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SAUL'S DEATH—Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the Lord, because of the word of the Lord, which he kept not; and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit... and inquired not of the Lord." Chron. 10:13, 14.

The quarter-billion dollars now being released in Christmas Thrift Funds will pay an awful lot of first installments.

The French, who have been very much peeved because their money was falling value, are now peeved because it's rising.

The planets, and stars, astronomers say, are composed of the same materials as the earth. So we might just as well settle down and stay here.

Secretary of Commerce Hoover reports a big change in the nation's foreign trade balance for the last fiscal year. Exports diminished 2.3 per cent and imports increased 17 per cent, so that there was a notable decline in the year's export surplus. For three months last spring there was an actual excess of imports. Secretary Hoover likewise reports that this year the country has maintained "the highest standard of living in history, a standard far above that in most countries of the world at this or any other time." Evidently imports are not so perilous to American prosperity as it has been customary to regard them, and a so-called "unfavorable trade balance" may not necessarily be a national calamity.

A lot of would-be treasure hunters are writing George Finlay Simmons for help in locating the alleged pirate gold hidden on Treasure Island. Simmons, who is curator of ornithology at a museum of natural history, knows much about the real treasure on that island, but probably not so much about the pirate wealth. The curator was head of the Blossom expedition which came back from those strange regions in southern seas with a wealth of information and with a great variety of interesting and valuable specimens of bird and animal and sea life. All of these things add greatly to the treasure of human knowledge and are undoubtedly of infinitely more value than the pirate hoard—if such a hoard actually exists. Yet the pirate treasure appeals to many and the real treasure to few. So contrary are human folks.

### ANOTHER OIL ORGY

"For the first time in many months," says a business review, "the oil industry is facing the specter of overproduction." To the industry, overproduction is a "specter" because it means that prices will probably have to be lowered all along the line. The consumer is not scared by such a prospect.

Why the overproduction at a time when the air has been full of doleful tales of depleted oil fields? A new pool has been found—the Seminole field in Oklahoma. They are drilling nearly a mile deep there and getting a rush of oil from the "Wilcox sand." A month ago the production in that field was around 20,000 barrels a day. In three weeks it tripled. Active drilling continues, and the flow may soon reach 100,000 or 150,000 barrels a day.

It is the same old story. When paying oil is struck anywhere, everybody drills to get his; the rock is punctured by superfluous wells; the oil-bearing sand is exhausted quickly, with vast quantities of oil and gas wasted in the process; oil dries the market and prices of petroleum and all its products drop, only to rise again when the surfeit ends. It usually ends with distressing quickness.

But always there is "another new pool" discovered. It has been that way so far in our oil industry. Will it continue so forever? Or will everybody pay, sooner or later, for these oil orgies?

## Severe Tremor Is Registered At Early Hour

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP)—A sharp earthquake was registered on Georgetown university seismograph early today, the maximum being at 6:45 a. m. The disturbance which was placed by Director Tondorf as 6,200 miles from Washington lasted two hours.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 10 (AP)—A severe earth shock lasting more than an hour, was recorded at Gonzales Heights observatory here commencing at 12:41 this morning. The center was 750 miles southwest of Victoria.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 10 (AP)—Earth tremors of minor intensity were recorded on the seismograph at the University of Utah at 1:45:30 a. m. today. Professor H. G. Mitchell reported. The disturbance was central about 500 miles away but Professor Mitchell was unable to determine the direction. "It may have been in California," he said.

## 'John Doe' Turns Out As Rich Son

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 (AP)—Arrested as "John Doe", and charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated, a police court defendant was identified today as Darby A. Day Jr., son of a wealthy Chicago insurance man, and who only yesterday was granted a divorce from Bernice Luntz Day, who threw acid in his face.

The young woman is serving a one to 14 year sentence in San Quentin Cal. penitentiary.

Day, who was granted a jury trial, said he had been celebrating the legal separation from his wife when he was arrested early today after an argument with a taxi cab driver.

## Naval Aviator Is Killed in Crash

LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 10 (AP)—Lieut. Chad Ferrenze, naval aviator of San Diego, was killed here today in the crash of his pursuit plane from a height of 250 feet while attempting a landing at the municipal air field.

Lieut. Ferrenze and eight other members of a squadron of naval aviators from San Diego was landing on the field when the accident occurred. The plane got out of control and went into a nosedive, observers said. The planes were here to participate in maneuvers with the Pacific battle fleet.

## Hotel Business In 1926 Satisfactory

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10 (AP)—Satisfactory conditions in the hotel business during 1926, and good prospects for future years with a constantly growing volume of tourist business, were stressed in the annual address of A. N. Pierce, of Corvallis, president of the Oregon State Hotel Men's association at the opening of the convention here today. Improvements in roads and more general knowledge of Oregon's scenic advantages and resources were bringing more people into the state, said Pierce.

### CONFIRMS ILLNESS

TOKYO, Dec. 10 (AP)—Vice Minister Sekiya, of the household department, today confirmed the report that bronchitis, which has caused Emperor Yoshihito to be confined to his bed at Hara-yama villa, has developed into pneumonia. The fact that the emperor's temperature is lower is encouraging, his physicians hoping for improvement in his condition once his appetite is restored.

### RAIL MEN CONFER

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 (AP)—Presidents of the Southern Pacific, Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads conferred here today on the use by the latter two roads of the Southern Pacific tracks into Klamath Falls, Ore.

### PROMOTE RAILROAD MAN

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10 (AP)—Lloyd E. Omer has been promoted from the chief clerkship in the office of the O-V, R. R. and N. lines in Portland to assistant general passenger agent of the Union Pacific system at Omaha. The change is effective Jan. 1.

A new airplane engine developing 300 to 550 horse power, has been tested at Glasgow. The power is obtained with great economy of petrol and oil. The propeller has a direct drive.

## The Greatest Salesman

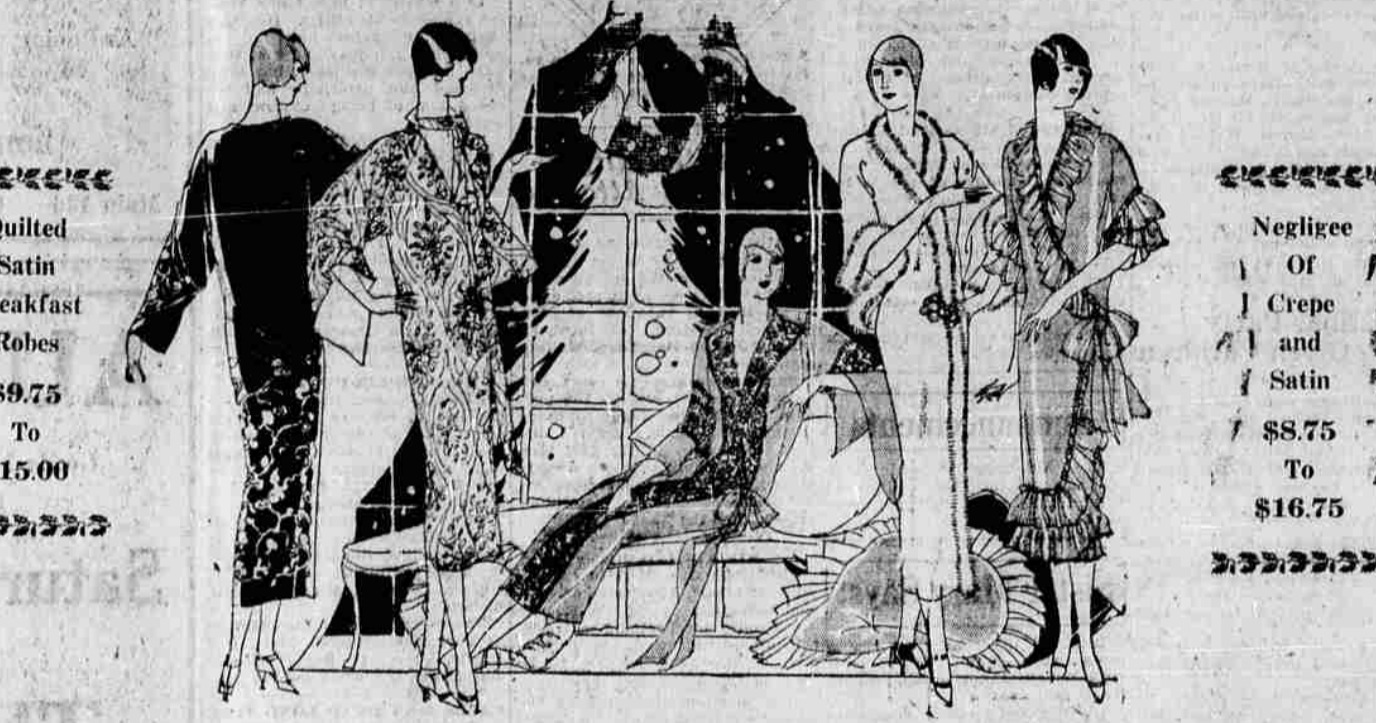
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Crepe  
and  
Satin  
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To  
\$16.75

## CHARMINGLY DAINTY ARE THESE LOVELY GIFTS FROM LA GRANDE'S LEADING STORE

### SILK GOWNS

DAINTY creations of crepe de chine, crepe de supreme and crepe Elizabeth in both tailor and the ladies numbers. Colors are amize, orchid, flesh, pink and Nile green. Any woman will appreciate the beauty of these dainty gowns, for they would make ideal Xmas gifts.

\$4.95 to \$14.95

### Fronts, Collar, Cuff Sets

BEAUTIFUL, cream lace fronts and collar and cuff sets, and bright colored georgette collar and cuff sets. They are the last word in smart sets of this kind and any one would be an envious gift.

\$1.65 to \$4.75

### COMBINATIONS

LOVELY combinations in the popular shades of apple green, orchid, maize, pink and flesh. The materials of crepes combined with dainty patterns of lace and insertion and occasionally ribbon and flower trimmed gives them that air of feminine loveliness so dear to the feminine heart.

\$3.50 to \$10.75

### Umbrellas for Gifts

BRIGHT colors and bright borders and combined with the smartest of carved wood and celluloid handles with straps and cords make these gift umbrellas a valued and appreciated gift.

\$3.50 to \$13.50

### Pouches and Cases

IN dame fashion's smartest sizes and shapes, with novelty leathers, trimmings and fastenings. Also steel cut and beaded numbers in chic styles. A bag or case is always a useful gift and long remembered gift.

\$2.50 to \$25.00

### Other Gift Suggestions for Her

- Hose—
- Bracelet—
- Silk Handkerchiefs—
- Silk Handkerchiefs—
- Indian Blanket—
- Garters—
- Boudoir Caps—
- Gloves—
- Sweaters—
- Sport Bloomers—
- Toilet Water—
- Table Scarves—
- Trunks—

- Beads
- Lingerie
- Towel Sets
- Auto Robes
- Step-In Sets
- Pajamas
- Silk Slips
- Perfumes
- Brushes
- Boudoir Lamps
- Hat Boxes
- Fitted Cases

### Daniel Green Comfy Slippers

Slippers speak of the Yuletide spirit and these numbers of Daniel Green are not exceptions. Bright hued satin slippers with a light leather sole and heel and felts of all descriptions.

\$1.85 to \$4.50

### Children's Slippers

With nursery fable pictures high on the cuff as well as the lower cut numbers in bright blues, reds and tans. Also several numbers in Daniel Greens for the kiddies.

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