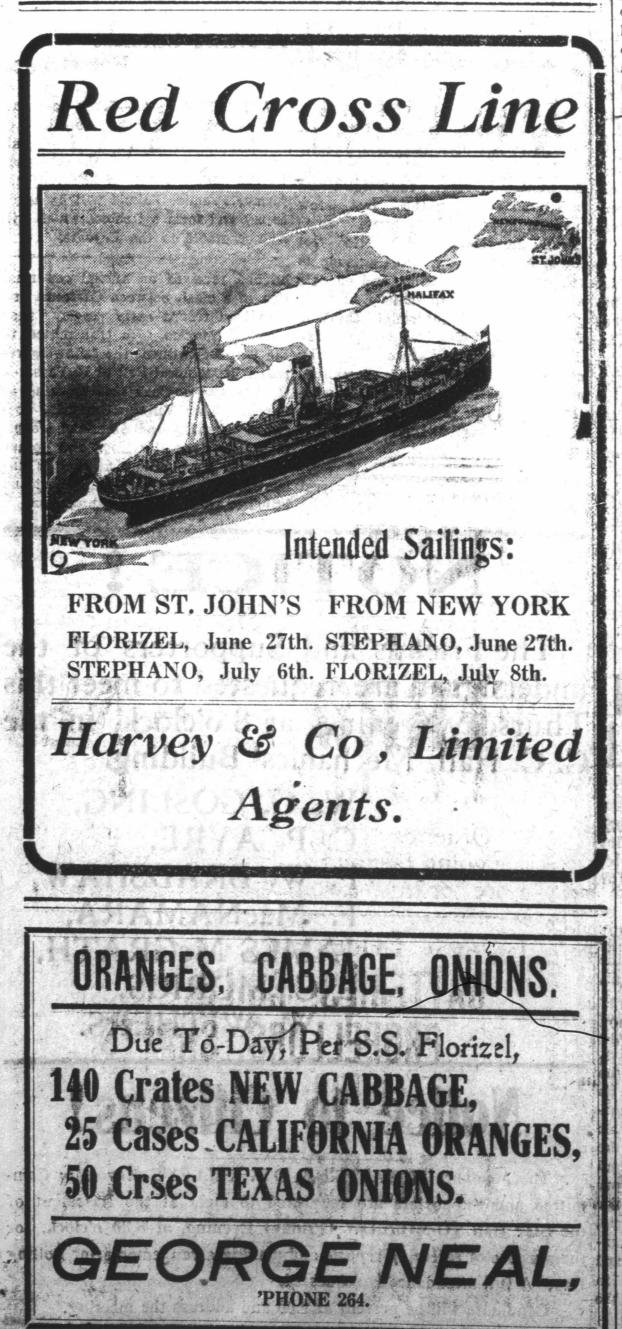


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Brenham musicians who were playing for me to do.

the martial jingle of the Allies are of He is down in the Rio Grande Teutonic descent, be it said. They Valley today at a border post. And played "Tipperary' as the Second was "why all this to do about it? It is entraining, and never a camp in Eng- only border patrolling," some one may land or in France cheered more ex- say. But what peril confronting his citedly than the militiamen milling country could cause him to do more around the "Sap" station in San An- than he has done-respond instantly tonio. At each depot of railroad lines to the call, adhering so strictly to duty running to the border, and at several that he leaves for he knows not what loading stations in the yards, the without an opportunity to kiss his guardsmen have been entraining. wife and babies good-by-and this There has been dust and tumult and takes no account of his financial sacriconfusion, and a mingling of pride fice. And if the very existence of the and happiness and sorrow. For United States were at stake what mothers have been there from distant more could that little wife do than towns in Texas to tell their boys write him that however hard it be she good-bye-and sisters and sweet- could not have loved him had he hearts, too. remained at home?

Big, gray army trucks, covered with There are brisk commands now. khaki sheets and looking like old one or two assembly calls, the dog fashicned prairie schooners swollen mascots are leaping and bounding and to enormous proportions, ripped barking frantically, and resenting bearound with loads of ammunition and ing cooped up in the baggage cars. tentage and supplies. Pretty girls They conduct themselves as though spoiled their new style slippers as all this had been arranged merely as they scurried about the greasy freight a setting for their capers and a med-A woman with a parasol jum for their entertainment as though trudged along in the dust with one the President and General Funston company, staying by the side of her had gone to all this trouble and expenboy to the last. She wanted to hold, se for no other reason than to provide the parasol over him-but of course a soft berth for a few mongrel pups of he couldn't stand for that. Her uncertain pedigree, A red-headed solfather died in a uniform of gray, and dier in his undershirt leans far out her husband went to the front in '98 of a coach window and waves wildly. -so what could you expect? She re- A girl throws him a kiss and he received a quick bear-like hug and, a peats, and then with a freckled fist tender pat on the back from the hurls his imaginary osculations right big husky who, to the frail woman and left to all the maidens, with abrhaps still seemed to be the "little solute impartiality. Two exceedingly sonny" of the past. She stood with a attractive young ladies scamper down small group gazing after them as the the tracks, eagerly peering at the wintrain backed out behind a line of dows in search of some particular hox cars. There were waving hand- soldier. kerchiefs-mothers and sisters and Accept No Substitute. sweethearts-but there wasn't a tear, "Here I am! Here I am!" a score of not a single, solitary tear-then. What may or may not have happened after- willing to volunteer as a substitute for voices shout-every man perfectly ward is a different proposition. Brave- the one the girls are seeking. They ly they watched their boys go to the blush furiously and laugh and run border-just to the border. But does along, and refuse to accept any subany person doubt that they would stitute-and finally locate the very have flinched had it been the real fortunate person they were after. thing? No matter how severely it A Mexican with tamales to sell would have wrenched their heart crouches by his basket and smokes strings they would have said farewell corn shuck eigarettes and gazes at with just the same courage and devo- the trim khaki-clad soldiers and the tion and sacrifice and patriotism- troop train made up of real passengthese Texas mothers would-and the er coaches-Pullman tourist sleepers boys would have gone, too, in quite and baggage cars and no cattle cars the manner that they have been going at all! One imagines that he must be -with a grin and a cheer and a song, marvelling at this new evidence of the and an emotion expressed by an awkgringos' vagaries-if he has ever ward parting embrace. watched the military trains of his own

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Love vs. Pride. land-that he must be wondering why "Don't you hate to see him go?" a. the Americans do not put their soldyoung girl asked a mother at one of iers in box cars and cattle cars, and the stations why the women and children do not

'Yes," she said simply. "Worse go along! And it is just possible, than anything in the world," she re- also, that the tamale man might have peated, and then as her lips trembled been startled at the number of sola triffe she put her arm around the diers the gringos showed signs of havgirl and added, "But I don't think I ing-not that an enormous crowd was could stand it for him to be afraid to assembled, of course, but because he I dont think I could stand that." has been informed we have practically