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ORGANIZING OF CONGRESS HARMONIOUS

NO SERIOUS LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO BE UNDERTAKEN UNTIL AFTER HOLIDAYS.

TO EXTEND WAR TAX LAW

By Agreement Joint Resolution Extending Present Law Till New One Can Be Enacted Will Be Passed.

Washington.—The first week of the sixty-fourth congress, which is designated to be historic in the nation's annals, brought about practically harmonious organization in both houses, after a few preliminary skirmishes, and revealed a determination on the part of administration leaders to attempt no serious legislative business until the holiday recess is over. Congress will adjourn Saturday until Jan. 3.

President Wilson's address Tuesday stood out as the most important event of the past week. There were indications on every hand that the defense program and revenue requirements suggested would precipitate strenuous debate.

ARMIES IN WINTER DEADLOCK.

Only Minor Activities Are Reported From Main Fronts in War.

London.—The main armies of Europe have apparently settled down into a winter deadlock in the trenches. No news of important engagements along the main lines has been heard for several days. The Italians 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The Austro-Germans have withdrawn from Lemberg, Galicia, according to a Kiev dispatch, which gives the prevalence of scurvy as the reason for this movement, but military critics consider it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 of the front.

Allies Stay in Balkans.

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

Drop Censorship by Press Bureau.

London.—The following official statement has been made public: "Sir Edward Grey has arranged that from 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 will be binding as heretofore, but the responsibility of seeing that they are complied 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 tax paid during the last fiscal year by 357,515 individuals totaled \$41,046,162, nearly \$13,000,000 more than the amount paid by 357,589 individuals the year before, according to the annual report of the commissioner of internal revenue. The greatest increase was in the amounts paid by 82,751 persons subject to the normal tax, a jump from about \$12,728,000 in 1914, to about \$16,559,000 in 1915. Incomes exceeding \$500,000 were 174.

Internal Machine in Explosives.

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

RELATIONS MAY END WITH AUSTRIANS

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

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 of American lives. All officials here continue to preserve silence over the negotiations with Austria, but through the veil which has been drawn about the situation is seen a crisis just as grave as that which attended the submarine negotiations with Germany.

The question of continuing diplomatic relations may be said to depend on a satisfactory reply to Secretary Lansing's note, which now probably is before the Vienna foreign office demanding a disavowal of the sinking of the Ancona, reparation for the lives lost and assurances that passenger ships shall not be attacked without warning or an opportunity for non-combatants to take places of safety.

Situation is Tense.

The situation is tense and fraught with possibilities. It is compared to the last days of the Arabic negotiations with Germany when probably no one but President Wilson himself knew how close the country was to a severance of diplomatic relations with Berlin.

A further complication to the situation developed when it was disclosed that an Austrian submarine which shelled the American oil tank ship Petrolite in the Mediterranean last week sent a boarding party and took part of the ship's provisions. This news came a consular dispatch from Algiers and was the first official word of the safety of the Petrolite, which was not nearly damaged by the shelling and proceeded to Algiers with one man slightly wounded.

No Right to Take Property.

So far as the Petrolite incident is concerned there probably will be no action by the state department until more complete reports are received. If the tanker was shelled while trying to escape in disregard of warning there would be no complaint on that score. When she did stop and submit to search the submarine commander on finding her a neutral ship bound on legitimate business, had no right to 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 unlimited in their radius of action and almost wholly independent of bases of supplies.

RECALL BOY-ED AND VON PAPAN.

German Ambassador Asks Secretary Lansing to Secure Safe Conducts.

Washington.—Emperor William has personally recalled the naval and military 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 securing 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 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 the officers.

M. Rumley Properties Sold. Laporte, Ind.—Properties of the M. Rumley company, a \$32,000,000 corporation, manufacturing farming machinery, were sold for \$2,500,000 at a receivers sale to the Advance Rumley company, composed of stockholders, noteholders and creditors of the old company and capitalized at \$26,250,000. The business will be continued.

Kaiser Hopes for End by February.

London.—Emperor William has fixed the date for the marriage of his youngest son, Prince Joachim, to the Princess Marie of Anhalt, for the end of February at Potsdam, says a dispatch from Amsterdam, which gives a message from Cassel, Prussia, as authority for the statement. "The marriage was to have taken place before Christmas," says the dispatch. "The emperor and empress hope that the war will be ended by February and they therefore postponed the marriage until that time."

THOMAS J. PENCE



Thomas J. Pence, who managed the publicity campaign of Woodrow Wilson in the re-convention campaign of 1912, is probably the next secretary of the Democratic national committee. Mr. Pence is at present the acting secretary, Joseph E. Davie, having resigned the office when he became commissioner of corporati

ASKS VIENNA TO DISAVOW ANCONA ACT

U. S. NOTE IS VIGOROUS IN TONE AND DEMANDS ASSURANCES AGAINST SIMILAR ACTS.

CLAIM INDEMNITY FOR LIVES

News Note Had Been Sent Comes as Surprise, and Attack on An Oil Steamer Makes Situation Grave.

Washington.—The United States has sent to Austria-Hungary a note asking for a disavowal of the submarine attack upon the Italian liner Ancona assurances that such an act will not be repeated, some degree of punishment for the commander of the submarine and reparation for the American lives lost.

The communication started by cable Tuesday from the state department to Ambassador Frederic C. Penfield at Vienna, who was instructed to hand it over to the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, Baron Burian.

Friendly but firm terms, it is said, characterize the document, which is understood to make a particular point of prompt assurances for the future safety of American lives. Austria-Hungary has never informed the United States whether the commanders of its submarines had been given instructions similar to those which the German government gave to its commanders after the Lusitania tragedy. It is understood that the note referred particularly to the charge that shells from the submarine killed or wounded some passengers on the Ancona after she had halted and asked for an explanation on that point.

Dispatch of Note Comes as Surprise.

High officials are said to be of the opinion that the situation is one which calls for grave consideration, the state of affairs having become more complicated since the note was dispatched by reports of attacks on American oil-carrying vessels in the Mediterranean, presumably by Austrian submarines.

News that the note had been sent came as a complete surprise to official Washington generally, the reports which emanated from the state department early in the week being that no positive and corroborating evidence as to what actually had occurred when the Ancona went down had been received.

The unfiled tonnage of the United States Steel corporation on Nov. 30 totaled 7,189,489 tons, an increase of 1,024,087 tons over October. The increase was a surprise to the financial district, as the figures were well above, and in many cases double, all previous estimates.

German Sub Sank American Tanker.

Rome.—The first report of the torpedoing of the American tank steamer Communipaw, says the Giornale D'Italia, was a radio message from an Italian steamer which had picked up her wireless call for help and sending on the wireless message to an Italian steamer, Greek torpedo boat destroyer and a British warship. The newspaper adds that the Egyptian authorities confirm the torpedoing of the steamer and say that the submarine was a German.

FIRE SWEEPS CITY OF 25,000 IN VIRGINIA

HOPEWELL, FOUNDED BY DUPONT POWDER COMPANY, VIRTUALLY DESTROYED.

400 BUILDINGS ARE BURNED

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 Thursday.

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 looting.

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

The fire started on the third floor of a Greek restaurant. A strong wind fanned the blaze and within ten minutes the entire block was in flames. Adam Drum, an 11-year-old Richmond 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 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 in his arms. He shouted to the men below to hold a blanket. They grabbed a bed cover from among those thrown from the building and the boy leaped forward and, with a cry, fell with the infant in his arms. Both 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 boy's daring, carried him down the street on their shoulders.

Hopewell sprang into existence last spring and within a year grew from one country store to a city of 25,000 inhabitants. The buildings destroyed probably will number 400.

IMPORTANT BATTLES DEVELOP.

Turks, Under Von Der Goltz, About to Attack British at Kut-el-Amara.

London.—Important battles have begun or are impending in Mesopotamia, where the German field marshal, Baron von der Goltz, has taken command of the Turkish forces and is about to attack the British at Kut-el-Amara; in Southeastern Serbia, where the Bulgarians already have attacked the Anglo-French position and have been repulsed; on Gallipoli, where, according to Turkish accounts, the allies have taken the offensive, and in Belgium and France, where reports from Holland state the Germans have concentrated strong reinforcements and an immense amount of artillery with the object of striking a blow at the allied line in Flanders and Artois.

Secretary McAdoo Will Visit Dallas.

Washington.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo is planning a trip to the Southern states during the next few weeks in connection with the public building situation, the main objective points being Memphis, Birmingham and Dallas. The visit will be similar to that which took the secretary and Assistant Secretary Newton to San Francisco a few weeks ago, and is understood to be for the purpose of gathering first-hand information about the building needs of the centers where the government agencies are doing a heavy business.

Only Tariff Remains for Republicans.

Washington.—President Wilson told members of the Democratic national committee at a luncheon in the White House that the Republicans had no issue for the next campaign except the tariff, and that Democracy was certain to win. "Our constructive work has started an irresistible movement which can not be stopped," he declared. "Anyone who tells you otherwise is talking through his hat." Mr. Wilson said nothing to indicate whether he would again be a candidate.

Food Exports \$579,000,000 in 1915.

Washington.—The quantity of foodstuffs sent by the United States to the rest of the world during the first ten months of this year was more than double that in the same period of 1914. Statistics of the department of commerce show the value of foodstuffs exported during the ten months was almost \$579,000,000, 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 Steel company at Redington, six miles from here, killed one workman and injured 15 others, several of them seriously. The accident occurred in the pellet department of the plant and resulted, it was said, from a spark that communicated with quantities of powder in the room. This is the second explosion that has occurred in four months at the Redington plant which is working on war orders.

ST. LOUIS WINS DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

CONVENTION NECESSARY TO MAKE MISSOURI DEMOCRATIC IS WINNING PLEA.

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 Missouri Democratic, and to save Senator 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 the only one of the opponents who mentioned Dallas. He said that he had too much confidence in the people of Texas to believe they would invite a national convention unless they had the means of entertaining it.

This statement brought cheers from the lobby of the hall, which was comfortably filled with members of the Texas delegation, and when Mayor Henry D. Lindsay came forward to present the claims of Texas, it sounded like a convention was in session. The Texas folks are not at all chagrined over their defeat. As generally commented here, Texas made a good contest, and carried off laurels, though the convention goes to St. Louis.

Strength of Dallas Surprising.

The strength of Dallas was surprising to many, as she led Chicago in the first ballot and would have emphatically repeated this in the second, if Chicago had concluded to continue the fight.

Of course, there are always generous people who are anxious to sympathize with and offer consolation to the vanquished—this town is full of such now and Dallas is the subject. She is congratulated for her pluck; congratulated on her organizing ability, and all that—but cutting out half of these congratulations as insincere, the rest gives her as much honor as she could wish. She laid down a check for the money required, which neither of the other towns did. Her cause, which two days before was considered 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 success.

Russ Gathering on Roumanian Border.

Berlin.—Advices received here indicate that the Russians are hurriedly concentrating troops along the Roumanian border. The Austro forces in Bukovina also are being reinforced heavily. A Bucharest dispatch, forwarded by way of Budapest, says that the harbor at Reni, the Russian-Danube port, at which troops have been concentrated for some time, has been closed to traffic because of the forthcoming arrival of additional transport ships.

Killed in Gasoline Explosion.

Kenedy, Texas.—Wallace Burris is dead and his brother, Walter Burris, is badly burned as a result of a gasoline explosion in a garage here. Walter was filling the gas tank of an automobile and an explosion followed 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 system.

\$100,000 Fire Damage at Maypearl.

Maypearl, Texas.—Fire caused a property loss here of approximately \$100,000. The blaze started in the Farmers and Merchants Dry Goods store and was soon beyond the control of the large force of volunteer firemen. From the dry goods store the flames spread to the Farmers and Merchants bank building, which was destroyed, with several other businesses. The buildings and stocks were consumed. The amount of insurance could not be ascertained.

DANIELS GIVES NAVY PLANS

Recommendations for First Time Increase Expenditures Proposed.

THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

Dec. 13, 1914. Allies won three-day battle on the Lys.

French gained in the St. Mihiel region. Germans were defeated in the Miawes 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 women of Konak and Erzerum, Turkey.

Dec. 14, 1914.

French continued their offensive in Alsace and Lorraine. Serbians recaptured Belgrade. Austrians recaptured Dukla in the Carpathians, capturing 9,000 Russians. Germans made gains in northern Poland. British submarine B-11 sank Turkish battleship Messudieh in the 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 Carpathians into Galicia and drove Russian left back toward the San river. Senussi tribesmen threatened Egypt. German cruiser Cormorant was interned 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 at Warsaw. German warships shelled Scarborough, Hartlepool and Whitby, killing about 120. British warships shelled West-ende.

Dec. 17, 1914.

Allies entered Westende. More German troops rushed to Belgium. Russian offensive against Silesia and Posen declared broken. Austrians had successes in West Galicia. Austrian training ship Beethoven sunk by mine. British squadron bombarded Turkish troops on Gulf of Saros. Field Marshal von der Goltz made commandant at Constantinople. England declared protectorate over Egypt, ending Turkish suzerainty.

Dec. 18, 1914.

Allies occupied Roulers. Heavy fighting in Lille and near Arras. Russians won in Galicia between Sanok and Lisko. Austrians announced capture of Piotrkow and Pzedborz. Turks in Asia Minor were re-energized. Russian Black sea fleet sank two Turkish ships.

Dec. 19, 1914.

British warships shelled German positions on Belgian coast. Gaekwar of Baroda bought Empire of India for hospital ship. Allies gained at several points from North sea to the Oise, but lost near La Bassee. Germans captured Lowicz. Severe fighting on the Bzura and in Galicia. Russians held lines on the Duna-jec river against fierce attacks.

He Was the Limit.

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 leaf."

Kiss Reports to Date.

"Is a kiss," asks the New York Herald, "worth one hundred and twenty-five 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 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 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 tortures.

W. F. Kellis, Editor and Proprietor.

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Subscribers falling to get their paper on time, will confer a favor by reporting same to us.

Remember that the small boy and his firecracker might turn a merry Christmas into gloom and your house into ashes.

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.

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.

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.

President Wilson's message to Congress is one of the ablest documents that has been promulgated in many years.

The average pro and the average anti are a unit on the question of temperance. It is the location of 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 over a clothes line.

The proposition of the Germans to kill off a million or so of their prisoners of war in order to keep from feeding them, is extremely revolting and hideous.

A religion without that charity taught and practiced by the gentle Jesus warms the human heart about as much as a stream of ice water trickling down one's spine on a cold day.

A law is no stronger than the sentiment that is back of it. The speed limit of an automobile on a public road is eighteen miles per hour; yet, who cares for that law?

When the Germans have a mind to set off a torpedo under a ship loaded with American men, women and babies and blow them to kingdom come, the best that Uncle Sam can do is, to protest and ask them not to do so again.

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



If Christmas is Right here on us? We have prepared for the good times, and have a big Line to select from

- A Few Suggestions: Ceroles, Perculators, Razors, Guns and Rifles, Rockers, Rugs, Chaffing Dishes, Silverware, Air Guns, Boys' Tool Chest, Carving Sets, Gas Lamps, Dinner Sets, Fancy China, in salads, cakes, Flash Lights, Dressers, Dressing Tables, Velocipedes, Icy-Hot Bottles, Pocket Knives, and sets, Davenport, Library Tables, Express Wagons, Toys and Dolls

SHOP EARLY. We can serve better now than later LOWE & DURHAM

Don't blame the administration for this state of affairs, for all it can do against these armed giants is to protest.

The Letter "E" Some one has advanced the opinion that the letter "e" is the most unfortunate character in the English 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) Subject: May I Expect to Conquer Sin in Myself. (Company A) Captain in charge: Merle Roberts. Song: Prayer. Report of chairman of Membership Committee. Call for new members. Secretary's report. Report of treasurer of Companies A and B. Leader in charge: Noble Ballou. Subject on blackboard. Special song—Mae Austin and Evangeline Hill. Scripture reading: Rom. 7: 10-23. Joe Graham. The Doctrine.—Short talk by a member. The Conflict.—Rom 6: 6. Rom. 6: 12-14. read by Darrell Garrett. Short talk by Eddie Hooker. (See Quarterly, paragraph II.) Song: "Am I a Soldier of The Cross." The Out Come.—John 6: 33. recited by Finous Conger. Short talk by Hollie Glass. (See Quarterly, paragraph III.) The Method.—John 5: 4. recited by Floyd Payne. Short talk by Merle Roberts. (See Quarterly, paragraph IV.) Song: "Faith is The Victory."

WHAT IS YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT? If you have in mind a Watch, Chain, Bracelet, Ring, Suck Pin, Collar and Sleeve Buttons, or any other Jewelry, including fine Fountain Pens, go and inspect the splendid stock now on display at C. L. COULSON'S

OUR PUBLIC FORUM Hon. Elihu Root On Woman's Sphere

The question of Woman Suffrage is an issue before 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, because 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 woman 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 though the heavens fall. 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 is simply a means of government, and the sole question to be discussed is whether 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 woman. It is not that woman is inferior to men, 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. Woman rules today by the sweet and noble influences of her character. 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 wield. 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. The 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 man, and I for one, will never consent to part with the divine right of protecting my wife, my daughter, the women whom 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 warfare 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 were to be taken, we go centuries backward on the march towards a higher, a nobler and a purer civilization, which must be found not in the confusion, but in the higher differentiation of the sexes."

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is a useful Gift this Xmas

we offers you a wide range of useful presents. Never before Christmas have we had such a complete selection of so many different articles which will be appreciated. Let our sales force help you with your list of gifts and decide for.

Every lady would appreciate as a Christmas Gift—

Four Sets, or Dress Pattern, Silk Waist, a pair of nice Silk Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Perfumery, Silk Head Bands, Silk or Wool Sweaters, pretty bed room Slippers, Gloves, Foot Warmers, Hand Bags, Table Linen, Sewing Sets, Embroidered Scarfs, etc., Electrical Flashlights and many other useful and pretty things.

the Gentlemen Give—

Shirts, Ties, Combination sets of Ties and Socks, Handkerchiefs, a nice Shirt, a Sweater, Bath Towels, Hats, Gloves, Suit Cases or Hand Bags, Overcoats, House Slippers, Dress Shoes, Foot Warmers, Tie Cuff Buttons, Supporters, and any number of useful gifts he will use and appreciate.

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LOANS—If I am prepared to loan money on Stock, Farm and Ranch, I will have some fine investments to exchange for Western lands. Write me. B. E. Hurbit, Brownwood, Texas.

LAUNDRY—Every about wash day? Please send your "washin'" to the Steam Laundry. Baskin's Laundry. Tuesday and returns Thursday. Remember the place—phone

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LOCALS

Get your Rook cards at Butler Drug Co.

Best packing house at Austin's.

Reduced prices on Rockers for Xmas—Lowe & Durham.

Judge Beaugard, of Garden City, was here Wednesday.

Brown & Pearce, this week, sold J. W. Tweedle a five-passenger Ford automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pearson were shopping in San Angelo last Tuesday.

R. A. Howard left last Wednesday for Los Angeles, Cal. Before leaving, Mr. Howard ordered the News-Record to follow him.

Only first-class groceries sold at Austin's.

Service Car—anywhere, any time.

—Ed L. Gilmore. Phone No. 8. Wanted: Turkeys—all I can get. Robt. Brown, Sterling City.

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\$35 Guns for	\$28.50
25 "	22.50
20 "	18.00
18 "	16.00
16 "	14.00
15 "	12.00
12 "	10.00

Rifles, \$1.75 and up

LOWE & DURHAM

Penant Lubricating Oils and Gasoline, the best on the market, sold and delivered by H. H. (Pete) Allard.

Mike Slaton returned last Monday from a visit to Dallas.

Preston Sullivan visited his sister, Miss Mae, at Simmons College, Abilene, last Sunday.

Jeff D. Ayres and J. W. Tweedle were transacting business in San Angelo last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Allard, accompanied by Master Austin Allard, are visiting relatives at Byers. The trip was made in their new automobile.

WANTED:—Middle aged woman, or couple without children, to do general house work. Good wages. For further information, address P. O. Box 207, Sterling City.

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Christmas is not complete unless you have apples, oranges, Cranberries, celery, nuts and candies. Cotten & Davis have the best, and will deliver them all next week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Garner, of the Broome & Farr ranch, were shopping here last Saturday. Mr. Garner reported everything at the ranch in fine condition.

Miss Sletton, of Millersview, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. J. Snow.

Irrigated Farm For Sale.—I am not able to run my irrigated farm on account of sickness, so have concluded to sell to the one that it may suit. Teams, tools and all implements. Anyone wishing to buy can get terms by writing James Daly, Sterling City, Texas.

For Sale.—A bridging telephone, with 1600 Ohm generator. Apply at this office.

Austin will pay the highest prices for chickens and eggs.

Lowe & Durham have some bargains in Rockers, and they make nice Xmas gifts.

FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT

As in the years past, we have made a study of your Holiday wants and have spared neither time, labor nor money in supplying just the things you want for this Christmas.

We have accurately measured and fitted out Santa Claus this season

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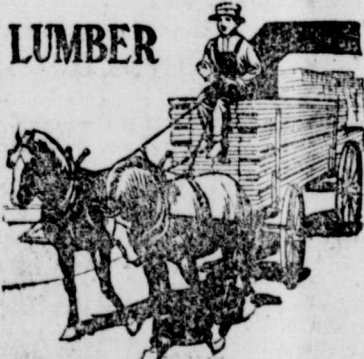
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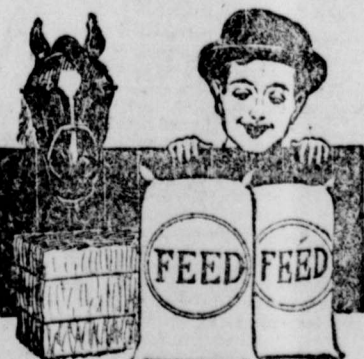
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Brown & Pearce

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

Mrs. R. O. Griswold has rented the adobe building and will establish a school of Physical Education and Expression, in which is incorporated the principles of Health and Heredity, Hygiene and Sanitation, and Household Economy; also the rudiments of music, drawing and painting. January 1st, 1918.

Born:—On the 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Smith, a boy.

Fruits, nuts, candies and all kinds of Christmas eats at Austin's.

Mr. and Mrs. Beaugard Snell expect to leave within the next few days for Sterling City where they will reside. Mr. Snell will become an active partner in a hardware, furniture, implement and undertakers' establishment there. He is a good business man and will readily take his place as an enterprising, public spirited citizen. Both he and Mrs. Snell are good people to have in a community and a host of friends here regret to surrender them to Sterling City, yet all wish them well.—Hamilton Record.

Mr. and Mrs. Snell arrived here last Tuesday evening, and received a hearty welcome.

Elder C. C. Klingman will begin a meeting here on December 26th under the auspices of the Christian Church. Come out and hear him.

For your Christmas groceries, go to N. A. Austin's.

LOST:—On November 5th, on the road between San Angelo and Waverly, a 3x4 automobile tire, cover and rim. Finder will please leave same at this office, or return to Lay Powell, Colorado, Texas.

WANTED:—If you have a ranch you want to sell or trade—any size—send me a complete description, giving terms, price, etc.

Jesse R. Pearce, Coleman, Texas

NOTICE
We will not sell Gasoline, Tubes, Batteries, or any other supplies, on credit in the future. It will take cash to get any of these supplies. This applies to all alike.

BROWN & PEARCE

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

A. E. Ballou's father and brother were his guests the first of the week.

Dr. J. T. Brannan was appointed County Physician by the Commissioners' Court last Monday. He qualified and entered upon his duties Wednesday. Dr. Brannan is a good, safe and able man, and we are to be congratulated upon securing his services as chief health officer.

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

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N. A. Austin and N. L. Douglas were business visitors to San Angelo Tuesday.

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. Brennan, last Monday shipped a car of beaves to Fort Worth markets.

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 new home.

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 Carlisbad last night and will spend a few days here.

TEXAS FACTS

AGRICULTURE.

The annual per capita production of Texas is valued at \$200.00, which includes the output of the farm, mine, factory and fisheries.

Thirty-two agricultural products are produced in commercial quantities in Texas.

Coffee and tea are the only agricultural products used in Texas that are not grown commercially within our borders.

The annual expenditure for farm labor by Texas farmers is \$28,000,000.

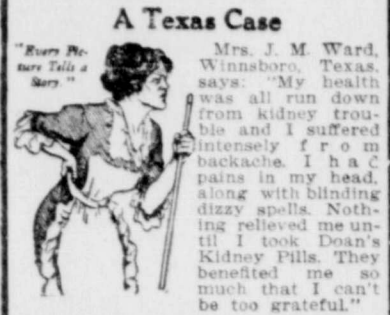
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It's hard enough to keep house in perfect health, but a woman who is weak, tired and suffering from an aching back has a heavy burden.



Get Doan's at Any Store, 50c a Box. DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS. FOSTER-MILBURN CO., BUFFALO, N. Y.

Not Entirely. "Is your piano asleep, Dorothy?" "His eyes is, auntie, but not his nose."—Boston Transcript.

IMITATION IS SINCEREST FLATTERY but like counterfeit money the imitation is not the worth of the original. Insist on "La Creole" Hair Dressing—It's the original. Darkens your hair in the natural way, but contains no dye. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

In the Lurch. "I hear your rich uncle died last week. Did he leave you anything?" "Yes, he left me out of his will!"

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the original little liver pills put up 40 years ago. They regulate liver and bowels.—Adv.

A schemer points out the silver lining of a cloud—and then proceeds to swipe your umbrella.

A HINT TO WISE WOMEN. Don't suffer torture when all female troubles will vanish in this air after using "Femina." Price 50c and \$1.00.—Adv.

Hobby horses are dearer than Arabians.

For Sprains, Strains or Lameness. Always Keep a Bottle in Your Stable. Rub It In.



HANFORD'S Balsam of Myrrh ALIMENT. For Galls, Wire Cuts, Lameness, Strains, Bunches, Thrush, Old Sores, Nail Wounds, Foot Rot, Fistula, Bleeding, Etc., Etc.

Made Since 1846. Ask Anybody About It. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

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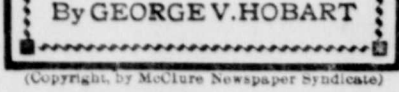
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John Henry on Christmas Presents

By GEORGE V. HOBART



AY! Did you ever take what little was left and start out to buy friend wife a Christmas present?

A quaint pastime, is it not? Well, to make a long story lose its cunning, I clicked a few iron men together recently and started out to find something new and nifty in the gift line for P'aches.

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.

"What's the matter?" Fuse blow out and leave you and your favorite bartender 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'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 had a wife you'd take her down to your favorite jewelry store and let the clerks throw diamonds at her till they fell exhausted. But I'm just a regular



A Lot of Eager Dames Were Pawing Over Some Chinchilla Ribbon.

human being, working for a living, and every time I see a hundred dollar bill I get red in the face and want a drink of water.

"Say!" chirped Hep, who hadn't paid the slightest attention to what I was saying, "why don't you get her an emerald necklace? Some idea—what? I saw one the other day for \$2,000. Wait a minute! I'll give you a card to the manager."

"Give it to the chauffeur," I said as I pushed Hep into the taxi. "By the time he gets you home you'll owe him enough to buy emeralds."

Then I left him flat and moseyed off for a department store to get a Christmas present for friend wife. Christmas present for friend wife. Christmas present for friend wife. Christmas present for friend wife.

Second floor—to the right—take the elevator.

Did you ever try to take an elevator in a department store and find that 3,943 other American citizens and citizenesses were also trying to take the same elevator?

How sweet it is to mingle in the arms of utter strangers and to feel the pressure of a foot we never hope to meet again!

I was standing by one of the counters on the second floor when a shrill voice crept up over a few bales of dry goods and said, "Are you a buyer or a handler?"

"I am looking for a Christmas present for friend wife," I answered. "I want to get something that will look sweet later on as a tobacco jar or a trouser stretcher!"

"Fourth floor—to the left—take the elevator!" said the shrill voice, but shriller.

With bowed head I walked away. I began to feel sorry for friend wife. Nobody seemed to be very much interested whether she got a Christmas present or not.

On the fourth floor I stopped at a counter where a lot of eager dames were pawing over some chinchilla ribbon and chiffon overskirts.

I reminded me of the way an emotional hen digs up a grub in the garden.

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 receipts.

She gave me a glad smile and I felt a thrill of encouragement.

"Excuse me," I said, "but I am looking for a Christmas present for friend wife which will make all the neighbors jealous, and which I can use afterward as an ash receiver or a pocket flask."

The young lady cut out the giggles and pointed to the northwest.

To my surprise I found another counter.

A pale young woman was behind it. I was just about to ask her the fatal question when a young man wearing a ragtime expression on his face rushed 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 something?"

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

"I am looking," I said, "for a Christmas present for friend wife. I want to get something that will give her a great amount of pleasure and which I can use later on as a pipe cleaner or a pair of suspenders!"

The pale young woman frowned, so I moved over.

At another counter another young lady said to me: "Have you been waited on?"

"No," I replied; "I have been stepped on, sat on and walked on, but I have not yet been waited on."

"What do you wish?" inquired the young woman.

"I am looking for a Christmas present for friend wife," he said. "I want to buy her something that will bring great joy to her heart, and which I might use afterward as a pair of slippers or a shaving mug."

The young lady caught me with her dreamy eyes and held me up against the wall.

"You," she screamed, "you complete a total of 25,493 people who have been in this department store today without knowing what they are doing here."

"I refuse to be a human encyclopedia 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 Yuletide, but, nevertheless, the next guy that leaves his brains at home and tries to make me tell him what is a good Christmas present for his wife will get a bitter wallop across the forehead!"

The girl was right, so I went home without a present.

I suppose I'll have to take Hep's tip and get those emeralds after all.

But first I'll go down to the delicatessen store and see if there's anything there.

Meeting Adverse Conditions. Conditions master weak natured only; they challenge strength, endurance, courage, and pay tribute to the steady purpose, the resolute will. It is easy to sail with the wind; one must have knowledge, skill, judgment to sail against the wind.

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However, if you wish first to test this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention this paper.—Adv.

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Shakespeare "Called Down." "You think a fine lot of Shakespeare!" "I do, sir," was the reply.

"Why, there's no comparison between them." "Maybe not; but ye tell us this was Shakespeare who wrote, 'Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown.' Now Rabble would never have written such nonsense as that."

"Nonsense, sir!" thundered the other.

"Aye, just nonsense. Rabble would have kept fine that a king or queen elude their dinn's gang to bed wif the croon on their head. He'd have kept them away from the back of a chair."

Flying Starts. Officer (furious)—"What the deuce is the matter? Where are your shoes going?" Irish Recruit (nervously)—"Sure I dunno, sor; they left 'ere all right!"

No Occasion for Roasting. "I hear Maude trowed you down." "Aw, she needn't brag I ban trowed down by better girls dan Ma'mie."—Life.

Speaking of dancing, one of the hardest steps to tumble to is the deor-step.

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You can rid yourself of that cold in the head by taking Laxative Quinidine Tablets. Price 25c. Also used in cases of La Grippe and for severe headaches. Remember that.—Adv.

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A Brave Man. Wife—You know, Henry, I think I'm in love with you. Hub—Yes, my love; only the other way.

Got Out of the Difficulty. Some time ago a local paper viewed by Sir Ian Hamilton as a story told that one of the was mounted on a horse that was viciously distinguished head bakery business.

A wag in the crowd is supposed to have recognized the horse, shouted out, "Baker!" The promptly stopped dead, and could urge it on. The string getting painful, when the chief struck with a brilliant idea, marked, within hearing of his "Not today, thank you."

No Occasion for Roasting. "I hear Maude trowed you down." "Aw, she needn't brag I ban trowed down by better girls dan Ma'mie."—Life.

Speaking of dancing, one of the hardest steps to tumble to is the deor-step.

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