## ORGANIZING OF CON-GRESS HARMONIOUS

NO SERIOUS LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO BE UNDERTAKEN UNTIL AFTER HOLIDAYS.

tending Present Law Till New One Can Be Enacted Will Be Passed.

Washington .- The first week of the Sixty-fourth congress, which is destined to be historic in the nation's annals, brought about practically houses, after a few preliminary skirmishes, and revealed a determination on the part of administration leadbusiness until the holiday recess is over. Congress will adjourn Saturday until Jan. 3.

President Wilson's address Tuesnents he suggested would precipitate renuous debate.

gress could not get down to actual

#### To Extend War T x.

with amendments before adjourn- Berlin. ment. Immediately it was disclosed tar with the time limitation elimin. man slightly wounded. ated should be adopted.

ARMIES IN WINTER DEADLOCK.

London .- The main armies of Eu tope have apparently settled down into a winter deadlock in the trenches. No news of important engagements along the main lines has been issued for several days. The Itallans continue to bombard Gorizia, but the complete fall of that town, which has been expected at any hour for the last fortnight, is still delayed. The Austro-Germans have withdrawn from Lemberg, Galicia, according to a Kiev dispatch, which gives the prevalence of scurvy as the reason for this movement, but military critics consider it more reasonable to believe that they are straightening and shortening their lines for the winter. They are constructing fortifications along the southern section

Allies Stay in Balkans.

The entente allies, notwithstanding and their recent retreat to a line mear the Greek border under Bulgarian pressure, are not going to abandon their campaign in the Balkans.

Drop Censorship by Press Burear. London.—The following official statement has been made public: 'Sir Edward Grey has arranged that om Dec. 20 censorship by the press bureau on behalf of the foreign office shall be suspended. This will not mean a change in the provisions of the defense of the realm act or of regulations made thereunder. They vill be binding as heretofore, but the esponsibility of seeing that they are aplied with, as regards matter relating to foreign affairs, will rest upon the directors of the newspapers and newspaper agencies."

## Personal Income Tax \$41,046,162.

Washington.—The personal income ax paid during the last fiscal year by 357,515 indivdiuals totaled \$41, 646,162, nearly \$13,000,000 more than the amount paid by 357,589 individtals the year before, according to the annual report of the commissionof internal revenue. The greatest ase was in the amounts paid by \$2.754 persons subject to the normal ax, a jump from about \$12,728,000 in 1914, to about \$16,559,000 in 1915. Intomes exceeding \$500,000 were 174.

nfernal Machine in Explosives.

Paris.—One hundred and ten per is are reported to have been killed an explosion in the Belgian munitions factory at Havre. "The exact cause of the explosion has not yet teen determined," says the Temps. The investigation conducted has deeloped that one of the buildings contained boxes of ammunition which from the United States some the ago. It was discovered that in these boxes was an apparatus esigned to cause deflagration."

## **RELATIONS MAY END** WITH AUSTRIANS

SITUATION IS COMPARABLE TO LAST DAYS OF NEGOTIATIONS IN ARABIC CASE.

## TO EXTEND WAR TAX LAW WASHINGTON HAS GRIEVANCE

American Oil Steamer Held Up By Austrian Sub and Relieved of Provisions Makes New Point of Law.

Washington.-Diplomatic relations with Austria are in grave danger of being broken off over the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona with the loss organization in both of American lives. All officials here continue to preserve silence over the negotiations with Austria, but through the veil which has been drawn about on the part of the situation is seen a crisis just as grave as that which attended the submarine negotiations with Germany. The question of continuing diplo

matic relations may be said to depend stood out as the most important on a satisfactory reply to Secretary rent of the past week. There were Lansing's note, which now probably is dications on every hand that the before the Vienna foreign office desense program and revenue require- manding a disavowal of the sinking of the Ancona, reparation for the lives lost and assurances that passenger Owing to the difficulty of reorgan ships shall not be attacked without signed the office when he became coming the house committees, because warning or an opportunity for nonof a greatly increased minority, con- combatants to take places of safety.

The situation is tense and fraught ASKS VIENNA TO DISwith possibilities. It is compared to Early in the week a fight that the last days of the Arabic negotiahave embarrassed holiday re- tions with Germany when probably no cess plans seemed imminent when one but President Wilson himself was proposed that an effort be made | k..ew how close the country was to a re-enact the emergency war tax severance of diplomatic relations with

A further complication to the situa that this would be impossible, and tion developed when it was disclosed administration leaders were confront- that an Austrian submarine which ed with the danger that the war tax shelled the American oil tank ship law would lapse on Dec. 31, and a Petrolite in the Mediterranean last long period would follow in which week sent a boarding party and took no emergency revenue could be col- part of the ship's provisions. This lected. It was thereupon agreed by news came a consular dispatch from house leaders. fter conference with Algiers and was the first official word the ways and means committee and of the safety of the Petrolite, which member, of the senate, that a joint was not greatly damaged by the shellresolution extending the present war ing and proceeded to Algiers with one

#### No Right to Take Property.

So far as the Petrolite incident is concerned there probably will be no ment for the commander of the sub- probably will number 400. action by the state department until more complete reports are received. Only Minor Activities Are Reported If the tanker was shelled while trying to escape in disregard of warning there would be no complaint on that cable Tuesday from the stato departscore. When she did stop and submit ment to Ambassador Frederic C. Pento search the submarine commander field at Vienna, who was instructed on finding her a neutral ship bound on to hand it over to the Austro-Hungarlegitimate business, had no right to ian minister of foreign affairs, Baron seize her property.

New Point Raised. Seizure of supplies from a neutral vessel by a submarine raises a new and interesting point in international law. It is pointed out that if this practice became general, belligerent submarines preying upon an enemy's commerce practically would be unliming instructions similar to those which ited in their radius of action and almost wholly independent of bases of

RECALL BOY-ED AND VON PAPEN.

German Ambassador Asks Secretary Lansing to Secure Safe Conducts.

Washington.-Emperor William has personally recalled the naval and milthe Teutonic sweep through Serbia itary attaches of the German embassy here, who by their activities rendered themselves persona non grata to the United States government. The emperor requested the United States to use its good offices in escuring safe conducts for the departing attaches and for their successors, who will be named later.

A communication from the German foreign office announcing the action was delivered to Secretary Lansing Dispatch of Note Comes as Surprise. by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

It was learned that there was a possibility of further diplomatic correspondence on the subject of the withdrawal of the attaches. The German government later may address a communication to the United States stating that it does not find itself able to agree that the attaches conducted themselves in a manner which justified their being declared undesirable. The British and French embassies were asked by Secretary Lansing to secure safe conducts to Germany for

M. Rumley Properties Sodl. Laporte, Ind .- Properties of the M.

Rumley company, a \$32,000,000 cor-000. The business will be continued. previous estimates.

Kaiser Hopes for End by February. German Sub Sank American Tanker. London.—Emperor William has fixed the date for the marriage of his Rome.—The first report of the toryoungest son, Prince Joachim, to pedoing of the American tank steamprincess Marie of Anhalt, for the end of February at Potsdam, says a disof February at Potsdam, says a dis-patch from Amsterdam, which gives an Italian steamer which had picked injured 15 others, several of them sera message from Cassel, Prussia, as authority for the statement. "The authority for the statement. "The an Italian steamer Greek toward pellet department of the plant and authority for the statement. The marriage was to have taken place boat destroyer and a British warship. at a die communicating with quantibefore Christmas," says the dispatch. The newspaper adds that the Egypties of powder in the room. This is the emperor and empress hope that tian authorities confirm the torpedother than the second explosion that has occurred the war will be ended by February and they therefore postponed the submarine was a German. The second explosion that has occurred in four months at the Redington plant which is working on war orders.

# THOMAS J. PENCE

Thomas J. Pence, who managed the

AND DEMANDS ASSURANCES

AGAINST SIMILAR ACTS.

News Note Had Been Sent Comes as

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Steamer Makes "uation Grave.

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HOPEWELL, FOUNDED BY DU. PONT POWDER COMPANY, VIRTUALLY DESTROYED.

Blaze Starting on Third Floor of Greek Restaurant Results in Great Destruction.

Petersburg, Va .-- Hopewell, Va., the boom town of 25,000 near here, founded by the Dupont Powder company, virtually was destroyed by fire Thurs-

The loss was estimated at \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000, with practically no insurance on either buildings or stocks. No lives are known to have been lost, but a negro was hanged for loot-

It was estimated that several thousand persons were made homeless by the fire.

The fire started on the third floor son in the preconvention campaign of of a Greek restaurant. A strong wind 1912, is probably the next secretary fanned the blaze and within ten minof the Democratic national committee. Mr. Pence is at present the acting secutes the entire block was in flames. Adam Drum, an 11-year-old Richretary, Joseph E. Davies having remond boy, was the hero of the fire. He dashed into two burning buildings and rescued infants and finally was borne away on the shoulders of men. Drum first dashed into the building where the fire started, after he had AVOW ANCONA ACT heard the screams of a baby. He rushed into a room on the second floor. He appeared at a front window a second later with the infant U. S. NOTE IS VIGOROUS IN TONE in his arms. He shouted to the men below to hold a balnket. They grabbed a bed cover from among those thrown from the building and the boy leaned forward and, with a cry, fell with the infant in his arms. Both CLAIM INDEMNITY FOR LIVES were caught in the blanket and were

uninjured. Carry Here on Shoulders. When helped to his feet, Drum ran into a building next door and brought out a second infant from the first

floor. Bystanders, astounded at the

Washington-The United States has boy's daring, carried him down the ent to Austria-Hungary a note ask- street on their shoulders. ing for a disavowal of the submarine | Hopewell sprang into existence last attack upon the Italian liner Ancona spring and within a year grew from assurances that such an act will not one country stores # a city of 25,000 be repeated, some degree of punish inhabitants. The buildings destroyed

marine and reparation for the Amer-IMPORTANT BATTLES DEVELOP.

London-Important battles have bewhere the German field marshal, Bar-Friendly but firm terms, it is said, of the Turkish forces and is about to characterize the document, which is attack the British at Kut-El-Amara; in understood to make a particular point Southeastern Serbia, where the Bulof prompt assurances for the future garians already have attacked the safety of American lives. Austria-Anglo-French position and have been Hungary has never informed the repulsed; on Gallipoli, where, accord-United States whether the commanding to Turkish accounts, the allies ers of its submarines had been given have taken the offensive, and in Belgium and France, where reports from the German government gave to its Holland state the Germans have concommanders after the Lusitania tragcentrated strong reinforcements and edy. It is understood that the note an immense amount of artillery with referred particularly to the charge the object of striking a blow at the that shells from the submarine killed allied line in Flanders and Artois. or wounded some passengers on the Ancona after she had halted and

Secretary McAdoo Will Visit Dallas. asked for an explanation on that Washington-Secretary of the Treasurv McAdoo is planning a trip to In dispatching the note Secretary the Southern states during the next Lansing acted with the approval of few weeks in connection with the and after consulting President Wil- public building situation, the main son. It is stated authoritatively that objective points being Memphis, Birthe document, which is described as mingham and Dallas. The visit will being comparatively brief and decid- be similar to that which took the edly vigorous in tone, was so draft- secretary and Assistant Secretary ed as to attempt a settlement of the Newton to San Francisco a few weeks controversy at once without bringing ago, and is understood to be for the on a series of communications, such purpose of gathering first-hand inforas followed the sinking of the Lusi- mation about the building needs of the centers where the government agencies are doing a heavy business.

High officials are said to be of the opinion that the situation is one Only Tariff Remains for Republicans. Washington-President Wilson told which calls for grave consideration, the state of affairs having become more complicated since the note was White House that the Republicans dispatched by reports of attacks on American oil-carrying vessels in the had no issue for the next campaign Mediterranean, presumably by Ausexcept the tariff, and that Democracy was certain to win. "Our construc-News that the note had been sent tive work has started an irresistible came as a complete surprise to ofmovement which can not be stopped," ficial Washington generally, the rehe declared. "Anyone who tells you ports which emanated from the state otherwise is talking through his hat." department early in the week being Mr. Wilson said nothing to indicate whether he would again be a candithat no positive and corroborating evidence as to what actually had oc-

curred when the Ancona went down Food Exports \$679,000,000 in 1915. Washington .- The quantity of foodstuffs sent by the United States to The unfilled tonnage of the United feed the rest of the world during he poration, manufacturing farming ma- States Steel corporation on Nov. 30 first ten months of this year was chinery, were sold for \$2,500,000 at a totaled 7,189,489 tons, an increase of more than double that in the same receivers sale to the Advance Rumely 1,024,037 tons over October. The in- period of 1914. Statistics of the decompany, composed of stockholders, crease was a surprise to the financial partment of commerce show the value noteholders and creditors of the old district, as the figures were well of foodstuffs exported during the ten company and capitalized at \$26,250 - above, and in many cases double, all months was almost \$679,000,000, compared with \$318,000,000 last year.

> Explosion in Fuse Plant Kills One. South Bethlehem, Pa.-An explosion in the fuse plant of the Bethlehem

which is working on war orders,

# 25,000 IN VIRGINIA OCRATIC CONVENTION Recommendations for First Time In-

CONVENTION NECESSARY TO MAKE MISSOURI DEMOCRATIC IS WINNING PLEA.

#### 400 BUILDINGS ARE BURNED DALLAS TOOK SECOND PLACE

Texas Contingent Not at All Chagrined Over Defeat and Are Proud of Showing Made.

Washington.-Appeals to the National Democratic committee on the ground that the 1916 national convention was necessary in order to make ator James A. Reed, who comes up for election next year, together with Chicago's promise to pay in the face of the cash tenders of Dallas and St. Louis of \$100,000 each, served to help St. Louis to win the contest here. The convention will be held June 14. As it was, Dallas, on the first ballot, was second with 14 votes, just what the managers predicted; and Chicago received 13 and St. Louis was given 25. On the second ballot St. Louis received 28, Chicago 15 and Dallas dropped to third place with nine. National Committeeman Sells of Texas offered the motion that made it unanimous for St. Louis. The states standing for Dallas on the final ballot were Georgia, Maryland, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah and the Philippines.

#### Has Confidence in Texans.

Senator W. J. Stone of Missouri was mentioned Dallas. He said that he had the means of entertaining it.

This statement brought cheers from fortably filled with members of the ed like a convention was in session. The Texas folks are not at ail sponsibility for its prolongation. chagrined over their defeat. As gen-

Strength of Dallas Surprising.

ing to many, as she led Chicago in the to the continuance of the war. first ballot and would have emphaticcago had concluded to continue the

which two days before was considered knowledge of parliament. ridiculous, was made serious enough to frighten the other two contestants -the Dallas people had come over 50 strong and every man was working to win as if his life depended on his suc-

Russ Gathering on Roumanian Border Berlin.-Advices received here in Russian-Danube port, at which troops Post, Texas. have been concentrated for some time, has been closed to traffic because of the forthcoming arrival of additional transport ships

Killed in Gasoline Expossion. Kenedy, Texas.-Wallace Burris is is badly burned as a result of a gasoline explosion in a garage here. Walter was filling the gas tank of an and burning oil was thrown about. Immediate attention was given Wallace, but he died shortly afterward. The garage was totally destroyed and the automobile badly damaged.

That citizens of Fort Worth will be asked to approve a bond issue of \$600. 000, to be used in completing the water system and clearing that department of indebtedness, was the statement of Mayor Tyra, following a mass meeting. The meeting was called by the mayor for the purpose of learning the will of the public in regard to the present water situation and considering the report of the engineers who recently made a survey of the

surance could not be ascertained. | eartes.

crease Expenditures Proposed.

Washington.-Details of the \$500 000,000 navy building program under the five-year continuing plan recommended to congress are contained in the annual report of Secretary Dan-

The report shows that for the first time in the history of the department the secretary's recommendation in the general board. In this connec

"My recommendation for a fiveyear program embraces the same board in the distribution it made in by the general board. For additional eral board recommends \$11,000,000 They recommend something more for other craft. My total for the five years is \$502.482.214 The general board's total is \$499,976,000, a very slight difference for the five years, though the board's recommendation for the first year is much larger than the department's estimate."

### GERMANY WILL TALK PEACE.

Proposal Must Come From Other Side and Recognize Germany's Dignity.

Berlin, via London.-So long as unthe only one of the opponents who controlled hatred of Germany and the belief that Germany is approachtoo much confidence in the people of ing a collapse continues to be the Texas to believe they would invite a dominant idea of the countries with national convention unless they had which she is at war it would be folly for Germany to take the initiative in proposing terms of peace. Germany, the lobby of the hall, which was com- however, is ready at any time to consider a peace suggestion from the Texas delegation, and when Mayor countries with which she is at war; Henry D. Lindsley came forward to does not wish a continuation of the present the claims of Texas, it sound- war and disassociates herself under these circumstances from any re-

This is the subject of the German erally commented here, Texas made a imperial chancellor's reply in the good contest, and carried off laurels, Reichstag to the Socialist interpellathough the convention goes to St. tion on peace, in which he painted a picture of Germany triumphant on all sides and supplied with everything The strength of Dallas was surpris- even if not in abundance, necessary

ally repeated this in the second, if Chi- Will Consider Peace Offers by Enemy London.—"If proposals of a serious character for a general peace are put Of course, there are always gener- forward by the enemy governments, ous people who are anxious to sym- either directly or through a neutral pathize with and offer consolation to power, they will first be discussed the vanquished-this town is full of by the allied governments. Until this such now and Dallas is the subject. contingency arises, I can not give any She is congratulated for her pluck; further pladge." The foregoing was congratulated on her organizing abil- Premier Asquith's reply made in the ity, and all that-but cutting out half house of commons to the request of of these congratulations as insincere, Phillip Snowden, Sociailst, for a the rest gives her as much honor as pledge that no proposals for negotiashe could wish. She laid down a check tions based on the evacuation of confor the money required, which neither quered territory shall be rejected by of the other towns did. Her cause, the British government without the

#### Mrs. Post's Share \$6,000,000.

Battle Creek, Mich .- Mrs. Charles W. Post, widow of the late cereal king, has agreed to accept a cash settlement in lieu of her share of the Postum Cereal company plant, thus terminating litigation among the heirs. Mrs. Post receives \$5,000,000 dicate that the Russians are hurried and retains ownership of the Post ly concentrating troops along the tavern, the seven-story office build-Roumanian border. The Austrian ing, the Post residence at Santa Barforces in Bukowina also are being re- bara, Cal., and other lesser properties. inforced heavily. A Bucharest dis- She will withdraw from the Postum patch, forwarded by way of Budapest, Cereal company and Postex company, says that the harbor at Reni, the a cotton manufacturing company at

American Oil Steamer Sunk.

Rome.-The American oil steamer Communipaw has been sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean near Tobruk, Tripoli. No information has been received concerning the crew or dead and his brother, Walter Burris, the nationality of the submarine. The steamer Communipaw was recently held by the Itailan government at Genoa, but was allowed to sail for her automobile and an explosion followed destination on Dec. 2 owing to representations made by the American embassy at Rome. The Communipaw was owned by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey and sailed from New York for Egypt Oct. 27.

> Forty Cars Settlers Enter State. Texas in many months arrived Wednesday, when the Katy handled four trains of ten cars each for south Tex-Denison during Wednesday, traveling through Dallas to south Texas. This is said to be one of the heaviest movements of homeseekers ever haniled to Texas from northern states.

Germans Taken From American Ships Washington.-A German seaman Maypearl, Texas.-Fire caused a aboard an American vessel on the property loss here of approximately high seas is immune from arrest by \$100,000. The blaze started in the Germany's enemies, in the view of Farmers and Merchants Dry Goods the state department, unless it can store and was soon beyond the con- be shown that he is an active memtrol of the large force of volunteer ber of German naval or military firemen. From the dry goods store force. Department officials made this the flames spread to the Farmers and clear in commenting informally on Merchants bank building, which was news dispatches that five Germans destroyed, with several other busi- had been forcibly removed from the nesses. The buildings and stocks American merchantmen Coamo and were consumed. The amount of in Carolina by the French cruiser Des-

#### FIRE SWEEPS CITY OF ST. LOUIS WINS DEM- DANIELS GIVES NAVY PLANS THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

Dec. 13, 1914. Allies won three-day battle or

French gained in the St. Mihiel

Germans were defeated in the Mlawa region. Austrian right wing, driven Into

Bosnia by Serbians, was attacked by Montenegrins. Brussels and suburbs decided

to pay fine to Germans. Italian artillerymen of older classes called out. Antiwar demonstrations by wom

en of Konak and Erzerum, Turkey

Dec. 14, 1914. French continued their offensive

in Alsace and Lorraine. Serbians reoccupied Belgrade. Austrians reoccupied Dukla in the Carpathians, capturing 9,000

Russians. Germans made gains in north rn Poland.

British submarine B-II sank Turkish battleship Messudieh In he Dardanelles.

Pro-Germans mobbed in Rome.

Dec. 15, 1914. Allies advanced on entire front in effort to drive Germans from Belgium.

German attacks south of Ypres were repulsed. Germans rushed fresh troops to the Vistula.

Austrians recrossed Carpathlans into Galicia and drove Russian left back toward the San river. Senussi tribesmen threatened

German cruiser Cormorant was nterned at Guam. Turks bombarded Sevastopol.

Dec. 16, 1914. Germans evacuated Dixmude and allies made gains from Arras

to the sea. Germans forced the fighting in the Argonne, but were repulsed in the Woevre region and in Alsace. King Peter entered Belgrade at

head of army. Russians collected new army a Warsaw.

German warships shelled Scar porough, Hartlepool and Whitby, killing about 120. British warships shelled West

> Dec. 17, 1914. Allies entered Westende.

More German troops rushed to Russian offensive against Silesia nd Posen declared broken.

Austrians had successes in West Galicia. Austrian training ship Beethoen sunk by mine.

British squadron bombarded urkish troops on Gulf of Saros. Field Marshal von der Goltz nade commandant at Constanti-

England declared protectorate over Egypt, ending Turkish suz-

Dec. 18, 1914. Allies occupied Roulers. Heavy fighting in Lille and near

Sanok and Lisko. Austrians announced capture of Plotrkow and Predborz.

Turks in Asia Minor were re-en Russian Black sea fleet sank two

Turkish ships.

Dec. 19, 1914. British warships shelled Gernan positions on Belgian coast. Gaekwar of Baroda bought Emress of India for hospital ship. Allies gained at several points rom North sea to the Oise, but ost near La Bassee. Germans captured Lowicz.

Severe fighting on the Bzura and in Galicia. Russians held lines on the Dunajec river against fierce attacks.

Mayme-"He's too slow for yours truly. He said I reminded him of a beautiful autumn leaf." Ethel-"Well, that was certainly a very pretty compliment." Mayme-"Yes; but he didn't have sense enough to follow it up by offering to press the autumn

#### Kiss Reports to Date.

ald, "worth one hundred and twentyfive dollars a minute?" No kiss that has to be bought is worth anything at all. Some kisses, voluntarily bestowed, are priceless above rubies or life itself.-Columbia State.

Perfect Artificial Foot.

The foot of the artificial leg is in itself an exceedingly clever counterfeit. Its core is part of the same piece of wood that makes the body of the leg. Enveloping this core is rubber. vulcanized on in a series of thin layers, the result being to give the foot a lively springiness, rendering it comfortable for walking and helping to

give the wearer a natural gait. Optimistic Thought, Every man is arrogant or humble, according to his fortunes.

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LESUED EVERY FRIDAY AT STERLING CITY. TEXAS.

Subscribers falling to get their pa.

Remember that the small boy and and his firecracker might turn a merry Christmas into gloom and your house into ashes. Teach him that, notwithstanding it is Christmas times, he should be careful

When it is shown that a resident foreigner puts the interests of his native land above those of his adopted, he should be given his walking papers and told to beat it. This is what it is coming to if we would re-

The foreigner who comes to this country with plots of bribery, arson and murder to perform in order to involve us in trouble with the warring nations of Europe, ought to be hung as high as Haman. This is what his country would do to an

Keep the small boy with his Roman candle and firecracker off the streets. It is all right for him to have them, but it is not right or safe to allow him to set them off where they are likely to burn up the town. Force him to move on with them: and if he won't move, call the sher-

President Wilson's message to Congress is one of the ablest docuare what they should be, and not it can do against these armed giants

temperance. It is the location of and demands stick. the place where they are to purchase their booze which makes them fight like a couple of tomcats with their tails tied together and thrown | Some one has advanced the opin-

The proposition of the Germans | But we call his attention to the to kill off a million or so of their fact that "e" is never in war, and prisoners of war in order to keep always in peace. It is the beginning from feeding them, is extremely re- of existence, the commencement of volting and hideous. Think of it: ease and the end of trouble. Withmarch a million unarmed men out out it, there would be no heat no and shoot them like dogs! It makes life and no heaven. It is the center one shudder at the thought. But of honesty, makes love perfect and the Kaiser will have it done if he without it there would be no editors. thinks it would advance his success. devils nor news.-Ex. Those people are drunk on blood.

A religion without that charity taught and practiced by the gentle Jesus, warms the human heart Subject; May I Expect to Conabout as much as a stream of ice quer Sin in Myself. water trickling down one's spine on a cold day. A prayer asking God to help the poor, will never be answered; but a prayer asking God to help you to help the poor, is very apt to be heard. A man who profeeses christianity, and who does ship Committee. not charity, is only a dummy.

A law is no stronger than the sentiment that is back of it. The A and B. speed limit of an automobile on a public road is eighteen miles per bour; yet, who cares for that law? Where could you find a jury that Evangeline Hill. would convict a man for running a car over eighteen miles an hour? With no sentiment to enforce it, we had better wipe the law off the member. statute book, for it was enacted by men who were to slow to catch a

When the Germans have a mind Song: "Am I a Soldier of The to set off a torpedo under a ship Cross." and babies and blow them to king- citad by Finous Conger. dom come, the best that Uncle Sam | Short talk by Hollie Class. (See can do is, to protest and ask them Quarterly, paragraph III.) Lot to do so again. When a British The Method .- John 5: 4, recited warship takes possession of an by Floyd Payne American ship for the use of its | Short talk by Merle Roberts. (See government, all that can be done is Quarterly, paragraph IV.) to protest. When a French warship Song: "Faith is The Victory. wishes to search an American ship for anything which its captain might For that Christmas dinner, come

Coal in the cellar, Hay in the barn, Money in the bank And who cares a darn



## If Christmas here on us?

We have prepared for the good times, and have a big Line to select from

## A Few Suggestions

Caseroles Chaffing Dishes Dinner Sets,

Pocket Knives

Percolators Silverware \$3.75 to \$25

Fancy China, in Flash Lights Davenports

Guns and Rifles Rockers Boys' Tool Chest Carving Sets Cedar Chests Gas Irons Dressing Tables Velocipedes Library Tables Express Wagons Toys and Dolls

Bicycles Icy-Hot Bottles

Gas Lamps

SHOP EARLY. can serve better now than later

LOWE & DURHAM

is to protest. If you want to live under a flag that can protect you, The average pro and the average let Old Glory be backed up with anti are a unit on the question of guns that will make our protests

over a clothes line. Prohibition and jon that the letter "e" is the most anti-prohibition are questions of unfortunate character in the English politics, while temperance is a ques- alphabet, because it is always out of cash, forever in debt, never out of danger and in hell all of the time.

#### B. Y. P. U. Program

(Sunday, December 12th)

(Company A) Captain in charge: Merle Roberts.

Report of chairman of Member-

Call for new members. Secretary's report. Report of treasurer of Companies

Subject on blackboard.

Special song -- Mae Austin and Scripture reading: Rom. 7: 18-23.

-Joe Graham. The Doctrine.-Short talk by a

The Conflict.—Rom. 6: 6; Rom. 6: 12-14, read by Darrell Garrett. Short talk by Eddie Hooker. (See Quarterly, paragraph II.)

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the American people. Twelve states have adopted it. four more states vote upon it this fall and it is strongly urged that it become a platform demand of the national political parties. It is therefore the privilege and the duty of every voter to study carefully this subject. Hon. Elihu Root, in discussing this question before the Constitutional Convention of New York, recently said in part: "I am opposed to the granting of suffrage to women,

pecause I believe that it would be a loss to women, to all women and to every woman; and because I believe it would be an injury to the State, and to every man and every man in the State. It would be useless to argue this if the right of suffrage were a natural right. If it were a natural right, then women should have it

hough the heavens fail. But if there be any one thing settled in the long discussion of this subject, it is that suffrage is not a natural right, but it simply a means of government, and the sole question to be discussed is government by the suffrage of men and women will be better government than by the suffrage of men alone. into my judgment, sir, there enters no element of the inferiority of

It is not that woman is inferior to man, but it is that woman is different from man; that in the distribution of powers, of capacities, of qualities, our Maker has created man adapted to the performance of certain functions in the economy of nature and society, and woman adapted to the performance of other functions.

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Put woman into the arena of conflict and she abandons these great weapons which control the world, and she takes into her hands, feeble and nerveless for strife, weapons with which she is unfamiliar and which she is unable to Woman in strife becomes hard, harsh, unlovable, repulsive; as far removed from that gentle creature to whom we all owe allegiance and to whom we confess submission, as the heaven is removed from the earth.

he whole science of government is the science of protecting life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness. In the divine distribution of powers, the duty and the right of protection rests with the male. It is so throughout nature. It is so with men, and I, for one, will never consent to part with the divine right of protecting my wife, my daughter, the women shom I love, and the women whom I respect, exercising the birthright of man, and place that high duty in the weak and nerveless hands of those designed by God to be protected rather than to engage in the stern warfere of government. In my judgment, this whole movement arises from a false conception

of the duty and of the right of both men and women. The time will never come when the line of demarcation between the functions of the two sexes will be broken down. I believe it to be false philosophy; I believe that it is an attempt to turn backward upon the line of social development, and that if the step ever be taken. we so centuries backward on the march towards a higher, a nobler and a purer civilization, which must be found not in the contesion, but in the higher differentiation of the

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Mescames W. L. Foster and J. S. Cole, Miss Ethel and Roy Foster Forter were shopping in San Angelo last Monday.

It's a secret, but Cotten & Davis have the Xmas prices.

N. A. Austin and N. L. Douglas were business visitors to San Au-

Commissioners' Court, last Monday, paid bounties on 167 wolf, 7 wildcat and 414 jack rabbit scalps. W. A. Jones led in the number of wolf scalps, having brought in 27 "Buck" Davis brought up the rear with 1 jack rabbit, while Dr. Minyard, a close second, had 2

Miss Cora Posey, of Indian Gap, Grand Matron of the Order Eastern Star, paid the local chapter here a visit last Tuesday. We learn that a banquet was spread in honor of the occasion, and it is said that the function was a very elegant and enjoyable affair.

T. G. Brennand, last Monday shipped a car of beeves to Fort Worth

W. R. Kennedy and family, this week, moved to Coleman county, where they will reside in the future. The Kennedys are good people and we regret to lose them, but our good wishes follow them in their

Mrs. R. A. Howard is visiting relatives in Abilene

J. L. Latham, W. J. Mann and Dee Davis made a business trip to Menardville this week.

Dr. Gowen came up from Carlsbad last night and will spend a few days

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AY! Did you ever take what little was left and start out to buy friend A quaint pastime,

is it not? Well, to make a long story lose its cunning, I clinked a few iron men to gether one morn ing recently and started out to find something new and nifty in the gift line for Praches.

I was breezing for a department store when I ran across Hep Hardy, limping in the direction of a taxicab stand.

"Up late, aren't you, Hep?" I inquired, glancing at the Waterbury. "I sure am running behind my schedule this morning, John, Hep wheezed. "Accident.

"What's the matter? Fuse blow out and leave you and your favorite bar-tender in darkness?" I ventured. "Nix," he answered; "I interpolated

a new step in the Tango about five this a. m. and my partner, an impulsive little thing from Spokane, didn't get my signal, with the result that she stepped on me and lost one of her French heels somewhere between my ankle and my instep. I had to wait till a Doctor Shop was open so he could probe for it. The medicine peddler found it all right and my left wheel is a bit wobbly, but I'll be in the roped arena tonight when the bell rings, clamoring for my favorite rag. you can bet on that, John, old pal. "The dance bug has you for fair, hasn't it. Hep?" I laughed.

"Not at all," Hep came back; "but like a lot of other ginks who have been going through life with stoop shouliers and plantation feet I've suddenly discovered how to be graceful and I have to stay up all night to see if other people notice it. Where are you

"I'm going down to see one of those stores and make a fool out of fifty dollars-little Christmas present for Peaches," I answered.

'Fifty dollars!" Hep sneered. "Say. John, if I had a wife, and we were speaking to each other, fifty dollars wouldn't buy the ribbon around the bundle. Fifty dollars! You make a noise like a pike." "Sure!" I snapped back. "If you

your favorite jewelry store and let the if you please!" clerks throw diamonds at her till they fell exhausted. But I'm just a regular her teeth and the old lady ducked for without a present.



old enough to use it as a torch!"

paid the slightest attention to what I was saying, "why don't you get her an

pushed Hep into the taxi. "By the me he gets you home you'll owe him nough to buy emeralds."

Christmas present for friend wife. you for a doormat?

I got mine! They certainly taught me the Huerta glide, all right! At the door a nice young man with

"What do you wish?" he asked.

"I am looking." I said, "for a Christthe elevator," said the man. Did you ever try to take an eleva-

that 3,943 other American citizens and can use later on as a pipe cleaner or a citizenettes were also trying to take pair of suspenders!" the same elevator? How sweet it is to mingle in the moved over. arms of utter strangers and to feel

I was standing by one of the counters on the second floor when a shrill stepped on, sat on and walked on, but voice crept up over a few bales of dry I have not yet been waited on." goods and said, "Are you a buyer or

a handler?" "I am looking for a Christmas present for friend wife," I answered. "I ent for friend wife," he said. "I want want to get something that will look to buy her something that will bring

trouser stretcher!" "Fourth floor-to the left-take the elevator!" said the shrill voice, but dreamy eyes and held me up against shriller.

With bowed head I walked away. I began to feel sorry for friend wife. On the fourth floor I stopped at a

counter where a lot of eager dames were pawing over some chinchilla ribbon and chiffon overskirts. It reminded me of the way an emo-

tional hen digs up a grub in the gar-

I enjoyed the excitement of the game for about ten minutes and then I said to the clerk behind the counter who was refereeing the match, "Can you tell me where I can buy a sterling silver Christmas present for friend wife which I could use afterward as a night key or a bath sponge?" "Fifth floor-to the rear-take the elevator!" said the clerk.

On the fifth floor I went over to a table where a young lady was selling The Life and Libraries of Andrew Carnegie" at four dollars a month and fifty cents a week, and in three years it is yours if you don't lose the re-

a thrill of encouragement. "Excuse me," I said, "but I am look ing for a Christmas present for friend

She gave me a glad smile and I felt

wife which will make all the neighbors jealous, and which I can use aft terward as an ash receiver or a pocket The young lady cut out the giggles

and pointed to the northwest. I went over there. To my surprise I found another

A pale young woman was behind it I was just about to ask her the fatal question when a young man wearing ragtime expression on his face ushed up and said to the pale young lady behind the counter: "I am looking for a suitable present for a young lady friend of mine with golden brown hair. Could you please suggest some-

The pale young woman showed her teeth and answered him in a low, rumbling voice, and the man went

The pale young woman again showed The girl was right, so I went home hang it ower the back o' a chair."

After about fifty people had rushed and get those emeralds after all.

mas present for friend wife. I want to get something that will give her a tor in a department store and find great amount of pleasure and which I The pale young woman fainted, so

At another counter another young

the pressure of a foot we never hope lady said to me: "Have you been waited on?" "No." I replied; "I have

> "What do you wish?" inquired the young woman. "I am looking for a Christmas pres-

swell on the parlor table and may be great joy to her heart, and which I used later on as a tobacco jar or a might use afterward as a pair of slippers or a shaving mug." The young lady caught me with her

"You," she screamed, "you complete

a total of 25.493 people who have been Nobody seemed to be very much in. In this department store today without terested whether she got a Christmas knowing what they are doing here,



The Pale Young Woman Fainted.

and I refuse to be a human encylopedia for the sake of eight dollars a week. Go on, now; throw yourself into second speed and climb the hill!" I began to apologize, but she reached down under the counter and pulled out a club.

"This," she said, with a wild look in her side lamps, "this is happy Yule-Then came an old lady who said: "I tide, but, nevertheless, the next guy bought some organdie dress goods for that leaves his brains at home and a shirt waist last Tuesday, and I would tries to make me tell him what is a like to exchange them for a music box good Christmas present for his wife had a wife you'd take her down to for my daughter's little boy, Freddie, will get a bitter wallop across the forehead!

I suppose I'll have to take Hep's tit up to the pale young woman and then But first I'll go down to the deli-

rushed away again, I went over and catessen store and see if there's any-

## AN EXPENSIVE INSTITUTION

But Cost of Christmas Pays Big Returns in Joy and Happiness of

Christmas is a very costly institution. It makes deep holes in millions of well-filled pockets. Father's hand reaches into his pocket more often in the few weeks before Christmas than during any other period of equal extent in the whole year. And lots of money goes for presents that, in the hands of happy children, last a very short time. Nightfall of Christmas day sees many toys in mangled heaps that bright and shining and new greeted the little folks as they hopped out of bed Christmas morning. And millions and millions of things are bought that never would be, if it were not for Christmas. But does all this mean that Christmas is not worth the money in costs, that it would be better if the world did not observe the anniversary of Christ's birth in the way it does? Nobody in the whole wide Christian part of the world will say that Christmas does not pay for itself, that it is not worth all it costs, and that it is not a bargain at any price. Where can be found a father and mother who feel that they have been cheated by Christmas, after they hear the gurgling laughter of their children, in ecstasy among their new toys, even if very time I see a hundred dollar bill there had to be skimping and saving of pennies to buy the little presents?-

THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS

One Day of the Year That All Other Days Are Learning to Envy and Imitate.

It seems to me that always, as the 24th of December commenced to shorten, the white, fleecy snow began to fall, says a writer in the Craftsman. When the street lamps flickered up like candles on an altar, they gazed on a world that was white. The strife of the city was muffled. Carts off for a department store to get a Christmas present for friend wife. went by, but you had to peer out through the blinds to know that they were passing-they made no sound. An atmosphere of gentleness had deand have a crowd of perfect ladies use scended. Everyone in the house went about with stealth, as though planning some secret kindness.

And then the night and the trying to keep awake till Santa Claus should come. And the waking up, with the pink necktie and a quick forehead frost weaving patterns on the panes. Somewhere far away a harp was being played, and a cornet was challeng-"Well," I said, "I'm down here to ing the silence. The tune they played beautiful legend in the world. At first, dreamily, you tried to remember mas!" As you turned, your feet made to sail against the wind.

is the Christmas message. Once a year, by a divine conspiracy, all the ships of our hopes and fears turn back from their voyagings to the harbor of tenderness. They are borne back on the crest of a white tide of mysticism that sweeps round the world. A truce of God is declared to all fightings, and men and women walk as children through a world that is kind. They commence to give and cease to annex; they act in the belief that God is in his heaven. The spirit is one tremulous white day of unselfishness-a day which gradually some other days in the year are learning to envy and imi-

the Childrens' Christ-mas tree arrayed with toys and fillgree. toys and filigree,
and brilliant gewgaws deftly hung,
that catch the eye of
old and young. With
fairles bright and tinted
birds I call forth glad
enraptured words; and
merry eyes will greet the
sight when I am viewed by sight when I am viewed by candle-light. Beneath my boughs there lies a scene of cuse and yard and village green; with mimic railway running through.
as railroads oft are wont to do. 1 am I'm glad to be

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Shakespeare "Called Down." "You think a fine lot of Shake-

speare? "I do, sir," was the reply "An' you think he was mair clever

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Rabbie would never hae written sic from fighting."

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in time to read before the Mothers

club tomorrow afternoon."

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I asked Zeni Peshkoff, Socialist, infants and children, and see what his sensations were when he went out to kill. "It didn't seem real. It doesn't now. Before my last charge the lieutenant and I were filled with the beauty of the night. We sat gaz- Children Cry for Fletcher's ing at the stars. Then the command came and we rushed forward. It did not seem possible I was killing human beings." It is the unreality that viewed by Sir lan Hamilton a sustains men. Germans are not hu- is a story told that one of the man beings-only the enemy. For the was mounted on a horse that wounded French soldier will tell you viously distinguished itself "Maybe no; but ye tell us it was he loathes war and longs for peace. bakery business. Shakespeare who wrote, 'Uneasy lies | He fights for one object-a permanent the head that wears a crown.' Now Rabbie would never hae written sic nonsense as that."

peace. He fights to save his children have recognized the hors, shouted out, "Baker!" The promptly stopped dead, and the horse of the horse have recognized the horse shouted out, "Baker!" The promptly stopped dead, and the horse have recognized the horse shouted out, "Baker!" The horse have recognized the horse have recognized the horse shouted out, "Baker!" The horse have recognized the horse

"Nonsense, sir!" thundered the one soldier. "No, thank God," is the could urge it on. The situation for the could urge it on. 'Aye, just nonsense. Rabbie would the fierce answer, "if I had a son I struck with a brilliant idea. hae kent fine that a king or queen ei- would rather he deserted than sea marked, within hearing of his their disna gang to bed wi' the croon | what I have seen." This man is not "Not today, thank you." unusual. The soldiers—not the won-en—are beginning to say: "We will out further delay.—London Ma on their head. He'd have kent they unusual. The soldiers-not the womhave no more children unless there is no more war."-The New Republic

> "Jones is a lucky dog. He got a sion which threatened to bed quiet tip yesterday to plunge on X. Y.

"Why, that stock dropped 20 points tically, "you medical men h Z. preferred. this morning. Where does Jones' luck much about the uncertainties

"He didn't have money enough to go not want to live." in on it."

"I hear Mamie trowed you down." "Aw, she needn't brag. I been trowed down by better girls dan Ma-

step.

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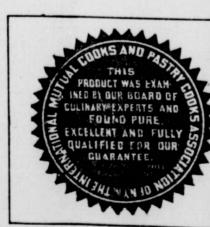
"Oh. I don't know," respon physician caustically. "You men tell us so much about the tainties of the next world don't want to die."-Ladies"

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"Say!" chirped Hep, who hadn't emerald necklace? Some idea-what? saw one the other day for \$3,000. Wait a minute! I'll give you a card to

"Give it to the chauffeur," I said as Then I left him flat and moseyed

Say! did you ever get tangled up in one of those department store mobs

get a Christmas present for friend was an accompaniment to the most wife. I would like something which would afford her great pleasure when I give it to her and which I could use why for once the darkness was not is easy to sail with the wind; one afterward as a penwiper or a fishing frightening, and then, "Ah, it's Christ-

the paper crack, and at the end of the bed you were too content and happy even to look at your presents. Why was it that next day everybody and everything was different? The air was full of bells singing riotously. Every one, for this one day, ceased to think of his own happiness and found happiness in bringing cheerfulness to others. The stern gulf which is fixed between children and grown-ups had vanished-there weren't any grownups. Somewhere in your childish heart you wondered why every day couldn't be made a day of kindness.

And that wonder of a child's heart

alas, a Christmas tree! And this will be the death for me: for when the Yuletide season's past, upon the ash-heap I'll be cast. However, while I'm standing here a host of children I will cheer, and gause their thful cheeks to glow, because of One Child loo go who came this waiting world to bless and fill our heartmenth happiness. And so, you see,

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