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MURRAY, KENTUCKY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1914

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## TOBACCO TIDINGS

**French Regie Buyers Now in Field.**  
Initial Loose Leaf Sales by the Association.

The Paducah News-Democrat of recent date says:

If the order which today went into effect at Hazel, Ky., is a widespread one the trading in tobacco in this end of the state is going to become lively in a few days without doubt. Messrs. Hollifield & Son, of the little city, on orders from O'Brien & Co., of Louisville, who are buying for the French regie, sent five men into the field to buy tobacco. It was understood at the same time that other representatives of the same buyers were also to go to work at other points in the county, while the idea was held that there were similar orders issued for all other tobacco producing sections of this end of the state, where is raised just the tobacco the regie has always taken.

If as seems to be the case, the Louisville firm has entered the tobacco field as stated, others will more than likely also do so, which means a renewal of life in tobacco moving. Hence the fact is one of interest, for it means the putting of much money into this end of the state in a few months and to make money correspondingly easy among the people.

Full corroboration of the report would please the News-Democrat very much and it will

endeavor to have other facts to give its readers.

The Paducah tobacco market continues to be in a state of lassitude, and deliveries are exceedingly small. Some of the weed is being received at the Planters Protective association warehouse Tenth and Broadway, and several loads are arriving at the Hodge Tobacco company daily. This slight movement is hardly to be considered, however. The bad roads caused by the snow will still further curtail deliveries, as farmers coming in yesterday found it very difficult.

Promptly at ten o'clock this morning the first loose leaf sale of the year will be held at the warehouse of the Planters Protective association under the supervision of Joe T. Tucker, official auctioneer for the company. Something like 50,000 or 60,000 pounds of tobacco will be offered to the buyers.

The Hodge Tobacco company will soon begin the erection of a fire-proof addition to its warehouse at Ninth and Harrison streets in order to take care of the increasingly large volume of tobacco they are handling.

Forty thousand pounds of 1914 dark tobacco were sold yesterday at the opening loose leaf sale of the Planters Protective association, at the association warehouse, Tenth and Broadway. The bidding was exceedingly niggardly; tobacco which last year would have brought from

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## CHRISTMAS IN YOUR BONES

He was a chubby little fellow, with cheeks that were red and eyes that sparkled brighter than any diamond.

He boarded a street car and sat next to a grouch.

He was on a Christmas mission to meet "Daddy" and do some shopping.

All of the enthusiasm of childhood fermented in his fecund veins. It just bubbled over. At last he could contain himself no longer. He wanted a confident. Nestling close to the grouch, he asked in the most confidential way: "Have you got Christmas in your bones?"

The grouch did not have Christmas in his bones. He had rheumatism instead.

But the child did not know and he did not mind. He did not even wait for a reply, but added: "I have, I am just chock full of it."

Before the car had gone many blocks everyone near him knew it.

The trustfulness of childhood is a beautiful thing. The skepticism of old age is pitiful.

After all Christmas is a festival of the children. Let them enjoy it while they may. There will come to each and all of them sooner or later a dividing of the ways. The halcyon days of youth are brief. They pass like fleeting shadows. Therefore, if we have one spark of humanity left in us we will try and preserve this delightful illusion of childhood as long as possible. When the final day of awakening comes someone will feel sad, and thoughts will wander back into the yesterdays, when they were children and when these same illusions were closely cherished.

While Christmas is a joyful occasion for children, it is a serious season for their elders. A child looks shocked because he cannot see the reflection of enthusiasm in the older face. He cannot understand why the same spirit of Christmas does not permeate through his bones. The child does not know the worldly worries, the pressure of the times, the gaunt specter of want and necessity. The child knows only that it is a season of Santa Claus, and all children do not know this.

The confidence, the trustfulness, the implicit belief in the child is in itself an inspiration.

Before the car had reached the shopping district the child had made a convert of the grouch and they parted the best of friends.

## Calloway Couples Marry in Paris.

Paris, Tenn., Dec. 14.—Esq. W. T. Snow accompanied Kelly Farris and Miss Jane Southern to his home on Thompson street, where in an impressive manner he said the words which united their lives in the holy bonds of matrimony. The contracting parties are from near Murray.

At the residence of Esq. William T. Snow in this city Johnnie Cross and Miss Roxie Manning were happily married, Esq. Snow performing the ceremony which united their lives in wedlock. Mr. and Mrs. Cross are two of Calloway county's best young people.

Elmer Wilson and Miss Mary Jones were quietly married yesterday at the home of Esq. W. T. Snow, Esq. Snow officiating. The bride is one of Calloway county's most popular young ladies and the groom is a hustling young farmer of the same place.

## Chamberlain's Cough Remedy—The Mother's Favorite.

"I give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to my children when they have colds or coughs," writes Mrs. Verne Shaffer, Vandergrift, Pa. It always helps them and is far superior to any other cough medicine I have used. I advise anyone in need of such medicine to give it a trial." For sale by all dealers.

Tommie Conyers was returned to the State Reform School the first of the week. The boy was sentenced some few years ago to serve a term and after remaining in the school for some time was paroled.

## BURNED DOWN

**Court House at Benton Destroyed Wednesday Night.—Circuit Court Clerk Missing.**

Benton, Ky., Dec. 17.—Fire early this morning totally destroyed the Marshall county court house and contents. The blaze started about 12 o'clock, in the court room on the second floor of the two story brick building, and spread so rapidly that it was impossible to save the structure.

Owing to the lateness of the hour and the fact that few were awake the fire gained a big headway before it was discovered.

There was no convenient water with which to fight the flames and the cold weather tended to suppress any effort to this end.

George Slaughter, circuit court clerk, left the building at 11 o'clock, after working late, due to the fact that circuit court is in session.

The fire, supposedly started from a defective flue, spread rapidly and soon burned to the ground, the flames dying out about 1 o'clock.

All the records of the circuit court office were destroyed, while the books and papers of the county court clerk, whose office was on the first floor, will probably be saved, as they were in the big steel vault.

The building, which was about

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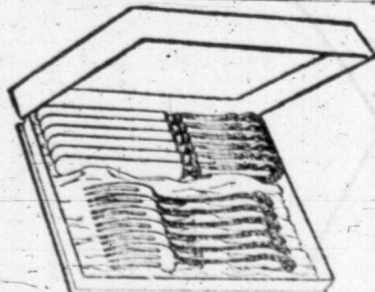


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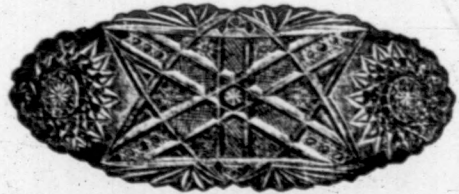


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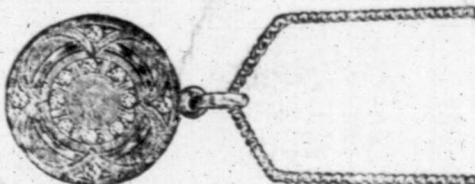
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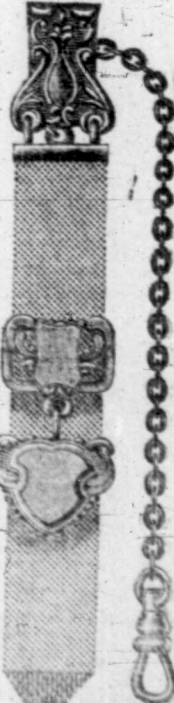
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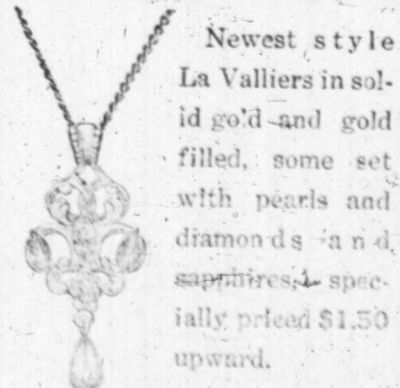
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## ALLIES PREPARING TO TAKE OFFENSIVE

GERMANS RESIST STUBBORNLY ATTEMPTS TO ADVANCE, AND BOTH SIDES CLAIM WINS.

### BLOCKHOUSE IS BLOWN UP

Several German Trenches Said to Have Been Destroyed and the Evacuation of the West Bank of Yser Canal Forced.

Paris.—The French official bulletin given out in Paris says French troops now occupy the west bank of the Yser canal.

The text of the communication follows: "The enemy has completed the evacuation of the west bank of the Yser canal to the north of the house of the ferryman, and we occupy this bank."

"In the region of Arras there have been artillery engagements. In the region of Nampel our batteries have reduced to silence the batteries of the enemy. In the region of the Aisne our heavy artillery silenced the field batteries of the Germans. At a point northeast of Vailly one of their batteries of howitzers was completely destroyed."

"In the region of Perthes and in the vicinity of the forest of La Grurie there have been artillery engagements and some infantry fighting, which resulted advantageously to us."

"On the heights of the Meuse the artillery of the enemy showed little activity. On the contrary, our artillery demolished at Deunouds, to the west of Vigneulles-Les-Hattonchâtel, two batteries of the enemy, one composed of guns of large caliber and other used for firing upon aviators. In this same region we have blown up a blockhouse and destroyed several trenches."

"Between the Meuse and the Moselle there is nothing to report, and in the Vosges there have been artillery engagements. In the region of Senones we have consolidated the positions gained by us the evening before."

Berlin.—The German army headquarters made this announcement: "In Flanders the French made attacks in the region of Langemark, which, however, were repulsed. They lost 200 men in killed and we took 240 prisoners."

"Our artillery bombarded the Ypres railroad station to interfere with the movements of the enemy's troops."

"We have made some progress near Arras."

"French troops again attacked us near Souain-Perthes, but without success."

"In the Argonne forest the French for two weeks past have limited themselves to very weak attacks, and they everywhere have been repulsed. On the other hand, German troops have again taken possession of an important French position of support by means of the explosion of a mine. The enemy has suffered heavy losses in killed and many of their troops have been severely shaken as to be unable to fight any longer. Moreover, we took 290 prisoners near Apremont, South of St. Mihiel repeated French attacks were repulsed, as were also other attacks in the vicinity of Markirch."

London.—There is disparity between French and German accounts of the battles in Flanders and France. It is apparent from both, however, that the allies have assumed at least a partial offensive. The French announce that this movement is meeting with success, while the Germans declare the attacks of the allies have been repulsed with heavy losses.

The general impression here is that the allies, with artillery and occasional infantry attacks, are preparing the way for a general offensive, but in doing so are meeting with the usual stubborn resistance from the Germans, who are firmly established in entrenched positions. The advance, if it is possible, must therefore be slow.

Riot Over German Ditty. Niagara Falls, Ont.—V. O. Ryckman, general manager of the Dominion Chain company, and Frank Pfeiffer, also an official of the company, are held by military authorities at the armory here on a secret charge.

Order of Merit Awarded. Berlin.—Emperor William has conferred the order of merit on Gen. von Morgan for his accomplishments in Poland.

Peace Message to Japs. Richmond, Va.—The final session of the convention of the Federal Council of Churches of America came to a close with the adoption of a fervent peace message drawn by a committee of nine members to be transmitted to Japan "for the purposes of welding the friendship between the Japanese and the people of the United States."

Jap Naval Attacks. Tokyo.—Comdr. Kichisaburo Nomura has been appointed naval attaché to the Japanese embassy at Washington.

## DRESDEN IS SURROUNDED

British Ships Win, Pierce Sea Battle. Cruiser Nuremberg Sent to the Bottom of Sea.

Berlin.—An official communication issued by the admiralty reproduces the statement of the British admiralty regarding the sinking of the German cruiser off the Falkland Islands, and adds:

"Our losses seem to have been great. Concerning the strength of the enemy, whose losses are reported to have been small, the British dispatches say nothing."

Buenos Aires, Argentina.—Trapped in the Straits of Magellan, there seems to be no hope for the escape of the German cruiser Dresden, the sole survivor of Admiral Count von Spee's destructive German squadron. After sinking the Nuremberg, following the battle off the Falkland Islands, the Scharnhorst, the Gneisenau and the Leipzig were sunk, the British pursued the Dresden, already badly battered in the long battle.

The Dresden lay her course for the harbor of Santa Cruz, on the east coast of Argentina and just north of the entrance to the Straits of Magellan. When the Nuremberg, severely wounded, had disappeared in the battle that is believed to have lasted over a distance of 500 miles, the Dresden made for the straits.

She cannot last long there, it is believed, because a watchful Japanese squadron is understood to be guarding the Pacific end of the straits. Therefore news is expected momentarily that the Dresden has gone down.

The British naval division commanded by Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee, who left his office as chief of the war staff to destroy the German naval power in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, is understood here to have been composed of nine warships, among them being several of the most powerful vessels of the British navy.

### 3 GERMAN CRUISERS SUNK

Kaisers Pacific Squadron Put Out of Commission by British—Fight in South Atlantic.

London.—A British squadron under Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee, chief of the war staff, engaged a German squadron under Admiral Count von Spee off the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic and won a victory which is being acclaimed throughout England.

The armored cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and the protected cruiser Leipzig, three of the German warships that had menaced British shipping and part of the squadron that sank the British cruisers Good Hope and Monmouth in the Pacific on November 1, were destroyed, while the two other vessels comprising the German squadron, made off, and, according to latest accounts, are being pursued. Two colliers were captured.

The announcement of this victory, which was the most important naval engagement of the war except that off Heligoland last August, was made in a statement by the admiralty of less than 100 words.

The following official announcement was issued by the official information bureau: "At 7:30 a.m., on the 8th of December, the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Nuremberg, Leipzig and Dresden were sighted near Falkland Islands by a British squadron under Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee."

"An action followed, in the course of which the Scharnhorst, flying the flag of Admiral Count von Spee, the Gneisenau and the Leipzig were sunk. The Dresden and Nuremberg made off during the action and are being pursued. Two colliers also were captured."

"The vice admiral reports that the British casualties are very few in number."

### ALLIES VICTORIOUS AT YPRES

Very Violent German Attack Reported Repulsed—Trenches Are Recaptured—Advance in Argonne.

Paris.—The French official communication says:

"In the region of Ypres a very violent German attack has been repulsed. In that same region those of our trenches which were reported in the official communication before as having been taken by the Germans, have been recaptured by us."

"Upon the rest of the front there is nothing important to report."

The text of the communication follows: "The enemy showed a certain activity in the region of Ypres. He directed several attacks against our lines, three of which were completely repulsed. At one similar point on the front the Germans succeeded in reaching one of our first line trenches. On our side we continued to make progress in the direction of the enemy's lines."

Horses to France. Newport News, Va.—The British steamer Anglo-Bolivian sailed for Bordeaux, France, with a cargo of 1,100 horses. The animals are for use of the allied armies in the west. The British steamer Anglo-Colombian has arrived here for a similar cargo.

Learn if Missionaries Held. Washington.—Great Britain, through the embassy here, asked the state department if it was true British missionaries were being held as hostages at Beirut, Syria.

## CARRANZA ISSUES DEFI TO UNCLE SAM

USE OF FORCE TO PREVENT BORDER FIRING UNFRIENDLY ACT, HE CONSIDERS.

### U. S. RIGHTS NOT VIOLATED

Short Term President of Mexico Denies Responsibility for Bullets That Have Killed Persons on American Side of Border.

Vera Cruz.—"If the United States employs force to stop the firing by Mexicans across the international boundary at Naco, it will be considered an unfriendly act, notwithstanding the friendly motives cloaking the act."

In this manner Gen. Carranza made answer to the formal notice served by the United States on both Provisional President Gutierrez and Gen. Carranza that unless such firing ceased force would be employed to protect American territory.

Carranza's reply to the American note, which is expected to reach Washington, will repudiate responsibility for any shots that have crossed the line and clearly set forth that he and his government will regard intervention at Naco as a hostile act.

At no time since the receipt of Secretary Bryan's note calling attention to the repeated sounding and killing of residents of the American town has Gen. Carranza appeared perturbed, but he has had long conferences with those close to him, and in framing his reply, it is said, he has been careful not to let himself remain in any uncertain light.

Gen. Hill, constitutionalist commander of the forces at Naco, is on the defensive, continued Gen. Carranza, "and since his back was to the line, it is difficult to see how he could be responsible for the firing. The fact is that Maytorena's men have been attacking, and therefore it appears reasonable that they, and only they, could have been to blame."

"As a matter of fact, I do not know that the rights of Americans have been violated. It seems to me that it would be well for the state department to investigate this question in order to fix the responsibility."

"I remember similar instances at El Paso, where the Maderista forces were attacking there. In those cases those shot were for the most part the prudent and curious individuals, who flocked to witness the fighting as if it had been a spectacular show, staged for their benefit."

As to the use of force, of which Mr. Bryan talks, that is something the gravity of which I fear he does not fully appreciate. He says it would not mean an invasion of our territory or a violation of our national sovereignty. It would, and moreover it would certainly be an act directly against the constitutionalists, who now hold the town, and in favor of the Villistas, who would be left free to continue their operations. It would be simply giving Gen. Hill's hands and leaving Maytorena free."

"I sincerely hope that the good friendship of the American people to the Mexican people will prevent the consummation of Secretary's Bryan's threat."

### JOSEPH SMITH IS DEAD

Head of Mormon Church Passes Away. Eldest Son Succeeds Him—in Cheerful Humor.

Independence, Mo.—A revelation received by Joseph C. Smith, president of the reorganized church of the Latter Day Saints, 64 years ago, designating as his successor his eldest son, Alfred, from the church the burden of a new leader upon the death here of the patriarch who for 54 years had presided over the organization. The son, Frederick M. Smith, who, since his father announced the divine revelation in 1896, has fulfilled many of the duties of leadership, automatically becomes head of the church.

The new president is 37 years old. His designation to succeed his father was ratified by the general conference shortly after the father announced the revelation.

Although he was blind and during the last days suffered frequent rushes of pain, President Smith in his final hours showed a cheerful humor. Just before he became unconscious he smiled and said:

"I wish that those of my friends who may intend placing flowers on my coffin would refrain. Let them give the money to charity."

Three Hundred Opioids. Batavia, N. Y.—Three hundred persons who attended a chicken supper at church here late were under physicians' care. Many were in a serious condition, but it was believed all would recover. Their ailment was diagnosed as ptomaine poisoning.

State Issue. Washington.—President Wilson was asked again to endorse a constitutional amendment for woman suffrage, but reiterated that the question was for the states.

## EDISONS MAIN PLANT BURNS

Loss About \$7,000,000, With \$2,000,000 Insurance—Buildings Were Considered Fireproof.

West Orange, N. J.—Fire destroyed virtually the entire main plant of the Edison Company here, causing damage estimated at nearly \$7,000,000, with insurance that it is expected will reduce the loss to approximately \$5,000,000.

An entire square block of modern reinforced concrete buildings, which were supposed to be fireproof, was burned out by the flames. The only building saved in the block was the laboratory building, containing valuable scientific machinery under the inventor, Thomas A. Edison. Especial efforts made to save this structure were successful.

It is estimated that 3,000 men and women will be temporarily thrown out of work because of the fire. In all, about 7,000 persons were employed at the plant, but at the storage battery building, across the street from the main plant was saved, with other buildings nearby, it will be possible to keep something more than half the force employed.

Four firemen were injured fighting the blaze and were taken to a hospital.

"Although I am more than 67 years of age, I'll start all over again," said Mr. Edison. "I am pretty well burned out, but there will be a mobilization here and the debris will be cleaned away as soon as it is cooled sufficiently, and I will go right to work to reconstruct the plant."

The inventor expressed himself thus as he stood watching the flames lick up building after building of his mammoth electrical plant, started, it is thought probable, by an explosion in the inspection building, one of the smaller frame structures. This building was quickly a mass of flames, and the fire spread rapidly to other structures. Chemicals in some of the buildings made the fire fighting extremely difficult. Explosions occurred frequently. All employees at work in various buildings escaped.

### JUDGES CONSIDER THAW CASE

Oral Arguments for and Against Extradition Heard by Supreme Court. Justices Ask Questions.

Washington.—The request of the state of New York for extradition of Harry K. Thaw from New Hampshire to answer an indictment charging the murder of John G. Parsons, was taken under consideration by the supreme court after oral arguments. The case came up on appeal from Justice Aldrich's decision in the federal district court of New Hampshire releasing Thaw on habeas corpus proceedings from extradition.

Members of the court asked Thaw's attorneys many questions about various points in their contentions. They did not interrupt Mr. Parsons' argument to obstruct justice, but they argued that Thaw was a fugitive from justice, not challenge the argument of Frank Kennedy, deputy attorney-general of New York, that the law under which Thaw was committed to Mattewan after the killing of Stanford White was unconstitutional.

Chief Justice White asked his first question when Philander C. Knox, former secretary of state, appearing for Thaw, argued that only those who had committed crimes could be extradited, and that New York courts had held in five decisions that Thaw had committed no crime because he was insane. The chief justice suggested that a man might be declared insane one day and sane the next. Mr. Knox replied that the presumption was that Thaw remained sane.

William A. Stone, former governor of Pennsylvania, was interrogated closely by most of the judges during his argument that the indictment of Thaw for conspiracy was not valid. The question led Mr. Stone to the position that the indictment stated Thaw was insane, showing on its face that he could not commit a crime.

### LONGEVITY IS ON INCREASE

Fifteen Years Greater in United States Than 35 Years Ago, Says Dr. Victor C. Vaughan.

St. Louis.—The average length of life in the United States is 15 years greater now than it was 35 years ago, according to a statement made by Dr. Victor C. Vaughan of the University of Michigan, president of the American Medical Association, in an address before the City Club here.

Crime he characterized as a disease due to hereditary and environment and the way to eradicate crime was to treat it as a disease and to disinfect its breeding places.

Dr. Vaughan said the death rate from tuberculosis had decreased 54 per cent since 1880.

St. Louis.—W. L. Chambers, chairman of the federal board of mediation and conciliation, will intervene again in the threatened strike of trainmen on the St. Louis Southwestern railroad, according to announcement of W. C. Turner, one of the union leaders.

## BIDS FOR STATE CONVICT LABOR

PRISON COMMISSION VOTES TO FIX TERM OF CONTRACT AT ONE YEAR.

### ARE NOT TO REMAIN IDLE

Six Hundred and Fifty Able-Bodied Men Are in the State Reformatory.

(Special Frankfort Correspondence.)

Frankfort, Ky.—Bids will be opened December 18 for the services of 650 able-bodied convicts in the Kentucky reformatory. The term of the contract as fixed in the bid is for one year with a renewal of the contract at the terms set out in the one-year contract for an additional year. The board had come to the conclusion, upon the advice of Assistant Atty. Gen. Logan, that the contract would be void until there was a term fixed in it. The commission therefore fixed the minimum term of one year.

Chairman O'Sullivan said the term was made one year so that if the general assembly decides to make a change in the manner of employing prisoners the state will not be tied up with a four-year contract, containing an option for another similar period.

In regard to the action of labor or organization protesting against employing prisoners on contract work, Chairman O'Sullivan said:

"I have no mind to controvert the position of the organization; but the board of prison commissioners is hedged about by laws and conditions over which it has no control. It makes no difference what course the commissioners would pursue if they had full liberty and the means to act upon their own discretion."

"There was a bill before the last general assembly, providing for the employment of prisoners upon state work, but this was defeated. The board has no fund to equip the institutions with machinery and tools for the employment of prisoners, who must, for their own good, be allowed to remain idle. Conditions compel the employment of the men on contract work, which will keep them busy and return some revenue for the expense of keeping them."

"In the new letting we have limited the contract period to one year instead of four, in order to give the general assembly an opportunity to make any changes its members consider desirable."

### The Fight Is On

Thousands of little "sticklers" bearing Santa Claus emblems were launched on a mission out of all proportion to their size and price. They were dedicated to the great crusade against tuberculosis which is being waged by the Anti-Tuberculosis association for the welfare of the state. The state health department in its latest annual report cited the fact that there are over 30,000 cases of tuberculosis now on record in Kentucky and when it is considered that the undiscovered cases are reported victims of this dread scourge will more than double this number the need of systematic and drastic warfare against the evil is immediately apparent.

### Friends Sign Bond

The trial of Thomas Byars, commissioner of motor vehicles, who was indicted on charges of forgery of applications for automobile licenses and appropriating state funds, was set for the second day of the January term by Judge Stout in the Franklin circuit court. A whole delegation of Shelby county citizens, numbering nearly a score, came over to make bond for him.

### Pays in \$700,000

Sheriff Charles Cronan, of Jefferson county, paid into the state treasury \$700,000 in taxes collected up to December 1 and received his quitclaim from Auditor Boyworth. Sheriff Cronan said that, exclusive of the additional 1 per cent county tax, collections to December 1 this year were a half million higher than for the same period in any preceding year.

### Special Judges Named

Gov. McCreary assigned Circuit Judge Hugh Riddell to preside over the Perry circuit court in the case of Clark Eversole against the Lexington & Eastern and Judge J. M. Roberts to preside over the Martin circuit court in several cases.

### Damage Verdict Affirmed

The court of appeals affirmed a verdict for \$500 damages awarded Lela B. Heilmann against the City of Louisville for damages to her property by reason of the condition of the Cabel street dump.

### Give Opinion Soon

The court of appeals will adjourn probably for the holidays, and the court ordered all cases passed this time to be held. The most important case yet remaining to be handed down is the workmen's compensation act, involving the constitutionality of the act passed by the last general assembly. J. M. Lassing of Newport, and J. L. Dorsey, of Henderson, were appointed special judges to sit in the case. Judge Nunn and Judge Nash are being qualified on account of owning stock in the corporations.

### No New Cases

No new cases of the foot and mouth disease have developed in Kentucky. In several days, so far as the state and federal inspectors are aware, and as a result there is a feeling that the worst is over in this state. The disease is of such a treacherous nature, however, that those seeking to stamp it out would not be surprised were it to break out again with redoubled force.

Dr. S. F. Muselman, state veterinarian, said that considerable progress has been made in the past through the failure of the fiscal courts of various counties to designate county veterinarians to look after suspicious illness of cattle in those counties. "In some counties," he said, "the authorities seem to think that the state should look after all suspicious cases among cattle, but we have not enough men to go around. If the counties would co-operate with us properly we would be able to make much more progress. A veterinarian to look after suspicious illnesses among cattle should be appointed in each county, and then sent on to us for instruction as to how to determine whether an animal has the foot and mouth disease. It would not cost the county a great deal, and might result in great benefit to many of them."

Dr. Muselman said there had been no relinquishment in the quarantine regulations in the state in several days, the situation in that respect being without change.

### Considered for President

The name of the Rev. James R. Zeigler, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, is being considered for the presidency of Central university, according to information reaching Frankfort. In addition to the scholarship and executive ability necessary to fulfilling the requirements for the head of such an institution, it is said, Dr. Zeigler has been recommended to the consideration of the board of trustees by reason of the unique position which his church holds in the Presbyterian field. The First church of Frankfort is the only one, perhaps, in the country, which was not divided by the sentiment of the Sixties. While retaining its status with the post bellum general assembly, now known as the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., it divided its contributions between the Northern and Southern assemblies and its membership continued their fellowship unmarred by their divergent sentiments regarding the war.

### Mineral Claim Dismissed

Judge Cochran in the United States district court handed down an opinion dismissing for want of jurisdiction the suit of W. H. Horne and Eva Fisher against the Chinn Mineral Co. for the mineral rights to the land in Mercer county in which the mineral company is mining calcite. Horne moved from Louisville to New Albany, Ind., and Eva Fisher from Covington to Chilesburg, Ohio, just before beginning the suit and the court said they are just "sojourners" and not actual residents of the state. The plaintiffs are heirs of H. P. Horne, of Lexington, who 75 years ago deeded the property, but retained the rights to gold, silver and other minerals. The Chinn company contends that in the old deed minerals referred to precious metals.

### Big Trust Agreement

A trust agreement by which the Southern Pacific is to purchase for \$1,170,000 through the Commonwealth Trust Co. of Pennsylvania, a lot of new equipment, was filed in the office of Secretary of State C. F. Creech. The equipment consists of 20 Mikado type passenger locomotives, 10 switch engines, 10 steel passenger coaches, 18 electric motor coaches, without smoking rooms, 6 with smoking rooms and 2 combination electric coaches and express cars.

### Trustee Refused

Holding that residence in the state is a qualification for a trustee of the state university, Gov. McCreary has refused again to issue a commission to John Irvine Lyle, of New York, one of six trustees recently elected by the alumni of the institution. Mr. Lyle stated that he would not know what action he would take in the matter until he had consulted with Judge E. C. O'Roar, who has heard by Gov. McCreary in Mr. Lyle's behalf.

### Verdict of \$6,000

J. A. Johnson, of Winchester, recovered a verdict for \$6,000 from the Louisville & Nashville railroad for the loss of his leg in alighting here from a Chesapeake & Ohio passenger train, which runs over the Louisville & Nashville track. Johnson recovered \$15,000 at a previous trial of the case.

### Requisition Issued

The first requisition ever issued by governor of Kentucky for the extradition of a person charged with violating the state game laws was issued by Gov. McCreary for Pete Wilhite, who is in Grant county, Arkansas. Wilhite is charged in Hopkins county with hunting without a license.

### Good Roads Movie Show

The good roads movie picture exhibit, which will be shown in the Kentucky building at the Panama-Pacific exposition was run off for the first time here. The views show Gov. McCreary leading the workers on a road day last year, the state aid work going on in Lewis county, construction work in Grant, Fayette and Jefferson county, the Edmonson county asphalt mines in operation and a street in Bowling Green and a road in Jefferson county surfaced with asphalt.

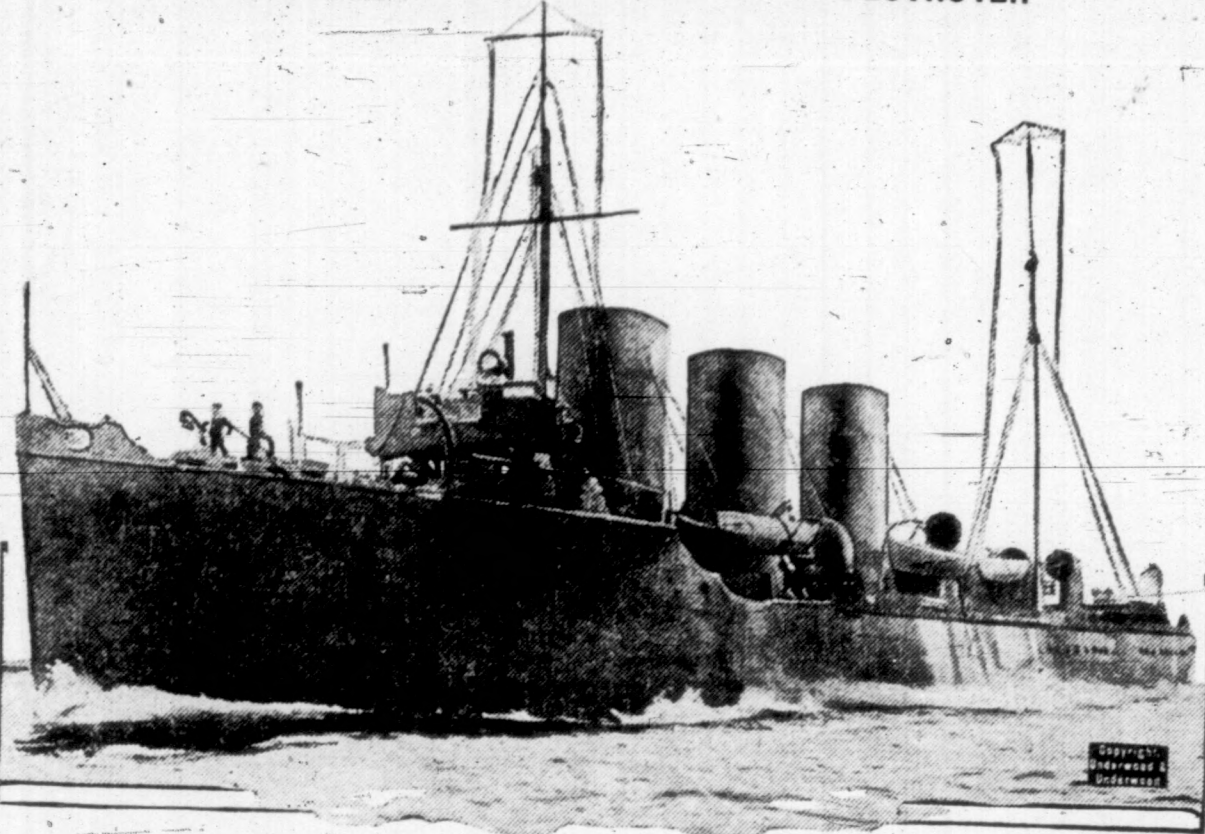


## MARKET DAY AMID RUINS OF ORTELBURG



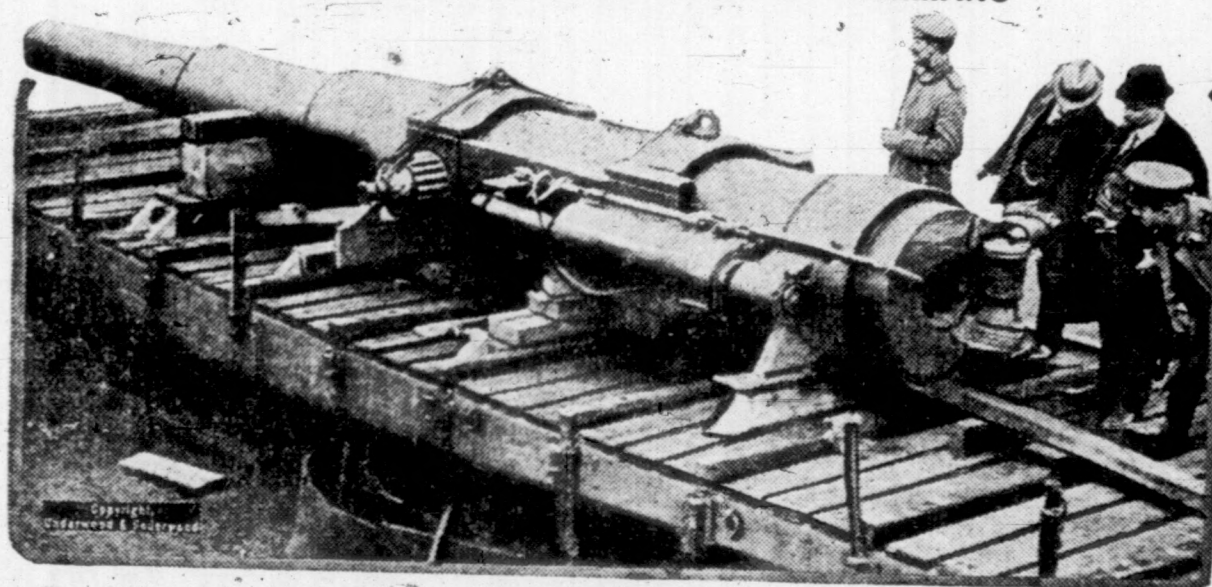
Ortelburg, a town of East Prussia on the Russian frontier, was smashed by the guns of the invading troops of the czar before they were driven back by General von Hindenburg. On the regular market day the merchants and tucksters took their accustomed places in the market place and displayed their supplies of foodstuffs amid the ruins.

## BRITAIN'S NEWEST TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYER



The new British torpedo boat destroyer Swift is the largest of its type, having a displacement of 1,825 tons, and its speed, 36 miles an hour, makes it one of the fastest of war craft. It is equipped with four rapid-fire guns.

## BIG ENGLISH GUN CAPTURED BY GERMANS



This big coast defense gun was shipped from England to be mounted for the defense of Antwerp, but reached that city just in time to be captured by the Germans, who are now making use of it.

## GALIENI IN NEW UNIFORM



General Gallieni, military governor of Paris, wearing the new uniform just adopted by the French army. It is modeled on English lines and is of a blue-gray tint.

## BELGIAN REFUGEE CAMP IN HOLLAND



Three hundred thousand Belgians have found a haven of safety in Holland and are concentrated in a number of camps. The photograph shows one of these camps at Bergen-op-Zoom, with its women and children refugees.

# BRINGING THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT TO THE POOR

IT IS a question whether the families helped or the workers helping them get most joy out of the Christmas distribution. A real settlement worker, one imbued with the right spirit, will tell you that only one who has visited the homes of the poor and the suffering on Christmas eve can realize the pleasure of bringing happiness and sunshine into these homes. Many settlement workers, who have given up the work for some reason or another, but who return to assist with the Christmas distributions, give generously from their own purses that the baskets may be larger and more families aided.

Wealthy women, who have never done settlement work, enter into the Santa Claus spirit and visit the alley and tenement districts of the large cities on the night before Christmas, their automobiles heavily laden with toys, turkeys and good things to eat. They employ investigators to canvass the section in which they are interested a week before the holidays, and the distribution is made according to their reports. Oftentimes small trees are sent to the homes, with glass balls, trimmings and candy toys, and the donors, with the aid of their chauffeurs and the parents of the children, fix the tree while the little tots are asleep.

Though little known, Santa Claus' work in the slums of the big cities is carried on along systematic lines to overcome any overlapping of the multitude of good intentions. In days gone by, charitably inclined women would leave a large basket of provisions in a house in ignorance of another basket hidden in the closet. And it was not unusual for two of three workers to meet in the same kitchen at the one time, each burdened with good things for the one family.

This is an error of the past; for now the Christmas giving has been systematized. Settlement workers of the various societies and representatives of the wealthy private gives compile a list of those they will assist, and all go over their lists carefully together.

Although the Christmas giving is all cut and dried a few days before the time, Santa Claus' secret is not given away. Half of the pleasure would be gone if the families knew that the visitors were coming with food and toys in abundance. It is true that those who are visited and quizzed by the private workers have a shrewd suspicion, after they have told their tale of woe and received the sympathy of the visitor, that something substantial is to follow. The regular settlement workers know their ground pretty well; they know which families have had a hard road to travel and are putting up a good battle against the tide of misfortune.

The settlement workers have little investigating to do before the holidays; their entrance into a home or tenement is always greeted with surprise, for they generally make it a point to go where they are least expected.

"The poor are always with us" is doubly true at Christmas time. Families who can barely exist, who do not know where the next day's bread is coming from, can certainly not afford any extras for the holiday season. They consider themselves fortunate if they have a loaf or two of bread and a small piece of meat for the Christmas dinner and coal for the kitchen fire.

No one appreciates this meager side of the bright Christmas story more than the charity worker. She knows that tribulations exist at Christmas time as during any other part of the year. Years of experience have shown her how to use tact and good judgment on her terms and where she cannot leave good cheer, she can at least make the sorrows and troubles easier to bear. The "Angel of the Settlement" knows more than any one else, that there are many cases when the word "Merry-Christmas" would sound like a mockery; where the hand of death, for instance, has been heavily felt when it takes away the chief provider of a large family.

She knows, also, that the Christmas spirit is cherished by the poor as well as the wealthy. While they cannot spend the day in feasting and merrymaking, they can at least forget old grudges and let bygones be bygones, shake hands with their enemies and wish one another good luck.



AN UNEXPECTED SANTA CLAUS



A REAL CHRISTMAS REUNION

How many reunions and reconciliations take place then is known only to these good women. The hearts of many men who have been separated from their wives and families become softened as the holidays draw near, and it isn't uncommon for settlement workers to find them together when she comes with the Christmas basket.

Many prodigal sons return on Christmas eve. A striking case of this kind that occurred two years ago was run across by a settlement worker in Philadelphia. She said that she had never witnessed a scene on any stage that could equal it. It was a real case of where the Christmas prayer of a broken-hearted mother was answered by the return of her boy.

The son ran away from home seven years earlier, when a youth of sixteen years. He had a good home and the family consisted of his parents, an older brother and a sister. His father was a hard-working man and used all his earnings for his home. The younger boy, being the baby of the family, was the pet of all; but he had a wild disposition, and he wanted to see something of life. He decided to run away from home and go West.

When he reached the ranches of Arizona he found that the cowboy life wasn't as bright as it was painted. He longed for home many a time, but vowed that he would not return a failure. He persevered until he had made good, though it took seven years for him to do it. His fearlessness and daring attracted the attention of the owner of the ranch, and he placed him in charge of another place. When the young man had a goodly wad of bills accumulated he decided to return in time for Christmas.

He reached the old house to find that another family was lying there, and he learned from neighbors that his father was dead; that his sister had died shortly after he had left, and that his brother had been killed in an accident. The mother, doubly aged with grief, had been left alone and was subsisting as best she could in a third-story room. The son lost after the settlement worker had reached there with her basket of provisions. The mother had just finished telling her story to the sympathetic listener when this latest prodigal returned.

"No one can really appreciate," said a settlement worker in another city, "how happy one feels after visiting the homes of the poor on Christmas eve. The gratitude of one woman alone last year was enough to recompense me for the work I did. This had been an 18-year term for murder. It appears that he and a companion were working in the cranberry bogs. They quarreled, and in a scuffle this man stabbed his opponent. He made his wife promise she would never allow the family of six to be separated. She not only kept them together by taking in washing and working until all hours of the night, but she refused to accept outside aid in any shape or form. There would have been no Christmas celebration

the compound as separate words. But in international telegraphing there is a word length limit (or, as the Germans would print a wordlengthlimit). Ten letters is the maximum allowed for a single word. Any word longer than that counts as two, or as three, if it gets beyond the second ten, as some German words do. When it comes to counting letters of making up intelligible telegraphese, English, it seems, is the tersest language in Europe. An Italian newspaper correspondent has lately discovered this in telegraphing news from London to his paper in Italy. At the beginning of the war he used Italian. Then when all languages except English and French were forbidden he took French. Later, finding that French, though accepted by the post office, seemed to cause delay, he changed to English, and to his surprise he finds that he is saving quite a lot of money in telegraph fees owing to the superior brevity of the English language as compared with French or Italian.



THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER ANSWERED

In this home, and it was a delicate undertaking to bring a woman like this any provisions. But I explained to her that it was a present and her joy was only equalled by that of her children, who were more than delighted with their new toys.

"I have been in homes where the children never had toys, and I have brought them their first playthings. In one case there were two children, a boy and a girl, Pepino and Mechalmo. Their father died when they were babies, and the mother supported them. She had come to this country a bride and was not well versed with the American way of doing things. She did not even know how to make a rag doll for the children. We brought those children a small tree, decorated it, and gave them plenty of toys. Words couldn't tell the happiness of those little ones.

"There is more pleasure in the work than you would imagine. We see many sad scenes, sorrow and joy mingled together, but we also find much to amuse us. Last year we took a basket to an old colored woman. Her husband was a paralytic and she had two orphaned grandchildren to keep, Christmas to her was to be the same as any other day until we arrived with the provisions and toys. She glanced at us as we entered the room, and when we put the basket on the table, she stared at it and pointed to herself, as much as to say, 'For me?' I said, 'Yes, Liza, that's for you.' You could see nothing but the whites of her eyes, and she raised both of her hands above her head, clasped them together and said, 'De Lord be praised.' That was all she said; but she repeated it time and again. One time her eyes would be as large as dollars and she would joyously sing the 'De Lord be praised' and again she would be sad and mournful and moan 'De Lord be praised.'

"Finally her husband, who was unable to leave his chair, lost his patience and he shouted, 'Liza, good Lord, woman, has you done lost your head altogether? Why don't you thank the ladies?' Then, as a sort of apology to us, he said, 'You'll have to excuse her, ladies, for she has surely done lost her head altogether.' As we left the room and glanced back, poor Liza was still standing there, looking at us with her hands clasped before her and slowly nodding her head saying, 'De Lord be praised.' We concluded Liza knew better than her husband. She was thanking the right one.

"I have witnessed many reconciliations of families of foreigners on Christmas eve. The afternoon that I spent at the immigration station last year was one of the pleasantest of my life. It was interesting to note the expression of gladness on the faces of the children in the costumes of their various fatherlands. They couldn't speak a word of English, but they could show you that they were grateful for the playthings.

"I will never forget my first Christmas visitation. It was my initial experience with social service work. One of the first places we visited was in a court, a poor German family. When we arrived at the house the mother was telling the three children Christmas legends. She had gilded the stockings and that was their only reminder that the morrow was a great festival. She had no meat nor vegetables in the house for the next day's meals, and there was no coal in the bin. But the place was as clean and neat as a new pin.

"The mother was an educated woman, and you could tell at a glance that she had seen better days. She had married against the wishes of her family and she was too proud to let them know of her poverty. Her husband had gone West to try to better his condition, but was unable to get work there and became stranded. The wife kept the wolf away from the door as best she could by sewing, fruits and cranberries, then went out and got a tree and a doll for the children and left an order to have coal sent there immediately. It is impossible to tell how grateful that poor woman was."

## TELEGRAPHESE BEST TO USE

Correspondent Finds English Language to Be the Tersest in Europe.

Which language makes the best telegraphese? At so much a word one might hasten to say German, because of its purely typographical device of sticking a number of words together to look like one compound word. We really do exactly the same thing in English, only we print the elements of



# THE MURRAY LEDGER

O. J. JENNINGS, EDITOR.

Entered at the postoffice at Murray, Kentucky, for transmission through the mails as second class matter.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1914

## THAT COLD YOU HAVE

may bring sickness, doctors' bills and loss of work; you know that serious sickness usually starts with a cold, and a cold only exists where weakness exists. Remember that. Overcome the weakness and nature cures the cold—that is the law of reason. Carefully avoid drugged pills, syrups or stimulants; they are only props and braces and whips. It is the pure medicinal nourishment in Scott's Emulsion that quickly enriches the blood, strengthens the lungs and helps heal the air passages. And mark this well—Scott's Emulsion generates body heat as protection against winter sickness. Get Scott's at your drug store to-day. It always strengthens and builds up.

14-21 Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

## New Officers Installed.

The newly elected officers of Murray Chapter No. 92, R. A. M., were inducted into office at a regular meeting of the Chapter last Friday night. The new officers are as follows:

C. H. Redden, H. P.; H. B. Gilbert, King; H. V. Clark, Scribe; H. O. Diuguid, Capt. H.; G. W. Aycock, P. S.; J. A. Parker, R. A. C.; R. T. Wells, 1st V.; Wm. Marberry, 2nd V.; P. A. Hart, 3rd V.; C. L. Morris, Treas.; J. H. Churchill, Sec.; J. C. McElroy, Tyler.

## Notice.

I have this day set my two sons, Grogan age 18, and Hampton, age 15, free, to sue and be sued as of age, and will no longer be responsible for their acts. This the 10th day of December, 1914.—W. H. Boggess, 12104p

## Safes Blown to Pieces in Marion.

Marion, Ky., Dec. 14.—Robbers broke into the postoffice early Saturday morning and blew open two large safes. They took 60,000 one-cent stamps, 10,000 two-cent stamps and \$300 in money. The safes were torn in to scrap iron and scattered all over the building.

There was a large clock hung over one of the safes, and it stopped at 1:35 a. m., showing that was the hour when the explosion occurred. The young woman at the telephone office heard the first report and gave the alarm.

In less than five minutes from the time the first safe was blown open the second explosion occurred.

Mr. Henderson, the postmaster, was called and got into the office before the smoke had cleared away, but the burglars had gone in the direction of the railroad three of them passing one of the livery stables. The authorities in every direction have been notified.

## Your Cold is Dangerous Break it up—Today.

A cold is readily catching. A run-down system is susceptible to germs. You owe it to yourself and others of your household to fight the germs at once. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is fine for colds and coughs. It loosens the mucous, stops the cough and soothes the lungs. It's guaranteed. Only 25c at your Druggist.

## A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two months' treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Kentucky testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

## Will Close Christmas.

In keeping with the spirit of the season, we desire to say that our places of business will be closed for the entire day, Christmas day. Signed Ryan & Sons Co., Dry Goods, Wadlington, Clifton & Co., E. B. Holland & Co., O. T. Hale & Co.

## Almo Winter School.

Beginning January the 11th, Callie Hale assisted by Coleman Overbey, will teach a school at Almo, which will continue indefinitely. Everything points to, and they are expecting to teach one of the best schools Almo has ever had.

Again, they are prepared to teach both High School work and prepare those who desire to teach, for examination. Students completing the eighth grade may begin higher work. The best service given. Your patronage solicited.

The greatest assortment of candy we have ever carried. \$5 to 10c the box.—Dale & Stubblefield.

T. B. Thompson, of Paducah, will preach for the Water Street Church of Christ next Lords day at 11 a. m. and 6:45 p. m. Everybody invited.

## HAZEL HIGH and GRADED SCHOOL

Friday, December 18, closes the first term of the Hazel High and Graded School. This has been one of the most Successful Terms since the organization of the school. The school will take a vacation of two weeks for the holidays, and

## WILL REOPEN JANUARY 4, 1915.

The next term promises to be a Record Breaker for the school in number of pupils. An Extra Teacher has been employed to assist in the work after Christmas. Classes in First Year High School and Sub-ninth Grade will be organized at the opening of the next term.

All persons desiring to take the examination for Certificate or Diploma should enter the Teachers' Class for better preparation. The school is prepared to give you any classification you may desire. The same text books that are used in the rural schools are used in the grades of this school.

## The Faculty is Composed of the Following Teachers:

T. R. Jones, Principal. Harrison Fitch, 2nd Assistant Principal. Miss Ruth Turnbow, Ass't Prin. Miss Mavis Miller, Intermediate Dept. Miss Bradie Denham, Primary Dept.

Board and Furnished Rooms Can be Secured in Good Homes for \$10 to \$12 per Month.

## TUITION:

Primary Department, per month	\$1.25
Intermediate Department, per month	1.50
Fifth and Sixth Grades, per month	2.50
Seventh and Eighth Grades, per month	3.00
Teachers' Course, per month	3.00
High School, per month	3.50

All persons in Calloway County holding Certificates or Diplomas will get the benefit of free tuition in the High School Department.

For Further Information See or Write

T. R. JONES, Prin., - Hazel, Ky.

# McELRATH'S Saturday Specials

1 bag of Omega Flour	90c
1 bag of Cyclone Flour	70c
1 bag of Straight Run Flour	60c
1-10 pound bucket Snow Drift Lard	\$1.00
1-5 pound bucket Snow Drift Lard	50c
1-10 pound bucket Pure Lard	\$1.40
3 1/2 pounds Standard Evaporated Peaches	25c
24 pounds Fancy Evaporated Peaches, (the 15 cent kind)	25c
4 pounds Soup Beans	25c
3 pounds Kidney Beans	25c
3 pounds Lima Beans	25c
4 pounds White Peas	25c
3 large cans Hominy	25c
3 large cans Tomatoes	25c
3 large cans Pumpkin	25c
3 large cans Apples	25c
3 cans Standard Corn	25c
3 cans Soaked Peas	25c
1 can Imported Peas	25c
3 boxes 10c Corn Flakes	25c
3 boxes 10c Rolled Oats	25c
3 boxes Post Toasties	25c
3 boxes Mince Meat	25c
3-10c packages Shredded Coconut	25c
6-5c packages Sardines	25c
6 bars Laundry Soap (any kind)	25c

21 pounds Granulated Sugar	\$1.00
With 6 pounds 20c Roasted Coffee	\$1.00
Or buy this same Roasted Coffee	10c
17 1/2 pounds Granulated Sugar	\$1.00
1 peck Irish Potatoes	20c
1 peck Wine Sap Apples	20c
1 peck Meal	25c
1 1/2 bushel Meal	25c
1 gallon Coal Oil	45c
1 gallon Apple Vinegar	10c
1 package Arbuckle's Coffee	25c
1 can Luzianne Coffee	20c
1 pound Nice Raisins	25c
2 pounds Nice Raisins	25c
3-12 ounce boxes Seeded Raisins	25c
6-5c cans Pet brand Evaporated Milk	25c
1 pound ground Black Pepper	25c
3 boxes Soda	25c
3 boxes Matches	10c
1 pound Full Cream Cheese	20c
1 dozen Florida Oranges	25c
1 dozen Nice Lemons	15c
Any 25c article in the house, 2 for	45c
3 10c cakes Sweet Chocolate	25c
6-5c cakes Sweet Chocolate	25c
3-10c packages Figs	25c
6-5c packages Figs	25c
3 boxes Currants or Dates	25c
3 10c boxes National Cakes or Crackers	25c
6-5c boxes National Cakes or Crackers	25c

Prices on Above Hold Good Until the First of the Year  
No Limit to These Prices--- Buy all You Want.

W. W. McELRATH

NO. 4

DECEMBER 19, 1914

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS.

Under this head advertisements will be accepted at the rate of 5 cents per line each insertion. Eight weeks to the month accepted for less than 10 cents. No advertising and send cash with order. No deviation from these rates will be made to any one.

## LOST.

Small setter bitch, white with light brown ears and small brown spot on top of head; answers to name of "Edie." Send information to the Ledger office.

## Sick Headache.

Sick headache is nearly always caused by disorders of the stomach. Correct them and the periodic attacks of sick headache will disappear. Mrs. John Bishop, of Roseville, Ohio, writes: "About a year ago I was troubled with indigestion and had sick headache that lasted for two or three days at a time. I doctored and tried a number of remedies but nothing helped me until during one of those sick spells a friend advised me to take Chamberlain's Tablets. This medicine relieved me in a short time. For sale by all dealers."

## Brown's Grove.

Elder Russel Scott filled his regular appointment at Harmony Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Clyde Kesterson is on the sick list having been confined to her bed for sometime.

Most people have taken advantage of the cold spell by killing their hogs.

Mrs. W. R. Singleton is confined to her room with rheumatism.

Mrs. Mack Harris, of Hazel, is visiting her mother and other relatives in this community.

Tobe Turner is moving from Graves county to Calloway to a farm he bought on Clarks river.

Henry, better known as "Bud" Waldrop is slowly recovering from a case of typhoid fever.

The little girl of Elma Guthrie, who has had typhoid fever

## is recovering.

Mr. Cook, from Tennessee, is visiting his son, Pleasant Cook, near Coldwater.

Tom and Vince Darnell have typhoid fever. They waited on their nephew who died a few weeks ago.

## Keep it Handy for Rheumatism.

No use to squirm and wince and try to wear out your Rheumatism. It will wear you out instead. Apply some Sloan's Liniment. Need not rub it in—just let it penetrate all through the affected parts, relieve the soreness and draw the pain. You get ease at once and feel so much better you want to go right out and tell other sufferers about Sloan's. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25 cents of any druggist and have it in the house—against Sore and Swollen Joints, Lumbago, Sciatica and like ailments. Your money back if not satisfied, but it does give almost instant relief. Buy a bottle to-day.

## Consolidated.

The firms of Toy E. Jackson and Ben Johnson have consolidated, and now occupy the building known as the Ozark Cafe, and expect to run a first class restaurant. Now we expect the people of Calloway county to patronize us, especially the ladies.—Johnson & Jackson.

## A Test for Liver Complaint

Mentally Unhappy—Physically Dull.

The Liver, sluggish and inactive, first shows itself in a mental state—unhappy and critical. Never is there joy in living, as when the Stomach and Liver are doing their work. Keep your liver active and healthy by using Dr. King's New Life Pills; they empty the Bowels freely, tone up your Stomach, Cure your Constipation and purify the Blood. 25c at Druggist. Bucklen's Arnica Salve excellent for Piles.

## Cash Bargains

18 lbs. Granulated Sugar	1.00
100 pounds Golden Grain	1.70
at the store	.90
\$1.00 can Coffee	.20
Arbuckle's Coffee	.20
Good loose Coffee	.15
10 lb. bucket Snow Drift	1.10
5 lb. bucket Snow Drift	.55
Compound Lard per lb.	.10
Pure Leaf Lard per lb.	.14
25c Calumet Baking Powder	.20
3 boxes Corn Flakes	.25
4 cans Corn	.25
2 cans Tomatoes	.25
2 cans Hominy	.15
3 boxes Extract	.15
3 boxes Matches	.10
5 boxes Table Salt	.15
5 gallons Coal Oil	.50
Best Flour sold in town	.85
2 big lbs Fancy Candy	.15
1 gallon Pure Louisiana Cane Syrup	.70
100 pounds Bran	1.50
100 lbs. Cotton Seed Meal	1.50
Bacon Extra per pound	.15c
Fat Backs per pound	.12c
Fat Backs per pound	.12c
We will pay 30c per dozen for eggs.	

## BROACH & JONES

Low Holiday Fares to TEXAS and the Southwest



Long Return Limit  
Winter Tourist round trip rates on sale daily to Texas and the Southwest. Long return limit. Stopovers. Write for full particulars.  
L. C. Barry, Traveling Passenger Agent, Room 43, Gold Bldg., Louisville, Ky.



## LOCAL and PERSONAL

Come in and price the pictures and take them.—J. A. Churchill.  
Big stock of Heavy Lap Robes.—Murray Saddle and Harness Co.  
Read the ad of Joe T. Parker, jeweler, on the 1st page of this issue.

Your Horse wants a Blanket.—Murray Saddle and Harness Co.  
I want to sell every picture, in my house and I will make the price suit you.—J. H. Churchill.  
Now is the time for Horse Blankets.—Murray Saddle and Harness Co.

Pictures! Pictures!! Pictures!!! If that is what you want you can find them at J. H. Churchill's.

For Rent.—Nice 5 room dwelling in fine neighborhood, on Buford street, good water and out buildings.—Joe T. Parker, 12102  
Eggs count as money at Johnson & Broach's 5, 10 and 25c Store.

A household remedy in America for 25 years.—Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. For cuts, sprains, burns, scalds, bruises. 25c and 50c at all drug stores.

Johnson & Broach's 5, 10 and 25c Store is full, and in trim, although Santa was tall and slim.  
We have some nice Lap Robes that would make a nice Christmas gift.—Murray Saddle and Harness Co.

Eggs, at 30 cents a dozen will buy Christmas goods at the 5, 10 and 25c Store.

Lap Robes and Horse Blankets.—Murray Saddle and Harness Co.

Fine Cigars and Pipes make very acceptable gifts—complete assortment.—Dale & Stubblefield.

Blanket your Horse, and it will be Spring time, all the time with him.—Murray Saddle and Harness Co.

Our Christmas Stationery has never been equaled this Christmas. \$5.00 down.—Dale & Stubblefield.

If you don't like your Horse send him to war, if you do, buy him a Blanket.—Murray Saddle and Harness Co.

The largest and most sanitary candy factory in the world is making Liggetts Chocolate for you this Christmas.—Dale & Stubblefield.

Your Horse or Mule would like to see you coming with a Blanket.—Murray Saddle and Harness Co.

Doan's Regulets are recommended by many who say they operate easily, without griping and without bad after effects. 25c at all drug stores.

Don't let your Horse or Mule stand up without a Blanket. They don't cost much.—Murray Saddle and Harness Co.

We have the agency for the Hornbeek Bros., Cream Bread, 5c and 10c loaves and buns, the best bread in town, always fresh. Try a loaf.—Johnson & Jackson.

We are making Extra good price on Lap Robes and have by far the best stock in the county.—Murray Saddle and Harness Co.

Went Alderson and family, of Elm Tree, were in the city several days of this week the guest of friends and transacting business.

There will be an entertainment given at Hardin school house, Dec. 21, 1914, Monday night. The main part of the program is Drama, "Vera Stanley" or "The face at the window." All are invited. Go out and help a good cause. You will never regret it.

Make Corn and Hay in the winter by buying Blankets for your stock and they like to keep warm same as you.—Murray Saddle and Harness Co.

Looks like the high cost of living is getting a black eye from a number of the Murray grocers. Look at the ads of these firms in the Ledger this week and be convinced.

We are the only House in this county that buy Lap Robes from the Mills that make them, you never get an old Stock Robe and always get a better price.—Murray Saddle and Harness Co.

For Sale.—My Pool Hall, in Paris, only one in town, a money getter. Reason for selling, going on the road. A bargain if taken at once.—H. M. Newport, Prop. tf

Poultry and Eggs Wanted.—Will pay 8 cents per pound for hens, springers and ducks; 30c per dozen for eggs and highest market price for turkeys until Monday night.—B. H. Pitman & Co., opposite Christian church.

Monroe Thomas has sold his interest in the Thomas, Parker & Perdue grocery to his partners and the business will now be conducted under the firm name of Parker & Perdue. Note their big ad in this issue of the Ledger.

Any skin itching is a temper test. The more you scratch the worse it itches. Doan's Ointment is for piles, eczema—any skin itching. 50c at all drug stores.

Miss Annie Whitnell, of Fulton, was taken to Nashville, Tenn., the past week where she was operated upon. Her condition is yet quite critical but slightly improved for the past few days. She is a daughter of R. C. Whitnell and was a patient in the Murray Surgical Hospital some several weeks ago.

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS

JUST received, a large stock of Jewelry in all the Newest and most Up-to-date Designs, suitable for persons of all ages.

Do Your Christmas Shopping Early

while you can get first choice of our large stock of up-to-the-minute Presents for Parents, Wives, Sweethearts or Friends.

We have all the Latest Designs on the market in Solid Gold and Gold Filled Goods, also Diamonds and Cameos in La Valliers, Rings, etc.

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JEWELERS

Sheriff Patterson received a telegram today stating that his brother, Wyatt Patterson, a member of the United States army, was killed at Ft. Bliss, Texas. No particulars were given.

\$100 Reward. \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known for a constitutional disease. It requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 75 cents. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

The heaviest snow fall of the season came last Saturday night and reached a depth of about five inches by Sunday morning. It was one of the most beautiful snows that ever visited the county. Quite a considerable damage to telephone and electric wires resulted from the heavy weight of snow. Lower temperature followed the snow and Monday the thermometers in different sections of the city registered from 5 to 8 below zero. It has been some warmer since Tuesday and the weather department states that a gradual rise in temperature will be noted for the next several days. The cold wave extended throughout the entire country and great suffering has resulted.

A Criticism.

An editor who was asked by his son to help him with some of

the problems, assigned as night work, says he can't see how a boy is going to learn anything when his teacher sends him home with problems like the following: "If it takes a 4-months old woodpecker, with a rubber bill, nine months and 13 days to peck a hole through a cypress log that is large enough to make 117 shingles, and it takes 165 shingles to make a bundle worth 93 cents, how long will it take a cross-eyed grasshopper with a cork leg to kick all the seeds out of a dill pickle?"

Mrs. McClain's Experience With Croup

"When my boy, Ray, was small he was subject to croup and I was always alarmed at such times. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy proved far better than any other for this trouble. It always relieved him quickly. I am never without it in the house for I know it is a positive cure for croup," writes Mrs. W. R. McClain, Blairsville, Pa. For sale by all dealers.

Thirty-five Days Twins are Born.

Mendota, Ill., Dec. 5.—Thought to be without precedent is the remarkable case of Mrs. A. M. Snyder, of Mendota, who gave birth to children five weeks apart.

The first baby, a five-pound boy, was born the latter part of October. The second child born this week, weighed seven pounds, and is also a boy.

Ordinarily, when twins are born on separate days one or the other dies soon after birth. In this instance both infants are in good health and give promise of surviving.

Surgeons say there is no case on record which approaches this.

Christmas Suggestions.

Suggestions we offer for Christmas shoppers. Everyone

of the very highest quality. Pearl Handle Pocket Knives with Cases. Safety Razors \$1.00 to \$5.00. Rexall Dollar Watch. Eastman Kodak \$1.00 to \$20. Hand Mirror. Ink Stands. Flash Lights. Tennis Rackets and balls. Foot Balls. Basket Balls. Bibles and Testaments. Music Rolls. Box Stationery \$5.00 to 10c. Violet Dulce Toilet outfits. Case Pipes. Box Cigars. Combs and Brushes. Fine Package Perfumes. Correspondence Cards. Fine Note Cases. Purse Cases. Card Cases. Fine Razors. Guaranteed. Books for all ages. Shaving Outfits. Liggetts Fine Chocolate \$5.00 to 40 cents. Dolls of various sizes and prices. It will be to your advantage to visit our store before making your Christmas purchases.—Dale & Stubblefield, The Rexall Store.

Merchandise at Reduced Prices

We have sold our store at Penny, Ky., and must reduce our stock at once and to do so, we will offer everything at greatly reduced prices, many articles going at cost and less.

Sale Will Start Saturday Dec. 19 and continue until required amount is sold.

Everything offered at these prices will be strictly CASH or produce.

You will find a bulletin in the store quoting the prices we make.

All parties indebted to us must come forward and settle at once, by cash or note.

Respectfully,

L. A. CURD & SON  
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# THE LAST SHOT

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By FREDERICK PALMER

## SYNOPSIS.

At their home on the frontier between the Browns and Grays, Maria Galloway and her mother, entertaining Colonel Weston, staff intelligence officer of the Browns, are informed by a fall in his airplane, that a young man, Weston, is missing. But real chief of staff, reinforcing South La Tir, meditates on war.

## CHAPTER II—Continued.

Rather idly, now, he drew a pad toward him and, taking up a pencil, made the figures seventeen and twenty-seven. Then he made the figures thirty-two and forty-two. He blackened them with repeated tracings as he mused. This done, he put seven under twenty-seven and thirty-two under forty-two. He made the subtraction and studied the two tens.

A swing door opened softly and his executive clerk reappeared with a soft tread.

"Some papers for your signature, sir," he said as he slipped them on the blotter in front of Westerling. "And the 1324—no order about that, sir?" he asked.

"None. It remains!" Westerling replied.

The clerk went out impressed. His chief taking to sums of subtraction and totally preoccupied! The 1324 remained! He, too, had a question-mark in his secret mind.

Westerling proceeded with his mathematics. Having heavily shaded the tens, he essayed a sum in division. He found that ten went into seventy just seven times.

"One-seventh the allotted span of life!" he mused. "Take off fifteen years for youth and fifteen after fifty—nobody counts after that, though I mean to—and you have ten into forty, which is one-fourth. That is a good deal. But it's more to a woman than to a man—yes, a lot more to a woman than to a man!"

The clerk was right. In thinking Westerling preoccupied; but it was not with the international crisis. Over his coffee the name of Miss Marta Galloway, in the list of arrivals at a hotel, had caught his eye in the morning paper. A note to her had brought an answer, saying that her time was limited, but she would be glad to have him call at five that afternoon.

Westerling realized that the question of marriage as a social requirement might arise when he should become officially chief of staff with the retirement of His Excellency the field marshal. For the present he enjoyed his position as a bachelor who was the most favored man in the army too much to think of marriage.

It was a little surprising that the bell that the girl of seventeen had rung in his secret mind when he was on one of the first rounds of the ladder, now lost in the mists of a latter statum of existence, should ever think again.

He had heard the girl's prophecy in detail as when she said: "You have the will! You have the ambition! You have the power! You have the power that he felt; forseen his ascent to the very apex of the pyramid. She was still unmarried, which was strange; for she had not been bad-looking and she was of a fine old family. What was she like now? Commanding and provincial, most likely. Many of the people he had known in his early days appeared so when he met them again. But, at the worst, he looked for an interesting half-hour.

The throbbing activity of the streets of the capital, as his car proceeded on the way to her hotel, formed an energetic accompaniment to his gratifying backward survey of how all his plans had worked out from the very day of the prophecy. Had he heard the remark of a great manufacturer of the banker at his side in a passing limousine, "There goes the greatest captain of industry of us all!" Westerling would only have thought: "Certainly, I am chief of staff. I am at the head of all your workmen at one time or another!" Had he heard the banker's answer, "Pat pretty poor pay, pretty small dividends!" he would have thought, "Splendid dividends—the dividends of power!"

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they did not understand, when they should obey the orders of their superiors. Of late, their chatter had been about the extra taxes for the recent increase of the standing forces by another corps. The public was bovine with a parrot's head. Yet it did not admire the tolling ox, but the eagle and the lion.

As his car came to the park his eyes lighted at sight of one of the dividends—one feature of urban life that ever gave him a thrill. A battalion of the 128th, which he had ordered that afternoon to the very garrison at South La Tir that he had once commanded, was marching through the main avenue. Youths all, of twenty-one or two, they were in a muddy-grayish uniform which was the color of the plain as seen from the veranda of the Galloway house. Where these came from were other boys growing up to take their place. The mothers of the nation were doing their duty. All the land was a breeding-ground for the dividends of Herworth Westerling.

At the far side of the park he saw another kind of dividend—another group of marching men. These were not in uniform. They were the unemployed. Many were middle-aged, with worn, tired faces. Beside the flag of the country at the head of the procession was that of universal radicalism. And his car had to stop to let them pass. For an instant the indignation of military autocracy rose strong within him at sight of the national colors on a mixture of regulars and volunteers, but on universal conscription that brought every able-bodied man under discipline.

These reservists, in the event of war, would wear the call of race and they would fight for the one flag that

he recognized the mischievous sparkle of the eyes, the quizzical turn of the lips, which was her asset in keeping any question from being personal. Nevertheless, he flushed slightly. "A change of taste," he averred.

"Since you've become such a great man?" she hazarded. "Is that too strong?" This referred to the tea.

"No, just right!" he nodded. He was studying her who, the polite, veiled scrutiny of a man of the world, a materialist, he would look a woman over as he would a soldier when he had been a major-general making an inspection. She was slim, supple; he liked slim, supple women. Yes, she was twenty-seven, with the vivacity of seventeen retained, though she wore on the edge of being an old maid according to the conventional notions. Necks and shoulders that happened to be at his side at dinner, he had found, when they were really beautiful, were not averse to his glance of appreciative and discriminating admiration of physical charm. But he saw her shrug slightly and caught a spark from her eyes that made him vaguely conscious of an offense to her sensibilities, and he was wholly conscious that the suggestion, bringing his faculties up sharply, had the pleasure of a novel sensation.

"How fast you have gone ahead!" she said. "That little prophecy of mine did come true. You are chief of staff!"

After a smile of satisfaction he corrected her.

"Not quite; vice-chief—the right-hand man of His Excellency. I am a buffer between him and the heads of divisions. This has led to the erroneous assumption which I cannot too forcibly deny."

He was proceeding with the phraseology habitual whenever men or women, to flatter him, had intimated that they realized that he was the actual head of the army. His Excellency, with the prestige of a conqueror, must be kept superficially enjoying the forms of authority. To arouse his jealousy might curtail Westerling's actual power.

"Yes, yes!" breathed Marta softly, arching her eyebrows a trifle as she would when looking all around and through a thing or when she found any one beating about the bush. The little frown disappeared and she smiled understandingly. "You know I'm not a perfect goose!" she added.

"Had you been made chief of staff in name, too, all the old generals would have been in the sulks and the young generals jealous," she continued. "The one way that you might have the power to exercise by proxy."

This downright frankness was another reflection of the days before he was at the apex of the pyramid. Now it was so unusual in his experts, now as to be almost a shock. On the point of arguing, he caught a mischievous, delightful "Isn't that so?" in her eyes, and replied:

"Why shouldn't I wonder if it were?"

"I see you are not very frightened by my opposition," she rejoined in a flash of amusement not wholly untempered by exasperation.

"We got the appropriation for an additional army corps this year," he explained contentedly, his repose completely increased.

Thus increasing the odds against us, but perhaps not; for we are dealing with the children not with the adults, as I said. We call ourselves the teachers of peace. I organized the first class in La Tir. I have the children come together every Sunday morning and I tell them about the children that live in other countries. I tell them that a child a thousand miles away is just as much a neighbor as the one across the street. At first I feared that they would find it uninteresting. But if you know how to talk to them they don't.

"Naturally they don't, when you talk to them," he interrupted. She was so intent that she passed over the compliment with a gesture like that of brushing away a cobweb. Her eyes were deep, clear, and full of faith and purpose.

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"You are exactly! Yes, you have it!" he said. His shoulders stiffened as he

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"One cannot consider individual cases in a general order," he explained. "And, remember, the Browns made the ruling first. You see, every year means a tightening—yes, a tightening, as arms and armies grow more complicated and the maintaining of staff secrets more important. And you have been all the time at La Tir, truly?" he asked, changing the subject. He was convinced that she had acquired something that could not be gained on the outskirts of a provincial town.

"No. I have traveled. I have been quite around the world."

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"We got the appropriation for an additional army corps this year," he explained contentedly, his repose completely increased.

Thus increasing the odds against us, but perhaps not; for we are dealing with the children not with the adults, as I said. We call ourselves the teachers of peace. I organized the first class in La Tir. I have the children come together every Sunday morning and I tell them about the children that live in other countries. I tell them that a child a thousand miles away is just as much a neighbor as the one across the street. At first I feared that they would find it uninteresting. But if you know how to talk to them they don't.

"Naturally they don't, when you talk to them," he interrupted. She was so intent that she passed over the compliment with a gesture like that of brushing away a cobweb. Her eyes were deep, clear, and full of faith and purpose.

"I try to make the children of other countries so interesting that our children are interested in them."

"You are exactly! Yes, you have it!" he said. His shoulders stiffened as he

dren will like them too well ever to want to kill them when they grow up. We have a little peace prayer—they have even come to like to recite it—a prayer and an oath. But I'll not bother you with it. Other women have taken up the idea. I have found a girl who is going to start a class on your side in South La Tir, and I came here to meet some women who want to inaugurate the movement in your capital."

"I'll have to see about that!" he rejoined, half-banteringly, half-threateningly.

"There is something else to come, even more irritating," she said, less intently and smiling. "So please be prepared to hold your temper."

"I shall not beat my fist on the table defending war as you did defending peace!" she retorted with significant enjoyment.

But she used her retort for an opening.

"Oh, I'd rather you would do that than just! It's human. It's going to war because one is angry. You would go to war as a matter of cold reason."

"If otherwise, I should lose," he replied.

"Exactly. You make it easy for me to approach my point. I want to prevent you from losing!" she announced cheerfully yet very seriously.

"Yes? Proceed. I brace myself against an explosion of indignation!"

"It is the duty of a teacher of peace to use all her influence with the people she knows," she went on. "So I am going to ask you not to let your country ever go to war against mine while you are chief of staff."

"Mine against yours?" he equivocated. "Why, you live almost within gunshot of the line! Your people have as much Gray as Brown blood in their veins. Your country? My country! Isn't that patriotism?"

"Patriotism, but not martial patriotism," she corrected him. "My thought is to stop war for both countries as war, regardless of sides. Promise me that you will not permit it!"

"I not permit it?" He smiled with the kindly patronage of a great man who sees a charming woman floundering in an attempt at logic. "It is for the premier to say. I merely make the machine ready. The government says to stop war! Come, come!"

"But you can—yes, you can with a word!" she declared positively.

"How?" he asked, amazed. "How?" he repeated blandly.

Was she teasing him? he wondered. What new resource of confusion had ten years and a tour around the world developed in her? Was it possible that the whole idea of the teachers of peace was an invention to make conversation at his expense? If so, she carried it off with a sincerity that suggested other depths yet unexplored.

"Very easily," she answered. "You can tell the premier that you cannot win. Tell him that you will break your army to pieces against the Browns' fortifications!"

He gasped. Then an inner voice prompted him that the cue was comedy.

"Excellent fooling—excellent!" he said with a laugh. "Tell the premier that I should lose when I have five million men to their three million! What a harlequin chief of staff! I should be! Excellent fooling! You almost had me!"

Again he laughed, though in the fashion of one who had hardly unbed his spine, while he was wishing for the old days when he might take tea with her one or two afternoons a week. It would be a fine tonic after his isolation at the apex of the pyramid, relieving the deference of the lower levels. Then he saw that her eyes, shimmering with wonder, grew dull and her lips parted in a rigid, pale line as if she were hurt.

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Laconic Advice.

When Atticus once discovered a treasure of gold while digging under a house he sent news of his discovery to the emperor, from whom he received the best reward.

And when in his old age he was asked that it was too large a sum for his personal use, the emperor responded: "Then share it."

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Mountains of Rock Salt.

Near Jelfa, Algeria, is to be seen a mountain of rock salt, 300 feet in height and nearly a mile in diameter. Two other hills of this character are known in Algeria, both being near Biskra, and in all cases the salt is surrounded by triassic marls and limestones. A curious feature of the Jelfa hill is the fact that in spite of the very subtle character of the material composing it it stands up in high relief from the surrounding clay and contains no valleys or other sign of erosion. It does, however, contain a number of sink holes, as in a limestone country. When the brief torrid rains of winter occur the water sinks almost at once into these cavities and soaks through the permeable salt, emerging at the margin of the hill in salt springs.

Fatal Disease.

A young painter who had just finished a picture insisted upon a friend calling to see it.

"There now," enthused the artist, "you see my new picture. What's the matter with that?"

"I don't know," replied the bored friend, "but I should say it was a case of art failure."—New York Evening World.

And That Helps.

"How does he keep the wolf from the door?"

"I don't know; but I know his wife boils cabbage nearly every day."

There would be a whole lot more applause if people knew that there wouldn't be an encore.







