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BELIEVE SENATE WILL BACK UP ON ANTI-STRIKE BILL

LaFollette Says it Was Jammed Through Without a Quorum.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Defeat of the Pounder anti-strike bill, which the senate reconvened the vote by which it was passed at yesterday's session, was predicted by senators...

BONUS TOO COSTLY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—"Adjusted compensation" under the provision of bonus legislation, passed by the house, would entail the payment of \$1,350,000,000 by the government...

POLICE SEEK DETROIT GIRL HELD BY MEN

DETROIT, Dec. 17.—Police are patrolling the river and searching every island in the belief that Mary E. Caldwell, aged 11 years, and missing since Wednesday, is being held captive...

Rambler Still Made It to Order in Your Own Yard

STAFF SPECIAL. BRECKENRIDGE, Dec. 17.—After trailing it for several days, a covered wagon, equipped with whisky-making utensils, has been captured by State Rangers...

CABLE CENSORSHIP DENIED BY BRITISH

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Admiralty today issued a formal denial to the report that it had imposed a censorship on telegraph communications to the United States.

Republican Platform Indorses Principles of League, Taft Says

Packed House Hears Ex-President Analyze American Policies at Majestic; Says Both Sides Are Stubborn.

Bullheadedness on the part of both President Wilson and the senate are responsible for the United States being on the outside of the League of Nations today. That was the statement, though not the language, of ex-President William Howard Taft...

MANY FEEDS SPREAD FOR EX-PRESIDENT

Without any elaboration, but with the good fellowship characteristic of the city, William Howard Taft has been entertained by the Rotary club, yesterday at 11:30 o'clock.

Washington's statement that this nation should never enter into any entangling alliances with foreign countries, he explained, was due to troubles for the weak and faltering republic caused by the French treaty of 1778, and what was really meant by the assertion, the speaker said, was: This nation should enter into no offensive and defensive treaty with a nation which would use it to further its own ends.

BLACK AND TANS WHO MURDERED PRIEST WILL FACE COURT MARTIAL

DUBLIN, Dec. 17.—The Rev. Father Dominic, personal spiritual adviser to the late Terrance MacSwiney, was arrested here today. Another Roman Catholic priest was arrested at the same time, but later released.

BRITISH TROOPS IN IRELAND. British troops were active throughout the night and raided several monasteries during the morning. It was during one of these raids that the Right Rev. Father Dominic was arrested.

NO TRACE OF ARMY BALLOON. International News Service. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—No word was received today of the government balloon, which left here Monday for Canada with three naval officers aboard.

MR. TAFT HONORARY MEMBER RANGER ROTARY

William Howard Taft is now an honorary member of the Ranger Rotary club and is the only person to hold that distinction. The membership was conferred on the ex-President at a special luncheon meeting held today in his honor.

LEGION GUARDS TOWN IN KANSAS FROM RACE RIOT

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., Dec. 17.—One hundred and fifty members of the American Legion today patrolled the streets of Independence and guarded the county jail, where Noble Green, negro, and suspected murderer and robber of a local groceryman, is imprisoned.

JUST A FEW OF THOSE NEEDING CHEER FUND AID

Received heretofore \$889.64 E. F. Rust 2.00 Total \$891.64

FLORIDA GOVERNOR THREATENS TO USE SHOTGUN ON CRITIC

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Dec. 17.—Governor Hines today threatened to use a shotgun in an open letter given out today to go to West Palm Beach, Fla., with a "doubt-barreled shotgun loaded with buckshot."

TEXAS TURK'S DEFEAT BRINGS A CHALLENGE

CUERO, Tex., Dec. 17.—When news reached the people of Cuero that in a pre-Thanksgiving encounter the big turkey gobbler which they had sent to President Wilson was ingloriously defeated in battle by a turkey from Kentucky...

Big Town Policemen Die In Street Battles With Armed Bandits

NEW YORK TALKS OF VIGILANCE COMMITTEES

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—With the metropolis experiencing the most violent series of robberies and holdups in its history, a movement was on foot today for the establishment of vigilance committees to give greater protection to life and property.

CHICAGO COP SLAIN IN DUEL WITH ROBBER. A fourth member, identified as Thomas Heavey of St. Louis by papers that were found in his clothing, lies dead in the morgue, having been killed in a running gun fight with patrolman Charles Conlon...

WILD WEST THRILLS. The shooting furnished midnight thrills for guests at the Sherman hotel, as well as the crowds that thronged the streets and police investigators...

EASTLAND ASKS UNIONS TO TAKE PAY REDUCTION

EASTLAND, Dec. 17.—Claiming that a high wage scale is retarding building activities and development, leading building contractors have drafted proposals for reduced scales and asked labor leaders to accept the reductions.

GAS TANK WAGON Ablaze in Street Imperils Lives

With its entire rear end on fire from gasoline that had been spilled at various times, the driver of a Magnol's tank wagon yesterday afternoon drove the machine into the middle of the street, capsized it and turned in an alarm to the fire department.

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International News Service. CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—"Iron carpenters" here today are considering a request made by the Wood Workers' Employers' association that they voluntarily accept a twenty-five per cent increase in wages.

ARCHITECT CHOSEN FOR HOSPITAL

Mr. White Given Ten Days to Find Contractor Who Will Accept Price.

The final selection of an architect for the county and city hospital, to be built in Ranger, was made yesterday. The award was made to Mr. White of this city, provided he can secure within ten days a contractor who will take the contract under figures and plans submitted by him.

BRICK GOING DOWN FAST ON LAMAR STREET. Five cars of brick have been received by the McKenzie Construction company and are being laid on Lamar street between 14th and 15th.

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SOVIET GOVERNMENT FAILS OF Foothold IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Czecho-Slovakian government at Prague has announced that it is in full control of the revolutionary situation and that attempts of the Communists to set up a Soviet government in that country have been frustrated, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch picked up here this morning from Karlsbad.

FREDERICK NOT CALLED 'GREAT' IN NEW GERMANY

By Associated Press
POTSDAM, Dec. 17.—Frederick the Great is no longer Frederick the Great to the attendants who show visitors through the various palaces of the late imperial German family and the Garrison church, where the body of the most famous of the Hohenzollerns lies. He is merely Frederick the Second, in accordance with an order issued by the chief of the custodians of the palaces. To the democratic regime which has swept over Potsdam, the most-imperialistic and aristocratic center in Germany, even a dead emperor cannot be great.

On the whole the Potsdam palaces have undergone few changes under the new government. In Spandau, rioters did not reach them as they were under the protection of loyal troops. Consequently, there was no plundering and looting, and the royal residences remain exactly as they were before the hurried departure of William II, except for the disappearance of the strictly personal belongings of William and his family.

Open to Public.
The new palace, where William II lived, is now open to the public on certain days. His library is almost devoid of books, most of them having been sent to Holland. The smaller dining room and living rooms have apparently been stripped of strictly personal belongings. The furnishings which remain are pretentious.

Gift pieces from other sovereigns and elaborate historical paintings, tapestries and statues are untouched and give the palace a museum appearance. It is not unlike Versailles or Fontainebleau in atmosphere, and there is nothing about any of the three Potsdam palaces to indicate they have seen used within the last century.

The shell room in the new palace, whose pillars and base walls are lined by inlaid pieces of semi-precious stones, presents the appearance of a souvenir stand at Colorado Springs. The carpets are rolled back from the great marble floor and strings of matting, lined by gilded ropes, invite to visitors how they may move through the grotesque hall where the children of the imperial family always had their Christmas entertainments.

The great terrace in front of the Orangery, overlooking San Souei park, backs the ancient Chinese astronomical instruments which were taken from the imperial observatory in Peking at the time of the Boxer troubles. These instruments were erected on pedestals and attracted much attention. But under the Versailles treaty they had to be returned to China.

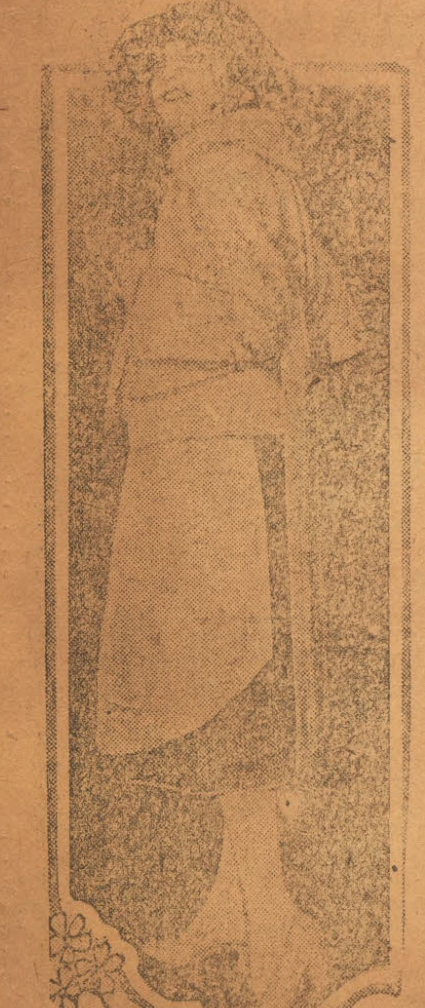
AMERICAN WOMEN ASK CLUB CONVENTION BE HELD IN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17.—The 400 or more American women who compose the American Women's club of Shanghai are making every effort to bring to Shanghai the next international meeting of the General Federation of Women's clubs in 1922.

At the recent biennial convention of the Federation of Women's clubs in Des Moines, Iowa, the invitation to hold the next meeting in Shanghai was extended from the American Women's club of Shanghai by its delegate, Mrs. Charles S. Lobinger, wife of Judge Leblager of the United States court for China. On her return to Shanghai, Mrs. Lobinger reported that Chicago was the only other competitor for the 1922 meeting and said there was some likelihood that it would be held in Shanghai.

Miss Alice Deal, president of the High School Teachers' union, is leader in the campaign which will be made throughout the country for a general rise in pay for the teachers of all grades.

UNIQUE STYLE ON DISPLAY AT CHICAGO FASHION ART SHOW



This beautiful and unique sport costume, worn by Miss Josephine Piquette, was one of the striking costumes displayed at the show of the Fashion Art League in Chicago recently. The creation is of white baronette satin over a short accordion plaited skirt of orange chiffon. The feature of the gown is the back, which sets millady's figure to perfection.

Republican Platform Endorses Principles of League, Says Taft

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was throwing down the gauntlet to the nations of the Holy Alliance, in defense of Spain's newly freed American colonies. It was a long step away from the doctrine of seclusion, made in the interest of self-protection, and actuated by expediency, just as was the seclusion policy of Washington's time.

The Mexican war period was important mainly for the extension of America across the continent and the consequent need of America looking to the Pacific as well as the Atlantic seaboard.

Beginning of Arbitration.
The Civil war gave the United States rank as one of the great powers of the world, and its close gave rise to the system of arbitration between the United States and England, which has steadily advanced to this day. The arbitration principle, Mr. Taft contended, has thus been shown to be workable, and the amity existing between the two nations is in itself argument that it would be beneficial if applied to the whole world through the League of Nations.

Both sides have lost and won in these arbitrations, but their importance has been that they have given the "habit of arbitration," made it a frame of mind, and eliminated any thought of a war being necessary to settle a disagreement.

The Spanish war's importance is due to its making the United States an Oriental nation through possession of the Philippines. "We went in at Cuba," Mr. Taft said, "and landed in the Philippines, 12,000 miles away—and found we had a tailhold on the bear and couldn't let go. It was impossible to turn the island back to the Spaniards, on account of their previous misgovernment. We could not turn them over to Aguinaldo—we tried that—as the mistake of the Spaniards was worse than that of the Spaniards and so we still are there." Mr. Taft expressed himself as not in sympathy with Philippine independence, saying they were not capable of it and would not agree to it without a guarantee of independence by the United States, "which would mean they ran the country and we would pay the expenses."

"Changed Met"
The speaker referred to his efforts to negotiate arbitration agreements with England and France, and how the fearfulness of senators nullified their effectiveness. These treaties had agreed to arbitrate every justiciable question, and the senators changed it to read all questions which are not a cause of war shall be arbitrated. "So I decided to wait until the senators changed their minds, or the people changed the senators, instead of that, they changed me," the ex-President chuckled.

Mr. Taft devoted few words, if any, to praise of the Wilson administration, but did refer to Bryan's thirty arbitration treaties as an advancement of the cause of universal peace. Proceeding to the great war, he answered the question, "Who were we in the war?" by saying: "The immediate occasion was to meet the rights of American citizens to travel on the seas without danger to life and without having their property destroyed. The real cause was the general result of the struggle's ramifications and the attitude of the nations.

Became Allies.
Living in economic conditions, we had in a sense become one of the allies. Modern warfare requires tremendous quantities of materials. We were selling these materials to the allies just as we would have sold them to Germany if she had been closer and accessible. Naturally this made the Germans angry and their hatred, if not by the submarine, then by other means, would have

Beauty in Distress Scorns Publicity

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—She was fair to look on—a beautiful blonde, with sparkling blue eyes and all dolled up in a sequin coat and other costly raiment that smacked of Big Money. With the majestic air of a Queen at court she swept into the Supreme court chambers at White Plains yesterday, accompanied by a Courtier who had all the appearances of an attorney-at-law.

Leveling her lorgnette in the direction of a Young-Man seated at the press table, she inquired of her companion: "What is that long, skinny Speeimen yonder?" The Barrister replied that he resembled the species known as Reporter. Whereat, in tones of mingled disgust and rage, she said: "Well, when the Judge comes in I'll get him to throw the Scribe out. This is my own little Family Party, and a Scandal-Thirsting Public is not to feed up on my Marital Woes. That Guy must go out on his Ear!"

Then the Barrister, at the earnest solicitation of the Queen, approached the scribe and implored him to take the air. He explained that it was a "domestic trouble case from Larchmont" and that the Principals were too prominent to stand Publicity. Instead of doing a Fade-away, the Scribe stuck on the Job.

Justice Platt, black robed and stern looking, entered. He bowed to the Scribe and beckoned to the Clerk to call the calendar. The Queen arose and, shaking a gloved fist under the Scribe's nose, piped shrilly: "If you don't Vamoose, blooze goes the Works! For this Case will never get in the Newspapers."

"Have it your Own Way," said the Scribe, "but bring your case in some other Court."

So, accompanied by her retinue of barristers, law clerks and mysterious Gents said to be Detectives, the Queen stalked outdoors, climbed into a nifty Limousine and sped away.

What it was all about no one in the Supreme court could tell.

LIVE STOCK RAISERS WILL MEET IN EL PASO

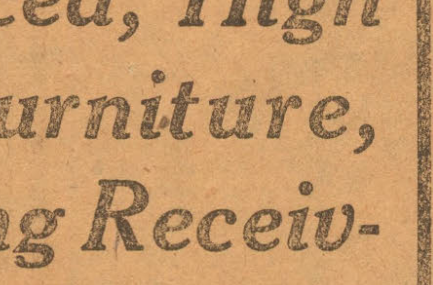
EL PASO, Dec. 17.—The American National Livestock association will hold its annual convention in El Paso, Texas, Jan. 12, 13 and 14.

The Panhandle & Southwestern Stockmen's association, composed of cattlemen principally from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado, will hold its annual convention in El Paso on March 1, 2 and 3.

Cattlemen at both conventions will study especially the financial conditions which they declare is threatening the life of the cattle business. Leaders of both associations say that low market conditions must be remedied and that larger loans and a better and further reaching credit system are needed to make the industry profitable, and that a shortage of breeding stock on the American prairie is appalling.

A program will be discussed having for its purpose the restocking of American prairies.

SOON WILL BECOME BRIDE OF AMERICAN



A charming portrait of Miss Millicent Orr-Ewing, only child of Major James Alexander and Lady Margaret Orr-Ewing, of Berkeley Square, London, whose engagement to Mr. Peter Ashmun Ames, youngest son of the late E. H. Ames and Mrs. Ames of Speedwell, Morristown, New Jersey, was recently announced. Mr. Ames is a member of the Grenadier Guards (S. R.)

WOMAN PEACE OFFICER APPOINTED IN AUSTIN

By Associated Press
AUSTIN, Dec. 17.—Travis county has its first woman peace officer in the person of Miss Erminia Polson, deputy constable.

Miss Polson is a graduate of the University of Texas and was an active suffrage worker. After being sworn in as a deputy constable for John Marshall, recently elected, she said: "The suffrage fight is over and won. The women must now bear the burden of service along with the men. I believe that in a great many offices women working in co-operation with men can render great service, not the least of which can be done in office similar to mine."

Constable Marshall said that his new deputy will be used to acquire data on "gambling in Austin," and that she is probably the first woman deputy constable in Texas.

Viscountess Rhondda's petition for the right to be seated in the British House of Lords opens up one of the greatest constitutional questions that has been discussed in England in many years. The success of Lady Rhondda's application would mean that some twenty-five peeresses in their own right would be entitled to sit in the House of Lords.

Special For Saturday!

Sugar Per Pound 10c

Mistletoe Butter	60c
Medium Size Crisco	85c
Large Size Crisco	\$1.70
2 1-2 Del Monte Peaches	45c

We have just received a lot of fresh Vegetables direct from the gardens of South Texas. If you can't come in, send us your order or telephone No. 166. We will deliver it for you.

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Green ground bones for chicken feed.

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The New Styles Of "L" System Clothes for Men—

—A shipment of these well known snappy togs, just in time to be sacrificed in our Greater Popular Removal Sale.

—Suits from \$35.00 up

HATS

Lot No. 1—
Stetsons, Mallories, and in the newest styles. No dead stock here. We're putting in new lines of all goods in our new store.
—Price \$6.90

Lot No. 2—
All other hats in the house, not in lot 1, sacrificed at
—\$4.90

Men's Underwear—

GOOD QUALITY, medium weight Underwear (union suits) . . . \$1.90
Lewis Union Suits; well known, well made, at \$2.90 and up
Lewis Union Suits—Silk and Wool—an extra special, at \$6.90

HOSIERY—

Monito—good lisle—35c, or 3 pair for \$1.00
Shawknit Pure Silk Hose, now selling at only \$1.00
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PROGRAM

LAMB—Basil King's famous story, "Earth-Bound." MAJESTIC—Hewitt Butterfly Co. present "The Man in Black" and Douglas Fairbanks in "The Americano."

SOLDIERS' LOOT STOCKS STORES IN LETT TOWNS

LIBAU, Latvia, Dec. 17.—The appearance of the shop windows here indicate that the Libau tradesmen have received some of the plunder taken by the various armies that have swept over the Baltic states.

English dealers in antiques overran the Baltic states after they first freed themselves of the Bolshevik regime and picked up much of the valuable furniture and the jewels, oriental rugs and old silver.

Miss M. Madeline Southard is president of an association of women franchisees in the United States and Canada that represents fifteen denominations.

HEADS STAFF OF IRISH "REPUBLICAN ARMY"



The first photograph to reach this country of Richard Mulcahy, chief of staff of the "Irish Republican Army."

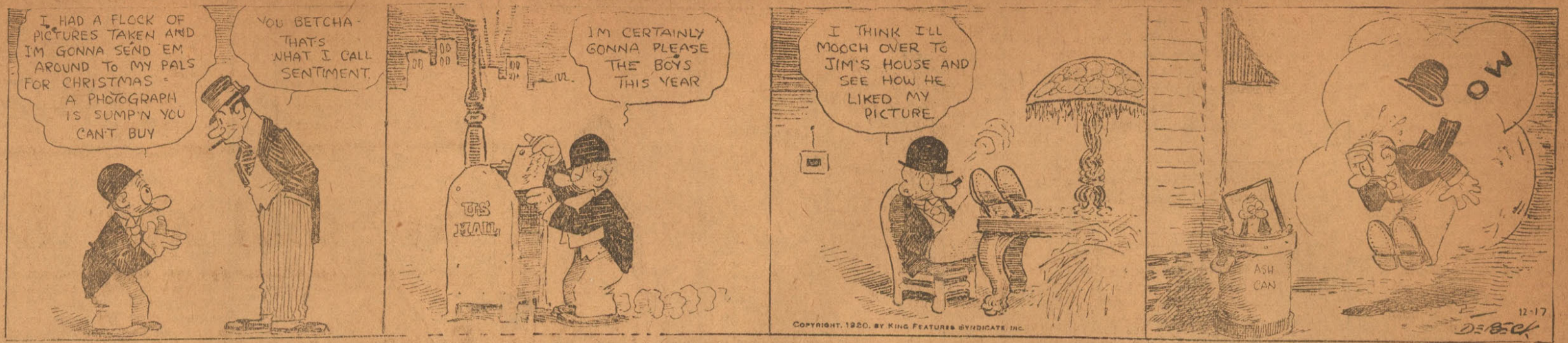
DANCING TONIGHT AT Summer Garden Music by Summer Garden Orchestra. Every one invited.

TEMPLE LAST TIME TODAY

"The Good Little Bad Girl" Bebe Daniels in "Oh, Lady, Lady!"

"WILD WOMEN AND TAME MEN" A New Comedy.

No Words Are Necessary—



SELLING 'RUSSIAN CROWN JEWELS,' LATEST SWINDLE IN HOLLAND

THE HAGUE, Dec. 17.—Europe's newest scheme for defrauding the unwary is that of selling supposed Russian crown jewels. Knowledge that some very valuable Russian jewelry, confiscated by the Bolsheviks, has actually been sold in Holland recently has prompted a number of shrewd confidence men to take advantage of Dutchmen desiring to buy something cheap.

Only one of the necklaces was found to be genuine. All of the others, and also the loose pockets, were made up of imitation pearls. The real one, according to the police, was used as "bait."

ARGENTINA HAS BUMPER CROP.

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 17.—Argentina's wheat crop for 1920, now ready for the harvest, gives prospects of a heavy and profitable yield. Official figures place the area seeded this year at 6,076,100 hectares (of 2 1/2 acres), or about 23,000 hectares more than in the previous year.

Hodges Oak Park to Have Sidewalks and Good Streets

Eleven arc lights will be installed on Homer and Lula streets. Hodges Oak Park addition, within the next few weeks, according to an announcement made Friday morning by M. W. Bode, who is in charge of the work which is being financed by the Kerley-Van Winkle Real Estate company and by the property owners in the addition.

OPERATION ON SKULL PROVES KEELEY CURE

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., Dec. 17.—Andrew Canessa celebrated his seventieth birthday the other day and the first anniversary of his "death" by calling on the physician who, a year ago informed him he could not live till morning, and the man who as district attorney took his "dying statement."

OPERATION ON SKULL PROVES KEELEY CURE

With a stenographer, Dr. Kuser and Butler, then district attorney, sat at Canessa's bedside. The man's skull had been trephined to relieve the pressure of a bone on the brain caused by a blow on the head with a jagged rock. The blow

CASH SAVED FOR FUNERAL FOUND TO BE COUNTERFEIT

ELKHART, Ind., Dec. 17.—Money laid away by Walter Moody for his funeral expenses was found by bankers to be counterfeit today, after it had been spent to meet the burial costs.

CASH SAVED FOR FUNERAL FOUND TO BE COUNTERFEIT

The money, in new twenty-dollar bills, had been kept in the Moody home for sixteen years. His widow will have to make good the amount.



Same Old "Santa Claus." He's a Good Fellow.

Talk About "REASONABLE"

Christmas Gifts. Where can you shop to any better advantage than in our store?

"Xmas Specials"

Mighty well worth your while

Felt Slippers

Both leather and horsehide soles—new, fresh, clean goods. Fur trimmed and plain ribbon finished.

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Fine quality—good styles, from

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CHESAPEAKE OYSTERS

For the Dressing

Our Oysters are direct from the oyster farms of Chesapeake Bay, cultivated, packed and sealed at the coast and delivered fresh to you from our markets. They retain their natural flavor and are delicious, served any style.

We have ready for the frying pan, Sliced Channel Catfish; also fresh Clams and Shrimps; and a full supply of all other varieties. Don't forget Chesapeake, the home of Delicious Oysters.

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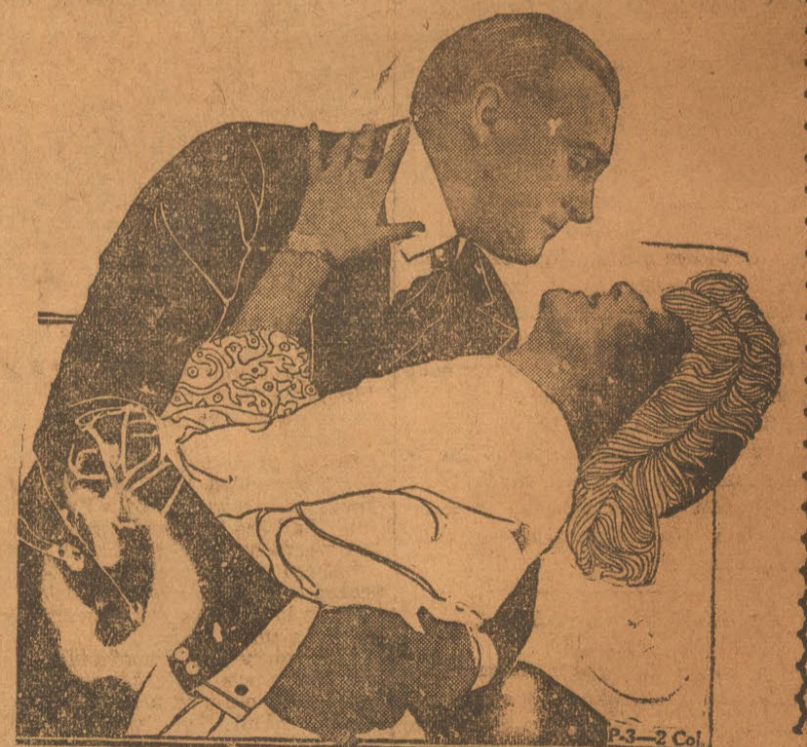
"THE MAN IN BLACK"

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS IN

"THE AMERICANO"

Friday Night the Big Country Store Attraction

Today and Saturday



BASIL KING'S "Earthbound"

"Nothing of the kind has ever been done!" Gertrude Atherton, famous Novelist, enthusiastic—"I was enthralled! Not only because the story itself is intensely interesting, but because it is unique. Nothing of the kind has ever been done—a unique idea presented with the most perfect artistry."

"EARTHBOUND"

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Follow the Crowd.

The LAMB "TEMPLE OF THE PHOTOPLAY"

"Where the Music Fits the Picture."

DETECTIVE IS 'BUNCOED' BY PRETTY WOMAN

Good Looking Richly Gowned Woman "Jips" Store of \$4,500.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—This is a tale that takes its rise in Fifth avenue, oscillates toward Flushing, L. I., and has its finale in an asylum for insane. The actors are store detective and a woman fair. The author is the district attorney's office, which is a little shy on names.

Act 1. Handsomely gowned, beautiful woman, radiating personality, enters a Fifth avenue store. Orders \$5,000 worth of clothes, furs, gowns, etc. She has only \$500 in her purse, but would like to take the goods home, where her husband would write a check for the other \$4,500. Would the manager please send a salesman with her?

Enter, one store detective who is assigned to accompany the handsomely gowned, etc., woman. They enter a limousine and head for the customer's pseudo home in Flushing. They pass many fine houses.

Act 2. A house more pretentious than the others. Limousine stops at the entrance and the beautiful woman excuses her self and enters. Confers with three men, all glancing toward the innocent store detective.

"He's a nut," the woman says. "He thinks he's a store detective, which is a hallucination. He also thinks he isn't my husband, which is another crazy idea. He became insane suddenly a few minutes ago. Won't you please keep him here?"

A general procession toward innocent store detective. He insists he is a detective, which is the first proof that he's off. He says the woman is not his wife—that spells his doom. Heavy hands seize him and he is yanked from the limousine.

Act 3. A cell among others in an asylum for insane. Cross section showing store detective violent and yelling, "I'm a detective." Attendant says, "Pretty soon you'll think you're king of Egypt."

Same scene, evening. Other store detectives arrive at asylum and identify the same insane man.

Act 4. District attorney's office. Store detective desires real detectives to be put on case. Insists that all names be suppressed. Enter reporters.

"Honest, it's all true," says Assistant District Attorney Stanfield. "Most remarkable case of robbery I've heard of; we are seeking the woman."

PLAN BIG AMERICAN HOTEL FOR MEXICO CITY

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 17.—An American hotel which would cost \$80,000, in the City of Mexico, is proposed by Americans there, who at a meeting recently held in that city subscribed \$200,000 towards the project, according to reports brought back to San Antonio by delegates to the inauguration of President Alvaro Obregon of Mexico. During and immediately following the inaugural festivities, guests were unable to get rooms, it was declared. A movement was started during the inauguration festivities, which movement was headed by Joe Meria, president of the Meria Petroleum company of New York, for the erection of the hotel. The hostelry will be operated on the American plan throughout, according to present plans.

Santa Claus' Letters

Santa Bustles Around Getting Presents Ready

NORTH POLE, Dec. 17.—"A scene of bustle and excitement pervaded the home of Santa Claus today, stated a radiogram to the Times from I. C. Seal, private secretary to the old gentleman. "Everything is being gotten in preparation for Santa's trip to the United States. It's a long ways to go and the old gentleman will have to start several days ahead of time, so as to arrive on time. The airplane won't travel as fast, when heavily loaded, as it ordinarily does."

The Pink-Toed Baby and Mr. Billy were just as industrious as Santa this morning and have been busily engaged in loading up their sleigh. Mr. Billy is so swelled up with pride, over the fact that he's going to help and the fact that he was allowed to breakfast freely off a number of extra doll clothes that he'd run across, that a person can hardly stand to be in his presence.

Leaves in a Hurry. Mr. Polar Bear wandered around this morning on a casual visit, but it was only casual, as Mr. Billy took it upon himself to attend to his needs. The last that was seen of that genty individual was his rapid disappearance in the distance, closely pursued by Mr. Bill, who shortly returned to report that he'd given that innocent beast the punishment that he deserved.

Just before noon the mail man arrived with a whole bag full of letters from the little folk of Ranger and he was greatly pleased to know that they were thinking of him again.

The letters follow:

My Dear Old Santa: I am a little boy, 5 years old. I live at 224 Wayland road. I go to kindergarten every day and while we were fast asleep the other night you left a nice tree for us. We are all learning little pieces to speak and teacher says if we are good that you will leave something for us at the school house. Please bring me a train, a sand dumper and a little automobile and some nuts and candy. I am, your little friend, KENNETH PETERS.

My Dear Old Santa: I am a little girl, 5 years old. I go to kindergarten every day and the other night, while we went home, you left a pretty little tree for us. We all wish to thank you and may I send a little message to tell you what I want? Please bring me a pair of bedroom slippers, a sleepy doll, a little stove and some candy and nuts. I am, your little friend, ADELINE CHENEY.

Dear Old Santa: It is Christmas time and I must write to tell you what I want. I go to kindergarten and, Santa, may I ask that you remember each one of my little playmates? Please send me a rocking chair, a little bed, a sand dumper, a dress, a pair of shoes, some nuts and a little candy. Now, Santa, try not to have any more trouble before Christmas, and I will promise to be a good little girl. Your little friend, ESTELENE BALLARD.

Melvin st. 7 years old. I want a number of pres-

My Dear Santa: It is only a few more days until Christmas, so I thought that I had better write and tell you what I want. Mother says that I must not ask for much, for there will be so many little boys and girls for you to visit. But please remember me by leaving a tricycle, a wagon, a little train and some nuts and candy. Now, dear Santa, try not to have any more bad luck before Christmas. I am your little friend, WESLEY ELIOTT, Wayland Road.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl, 6 years old. I have two brothers and a little sister. We want many things for Christmas, but Auntie told us not to ask for so much for you visit so many other boys and girls that you might not have enough to go around. But please bring me a doll buggy, a little sleepy doll, with curly hair, a set of dishes, a stove, a bed and a pretty little dress. Your friend, CLEMENTINE ELIOTT, 204 Wayland road.

Dear Old Santa: I am sorry that you are having so much trouble, just before Christmas, for I know that you have to visit so many little boys and girls, but please, Santa, bring me an electric train, a little sand dumper, a pair of boots and overalls, a box of candy and nuts. As we have no chimney I will have the front door left open, with much love, CARL GILLIAT, 202 Wayland road.

Dear Old Santa: I am a little girl, 7 years old, and I go to kindergarten every day. I want quite a few things this Christmas, but dear Santa, do not slight some poor little girl or boy just to bring me what I want. Please bring me a dress, a sleepy doll with curly hair, a doll buggy, a stove and cooking vessels, a table, a set of dishes, a broom and a little rocking chair, from your friend, WINNIE SMARY, 437 N. Rusk st.

My Dear Santa: As it is nearing Christmas time, I thought it best to send you a letter to tell you what I want you to bring me. I want a little stove, a set of dishes, a wash tub and board, some cooking vessels and nuts and candy. Your little friend, OPIHELIA PALMER, 439 North road.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll, a teddy bear, a set of glass dishes and some candy and nuts, goodbye, SANTA, MILDRED PARK.

Dear Santa Claus: I'm trying to tell you what I want you to bring me for Christmas. I would like to have a BB-gun. I am a boy, 11 years old, and don't forget the other boys and girls and bring me some BB shots for my gun and some candy and nuts. Your loving friend, GUTHRIE WILLIAMS, 512 South Oak st.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a tricycle, a fire wagon, a cannon, some candy, an erector set and a train. Goodbye, dear Santa. CLYDE WRIGHT.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a violin, a tricycle, a fire wagon, an airplane, an erector set and a Red Cross wagon. Goodbye, dear Santa. BERNARD PARKS.

Dear Old Santa: I am a little boy, Melvin st. 7 years old. I want a number of pres-

ents, but please Santa remember my sisters Agnes and Laurine and my little cousins Eleanor and Russell. If after you leave their gifts, you have a little electric train, a sand dumper, a fire wagon and some candy and nuts, please leave them for me. Hoping you have no more bad luck, I am your little friend, JOHN GRIMES, 503 North Rusk st.

My Dear Santa: I am a little boy, 5 years old, I go to kindergarten every day. Mother said if I was good that you would bring me lots of nice things, so I have tried in every way to do just what she said. If you think I have been good enough, please bring me a sand dumper, an electric train, a little rocking chair and a few nuts and some candy. I am your little friend, LAWRENCE MUNNERY, North Rusk st.

Dear Old Santa: Seeing so many letters in the paper from little boys and girls, I thought I would write you one. I am a little boy, 5 years old, and I have no little brothers or sisters, so I am going to ask for only a few things. I want an electric train, a sand dumper, a BB-gun and a box of candy and some nuts. With much love, NEAL MORSE, Marston street.

MEXICAN MERCHANTS NEED COMPLETE STOCKS

By Associated Press. EL PASO, Dec. 17.—Mexican merchants are in need of many classes of merchandise, which firms in the United States can supply them, according to consular reports received by Vice Consul Harper, in charge of the American consulate in Juarez. Some of the articles and material Mexico is in the market for follow in a list taken from the report:

Sporting goods, leather dressing, shoe machinery, window glass, paint, tin plates, groceries, fruit, threshing machines, flour, notions, household furniture, electrical goods, wheat, can making machinery, school desks, drapes, agricultural implements, paper, brick making machinery, fire brick, jute bagging, leather belting, barrels, cigar machinery, fire equipment, overall making machinery, mouldings, lumber sash and doors, wall board, glass bottles, hardware, glassware, wrapping paper, lanterns, wire and nails, railroad equipment, pipe, soap, motors, automobiles, motor trucks, wagons, dry goods, shoes, hats and toys.

Mexico can export the following, (the report indicates): Dens, beeswax, chili pepper, baskets, copper, cocoonat, coffee, dyes, tanning extract, hides, lead, pecans, sugar, peas, turpentine, wax, phosphorus, quicksilver, tobacco, cottonseed cake, hemp, leather, sisal, grass, crude rubber, vanilla beans, zinc, tin, potash, hair and wool.

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We're closing out, therefore every one of these beautiful Skirts must go. You'll find plenty of use for a Skirt this Spring and even now—but you'll pay quite a bit more this Spring than now. Why not buy now while these low prices prevail.

\$19.75 Skirts, on sale at.....	\$9.95
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- Purses
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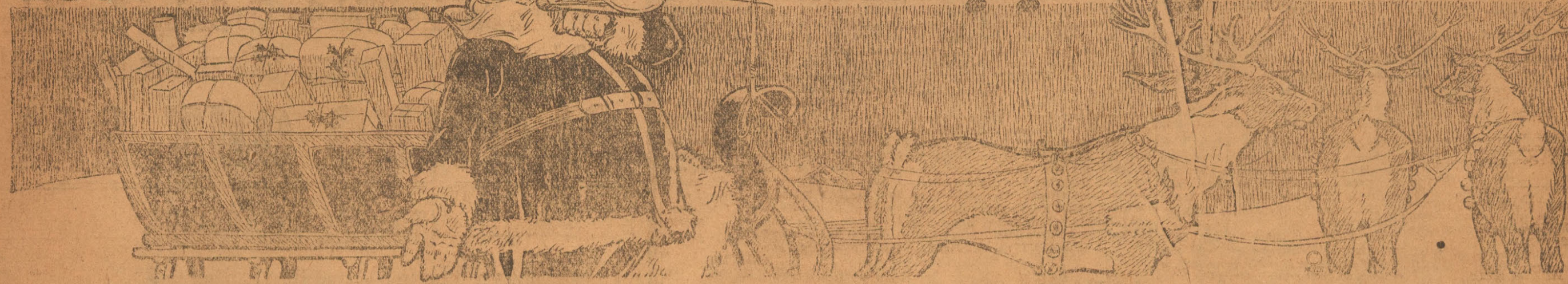
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FULTON MARKET

Main at Rusk

Christmas Shopping Guide



"What will he or she appreciate most as a Christmas gift? That's the question of the hour—the Christmas question we ask ourselves. The answer is a practical gift; something that is truly useful—something that really will be appreciated. Everyone knows that this will be the most wonderful of Christmases.

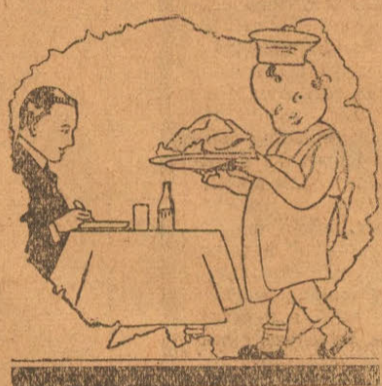
There will be no restrictions upon gift giving—one need counsel only his means—his desires. Here many of the leading merchants of the city offer worth-while suggestions. At any of these stores you will find gifts you regard as most appropriate. Surely at all of them you are certain to find only quality merchandise.

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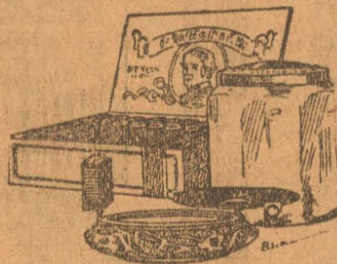


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"NEVER AGAIN!" SAYS GRANDPA, WHEN "MASHED" FOR DIAMOND WHILE WITH PRETTY COMPANY

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Mord Marks, who says that until his retirement two years ago he was associated with an importing house, strolled fancy free upon Broadway.

Held head with silken topper, walking stick and topcoat proper, Mr. Marks might have been taken for a genial young grandpa—or possibly some one's great uncle. In his cravat was a large diamond stickpin—a gem of purest ray,

which shone forth with magic serenity. The wealthy bachelor's reverie was interrupted by girlish laughter close by. Two pairs of snapping eyes surmounted by brows of alabaster, appeared.

The ex-importer halted and turned half way round to admire. The young woman had halted too.

Mr. Marks smiled.

"Let's have a cup of coffee," said Mr.

Marks, and thus was born a friendship—a, how fragile a one.

The further story was told by Mr. Marks to Magistrate Bernard J. Douras in West Side court, whither Frances Wicker and Jean Marquis, as they gave their names, had been hailed on charge of stealing the aforementioned diamond (value \$200).

Mr. Marks said the young women had commented upon the extraordinary colors of the night, and had insisted in being conveyed by taxi to the coffee-house. How, upon arriving there, they had "laughed hilariously" at the very idea of coffee and had demanded "something stronger"—and had got it.

Three hours consumed over the wassail were described, during which time he had submitted to such terms of endearment as "Old Baldy-Gold" and "Pretty Papa."

Then the ride home! How Frances Wicker had sat on his knee, wrapped her seakins coat about his shoulders and kissed him on the very peak of the cranium, was told; how finally upon missing the diamond, he had given orders that they be taken to the police station and there had turned his willow companions over to Detective Richard Golding.

"I want 'em searched," he said. "They've got my diamond. Nobody else was out with us. You've got to search 'em."

But the young women, who by this time were weeping piteously, had already been searched by the police matron and no diamond had come to light.

Judge Douras concluded there was no evidence on which to hold them and so dismissed the case.

Mr. Marks, who shares his apartment with friends, was asked whether he intended to renew his acquaintance with the young women.

"Not I," said he. "Never again—with them or any other girls."

CHINESE SLAVE GIRL RESCUED IN RAID ON VICE DEN BY POLICE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Using ladders to scale the high walls surrounding the place, Detectives George Richards and Henry Kalmbach early today raided a Chinese den, arrested two men and two women and rescued from a life of slavery Yok Ying Choy, also known as Ah Her, a comely 16-year-old Chinese girl alleged to have been held as a slave.

Woo Sang, 41 years of age; Oliver Chow, 20; Chang See, 28 and Yung Son Ying were taken into custody and later charged with vagrancy. Bail was fixed at \$1,000 each. Yok Ying Choy is being held at police headquarters until some disposition of her case is made by the immigration authorities.

The story of the young slave girl's

introduction into the Oriental slave traffic here was to the effect that she was smuggled in on a Chinese liner, on which she was compelled to work as a cabin boy after having her hair cut short and her women's clothing replaced with a boy's outfit.

SAYS WOMEN WEAR HAIR LIKE AFRICAN SAVAGES

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 17.—"Don't aggravate fashion as girls do,

who wear such huge buns of hair over their ears that they resemble African savages," was the advice given to members of the Woman's club, an exclusive and fashionable society, by James Parton Hanley, director of art in the New York high schools.

He defined taste as a matter of making wise choice, not a matter of cost. He hailed women as the real arbiters of fashion, style and taste.

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As Suggestions, We Offer These:

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Reduced Prices on Everything During Sale.

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118 Main St.

GIRL SEEKS AFFINITY WHO HAD HER SHOE FIXED

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—A Northwestern co-ed who refuses to reveal her name, appealed to newspapers here today to help her find her affinitist, "M. J."

"M. J." met her in a movie. The co-ed's French heel caught on a nail and was ripped off, and "M. J." sitting behind her offered to take the shoe out to be fixed while she watched the show. Before the picture was ended he returned with the shoe and disappeared.

Miss Hazel Allbaugh, another co-ed, says the romantic co-ed has communicated with her affinity by thought waves.

She says the cosmic courtship reached the stage where he proposed and she accepted," said Miss Allbaugh, "but she doesn't know where to find him, and they can't give each other their names and addresses."

The initials "M. J." were obtained from a fortune teller, Miss Allbaugh said.

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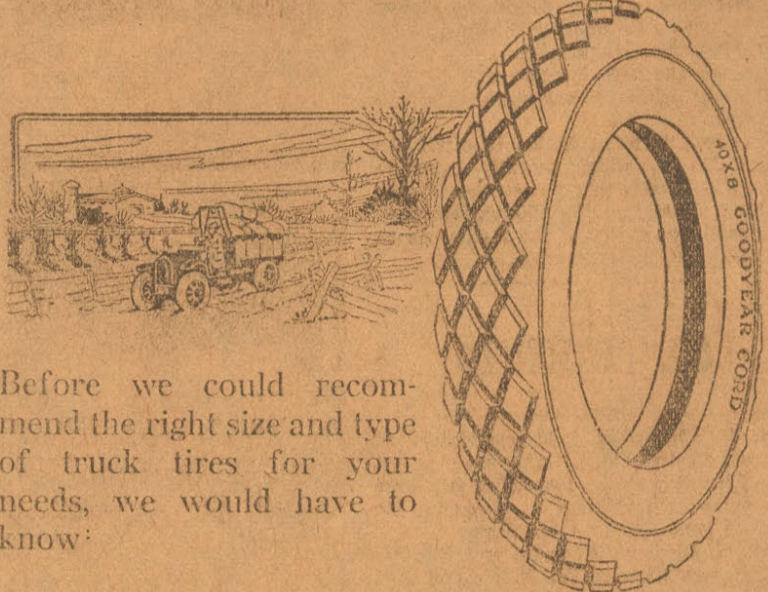
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Bought since decline in prices, now offered at—
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Our stock of Men's Furnishings is complete. Only the highest class lines handled.

Bags, Suit Cases, Indestructo Trunks.

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Before we could recommend the right size and type of truck tires for your needs, we would have to know:

- The weight and character of loads.
- The kind of roads over which you operate
- Your average daily mileage.
- Whether you make frequent stops.
- If you make many long hauls.

The answers to these questions would enable us to specify the right size of Goodyear Solid, Cushion or Pneumatic Truck Tires best suited for your purpose. When your trucks need new tires, we would be glad to talk over your hauling problems with you and are equipped to apply the right size for your needs.

GWYNNE-HALL & COMPANY
837 Blackwell Road

Our Great "Pre-Opening Sale"

Offers Unusual Opportunities to Purchase Your Christmas Needs at Most Unusual Prices

Eager Christmas shoppers are taking advantage of this most opportune sale. Everything in stock has been reduced to exceptional low prices in order to acquaint Ranger folks with our new location. We are more than pleased with the reception given us and wish to thank our many customers for their splendid patronage during our first week in business at our new location.



Men's Suits Priced Low || Special Sale of Ladies Wear

SOCIETY BRAND CLOTHES
And Other Standard Makes.

Men's and Young Men's Quality Suits, made by Society Brand and other standard makers. All go at big reductions. All sizes, including regulars, stouts and slims. Any size may be found here.

All \$65.00 and \$75.00 Suits and Overcoats, now **\$42.50**

\$50.00, \$55.00 and \$60.00 Suits and Overcoats, now **\$32.50**

All \$30.00, \$35.00, \$40.00 Suits and Overcoats, now **\$26.50**

Sam Peck Triple Service Suits for Boys, and other makes, now **One-Third Off**

Best Quality Tricolettes, Tricotines, Serges, Chamostine, Frostline, Broadcloth, Silver-tones, Velours, Satins—

Our buyer has just returned from New York, where he purchased great assortments of ladies' wear at the new low market prices. Besides saving money on these garments you get the newest fashion creations from the East, fresh from the maker; up-to-the-minute in accepted styles; every garment bought exclusively for this Big Sale.

ONE-HALF OFF
Our Regular Prices.

A REMARKABLE SALE OF RIBBONS

You'll be more than pleased with these beautiful Satin and Taffeta Ribbons, in gorgeous colors and just received, big values, every piece.

\$1.25 Ribbons for	78c	75c Ribbons for	58c
95c Ribbons for	58c	60c Ribbons for	38c

Special Big Reductions on all Hosiery. New wool hose for ladies, \$1.95 per pair.

Round Out Your Christmas Joy

By getting the latest Columbia records—Christmas songs and tender ballads—a Christmas carol or two—a dance perhaps and an old-time song. All these records will help you round out your Christmas joy and add that festive note to your Christmas cheer. Call and listen to these new Columbia records played on the Columbia Grafonola.

For a Merry, Merry Christmas

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ABSOLUTELY THE BEST IN RANGER
Take a Dozen Home

LOWER RENTS
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PROSPERITY

Men's Corduroy Suits, special
\$15.95

Joseph Dry Goods Co.
208 MAIN STREET.
New Hodges-Neal Bldg. Ranger, Texas.

Men's Work Shirts, blue and gray
98c

APPROPRIATIONS SIMPLIFIED, BUT MANY REFORM PROJECTS WILL KEEP NEXT LEGISLATURE BUSY

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 17.—Texas lawmakers will be confronted by a complex mass of problems when they assemble in the Thirty-seventh legislature here on Jan. 11, 1921. Already it appears obvious that the coming session, like those of several years past, will terminate with a great deal of unfinished business on hand and that more legislative ability will be required to get bills considered than will be needed to get them enacted after they are taken up.

Work of the board of control, in preparing the appropriation is expected to reduce materially the routine work of the legislature, and the fact that these budgets are expected to be ready for consideration at the beginning of the session, instead of at the end as was the case when appropriation committees worked them out, probably will make this session somewhat different from the past. However, appropriation committees have been retained, and department and institution heads are privileged to appeal from the allowances made by the board of control.

Many Have Ideas.

Enough legislation to keep the assembly engaged for the entire session is suggested by the state Democratic platform alone, and new members and incoming officials are full of ideas, while many of the old members are nursing projects which met defeat or were crowded out in past sessions.

Among the subjects which have been suggested for consideration with fair indications that they will be introduced are:

Suffrage, labor, judicial reform, attraction of industrial enterprises, taxation reforms, state aid for home ownership, readjustment of state departments and commissions, creation of a public utilities commission, changes in the state department of agriculture and in the state bureau of markets and warehouses, redistricting of the state, laws promoting home and community life, health and sanitation regulations, road building, conservation of natural resources, anti-Japanese legislation, provisions for public schools, normal colleges and the state university, blue sky laws, regulations for employment of convicts and crop financing proposals.

There will be 142 members in the house, and thirty-one senators, presided over by Lieutenant-Governor Lynch Davidson, to consider these subjects. Though several candidates have announced for the speakership of the house there are no definite indications as to who will be chosen. R. E. Thomason of El Paso, speaker during the past session, will not return.

The platform adopted by the State Democratic convention last summer demands that the legislature submit to the people a constitutional amendment proposing "that none but American citizens, either native or fully naturalized, shall exercise the right of suffrage in this state."

Labor Legislation.

Labor questions will be brought up under the injunction of this same platform that the legislature amend the

minimum wage act so as to allow the fixing of minimum wages by districts and amend the workingman's compensation act so as to cure alleged defects. Other angles of the labor question also may be presented.

Reform of the present system of taxation likely will be one of the most important subjects considered. A number of state officials have recommended various changes the state platform urges revision of the present plan and Representative John T. Smith of Austin has been devoting considerable time in framing a lengthy bill with which he proposes to replace existing laws and bring sweeping changes in the tax procedure.

The constitutional amendment proposing the extension of state aid to citizens in acquiring homes, which was defeated by a narrow margin and later endorsed by the voters of the state, very probably will be resubmitted by this legislature, as the state platform urges this action.

Department heads will come with suggestions for improvement of laws relating to their departments, and the state platform directs that the legislature consider departments and commissions with a view either to create or abolish them, as they find most expedient.

Public Utilities Commission.
A committee, appointed by the governor at the request of the Thirty-sixth legislature, has been engaged intermittently for the past year in drafting a bill proposing the creation of a public utilities commission. The bill is practically completed, and, with the exception of minor details, is ready for submission to the legislature.

Commissioner-elect George B. Terrell, of the state department of agriculture, has some new plans in connection with his department, and the state platform specifically directed the attention of the legislature to the need of an efficient reorganization of the department of agriculture and support of the bureau of markets and warehouses.

There has been agitation for a redistricting of the state into new congres-

sional, senatorial and representative districts for several years, and the state platform urges that this be done under the 1920 census. Representative Burkett of Eastland said that he will introduce the redistricting solution early in the session.

Anti-Japanese Legislation.

Representative W. H. Blodoe of Lubbock declared recently that in view of the fact that an effort was being made to settle a colony of Japanese in the Rio Grande Valley, he will introduce a bill proposing to forbid the acquiring of titles to Texas land by Orientals.

The state platform urges the enactment of legislation to protect the influence of the home and to bind communities together and foster home and community life.

From the same source comes a recommendation that the importance of the state health department be recognized by the legislature and that it be strengthened so as to be sufficient to forward its plans.

It is no uncommon thing for Turkish women to be able to speak half the languages of Europe and to have, in addition, a knowledge of ancient Greek, Persian and Arabic.

Leaps Forty Feet, Lands on Auto

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—This is how Alex Urbanoff, 26, an unemployed tailor, accused of having robbed a woman of her pocketbook containing \$10, spent yesterday evening:

First, returned the purse containing the money at the Bridge Plaza elevated station in Long Island City, where he is accused of perloining it, when his alleged victim confronted him.

Ran when his accuser, Mrs. Mary Howell, of 322 Crescent street, screamed for the police.

Leaped from the end of the station platform to the tracks.

Made record speed for four blocks when pursued by a special policeman and a crowd of men.

At a point over the Diagonal street viaduct he almost ran into an approaching train.

To save himself he leaped forty feet for the street.

He landed on top of a swift passing

automobile and was bounced off to the roadway.

He saw Mounted Patrolman Kavanaugh coming toward him, ran to the railing of the viaduct and was about to leap to the tracks of the Long Island railroad, a distance of forty feet, when he was intercepted.

Taken to the Hunter's Point police station he was finger printed.

Suffering from shock and other injuries, he was removed to St. John's hospital.

Here he was found to have sustained

a bad injury to his left leg and shoulder and possibly internal injuries.

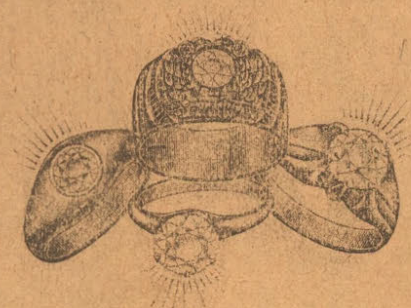
If able to be arraigned today he will spend a part of the morning in the Long Island City court.

Urbanoff refused to tell the police anything about himself further than that

recently he had temporarily worked in a Turkish bath and that he lives at 287 East 98th street, Manhattan.

Women employes of the Detroit post-office have been ordered to wear gray chambray aprons.

JUST A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING



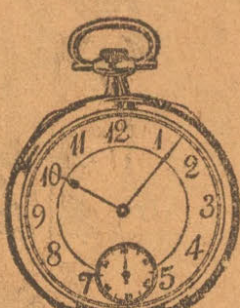
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Silverware
Necklaces
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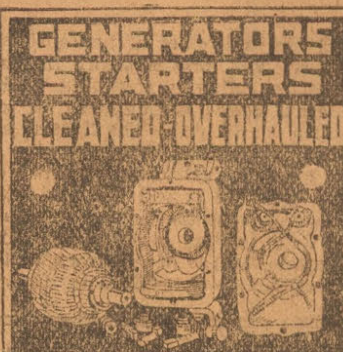
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A small deposit will hold any article.

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Even if it worked flawlessly it will pay to have it cleaned, oiled and inspected—a wise precaution.

Reasonable charges.

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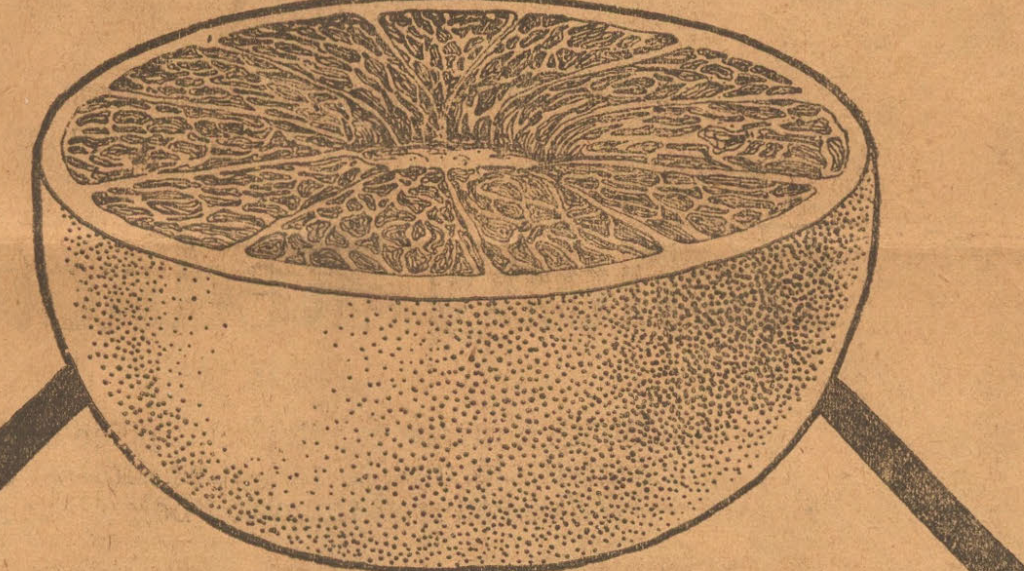
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A woman with a strong power, now in this city for a short time only. This remarkable person closes her eyes and tells you everything, makes no difference what your troubles may be or what you want to know, you will be helped and pleased with what this clairvoyant will do for you. She gives you reliable advice in all affairs of life, business, love, law and family troubles; if you want your home happy come soon for you may never again have the chance to talk with a real gifted clairvoyant; you cannot afford to miss this wonderful opportunity. Have you ever come to a point where you thought the whole world was against you and everything you undertook to do turned out wrong, and the ones you loved and trusted proved faithless? Come and get on the right road to success and happiness. All readings strictly private. Special readings for a short time only \$1.00.

If you want to know whom you will marry and when, come and see Romah. She tells you your sweetheart's name. 323 Main, over Hippodrome roller rink, entrance on west side of building, private stairway. Reading hours from 10 a. m. to 9 p. m., including Sunday. No reading by mail. No phone answered.—A.V.



Sealdsweet Grapefruit
Healthful and Strengthening

Mother Nature in her Florida groves has been for many months perfecting Sealdsweet grapefruit. In them she has mingled balmy breezes with the glorious sunshine and gentle showers that make Florida climate so delightful.

The dews of hundreds of mornings have increased the girth of these matchless food-fruits and the cool nights of late fall and early winter have coated with gold the outer coverings which seal within the health-giving juice for your enjoyment.

Sealdsweet Oranges
The Kind That Are Juicier


Sealdsweet oranges, too, were born last spring with the fragrant blossoms of the Florida groves. Through the summer and fall they grew with the flowers, gathering and retaining the sparkle of the morning dews.

Last of all, nature painted the opulent and nectar-filled globes with the golden tints of a Florida sunset and the finished masterpieces of the fruit world are sealed against contamination, awaiting opportunity for your delectation.

Your fruit dealer can supply you with Sealdsweet grapefruit and oranges. Insist that he furnish them.

GIFT BOOK, "FLORIDA'S FOOD-FRUIT," in natural colors; tells how easily and quickly to make many delightful cakes, pastries, salads, sauces, desserts, confections and ices. Write today for your gift copy. Address Florida Citrus Exchange, 633 Citizens Bank Building, Tampa, Florida.

Be sure to look on boxes and wrappers for the Sealdsweet trademark of the Florida Citrus Exchange, a great body of five thousand grove owners who sell their own fruits to avoid speculation in them. These cooperating growers ship fruit in carload lots direct to the distributors who supply your dealers.



DIVINITY

Of some kinds to achieve if you have the recipe.

LADIES ONLY

Are, as a rule, inclined to try, but even a mere man may get by if he follows the directions given herewith:

2-3 cup Karo Syrup.
1-3 cup hot water.
2 eggs (whites only).
2 ounces chopped nuts.
2 Ounces chopped Sun Maid Raisins.
1 teaspoon Price's Vanilla.
2 cups anybody's sugar.

Boil sugar, Karo and water together until it forms a hard mass in cold water. Beat whites of eggs very stiff, and beat in the nuts and raisins. Pour on the hot syrup, beating all the time. When mixture will stand alone, drop from teaspoon onto plates, well oiled to prevent sticking.

We will have special prices on all these ingredients for Saturday.

Russell and Co.
The House of Service.

Corner Walnut and Rusk Phone No. 7
WE DELIVER THE GOODS.

WOMEN FAINT AS MAN IS ROLLED BETWEEN BROADWAY CARS LIKE PENCIL IS REVOLVED IN HANDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Wedged between the bulging sides of two Broadway cars, Herbert Fajans, twenty-five, was held helpless for twenty minutes while firemen, police, automobilists and surgeons fought to save his life.

Traffic was tied up on the busiest downtown streets, women fainted, and the whole district was in a hubbub until the clerk was rescued unconscious from the vise-like grip of the cars. A pair of heavy automobile jacks finally pried the cars apart. The clerk is in a serious condition in the Broad Street hospital.

The accident happened just before 5 o'clock, near the peak of the homebound rush from office buildings downtown. Fajans, hurrying across Broadway in front of St. Paul's chapel at Vesey street, skipped across the southbound tracks, just grazing the blunt nose of a car speeding downtown.

Nipped in Vise.—Escaping the southbound car, he leaped in front of a northbound car. Fajans quickly stepped back between the tracks. Both motormen ground down their brakes hard.

Squeezed tightly between the two cars, Fajans was rolled as a schoolboy rolls a pencil between his hands. One of Fajans' shoulders and three ribs were broken as the cars stopped evenly. Screaming, the imprisoned victim struggled upward in an attempt to free himself, but the pressure was too severe and he lapsed into unconsciousness.

Calls were sent for the Rescue Squad, the police reserves and ambulances. R. L. Lord, a public accountant, climbed inside the southbound car, smashed the windows and attacked the bars against which Fajans' shoulders were jammed.

Priest Gives Last Rites.—A priest from St. Peter's cathedral church on Barclay street administered the last rites of his faith to the victim, while the Rev. Dr. Cox of St. Paul's gave the spiritual consolation of his creed.

Then the clergymen worked together to pry the bars apart. The hook and ladder company from Fulton street crawled down between the two cars to the wider space near the wheels and sought to heave the cars apart, but could not get the leverage to lift them.

An attempt was suggested to start both cars in opposite directions, but this was rejected in the fear that farther rolling might kill the clerk. Dr. Charles Levin of the Broad street hospital cut away Fajans' clothing from overhead to undershirt and applied artificial respiration.

The hacksaw, eating through the bars, relieved part of the terrific pressure on the man, but his hips and legs were still clenched tightly. Then the jacks were obtained from motor trucks, set into the space between the cars. Operating in awkward horizontal positions, they nevertheless worked. Two minutes later,

Fajans' senseless body dropped into the arms of the firemen beneath him.

Dr. Levin said last night that if the clerk survived he would have his slimmest figure to thank for it. The space between the two cars is so narrow that a man or ordinary girl would almost certainly have been crushed to death in a minute.

TEN MILLIONS SPENT ANNUALLY ON ONE WORD

"Statistics show," declares a man who has many years' experience as an executive in a telegraph company before he entered the concern in which he is now vice president, "that the people of the United States pay \$10,000,000 yearly to the telegraph companies for the one word 'please.' His experience there taught him many lessons about the most economical and effective ways of using the telegram—lessons which he passed on to others in the December issue of System. He continues, 'If one word costs any such sum as this—and this word does not appear in all telegrams—how many millions would be saved if the 1 to 15 unnecessary words that 95 out of every 100 telegrams contain were omitted? There are words which if left out would still leave the telegram intelligible and far more businesslike, would save money and the time of everyone who writes or reads them, and would go a long way toward speeding up all telegraph business.'"

MIGHTY GOOD THING TO KNOW A TRADE

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Dec. 17.—If every young man would learn a trade he would find, at some time or other, that it was the finest pneumatic seat on which to drop when misfortune strikes home," declared Charles Bookwalter, former mayor of Indianapolis, addressing delegates at the recent session here of the Seventh District Typothetae federation.

Former Mayor Bookwalter said that the crying need of the nation is for the boys to learn trades.

CHIEF INDICTED FOR COAL WAR KILLINGS



Sid Hatfield, chief of police of Matewan, W. Va., who is under indictment on charges following a pitched battle on the main street of Matewan in which ten men were killed.

The fighting started when detectives hired by the coal mine operators attempted to arrest Hatfield. Striking miners and residents of Matewan fought the detectives, who finally fled, leaving seven dead. C. C. Testerman, mayor of Matewan, and two striking miners were killed in the affair.

COVER UP MIRRORS TO STOP GIRLS WHO USE TOO MUCH ROUGE

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 17.—The mirrors at Tech High school as looking glasses are good wail covering.

No longer is it possible for the pretty Miss to stop in front of them and dab a bit of powder on the shing spot on her nose or to give her coiffure an extra caress.

For the mirrors are in sack cloth.

And it was Miss Ruth Wilder, vice-principal, who issued the order causing the reflecting glasses to be so draped.

Miss Wilder caused a questionnaire to be circulated among the teachers in the

girl's classes concerning paint, powder, over—and under—dressing and the like. When the blanks came back all properly filled out the opinion of the teachers seemed to be that there was just a trifle too much attention to powder, paint and dressing on the part of the several thousand young lady students.

Forthwith there appeared on each mirror a notice that unless the evidences of the use of powder, the lip stick and the rouge box were speedily eradicated the mirrors would be taboo. Evidently the girls did not take the mandate seriously. They continued to cover the shiny spots on their noses with powder and to assist nature with rouge and the lipstick—that is, some of them, according to Miss Wilder.

Then came the order draping the mirrors.

"It's sure tough," the girls said plain-

tively, "Now we'll look dowdy and everyone will know it but ourselves."

But the drappings still cover the mirrors.

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., Dec. 17.—Adam Cheroski, 15, hung suspended by a single fence post over the west shaft of Hoosac tunnel, which prevented his dropping several hundred feet to the tunnel floor, was discovered slowly bleeding to death from a gunshot wound. The bullet wound proved fatal.

The boy was hunting deer. Wishing to descend a slope he pushed his gun ahead of him, discharging it. The bullet ploughed its way through his leg and into his stomach. He lost his foothold and slid down the hillside and against the fence which surrounds the shaft entrance. The fence was broken, but the boy anchored himself to the post.

FRENCH CONVICTS LET OUT TO ENLIST IN POLISH ARMY

PARIS, Dec. 17.—La Ouvriere says: "300 soldiers of the 1920 class of the 35th Artillery, Vannes, have left for Poland. They wore Polish uniforms which had been sent from Warsaw. Of the 300, 75 were volunteers; the remaining 225 were drafted for service in the Polish army."

Le Populaire asserts that "for some weeks convicts who were doing time for felonies involving moral turpitude and more of whom had long terms to serve, were discharged from state prisons and taken to the Polish camp near Is-en-Seule, from which point they will be sent to Poland. The prisoners were not asked for their consent. Some whose terms were nearly over protested so energetically that they were returned to the prisons."

Times Want Ads Pay

CHEF'S CAFE
217 S. Rusk St.
(Next to Liberty Theater)

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No doubt you have said often to a friend:

"How I wish I could find a place where I could get good hot biscuits, like home."

Well, we have them—continuously from 11 a. m. to 9 p. m. and they are always Red Hot.—Everything else is the very best and the most reasonable to be found in Ranger.

WE OFFER
\$25.00 Price Reduction
BRAND NEW FORD TOURING CAR

We have heretofore offered this car at regular Ford price, but we now offer it for immediate delivery at \$25 less than the regular selling price. This car is absolutely new, has never been run a mile. Is \$25 worth saving!

GWYNNE-HALL & COMPANY
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\$20.00 Buys a good Schloss Bros. or Styleplus Suit now—You'll save if you buy here

Holiday Reduction Sale

—With a masterful stroke of price cutting; in a whole-hearted attempt to put your clothes costs 'way down —We've reduced them to "below" factory costs.

Schloss Bros. and Styleplus Clothes

\$35 \$40 \$45 and \$50
Suits Reduced to
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BIGSHOE SALE; HOLIDAY SALE; HAT SALE---EVERYTHING TO HELP YOU SAVE

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A FEW SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY

GROCERY DEPARTMENT

- No. 2 Tomatoes, 2 for25c
- 2 1-2 Del Monte Peaches48c
- 3-lb. Maxwell House Coffee\$1.30
- Milk, all Brands15c
- 2 1-2 California Table Peaches40c
- Navy, Pink and Pinto Beans, lb.9c

MEAT DEPARTMENT

- The Famous Newton Creamery Butter, per lb. 55c
- Swift's Keystone Hams, per lb.27c
- Gem Nut Margarine, per lb.45c
- Swift's Premium Bacon in Strips, per lb.50c

Just received: Roquefort Cheese, Swiss Cheese, Codfish, Salt Mackerel, and many other items.
Fleishman's Yeast—Fresh Milk in Bottles
A Full Line of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

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TAX REFORM WILL BE IMPORTANT SUBJECT IN NEXT LEGISLATURE

Smith Bill Would Establish State Commission With Power to Alter County Rates for the Purpose of Equalization, Also to Pro Rate Taxes on Intangible Values.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 17.—Revision of the Texas taxation system, according to present indications, will be one of the most far-reaching and hard fought subjects to come before the Thirty-seventh legislature.

For a number of years past there has been agitation for a reform of the state taxation system. State comptrollers have declared that their records show a decided inequality in the rates at which values of different counties are rendered for state taxation. James A. King, state tax commissioner in his annual report for the past year said that a vast amount of property in the state escapes taxation and that other property carries an unjust share of the burden.

Indications are that the agitation has reached a climax which will produce action of some nature during the coming session, which begins Jan. 11, 1921. The state Democratic convention in its platform adopted this summer directed the legislature give attention to this subject. The state tax commissioner recommended remedies in his last report. The state comptroller has also advanced his ideas of needed changes. Representative John T. Smith of Austin, has said that his primary object in seeking election as a member of the legislature was in order that he might make an effort to revise the system. He has prepared and printed an extensive tax bill to replace all present tax laws. This bill proposes a number of radical changes. He declared that this bill will be introduced by him early in the session, and he has mailed copies of it to members of the legislature, with a request for suggestions for amendments. The attention Representative Smith is devoting to pushing his proposal during the pre-session period is calculated to gain considerable support for it and make this bill one of the main ones to be considered.

Conflicts With Platform.
However, the Smith bill is somewhat in conflict with the state Democratic platform, and this may form the nucleus of the fight against it, according to political observers. The platform said in part: "We are constrained to believe the system of taxation established by this state is capable of more sufficient meeting the requirements of the people if made appreciative in accord with its purposes and provisions of the law. If inequalities have crept into the administration, it is within the power of the legislature, under constitutional authority, to enact such provisions as will correct them; and would recommend that before legislative consideration is accorded new plans of taxation that a painstaking inquiry be instituted into the adequacy and adaptability of the meth-

ods sanctioned by our constitution and the policy of our statutes."

The Smith bill differs so widely from the present system, that it may be considered a new plan of taxation. One of the most radical departures is the proposal that bonds and "secured debts" be given a separate classification, that a stamp tax, to be paid when bonds are issued or notes, etc., executed, be levied and that property of this nature then be free from further taxation. The bill further proposes that it be unlawful to deliver securities to a purchaser without the tax stamp affixed. Representative Smith contends that this would insure the payment of tax upon a vast amount of notes, etc., which now escape taxation, and that it would create a market for bonds issued in Texas, as the purchaser would have the assurance that they would be free from state, city and county taxes.

Another new feature proposed by the Smith bill would require assessors, shires, etc., to pay taxes by the quarter, instead of by the performance, as at present, in some instances. Representative Smith would assess an annual tax against motion picture theatres, which would be graduated, according to the size of the city in which the same is located.

Equalize Tax Rolls.
Representative Smith proposes the creation of a state tax commission to equalize tax rolls on various properties of the state, and would require railroads to submit statements of their property values to this board. This feature of the bill is somewhat similar to the recommendations of the state tax commissioner, which are outlined briefly in his recent report as follows:
"It is proposed to establish a permanent, central tax commission in charge of all taxation in the state and responsible for the just administration of the tax laws, which shall specially:
(a) Have and exercise strict supervision over the county assessors, instruct and guide them in all their work, and

prepare all blanks, forms, etc., to be used in their assessment work.

"(b) Exercise control over the county boards of equalization and guide them in their work.

"(c) Do the work of assessing all intangible values of the state, and allocating such values to the proper counties to be placed upon the tax roll.

"(d) Look after license taxes, inheritance taxes and all other taxes."

Other recommendations made by the state tax commissioner were:

"To change the law so that the initiative in finding and assessing the property shall lie within the assessor and the state tax commission, making it less necessary to depend upon the tax payer's statement, although that statement is still retained, much simplified in form.

"To provide that the assessor shall be adequately equipped with tools to work with, especially with adequate maps so that all property shall be assessed equally.

"To actually raise the assessment of all property up to its full cash value and extend it upon the rolls at 50 per cent of its full cash value.

"To revise entirely the tax and revenue law and to insert in their proper places the new provisions and to make the arrangement concise, logical and clear.

"The state tax commissioners should have power to supervise the assessors and to direct them in their work; should formulate rules of procedure and fix standard values for the guidance of the assessors so that the tax rolls should be practically complete and perfect as soon as made. These standard values should be published and be subject to public criticism and review before being used and before the rolls are made up."

BOY FAKED RANSOM NOTE.

HYDE PARK, Va., Dec. 17.—The demand on Mrs. Maude LaPlant for \$8000 ransom for the return of her missing seven-year-old son, Grover, three weeks ago was an invention of the youth himself, according to a confession that he is alleged to have made today to W. E. Tracey, state's attorney of Lenoir county and E. C. Brown, a detective. He promised to ask his mother's forgiveness.

On Nov. 20, Mrs. LaPlant found on her doorstep a box containing a note saying that if she wished again to see her son she must place the ransom money in the

box and leave it unguarded or "his body would be disposed of."

That same evening LaPlant was found apparently dazed in a sugar house. He said that while walking home from the railroad station three men in a closed automobile seized him and knocked him senseless. Later he said he escaped from a tree to which he had been tied and wandered to the sugar house.

HOT TIME AHEAD!

CHILLICOTHE, Ohio, Dec. 17.—Camp Sherman headquarters officials shivered when they arrived at their offices this morning. The rooms were icy and the steam radiators dead.

A trip to the boiler room disclosed the fact that Privates Denton and Hayes, firemen-janitors, to be "a. w. o. l." and this note was found:

"Count the days till we get back." Military police squads are pursuing the delinquent heat purveyors, and if caught, officials say, the two privates will go into the guardhouse, with this remark:

"Count the days till you get out."


Wage-earning women in Virginia now number more than 225,000.

Sheetrock Plaster Board
We have just unloaded a car and have complete stock of lengths 6 to 10 feet.
Buell Lumber Co.
Phone 17.

BE AN OPERATOR OF A LINO TYPE, INTERTYPE OR MONO TYPE MACHINE
Good pay, educational, pleasant work for men and women. Course is short and least expensive schooling you can obtain. (Typewriter operators excel at once.) Address Type-setting Dept., Georgia-Alabama Business College, Macon, Ga., for full information about American and Southern Newspaper Publishers' Typesetting School.—Adv.

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Plate Glass, Window Glass, Windshields, Mirrors.
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KEEP your baking costs down
HERE'S THE BEST WAY
USE CALUMET BAKING POWDER
BEST BY TEST



It's pure in the baking. Calumet never fails to produce the sweetest and most palatable of nourishing foods.
It has more than the ordinary leavening strength. You use less of it. That's one reason it is the most economical of all leaveners.
Another reason is—it is sold at a moderate price—you save when you buy it.
A pound can of Calumet contains full 16 oz. Some baking powders come in 12 oz. cans instead of 16 oz. cans. Be sure you get a pound when you want it.

Calumet Waffle Recipe
2 1/4 cups sifted pastry flour, 3 level teaspoons Calumet Baking Powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 1/2 cups milk, 1 tablespoon sugar, 2 tablespoons melted butter, 2 eggs beaten separately. Then mix in the regular way.

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Bracelet Watches, \$12.50 and up.
Diamond Rings, \$15.00 and up.
Nice line of Ivory Goods.
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A Few of the Items We Carry in Stock:

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Cold Meat Forks	Orange Spoons
Soup Spoons	Oyster Forks
	Tomato Servers

We Carry This Silver in the Adam Pattern and Patrician
OUR CHINA STOCK IS VERY GOOD
"If It's Hardware We Have It"
DAVENPORT Hardware Co.
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HOLIDAY GOODS!
Going Practically at Cost. We are Going to Dispose of Our Large Xmas Stock at Such Low Prices That It Will Surprise You
1-4 Off On All Holiday Goods!

- One-fourth Off on all Christmas Stationery.
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- One-fourth Off on all Toilet Sets.
- One-fourth Off on all Candy Kings.
- One-fourth Off on all Dolls.
- One-fourth Off on all Kodaks.

SALE STARTS SATURDAY 9 A. M.
We Can Save You Money on All Christmas Articles

Corner Drug Store
One Block South of Guaranty Bank Bldg. Corner Pine and Austin Sts.

ARMY OFFICER DENIES CAREER AS GERMAN SPY

Brother Officers Testify That Deserter Previously Confessed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Although he has denied having declared himself one of 300 spies sent to this country by Germany in 1914, a detective and three former army lieutenants have insisted that, soon after his arrest, John A. Willers, deserting United States army captain, did announce himself a spy.

In his cell at Fort Jay, Governor's Island, he was informed that Lieut. Cohn had been assigned as military counsel for him at his coming court martial on charges of deserting the Forty-Eighth Infantry at Camp Sevier, S. C., two years ago, and stealing \$4,000 of the funds of Company K.

War department records show that Willers, who is said to have been known also as Hans Willet, enlisted at Fort Slocum, Sept. 22, 1914, saying he was a citizen, native of St. Louis, twenty-three years old, and a baker. His nearest relative, he said, was Frank Dose, a cousin, of 1007 South Third street, Lafayette, Ind. He was honorably discharged April 19, 1916, as first class gunner of the 6th Company, Coast Artillery Corps. He re-enlisted at Fort Slocum, April 11, 1916, with the Field Artillery, mounted service. He was discharged at Plattsburg Barracks, Nov. 26, 1917, and next day was made a captain of infantry.

When he was arrested after being recognized by a former lieutenant, H. H. Hannigan, Willers insisted so strongly that his name was Crawford that the police were inclined to release him. They were checked by the arrival of two men who had been lieutenants in the Third Battalion of the regiment, Sydney E. Howell and Francis Hatch. On seeing them the prisoner exclaimed:—"Well, you've got me right."

He then called Howell, Hatch and Hannigan aside, according to their statements, and told them he was a spy, explaining the confession's motive in that he did not want to be branded as a thief by his former comrades.

"I was acting under orders from my country and doing my duty," Hatch said the prisoner confessed. "I was in desperate need of money when I left."

Hatch said: "He was regarded a regular fellow by officers and men. He played a stiff game of poker. Though he spoke with a slight accent, it was thought to be Scandinavian."

Germany Directed Moves. "He told us he came to the United States in 1914 and enlisted in the Coast Guard at Portland, Ore., bought his way out on receiving orders from Germany to join the line, and enlisted with the infantry in 1914. Germany, he said, then anticipated war with the United States. He was sent to Fort Slocum, then to Plattsburg, where he was commissioned, he said. Workers were the greatest obstacles to revolution."

"CULLUD" PARSON RAISES CASH ON "IRON WHEEL" PATENT TO PAY 40,000 PER CENT INTEREST

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—"Friends which advance me money get my personal, negotiable promissory note for the full and entire amount plus and including 40,000 per cent, payable on or before some time in the future."

On this valuable security "Dr." J. Elbert Robinson, who might be called the King Menelik of Finance, raised \$10,000 most of it from persons of his own dusky complexion. That was the accusation against him before Judge Fitch in the superior court. It was charged also that he has put out a hundred \$50,000 promissory notes, receiving \$100 in real money for each promise to pay half a thousand dollars. It was testified that "Dr." Robinson absolutely refused to belittle his standing by accepting less than \$1 for each \$500 to be repaid.

The benevolent "Dr." Robinson has always sought to make it easy going for his friends and patrons; he was a chiropractor before he blossomed as a financier. He promoted the Round Iron Wheel corporation, with \$13,000,000 capital and no assets, as far as has been learned. Incidentally, he is accused of having faked a decision by a United States circuit court which praises the great value of the round iron wheel and confirms his equity in the patent, which itself seems rather shadowy.

A battery of colored lawyers defended "Dr." Robinson, who, without resentment, attributed his troubles to "high money and the present pessimistic attitude of the public mind."

"Why, even Wall street has felt the pinch, which has flattened me out," he explained.

Several negroes testified that they had been more easily persuaded to invest in this round wheel of fortune because the

doctor is "such a powerful exhorter at prayer meeting." In this case it was a Deliah who lost her head, although she kept her hair—Mrs. Deliah Pelletier of East 70th street, New York. Mrs. Pelletier swore before the grand jury which indicted "Dr." Robinson that her faith in him was rather shaken when she tried to negotiate one of his notes.

"I couldn't get four bits for it," she lamented. Dr. Robinson has a board of directors, a secretary and a \$5,000 limousine. He rides, so he has no need for the services of a chiropractor. He insists that his invention is of "Divine origin." Court records show that his patent, 594,288, has gone to the demotion bowwows; that it was sold for \$300 to satisfy a lien. It is said his wheel is shaped like that the little ivory ball circles in roulette, but there is nothing significant in that. Some of those with whom he dealt dealer he told them he would bring suit against all the railways and the United

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States Steel corporation for infringing his patent and would recover "millions and millions."

"Yes, I fell for him," Policeman Lefebre, who is white, testified with some bitterness. "Every corporation in this country which makes iron wheels owes me fulsome gratitude," he told me. "My legal advisers have just won a \$10,000,000 judgment against the American Car and Foundry company."

Lefebre has \$125,000 of the chiropractor's notes for which he paid \$250. Even a level headed business man, Arthur B. Terrain, branch manager of the People's Gas company, traded \$50 for a \$25,000 note, payable forty years after death of thereabouts.

BRAZIL AND URUGUAY PLAN TO HONOR COLBY

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 17.—Brazil will accord Bainbridge Colby, American secretary of state, the same honors that were given Elihu Root, when, in 1910, he visited this country as head of the Roosevelt cabinet.

POACHING PEASANTS RUIN GAME PRESERVE OF ITALIAN NOBLE

FLORENCE, Italy, Dec. 17.—Marquis Corsini, a rich Florentine aristocrat, who is fond of sport, has just had an experience with a new form of land invasion. It lasted only one day, but deprived him of any hope of hunting and shooting parties on his Valdarno estates for some time to come.

The marquis, who was sick in bed, was visited by his head gamekeeper, who reported that twenty hunters, composed of the neighboring proletariat, had fortuitously entered his game preserves and said they meant to hunt all day, because "birds and beasts belong to the people." The gamekeeper had not men enough to resist the intruders, so the marquis told him he had better leave them alone.

An hour later his surprise was equal to his annoyance on finding that the twenty meeting no resistance, had sent

word to their friends, and in a very short time at least 400 poachers had invaded his preserves.

All day long his estate was like a field of battle, so frequent was the shooting. When night fell the invaders had virtually exterminated all the game on the estate and greatly damaged trees and shrubs. The military police, summoned by the owner, were too few to make any impression on the 400 armed men and could only look on at this wholesale devastation.

WIFE, FIFTEEN YEARS OLD, TAKES OWN LIFE

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—Josie Jerisger, fifteen years old, killed herself after apparently being deserted, it is said, by her 22-year-old husband, and spurned by a 14-year-old boy she admired. She was married four months ago in Pittsburg, Kan., to Peter Jerisger, a miner. Peter disappeared two weeks later. Josie came to Kansas City to work. Before she swallowed poison last night, she told of a 14-year-old son of a grocer who had spurned her.

EXPERT AT IT.

"Jim married a masseuse, didn't he?" "Yes, and she certainly rubs it into him."—Boston Transcript.

In Sweden, a wife has the right to bear her own family name in conjunction with that of her husband.

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Preached by

Rev. Father Eberts, C. S. S. R.

Redemptorist of San Antonio

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Ending Sunday, Dec. 19

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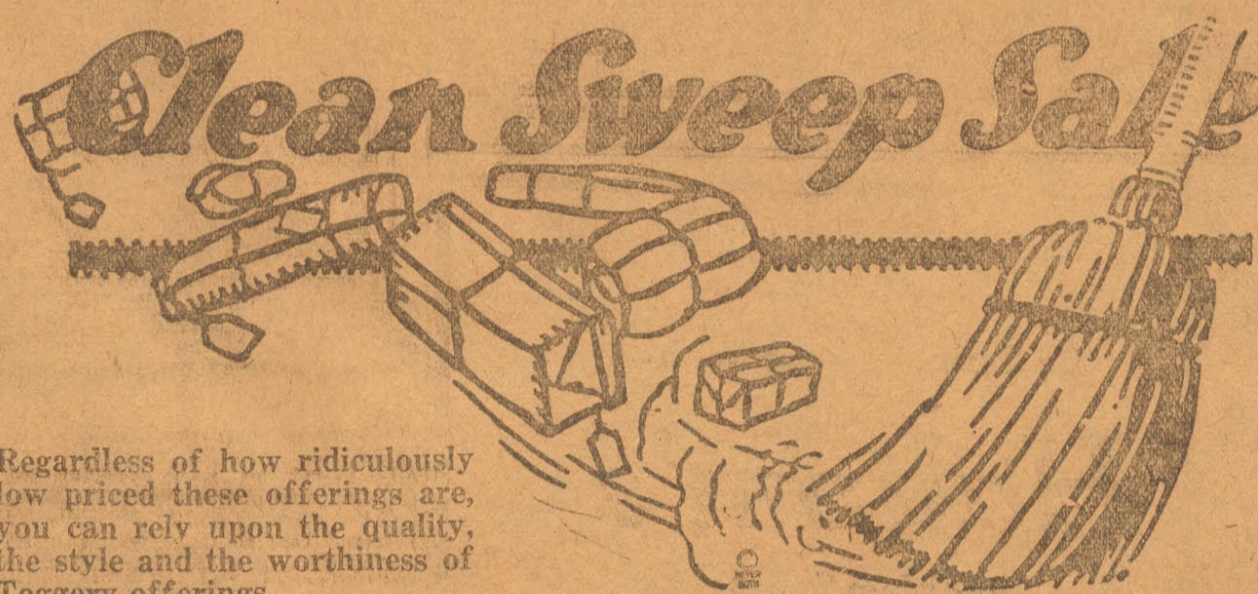
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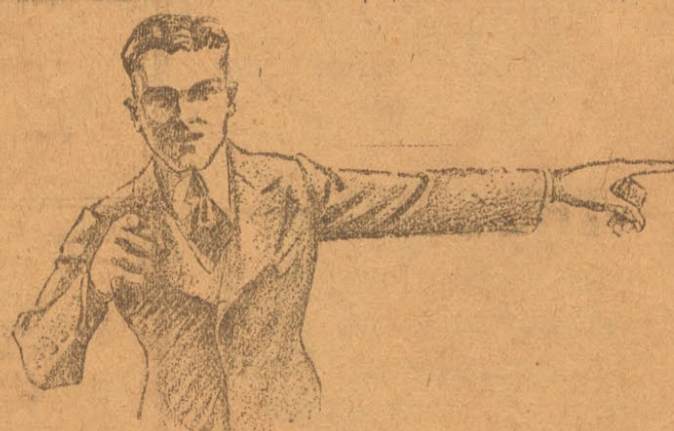
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