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A WARNING TO BOASTERS—"Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off." 1 Kings 20:11.

The senate has approved the Longview bridge across the Columbia which, according to Portland people, would be a direct threat against that city's ocean shipping. The battle isn't over. If the Portland case has actual merit there are still many ways to prevent blocking that hundred mile avenue to the seas.

Snow covered streets always bring added traffic dangers. Careful driving is necessary. Brakes may act as perfectly as before but wheels will not hold as perfectly. And when streets are used by children for bob sled hitching and for coasting extra caution is necessary. Sleds should be restricted to hills that are shut off for that purpose. Cars pulling sleds should drive with special care when there are other cars approaching. A number of serious accidents have been narrowly averted. We hope the Christmas season will not be marred by any tragedies that stalk the careless driver.

It was taken as a jest, when Charles Miller, a wealthy Toronto citizen with a reputation as a practical joker, left a will bequeathing $1,500,000 to the Toronto mother who, in the 10 years following his death, should have given birth to the greatest number of children. People said it was his last and biggest joke. Careful inquiry has substantiated the genuineness of the will and the apparently serious intent of the testator, and its terms will be carried out. Wisely considered, the proceeding is very far from funny. Future generations may regard that gay bachelor sportsman as a far-sighted patriot. Canada might well follow the example, and offer big prizes in all the provinces for big families. It is population that makes national wealth, particularly in a new country like Canada. More rapid increase in population, if obtainable by the expenditure of millions, would produce billions.

THE ROUMANIAN CRISIS

Queen Marie's tour of America created greater curiosity about her own country than Americans had ever felt before. Her return home, with the conflicting reports regarding the health of King Ferdinand and the complicated political situation there, has intensified the interest.

Here is what looks like "the low down" on the Roumanian situation, as told by Hamilton Fish Armstrong in "The New Balkans." The quotation, though a mere fragment, is highly illuminating:

"King Ferdinand is seldom mentioned in despatches from Bucharest except when he is ill. He has never been a directing factor in Roumanian politics, and he would not be today even if he were in good health. Unlike many in his entourage, he is not interested in politics, either theoretical or applied, and is ignorant of his country's needs and wishes.

"An impotent broken sovereign; a scintillating consort with an infinite fund of energy, ambition and determination, marred by bad judgment; a young gentleman (the crown prince) with no particular qualification for leadership, unnecessarily elevated to martyrdom through exile and disbarment from a throne which neither inclination nor temperament adapt him to fill very acceptably; a deserted wife and healthy five-year-old son, about whose head are already gathering rivalries and strife that seem the inevitable lot of minor rulers—these are the leading personal factors which the politicians of Roumania are trying to manipulate today."

That seems to be characteristic of most European monarchs in this day and age. They are fortunate to break into print—they have no chance of breaking into power.

Occupation of Hangchow Area Is Short-Lived

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17 (AP)—Occupation of Hangchow by the southerners was short-lived. The 1500 Cantonese who, dressed in plain clothes entered that city Tuesday night and cut railway lines running to Shanghai were driven out Wednesday by 1400 troops of Marshal Sun Chuan Fang, northern ally, sent from here.

Marshal Sun now claims to have 25,000 loyal soldiers in the Shanghai-Hangchow region.

WALETTA, Malta, Dec. 17 (AP)—The fourth destroyer flotilla has been ordered to China by the British admiralty.

NAME ASSISTANT COACH

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 17 (AP)—Ted Gillenwater, former University of Oregon basketball guard, was appointed assistant varsity hoop coach yesterday by the executive council of the university. He will assist Billy Reinhart, varsity coach.

AUTO CARRIES AIRMAIL

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17 (AP)—The southbound airmail left Portland this morning by auto, because flying conditions here were unsafe. The mail was expected to be picked up by airplane at Eugene.

Daring

Violet Corderry, in addition to being one of the prettiest women in England, is the world's champion woman auto racer. She has broken a number of dirt track records, and has raced on tracks on which no other woman has dared to ri[de].

Kentucky School Boy Kills Teacher

HAZARD, Ky., Dec. 17 (AP)—Two mountain school boys, angered because one had been whipped by their teacher, called him to the front door of his home and killed him, according to information brought here today from Hyden, county seat of Leslie county.

Bud Morgan, 35, who taught school on the middle fork of the Kentucky river in Leslie county was slain Monday night by two sons of Adrill Farmer of Leslie, it was reported. The boys called at Morgan's home Monday night after he had whipped the younger lad in school that day. Morgan is survived by his widow and five children.

Leslie county has neither railroad nor telegraph service and news of the killing was brought to Hazard by Perry county children on horseback.

Legislative Quiz May Be Highlight

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 17 (AP)—A request for a legislative investigation into the findings and order of determination of the water rights of the Deschutes river handed down by State Engineer Rhea Luper last June, based upon alleged information in the hands of the petitioners indicating that Luper sought by his own order to lay the foundation for a scheme designed for his personal benefit, will be one of the highlights in the irrigation controversy which already promises to occupy a prominent place in the deliberations of the legislature which meets January 10, the Capital Journal says today.

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GARTERS—In Xmas boxes	25c to 49c
SUSPENDERS—Silk Cable	19c to 59c
LUGGAGE—Bags, Suitcases and Trunks—at	$1.98 to $11.98
GARTER SETS—For Men—Arm bands to match	49c
For Women—Silk Handkerchiefs to match	49c
HOUSE SLIPPERS—Felt, some silk trimmed	69c to 98c
SWEATERS—Silk-and-wool	$3.19 to $4.29
FANCY HOSE—For Men—Silk	49c to 69c
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At this meeting a Board of Directors will be elected for the year 1927, and any other business transacted that may properly come before the meeting.

L. H. BRAMWELL,
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

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