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The Evening Current

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CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO, THURSDAY, DEC. 13, 1917.

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DELAY IS CAUSE FOR INQUIRY BY U. S. SENATORS

Major General Crozier Explains Poor Equipment of American Soldiers in France.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 13.—Demands for a specific explanation of delays in supplying arms and artillery to the nation's fighting forces were made by the Senate Military Affairs Committee. Members of this committee gave a cross-examination to Major General Crozier, Chief of Ordnance. "In your statement yesterday," said Chamberlain, "you were disposed to place the responsibility for the delay on Congress and the labor situation, although your first appropriation was made in June, nineteen-sixteen, and some of your appropriations were still unexpended when war was declared." "War was declared in April," Hitchcock interjected. "When did the work actually begin for equipping the army? The President was granted an emergency fund of a hundred million dollars. Why wasn't that used if we were at war? Why didn't we go to war?

20 DEGREES BELOW ZERO.

By Associated Press. Sioux City, Dec. 13.—The temperature has fallen to 20 degrees below zero, which establishes a new record here.

Labor Unions Giving Trouble.

By Associated Press. St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 13.—After a continuous executive session lasting from ten p. m. yesterday until five this morning, the labor leaders of St. Paul and Minneapolis announced all unions will cut work out of sympathy for the striking trainmen. The Twin City Transit Company expected a general tie-up of industrial activities in St. Paul and Minneapolis, as well as the northwest would result.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 13. Lawson, Secretary of the Minnesota Federation of Labor wired the leaders at St. Paul to call off the strike pending investigation by the President's commission.

Robert Aubron, chief clerk for Roadmaster Keen, returned yesterday from a visit with his cousin, R. E. Johns, of Amarillo.

ITALIANS JUBILANT AT U. S. WAR DECLARATION.

Uncle Sam Is Welcomed on Italy's Side in World War.

By Associated Press. Rome, Italy, Dec. 13.—There was a great demonstration in parliament when the Premier mentioned the American declaration of war on Austria-Hungary. The whole house rose and were joined by the public in the galleries, crying "Viva America!" "Viva Wilson."

Fighting Is Active.

Paris, Dec. 13.—Active artillery fighting is in progress along the whole front, the war office has announced.

Gains of \$20,400,000 in gold reserve and \$21,900,000 in total cash reserve, together with increases of \$54,200,000 in investments and of \$31,800,000 in net deposits, were indicated by the weekly bank statements issued by the Federal Reserve Board at the close of business on November 23, 1917.

CIVIL WAR RAGES IN INTERIOR OF RUSSIAN NATION

Bolsheviki and Korniloff Forces Send Contradictory Reports—Both Claim Victory.

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 13. A battle has occurred near Bieloje Rodin, in Southern Russia, between the Bolsheviki forces and troops under Korniloff, but the outcome has not yet been established and Petrograd advices are conflicting. However, the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Mail reports that Korniloff has been defeated and wounded and that his capture is expected. A dispatch from representative posts denies the reported Bolsheviki victory and says that Korniloff has routed his opponents and will soon join General Kaledines at Tcherkask.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barber Coming

Mr. and Mrs. John Barber are expected to spend Christmas at the home of his sister, Mrs. Rom Holt. The exact date of their arrival has not been learned.

THRIFT

is of the utmost value to any nation or its people, and this is an opportune time to acquire the habit.

BEGIN NOW BY JOINING OUR CHRISTMAS BANKING CLUB

Starts December 18th.

The First National Bank

Why is it in the ninth month of war that we find our men without clothing and equipment or ordnance? Why do you men over there have to use French artillery?" Major General Crozier replied that the work to secure ordnance was begun before the war was declared. He said the first step was to prepare estimates of the appropriation. "Why should that have taken a great length of time?" asked Senator Chamberlain. Major General Crozier replied, "The delay was a necessary accompaniment of our method of government, which require much checking and responsibility."

Major General Blames Baker.

Major General Crozier declared the responsibility for the delay in getting machine guns lay personally with Secretary of War Baker, who took charge of the tests between the different types of guns. Because of a machine gun shortage Crozier testified that foreign guns were furnished to the American troops abroad, and to the troops in training at home Crozier said the war department selected a machine gun known as the Browning, which has been exhaustively tested but never has had a field trial. It is now being manufactured, but none have been delivered and none are expected before April.

LABOR COMMISSION WILL ATTEMPT TO SETTLE STRIKE.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 13.—After consulting the President, Secretary of War Baker telegraphed the presidents of the labor commission now in the west to stop in Minnesota to take up a settlement of the strike.

A. L. Thompson, bank examiner, came down from Lakewood, yesterday, with Mr. Selmeier, and will be here over Sunday.

GROW WITH US AS WE ARE GROWING

OUR AIM is to make this bank helpful to all our depositors in matters financial.

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Federal Reserve Bank
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T. C. Horn
J. A. Lusk
Carl B. Livingston

22 Cars Calves Shipped Out.

The Stubbs & Lee Cattle Co. is shipping from Avalon stock pens twenty-two cars of calves tomorrow.

E. L. Humphery and family, of Dayton, were over-night guests in Carlsbad.

J. W. Tulk Has Good Range.

J. W. Tulk returned this week from the ranch, leaving Millard to keep things moving. Mr. Tulk thinks they will have sufficient range for their stock and will not have any heavy losses this winter.

John Windham returned last night from a ten-days' visit with his mother and sister in Odessa, Texas. John found his sleeves rolled up and ready for work this morning at his old place at Weaver's garage.

Recruiting Officer Here.

Jack Stroud, army recruiting officer, is here, and will accept applicants for the Army. See him at the Bates.

Rev. S. E. Allison spent the time between trains last night with Rev. George H. Givan and family and also conducted prayer service at the Methodist Church. He had been in Odessa and Pecos for several days looking after the interest of the Roswell district.

WHY RUN THE RISK

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RUSSIA, A VICTIM.

The people of Russia are paying a costly price in blood and suffering for their stupidity in listening to the soft whisperings and false promises coming from the cunning and unprincipled German diplomat. The world does not doubt but that Russia is blundering beyond any thing in its history, the result of ignorance of the masses of her rulers. Rumania is compelled by reason of her isolated position from her allies to agree to the armistice now in effect along the fronts in that section, and not because of disloyalty to the allied nations. Since the war began, the Russian army has been protecting the Rumanian's flank, and since this protection is removed her army was in line to be captured by her traitorous enemies, the Russians. However, in Russia, democracy has found too much favor to be content to be stamped out by one set of men, even for a moment. We find the Cossacks true and preparing to fight to oust Bolshevik rule. The Cossack forces are concentrating rapidly, with an army now of over four hundred thousand men. What does this news appearing in yesterday's Current mean? Unless something occurs to offset the present logical conclusion, it means civil war in Russia, with its bloodshed and horrid frightfulness; it means that Russia will probably never be able to be of any help to the allies or to the Germans. A suggestion was made that the United States send an army over in Russia to organize the forces helping democracy. That might be the one means by which the Russian nation may recover her fighting power. And if it is, we may trust our military leaders to do so.

WHY WE FIGHT.

"You are called into this great service of your country not only for the purpose of maintaining the ideals for which America has always stood—democracy and freedom, and to keep the torch of Liberty burning throughout the world—but also for this more immediate object, the protection of our national rights and the democratic institutions handed down to us as the result of the valor and blood of our ancestors. Those are the things for which you fight."

From Secretary McAdoo's Address to Men of the National Army

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Selmeier and little daughter from Lakewood were here yesterday. Mr. Selmeier is interested in the banking business in that thriving little city.

Meet your friends at Dick's every convenience.

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FUNERAL SERVICES OF MISS CORENE WELDON.

Funeral services of Miss Corene Weldon were held at the Carlsbad cemetery this morning at ten o'clock. Many friends of the family accompanied the flower laden casket to its last resting place. Her classmates and teacher attended in a body. Rev. D. F. Sellards conducted the services, and selected a very impressive text from Luke the VIII. He called special attention to the "Restoring of Jairus' daughter." In his comforting and pleasing sermon he referred to the "Reaper," by Longfellow.

"A mother gave in tears and pain
The flower of her greatest love,"
and assured her —

"She should find them all again
In the garden of light above."

Mesdames Purdy, Smith and Kirkpatrick led the song service. The pall bearers were selected from her girl friends about her age and size, and the honorary pall bearers were six classmates. Every thing was beautifully arranged, and in keeping with the lovely young life that had gone from us, and reminded us of the fact that "The young may die."

Sandwiches, Coffee, and Chocolates, at Dick's Fountain.

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ARE SUITABLE FOR EVERY MEMBER
OF YOUR FAMILY, ANY RELATIVE OR
FRIEND OF ANY AGE.

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DON'T WAIT—SHOP EARLY.

Yours for Service,

The Public Utilities Co.

SEE ELECTRICAL THINGS FIRST.

LOCAL NEWS

As the season for irrigating closes, the two reservoirs at McMillan and Avalon are storing water. They hope to be well supplied with water by the time the season opens again.

Miss Josephine Camp, of Lakewood and her mother are Hotel Bates' guests, arriving at noon.

C. C. Lewis has been very ill for a number of days this week with erysipelas on his face. However, he is reported out of danger now.

Come over to the Carlsbad Bakery and see what a nice, clean little bakery we have.

LOST—Between Weaver's garage and the stock yards, one Presto-Lite tank, motor size. Finder please return to Weaver's garage.

The Scouts, Saturday at two-thirty in the afternoon, will conduct a practice drill on the lawn of the Presbyterian church. The interest has come as an appeal from the troop and will be in charge of James Welpton. The arrangement will be the program for the week. The patrols have been reorganized in the order of Scout record, and altogether they count thirty-six members. As the boys generally are in line they will form a good company.

Chocolate Shop Caudies in Redwood Boxes, at Dick's.

Collin Gerrells made a trip to the ranch yesterday to bring Mrs. Thayer and the surveyor, Nymeyer, home.

Clarence Bell and J. Frank Joyce journeyed to Roswell the first of the week, and Mr. Joyce has returned, but Mr. Bell is detained with court duties and may return today.

Mrs. Reagan Middleton Better. Mrs. Reagan Middleton, who has been quite ill since Thanksgiving, at her parents' home. Mr. and Mrs. Tulk, is recovering nicely, being strong enough to sit up yesterday for the first time.

Fruit Cake, 30c a pound, at the Carlsbad Bakery.

Mrs. George Fredericks, who has suffered so many weeks with rheumatism, is up and around, and her many friends trust she will continue to improve.

Les and Frank James are in from the ranch this week, leaving Chas. to keep things moving.

Presbyterian Church.
The sermon with morning worship in the Presbyterian church next Sunday will recognize Red Cross Day and will utilize the parable of the Good Samaritan. In the evening there will be the closing number of the series of talks on the Protestant Reformation and will deal with the Counter Reformation. An Honor Roll has been prepared for the church and put into place. It contains the names of twelve boys from the congregation in the army and navy and receives due attention.

Follow the crowd to Dick's for Hot or Cold Drinks.

Largest stock of
WALL PAPER
Ever shown in Carlsbad.
MORITZ & NELSON
Phone 285.

John R. Means and John R. Plowman came in last night from Oklahoma, where they went with two cars of horses. They report good prices and a fine country. While there Mr. Means visited his brother, W. W. Means, and family who visited here last year. John R. is continuing his journey to Hope, where he will feel very much at home, and he expects to get there tonight, if the Ford can travel fast enough.

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 13.—That drafted men now in training camps or drafted men awaiting their call can be transferred to the Forest Regiment, is announced by the District Forester. To be transferred, the applicant must be skilled in some branch of logging or sawmill work. These battalions are a part of the 20th Engineers, which will, when completed, contain 15,000 men and will be the largest regiment of any kind in the world.

Two hundred thousand men of draft age have been rejected by the examining boards throughout the United States on account of active tuberculosis. We may yet have to raise an army of ten million men. Can you conceive of the amount of tuberculosis this will reveal? These men must be educated as to how to take care of themselves. That will be the gigantic task of the Red Cross Seal.

WANTED:—One platform scale; must be accurate.
Carlsbad Light & Power Co.

Miss Olga Clark, milliner, with the Joyce-Fruit Co., this season, left Monday night for her home in Chicago, Ill. Miss Clark has made for herself many friends in this vicinity, who will be pleased to know she will return in the spring.

The dining room at the Crawford opens, 6 p. m., Thursday, this week.

Joe Worthem, of the Boston Store, bought the Parr residence and moved from the Jolly property, where they had been living, on Tuesday. Victor L. Minter now occupies the Jolly residence, having moved his family there yesterday.

The Senior Class is reminding its friends that it is staging a play for tonight. Their parading is a good reminder.

Ural Boyd Leaves for Army.
Ural Boyd left this morning for El Paso, where he will apply as bookkeeper for the quartermaster's division of the army. Ural has had a number of years' experience as salesman with A. G. Shelby company's grocery, and with other merchants, and is well adapted to the work of keeping tab on various items. With his going Carlsbad sends another of her boys to the front.

CITIZENS' MASS MEETING.
A mass meeting of the citizens for the Eddy County Hospital day, Dec. 28th, at 3 p. m., at the Carlsbad Commercial Club rooms, for the purpose of electing directors for the Eddy County Hospital Association.

Bob Hunsick returned yesterday from a trip to Lovington.

WOODMEN MEET.
Thursday night at the I. O. O. F. hall, the Woodmen will hold a special meeting and elect officers for the coming year and initiate a big class. All Woodmen are asked to attend and enjoy the refreshments and see the boys ride the goat.
A. R. O'QUINN,
Council Commander.

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Star Pharmacy.

Carey Thomas was a guest of the Batea leaving for Toyah, Tex., this morning, where he owns extensive ranching interests. He reports dry weather in that section.

Lige Merchant is expected home today from an extended trip to Washington, D. C.

The greatest wound in the bleeding side of France today is tuberculosis. The Red Cross Seal is the only thing that stands between America and tuberculosis today.

Signs of the times:—Holly, Mistletoe and Red Cross Seals.

Er. Gilbert was operated on last Monday at the Sister's hospital for a cyst. He is sitting up and doing fine.

Johnnie Hewitt, Earnest Kinman, and Sam Batton were passengers south to El Paso, this morning, where they will enlist as volunteers for the army as birdmen and machinist.

Bob Hamblin leaves tonight for Roswell as a witness in the Seeger case.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carter and family, of Ardenia, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Les Bates for the day.

REMEMBER THE KIDDIES
LIKE CANDY
AS WELL AS YOU.
The SWEET SHOP

If the war should end today, France would still stagger under the burden of 500,000 of her people suffering from tuberculosis. Two hundred thousand of her soldiers have been released from the service on account of active tuberculosis. The Red Cross Seal is actively campaigning to save the United States from a similar fate.

Why not send your soldier boy a Xmas present that he will always value above all others? Send him a diamond stick pin. See the large selection at
SELLERS JEWELRY CO.

John R. Plowman and wife are up from Malaga today. Mr. Plowman is looking after business and Mrs. Plowman is visiting the shops doing her Christmas trading.

W. Blackwell and wife were passengers south to their home in El Paso, this morning. They are planning an auto trip through this section of the country in the near future and will probably spend a few weeks here.

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Mrs. Martha Livingston and niece, Miss Myrtle Ward, also Mrs. Cooke, motored to the M. L. ranch and spent a few days the first of the week. This was Mrs. Livingston's first long trip since her illness. She stood the trip fine. Miss Ward managed the wheel and they made the trip without any trouble.

Mrs. J. L. Williams and sister, Mrs. W. L. Gerlach, of Malaga, were in town today, doing their Christmas shopping.

Mrs. R. C. Dow had for her guests yesterday Miss Mona Heard and Mrs. Carl Livingston. The ladies motored to the home near the Santa Fe stand pipe, took their knitting and certainly enjoyed the day.

While so many of the boys are leaving for the army, we hear of two or three that are en route for home. David Rush is expected home now any day, but probably will not get here until Monday, as he is visiting on the way.

Miss Hart, the trained nurse at Anderson's sanitarium, leaves for Hope tonight to nurse a case. The car is coming from Hope to take her there.

Sam Crockett, of Malaga, sold to Texas parties this week his twenty acres of irrigated land, two miles west of town, and will move to his forty acre farm east of town. His mother and brother live with him.

Arthur Mayes and Jack Horne, from upper Black river, spent yesterday in town, transacting business and greeting friends. Mr. Mayes says his cattle are doing fine and he thinks everything will winter. What is worrying him just now is, will it forget to rain this coming June?

Dr. D. D. Swearingin, of Roswell, N. Mex., eye, ear, nose and throat, glasses fitted, will be in Carlsbad at Dr. Lauer's office 8th, 9th and 10th of each month.

Dr. William F. Glasier
Physician and Surgeon
Offices in Parr Building
Calls answered Day or Night.
Phone No. 38.

ITALIANS HOLD BACK ENEMY. FIRE LAST NIGHT IN MEXICAN QUARTERS.

By Associated Press.
Rome, Dec. 13.—Attacks in zone were renewed yesterday. Enemy attacks continued throughout the entire afternoon. Because of heavy losses of the enemy he abandoned his efforts at night.

The dining room at the Crawford opens, 6 p. m., Thursday, this week.

Ed Bass arrived yesterday from Hachita and spent the night in Carlsbad, and is busy telling thrilling stories about the narrow escape he and Uncle George Pendleton have had getting away from the Mexicans. The story he tells is a good one if it is not true. He has some important business to look after here today, and will go to Queen tomorrow on the mail car, where he will visit his daughter, Mrs. Dolph Shattuck, and he thinks he will not come back this way, as Dolph will make a trip out there by auto to receive some cattle he has contracted for.

Will Fenton, who was called to Roswell for court duty, returned last evening.

About four o'clock this morning the fire alarm aroused the sleepers in Carlsbad—whistles and bells were heard for a mile out. When the fire department got there, the house, which was in the Mexican quarters, in the southern part of town, was about consumed. They kept watch to see that the fire did not spread, and all returned home. The house was a small lumber structure, which burned rapidly. Just how the fire started was not learned.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bulman were in from the M. L. ranch, where Mr. Bulman is foreman. They were here the first of the week shopping and looking after affairs, and returned Wednesday.

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C. V. Brainard, of Artesia, an uncle of Mrs. J. W. Knorr, was an early town guest this morning, bringing his son, Lieutenant Lewis Fred Brainard, here to continue his journey to Douglas, Arizona, where he is first lieutenant. Lieutenant Brainard has been visiting homefolks for a short time at Artesia. Among the party that came this far with him, were his father, C. V. Brainard; his brother and wife, Reed Brainard, Miss Sallie Runyan and B. Stephens. The party had breakfast at the Bates and returned to Artesia this forenoon.

W. F. Moore, Division Superintendent for typewriters, came in from Roswell today.

Rev. H. B. Ellis, wife, also W. G. Ellis and wife, arrived from the south yesterday and left for home in Artesia last night.

Zetta Willis was operated on at the Sisters' hospital this morning at nine o'clock for adnoids and tonsillitis.

Arthur Linn, who has been at Lovington, for a number of days, is expected home this p. m.

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