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THE BELEN NEWS

AND THE VALENCIA STANDARD

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JOIN THE RED CROSS NOW

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Official Paper of Valencia County

Dangerous Explosives to be stored at Fort Wingate, New Mexico

FORT WINGATE, N. M., is to become the storage depot for enough explosives to blow up the world, according to a report received here and believed to be authentic.

Dispatches from Washington recently said that arrangements were being made to remove T. N. T. and other deadly explosives from New England and other thickly populated sections to "some point in New Mexico" for storage. It is now said that Fort Wingate, which is an isolated, abandoned army post, is to be used as explosives depot. Fort Wingate is not far from Gallup, out in the piney woods, and is described as a very picturesque location.

Seigfried Kahn, the live-wire of the famous Kahn stores at Albuquerque, Gallup and Belen is a visitor here. Mr. Kahn is a very prominent merchant in Western New Mex. Albert Kahn very favorably known in business circles, is also here.

Million British

Killed or Died.

IT IS OFFICIALLY announced that during the war the forces of Great Britain actually lost nearly 1,000,000 men killed or dead through various causes.

Recently it was stated that the British losses totaled 658,740, but this number did not take into consideration men who were missing, men who actually lost their lives, but of whom there is no trace, nor did it account for men who died at the front from sickness.

Germany Sending Appeal

Through Freed Prisoners

BRITISH civilian prisoners arriving from Ruhleben, Germany, say when they were leaving the prison camp there a long written document was handed them by the Germans appealing to them to intercede with the British people in behalf of the people of Germany, "who have freed themselves from the chains of a barbarous system," and not to hold the Germans responsible for the deeds of their former autocratic rulers, "who are now utterly powerless."

Railroads May Retain Women.

WOMEN railroad employees, about 100,000 in number, who were added to the pay-roll on account of the War, mainly as clerks and stenographers, probably will be retained permanently, it was said at headquarters of the railroad administration.

Specific action in this regard will be left to individual railroads, but administration officials, who have made a survey of the employment system, believe the demand for labor during the readjustment period will be so great that it will be not only desirable, but necessary to retain the women employees.

Governors to Consider

After the War Problems

RECONSTRUCTION problems will be considered at the annual conference of governors of the different states, which has been called to meet at Annapolis, Md., Dec. 16, 17 and 18. Gov. William Spry, of Utah, chairman of the conference, issued the call for the meetings and it is expected that nearly every state in the union will be represented.

The Public Health in Peace and War

UP TO DATE New Mexico mourns the loss of 358 of her sons who have died on the field of battle, or from wounds or disease while fighting for the cause of democracy against the forces of the "Beast of Berlin."

We were at war from April, 1917 to October, 1918 inclusive, a period of nineteen months. Basing our calculations on the estimates of the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor of the Federal Government in the absence of actual figures in as much as New Mexico has no reliable records of vital statistics, there were 2018 helpless little children between birth and five years of age died in New Mexico during the same period, most of them of preventable disease.

War is a terrible thing but the difference that permits the death of 1275 innocent little ones annually in a state with so small a population as New Mexico is still more appalling.

While tuberculosis in the United States generally is said to be slightly on the decrease, it is known to on the increase in this state, especially among the native people. The fact that of the first 200 New Mexicans discharged from the army camps on account of tuberculosis, 99 have names indicating them to be of Spanish origin, places it beyond doubt that this dreaded disease is very prevalent among our Spanish-American population.

It is a matter of record that the death rate from tuberculosis among the Indians in New Mexico is over twice that of the average in the Registration Area and that disease is estimated to over 800 deaths (not migratory healthseekers) annually in our State.

Probably we will never know the extent of the toll taken from our citizens during the influenza epidemic, but records compiled by Surgeon John W. Kerr of the United States Public Health Service during the time he was in the State showed upwards of 20,000 cases and over 2,000 deaths. Dr. Kerr estimated that up to the time he left the state late in November there had been at least 50,000 cases and a proportionate number of deaths. In many cases entire families and in some cases small communities were completely wiped out.

Concerning the prevalence of disease in general throughout the state, the case of a small settlement in Valencia County may be cited as typical of many of the less enlightened communities. Among this small group of people who today number about 200 souls all told, 100 cases of small pox occurred in 1914. In 1915 they had an epidemic of diptheria of over 100 cases. Since 1913, this little place has lost 120 of her citizens, 31 of them this year.

Disease is not a pleasant thing to contemplate and interest in it must be regarded as being to some extent morbid; unless it has as its ultimate object either cure or prevention.

Let anyone who doubts the need in New Mexico of an adequate State Department of Health look about him and see the enormous economic loss caused thru the sickness and premature death, not only of those who come here to seek the benefits of our climate, but of those near and dear to him among our people. How many relatives and friends who helped to make life pleasant and profitable, have been taken away, or reduced perhaps to mere burdens of sickness and disease.

Thousands of years ago, Solomon said, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Will not our legislators give heed to this situation?

Emil Kaufman, manager of the Kahn store, at Belen, was an Albuquerque visitor this week. Mr. Kaufman stands very high as a conservative, reliable business man.

Over 1,500,000 Prisoners

Already Freed by Huns

MORE than a million and a half prisoners of various nationalities have been released by the Germans, according to estimates based upon reports received by the American third Army.

Of this number 250,000 will pass through the American lines and will be fed by the Americans.

Notable Establishment

The John Becker Co.

WE CAN RECALL to mind no town in the Southwest which can boast of a department store which is in the same class as the John Becker Co.

A very large brick building, the architectural construction of which is a model of beauty and convenience, centrally located and fire protection the best, it is indeed an establishment of which the people of Belen may well feel a pride.

This commodious house carries everything which can be secured in a large department store—in fact everything to eat and to wear for men, women and children.

Complete indeed and positively up-to-date is their line of ready-to-wear coats and suits, for ladies, clothing and gents furnishing goods, hats, caps, shoes, notions, dry goods, hardware, groceries, and a specially selected line of Christmas goods.

John Becker Jr., and Paul B. Dalies, managers of this great store are experienced business men who give special attention to every detail; business moves like clock work.

Can Extradite Former Kaiser

WILLIAM HOHENZOLLERN can be extradited, in the opinion of professor Bartholomy, of the Paris law faculty, who explains that his guiding principle is that when there is an apparent conflict between law and common sense, the solution is always found by following the latter.

The theory that a political crime is any crime inspired by purely political motives, the professor declares, has long been abandoned. He notes that Belgium, in 1856, classed regicides among common law criminal. Crimes such as the assassination of president Carnot, of France, and king Humbert, of Italy, were inspired by political motives, he points out, and yet the authors of them were executed.

The atrocities ordered by former emperor William, the professor continues, are condemned, even in a state of war, by international law and constitute common law crimes. To maintain that they are not, because the object for which they were committed was political, is, he argues, an absurdity.

Hon. E. M. Otero was a Santa Fe visitor a few days since. Mr. Otero is not a politician in any sense of that term, but he always is in the front rank in the active support of the Republican ticket. He was a material factor in the success of the state and county ticket at the last election.

Dr. Jno. A. M. Zeigler, for several years pastor of the Lutheran Church in Belen, has removed to Southern California.

Simon Neustadt, a prominent merchant of Los Lunas, was in Albuquerque several days last week.

Mrs. John Becker Jr., the accomplished wife of John Becker Jr., vice president of the First National Bank, was an Albuquerque visitor last week.

Max Kaufman, a very favorably known business man of Belen, was down at El Paso several days last week.

H. Emory Davis, the efficient manager of the Huning & Connell store at Los Lunas, was in Albuquerque last week.

Hon. Geo. B. Schwabe, a very prominent attorney of Nowata, Oklahoma, and a cousin of Mrs. F. C. H. Livingston, was a visitor in Belen a few days since. Mr. Schwabe is also a leading oil operator. He was elected a Republican member of the legislature at the recent election.

Nelson Buckland, a leading business man of Western New Mexico and senior member of the firm of Buckland Bros. druggists, Belen, has about recovered entirely from a severe attack of the flu.

For Sale Or Trade

BLACKSMITH SHOP AND ALL NECESSARY TOOLS. Garage in connection. Good Residence, 4 Rooms; Four acres in lots, well improved.

WELL, WINDMILL AND CISTERN.

Stock of shelf hardware. Total cost about \$3,900, will take \$2,900; will trade for property or stock in Belen.

C. H. GUNN, fireman, Belen, N. M.

Peace Brings Us New Mouths to Feed



First National Bank

BELEN, N. M.

DEPARTMENTS MAINTAINED
Commercial Savings
Safe Deposit

LEGAL

Last Will and Testament of Desiderio Sanchez, Deceased. To Whom it may concern:

You are hereby notified that the alleged last will and testament of Desiderio Sanchez, deceased, late of the County of Valencia and State of New Mexico, was produced and read in the Probate Court of the County of Valencia, and State of New Mexico, on the 11th, day of November, 1918, and the day for the proving of said alleged last will and testament was thereupon fixed the first day of January A. D. 1919, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day.

Given under my hand and the seal of this court this 11th, day of November A. D. 1918.

[Seal] J. M. Luna
County Clerk.
Dec. 5. 4 T.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, IN THE PROBATE COURT VALENCIA COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of Max Paul Kempenich, deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given, by the undersigned administrator of the estate of Max Paul Kempenich, deceased, that I, Eugene Kempenich was on the 4th, day of November, 1918, duly appointed administrator of the estate of Max Paul Kempenich by the Probate Court of Valencia County, State of New Mexico.

All persons having claims against said estate or against said decedent are hereby required to present the same for settlement to the undersigned, within the time required by law.

Eugene Kempenich
Administrator. Post
Office address is Peralta, N. M.
Dec. 5. 4 T.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, IN THE PROBATE COURT VALENCIA COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of Andres A. Romero, deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administratrix of the estate of Andres A. Romero, deceased, that I, Isabel Baca de Romero was on the 11th, day of November, 1918, duly appointed

administratrix of the estate of Andres A. Romero, by the Probate Court of Valencia County, State of New Mexico.

All persons having claims against said estate or against said decedent are hereby required to present the same for settlement to the undersigned, within the time required by law.

Isabel Baca de Romero
Administratrix, P. O. Address is Los Lunas, N. M.

Dec. 5. 4 T.

To Whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, was on the 11th, day of November, 1918, by the Honorable Probate Court, duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Marie Didier, deceased, and has been duly qualified as such, therefore, all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby requested to present the same to me, and those who are indebted to the estate are likewise, requested to settle the same within the time and in the manner provided by law.

Given at Belen, N. M., this 4th day of December, A. D. 1918.

Mrs. Mercedes Taylor,
Administratrix, Belen, N. M.
Dec. 5. 4 T.

To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, was on the 11th day of November, 1918, by the honorable Probate Court, duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Etienne Disier, deceased, and has been duly qualified as such, therefore, all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby requested to present the same to me, and those who are indebted to the estate are likewise, requested to settle the same within the time and in the manner provided by law.

Given at Belen, N. M., this 4th day of November, A. D. 1918.

Mrs. Mercedes Taylor
Administratrix, Belen, N. M.
Dec. 5. 4 T.

To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, was on the 11th day of November, 1918, by the Honorable Probate Court, duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Juan Cordova y Sanchez, deceased, and has been duly qualified as such, therefore, all persons having claims against

said estate, are hereby requested to present the same to me, and those who are indebted to the estate are likewise, requested to settle the same within the time and in the manner provided by law.

Given at Belen, N. M., this 4th day of November, A. D. 1918.
Suelma Chavez de Cordova,
Administratrix, Belen, N. M.

Dec. 5. 4 T.

America's Pledge to the Allies When Their Lines Were Breaking

America will send the food, whatever needs for victory. They believed, they stood fast and with our men they carried on—to victory.

THE TEST NOW FULFILLED.

This government is nothing more than the expression of the people, and if we are to win the war it will be only because every man, woman and child charges himself daily and hourly with the test, Does this or that contribute to win the war?—Herbert Hoover, April 18, 1918.

With the solemn obligation of providing that "margin" of food that would safeguard against starvation our friends in Europe the housewife and the consumer have learned hitherto to ignore and unsuspected things about food, have absorbed a whole "college education" in food values, food handling, buying and substituting that they will not want to forget.

Our voluntary food-saving not only saved the Allies and made vital contribution to the winning of the war, but saved to ourselves in administration expenses the outlay out of our own pockets that any effective system of rationing would have extracted. It would have cost us about \$45,000,000 to have policed ourselves as against the 2 cents per capita for co-operating.

By saving and sharing America kept the world together during the war crisis. By saving and sharing America will help to bring the healing of nations.

A Memorable Achievement of the Titanic Struggle

America saved and sent to Europe in a year of crop failure 141,000,000 bushels of wheat, which saved Europe.

+ A GERMAN HOPE DISPROVED +
+ AND +
+ A GERMAN FEAR CONFIRMED +
+ A statement made by a prominent German official soon after this country was declared in a state of war with Germany shows that even in the enemy country clear thinking students did not undervalue the strength of the American republic. Only in his confidence that we could not land in Europe sufficient troops to affect the final decision was this German mistaken. +
+ "I do not fear the American soldiers," he told a high official of our government, "because they cannot arrive in time. What I fear is the intelligence and devotion of one hundred million original minds and people trained to a faith in individual initiative. The day that these people, now so materialistic in outward appearance, are stirred spiritually, that day is the day of Germany's doom." +
+*****

Save food

Who shares in the struggle Will share in the triumph

America's food Saving saves starving people



Belen, N. M.

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