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MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

By H. N. F.

For a quarter of a century H. N. F. has been proud to call Dr. George W. Truett "Friend" and highly prized is this Christmas greeting that came in the mail yesterday: My Friend: That this may be the best Christmas and New Year season that we have ever known, and that our noblest possible service may be given to make it the best in the home circle, social circle, and for all mankind, is my most fervent prayer for you and for myself, at this accustomed season for the expressions of good will. In the present tumultuous, tremendous, incomparably fateful days, may we hark back to the message of the Christmas carol on the plains of Bethlehem: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." May our best memories be revived and our noblest hopes be relighted. May we be given the poise, the patience, the sympathy, the verve, the self-control, the courage, the loyalty and the faith to walk unblenched and safely through the wildest storm, and to realize the triumphs that are unwasting and immortal. Whatever the petty worries we may know, the trying situations, the perplexing questions, the sorrows that oppress and the surprises that poignantly pierce the heart, may all our ways be radiant with the insight of Faith, the triumph of Hope, and the resistlessness of Love. May we ever have a sublime contempt for all unfaithful ease, and all unfaltering fidelity to the majestic behest of duty. May we wage our most valiant warfare to be released from the tyranny of consuming anxiety, from the ignobleness of unworthy ambitions, and from the blighting defeats that inexorably follow selfishness. However harsh some facts of life may seem to be, may we realize that beneath all the bruises and heartaches there is an Omniscient Love that never fails, never forsakes, and never forgets. May we clearly discern God's program for our lives, and trustfully hide ourselves within the ample purposes of His love and wisdom. As we travel life's earthly road from Jerusalem to Jericho, may we be good Samaritans to all who need us, cheering, healing and fortifying them with true neighborliness, vitalizing all the relations of life with an unselfish love, remembering that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death. May we touch all life with the noble spirit of kindliest sympathy, dispensing good will everywhere. May we both diligently work and pray for the coming of that halcyon day when men shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, when all discords and dissonance shall be done away forever; and may we see in God's love and purpose the only way of true fraternity for all mankind. May the wistful call of the Eternal Tomorrow make us steadfast and faithful for the duties of today and for all the adventures of faith. And when we are called to stand beside the Silent Sea; and no human friend can journey with us on the Great Adventure, may we have an unfearing trust that our Great Companion who died for us and by conquered death will deliver us from its sting and day shadows forever. And until the day breaks and the shadows flee away, may we with unbroken confidence yield our lives to the Light that followeth all our way, to the Joy that seeketh us through pain, and to the Love that will not let us go.

GEORGE W. TRUETT.

Robert Barry, the noted Washington correspondent, was trained in the Watterson school in the office of the Louisville Courier-Journal. "Down in Kentucky one of our proudest boasts was that, although few men attained fame as great editors and others were noted as wonderful orators, Mr. Watterson was the only man of his period preeminent both as a writer and speaker," writes Barry. "Newspapermen who passed their cub days in his school of practical journalism were guided more by principle and tradition than by rule. One we know best was that reporters told the news without fear or favor; expression of opinion was reserved to Mr. Watterson. Another Wattersonian precept was that his reporters should get all the news and get it first, but in getting it remember 'the Courier-Journal is always a gentleman.' To those of us who were his humble disciples he was more than an occupant of an editorial sanctum. He was a sort of patron saint. Many, many times we heard his definition, 'Journalism is the art of knowing where hell is to break loose next and having a man there to report it.'" Henry Watterson—the great editor had a pronounced aversion to the title "Colonel," and on the few occasions when his name appeared in the columns of the Courier-Journal with the military title it resulted in a stern lecture to the offender—was perhaps as much misunderstood as has been any great editor in the history of journalism in this country. In the newspaper office Mr. Watterson was a tireless worker, serious at all times. He was a close observer of every department of the paper. Bad English would enrage him, whether in the market pages, the local department or in the most obscure corner of a feature section. The misuse of a word would invariably bring a written reprimand from him, whether he happened to be in France or in Florida. Still it is doubtful if he ever "fired" an employe. He has done so on more than one occasion "editorially," but the offender ignored the editorial. On the occasion of the Johnson-Jeffries prize fight in the rush of getting out an extra edition of the Courier-Journal—there were editions of afternoon papers issued by none of the

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COREY'S DOME THE BERTH OF NOVEL NOTION

Individual Ear Plugs Foreseen as Weapon of Defense Against Telephone Sharks' Amplifiers.

New Device Classed Along With One-Hand Flivver Drivers, Open Manholes and Reformers.

By HERBERT COREY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Ear plugs for sale. Guaranteed against amplifiers. Twenty-five cents.

They haven't come yet. But they will come. They must come. Defensive armor has always been improved as the offensive weapons gain greater efficiency. It is only a matter of time when the careful wives of nervous men about to start down town will say:

"Don't forget your umbrella, dear. Don't forget to bring me some candy. Don't forget your overshoes. Don't forget the ribbon for my pinkies." And just as the nervous husbands reach their gates the careful wives will call once more:

"Have you your ear plugs with you?"

What the Amplifier Means

Because the amplifier promises to be one of the dangers of the future to the human race, along with lovers who drive flivvers with one hand, and manhole covers that blow up, and book agents who look like neighbors, and gentlemen who have some new scheme for improving the world. The time is coming when we cannot escape the resonant amplifier unless we have out ear plugs always with us. We will be informed in spite of ourselves.

We will have to close the windows in summer because of an orator 400 miles away who is impelled to talk about the League of Nations. On

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WITNESS TELLS COURT HE SAW AUSTIN KILLING

By Associated Press.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 26.—Bud Harvill of Austin gave testimony before Justice of the Peace George W. Mendell today for presentation to the Travis county grand jury which will investigate the killing of Peeler Clayton in the rear of what is known as Klan Hall here Thursday night, December 15.

Harvill's testimony which was sworn to in the presence of Judge Mendell, will be given to the grand jury in the form of a deposition.

Harvill claims to have been an eye witness to the shooting which ended in Clayton's death. Harvill's testimony said as many as fifteen shots were fired into the car in which Clayton was driving.

Twenty-two Austin citizens including two police officers and one federal prohibition officer, face charges of murder and connection with murder as a result of Clayton's death.

Two companions of the dead man who were with him at the time, face charges of assault to murder.

Union Officials Jailed on Logan Mine War Charge

By Associated Press.

LOGAN, W. Va., Dec. 26.—C. Frank Keeney and Fred Mooney, president and secretary respectively of district number 17 United Mine Workers of America and William Blizzard, a sub-district president of the union were placed in jail here tonight after their surrender at Huntington to Sheriff Chafin, preparatory to pleading to indictments growing out of the armed march into Logan county last summer.

The three men were released from jail in Charleston Saturday after furnishing $10,000 bail each. They had been held there in connection with the same Logan county demonstration.

RECEIVERS APPOINTED FOR ROAD LAUNCHED BY HAMON AND KELL

By Associated Press.

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 26.—J. W. Meaney, through his attorneys, Flourney & Smith, Monday morning made application to United States District Judge James C. Wilson of the Northern district court of Texas for the appointment of receivers for the Wichita Falls, Ranger and Fort Worth railway, a part of the Jake L. Hamon estate. Meaney is a creditor of the road, having been credited with connection with the construction of the line.

His claim being in excess of $100,000, he is seeking a foreclosure of a contractors' lien on the railroad.

Due to the adverse conditions, the railroad company has been unable to liquidate debts and local conditions have recently become such that the railroad's earnings are insufficient to pay its current operating expenses, rendering necessary the appointment of receivers.

Frank L. Ketch of Ardmore, president of the road and executor of the Hamon estate and J. W. Mitchell of Fort Worth, were appointed by Judge Wilson jointly as receiver, and J. H. Barwise, Jr., of a local law firm was appointed attorney for the receivers.

The receivers were directed by the court to continue the operation of the railroad.

Jake L. Hamon and Frank Kell, prominent Texas oil operator, were the original producers of the road, but in August, 1920, the interests of the two were separated, Hamon taking over all interests and assuming all outstanding obligations.

Hamon was shot to death in an Ardmore hotel in 1920. Clara Smith Hamon was charged with the murder but was acquitted soon afterward.

IT BEHOOVES UNCLE TO WATCH HIS STEP



AID PLANNED FOR AMERICAN SHIP OWNERS

Plan Is Formulated for Subsidizing U. S. Merchant Marine to Insure Its Future Maintenance.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26—A final conference of officials of leading marine transportation companies with the shipping board's special subsidy committee has been called for January 5, to pass upon a tentative plan formulated by the committee providing for the subsidizing of the American merchant marine to insure its maintenance.

The committee was formed to study the broad question of subsidies at the suggestion of President Harding, who made special reference to this method of assisting American ship owners in his message to the last congress. The plan when finally approved, will be submitted to President Harding, who is expected to adopt some of its provisions in a message to congress.

In its present form, which members of the committee stated today was not official and is subject to changes in any of its features, the plan proposes both direct and indirect aid, the former through diversion of ten per cent of import customs as bonuses to American ship operators and the latter through establishment of a revolving fund of $100,000,000.

Other suggestions now comprised in the plan are understood to include:

The shipping board sell its remaining fleet as rapidly as possible at

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Lloyd George and Premier of France Confer at Paris

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Premier Briand greeted Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain as he passed through Paris today on his way to Cannes for the meeting of the supreme council. The statesmen conversed for a half hour before Mr. Lloyd George's train left.

M. Briand will leave for Cannes on January 3.

ENTIRE FAMILY KILLED BY GAS HEATER FUMES

Police Responding to Appeals of Neighbors Find Parents and Three Children Asphyxiated.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 26.—An entire family was wiped out here by fumes from a gas heater, police discovered today when they forced entrance into the home on response to appeal of anxious neighbors.

The dead are:

GAETANO MAIMONDE, 48 years old, his wife, Josephine, 38, and their children, Philip, 14; Lucy, 10; and John 3.

The body of Maimonde lay beneath a partly decorated Christmas tree. The others were in bed, apparently having been asphyxiated while they were asleep.

In the rear room of the home, police found the body of a pet dog belonging to the children.

Neighbors had not seen the Maimondes since Christmas Eve and asked the police to investigate. When entrance was affected, they found a heater blazing high and the house filled with gas.

Physicians said the condition of the bodies indicated the victims had been dead since Saturday night.

YOUTH TO PAY OWN LIFE FOR SLAYING GIRL

By Associated Press.

WAUKON, Iowa, Dec. 26.—Earle Throst, confessed slayer of Miss Inga Manguson, 20 years old, a school teacher of Dorchester, was sentenced to be hanged on March 8, 1922, by Judge Taylor today.

Counsel for Thorst, who had entered a plea of guilty to a charge of first degree murder at a preliminary hearing a week ago, made a stirring appeal that the penalty be light. They asserted that Throst was mentally unbalanced. Judge Taylor stated he had purposely set the examination at a distant date to give mental experts an opportunity to observe the prisoners actions.

CONGRESS WILL AGAIN TAKE UP SOLDIER BONUS

Legislation to Encourage Merchant Marine and Tariff Schedule Also on Program, Says Mondell.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Legislative plans for the present session of congress call for the enactment of bills to encourage the merchant marine, to provide some sort of bonus payment to former service men, enact permanent tariff schedules, and provide the regular appropriations which sustain the government. Representative Mondell, republican house leader said today on leaving the White House after a conference with President Harding.

There are no definite proposals on the merchant marine or soldiers bonus which can be said to have the approval of the majority at this time, Mr. Mondell said, but the outline of subjects to be taken up includes both matters. Every endeavor will be in the house, he added, to have all the appropriation bills which originate there, enacted by April 1, so as to give the senate time to consider them on final passage and adjourn the congress in June.

The question of finding the sources for funds with which to pay the soldiers bonus, the house leader asserted, was the chief stumbling block of proposals for such a bill. Enactment of such a measure, he added, would probably require simultaneous creation of a special tax to meet the outlay. Mr. Mondell said he did not discuss with the president the "remuneration plan," for subsidizing merchant ship operation and he expressed the view that considerable discussion would be required before congressional leaders could adopt a plan of action on such a measure.

There is a possibility that President Harding will leave Washington before new year's for a three day trip to Pinehurst, N. C., but no definite decision as to plans had been reached.

U. S. Troops Will No Longer Patrol Mexican Border

By Associated Press.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 26.—Co-operation given United States immigration agents in patrolling the Mexican border by troops were withdrawn in an order published at headquarters of the eighth corps area and announced today. During the war when violations of immigration laws were too numerous for agents of that department to cope with the situation, United States soldiers upon orders from the old southern department headquarters, assisted in keeping undesirables out of the country.

New York Needs Boosters.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Mayor Hylan has suggested the organization of a "Booster's Club," to include all the city newspapers, for the purpose of advertising New York City.

EUGENE DEBS WOULD REMOVE PRISON DOORS

After Sniffing Air of Freedom He Announces He Will Work Toward Freeing All Prisoners.

Socialist Leader Weakens and Forsakes Day Coach for Pullman 'Long About Bedtime.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Eugene V. Debs, the socialist leader, whose ten-year prison sentence for violation of the espionage act was commuted on Christmas day, came here today direct from the Atlanta federal penitentiary and called upon President Harding and Attorney General Daugherty.

Mr. Daugherty said Debs came of his own "volition" while Debs declared his visit to Washingon was at the request of the attorney general and that he was given a railroad ticket to the capitol by the warden of the penitentiary without choice of destination, although he had planned to go immediately to his home at Terre Haute, Indiana.

After his conference with Debs, the attorney declared in a statement that there were no unusual conditions attached to the commutations of the socialist leader's sentence, that no advice was offered to Debs nor was any requested and that he hoped Debs will direct his talent to a useful purpose.

Breaks Silenece

No statement was made at the White House after the conference there, but upon reaching his hotel, Debs broke the silence he had maintained from the moment of quitting the penitentiary and declared he would devote his time to the freeing of all prisoners. He added that he had discussed his opinions with President Harding in order that there might be no misunderstanding as to his principles and ideals.

Debs reached Washington at 9:00 o'clock this morning. He left Atlanta in a day coach giving the extra fare to Russian relief, but about ten o'clock last night, according to friends who accompanied him, he changed to a sleeper. With him on his journey was his brother, Theodore, Miss Celia Rotter of the Debs freedom conference, Miss Lucy Robbins of the American Federation of Labor, and a number of newspaper men.

He went immediately to a hotel for breakfast and then called upon the attorney general, walked to the department of justice with his friends and a group of newspapermen, unnoticed as he passed along the streets. From the department, he walked over to the White House and then back to his hotel.

Gompers is Visitor

He first planned to leave Washington as soon as his calls had been paid, but tonight it was decided to remain over until tomorrow night to confer with friends. One of his first visitors after his return from the White House, was Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who declared that the work for freedom "in behalf of political prisoners," would go on.

Until he had seen the president, Mr. Debs maintained a complete silence regarding his visit to Washington and his future plans, although he talked freely on other subjects and evidenced keen enjoyment of his freedom. His only comment upon the statement issued by Mr. Daugherty after their conference was that he came here at the latters' invitation.

However, when he reached his hotel after his call at the White House Mr. Debs described his release from prison, his trip to Washington and the outlook for the future as he now sees it.

Bowling Pin Gavel Used at "Workers" Meet

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Steve Burcher, New Jearsey delegate to the convention called for organization of the Workers Party of America, who presided with a policeman's billy at yesterday's noisy session, took the chair today with a bowling pin for a gavel.

A preliminary rap and the convention proceeded with the work of adopting a constitution for an organization dedicated to the overthrow of the present government and substitution of a workers' republic.

There followed an address by "Comrade" Bill Dunn of Montana, a former I. W. W. leader in which he predicted the ultimate success of the Russian revolution and the spread of communism throughout the world. He added that it was "becoming fashionable to believe that some sort of capitalism is springing up in Russia."

"We are meeting here in security or at least in fancied security," he continued, "and up to the present none of the forces of capitalism, either through the government or otherwise, has interfered with us. As a matter of fact no radical body has been raided within the last two years and some of us seem to think that the hysteria of war has died down. But is that true?"

He then declared that the reason for the lack of raids was because the radical element had banded together and fought back.

Citing the incident at Centralia, Wash., he said: "Bloodshed is always deplorable. It is a terrible thing for men and women to have to die when life is sweet. But it is always better to die fighting than it is to be kicked to death."

Wild applause followed.

"THERE WAS A HEART THROB IN EVERY LINE"

JOPLIN, Mo., Dec. 24.—Have just read your "Prince of Free Lances, Hail and Farewell." In loftiness of sentiment and splendid diction it well may be compared with Ingersoll's oration at the grave of his brother. There was a heart throb in every line. Yours very sincerely.

JAMES C. NORMAN.

LENINE'S VIEW ENDORSED BY SOVIET HEADS

Country Will Obtain 18,000,000 Bushels of American Grain by Change in Economic Policy.

Large Faction of Communists Grudgingly Join in Acceptance of Proposal Providing Relief.

By Associated Press.

MOSCOW, Dec. 26.—The ninth all-Russian soviet congress today approved the new soviet economic policy as outlined before that gathering yesterday by Premier Nikolai Lenine. This approval was given by accepting Premier Lenine's address, which was presented with the report of the council of commissars on the domestic and foreign policies of the soviet government.

The congress endorsed a resolution of thanks to Dr. Fridtjof Nansen and the American relief administration for recent famine relief in Russia. The Russians especially mentioned the relief administration as having helped more than any other foreign organization.

Delegate Semashko presented an alarming report of the typhus epidemic which he described as being so bad on the railways that half of the soldiers traveling from place to place had contracted the disease, He said dozens of bodies including many children were being picked up daily at congested railway centers.

A large faction of communists, who dislike the government's change to capitalistic methods joined grudgingly in acceptance of the new economic policy.

One reason why they approved it at all, it was explained, in some quarters was because they had no alternative to offer. Although they detest the terms "money," "capitalism," and "trust," they received their leaders apologies that the economic change was only a preface to construction of a real communistic government.

Confidence is not general among the communists in the supreme economic council. Their prejudice appears to be directed against the council rather than against the government's general policy.

M. Boganoff, council chairman, and Leonid Krassin, soviet trade representative, apparently are not generally popular with the communistic masses; failure to interest foreign seekers of concessions in leases to get industry going is charged against them. Moreover, they are regarded in labor circles as being indifferent to the workmen's interests. There is frequent assertion that trusts, whether under the Russian government or under the management of foreigners, will work hardships to the workmen. Furthermore, the laborers are discontented on account of their claim that soviet nationalization has not wiped out the bourgeoisie.

ECONOMIC POLICY IS DEFENDED BY LENINE

By Associated Press.

MOSCOW, Dec. 26.—In announcing to the All-Russian soviet congress, soviet Russia's acceptance of the American relief administration's proposal to give Russia $20,000,000 worth of grain on condition that Russia buy $10,000,000 more in America, Premier Lenine today estimated that this total of $30,000,000 would buy about 30,000,000 poods of grain (this is approximately 18,000,000 bushels.)

The soviet premier said this would greatly help the famine situation in the Volga district, but declared the soviet government must continue to exert every effort to collect its full levy. He said it would inquire 18,000,000 poods more from abroad to bring the total average before next harvest to 215,000,000 poods which was 15,000,000 poods below the minimum necessary to carry Russia through the famining crisis.

In his address to the congress, Premier Lenine defended the soviet government's economic policy and mercilessly attacked its critics especially the trade union men who he declared desired to continue to manage the industries. He said that men who had demonstrated no abilities to manage industries were demanding to be retained in control. He challenged them to show qualifications to buy supplies and keep factories going rather to write resolutions.

Continued Rains Entirely Isolate San Diego, Calif.

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Continued rain all over California for another twenty-four hours was predicted today by the weather bureau. Precipitation throughout the state and especially in the southern part had been heavy for a week. The San Francisco in the last twenty-four hours was .93 inches.

San Diego was isolated today as a result of nine days rain. No trains were operated by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe into San Diego.

WORLD POWERS STAND PAT ON SUB ATTITUDE

All Indications Point to Continued Objections to American Plan by Both French and Japanese.

Movement for Later Submarine Conference Assumes More Definite Shape.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The arms conference naval committee which faces a perplexing situation in its effort to agree on limitation of submarine strength tonight postponed its meeting until Wednesday so that the French and possibly the Japanese might receive from home officials more definite instruction regarding the compromise proposal of the American government.

All indications here pointed to continued objection to the American plan by both the Japanese and French groups. At the same time Americans and British appeared to feel that in offering to scale down their submarine fleets to 60,000 tons each, they had made a maximum concession in the interest of an agreement.

In these circumstances, more definite shape was assumed by the movement for a later conference to be attended by a larger number of nations, for another examination of the whole submarine problem, and for a future meeting of the great powers to discuss the general possibilities of further armament limitations. There were indications that the plan for a world submarine conference would be put into concrete form very quickly. The proposed new conference of the powers on the general subject of armaments probably would be in 1928 or 1929, and provisions for it would be made in the treaty that is to embody the decisions of the present meeting.

French Status.

Postponement of the naval committee meeting from tomorrow to Wednesday is understood to have resulted from a request from the French delegates, who have not yet heard the formal verdict of their home government on the American plan to fix American and British submarine strength at 60,000 tons and make a status quo arrangement for France, Italy, and Japan. The impression among the members of the French delegation tonight was that the plan would be wholly unsatisfactory to Paris. A submarine tonnage of 90,000 has been suggested for France by her naval experts, and under the

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FIRING SQUAD KILLS MEXICAN REBEL LEADER

NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 26.—General Francisco Reyna, who had figured prominently in revolutions in Mexico in the last ten years, was executed by a firing squad in Nogales Sonora, across the line from here late today. He was alleged to have been caught digging rifles, saddles and ammunition from the ground near Canoas, Sonora, 15 miles west of Nogales.

General Reyna who has been living in the mountains in Santa Cruz county, Arizona, ten miles northeast of here, was captured about 9 o'clock this morning and was taken to the Nogales, Sonora, jail where he was tried by a military court. Reyna's chauffeur also was arrested.

Mexican officials said that after Reyna was captured soldiers unearthed 50 rifles, 30 saddles and about 4,000 rounds of ammunition at the spot where he was digging. Reyna and his chauffeur were arrested by fifteen Mexican soldiers under the command of General Francisco Gonzales.

Reyna and about 200 followers, it is alleged, planned to launch a revolution January 1. He also was charged with having had connections with leaders of another proposed revolution. The alleged leaders of that affair were arrested in Nogales, Sonora, about a month ago and were executed shortly afterward in Hermosillo, Sonora. Reyna was arrested by United States officials here at that time, but later was released.

Pioneer Vernon Banker Dies at Long Beach, Calif.

By Associated Press.

LONG BEACH, Calif., Dec. 26.—Robert Hansells, for more than thirty years president of the Wagoner National Bank of Vernon, Texas, died here today. He was 80 years of age.

The Weather

West Texas—Tuesday and Wednesday partly cloudy; colder in the Panhandle Wednesday.

East Texas—Tuesday partly cloudy warmer on east coast Wednesday, cloudy.

Oklahoma—Tuesday partly cloudy; Wednesday cloudy, colder in northwest portion.

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prices not to exceed the prevailing world market price for similar tonnage.

Amendment of section eleven of the merchant marine act to permit the establishment of a merchant marine loan fund of about $100,000,000 under the administration of the shipping board for the purpose of making loans at reasonable rates of interest, not to exceed five per cent per annum, on first mortgages on American flag ships; this fund not to be limited to shipping board transactions, but to be available for financing of all American ship operating organizations.

Income tax relief to create an incentive to shippers to use ships flying the American flag, providing for a deduction from net income tax payable on the basis of a small percentage of the freight paid on American flagships, or through a greater allowance of depreciation on ships.

Creation of a government marine insurance, non-profit making corporation to insure its own ships and to offer hull insurance at cost to private American owners, backed by a loan of $10,000.

Other suggested schemes include the carrying in American ships of at least fifty per cent of the immigrants coming to this country; a ship licensing system; amending and revising of navigation laws; perferential through rates to American flag vessels; the extension of a coastwise law to insular possessions and the co-operation of shipping board and navy to secure better compensation of the merchant marine officers and men of the naval reserve.

Declaring that indirect aid will not alone enable American ships to operate successfully in competition with those of other nations, the committee also has adopted tentatively the methods of direct assistance:

Establishment of American shipping on an even competitive basis with that of Great Britain by a basic payment to American ship operators to cover the general wage and subsistence differential between the ships.

Making available a portion of the remunerative fund of about $8,000,000 per annum for encouraging of mail carriers.

Encouragement of special services and new routes through nominal bare boat charters, operation under managing operators contract until private capital is available, and through bids for the operation of prescribed routes and services.

Customs receipts and tonnage taxes form the main support of the direct aid suggested. From the estimated income from customs receipts for 1922-23 about $300,000,000, ten per cent or $30,000,000 would be set aside as a special fund for paying renumeration to American ships on a basis to be adopted. Augmenting this fund there would be, the report states, a tonnage tax collected in American ports from all ships both American and foreign; this tax estimated at $200,000 under present conditions will be raised to $4,000,000 if the proposed tonnage dues under the pending measure are made effective.

Court's Decree Makes Baroness Of Little Girl

By Associated Press.

SENECA, Kan., Dec. 26—Petita Mary DeMumm, eight years old, through a recent decisions of a New Jersey court, lost her American citizenship and became a German baroness.

The court decreed that Baron Walter DeMumm, formerly champagne producer, husband of the late Mme. Frances DeMumm, formerly Miss Francis Scoville of this town, should have the custody of the daughter who has been living with her maternal grandparents. She must be returned to her father by March 1, the court ordered.

The international Romance of Baron Walter DeMumm and Frances Scoville, a beautiful Kansas girl, attracted widespread attention in 1913. They met while Miss Scoville was traveling in Switzerland and were married in London, the same year. The daughter was born in Frankfort, Germany in 1904. The mother's sympathy for the allied cause and the baron's love for his fatherland caused an estrangement shortly after the daughter's birth.

Mme. DeMumm later came to America and by a special act of congress, her American citizenship was restored. Mme. DeMumm returned to France to fight for her share of her husband's property which the French had seized when the world war broke out. A legal separation had been agreed to in 1918. Mme. DeMumm died in Paris May 5, 1919.

When diplomatic relations between Germany and the United States were resumed the father took up the fight for custody of his child.

"SPEEDER" IN AGAIN AFTER TWENTY YEARS

(By International News Service)

DETROIT, Dec. 26.—"Speeding a horse twenty-six years ago at the trific rate of twelve miles an hour proved the undoing of William Paige, a policeman, who was found lying under a milk wagon near his home, in a far from proper condition as a result of violating the prohibition law. The judge decided a $5 fine would help curb Paige's "fast" life.

Do You Believe This?

DETROIT, Dec. 26.—"America doesn't need prohibition. In a country that has a climate as stimulating as that of the United States strong drink is never needed to keep up flagging spirits, and the dry law is unnecessary," declared Prof. Robert M. Wenley of the University of Michigan.

"In Ireland, Scotland and England people find themselves depending on the use of drinks that will help them bear up under the depressing effects of the climate," he said. "Therefore they have to drink, while Americans do not."

OUTLER CAPTURED

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 26.—Buck Outler, who it is charged, killed Will Blackburn, was today reported captured by Sheriff Crump of Mount Ida.

Outler is in jail at Mount Ida.

Wire Flashes

COLLEGE STATION, Tex., Dec. 26.—Funeral arrangements were being made here today for Dr. J. P. Fountain, professor of English at Agricultural and Mechanical college, who died yesterday of heart trouble. His death ended 21 years cotinuous service with the college.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 26.—Joseph Baer, four-year-old died this morning from the effects of a wound in the forehead received Christmas morning when a small calibre rifle in the hands of his eight-year-old cousin, Francis Baer, was accidentally discharged.

WACO, Tex., Dec. 26.—A personal difficulty yesterday evening resulted in the death of W. F. Knelly, aged about 27, who was shot through the heart. Knelly was an automobile mechanic. Collins McDonald, aged 23, surrendered and is in jail. He is a night watchman for the H. & T. C. railroad.

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Dec. 26.—Two persons were killed and another seriously injured near here early this morning when their automobile skidded from an icy road and plunged over a ten foot embankment.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Dec. 26.—With a special police detail guarding headquarters, four men were held today in connection with the $95,000 payroll robbery of the Peabody Coal and Mine company at Kincaid last August and the $11,200 robbery of the Dupo State Bank at Dupo, last Friday.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Early morning automobile accidents today caused three deaths, making a total of 83 deaths from such accidents here this year.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 26.—The Chicago and Alton shops here will be operated but three days a week until further notice, according to a bulletin posted here putting 1500 men on a half time basis.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—Lieutenant Colonel James Franklin, civil war veteran and an officer of General Forrest's cavalry brigade of the confederate army died at his home here today. He was ninety years old.

BURLINGTON, Iowa, Dec. 26.—Seven thousand live chickens and a half carload of dressed poultry were consumed when the H. A. Shelby Poultry house here was destroyed by fire yesterday morning with a loss estimated at $50,000.

HELENA, Ga., Dec. 26.—The funeral of Miss Evie Campbell, dean of Meredith College for women, Raleigh, N. C., was held here yesterday. She was for years principal of Bessie Tift college in Georgia and also was dean of Baylor college in Texas. She was widely known throughout the south.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—New York's unemployed numbered 330,015 on December 15, against 342,860 two months before. This report was made at the unemployment conference in Washington.

ARDMORE, Okla., Dec. 26.—Fire early this morning completely wiped out the entire business section of the town of Dillard, located in the heart of the Hewitt oil field, causing damage to the amount of $100,000. None of the structures was covered by insurance.

SEDALIA, Mo., Dec. 26.—The local Missouri Pacific shops which were indefinitely closed last week, will re-open January 3, it was officially announced today. Approximately 1400 men will return to work. The Missouri, Kansas and Texas shops also closed last week, will reopen January 3, an official bulletin said.

LONDON, Dec. 26. — Premier Lloyd George left today for Cannes, France, where the supreme council will meet January 4.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Philippe Berthelot, general secretary of the French foreign office, today tendered his resignation to Premier Briand.

PANAMA, Dec. 26.—Officials of the Canal Zone administration have been temporarily enjoined by the district court from collecting rents under the new system adopted here.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26.—Twenty five persons were injured, one fatally, during a fight last night between Eurasians and Mohammedans growing out of a dispute with a Hawker. The incident had no connection with the visit of the Prince of Wales who enjoyed a quiet Christmas dinner at the government house.

SAN SALVADOR, Republic of Salvador, Dec. 26.—The Guatemalan national assembly has elected Marcial Prem as that country's representative on the provincial federal council of the Central American federation, according to a dispatch from Guatemala City.

ALLAHBAD, India, Dec. 25—Sixty-two more nationalist volunteers and members of the all-India congress have been arrested and nine sentenced to three months imprisonment each. The editor of the Allahbad Independent was sentenced to a year's imprisonment.

BUSINESS SLUMP CLOSES MANY VIENNA SHOPS

(By International News Service)

VIENNA, Dec. 26.—High prices resulted in a great slump in the amount of holiday purchasing here and numerous shops were forced to close owing to lack of business. Many peasants brought foodstuffs to the stores, which they exchanged for Christmas gifts. Butter costs 3,000 crowns per pound and one egg costs 200 crowns.

$15 For a Stradivarius.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Charles F. Rowles read of the high value placed upon Stradivarius violins and went up to his attic and dug out a fiddle that had been purchased by one of his ancestors many years ago for fifteen dollars. He found his violin inscribed "Antonius Stradivarius Cremonensis faciebat anno 1713," indicating that the instrument was a genuine Stradivarius, worth many times its purchase price.

"WEIGHTY OPINION"

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 26.—Young Goldy of Newark, N. J., outpointed Country Boy Lance of Gainesville in a ten-round bout here tonight in the opinion of newspaper men at the ringside.

COREY'S DOME THE BERTH OF NOVEL NOTION

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Sunday evenings we must find refuge in the cellar or else submit to a discussion of infant baptism. Alert advertisers will use the amplifier. They simply cannot help themselves. We will be indelicately implored to wear V. X.'s for coolth, whatever coolth may be. The super-amplifier will come in time and bray down the little amplifiers that have been chattering on street corners. The prospect ahead is terrible.

Hindering Progress Difficult

No doubt the telephone sharks did not stop to think of this when they evolved the great amplifier which first carried President Harding's inaugural address to an audience of 125,000 people in Washington and vicinity. But that has no bearing on the situation. The world do move, various authorities to the contrary notwithstanding. You cannot tie progress to a hitching post. The old folks made it uncomfortable for Newton because he made certain observations upon the fall of an apple, but the apples continued to fall. A poor nut devised a machine that forced a small boat against the current of a river without oars or sails. He was properly laughed at, but today the steam engine is giving way in some trades to the Diesel. The amplifier works. There is no power in human hands to keep it from working harder. No statute can hold that sort of thing.

For the past two months monitory paragraphs have been creeping into the newspapers. The Rev. Mr. Blooie addressed his audience on the Reign of the Obvious and simultaneously jammed his imperishable thought down the reluctant auricles of some thousands of other people who wanted to play pinochle. Dr. Blau, the promoter of that great Indian remedy, the Woogus, has informed an entire country upon the romantic manner in which the dying chief's young and pretty, though somewhat smoky, daughter initiated him into the secret in return for a necklace of priceless beads and a quart of hooch. A congressman the other day found himself under fire for something or other and broke all congressional records by volley-firing his defense at his entire district.

The fact holds a sinister suggestion. Suppose that congress should permit its orators to use amplifiers instead of giving them leave to print. The brain reels. The heart misses fire.

The amplifier showed its prowess when it was being first worked out. The initial experiments were conducted in a quiet up-New York State locality last summer. Amplifiers were scattered about on hillsides and on the banks of streams. Observers were stationed by each to report. The gentleman who did the speaking let go a blast of sound.

"Look out!" he cried.

A young man and girl abruptly let go of each other in a canoe and swam to shore. A one-arm flivver was ditched. Nervous old ladies barred the door against their own husbands, who clamored without. The countryside was in turmoil. But the thing was a success. When preparations were made for the use of the amplifier for the burial of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington, two temporary lines of wire were run across the continent for its use. Wire-gangs were stationed twenty miles apart for 3,000 miles. Audiences at New York and San Francisco heard the words of the impressive ceremony as clearly as though they had been seated in the auditorium at Washington.

That may never be repeated until another President is inaugurated or some great national cause demands concerted and patriotic action. It is too costly. But the amplifier has already demonstrated what can be done.

Uses and Abuses of Amplifier.

In time of war a general's words might be heard by every soldier from one end to another of a modern battle line, and that line might well be thousands of miles long. The leader of a nation might appeal by word of mouth to the millions who look up to him. It might serve as no other instrument could to unify the thought and action of a people.

In our own home towns, too, it may become a miserable nuisance. Think of a cosey Sunday evening in the One Girl's parlor. Think of that period of unrest in the Adam's apple which invariably precedes confession and plea. Think of clearing your throat and bending over the lady so she can see the love light shine clearly in your eyes and getting her soft hand in yours. And then think, just as you are about to utter the momentous words that will eventually make you twain one, of hearing a heavy voice bawl through the hushed twilight:

"Use Perkin's Pills!"

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

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afternoon papers on the Fourth of July—a column attack on then Governor of New York, Charles Evans Hughes, which was a part of propaganda aimed at Mr. Hughes by certain sports interests, was used to fill up the fight extra. Governor Hughes was a close friend of Mr. Watterson, and the editor was shocked by the attack on his friend in his own newspaper. He telegraphed to Governor Hughes an apology and explanation, and wrote a column editorial denouncing the article, stating in the editorial that the "culprit" who had used the article had been promptly discharged. The employe was unmolested. Mr. Watterson—never a managing editor—permitted few days to pass without suggesting and frequently writing local "stories." His editorials were written on ruled "legal cap" paper with a stub pen, which would penetrate the paper every few lines and splotch the manuscript for inches around. Then he would interline his "copy," make a heavy star and refer to the back of the page where his "insert" would be continued. Certain few printers could "set up" his copy. Those few received double price for the work. Then came the revision of the proofs. Frequently an editorial would be strung out to more than twice its original length in the revision. Mr. Watterson's most prolific writings were in the later days of his active newspaper work. His articles against prohibition, his war articles—his "to hell with the Kaiser" broadsides—and his opposition to Woodrow Wilson and to woman suffrage were the most appressive and vitriolic of his stormy career. Mr. Watterson was a temperate man. He had the opposite reputation. He drank beer and wines at times, but not once in ten years could anybody associated with him in the office tell from his manner or talk that he had drank even a mild beverage. It was his habit in the afternoons to meet with certain kindred spirits in a certain Louisville hotel—Colonel John T. McCauley, the theatrical manager; Joseph Jefferson and Nat Goodwin when they happened in Louisville always being in the party—and auction pitch at fifteen cents a "corner" would be played until duty called the participants. How familiar was the form of Joseph Jefferson appearing in the old Courier-Journal building and inquiring "Where is Hen-ner-y?" He insisted on writing news heads on his own articles for the news columns. They would never "fit," and the type would have to be changed. Mr. Watterson's support of the Confederacy was necessarily in his capacity as an editor, as his impaired vision prevented service in the field. When with Forrest, he became separated from his command and rode into General Thomas' Union headquarters at Gainesboro, Tenn. General Thomas personally knew Mr. Watterson, ordered that the editor of the "Rebel" be not harmed, and sent him on his way. Mr. Watterson probably originated the hotel column in newspapers. "On Dit", at any rate was one of the first columns of the kind to appear regularly in a newspaper. He himself was one of its chief contributors. His attachment and admiration for Abraham Lincoln was life-long. He directed his force in the inquiry that resulted in the refutation of the scurrility circulated as to Lincoln's family. He gave much inspiration to Booker T. Washington in his work for the betterment of the negro race. He was always the sympathetic friend of the negro.

"The death of Henry Watterson interrupts one of the most beautiful romances of American history—a fifty-six-year honeymoon. It was the year after the Civil War, 1865, that Colonel Watterson won the hand of Miss Rebecca Ewing, a reigning belle of Nashville, Tenn., and three days before his death they celebrated the fifty-sixth anniversary of that event. It is no secret in Louisville that Colonel Watterson, with all his brilliancy and great mentality, was like a child in his loving dependence upon his sweetheart, for sweetheart she always was to him. Through half a century of public life, which took them to all the capitals of the world, Mrs. Watterson was always with Marse Henry."

IDEAL XMAS WEATHER IS ENJOYED HERE

Clear and calm weather with temperatures ranging from 35 to 56 degrees are reported from north and northwest Texas and Oklahoma points with prospects pointing toward continued ideal weather for the Christmas holidays here and in surrounding territory, according to reports of Monday.

Dispatchers on the Fort Worth & Denver railroad reported a range of temperature of 46 to 56 degrees from Childress to Fort Worth and the Katy dispatcher reported a temperature of 35 degrees at Woodward, Okla., with Altus reporting "weather warm."

The thermometer at Arts Jewelry store which at the peak Monday reached 60 degrees was returning rapidly toward the 40 mark at midnight Monday.

Thousands of Wichitans were automobile riding and otherwise enjoying the Christmas holiday during Monday. Police officers reported that the past has been the quietest Christmas in their memory, with every one seeming to enjoy the holiday to the fullest. Very few affrays or other roisterous conduct was reported to have been observed during the past three days.

Suicide Theory Advanced in Fort Worth Man's Death

FORT WORTH, Dec. 26.—Police and county officials investigating the finding of the body of R. L. Kirby, local real estate agent, on a blood-stained bed in his home here early Monday morning have practically abandoned the theory of murder and are now investigating on the grounds of possible suicide.

A young woman, said to be a niece of the dead man, who has been living with him for some time, is sought by the officers. She mysteriously disappeared Saturday but it is claimed that she was leaving to spend the holidays with her mother, who she claimed resided at Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Air traveling at 12 cents a mile is the aim of the makers of a new style of French aeroplane.

NEWSBOYS ENJOY TURKEY FEAST MONDAY EVENING AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Every morsel of turkey and all its sundry accountrements, such as cranberries, rich dripping dressing and everything that a growing boy could wish to eat together with Santa Claus, coming one day late but nevertheless, with a well filled sack of presents and a brilliant Christmas tree formed the setting in which 150 Wichita Falls newsboys had the times of their young lives for two hours, Monday evening at the First Methodist church, south.

After Santa Claus had finished distributing his numerous gifts from the tree and his pack, it was learned that the real St. Nicholas had been unable to fill the engagement and that Chas. Pogenpohl, manager of the local Western Union office, had filled his place. The newsies then assumed the role of Santa Claus for a brief moment and presented a silver loving cup and handsome overcoat to Curtis Pipes, who is organizer and director of the Young Boys' Athletic club, which includes a large number of money-earning boys in its membership. The gifts received by the boys were in the main useful articles, such as neckties, stockings, etc.

Young women from the Girls' Reserve corps of the Young Women's Christian association acted as waitresses for the banquet. The table was left well loaded with good things to eat, despite the combined attacks of the 150 healthy appetites of growing boys.

Short talks were made by W. M. Priddy, G. Clint Wood and E. C. Huckabee, who presided over the meeting. Relations of early struggles and the value of effort and study for reaching success in any line of endeavor featured all these talks.

LABOR BOARD'S RULING MEETS CONDEMNATION

Brotherhood Head Declares Board Upheld 8-Hour-Day and Forced 10-Hour-Day on Men.

(By International News Service)

DETROIT, Dec. 26.—Maintenance of way employes and railway shop laborers have virtually been placed back on the old ten-hour-day schedule, according to a statement by E. F. Grable, grand president of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Empolyers and Railway Shop Laborers, with national headquarters here.

"In spite of the fact that the labor board has again and again voiced its approval of the eight-hour-day, a perusal of its last decision, covering disputed rules submitted by various railroads and their employes, shows that maintenance of way employes, shop laborers and shop men have again been dealt with very unjustly," said Mr. Grable. "This class of employers, under the board's ruling, are not to receive punitive overtime until after the tenth hour of service. This makes the decision, which in another part of the rules establishes an eight-hour-day, nothing but an empty phrase and more or less of a joke.

"In the rules promulgated by the board to cover other classes of employes the eight-hour-day was assured by penalizing the roads for working men more than eight hours. But the board has seen fit to discriminate against our men by eliminating their overtime after eight hours of service, which is a protection enjoyed by practically all other railroad employes."

Commenting further on the rulings, Mr. Grable said: "These employes must work Sundays and holidays at their regular daily wage, while other employes are paid time and one-half. They are not protected in having the starting time defined within reasonable limits and are subject to any conditions the management may wish to impose. The disputed rules relating to seniority and promotions are not covered by the decision. Although a vast number of disputes on these questions were referred to the board it has remanded them back to the carriers and employes for further negotiations, thereby imposing an undue burden on the employes.

"This is the most unfair decision, for us, that has been rendered by the Railroad Labor Board since its creation."

WILL RESUME TRIALS TODAY AT ARDMORE

By Associated Press.

ARDMORE, Okla., Dec. 26.—The examining trial of J. H. Pitts, Frank Cardwell, Ray L. Beede, Tom Haile, Dan Reidpath Jr. and Clifton Whitchurch, charged jointly with murder in connection with the killing of three men at Wilson, near here on the night of December 15, is scheduled to be resumed tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock following a recess of three days. Attorney General Freeling, commissioned by the governor to take personal charge of the prosecution of the cases, is expected to arrive early tomorrow at which time, according to his announced intention, he is to file additional charges of murder under the riot statute, against the six defendants and seven other men, also charged with murder in the case.

Five of the latter are to be arraigned tomorrow before Justice D. W. Butcher, conducting the trials. They requested severances when the cases were first called and dates for their trials are to be set when trial is again begun, the justice said. They are:

Dr. E. C. Harlow, W. L. T. Hilton, John Murray, the Rev. Leon Julius and J. A. Gilliam.

At this time the cases of Jeff Smith and J. D. Smith, the remaining two men held, are to come up for disposition, it is said.

All are prominent Carter county citizens and the trial, which is held in district court room, has attracted much interest. So far, twenty witnesses have been expected.

"BEARS" PRACTICE SECRETLY

PASADENA, Dec. 26.—The California eleven worked out in secret today on the field where next week it will contest with Washington and Jefferson in the annual east-west football game. Andy Smith, head coach, said the usual "bear pep" was in evidence despite the holiday layoff.

FEMALE SANTA CLAUS RECEIVES BAD BURNS

By Associated Press.

MARSHALL, Texas, Dec. 26.—While getting ready to play Santa Claus last night at the home of her parents, Miss Bessie Carter was badly burned about the arms, neck and face by the cotton on her costume catching fire from a gas stove.

WORLD POWERS STAND PAT ON SUB ATTITUDE

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American proposal, she would have about 31,000.

The Japanese maintained silence as to their future course in the negotiations, but there was no evidence that they intend to recede from their flat refusal to accept the American compromise. The Japanese delegates have told the conference they consider that the 40,000 tons of submarine is necessary to their security in place of the 31,000 allotted them in the compromise arrangement. In some quarters, however, it is hoped that further advices from Tokio may soften somewhat their position.

Should the American plan fail to bring the powers together, it is suggested by some of those connected with the conference, that consideration may be given to a proposal for a general building holiday in submarines, under an agreement that all five of the powers would leave their submersible strength distributed as the present in the various sea areas. Under this suggestion, which has so far received no formal endorsement from any of the delegations, the United States, Great Britain, Japan, Italy and France, all would undertake to maintain exactly the tonnage of submarines they now have stationed in the respective regions of the Atlantic, the Pacific, the Mediterranean and the Adriatic.

Views Exchanged

The proposal to write into the naval limitation treaty an agreement for reassembling the conference of the powers, probably seven years hence, has begun to take more definite form over the Christmas recess. An informal exchange of views among the American, British and French delegats has developed a feeling that, by that time, it may be possible to work out an extension of the naval holiday in the light of a seven-year test of the agreement which made it possible. In any event, it has been said, there will be details to work out of the program that is to replace the ten-year fleet status with actual application of the "5-5-3" capital ship ratio.

It also appeared more probable tonight that some definite step toward a world conference on submarines probably to be held within three years after Washington conference on its labors, would be taken within the next day or two. Exactly what form it will take is in doubt, pending final action here on submarines and it is certain that the American delegation plans to exhaust every effort to bring about an agreement as to submarine tonnage which will result in actual reduction of tonnage and limitation of future submarine building programs before passing from that subject to other auxiliary craft proportions.

ITALIAN "MILITARISTS" PREPARING TO DEPART

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—General Vaccari and the entire military section of the Italian delegation to the Washington conference will leave tomorrow for New York to sail from there for Italy. The definite date for their sailing has not been announced.

Senator Schanzer, head of the delegation, went to New York Christmas day on personal business. He was expected to return in time for the next meeting of the conference naval committee.

British Suggestion

The initial suggestion for a world submarine conference came from the British delegation in line with its fruitless effort to get the Washington conference to agree to abolishment of underwater craft entirely.

The American delegation expressed much sympathy with the British view, but was not ready to consider such a step, except by conjunction with all the nations of the world.

It is pointed out that, in the event of the calling of a special world submarine conference, such matters as use of poison gas, aircraft bombing and any other new agencies of war could be talked over with a view to setting up an international code to govern their employment. The Washington conference is too limited in scope to deal with such questions.

It further appears that the difficult question of land armament could be put forward to the supplemental world assembly on armaments as three years may show changed conditions in Europe which will then admit of an agreement to curb army establishments as well as navies.

The project to call another session of the five power naval conference, seven years after the ten-year holiday begins, first was suggested it is understood, by the French delegation. At first, the date suggested was 1931, when the decade stop in building ends. Since matters to be discussed then, however, would have to do very largely with replacement building, Lord Lee of the British group and Secretary Hughes for the American view, are said to have expressed the opinion that the question should be taken up three years before the holiday expires and as it now stands, the meeting would be some time in 1928-29.

It should be recalled that while the "5-5-3" capital ship ratio has been accepted provisionally at least, by all five powers, it does not become effective until the ten-year holiday ends. During the holiday, Great Britain will maintain a twenty per cent larger capital force than that of the United States.

She has agreed to scale down at the end of that period to an equality with the American fleet, however, and this process cannot be worked out now in detail. By again going over the ground three years before the holiday ends, however, the method of British reduction can be provided for, even if it does not then seem advisable to provide for further naval reductions all around, as many delegates hope will be the case. The three-year interval will permit the building of new ships to displace old vessels in the rearrangement of tonnage under the 5-5-3 program.

It is also regarded as altogether probable that in seven years, the present controversy as to relative merits of capital ships and air craft in war will have cleared itself. Should the predictions of some experts that aircraft eventually will make capital ships useless have been made good during that period, the seven years' session of the naval limitation conference could write that development into a new naval agreement contemplating abandonment of the capital's altogether, it is pointed out. In the same way, it could apply to the new theory of non-competitive naval building any other scientific developments in the way of new agencies of welfare which the years have brought to light.

THORPE TO OFFICATE AT EAST VS. WEST GAME

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Jim Thorpe of Columbia University, has been appointed an official of the inter-sectional football game between the University of California and Washington and Jefferson at the tournament of Roses of Pasadena, Calif., January 2.

Rich Chinese Buys Famous Old Diamond

SHANGHAI, China, Dec. 25.—Worn by the beautiful Gaby Deslys, French actress famous for her wonderful jewels and the hearts she had broken, and having a romantic, mysterious history, the largest diamond in China, which has been on display in a local jewelry store, has been purchased by a wealthy Chinese of Peking whose name is not known.

The marvelous stone, weighing 102.69 carats and measuring more than an inch in width and having a depth in proportion, arrived from Paris recently.

The fame of the stone was abroad in China soon after it arrived, but the scintillating jewel, in its blue velvet box, was brought forth for only a favored few to see.

The jewel is centuries old and is said to have been worn in the jeweled turbans of famous court beauties, shone as the eye in the forehead of a goddess in a temple in Egypt and to have played a part in the wars of the ancient world.

Whatever its mysterious past the next chapter of the jewel will be written in ancient Peking. Whether it will be worn by the wife a wealthy official at social functions attended by the cosmopolitan foreign residents or on the slim little hand of a beautiful concubine hidden from the public eye is unknown.

The purchaser of the diamond made one visit to the store inspected the jewel and purchased it at once. The diamond was sold for $50,000 and, according to the managers of the firm of jewelers, would have sold for $175,000 if the color had been perfect and the shape, which was slightly square, round.

The Chinese are the great diamond buyers in Shanghai. The Chinese women are mad about wonderful jewels and wear large diamonds in rings, bracelets, hair ornaments and in dangling earrings. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are invested by the Chinese in diamonds every year, and the more expensive, more nearly perfect in coloring and larger the stone the more certain the jewel is of immediate purchase.

HOME BREW MASH CLOGS UP SEWERS

DAYTON, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Makers of home brew are operating to such an extent that the sewer system of this city is being choked up, necessitating in a number of cases the complete uncovering of the underground conduits in order to clean them out.

The sewer department has experienced difficulty in keeping the lines clear and has spent a huge sum of money since the dry season set in, and the end is not yet.

Officials in the department assert that it is customary for a person or persons, making contraband liquor, to dispose of his mash via the sewers. This practice they say is creating a mighty expensive repair bill each month. In a number of instances the larger sewers have been found to be completely filled up.

Department chiefs are considering making a public appeal to the home brewers and distillers to dispose of their mash and other leftovers after each batch in some other way.

Foley Beats Clickner.

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 26.—Harry Foley of Hot Springs won the decision over Glenn Clickner of Tulsa in a 15-round bout here tonight. Foley was floored in the second round by a surprise blow, but came back and won every following round. Foley lacked the punch to put his man away. Al Wambsgans of New Orleans refereed.

YALE QUINT BEATEN

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Western reserve opened its basket ball season tonight with a 27 to 17 victory over the Yale quintet.

WYOMING OIL MAP INDICATES ANTI-CLINALS

Fact Is Brought Out That Oil and Gas Fields Are Nearly Always Within Anti-Clinal Folds.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25—A new oil map of Wyoming just issued by the department of the interior brings out the fact that oil and gas fields are in nearly all cases on pronounced anticlines. Those that are not have as a rule produced only a small output. The department warns against the foolishness and uselessness of drilling without respect to the location of anticlinal folding.

Besides showing by colors the locations of the oil and gas pools, including every district that has yielded either oil or gas in commercial quantity, the map indicates by appropriate colors and symbols the locations of pipe lines and refineries and the positions and names of 192 anticlines. These anticlines include all that have been mapped by the geologists of the United States geographical survey and a large proportion of those that have been discovered through the activities of the principal oil companies operating in Wyoming. These oil companies, without exception, contributed information to help make the map accurate and complete, and it can therefore be confidently stated that it is far superior to any previous map showing the oil fields of the state.

In spite of the large number of anticlines shown they do not include all that exist in the state. The spacing and trend of the folds as they appear on the map show that there must be many not yet discovered. For example, the long stretch along the east front of the Laramie Mountains, between the anticlines near Douglas on the north and those near Cheyenne and Laramie on the south, must contain a number of anticlinal folds, and if oil is discovered in quantity in either of the groups of anticlines mentioned, intensive prospecting will doubtless discover many more in the intervening region.

Similarly, so far as the map shows, the east front of the Big Horn Mountains is strikingly free from anticlinal folds, but this absence of folds must be more apparent than real. The geologic conditions in this area are such that it is not only difficult to determine the position and extent of anticlines but also to learn the depth to which drilling would have to be carried on them in order to reach the oil-bearing formations. Many believe that this depth is so great as to render the chances of success very doubtful, and therefore there is but slight incentive for undertaking the expensive work needed to discover and map these folds.

Southern Sweetwater county is another area where anticlines not shown on the map must exist. This is sufficiently indicated by the extent of the Rock Springs anticline, in the central part of the county. Here also, however, prospecting is difficult and expensive, and the value of the folds even if discovered is problematic.

The Osage field, in Weston county is an apparent exception, but as a matter of fact this field and other small producers along the western margin of the Black Hill show a very distinct relation to structure, although it is not anticlinal structure, and geologists can be of quite as great assistance in selecting areas for prospecting in this region as in the regions of more intensely folded beds further west.

Extravagantly worded literature issued by promoters frequently uses the location of properties on or near some well known anticline as an argument for certain success. The map shows that the majority of the anticlines of the state are not productive of oil, although the oil that is found is almost always associated with anticlinal structure. The number of producing oil fields is but 17 per cent of the number of anticlines shown on the map.

The fact that only a tiny portion of Wyoming is actually yielding oil is strikingly brought out by this map. There are large areas where not only no oil has been discovered, but were even the details of geologic structure which may indicate the existence or absence of oil are unknown, and there remains ample room in the state for both prospector and geologist to develop new and almost unsuspected fields.

THORPE WINS ANOTHER

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 26.—Harvey Thorpe of Kansas City was given the decision over Sailor Jerabek at the end of a ten round bout here this evening.



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PEEBLES-KRUGER WEDDING ANNOUNCED

Mrs. J. Mathews of this city announces the marriage of her daughter, Frances Peebles to Sol Kruger of Breckenridge. Both young people are well known here and their marriage which according to the announcement took place August 23, will come as a surprise to their many friends in this city. Mrs. Mathews, stated that the marriage had been kept a secret up to this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Kruger are living in Breckenridge, where Mr. Kruger is in charge of a jewelry store.

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CRAWFORD-HARRIS WEDDING SOLEMNIZED

A wedding of interest to a large circle of friends was solemnized at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Loving, Sunday morning when Miss Winnie Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Crawford of 1110, Thirteenth street, became the bride of L. Barkley Harris, the Rev. Loving, pastor of the Floral Heights Baptist church, officiating.

The ceremony was read in the presence of a few friends and relatives, and the bride was attractive in a beautiful blue canton crepe gown, with accessories to harmonize. She carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and ferns.

Both young people are well known here, where the bride is connected with the Wichita State Bank and the groom with the Litticum Oil company.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris will be at home at 2012 Tenth street.

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THIRTY BUSINESS WOMEN ENJOY CHRISTMAS BANQUET

About 30 members of the Business Women's club enjoyed their first annual Christmas dinner at the Kemp hotel Sunday evening, which was served at a beautifully appointed table in the ball room under the direction of the service committee of the club.

The table was beautifully decorated in Christmas colors for the affair, the work of the Misses Carrie Webster and Ethel McDowell of the executive board and service committee. Miss Lura Decatur was in charge of the music and songs were sung between courses.

Two hours were delightfully spent by the guests and tentative plans were made for the next Christmas dinner.

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UNITY CLUB GIVES CHRISTMAS PARTY

An old fashioned Christmas party was enjoyed by members of the Unity club and their husbands at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kemp Monday evening, the affair being the annual social event of the club.

The spacious reception suite was gaily decorated in the Christmas colors, with an abundance of holly and mistletoe adorning every nook and corner, and the hours were pleasantly spent in playing Christmas games and contests.

An auto, Mother Goose and penny contest were among the feature entertainments, also the blowing out of the December candle, all furnishing amusement and merriment throughout the evening.

The program which was in charge of Miss Alzada Knickerbocker, proved unusually enjoyable and one of the pleasant numbers were musical questions asked by her which were answered by the numbers being played on the piano by Mrs. W. N. Maer, and the guests guessing what they were.

Mrs. Bruce Greenwood played violin numbers; Miss Knickerbocker, readings, and Mrs. W. M. Priddy, vocal selections in a short informal program.

At the close of the evening, the guests choosing their partners by matching Christmas cards, were served dainty refreshments.

Five Boys to Enjoy Hunt in Kerr County

"A holiday treat de luxe" is reported the share of five boys of this city, varying in ages from 9 to 14 years, who are being escorted by their fathers on a hunting trip in Kerr county.

The boys who are making up the party are announced to be Frank Wood, son of E. Clint Wood; Virgil and Orin Daniels, sons of W. Daniels; Morris Norton, son of W. E. Norton and W. D. Cline, Jr., son of Mayor Walter D. Cline. E. Clint Wood was reported unable to make the trip.

Several of the party drove through in automobiles with Messrs. Cline and Norton, accompanied by their sons leaving Tuesday morning by train.

Each of the five boys are reported determined to bag at least one wild turkey during their stay there and are also expecting some practice at shooting quail on the wing.

Fatigue Causes Man to Fall in Faint Monday

Fatigue was reported to have caused Claude McCushin, about 30 years of age, to fall in a semi-conscious condition at the door of the Wichita Bakery Monday afternoon shortly after 4:00 o'clock.

The man was removed to his room, at the home of J. B. Fitts, 1207 Eighth street, and a physician called. Late Monday evening it was reported that his condition was not considered serious.

WHERE TO GO

Wichita—American Legion Minstrel.

Olympic—"Poverty of Riches."

Empress—Ethel Clayton and Theodore Roberts in "Exit The Vamp."

Majestic—Wm. S. Hart in "The Medicine Man."

Gem—Wallace Reid in "What's Your Hurry."

FRANK KELL LEAVES ON TRIP TO NEW YORK

Frank Kell left Monday night on a business trip to New York and Eastern points. He expects to be gone for several days, according to members of the family.

A TEXAS WONDER

For kidney and bladder trouble, general weakness and lame back, rheumatism and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. At your druggist's or by mail, $1.25. Small bottle often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.

Fashions for Americans



A Gorgeous Butterfly Trims This Shawl Evening Wrap.

The Spanish shawl has been one of the popular evening wraps of the present season, usually showing a border of embroidery all around the edge, heading the fringe. Sometimes, in fact, the shawls have been embroidered over practically the entire surface.

The sketch shown features an evening wrap of the shawl type, but ornamented rather unusually with a gorgeous appliqued and embroidered butterfly. This shawl is a handsome black crepe affair with deep silk fringe, and the butterfly is of cloth of gold embroidered in bronze, green and other shades with metal thread and beads.

The ingenious woman may use each season's style offerings merely as suggestions for her own guidance, and develop all sorts of original and lovely things for herself at a fraction of the cost if they are purchased ready to wear. And one interesting feature to making one's own clothes or having them made at home is that it is so easily possible to combine parts of different frocks advantageously.

One clever girl has a rose-colored velvet frock, sleeveless and low in the neck, which she wears over a black chiffon one featuring elbow sleeves and a little yoke for afternoon, and over a cloth of silver slip with a silver girdle for evening. Even the plain satin slip that serves as the foundation for a lace or spangled robe may do double duty.

The evening wrap illustrated might be made at home at comparatively trifling expense, and if bought in the shop its price would be rather staggering to the average would-be purchaser.

A lovely evening wrap recently seen, featured as an early spring fancy, was of old rose taffeta embroidered all over in self color silk floss in a sort of scroll design. It was lined with self-colored chiffon finished with ruche edges and trimmed all around with self-fringed ruffles of the rose taffeta. The wrap had a deep yoke, and the fabric opened panel fashion over each arm. That is, the back was a panel and each front also a separate strip or panel, the ruffles extending about every edge. It was most effective and charming.

THE PROP

By CAROLYN BEECHER

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CHAPTER XXXIV.

"A vacation! Where shall you go, Ruthie?" Susan excitedly asked.

"Right here at home. I can help Betty sew and get my own clothes fixed up a little." Ruth had more than a slight idea that Mr. Turnbull would expect her to dress better now that she was to take charge of a department. She knew she owed it to the firm and to herself. It was hard to have everything, with all the expense of Betty's wedding coming just now. But it must be managed somehow.

She had outlined her ideas on advertising to Mr. Turnbull during the preliminaries attendant upon opening the office. She had selected the stationery, the wording of announcements had been hers, not the usual cut-and-dried invitation, but one carrying a personal note. That was one of her hobbies.

"We must make each woman who comes to us feel that it is her business we are taking care of for her; that she is of importance and is important to us. Women are more sensitive to the personal equation than men," she told Mr. Turnbull.

Every detail conected with the opening of the department upon her return from her vacation had received her personal attention. Much of the real work she also had done. She had asked and been allowed to choose her staff—slowly as they were needed. She must make the department pay. No firm will carry deadwood far.

Ruth understood this perfectly, and when she wrote to two of the girls she had in mind she impressed this upon them. She wrote:

"Your salaries will be small at first. What they will be in the future depends upon yourself. I must tell you the place will be no sinecure. The work will be hard. Your hours, of necessity, long until you have mastered some of the details of the business. The firm is taking you on my recommendation. It will reflect upon my judgment if you do not make good. So unless you are anxious to succeed, willing to work, and work hard, do not come. I have told you is necessary there is a future in it for you. Do you want to come?

She worded both letters exactly alike. In reply she received two telegrams.

"I accept all the conditions, and thank you."

"Now that that's settled I can think of Betty's clothes—and my own," she said to Sam.

"You're a wonder!" he replied.

"Sam Browning, if you tell me that again I shall begin to think I am some sort of a freak instead of just a plain girl who has work that she loves. Why, I am so excited over that new department I can scarcely sleep. It's nothing to work when your work is congenial."

"That's right, Ruth," her father broke in. "If I could find something congenial now, even if it wasn't quite as good a job as the old one, I would take it. But the things they offer me!"

"Never mind, father. You'll find something before long."

"Don't you get tired telling dad that?" Sam asked impatiently when they were alone. "You know as well as I do that he is shelved for life unless he consents to take anything he can get."

"I know, Sam. But we must not let him get totally discouraged. He has grown old fast since he lost his job, and really I hate to make him feel we are pushing him out. Try and have a little more patience with him, Sam. He's always been so good to us."

"I know—there was a fellow in our company, Ruth, who was always doing favors for every one. The kindest hearted fellow you ever knew. But a darn fool in every other way. No one cared much for him. They forgot his kindness and only thought of what a fool he was. I think dad is a good deal like that fellow. I don't mean to call him a fool, so don't look shocked. But he has always been easy, soft. He has been good and kind to all of us, to others, too. Where has it got him? If he had been a little less kind, a little less easy, perhaps he would have had more ambition and not have been turned off."

"Perhaps you are right, Sam. But the damage is done now. He is an old man. I think, dear, he has done the best he could. We aren't all alike, you know." She spoke very gently. She always dreaded these bitter speeches of Sam's. He was so unlike in all respects—the happy-go-lucky boy who was among the first to volunteer to fight for Uncle Sam.

"I tell you what let's do!" Susan came running in. "Oh, you two old joy killers! Why so solemn?" she perched on the arm of Sam's chair, her arm around his neck.

"What do you want to do, Susan?"

"I just thought how nice it would be if we all made Ruthie just feel she was having a vacation. I know why she stays at home! It's just so Betty and the rest of us can have the money it would cost. And I was thinking that if we all acted happy and jolly, and never talked of being poor or anything disagreeable, and just looked as if we were pleased because she was home it would make her really think she was at Bar Harbor, or Newport."

"You, dear," Ruth said, her eyes misting. While Sam drew the bobbed head down and whispered in a terrible stage whisper:

"Make me your first lieutenant, will you, captain?"

CHAPTER XXXV.

It is a far cry from dreams to reality—at times. But with Ruth Browning the reality bid fair to outdistance the dreams. She had dreamed, even long before her college days, of being a successful business woman, as a woman's success was counted before the war. But with the growth of opportunity her dreams had grown also, yet never had they quite reached the point where she would occupy the position she would now hold.

But never for a moment did she doubt she would make a success of her work. Not that she had an exaggerated ego—far from it. But she knew what she wanted to do, and with a single mind had fitted herself for doing it.

Even when the thin walls of sleep closed around Ruth she had been conscious of effort. Of ambitious desire. Now that vision had passed and in its place had come another, that of fulfilment. A fulfilment that but urged her on to greater effort. To be trite she realized that woman had at last come into her own. That it depended upon herself and herself alone whether she should make that "own" worth while, or whether she should throw away her chance that had been so long in the coming.

At times one thought of Ruth only as the indefatigable business girl, for she had not quite reached the borderland between that and womanhood. Then again the beauty that slept in her serious eyes, her delicate face, and in her lithely graceful body seemed to awake and become alive. Then she seemed less girl, more woman. But if she was sensual, her sensuality was woven with so fine a web that you would have said it belonged to her spirit rather than to her physical body.

But as either girl or woman she was sweetly serious. She seldom laughed, although a smile was always trembling on her lips. If since she knew that Hunter Worden loved Betty she had been even a bit more serious, no one noticed.

Betty was to be married before Ruth's vacation ended. Hunter had resigned his position and gone with a firm as foreign representative. Betty was tremendously excited. In fact the entire family felt quite important because of the event.

Ruth's hundred dollar bill had been inadequate to provide the necessary changes for the trip, and she had given up the new dress she had intended to buy so that Betty might have a warm and stylish steamer coat. But she was happy in doing it. In fact she had been quite content at home. Susan's idea had been adopted by the family, and in their various ways they had tried to make Ruth's holiday happy. Mrs. Browning did not whine and complain as much, Henry refrained from relating too often how badly the world had used him, Sam choked back his bitter speeches and pretended a gayety he did not feel; Betty was as grateful as it was in her to be and seemed to try to appear satisfied with what the family did for her, while little Susan was like a sunbeam from morning until night.

"They are all dears, every one of them," Ruth said to herself as she saw their efforts.

Ruth could not help experiencing a little feeling of gladness when she knew that Hunter Worden would not be where she would see him every day. Her little romance was ended, but it had left a scar, not very deep, perhaps, yet it painted dully at times. Following the feeling of gladness came one of self reproach. In losing Hunter, his presence, she, all of them lost Betty also. She was selfish, she thought guiltily as her mother wept at the idea of Betty being so far from them.

But now Ruth was not afraid for Betty. Hunter's love would keep her from the vortex. It would never suck her in now. She had destroyed the old gods when she made place for the new.

It was a very simple, quiet wedding that Betty Browning had. But never was there a prettier bride, a happier bridegroom.

"Thank God, they got off before Hunter knew how poor we are!" Mrs. Browning sobbed, tears falling fast. "I don't know how we'll ever get caught up. Don't you think they would advance you a little at the office, Ruth, if you asked them?"

"I never shall ask them, mother. I'd rather die than do that. We will pull through somehow, we always do." She put an arm about her weeping mother. "I go back to work tomorrow. My new office, everything is so wonderful! I shall make good, mother dear, and then you shall have that black satin and perhaps the point lace Susan dreams about."

Betty's going had left a vacuum in the household. She had been so obtrusively the petted daughter that she was perhaps missed more than any of the others would have been. Mary Browning, now more morose and irritable than ever, complained sourly at her inability to take life easier. Henry Browning seemed to sink into a lethargic state, not looking for a position because, as he said:

"It isn't any use. I only wear out shoe leather."

Sam was moody, his bitterness irritating. Only Susan was happy, or apparently so. It was the baby of the family who saved the others from internal jarring too great to be borne. Her constant good nature, her impish jokes, her disregard of personal inconveniences and their constant fretting, reacted upon them all.

(To Be Continued.)

Obituary

R. M. WHITE

R. M. White, 70 years of age, died Monday morning at 5:10 o'clock at his residence, 512 North Seventh street, following a long period of illness. The deceased is survived by the wife, 2 sons, R. M. White and O. W. White, both of this city, and four daughters, Mrs. O. D. Ellis of this city, Mrs. R. D. Dye of Ardmore, Okla., Mrs. J. R. Smith of Colbert, Okla., and Mrs. C. R. Messer of Fort Worth.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the Hinds Undertaking establishment, the Rev. J. Lem Keevil, pastor of the First Christian church, officiating. Burial will be at Rosemont burial park.

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A CORRECTION

—On October 18th in this paper, we advertised Heatherbloom Petticoats for $1.00 each. Afterwards we found that this garment did not bear the heatherbloom label, and since we have the reputation of selling as we advertise, and fair dealing, we wish to make this correction. And if any of our many customers bought this garment for genuine Heatherbloom, you may return the garment and we will gladly refund your money.

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"RETAILERS' MARGIN OF PROFIT TODAY LESS THAN IT HAS BEEN IN YEARS."

(Editor Henry E. Ellis in the Denison Daily Herald.)

The department of justice has ordered an investigation of retail prices of food, fuel, clothing and shoes on supposition and belief that they are too high. The charge is made that retailers' profits are entirely out of proportion to cost, in some instances being "unconscionable," and the purpose of the probe is to bring them down to a reasonable and proper level.

Since the department of justice is without authority of law to prosecute individuals who may be receiving exorbitant profits, we are at a loss to understand just what the attorney general hopes to accomplish by the investigation. Suppose he does find that retailers are enriching themselves at the expense of the consumers? What is he going to do about it? While the war was on and immediately following it, the food control act was employed to keep prices down, but that was declared unconstitutional by the courts before all war measures were repealed by congress. We know of no law now or power conferred upon the attorney general to relieve the situation, granting that conditions are as he alleges. Perhaps he hopes to accomplish results through comparisons of prices, but even that plan failed when price fixing was done by authority of the government. Hence, we look in vain for any good results to follow the investigation.

As against the allegation of excessive profits stands the unimpeachable record of mercantile failures that have marred the business world this year. Had retailers been making such enormous profits it seems as if the minimum instead of maximum number of bankruptcy cases would have found their way into the courts. From this we can easily conclude that the retailers are not now, nor have they been making all the money the attorney general alleges. It is true prices have not come down as much as many think should have been done, but it is the opinion of the Herald, when an investigation is made, if conducted properly, it will be disclosed that the padding process has not been done by the retailers, but the higher-up fellows who, in face of reduction in labor costs, still charge almost wartime prices for all commodities under the head of necessities. In fact, if an honest probe is made, it is quite probable that it will be ascertained that the retailers' margin of profit today is less than it has been in years.

Grand Jury Investigates Death of Dallas Doctor.—Dallas News headline. Why an investigation? He whipped her with a shoe. She shot him with an automatic. Verdict of the jury: "Self-defense."

LACK OF BUYING POWER

Lack of buying power by the American farmer is perhaps the greatest factor in the present stagnant industrial and business situation, according to the secretary of agriculture, Henry C. Wallace.

Secretary Wallace points out that the farmer today is receiving for his principal products a lower level of prices than he received in 1913 and 1914, before the war. But he is paying on an average, 159 percent more for the things he has to buy than he paid in 1913.

The result is that in purchasing power his dollar as compared to the dollar he received in 1913 is worth just 38 cents. He must spend $2.59 to get the same he got for $1 before the war. And he has no more dollars with which to buy than he had in 1913.

In the face of all this, however, the American farmer is going ahead, taking his medicine without any whimpering and affording a mighty fine example for industrial workers who are clamoring to retain their wartime wages.

OUR NATIONAL PARKS

In the annual report of the secretary of the interior, a document formidable in size, the pages devoted to the national parks are absorbing. There are nineteen of these reservations, and they had 1,171,797 visitors in the season of 1921, or 113,342 more than in the season of 1920. The total was 356,097 in 1916. "I believe," says Secretary Fall, "that the unprecedented travel to the national parks in times of serious economic disturbances and readjustments incident to the conclusion of the war carries with it an illuminating fact, namely; that the parks are stabilizing and inspiring influences in times of national restlessness." There can be no doubt that the secretary is right as to the influence of the scenery in these parks of wonder and delight, but the appeal "See America first," reinforced by pictorial propaganda and the post-war expense of foreign travel accounts in great measure for the swelling tide of sight-seers to the national parks.

MORE FEMALES THAN MALES

There are approximately 11,000,000 more females of the white race than males today, as compared with an excess of 4,000,000 before the war, according to statistics just made public in London. The four million excess was swollen by the waf to nearly three times its former dimensions, and the greatest proportional increase was in women between the ages of twenty and sixty years.

In another twenty years or so this excess should practically disappear by the action of natural sex increase if no disturbing factor should occur.

The problem then will not be the want of balance of the sexes, but the pressure of population in the Old World, where, unless emigration takes on a more even sex flow, there will still be an excess of females, while in the New World the opposite condition will still prevail.

DOGHILL PARAGRAFS

By GEORGE BINGHAM.



Little Fidity Flinders celebrated his birthday Tuesday by several taking dinner with him. By night he had eaten all the cake and all but one of the candles.

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Dock Hocks, our erstwhile barber, accidentally clipped a small piece off of the ear of Clab Hancock Saturday afternoon while the latter was undergoing a haircut.

Split-Second Editorials

By ROBERT QUILLEN

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An ounce of contention calls for a pound of cure.

The greatest enemy of good isn't evil, but neutrality.

As a rule, the "ex" in expenses stands for extravagance.

The French under arms inspire less awe than the French overhead.

Landis makes it clear that Ruth isn't the only one who can soak 'em.

The speed cops always feel greatly encouraged when the judge says "Fine."

Fortunately, when the amateur hunter fires at a rabbit the shot seldom penetrates his companion above the knee.

Schwab advises us to smile. It shouldn't be difficult, with Schwab's income.

Another thing the senate needs is a bumper to safeguard Tom Watson's feelings.

The health of Charles W. Morse seems to get worse every time he takes something.

In the old days, the home-coming ships would make port. Now they merely bring it in.

You can't fix a ruined reputation, but you can fix the jury, and that seems to work about as well.

When the modern girl says she hasn't anything fit to wear to church, she doesn't mean what the old-fashioned girl did.

The world is safe for democracy, but if you are making ten thousand a year you are still free to talk about the "common" people.

The expert witness may leave other points in doubt, but he always makes it clear on which side his bread is buttered.

The Pacific question appears to have settled down to a choice between foreign entanglements and barbed-wire entanglements.

A reformer says we need stronger convictions. We do. We need 'em so strong that the higher courts can't brush 'em aside.

Who's Who may serve a useful purpose, but in these troubled times our real need is a comprehensive symposium of What's What.

Little Stories for Bedtime

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

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REDDY FOX HEARS ABOUT GRANNY FOX

Sammy Jay hurried through the Green Forest chuckling as he flew. Sammy was brimming over with the news he had to tell, how old Granny Fox had been caught napping by Farmer Brown's boy. Sammy wouldn't have believed it if any one had told him, but he had seen it himself, and it tickled him almost to pieces to think that Granny Fox, whom everybody thought so sly and clever and smart, had been caught actually asleep by the one whom she was most afraid of, but at whom she always had turned up her nose.

Presently Sammy spied Reddy Fox trotting the Lone Little Path. Reddy was forever boasting of how smart Granny Fox was. He had boasted of it so much that everybody was sick of hearing him. Sammy chuckled harder than ever when he saw Reddy. He hid in a thick hemlock tree and as Reddy passed Sammy shouted:

If I'd such a stupid old granny
As some folks who think they are smart,
I never would boast of my granny,
But would live by myself quite apart.

Reddy looked up angrily. He couldn't see Sammy Jay, but he knew Sammy's voice. Of course it was foolish, very foolish of him to be angry, and still more foolish of him to show his anger. If he had stopped a minute to think he would have known that Sammy was saying such a mean, provoking thing just to make him angry, and that the angrier he grew the better pleased Sammy Jay would be. But like a great many people he let his temper get the better of his common sense.

"Who says Granny Fox is stupid?" he snarled.

"I do," replied Sammy promptly. "I say she is stupid."

"She's smarter than anybody else in the Green Forest or on the Green Meadows. She's smarter than anybody else in the whole world!" boasted Reddy, and he really meant it. You see, he had quite forgotten how Old Man Coyote had several times proved himself smarter than Granny Fox.

"She isn't smart enough to fool Farmer Brown's boy," said Sammy.

"What's that? Has any thing happened to Granny Fox?" Reddy forgot his anger in a sudden great fear. Could she have been shot by Farmer Brown's boy?

"Nothing much, only Farmer Brown's boy caught her napping," replied Sammy, and chuckled so that Reddy heard him.

"I don't believe it!" snapped Reddy. "I don't believe it! Nobody ever caught Granny napping and nobody ever will."

"I don't care whether you believe it or not; it's so, for I saw him," retorted Sammy.

"You—you—you——"

"Go ask Tommy Tit the Chickadee if it isn't true. He saw him, too," interrupted Sammy.

"Dee, dee, dee chickadee! It's so, and Farmer Brown's boy let her run away without shooting at her," said a new voice. It was Tommy Tit himself.

Reddy didn't know what to think or what to say. He just couldn't believe it, and yet he had never known Tommy Tit to tell an untruth. Then Tommy Tit and Sammy Jay told him all about what they had seen and Reddy had to believe it in spite of himself. He started off to hunt up Granny and ask her about it. Then a sudden thought popped into his head and he changed his mind.

"I won't say a thing about it until some time when Granny scolds me for being careless and then I'll see what she has to say. I guess she won't scold so much after this." Reddy grinned, which wasn't a bit nice of him. Instead of being sorry that Granny Fox had had such a fright he was already planning how he would get even when she scolded him for his own carelessness.

(NEXT STORY—REDDY FOX IS IMPUDENT.)

HOME NURSING and HEALTH HINTS

By M. JESSIE LEITCH

CLEANING THE SICK ROOM

In the big white house beside the river all was a-flurry with pre-Christmas house cleaning.

Mollie, the new little housemaid, was receiving lessons each day in the business of house cleaning, though, she declared, open-mouthed, that she could not see a grain of dust any place in the big shining house.

Mollie gasped in dismay when Mrs. Jones wrung her dusters from water that was black as ink almost, after once passing over the walls that looked so spotless.

"Will you be doing the sick lady's room, ma'm?" asked Mollie after two days of house cleaning, during which time her mistress had done most of the actual cleaning and she had done the pleasant things, such as climbing step-ladders to hang wreaths of holly on walls of spotless white.

All the More Reason for Cleanliness

"Grandma's room? Why, of course. All the more reason to keep it spotless and free from dust, because Grandma has to stay in it most of the time," explained Mrs. Jones kindly.

So they climbed the stairs and moved the smiling old invalid's bed into another room, until the great part of the extra cleaning was done. In the sick room Mrs. Jones told Mollie of the danger of dust to the sick, of its responsibility for obscure infections, of the throat and nose irritations so often set up by dust in the air breathed by a sick person.

Then, as Mollie hesitated over the choice of mops, her mistress explained that as the sick room was entirely white they would use a broom wrapped in damp muslin. This was because an oil mop is so apt to brush against the white base board and stain it. "And mops are so dusty and doubtful, even MY mops. And I take care of them," so said Mrs. Jones, wringing clean muslin from clean, warm water and wiping the floor deftly.

More for Mollie to Learn

In the invalid's bathroom, where all was white enamel and nickel and shining glass, Mollie was instructed to use a pure white soap to do the cleaning, because patent cleaners are so apt to roughen and dull enamelware and glass.

An hour passed, and the business of dusting the sick room was in progress. Mollie, anxious to please, was frowning as she rubbed surfaces energetically.

It was then that Mrs. Jones, taking the girl's duster, showed her how to remove dust with one firm swift stroke, instead of vaguely passing the duster back and forth many times.

"In a sick room, as everywhere else, one must conserve one's strength and make each motion count. Save your time and energy by making one stroke do the work of three. Always remember about the seriousness of dust in the sick room, and its consequences.

Little Things Annoying

"Never flick a dusty rag about to appear busy. Move quietly and quickly, remembering that when one is ill, one is often annoyed by little mannerisms that are trivial when one is well. And when dusting a sick room bed don't forget that it has bars and parts that, while out of sight, collect dust which must be removed."

"Yes, ma'am," said Mollie. Then: "Why do you open the windows wide, like that? Won't your mother catch cold when we move her bed back into the room?"

"Indeed, she will not catch cold," said Mrs. Jones. "The fresh air will refresh and stimulate her; it is so crisp and sunny. Sunshine and clean, cool air is the best medicine in the world. But a clean, spotlessly clean sick room is very good medicine, too," smiled Mrs. Jones, as they wheeled the invalid's bed into the fresh, sunny room.

The Once Over

By H. I. PHILLIPS

DUMM AND DUMMER ON THE NAVAL AGREEMENT.

"The five-five-three has gone through," announced Senator Dumm, as he collared his old friend Representative Dummer.

"The five-five-three?" interrogated Representative Dummer. "What is that....a railroad train or a football signal?"

"I am speaking of the five-five-three naval ratio," explained Senator Dumm. "The representatives of the United States, England, and Japan at the disarmament conference have signed it."

"Now that it has been signed, what does it mean?" asked Dummer.

"I don't know exactly, but I'll explain it to you in detail," offered Senator Dumm. "In the first place, I assume you know what a ratio is."

"Certainly," assured Representative Dummer. "Somebody wrote a poem about him."

"Who?" demanded Senator Dumm.

"This guy Ratio," returned Dummer. "I think the name of it was 'Ratio at the Bridge,' or sumpin' like that."

"As stupid as ever!" exclaimed Senator Dumm, flicking the ashes from his stogie on to the vest of his colleague. "Ratio is not a guy and nobody ever wrote a poem about him even if he was. A ratio is a—er....well, it's a good deal like a....for instance, if I have two marbles and you have two, why, then, you see, we—er—er....well, anyhow, what it means is that the United States and England can have five warships each and Japan only three, or at least keep that proportion."

"What are we gunter do with the ships we now have in stock?" asked Dummer.

"Turn 'em over to David Wark Griffith," replied Senator Dumm.

"What for?"

"So he can stage the greatest moving picture naval battle ever filmed. Dave has had a scenario calling for a destruction of seventy-five warships for years, but never could get the co-operation of England and America before. I understand Douglas Fairbanks, W. S. Hart, Charlie Chaplin, Francis Bushman, and Lilliah Gish have already been selected to command one ship each at the big scrapping scene, and that Priscilla Dean is to command two or three."

"But what are we agreeing to scrap so many ships for?" asked Dummer.

"We, together with England and Japan, have suddenly realized that most of them are too obsolete to be any good in a real fight."

"I suspect another reason," declared Representative Dummer.

"What is it?"

"I think the real reason behind the willingness of the United States to scrap most of its warships is that it wants to cut down the number of admirals running around the world making undiplomatic breaks at dinner parties."

"Mebbe so," agreed Senator Dumm.

"How about the Muttandjeffsu?" asked Representative Dummer.

"What's that?" asked Senator Dumm.

"That newest Japanese battleship."

"Oh, Japan is to be allowed to keep that. It was built by subscriptions from Japanese school children, and if Japan scrapped it she would have to give the kids their money back, so this country and England decided to let her keep it."

"And how about all them merchant ships the United States built during the World's War?"

"Most of 'em have sunk of their own free will already. You heard about the Minute-Men who did such great work during the war? Well these merchant ships were Minute-Boats."

"And wasn't there sumpin' in the agreement regarding disarmament of island and coastlines?" asked Representative Drummer.

"There was," said Senator Dumm; "as the agreement now stands, the three nations are to put no more cannons on naval bases, but each nation can continue to put all the guns it wants to around soldiers' and sailors' monuments, in front of national banks, and on the front seats of all mail wagons."

Play the Game

By H. ADDINGTON BRUCE

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A clerk in the office of a manufacturing concern writes to remind me that if, as I recently emphasized, there are many employes who fail to play fair with their employers, there also are many employers anything but fair in their treatment of their employes.

His own employer, he makes very plain, must be placed in this category. He speaks of forced overwork in inventory taking without any extra compensation, of surly watchfulness for minor errors of omission and commission.

"Do you blame our office force," he demands, "for becoming 'a clock-watching force,' as you express it? Or do you expect employes to 'put their hearts into their work' when they are treated in such a shabby fashion?"

Undeniably the employer is singularly short-sighted who uses the whip of coercion, the spur of force, in place of the tonic of praise and reward, in his management of his employes.

He forgets, just as is forgotten by all employes who deliberately underwork and nourish class hatred for employers that like breeds like. He forgets also that the bitterness which his mismanagement tends to engender must of itself impair the working efficiency of his employes.

It is quite conceivable that the nagging to which he habitually subjects them may have as ultimate effect such an impairment of efficiency that the stability of his business will be endangered. More than one employer has "grouched" himself into bankruptcy.

Nevertheless my advice to my clerk-correspondent would be to endeavor to fight down the angry feelings that now possess him if only because of their possible disastrous effects on his ability as a worker. Any lessening by them of his working power would be to his own injury as well as the injury of the employer he dislikes.

If it is possible for him to find a place with some fairer employer by all means let him do so. And he would be foolish not to keep his eyes open for a chance to make a change.

But meanwhile he should continue to play the game of business life with all his might and main. He would do grave hurt to himself to "let down," to yield to any desire for "getting even."

And if, resisting the mind-disturbing influence that emanates from the unfair employer, all his fellow-workers were similarly to continue to give their best, it even is possible that a beneficent change might come over the character of the man for whom they work.

Certainly, at all events, he would have less opportunity to call them curtly to account. As such opportunity diminished, appreciation of the value of praise and reward might grow upon him.

Nothing, in any case, is to be gained by the employes through revenge and sabotage. Always revenge and sabotage are boomerangs that miss their mark and fly back to the wounding of those who use them. Human experience through the ages gives proof of this.

PUZZLEHEAD SABRE

By DR. FRANK CRANE

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I have no doubt that the year 1921 will be known to the next generation as the year when Mark Sabre was born.

I should not be surprised if future school children learned to fix the date of the Disarmament Conference as the same year. Mark Sabre came to our midst.

Mark Sabre is the hero of the novel, "If Winter Comes," by A. S. M. Hutchinson.

This is the first of Hutchinson's books I ever read. For I confess that it is not the sort of looking book that I like. Skimming through it, it seems to be one of those endless analyses of character. Such books usually interest me not, because as a rule the character is not worth analyzing.

But I started "If Winter Comes" and was unable to lay it down till I had finished. And when I had finished,

"Then felt I like some watcher of the skies
When a new planet swims into his ken."

For Mark Sabre had merged, taken life and shape, and is going to be as real to me as long as I live as any man I have known in the flesh.

For there are two sorts of inhabitants in this world; (1) Book People; (2) Flesh People.

The second kind is a more or less developed animal; the first is a pure spiritual creation.

For instance, these people just as really inhabit the earth as President Harding or Jack Dempsey; these people—Pantagruel, Don Quixote, Wilhelm Meister, Jean Valjean, Micawber, Little Lord Fauntleroy, Becky Sharp, and Uriah Heep.

These are the true immortals that walk among us. And I have a strong suspicion that Mark Sabre belongs to the company.

They called him 'Puzzlehead" because he had a habit, even when he was a boy at school, of "screwing up his forehead over things that others condemned, and saying, 'Yes, but I see what he means.'"

In other words, he had the fatal gift of comprehension.

His life shows the tragedy of understanding.

These words of his own express the point.

"You can't possibly be successful if you haven't got convictions—what I call bald-headed convictions. That is what success is, Nona, the success of politicians and big ones whose names are always in the papers. It's that: Seeing a thing from only one point of view. Not mucking about all round a thing and seeing it from twenty different sides, like I do. You can't possibly pull this big booming sort of stuff they call success if you are going to see anybody's point of view but your own. You must have convictions. Yes, and narrower than that—not convictions but conviction. Only one conviction—that you are right and every one who thinks differently from you is wrong to blazes. And I am dished if I ever think I am right, let alone conviction of it. I can always see the bits of right on the other side of the argument. That's me. Dash me!"

That is the sort of man into whose nostrils is breathed the breath of life and he becomes a living soul in "If Winter Comes."

My hat is off to writer Hutchinson!

The Daily Story

JOE WHITE, LIBRARIAN

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It was a dull day at the Westmore public library. Since 2 o'clock, when Jo White, the librarian, had unlocked the big outside doors, only one person had entered, and that was old Mrs. Wheat, who wanted a book on "genetics." She was positive that "genetics" was the right word. Anyhow, it had something to do with getting married, and had been recommended to her by Mrs. Landon.

Jo White kept her amusement out of sight while she rummaged through the shelves marked, "Scientific." When she brought forth a volume exploiting eugenics she merely suggested that it might contain something of what Mrs. Wheat was looking for. Thus the old woman received the desired book without having her feelings damaged, and she went away with it under her arm, feeling that she could give even such a bookish person as Joe White a few pointers yet.

After Mrs. Wheat no one came. Jo White at last sat down to crochet. She never read in the library, because she had to do that at home. With only two rooms to care for and several open hours daily which she had to fill in somehow, she found that books were her main resource. She read while she ate and read by her small bedside lamp when she could not sleep, she read both for the sake of the anodyne books afforded and because she enjoyed them.

As she sat she looked the picture of quiet self-possession. Her black gown, made out of something old by her own hands, was worn with an air, her gray hair was smooth, her face calm. Occasionally she lifted her eyes and gazed down the vista of dim space before her. The windows were too high for her to see more than the gray sky which was spilling snowflakes upon a chilling world. Winter was at hand and the place was none too warm.

It was her fifth year as librarian. Before that there had been years of buffet, of breathless endeavor which came to nothing, of stiff mental and physical readjustment. She had nearly reached the end of her resources when she was appointed to the position made vacant by the death of old Mr. Beals. She had accepted it gladly. At last she had found something to do which would support her. She loved books; she would find among them a dignified atmosphere such as her being demanded.

In five years she had become quite another person. She was Jo White now. Almost everybody called her that, even Mrs. Wheat had done so. Jo White! Yet once, not so long ago, she had been Mrs. Richard Burston White and had rolled in her carriage through the streets, distributing bows and smiles like favors and had lived in the tallest house in the town. She had married because she loved, and her husband's wealth and position had only been lesser gifts to be accepted with the one supernal gift of twenty years of happiness and triumph. The gown she wore he had bought for her at a great city store. It was worn and made over now, shaped down to her new identity, but still she remembered. If children had come to her she would have been glad; they, at least, would have remained after all else departed. But when Dick went she lost all. Even if his wealth had not vanished with him she would not have cared it with him. To have administered it alone would have been futile business enough.

Sometimes in the past she had felt as if she were hanging by her hands to an edge of ice and it were easier to let go and drown than to hold on. But she had no such thought now. Her own experience had taught her that most people had sorrows of their own and to look upon yours weakened any courage they might have. And so it was that Jo White impressed all beholders as a woman who had not only shut the door on her past and locked it, but who liked the present for itself.

The outer door opened and quick, high-heeled steps came across the floor. The woman who came to the desk seemed to have stepped bodily out of Jo's old life, for they had been neighbors then.

"I want a book," Mrs. Brimsley said. "None of these light things." She rejected the row of late fiction with a gesture. "Something worth while. What do you read when you have time?"

"Oh, various things. Whatever is handy. All books are good, like people, if we go at them in the right way," Jo answered.

Mrs. Brimsley looked hard at Jo. She had kept her wealth and her husband. She had had children and apparently every good thing in life, and yet her face was discontented, her mouth bitter, her eyes restless. To have seen the two women thus fact to face, you would have said that Kate Brimsley was the denuded one and Jo White the one whom fortune from first to last had favored.

"How can you do it?" she asked. "I mean, how can you adjust yourself to such a changed condition of life?"

Jo smiled. "Oh, I'm not fully adjusted yet."

"It must be," Mrs. Brimsley said wonderingly, "that you hadn't much heart, else how could you endure it?"

The allegation had brought the color to Jo's face, but she thought of those words which she had found in a book she had just read: "It is always true, if we had been greater, circumstances would have had less force against us." She let them help her to keep her silence now.

Mrs. Brimsley looked around at the shelves, sighing. "That's one thing we've never gone in much for—books," she said. "In summer the car takes all our spare time and in winter the children entertain so much. I've just remembered that Alice Colson is coming this evening, so I guess I won't take a book, after all. If books are like people, as you say, why not read people and be done with it?" She laughed faintly and went away.

As she sat very still. Then she arose and turned on the lights. When presently the children came in from school to get books to take home with them she was her usual friendly, helpful self.

At 6 o'clock she gave her order of "All out," and turned off the lights and went home.

She lived across the street at Mrs. Appley's where she had two rooms. As she entered she received the impression that somebody had been there in her absence. This was confirmed by a covered basket on the table and a note struck upon the shade of her reading lamp. The basket held grapes, a loaf of cake and a glass of jelly. There was no name, but Jo knew who the donor was. The invitation was hastily scrawled: "Come down to my house to dinner tonight. We're going to have rabbit stew, Emma."

Jo buttoned up her coat. Her eyes began to shine. "Bless them, both of them," she said. "Even as Mrs. Richard Burston White I never had better friends than these friends! They're all around me. Bless them, every one!" As Jo White hurried down the street toward the old-fashioned white house, where Emma Barnes and stewed rabbit waited, she heard the rush of a motor and Kate Brimsley passed her, riding in her expensive new car. Kate looked at Jo and nodded. Jo nodded back. Then she flung up her head in its old black hat.

And the face she carried into her hostess's presence was so calm that Mrs. Barnes said: "I can see you have had a good day, my dear."

Meanwhile Mrs. Brimsley was thinking as she stepped from her car under her own porte-cochre: "Poor thing! It must be as I said. She hasn't any heart. Elsie how, after she had been what she was, can she endure now to be merely Jo White, librarian?"

Watching the Parade

By JOHN PILGRIM

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Her name was Ellen. Her eyes were blue and her hair was golden and her lips red and her eyebrows black. She was as nearly like the girl you see on the front cover of the magazine as it is possible for a more human girl to be. She had some sense, too. Not too much sense, but some. I loved her dearly.

"I'll never forget you," she sobbed when I went away.

That did not keep her from getting married just seven months from the day I kissed her goodby. For years I felt that my life was blighted. That is, I felt that way when I remembered her. Even yet when things do not go right at home and the Missus has one of her far-famed spells of temper and the cook brings the steak in looking like a well-weathered shingle I feel again that my life was blighted when Ellen turned me down.

The Missus has been a perfectly corking wife. But she has her little faults and there's no use denying them, whereas Ellen, as I remember her, had no faults at all. She is as sweet tempered in my memory as she was in reality. Her waist is as supple and her voice as kind. There are nights when I sit by the fire and think of Ellen and grow positively sobby.

"It might have been," I say to myself. "It might have been." And I snap at the Missus and pike off to bed in a terrible temper.

For twenty years the vision of that dear girl was my secret consolation. She was my first love. At least, she was practically my first love. I loved her longer than I did any of my other first loves and more dearly than any of them. She was bright and beautiful to the eyes of my memory.

I wish I hadn't seen her the other day. I'm not snobbish, but I wasn't particularly tickled when a fat old lady grabbed me in a crowd and began to reminisce in a cackle. Her grammar has gone to pot, too, and some of the things she said were positively foolish. If she had been a perfect stranger I would not have minded it, but she was not. Under a pall of fat I could trace the lineaments I once loved. Her golden hair—alack, alack—it is still golden. It is even more golden than it used to be. But it is undeniably thin.

I wonder if I can summon back that old loved and lost feeling next time I sit by the fire?

Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON

WINTER NIGHT.

When winds are shrieking and clouds are leaking a cheap-john brand of snow, and things are freezing, it's doubly pleasing a cheery home to know. The storm grows louder, and like white powder the snow sifts through the cracks; the drifts are piling, but I am smiling, and life is slick as wax. Here in my shanty, with wife and auntie, and grandsons nine or eight, I read my paper while stormfiends caper and howl their hymn of hate. For I kept busy till I was dizzy before the cold blasts came; with vim and ardor I stocked the larder and spoiled Old Winter's game. The round plunks earning, no fair job spurning, I banked some iron men; now I should worry when wild winds scurry outside my comfy den. A squash named Hubbard is in the cupboard, I've loaves of lickless bread; up in the garret there is a carrot, and cordwood in the shed. And all is paid for; the goal I played for my aunts declare I've won, and winter's squealings don't hurt my feelings, since I have saved my mon. Let winter thunder! I got from under before the tempests came; alert and helpful I saved the needful, and hope you did the same.

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Praying Colonels Wallop Wildcats 38 to 0

CENTRE WIPES UP ON ARIZONA ELEVEN IN GAME PLAYED IN RAIN

By Associated Press.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 26.—Centre college, conqueror of Harvard, overwhelmed the University of Arizona 38 to 0 in a football game played in the rain here today. The Kentucky Colonels outclassed the westerners in every department of the game and scored almost at will.

Approximately 2000 people braved a driving rainstorm here today to watch Centre college meet the University of Arizona eleven of Tucson. The game was insured for $25,000 against rain and it was announced the insurance company would pay the difference between the gross gate receipts and the amount of the policy.

Arizona's defense was unable to check the charging Kentuckians, who tore through for two touchdowns in the first period. Centre failed to kick goal both times. Line plunges and end runs with Snoddy, McMillin, Tanner and Roberts carrying the ball, gave the southerners their first score, Roberts taking the ball across. Bucks through tackle and a forward pass sent McMillin over for the second.

Score, end first period: 12 to 0.

Centre continued to hammer Arizona's line and four minutes after the second period opened, Tanner went across for the third touchdown. McMillin missed another goal. After the next Arizona kickoff the Tucson defense stiffened and on the fourth down with ten yards to go Armstrong threw a forty yard pass to Snoddy on Arizona's 20-yard line.

Murphy replaced Snoddy and fumbled on the next play and Arizona kicked to safety.

Score, end second period: Centre 18; Arizona 0.

Arizona started a drive toward the Centre goal after the third period opened and a forward pass and three gains through the line, with Manza and Hobbs carrying the ball put the Wildcats in a threatening position.

A forward pass over the Centre goal line, however, was intercepted and the Colonels took the offensive. A thirty-five yard run by McMillin and gains by Armstrong put the ball on the Arizona 3-yard line, from where Snoddy bucked over. Roberts kicked goal.

Score, end third period: Centre 25; Arizona 0.

Centre hammered to the Wildcats five-yard line but lost the ball on a forward pass and Arizona punted to Covington who ran through a scattered field to another touchdown. Roberts missed goal. Following the kickoff McMillin gained 20 yards on an end run and Covington on plunges through right tackle, made the Kentuckians' last touchdown. Covington kicked goal.

Final score: Centre 38; University of Arizona 0.

The line-up:

Centre	Pos.	Arizona
Roberts	le	McClellan
Gordy	lt	Clark
Shadeau	lg	Wiley
Kubale	c	Clymer
China	rg	Smith
Gregor	rt	Barkley
James	re (c)	Wofford
McMillin	qb	Slonaker
Armstrong	(c) lh	Manza
Snoddy	rh	Broderick
Bartlett	fb	Hobbs

RED SOX BEST FIELDING TEAM IN '21 SEASON

Boston was again the American League fielding leader, according to the official league fielding records for the season of 1921. In topping the other clubs the Red Sox added to a unique record, having maintained the leadership without interruption since 1916.

The Chicago White Sox led the league in double plays, with a total of 155, closely followed by Washington with 153. Four triple plays were completed during the season, Chicago, Washington, St. Louis and Detroit being the teams that made three-ply killings. This latter feature is also unprecedented in baseball history.

Most prominent in the individual fielding records is that of Stuffy McInnis, Boston, recently traded to Cleveland. The former Athletic was charged with only one error during the year and has an average of 152 games. With this single exception the averages are below normal, due to the terrific hitting.

For the third straight season James Dykes of Philadelphia led the league in accepted chances per game for men playing the position regularly. He was closely pressed for the honor by Eddie Collins, the White Sox keystone star, who led the league in fielding percentage with .975. Dyke's record is 6.17 chances and Collin's 6.13 per game.

Howard Shanks of Washington led the third basemen with a percentage of .900, handling 571 chances in 154 games. His record of 3.49 chances at third base was also the best. In addition to maintaining his great record for continuous playing, Everett Scott, the Boston shortstop who was recently traded to the Yankees, led the other shortstops with an average of .972, and accepted almost six chances per game.

Manager Tris Speaker of Cleveland was first among the outfielders who played regularly with an average of .984. Jackson of St. Louis was third with 378 putouts and seven assists.

Ray Schalk of the White Sox was first among the catchers, with Steve O'Neill of Cleveland second and Gharrity of Washington third. Schalk has now caught more than one thousand games in nine consecutive seasons.

The club fielding averages follow:

Club.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	P.C.
Boston	154	4096	1960	157	.975
Chicago	154	4091	2124	200	.969
Cleveland	154	4133	1863	204	.967
New York	153	4090	1961	222	.965
Washington	154	4152	1943	235	.963
St. Louis	154	4132	1905	224	.963
Detroit	154	4161	1956	232	.963
Philadelphia	155	4200	2007	274	.958

Rocky Outpoints Ray.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 26.—Rocky Kansas of Buffalo, N. Y., outpointed Johnny Ray of Pittsburgh, in a ten-round no-decision bout here this afternoon, in the opinion of newspaper men. Kansas was the aggressor in a majority of the rounds. The weights were announced as: Kansas, 135½; Ray, 133½.

A. & M. COMM. GOES TO N. Y. FOR BIG MEET

Special to The Record News.

COLLEGE STATION, Texas, Dec. 26.—Major Ike S. Ashburn, commandant of the A. and M. college of Texas, left College Station Saturday for New York City to attend the meeting of the National Collegiate Athletic association. Major Ashburn is official representative of the Seventh district of the national association. The district includes Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. The meeting will be held on December 28 and 29 inclusive, in the Astor hotel.

The great aims of the association are to keep gambling out of intercollegiate athletics, avoid professionalism and proselyting and to secure athletic training for all college students.

The executive committee of the association will meet on December 28 and the general convention of the association will be held on the following day.

In the executive committee meeting rules committees for all sports will be selected and it is understood that a determined effort will be made to secure representation for the Southwest on the football rules committee.

Important amendments to the constitution and by-laws will be presented to the association for discussion. One of the purposes in proposing these amendments is to secure greater cohesion by allying intercollegiate athletic associations and local conferences with the national association. The aim is to strengthen the national association without taking from the constituent members any of their powers or departing in any way from the principle of home rule.

The question will be settled as to joining the Olympic association which has been organized, as also the further question whether this association shall take part in an effort to organize an athletic federation as proposed by the secretary of war.

Palm Beach Episode

"Grace is engaged to a rich New Yorker."

"Yes, he rescued her from a bill low."

"I see. Knocked over by one heavy swell, rescued by another. How romantic."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

BASEBALL HAD BIG YEAR IN 1921.



Left to right, above, Babe Ruth, champion home run hitter; Harry Heilman, champion batter of the American League, and Rogers Hornsby, leading batter of the National League. Below, Waite Hoyt, hero of the world's series, and Muggsy McGraw, leader of the world's champion Giants.

By NORMAN E. BROWN

The high spots of 1921 in baseball:

Babe Ruth set a new world's record for home runs—59. Then he got spanked by Judge Landis for peddling his home-run ability in a barnstorming trip.

Harry Heilmann led the American league batters—the first right-hander since Nap Lajoie's time to turn the trick.

Rogers Hornsby again led the National league hitters.

New York won the title in both major leagues and then McGraw's Giants won the world's championship.

Waite Hoyt, the famed schoolboy hurler, proved the hero of the aforesaid world's series.

The Giants paid a world's record price for Jimmy O'Connell, Coast star.

While the winter trading season is considered by itself, generally, the important deals so far this winter must be chronicled in this eventful year. The action of the world's champion Giants paying $75,000 for O'Connell, star outfielder and first baseman of the San Francisco club, was unique aside from the fact that he paid a record price. The deal specifies that O'Connell isn't to be delivered to the Giants until 1923. To protect themselves the two clubs involved immediately placed insurance on O'Connell, equal to the amount of the purchase price. As a result of the deal O'Connell's work next season on the coast will draw the attention of big league as well as minor league fans.

The trade whereby Capt. Roger Peckinpaugh of the Yanks was traded to the Red Sox for Shortstop Everett Scott and Pitchers Bush and Jones is generally conceded to give the Yanks the men needed to repeat in the flag race next summer. It therefore stands as the biggest major league deal. The purchase of Pitchers Pillette and Johnson from Portland by the Tigers and the acquisition of Infielder Caveney of Frisco by the Reds and the trading of Stuffy McInnis by the Red Sox for Outfielder Smith and two other players of the Indians were the other big deals of the last month of 1921.

Getting back to the season proper, Harry Heilmann's feat in copping the batting title was doubly interesting in that he beat out his manager, Ty Cobb, by a hit or two. That Cobb was the first to congratulate Harry on his victory shows that much that has been said about Cobb's nature has been bosh. Sisler, Cobb and Speaker, the other men who had led the league after Napoleon Lajoie's palmy days, were all left-hand hitters, which gives the dope boys something to discuss.

Rogers Hornsby, in leading his league, showed again that he is the free-est, greatest natural hitter in the old circuit.

Jawn McGraw, in finally winning a world's championship in seventeen years, dropped his title of "Little Napoleon" for that of "Marshal Foch."

Apparently hopelessly beaten early in the series he showed his wonderful generalship by playing every player and move of the Yanks to a standstill in the final games.

WHO SAID GEORGES HAD TOOTHBRUSH? NEW PHOTO SHOWS HIM SANS MUSTACHE



Georges Carpentier autographing photo for English bobbie between training sessions.

Recent dispatches from Europe stated that dapper Georges Carpentier, European boxer, had added a mustache to his fair face. But this latest photo refutes the statement. Carpentier is now in London training for his battle with George Cook in January. He may come to the U. S. in February.

BIG ED WALSH STUDIED BATTERS FOR WEAKNESSES

Ed Walsh is going back to the American league next season. He is not returning as a pitcher, for he can never pitch again. However, will try to make good as an umpire Ban Johnson is giving him the chance. Johnson says the American league owes Walsh that much, for "Big Ed" in a long and honorable career, did much to help the league to greater prosperity and success.

Walsh visited with his baseball friends during the recent major league meeting in New York, and H. G. Salsinger spins the following baseball yarn on him in the Detroit News:

I ran across him in the Peacock Alley of the Waldorf-Astoria, leaning against one of the marble pillars, discussing baseball with one of the sapphires of the day. I joined him later on and he talked about his farm and the family, his chickens and the weather.

As he stood there I remembered the "Big Ed" of years ago. I recalled to him one series that Chicago played in Detroit when he appeared on the mound every afternoon at Navin Field, four days in succession, and how he stopped Detroit completely as soon as he began strutting from the "bull pen," in front of the right field pavillion, to the pitcher's rubber. I told him that I thought the possibilities of what might happen really beat the team. And that started Walsh on pitching.

"I was a winning pitcher not so much because of what I had, but because of the way I used it," said Walsh. They say it was because I had so much stuff that I got by, but it wasn't anything of the kind.

Every Batter Has a Weakness.

"I studied batsmen. I studied them from the bench and I studied them from the mound. Every batter has his weakness and I had the drop on the batter as soon as I found that weakness and I always found it. I never got credit for knowing that, but I will tell you honestly that that the reason for my being a winning pitcher.

"Getting next to a batter's weakness is not as hard as it seems to be. If I did not get a chance to study the batter before he faced me I always fooled around in the box and studied him before I pitched a ball to him. I could just about tell where he did not want the ball by the way he stood at the plate. Any time a new one went up against me and I noticed that he stood straight up it was almost a safe bet with me that he favored a high ball and I would keep them only as far above the knee as the law demanded. If the batter took a crouch at the plate I knew that he favored a low ball and I would keep it around his shoulders.

"I had some stuff in those days, but that is not what got me by. I kept my own counsel and, although there were a lot of boys always telling me how to pitch, telling me what I should feed this batter and what I should feed that batter, I said nothing, but pitched the way I figured the batter out and as far as I was concerned, I found my own dope always better than the other fellow's.

Faked Spitter on Cobb.

"Somebody or other was always telling me how I should pitch to Cobb. I'll tell you how I pitched to Cobb one time and how I broke his hitting streak. Cobb was setting a world record for all time. He had hit safely in every game through forty games and I stopped him. He batted against me four times that afternoon and he did not touch first base, and I'll tell you something now that I've never told anyone else—I did not feed Cobb one single spitter that whole afternoon.

"Cobb knew I wanted to stop him and I knew Cobb knew it. I also knew that Cobb figured I would hand him the spitter and depend on the spitter to get me by. Well, I pretended to use the spitter on every pitchmed ball, but all I used on him was a fast ball, but fast one after fast one every time he came to bat and every fast ball right across his shoulders, where Cobb does not like to have them. The best he got off me that day was a pop fly.

"Larry Lajoie is the greatest batter I ever pitched to. Larry Lajoie is the greatest batter any man ever pitched to. Larry Lajoie is the only batter I pitched to who never broke ground. No matter where I pitched to Lajoie he was always in the same spot for the next pitched ball. He never changed position, he never broke.

Fanned Lajoie for a Pennant.

"I remember in 1908 when Detroit, Chicago and Cleveland were practically in a tie for the pennant. Cleveland could have won by beating us the last game we played in Cleveland. I remember that game well. Lajoie came to bat with the bases filled. I struck him out. That strike-out made the third out and decided the ball game, but I did something big when I struck out the Frenchman in that pinch. I still say that he was the world's greatest batsman of all time. Try to think of somebody that was better!

"We went back to Chicago and played Detroit in the deciding game, the pennant hanging on the outcome. The day we played Detroit, Fielder Jones pulled one of the few 'boners' of his managerial career. He was a great manager but he made an awful blunder that afternoon when he ordered 'Doc' White to pitch. Not saying that White was not a great pitcher, he was all of that, but not once that year had White been able to repeat against Detroit, and Jones was asking him to repeat. Frank Smith was the man he should have picked to pitch against Bill Donovan that game, not White. They made four runs off White in the first inning and that settled the pennant.

"In a way I blame myself more than Jones. I should have pitched that game myself. Had I offered to pitch I would have pitched. I was overworked and about gone, but if I had decided to pitch Jones would not have refused me. You see I could ask Jones for permission to pitch, but under the conditions Jones could not order me to pitch. But, that's history and right now it looks pretty much like ancient history, doesn't it?" concluded "The Moose" as he turned to meet a former teammate.

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AGGIE ELEVEN CUT VACATION TO GET READY

By Associated Press.

DALLAS, Dec. 26.—While Centre college was clashing with the University of Arizona football team at San Diego today, the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical college squad, which is to meet the Praying Colonels at Dallas stadium a wee khence, reassembled here after a brief holiday period and started a gruelling preparation for next Monday's contest. Dormitories and the gridiron of Dallas university, vacant during the holidays, have been turned over to the farmers.

The Aggie players, who voted unanimously to sacrifice their Christmas vacation in order to prepare for their clash with Centre, were intensely interested in the outcome of today's game at San Diego. They met and defeated the Arizona eleven this year, are familiar with Arizona's style of play and are anxious to know how Centre will meet it.

Golden Bears Preparing for W. & J. Eleven

By Associated Press.

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 26.—First practice by University of California players in preparation for the east-west classis here January 2, was set for today. The majority of the blue and gold warriors were on the ground and the remainder were due in time for the initial workout.

The Washington and Jefferson college team, representing the east, is enroute here but is not expected to arrive before Friday, later than any team for several years.

Plans have been announced for a University of California alumni rally and banquet here next Friday night in honor of the California players.

W. F. H. S. GOAL TOSSERS OPEN SEASON WITH GAME JANUARY 7. AT IOWA PARK

By JOE L. MEARS, JR.

Wichita Falls high school wearers of the red and black on the basketball court will open the official season at Iowa Park, Saturday, January 7, when they will take on the hopefuls from the high school there. In preparation for this game, members of the squad are practicing during their vacation and according to members of the squad they are going to make it hot for the Iowa Park five when they tangle.

The two defeats which the local high has sustained in the two practice games has not discouraged Captain Carrol Johnson's outfit in the least. They say these games, coming at this time, give them that necessary stiffening to keep them from becoming too confident and make them realize that they will have to get some real hard practice and team work before they can start a successful season.

Coach Tate is giving the boys a great deal of his time, members of the squad say, and give him credit for teaching them new tricks in the game. While the writer has not seen the squad as a whole in action he with his brother scribe, Nick Carter spent a very active hour Monday playing with some of the squad at the Legion hall. If the rest of the squad is as hard working as Shaw, substitute forward, and a football letter man, Howle, and Brashaern, guards, it appears that there is some mighty good material for a classy five at the High school.

So far the members of the squad who are coming out regularly for basketball and are practising are Captain Carrol Johnson, and Baldwin, center, Brashaer, Anderson, Howle, Haney, West and Tyson, guards; Harod, Deems, Shaw and Beck, forwards.

Wichita High has a pretty stiff schedule of games in the district division of the interscholastic league, with 12 games, with all the leading towns in this section to be played.

While it is impossible to make any prediction as to the chances of the local quintet in the district championship race without having seen any of the other teams in action, one thing the writer will say however, is that the material at the local High is of the best type of high school athletes found anywhere. They stand a good chance to repeat the successful football season if work hard.

Maskat Hall at Call Field to Be Ready Today

Repair and refurnishing work on the Maskat Shgine auditorium at Call Field will be completed and everything in readiness Tuesday evening for the New Year's eve Shrine ball and watch party, according to the announcement Monday of O. E. Watson, contractor. The floor of the auditorium is reported by Shriners to have been put in excellent condition for all dances of which Maskat Shrine may wish to hold in the future.

Shriners declare that they are expecting more out of town guests to attend their New Year's eve entertainment than have ever before attended a social function in Wichita Falls and will be fully prepared to entertain all who come.

The grand march is to be led by Potentate Walter D. Cline.

Draft in Baseball Assures the Players of Advancement in Case Their Ability Is Sufficient

BY JACK KEENE.

There is nothing so conclusive as results. An analysis of conditions in the International league since the draft has been abolished serves to show whether the draft is a good or bad thing. An International league fan who has followed the game in that circuit for many years declares the league will never be what it ought to be until there is closer cooperation between the majors and the big minors.

"I can remember the days of Arthur Devlin, Cy Barger, Joe McGinnity, Jimmy Jones, Bob Spade and Rube Waddell in Newark, for example. Never before nor since has there been such enthusiasm," says he.

"The old Eastern league and the International served as a cradle for the big leagues and a stopping off place for the veteran who had just began to slip and the circuits were a school for the recruits of the major leagues who had not yet made the grade.

"Some of the finest baseball I ever witnessed was on tap during those days and I have seen all the great teams of modern times at the Polo grounds.

"The reason's for it was this: The young fellow knew that, with the draft in operation, the club owner would sell him to the majors, if he made good, and he was trying all the time.

"The veteran was peeved that he had been sent down and he played his best ball for two seasons, one to try to get back—and many of them did—and the other to keep from going further down.

"The player in the league on optional agreement was working like a Trojan to make good to get back to the major circuit he coveted. But you can look at an International league player, for instance, today until you are blue in the face, and if he appears anything more than a fellow sentenced to a long term I don't know a fly ball from a grasscutter.

"When McGinnity was playing for Newark, and Jersey City had the old time players just from the majors or ready to go up there was rivalry that enthused the fans in both cities.

"There has been nothing like it since. The players seem to think they are good for life in that league and they play that way.

"The International league is making the mistake of its history not to revert to the old conditions, for even if the clubs do build up teams of major caliber they cannot hope to support them in the fashion that major league baseball demands.

"Good Class AA baseball as in the old days was the shortest possible step from major league ball. Only an expert baseball man could see the difference, but it is not nearly so good now."

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7. To Denver	3:10 a. m.	3:25 a. m.
3. To Childress	12:55 p. m.	1:15 p. m.
5. From Ft. Worth	11:20 p. m.	.....
2. To Ft. Worth	2:40 p. m.	2:50 p. m.
8. To Ft. Worth	2:50 a. m.	3:10 a. m.
4. To Ft. Worth	12:55 p. m.	1:20 p. m.
6. To Ft. Worth	.....	8:00 a. m.

WICHITA VALLEY.

Train No.—	Arrives	Departs
1. To Stamford and Abilene	.....	2:45 p. m.
5. To Stamford And Abilene	.....	12:30 a. m.
2. From Abilene	1:00 p. m.	.....
6. From Abilene	2:30 a. m.	.....

BYERS BRANCH.

Train No.—	Arrives	Departs
10 To Dean, Petrolia and Byers	.....	9:00 a. m.
12 To Dean, Petrolia & Byers	2:50 p. m.	.....
9. From Byers, Petro & Dean	12:30 p. m.	.....
11 From Byers, Petrolia & Dean	6:45 p. m.	.....

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44 To Denison, St. Louis and Kansas City	.....	6:15 p. m.
46 To Dallas (local)	.....	5:30 a. m.
50 To Dallas (local)	.....	11:00 p. m.

From North and East.

Train No.—	Arrives	Departs
43 From Kansas City, St. Louis, Denison	.....	11:15 a. m.
45 From Dallas (local)	.....	10:20 p. m.
47 From Dallas (local)	.....	6:50 a.m.

WICHITA FALLS AND NORTHWESTERN.

Train No.—	Arrives	Departs
2. To Elk City	.....	1:30 p. m.
4. To Forgan	.....	7:00 a. m.
12. To Frederick, Okl'h'ma City	.....	8:00 p. m.
1. From Elk City	12:40 p. m.	.....
3. From Forgan	7:45 p. m.	.....
11. From Frederick & Okla. City	5:45 a. m.	.....

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Taking the Fun Out of It

He—I see this hotel has adopted a rule permitting women to smoke.

She—I suppose now I'll have to quit.—Kansas City Star.

KANSAS CITY LIVESTOCK.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 26. Cattle receipts 5,500; beef steers, fair she stock and calves steady to strong; early steer sales 5.35@7.00; bulk 6.00@6.65; few heifers 6.00@6.50; plain kind 3.75@4.50; most cows 3.50@4.00; few lots 4.75@5.00; best vealers 7.50@8.00; other classes steady; canners 2.00@2.50; bologna bulls mostly 3.00@3.25; fat stags 4.50; early sales stockers 4.00@5.50; medium feeders 5.75.

Hogs receipts 4,500; mostly 5 to 10c higher; top 7.30; bulk 7.00@7.25; packing sows steady; bulk 5.50@5.75; pigs 10 to 20c higher; stockers up to 7.35.

Sheep receipts 10,000; sheep fully steady; fed wethers 5.40; lambs strong to 10c higher; best 10.85.

Record News Readers: Laugh With Us

Some Chest-Nuts

"I have been reading your manuscript, my dear lady," said a pompous publisher to an aspiring novice, "and there is much in it. I think that it is very good. But there are some parts that are vague. Now, you should always write so that the most ignorant can understand." The youthful authoress wished to show herself ready to accept advice, and she replied: "Oh, yes, I'm sure, but tell me what are the parts that have given you trouble?"

"I'm sorry I can't let you have your check today," said the harassed secretary, soothingly. "It is waiting with several others for our president's signature, but he's laid up at home with gout."

"Heaven!," cried the persistent and enraged creditor. "But he doesn't have to sign 'em with his feet, does he?"

A lawyer in cross-examining a witness asked him, among other questions, where he was on a particular day. He replied that he had been in the company of two friends. "Friends," exclaimed his tormentor. "Two thieves, I suppose you mean?" "Very likely that may be so," replied the witness dryly, "for they are both lawyers."

At the English village inn the landlady was recounting the splendors of the rich newcomers who had taken a big house in the neighborhood.

"They've brought a trainload of furniture," she said; "two pianners —one a grand and t'other an ordinary one—that's for the servants, I s'pose. Ot-ouse flowers for the 'ot'houses—well, Tom says they're so artificial he'll 'ave to water them with 'ot water. And they've actually fixed up one of them thingummy things what you shout down a wire and the chap at t'other end says, 'I can't hear a word you're sayin'."

He stopped, coming out of the Union club, and paused to flick a bit of dust from his coat with a languid finger.

With a half-hid scornful smile he watched Percy Carringle, the munition millionaire's son, timidly pass through the portals of the club. It amused him to see the uncertainty with which this nouveau riche looked around him. His father, for more years than he could remember, had frequented the club, and he bade fair to follow in his father's footsteps!

He stood hesitating; should be go to the Vanderbilt's or to the Ritz first? Suddenly he remembered. He had to go to the Vanderbilt's; he didn't have enough milk in his wagon for the Ritz.

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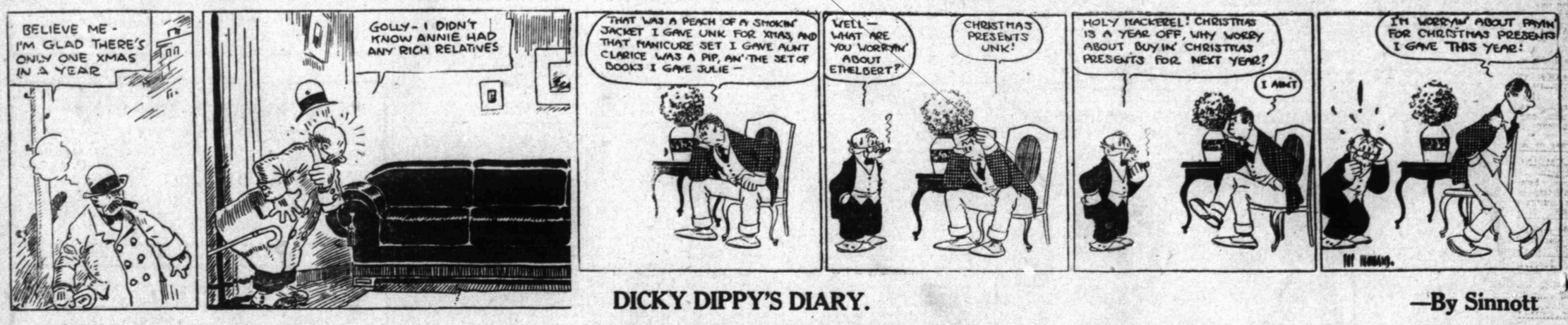


Angelina—I'm afraid I'm not a ver good cook, but I'll try ever so hat after we're married.

Edwin—Better try now, before we' married. Try it on your folks and l me knew how it comes out.

WEDLOCKED— —By LEO
Just One of Annie's Little Jokes

KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES—Something to Worry About. —By Pop Momand



DICKY DIPPY'S DIARY. —By Sinnott

