REMARKABLE GROWTH OF EL PASO REFLECTED IN TODAY'S HERALD

THE year 1917 was the year of greatest progress in the history of the southwest, and this in spite of the handicaps of the war—handicaps which all accept with patriotic spirit—and if the year 1918 is not a year of greater development than 1917 it will be because the conduct of the war calls upon southwestern people to devote their time, energy and money to it and let the growth of this big domain go on more gradually.

If there has been any slackening down in any part of the southwest in the past few months, it has been confined chiefly to building and the only places in the United States which have not had the same experience are those where the activities of war have made building necessary. Otherwise the same excellent progress which has been made in the past years is being made now.

El Paso has made a wonderful growth in the past year, a greater development than anyone will realize until he looks at the figures which are most convincing. Following are a few of them:

The total jobbing business of El Paso last year was about $32,000,000, an increase of $4,000,000 over 1916, and 400 salesmen were on the road for El Paso distributors.

BUILDING ACTIVITIES WERE THE GREATEST EVER KNOWN HERE. PERMITS NUMBERED 1761 AS AGAINST 1654 FOR 1916. TOTAL VALUATION OF BUILDING IN EL PASO IN 1917 WAS $3,770,737, WHILE THAT FOR 1916 WAS $3,551,909, AN INCREASE FOR 1917 OF $218,828. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT IF THE WAR HAD NOT CAUSED A SLOWING DOWN OF BUILDING, THE 1917 VALUATION WOULD HAVE BEEN $4,500,000. AS IT WAS, BUILDING ACTIVITIES INCLUDED THREE PUBLIC AND 22 BUSINESS BUILDINGS, 19 WAREHOUSES, THREE SCHOOLS, 62 APARTMENTS AND SEVERAL HUNDRED RESIDENCES.

Banks have made remarkable gains in deposits and in total business transacted. The combined deposits on December 31 were $27,132,509.99. The total clearings for the year were $206,696,077.09, as against $151,244,833.69 for 1916, an increase for 1917 of $55,451,238.40, yet in 1916 there were 50,000 troops here over half the time. These figures certainly show more plainly than otherwise possible the great increase in business transactions in El Paso during the year just ended and refute the claims sometimes heard of a "slump in business" since the war declaration of last April 5.

Comparatively few people, even long time residents of El Paso, realize that El Paso is the cattle shipping center of the southwest. They do know there are several packing plants here, all doing thriving business, but do not know it is the headquarters for many brokerage businesses and that into the city and out of it are shipped thousands of head of cattle, sheep, hogs and horses annually.

LAST YEAR 7150 CARS OF LIVESTOCK WERE RECEIVED AT EL PASO STOCKYARDS. THE RECEIPTS TOTALED 250,000 CATTLE AND CALVES, 265,500 SHEEP AND GOATS, 18,500 HORSES AND MULES AND 20,000 HOGS, A TOTAL OF 554,000 HEAD.

Street paving kept progress with the expansion of the city. Thirty miles of streets were paved, making the total paved street mileage in the city 116.05. Thirty-two miles of paved road were built in the county, excluding the city.

The waterworks system was improved to the extent of $125,000 by extensions which give the city a water supply now of 11,000,000 gallons a day.

COMMENT ON THE GREAT DEVELOPMENT IN EL PASO CANNOT BE CONCLUDED WITHOUT MENTION OF THE FACT THAT, IN ADDITION TO ALL THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES, EL PASO PATRIOTIC CITIZENS RAISED $5,000,000 FOR WAR ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING LIBERTY BONDS, RED CROSS AND Y. M. C. A. FUNDS, AND AT EVERY CALL EXCEEDED THE QUOTA ALLOTTED TO THE CITY. IN SOME RESPECTS THIS IS TO BE CONSIDERED THE MOST ENVIABLE RECORD MADE DURING THE YEAR.

The trade territory surrounding El Paso has also shown great improvement. The exports to Mexico through the port of El Paso have increased $1,500,000 over last year. Mexico has made great strides in the past year, despite the obvious handicaps which the government of president Carranza is striving to remedy.

ARIZONA, IN A PERIOD OF UNEXAMPLED PROSPERITY, HAS PROVED A GREAT FIELD ITS PRODUCTION OF ABOUT 750,000,000 POUNDS OF COPPER IS THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT OF ITS KIND ANY STATE EVER MADE. ITS COTTON, CATTLE, HAY AND DAIRY PRODUCE BUSINESS HAS BEEN GREATER THAN EVER BEFORE AND ALL MERCANTILE LINES HAVE SHOWN GREAT STRENGTH FINANCIALLY.

The same general condition obtains in New Mexico, which never was in better financial shape, and where great progress has been made in agriculture, mining, the livestock industry and commerce.

West Texas is making fine progress, little disturbed by the drouth which has afflicted other parts of the state, and all towns in the region are making satisfactory growth. New buildings and residences have been erected, town lines pushed farther out, new railroads constructed or planned and nearly every county west of Fort Worth has voted bonds for state highway construction which will eventually link El Paso and Fort Worth and Dallas with a splendid automobile highway.

All this makes a record most gratifying. The pages of this edition give many more facts of immediate interest to every resident, actual or prospective, together with complete detail and elaborate illustrations. The whole edition is worth careful reading. Copies should be kept for reference until the next edition of its kind appears and other copies should be mailed to friends throughout the country. Whether they have been here or not, what they read will surprise them.

Shoe prices are soaring and the wearers are also up in the air.

"Coal shortage" is the alibi of all the janitors east of the Alleghenies.

The war department's red-tape worm is much worse than the hookworm.

The song "Over There" is said to have brought its composer $25,000, a high price entirely due to the war.

It's getting so a war materials factory hardly dares start up the machinery without first calling out the fire department.

A Chicago paper tells about telephone poles in Kansas being "uprooted." That certainly is a boost for the fertility of Kansas soil.

Austin has gone "over the top" with a vote for prohibition and El Paso is scrambling up the side of the trench to follow the good example.

Vienna said, after the French victory on the Italian front, that "reaction will come soon." Evidently a slip of the tongue. Vienna meant retreat, not reaction.

Our attitude toward military aviation has changed considerable since our eight machines were scrapped, one after another, between Columbus and Pershing's base in Mexico.

Many a boy in a dry state never has tasted, smelled or seen liquor. Wouldn't you vote for prohibition if you thought it might keep your boy from being a drunkard some day?

Here is a headline which appeared in The Herald recently: "Deming courts empty; no booze." That is a long speech on prohibition boiled down to five words and every word a fact.

Only two challenges to duels having come out of the last session of the chamber of deputies at Paris, it was a fairly quiet meeting, marked by the usual spirit of amity and unanimity of opinion.

If anyone calls Arizona an arid, unproductive state, put him on the right track. The state had 491,000 acres under cultivation last year and will increase the wheat acreage alone by 15,000 acres this year.

Those who attack senator Chamberlain's exposure of army deficiencies and administrative blunders are under the disadvantage of having to speak in generalities while Mr. Chamberlain apparently has the facts and figures.

Alfonso of Spain would be in less danger of overthrow if he didn't hold the mistaken notion that he has to sympathize with the central powers just because he's a Hapsburg. The kings of Belgium and Rumania are Hohenzollerns.

NOT YET - - - - By Hal Coffman

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Getting Rid of a Religious Zealot
Earnest Appeal to Houdini for Help

By K. C. B.

HARRY HOUDINI.
* * *
NEW YORK Hippodrome.
* * *
MY DEAR Harry.
* * *
I SEE in the papers.
* * *
THAT YOU'RE doing an act.
* * *
AT THE Hippodrome.
* * *
WITH AN elephant.
* * *
AND THAT the elephant.
* * *
IS RIGHT out there.
* * *
ON THE stage.
* * *
AND YOU'RE with it.
* * *
AND YOU wave your hands.
* * *
AND SAY "gazinia."
* * *
OR "A little heat, please."
* * *
OR SOMETHING.
* * *
AND RIGHT away.
* * *
THE ELEPHANT.
* * *
HAS DISAPPEARED.
* * *
AND THERE'S nothing there.
* * *
BUT WHEW! it was.
* * *
AND IT'S your trick.
* * *
AND I wouldn't ask you.
* * *
HOW YOU do it.
* * *
OR WHERE goes the elephant.
* * *
OR ANYTHING.
* * *
BECAUSE I don't care.
* * *
I EARN my living.
* * *
MY OWN way.
* * *
AND IF isn't my elephant.
* * *
ALTHOUGH I will say.
* * *
JUST IN passing.
* * *
THAT DESTROYING an elephant.
* * *
AT EVERY performance.
* * *
SEEMS AN awful waste of elephants.
* * *
BUT, ANYWAY.
* * *
NEVER MIND that.
* * *
WHAT I'M writing you for.
* * *
IS TO tell you.
* * *
THAT DOWN in El Paso.
* * *
I'VE MET a man.
* * *
WHO HAS so many degrees.
* * *
FROM UNIVERSITIES.
* * *
AND SO many letters.
* * *
AFTER HIS name.
* * *
THAT WHEN he sent in his card.
* * *
I THOUGHT at first.
* * *
IT WAS a sample card.
* * *
AND HE was selling type.
* * *
BUT HE wasn't.
* * *
HE WANTED to interest me.
* * *
IN A new religion.
* * *
OR SOMETHING.
* * *
AND WHATEVER it is.
* * *
I CAN'T understand it.
* * *
AND HE hasn't any r's.
* * *
IN HIS language.
* * *
AND HE talks so fast.
* * *
HE PIES all the lines.
* * *
AND HE'S coming back.
* * *
AND I can't stop him.
* * *
AND I wanted to ask you.
* * *
IF YOU could fix it.
* * *
TO COME to El Paso.
* * *
WITHOUT THE elephant.
* * *
AND USE him.
* * *
IN YOUR act.
* * *
I CAN get the ballroom.
* * *
OF THE TOLTEC club.
* * *
AND WHATEVER happens.
* * *
TO THE elephant.
* * *
CAN HAPPEN to him.
* * *
ALL I want you to do.
* * *
IS TO promise me.
* * *
HE'LL DISAPPEAR.
* * *
I THANK you.

THE VOTE. HOW SHALL IT BE?

By BENJAMIN FRANKLIN JENNESS.

A NATION faring forth to war. A child's first steps—no more—no less—
What greater need have both, than for the vantage of clear headedness?

The clash of empires, in strife; the brawny wrestler on the mat;
The surgeon's hand which guides the knife; the wisdom of the autocrat;

To what avail each word or deed; what comes of all their skill and pains
If their nerve impulses but lead to gin-soaked centers in their brains?

War has come; the silvery tongue of the speech maker is still.
The fate of a republic's hung upon the shoulders of our will.

We've sent our brothers and our sons to fight for liberty again,
Shall their slaughter at the guns go on, for lack of cash or brain?

They have but their life blood to give—they give it—and they question not.
Shall we, at home, let vices live, and throw our franchise to the sot?

The tills of war, well stuffed with gold, and intellect, must win the day.
But, by the gods! If we uphold the vote for booze—then we shall pay!

Drown your patriotism in the cup! But lay no claim to new renown;
For, faster than our flag goes up, the vote for rum can pull it down.

:: FACTS ABOUT OUR NAVY ::
Danger "Under the Gun."

By LIEUTENANT FITZHUGH GREEN, U. S. N.

HUMAN life doesn't mean much these days.

So people are saying. Of course they mean we are sacrificing tremendous numbers. But we are sacrificing for a tremendous object. If in the rush and tumult of battle men's senses numb to their peace time loathing for blood and pain and death it is only the temporary dullness of a natural instinct—the strongest instinct man has: to preserve first his own life, and then that of one nearest him.

Every battleship carries tons of explosive for her guns and mines and torpedoes. The deadly stuff is stowed in rooms called magazines, refrigerated to an unvarying temperature, ventilated to an outdoor freshness, and guarded prison like by bolts and dogs and heavy padlocks on thick steel doors.

In action or at target practice the doors are open. Not swung open, but permitting powder to be passed through holes covered by large brass flaps; brass because steel might make a spark; and flaps to prevent flame of explosion from shooting through and setting off the other powder.

Bags are passed or hoisted up by stages, each stage an enclosed space with flap doors leading in and out. A bag which has left the magazine finally reaches the pit or platform under the gun's great breech. Two men stand ready to seize and heave up the heavy burdens the moment "bore" has been reported clear—that is as soon as the opened breech permits the gun captain to find out if any burning particles are left in the gun.

Instantly up comes the next charge. The cumbersome bags are swung swiftly into the gun powderman's waiting arms. After four are up and in the breech is closed and the gun elevated. Since the loading shelf is made fast to the gun it comes down like the lowered end of the see-saw as outside the turret the gun muzzle goes up. It so happened in a certain type of mount that this steel shelf lowers to within a few inches of the deck below.

Jim Short, an old hand on the U. S. S. —— knew this all too well. Once he had nearly got caught under the heavy girder like an ant under a man's foot. He had plenty of nerve but the shiver he felt as he escaped by the breadth of a hair stayed with him.

Daly, the other pitman had been in the turret only a few weeks. His stocky build had caught the turret officer's eye, and though a green man he filled the important job alongside old Short.

"Whatever you do" Short warned the lad, "watch out when she's down atop us." He shook his close cropped head. "Jelly would be substantial stuff alongside what our baby would do for you if she caught you between shelf and deck!"

"But wouldn't the pointers hear me yell?" was Daly's illogical reply.

"No," said Short; "too much noise. If you're snagged it's a pretty safe bet you're gone."

Just then came "Stations for loading!" The men braced. At the whistle they leaped upon the gun like wildcats and loaded her as animals might tear flesh from the bones of their prey.

"Ready!" from the Gun Captain. He was wrong. Daly had slipped. His head struck. He lay stunned directly under the lowering steel shelf. Short sprang to drag him clear. It was too late. The sturdy seaman could only roll the body enough to delay the inevitable tragedy.

He screamed. Afterwards he didn't know he had even cried out. But the man below heard and thought it was time for the next charge. The bag shot up through the trap. Short pounced on it. He whirled and wedged it between shelf and deck. Daly was saved.

Two minutes the turret officer swore openly and with great earnestness. "Short," he snapped, "you've saved Daly's life. But do you know that the first safety precaution is not to expose a second charge before the first has been fired? Did you realize that you were jamming 90 pounds of powder against a hot and sparking motor? Do you know if that bag should go we'd all go? Do you know that the turret and most likely the ship would go—about a mile high? Flaps don't always work. . . ."

"Short nodded without answering. Then, "I know now," said he, "that in the hundreth part of a second I saw happen everything you say might happen—saw it happen. But I had to save Daly." He could hardly speak. "I don't know why, but I had to."

It's true. Men will give their lives for others. But first of all men will give the lives of others for the life of the man nearest.

Believe me, you would too. . . . unless. . . . We're working to build up the character of that unless. . . .

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Nearly 1480 deaths have occurred in the armies of the United States with the largest percentage in the national guard.

Little Interviews
El Paso Woman Writes a Clever Story; Readers Like War Resident Claims Rents Are Exorbitant; Burden on People

"WAR fiction and informative books about war and military subjects have apparently a monopoly on the book market at present," said Jasper Wooldridge. "There seems to be a great interest in such subjects at present, showing that people are very anxious to read about everything connected with the war, whether in story form, essays or books of information. Lighter fiction and problem novels are not selling much at present. While there is a demand for 'westerns,' the war fiction takes the lead. Occasionally an El Paso author gets in the magazines. A clever story by Mrs. Kathleen Worrell, wife of dean S. H. Worrell, of the school of mines, in a February magazine, is the latest piece of El Paso made fiction to appear."

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"The rents in this city are exorbitant and they pave the way to all kinds of evils," said Peter Farrar. "I have known many cities, and have seen the light housekeeping suits in many, and I believe that El Paso is among those which charge the most and give the least. It seems to me that the chamber of commerce ought to do something about it. In a time of real estate business depression, when the high prices for food and clothing and other essentials are a drain on the people, something ought to be done to keep the rents, at least, reasonable if the city is expected to grow."

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"There has been a great change in the pro-German sentiment in the states of North Dakota, Wisconsin and Minnesota," said 'Cyclone' Davis. "I spent some months lecturing in chautauquas in these states on the meaning of the war, and I have found a great change of opinion. It was said at one time that these states would have been provinces of Germany were they not surrounded by the states, but an understanding of the war has made a great difference. One German in a Dakota town said to me after the lecture: 'Mr. Davis, I have never allowed my son to raise an American flag over our store, but after hearing your lecture today, I said to him to raise the flag and if need be shoulder a rifle and go to the front. The trouble war, Mr. Davis, that I have been reading papers printed in German and only read what they wanted me to read.' The Germany of today is far from the Germany of a few years ago, and the people have been browbeaten into submission to the German autocracy."

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"In the courthouse several notices adorn the walls of the entrance hall which are intended to call the attention of passersby to the facilities afforded by El Paso's night schools," said L. D. Barton. "One of these refers to draftsmanship, and speaks of it is a business or profession presenting an excellent opening for women, as the work is light and the demand for draftsmen for exceeding the supply. Which moves me to say that now is the time, now as never before, for the woman who does not care for domestic life, to get into the field. Thousands of women are going to be employed in positions hitherto filled by men during this war, and afterward. But the 'afterward' will prove substantial only for those women who through capacity and preparation are able to stand the competition that is likely to ensue."

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"I don't see why it is that people who drive automobiles find it so difficult, apparently, to keep from running down pedestrians," said Dr. John Hardy, police surgeon. "Apart from being drunk, and at such times a person ought not to be driving a car, there is no excuse for such recklessness in driving."

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"I think the unusually good health conditions that have prevailed this year have justified our efforts in the elimination of unsanitary premises and disease carrying animals and humans," said Dr. Hugh R. White, city health officer. "but there is still work to be done before our complete aims are realized. This new work lies principally in cheap lodging houses where ventilation is poor and where the remedy will entail considerabse expense. There are two or three places where cheap beds have been placed in rooms that were intended for store rooms. The only thing to do is to force the owner to put in sky light ventilators.

"We have not seen any indication of typhus or any other disease that might spread to an epidemic for three months. We are steadily cleaning up all remaining unsanitary community houses in the Mexican quarters, and the owners of them are being forced to replace condemned buildings with sanitary houses. The whole city has been vaccinated and daily health reports give us a lot of encouragement."

Abe Martin

Miss Fawn Lippincut went t' Morgantown wheatless day o' this week t' remain until the second meatless day in February. Speakin' o' shoes, how'd

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The Young Lady Across The Way

The young lady across the way says she supposes in times like these it's all right to husband one's resources but she certainly thinks that ordinarily the wife ought to have a good generous nilowance.

For the first time in the history of American Methodism, the average salary of the Methodist preacher is now more than $1000.

Japanese girls are now making their living by work formerly done exclusively by men.

Short Sermons for Stay at Homes

By REV. JOHN M. JACKSON,
Pastor First Methodist Church.

Text, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work."—Jesus.

DO NOT fret about the troubles of others—there are no "others."

Do not fret about your own, understand them. If you did not need them you would not have them.

For there are but three possible ways that the universe may exist: either, it is a concourse of accidents—if so, you ought to catch each fleeting pleasure as it comes; or, there is a ruling principle, a something, that wishes to torture you—in that case, to seize upon every gratification you may, and steel yourself against pain, is still the wisest way; or, there is a spirit at work in things, a consciousness that works them all wisely together, that moves ever toward a better realization for every intelligence, and a wider circle of joy.

Can you doubt the existence and the activity of such a spirit in all things, even in yourself? It is not the truth of existence that, "In the end it will come out right." It is all right now. Even now, it is yours to find, and joyfully take, the way of the spirit.

Short Snatches From Everywhere

There is to be a conference in Washington on the income tax. What is needed is a conference of Philadelphia lawyers.—New York Herald.

As a general thing, when a girl has a brother and a sweetheart in the army she lets mother knit for brother.—Dallas News.

About the only difference between the czar's autocracy and that of the Bolsheviki is that the latter's whiskers are far less cultivated.—Galveston News.

What has become of the kaiser's good old fashioned idea of an independent Poland, to be governed by a hand-picked German? Maybe he lost it while thinking about no annexations, no indemnities.—Waco News.

A Russian rises to remark that the Bolshevik movement is "the first real social revolution." And the world will hope, seeing its results, it will be the last.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Mr. Fairbanks has always been enthusiastic for woman suffrage, as he truly observes, but not indecorously so.—Indianapolis Star.

TWO KILLED NEAR BELLS, TEXAS.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 26—Two men were killed and a number of others injured when the "Texas Special," fast Missouri, Kansas and Texas passenger train between Fort Worth and Kansas City, went into the ditch last night near Bells, Texas. The dead are engineer Blair, Denison, Texas, and J. J. Trilling, special representative of the superintendent of telegraph.

Uncle Walt's Denatured Poem.

Human Nature

WE'RE built in such peculiar style that unmixed joy we cannot know; behind the widest, gladdest smile there always is some hint of woe. Last night I sat before the fire, with every cause why I should laugh; I'd done my week's work on my lyre, and earned eight dollars and a half ($8.50). My health was good, my bills were paid, no man could say I owed him coin, and in my larder there was laid an ample stock of tenderloin. I've stovewood piled in stately ricks, and coal was in the basement bins; then why, you ask, O gentle hicks, was there sadness in my grins? A bitter wind swept o'er the moor, I heard it howl, the long night through, and heard the wailing of the poor in every freezing blast that blew. So I felt guilty as I sat in comfort in my inglenook, and fed tobacco to the cat, or turned the pages of a book. My conscience prods me all the time, whenever I'd enjoy a repose, accuses me of sin and crime, and pulls my hair and twists my nose. I crank my car to take a jaunt, and conscience says I'm doing wrong, and talks of fellow men in want who wearily must trudge along. Pure happiness was not decreed, I am convinced, for mortal man; but, as we to the grave proceed, let's be as happy as we can.

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