter of T. L. Walton, which took place last Friday night, resulted in the arrest of her father, charged with the crime.

Election Held at Bronson.

Bronson, Tex.—Bronson held its first municipal election Saturday, when the following officers were chosen: Aldermen, F. A. Cousins, O. P. Ellison, T. J. Bickley, C. A. Howard, S. R. Scheumack; mayor, E. J. Gardner; city marshal, T. G. Drawhorn.

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"After thirty years experience in the drug business, I can truthfully say that I have never seen a remedy equal to Tetterex for skin diseases. A few applications have made a complete cure of Tetter on hands, which I had almost despaired of curing, and rough skin on forehead. I had, I believe, used every other remedy for Tetter on hands, but it was not until I used Tetterex, 50 cents at wholesale, or by mail from J. T. Stearns, Bayonne, N. J., that I was cured."—Advt.

Continual Disappointment.

"I know a clergyman," stated Groul P. Smith, "of such a surprising sort of contentment that when I see him place his hands in front of his bosom, palms toward each other and finger tips touching, to pray, I always expect that the next minute he will shift them to tandem, with the thumb of the lead hand touching the little finger of the wheel hand and the thumb of the latter touching his nose. He has not done so yet, however, and if he does not make good pretty soon I am going to quit attending church."—Kansas City Star.

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Old Build Up The System. Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 50 cents.

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George (timely)—Miss Willing, or—Alma, I have—er—that is— Miss Willing (encouragingly)—Well, George? George—Do you—er—think your mamma would care to accept the—er—job of mother-in-law to me?

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The Best Liniment.

For falls on icy walks, sprains and bruises, rub on and rub in Hanford's Balsam of Myrrh. Apply this liniment thoroughly and relief should quickly follow. Advt.

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"Sad affair about Jones having concussion of the brain, wasn't it?" "What was the matter?" "He was struck with an idea."—Yale Record.

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Pneumonia, follows on the heels of a neglected cough or cold. Delay no longer. Take Mansfield's Cough Balsam. Price 50c and \$1.00.—Advt.

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First Wave—What has been wished on us now? Second Wave—A joyfall.

To keep clean and healthy take Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They regulate liver, bowels and stomach.—Advt.

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