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PROBLEM NO. 1012.

By Joseph Ney Babson, Seattle, Wash.

We select these two tough compositions of Mr. Babson's for our Christmas numbers and for the thoughtful consideration of our solvers. After-dinner problems. If anyone offers to go fifty-fifty with you on this, better take him in, for every crack at these crackerjacks will remain in memory for days to come. Interest, pride, ambition, are factors used in your every day business lines, and they pay large dividends in solving problems in an abundance of good feeling and contentment. This Christmas time just seat yourselves in easy chairs serene and simply fed and go for them until the clock declares it is time to go to bed.

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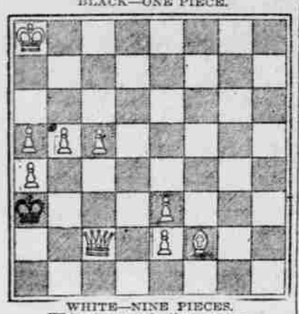


WHITE—NINE PIECES.

White to mate in three moves.

White king on QB8, queen on QB2, bishop on KB2, pawns on K2, K3, QB5, QK15, QR4, QR5.

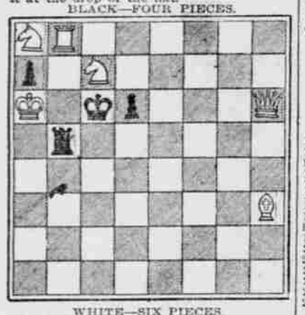
Black king on QR6.

PROBLEM NO. 1013.

By Joseph Ney Babson.

Some of the solvers will undoubtedly be puzzled over this one for a time. Not many pieces and looks easy with a check right off the bat; but you will not solve it at the drop of the bat.

BLACK—FOUR PIECES.



WHITE—SIX PIECES.

White to mate in three moves.

White king on QR8, queen on KR6, rook on QK8, bishop on KR3, knights on QB7 and QR8.

Black king on QB3, rook on QKt4, pawns on Q3 and QR2.

PROBLEM NO. 1014.

By W. S. Fenollosa.

Black, five pieces. White, ten pieces. White to play and mate in three moves. White king on KR8, queen on KR, rook on KB5, bishop on KKt3, knight on KKt2, pawns on QB7, QK16, QKt7, QR7; knight also on QB4. Black king on Q2, knight on QB, pawns on KB3, KR3.

SOLUTIONS.

Problem No. 1006—King in check and must move or capture with pawn. PXKt, EXP; 2, BXBch, Q-B2, BXQ, mate—H. S. Goddard, Or. K-B4, BXQ, king on R4 as per discription and BXBch., R-B2, then BXKt and mates in two moves as intended.

Problem No. 1007—QXP, Kt-Q3, Kt-B4, mates. 1, Kt-B4; 2, QXBch., B-Q3 or Kt-Q3 and Kt-B4 mate. 1, RXKt; 2, QXBch., B-Q3 or Kt-Q3 and QXBP mate. 1, B-B; 2, Kt-B4ch., K-Q3, 3,Q-K7 mate. 1, Kt-K17; 2, QXBch., any, QXP mate, etc., etc.—Give us another Mr. Looney, Weed, Cal.

Problem No. 1008—Key, Kt-KB5, PXKt; 2, Q-QB3, any; 3, B or Q mates.

Solutions have been received from C. G. Givens, Ira C. Edwards, Howard Johnston, E. L. White, Joseph Ney Babson, Ray Lefever, Mrs. Harlette Ehricke, H. S. Goddard, D. Looney, C. W. White, H. S. Gross, George Robinson, A. Springer, A. C. Parks, Oliver Phelps, H. Pyritz, L. E. Smith.

W. F. Thomas, 252 West Center street, Pomona, Cal.—Very sorry to say that we have not received the $1 that you sent two weeks ago for The Weekly Oregonian. Gladly comply with request as to change of address.

Dr. W. R. I. Dalton, Seattle, Wash.—The problem enclosed in yours of December 17 is certainly one of your best compositions. Thanks!

H. S. Goddard and Mrs. Ehricks send the following solutions to problem No. 1004.—B-Rt8 (diagram), Kt-Q6ch., K-Q4, Q-Kt5 mate. Description—B-B6ch., K-B5, Q-Q6 mate.

E. J. Gillette, Rochester, Wash.—Thanks for game which appears below. Your solution to No. 1004 correct. Mr. Gillette writes that he finds the chess column very interesting, especially the problems which he is seldom able to solve; but when he does is like the Dutchman who "could not the English spreeken, for just so sure I gits him right, so sure I bees mistaken."

A. C. Hardy, Aspen Hill, Tenn., writes to send him a sample of the chess and checker columns and the price. Surprised and delighted to receive such a request from the south.

W. M. Hodgkins, 512½ Main street, Vancouver, Wash.—Yes, the king is in check. See remarks above.

Ira C. Edwards, 1325 East Thirty-first street, city—All right for No. 1001, but look the other over. Appreciate your comments and thanks for the good work going on.

The gala chess performance at the Lexington theater, New York city, cost several thousand dollars, along a scale never before attempted in any similar exhibition. The world's boy wonder (Rizeschewski) fame will prepare him for receptions accorded no other chess expert living or dead. Accepting an invitation from the United States military academy, he played 20 games simultaneously, winning 19 and drawing one. Nine years old, he is a genuine phenomenon and sooner or later every chess champion will have to look to his laurels.—A. C. Bulletin. The following game is from the A. C. B:

Miss Elma Metzgus, Wedderburn, Or.—Mitchell's Chess is a small book the price of which has been advanced to $1, and obtainable at any large book store. I believe it is just the book for you and your brother, for it gives for beginners the movement of the pieces, rules, different notations, etc. One prominent feature is the almost double moves given in any other work in the formation of the popular openings.

B. F. Thayer, Tallman, Or., writes that he has been watching the columns for some time and encloses solutions to the prize problems, Nos. 1000 and 1001.

M. L. Owen, 553 Everett street, Portland.—Thanks! Am pleased to have you join the solvers' list which is growing so fast that we contemplate hiring a secretary. See notes in regard to No. 1004 above.

GAME NO. 1099.

In one of the Carlsbad tournaments this was considered the most brilliant game. Oiland, white; Wolf, black. Caro Kann defense.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1—P-K4	P-QB3	26—K-Kt	P-R5
2—P-Q4	P-Q4	27—R-Q2	R-KKt
3—B-Q3	PxP	28—P-KR4	PxP
4—BxP	Kt-B3	29—BPxP	Q-Kt5
5—B-B3	P-KKt3	30—R-K5	BxR
6—Kt-B3	B-Kt2	31—BPxB	R-Kt3
7—B-B4	QKt-Q2	32—Kt-B6	B-Kt4
8—Q-Q2	Kt-Kt3	33—Q-B2	Q-B
9—0-0-0	KKt-Q4	34—R-Kt2	R-B
10—KtxKt	PxKt	35—Q-Q	RxKt
11—Q-R3	B-Q2	36—KtPxR	Q-R3
12—Kt-K2	B-QB3	37—R-Kt5	R-B6
13—Kt-B3	Q-Q2	38—K-Kt2	R-Q6
14—KR-K	0-0	39—Q-QB	B-B3
15—P-QKt3	P-K3	40—B-Kt8ch	KxR
16—P-KR4	Kt-B	41—QxQ	R-Kt6
17—Kt-K2	Kt-Q3	42—Q-B4	R-Kt7ch
18—P-KKt4	P-KR3	43—Q-B3	K-R2
19—Q-Q2	K-R2	44—K-Kt4	K-Kt
20—Kt-Kt3	P-QR4	45—K-B5	K-B
21—P-KKt5	P-R4	46—K-Q6	K-K
22—BxRP	PxB	47—Q-R6	R-Kt
23—BxKt	QxB	48—Q-Q2	K-B
24—Q-Q3ch	K-R	49—K-R5	Resigns.
25—RtxP	Q-R6ch		

At the forty-eighth move Sidney Sharp of Philadelphia, state champion, points out that white could play Q-Kt7 followed by the advance of the KRP. Of course if RXQ, PXR and Qch.

GAME NO. 1010.

This is contributed by Ira C. Edwards of Portland. It is a game that he deems far above the average.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1—P-K4	P-K4	19—P-KKt3	B-KB3
2—P-Q4	PxP	20—Q-KKt3ch	B-B
3—QxP	P-QB3	21—PxP	KtxBP
4—Kt-KB3	P-KB3	22—P-B5	Q-Kt2
5—Kt-QB3	P-QKt4	23—PxKt	PxP
6—KtxKP	P-KKt4	24—BxPch	K-K2
7—Q-Q5	Kt-QB3	25—Q-Q5	QxB
8—B-B4	P-KKt4	26—QxR	Q-Kt4ch
9—KB-K2	PxB	27—K-Kt	Kt-Q7ch
10—Kt-Q4	KKt-K2	28—RxKt	QxR
11—B-KR5ch	Kt-Kt3	29—QxB	Q-Q5
12—0-0-0	B-QKt2	30—Q-Kt7ch	K-K
13—Q-KB5	KR-Kt	31—Q-Q5	Q-K4
14—Kt-K6	PxKt	32—R-Q	B-K2
15—QxPch	Q-K2	33—Q-Kt8ch	B-B
16—QxR	QKt-K4	34—Q-Kt6ch	K-K2
17—P-KB3	B-B	35—Q-R7ch	K-K3
18—Q-QKt3	B-QR3	36—Q-Q7 mate.	

GAME NO. 1011.

P-Q4 opening. Bardeleben, white; Tschgorin, black.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1—P-Q4	P-Q4	17—P-KKt4	Q-Q3
2—Kt-KB3	B-Kt5	18—Kt-K5	PxP
3—P-K3	P-K3	19—RxP	P-QKt4
4—B-K2	Kt-Q2	20—RxR	QxPch
5—P-QKt3	KKt-B3	21—K-R	RxR
6—B-Kt2	B-Q3	22—Kt-B3	QxP
7—QKt-Q2	P-B3	23—KtxKt	KtxKt
8—Kt-K5	BxB	24—QxP	K-B3
9—QxB	0-0	25—Kt-Kt5	Q-B2
10—P-KB4	B-B2	26—KtxBP	QxR
11—0-0	P-B4	27—Q-K5	Q-Q2
12—QR-B	PxP	28—R-K	Q-Q4ch
13—PxP	Q-B4	29—QxQ	PxQ
14—K-Kt-Q3	B-R6	30—R-K7	R-B3ch
15—BxB	QxB	Resigns.	
16—P-B4	P-QKt3		

13-17	25-22	11-15	7-11	25-22
8-13	27-22	16- 7	29-25	7- 2
4- 8	10-16	14-18	11-15	22-17
24-19	12-19	3- 8	25-22	2- 7
6- 9	24-15	18-25	15-19	17-14
28-24	8-12	30-21	30-25	7-11
2- 6	15- 8	15-18	20-16	1- 6
24-20	7-11	8-11	13-17	11- 7
9-13	8- 4	18-22(Z	21-14	W. W.

The American Draught Player gave this as a draw, but during the last 20 years it has been alternately pronounced sound and unsound. Messrs Yates, Wyllie, Robertson, etc., have at various times published play impeaching and sustaining it. Mr. Wyllie gave play upsetting the old Donaldson draw by 12-16, 19-12, 13-17, etc., in place of 22-27. The late Robertson gave play on the 12-16 line at B, avoiding the Donaldson defense for a draw with two men down. This was accepted as conclusive (See Gould's Book, page 250), but Bootle knocked this play out by showing a white win.

Z—Mr. Maize gave this as the only move to draw.

C—Mr. Maize at this stage plays 16-11 and allows black to draw. He also remarks if 14-10, then 18-27, 31-24, 32-27, etc., drawn. But I think the above play shows a win for white.

GAME NO. 1100.

Double Corner.

Played at the Chicago Chess and Checker club between Charles Heffter and George Reilly. Heffter's move. Dedicated to R. Nance, Eastern Outfitting company, Portland, Oregon:

9-14	25-22	14-18	15-10	26-30
22-18	7-10	28-24	20-24	23-22
5- 9	27-24	9- 6	27-20	30-25
25-22	20-27	32-27	18-23	22-18
11-16	31-24	4- 8	22-18	25-22
29-25	10-19	30-25	8-11	18-15
8-11	24-15	6- 9	18- 9	22-18
18-15	9-13	26-22	11-15	15-10
11-18	22-18	7-11	10- 7	13-17
22-15	1- 5	24-20	15-24	21-14
10-19	18- 9	9-14	7- 3	18- 9
24-15	5-14	20-16	29-26	3- 8
16-20	23-19	11-20	9- 5	Drawn.

A. Hart, city, sends us an ending from the Defiance, which is very neat. Black men on 1, 3, 10, 13; White, 11, 21, 23, 30. 10-14, 31-26, 13-17, 23-19, 1-6, 19-15, 6-9, 15-10, 17-22, 26-17, 9-13. Drawn.

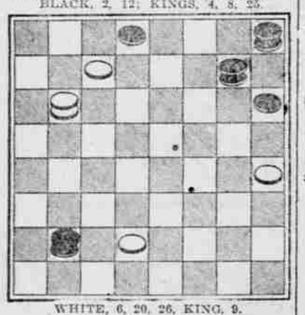
Checkers.

PROBLEM NO. 1126.

By Olin McNett.

Contributed by George Mulligan, Willows, Or. Mr. M., it is strictly against the rules to publish problems without the solution. Please send them to us. As a new contributor, we shall be to disappoint you. The fans will enjoy these Christmas problems, for they are practical and neat.

BLACK, 2, 12; KINGS, 4, 8, 25.

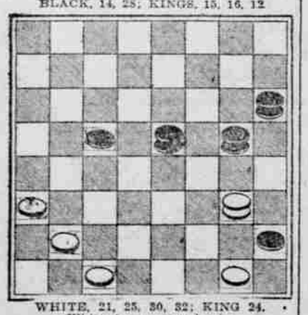


WHITE, 6, 20, 26, KING, 9.

White to play and draw.

PROBLEM NO. 1127.

BLACK, 14, 28; KINGS, 15, 16, 12



WHITE, 21, 25, 30, 32; KING 24.

White to move and win.

PROBLEM NO. 1128.

By C. J. Greensword (Aberdeen Weekly Free Press.)

This is a brilliant conception, and the solution one of the finest we have seen. Every variation opens up new and delightful studies. Some undoubtedly will become tangled on the many tries.

Black, 10, 15, 21; king, 6. White, 13, 17, 27, 29. White to play and draw.

PROBLEM NO. 1129.

This is an ending of an Edinburgh game. Black, 9, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19. White, 7, 21, 25, 26, 27, 32. White to play. What result?

SOLUTIONS.

Problem No. 1118.—B., 11, 19, 23, 28. White, 20, 32; King, 31. White to win:

31-27	23-30	25-22	6-11	25-30
23-26	19-23	26-31	19-33	26-31
27-23	30-25	20-16	22-25	11- 7
11-15	23-26	15-19	31-26	31-27

W. W.

Problem No. 1119.—B., 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 27. White, 13, 17, 20, 23, 26, 30. Black to play and white to draw. Mr. Davies sends fine solution to all of these.

				X
7-10	21-26	16-23	10-19	6- 2
23-18	30-23	20-16	22-18	14- 5
27-31	12-16	11-20	23-26	2- 6
26-22	23-19	18-15	17-14	18-14

Problem No. 1120.—B., 5, 10, 14, 16 W., 11, 24; king, 7. White to draw. 11-8, 5-9, 8-3, 10-15, 7-10, 16-19, 10-17, 19-28, 3-7, 15-19, 17-13, 9-14, 7-10 and white draws.

Solutions have been received from W. L. Bryant, Isadore Greenbaum, A. A. Simmons, A. Hart, H. S. Goddard, P. J. Lee, Harry Gibbs, Harry Baker, Mark Stanislawski, J. Frost, A. C. McCutcheon, J. Bodine, S. O. Turner, George Robinson, J. J. Butterfield, J. Frad. D. R. Davies, J. Graham, George McDonald, W. J. Wood, George Blanchard.

D. R. Davies writes us that problem No. 1117 is the famous Stricland position; that the solution is given in "Dunne's Draughts Praxis." The change in the move may, however, allow the weaker side to draw, though am not sure of it. Probably on The Oregonian list there is not any solver more competent to give an expert analysis than Mr. Davies, and we wish he would do so, but the prize will be sent to the successful solver. We anxiously await the result.

Ben Bodine, Carroll, Wash.—Please look over the solutions above and then write us again. Mr. Bodine writes that in game No. 1089 at note C, 30th move, the position is: Black, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 19, 20. White, 13, 14, 15, 22, 25, 27, 28, 29, white to move; 14-10 is played. Play 15-11, 8-15, 18-9, 6-13, 19-17, 15-12, 29-11. Make it a white win.

A. C. McCutcheon, Pendleton, Or., writes that he believes the following play on the "black doctor" will furnish the critics with some amusement: 11-15, 23-19, 8-11, 22-17, 9-13, 17-14, 10-17, 19-10, 7-14, 25-22,

East Side Boys' Club Houses 7000 Youngsters.

E. H. Harriman One of Founders of Famous New York Institution.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—For 10 cents a year and up 7000 boys of New York's East Side enjoy all the fun facilities that a seven-story clubhouse can provide. They are members of The Boys' club. It is the largest organization of its type in the world, devoted solely to furnishing wholesome recreation to the youths of the congested tenement district which surrounds it.

Any youngster in that part of the metropolis can be a member if he is between 7 and 21 years old. Annual dues are paid according to height, beginning with a modest dime for those under four feet four inches and growing with the boy himself.

The club has taught the East Side gamins how to be happy though clean by providing a big swimming pool. Fringed around it are gymnasiums, game rooms, billiard parlors, and above, six more floors devoted to club rooms and other amusement areas. Within the Boys' club itself there are 80 separate clubs, each with adults as leaders. Two-thirds of these leaders were army officers during the war.

Dividing popularity honors with the swimming pool is a lunch room where a cup of coffee sells for a penny and cookies to go with it for a similar sum. Pretzel peddlers and hand-organ virtuosi steer clear of the neighborhood of the club, for the boys have their own eats and own music instruments.

In the daytime frequently there are only a few hundred youngsters within the clubhouse and comparative quiet exists. But soon after the schools release their pupils and the working boys finish the day's duties, the roof has a hard time staying on.

There are a few "don'ts" and fewer "must do's" in the club, and each member enjoys himself as he is wont. Those desiring to "shoot a game" of pool do so, and those with penchants for painting dab the canvas to their heart's content. Several of the boys study in the National Academy of Design and one of the portraits hanging in the Metropolitan Museum of Art was done by a member of the Boys' club.

One evening each week each of two hundred men of the city make themselves boys again just for the night. They are the leaders of the various subsidiary clubs and organizations. Some of these men are college graduates and barons in the business world. One of the founders of the club was a famous figure in America's railroad financial circle—the late E. H. Harriman. With him it is the early work of building up the organization were several Yale graduates.

As the story goes Mr. Harriman was conferring at the settlement club one night 44 years ago when a rock broke through a window pane and whizzed past his ear. Not to have the East Side youngsters resort to rocks and stones and "the rolling bones" for their fun, he thought a well-equipped clubhouse was necessary. And soon it came into being, never to stop growing.

WANDERLUST MARINE AID

Desire for Travel Causes Youth to Enter Army Service.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—That restlessness is the most pronounced characteristic of the present-day American youth is strongly indicated by figures covering 926 boys of military age who were enlisted at the Parris island recruit depot of the marine corps in November.

The desire for travel was the reason given by 45 per cent of the recruits. Vocational and educational ambitions came second with 37 per cent. Of the remaining 18 per cent lack of employment led with 10 per cent, military training followed with 6 per cent and the remaining 2 per cent confessed to ambitions to become aviators.

FILIPINOS LEAVE HAWAII

Refusal to Meet Demand for Higher Wage Causes Exodus.

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Although a strike of Filipino plantation laborers is not being considered, there is dissatisfaction among them due to a refusal of their request for a flat wage of $2.50 a day without bonus and a general exodus of Filipinos from Hawaii is under way according to Pablo Manlapit, president of the Filipino Laborers' association.

Manlapit states that 2500 are preparing to leave and there appears to be something in what he says for the Filipinos have actually started at the rate of several hundred on each boat for home. Whether this will keep up or not is a question, but the matter is being given attention by the sugar planters, who view the exodus with considerable anxiety because of the shortage of plantation labor.

CROP VALUES DECREASED

Indian Agriculturists Lose $2,000,000 in Market Productions.

YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 25.—Falling prices of farm products have caused a decrease of approximately $2,000,000 in the value of crops grown on the Yakima Indian reservation, according to L. M. Holt, supervising engineer. Mr. Halt estimates crops grown by reservation farmers will bring about $9,000,000, or nearly $2,000,000 less than estimates made by him last spring.

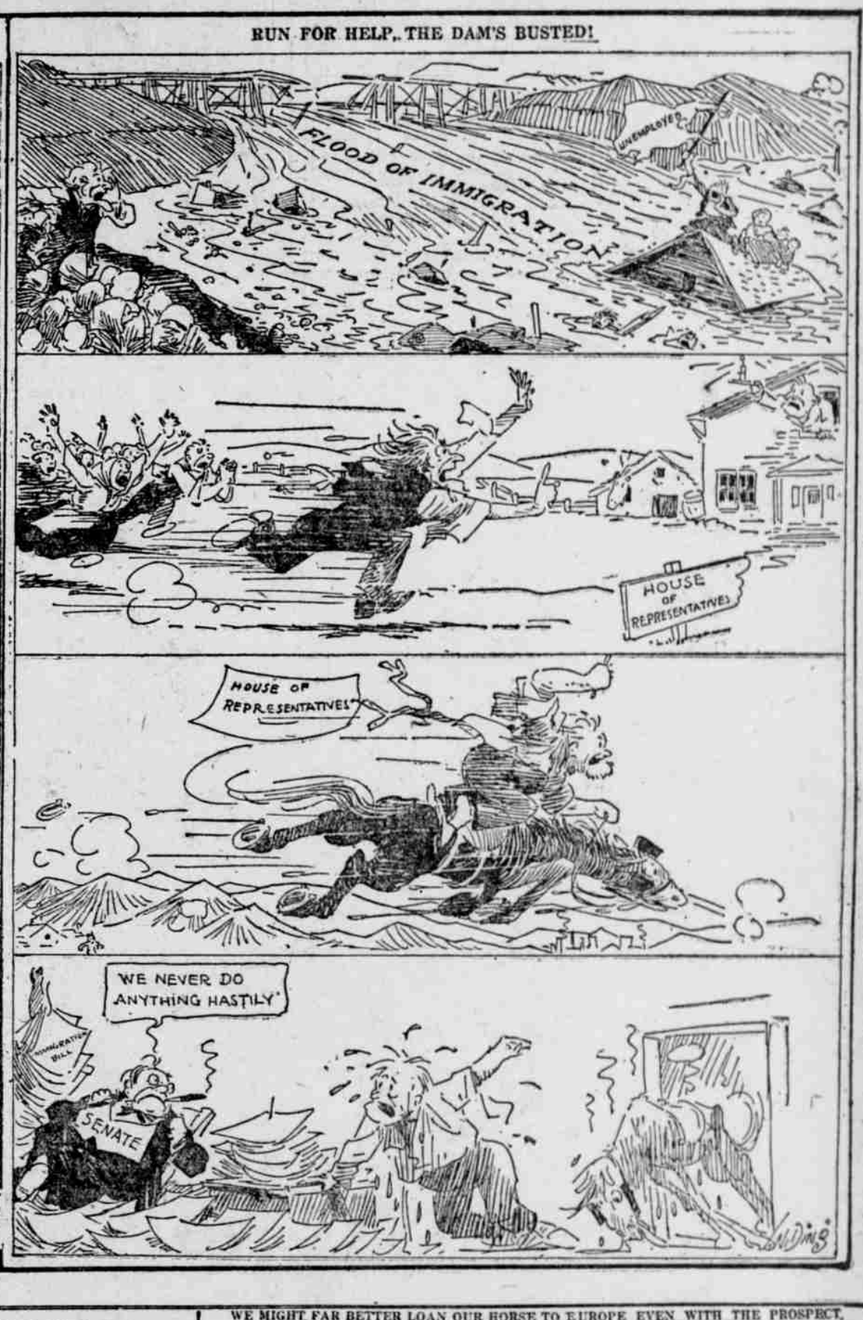
Indian farmers on the reservation are becoming expert agriculturists, Mr. Holt stated, and he expressed belief that even more valuable crops would be grown in 1921.

GOOD WILL ALL THE YEAR IS DARLING'S FANTASY

NOW LET'S SEE, HAVE WE FORGOTTEN ANYBODY!

There are three and a half million children in the American kitchens and hospitals of Europe whose food supply will be exhausted in February. Ten dollars sent to this paper for an "invisible guest" at your Christmas dinner will save one child for a year. It is estimated by the Hoover committee that one more year will complete the job undertaken at the close of the war.

RUN FOR HELP, THE DAM'S BUSTED!



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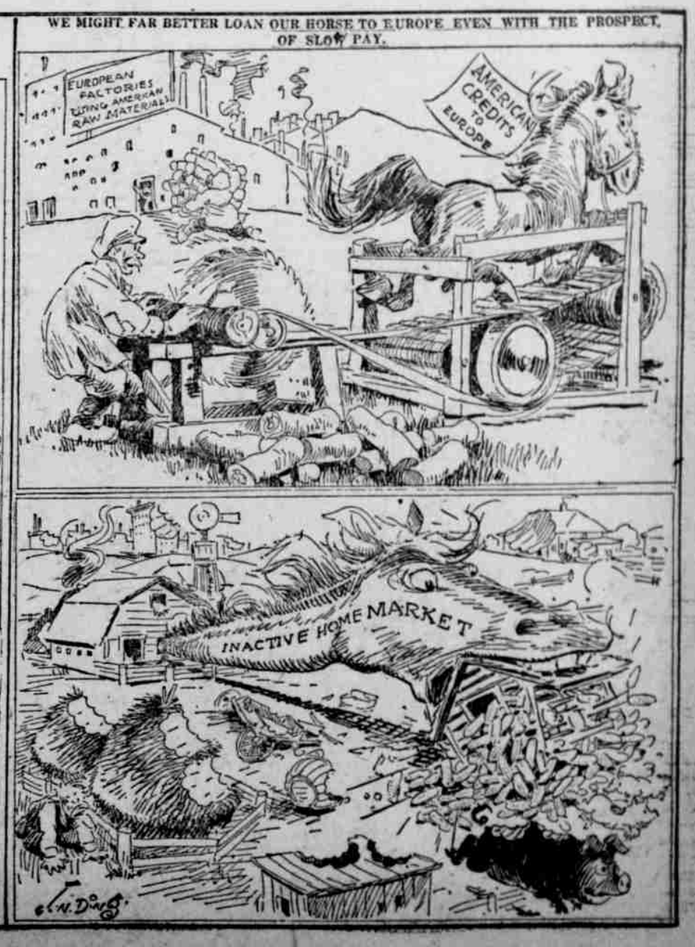
WE MIGHT FAR BETTER LOAN OUR HORSE TO EUROPE EVEN WITH THE PROSPECT OF SLOW PAY.