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EUROPEAN WAR ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

DECEMBER 18, 1914 The German forces which attempted to strike at Warsaw, are reported retreating. Austrian troops in southern theater of war are reported retreating. Belgrade, the capital of Serbia, has been bombarded for nearly two weeks.

TALK OF PEACE

THERE is a good deal of talk about the terms of peace which would be acceptable as a basis on which to discuss. Whether this will come to actual negotiations for peace is hard to say. Maybe it will not result in the stopping of the war, but it is gratifying to hear of some suggestions of possible peace plans. Those who are fighting must be tired of the war and every right-minded man in this country surely is ready and anxious to see peace.

NEWS OF OREGON

MEDFORD—At a meeting of citizens the Oregon-Utah Beet Sugar company was asked to build its factory at where the most acreage was secured or else get out of Medford, the people becoming incensed because of the failure of the company to select a definite site.

HOOD RIVER—The proposed budget adopted by the county court and advisory board is due for a \$20-trimming.

PENDLETON—The election held in the city ended with a riot which was only stopped when the police used their clubs and guns.

SALEM—Governor Withycombe pardoned several young men who were sentenced for disturbing a religious meeting, the prosecuting witness interceding in their behalf.

KLAMATH FALLS—Capt. O. C. Applegate representing the Oregon society of the Sons of the Revolution presented the circuit court with an American flag.

ALBANY—John Catlin, constable in the Albany district, was elected chief of police in a field of seven candidates.

SALEM—Governor Withycombe has honored a requisition for Ed Bishop, under arrest at Hillsboro, and wanted in Whitfield county, Georgia, for the murder of Willie Gordy, in October, 1915.

PORTLAND—Rev. Thomas S. Anderson, a Presbyterian minister of Bay City, Mich., is to be the new pastor of the Atkinson Memorial church to succeed Rev. Frank W. Gordon who is now in vaudeville.

SALEM—Judge Eakin of the supreme court and it is reported that he may resign and a successor be appointed by the governor.

ALBANY—"Squire" Gildow has been elected captain of the Albany college football team for next year.

SANTA CLARA WRECK

1. The moon shines on the water It shows a silvery streak, And dances in the ripples On the bosom of the deep; It is a sight of beauty In memory one should keep; For, from peaceful slumber, Old Neptune makes you weep.

2. 'Tis calm and so delightful When Neptune is at peace, To be upon his bosom In a ship that goes with ease, You'd never think his fury He ever would release For, in his good behavior He always tries to please.

3. The good ship Santa Clara, Which many a voyage had made, And on Old Neptune's bosom, Many a day had stayed; For she had a fearless captain, Who never was afraid Of all the storms Old Neptune In his fury he had made.

4. She left her port one day, One more voyage to make; She was loaded to the hillyards, With all kinds of freight, 'Twas quite dark and stormy With Coos Bay to make. Little did her Captain dream That on the bar she'd break.

5. Where once she rode so stately, Each and every wave, Now she's pounded by them, No power on earth can save Her from their power and fury, They're made for her a grave; And the lives that went with her, We hope that God will save. EDGAR F. BUNDY 1268 Commercial Ave.

In "Christmas Town"

How the Day is Celebrated in Bethlehem, Pa.

"CHRISTMAS TOWN" is in its glory on Christmas. Christmas town is the quaint old village in Pennsylvania which was named Bethlehem 174 years ago by Count Zinzendorf, head and founder of the Moravian faith. The count arrived in the settlement on Dec. 24, 1741. That evening he took a lighted candle and entered the stable belonging to the single tiny stone dwelling of the place, and then and there, with the smell of the hay about him, he named the town that was to be Bethlehem—"Nicht Jerusalem, sondern Bethlehem" ("not Jerusalem, but Bethlehem").

Every Christmas eve since then has had its "vigil." Every Moravian home has its Christmas tree, flanked by "putzen." A putz is a beautiful bit of indoor landscape gardening, with fuzzy white cotton for snow and always a tiny stable of Bethlehem, with a doll Christ in a six inch manger, and doll Joseph, Mary and wise men standing by, while a tinseled star of the east shines with undiminished ray.

Three o'clock on the afternoon of Dec. 24 finds every Moravian family in the great stone church, built in 1806. All the babies are there, hundreds of babies, wide eyed in admiration of the decorations. The vestibule is full of baby carriages. The pulpit and reading desk are concealed by a big picture of the Nativity.

Classical music of the utmost beauty is sung at the love feast service. It is special Moravian music, often sung from manuscript scores over a hundred years old, which when not in use are kept in the great archive vaults of the church. Peals out the great chorus, thanking the infant Jesus for his benefactions.

Then the "diener," or sacristans, men and women, enter the great front doors. The men carry huge trays of steaming cups of coffee, the white capped women delicious Moravian buns, those wonderful buns prepared by three generations of hereditary Moravian bakers.

Dinner at 5 o'clock over, the men, women and larger children return at 6 for the "vigil." The church is ablaze with lights, crowded to overflowing. There is a choir of about sixty, married women wearing pink ribbons in their caps, the unmarried girls blue.

There is the famous Moravian trombone choir, with a full string orchestra and the skillful organist at the organ. And the children do their share of the singing. Again each person in the audience, young or old, receives a lighted candle in memory of the one borne by Count Zinzendorf so many years ago. Even the choir members hold tapers as they sing.

"Yule Doughs" and Mince Pies. The Yule doughs (little cakes, mince pies and plum porridge (now plum pudding), were old special Christmas dishes. The first, also called Yule babies, had their origin in Rome, where fragments of the child Jesus and the Virgin Mary were sold by the bakers on Christmas eve. The following account of the English mince pie, as recorded by an old traveler, will doubtless be interesting to housewives of the present day: "Then every family against Christmas made a famous mince pie, called Christmas pie; it is a most learned mixture of meats, tongues, chicken, eggs, sugar, raisins, lemon, orange peel and various kinds of spicery. They also made a sort of soup with plums, which is not at all inferior to the pie, which is in their language called plum porridge." Herriek, in his account of the ceremonies of Christmas eve, writes: "Come guards this night the Christmas pie, That the thief, though ne'er stole, With his flesh hooks don't come nigh To catch it."

From him who all alone sits there, Having his eyes still in his care, And a dole of nightly fears To watch it.

The Manger of The Blessed Babe

TRADITION tells us that within the stone manger, which may now be seen in the Chapel of the Nativity at Jerusalem, there was another of wood. It is also stated that the stone manger which attracts the interest of every visitor to Jerusalem was the outer one, and within it was incased the second. That humble stone trough in the Holy City is splendid and beautiful, with white marble, soft, rich, costly draperies and radiant with a silver star. But yet more glorious and interesting is the wooden manger which may be seen in the city of Rome. It is held that this is the veritable manger in which the Christ Child lay. It was removed to Rome during the seventh century during the Mohammedan invasion of the Holy Land, and there it is preserved in a strong brazen chest, from which it is brought forth on Christmas days, when it is placed upon exhibition.

Pope's Welcome to New Year.

It is the universal custom among the Jesuits to hold New Year's eve services in their churches and chapels throughout the world. At the Gesù church, in Rome, the pope always attends the service in person. The service consists of "The Miserere" and the benediction.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

What is the Christmas spirit? Aye, there's the rub. Shall we find our answer in books—in folios, quartos, octavos or duodecimos?

No. For certain wisdom does not lie in these, but only problems set down for the proving. Shall we find our answer in palaces, in mansions, in manor houses, in halls, 'alls, castles or moated granges?

No. For proven wisdom is a stranger here and nothing is heard but vague echoes of a distant life.

So let us go for our answer to the source of all knowledge, the source of all power, the source of all might, majesty, dominion and honor—the people, the open mouthed people, the everybody-wait-till-the-horse-gets-up people, the red knuckled, rubber wearing people, the straight-forward, simple hearted people. And where do we find the people in the greatest number? In the street.

Then in the street will we peer around for our answer. On a corner the people congregate and from the center issues a toot.

"Just the thing for Christmas!" cries a voice, and the horn toots again while the people continue to congregate. We insinuate ourselves into the center of the crowd and there behold a joyful faced peddler with a tray before him full of small cardboard boxes. He tonks the horn again, and we are tickled to find that it is strapped around his waist with the muzzle pointing due ahead.

"Ha-ha-ha!" he cries as he gleefully tonks the horn. "That is to wake the dead." He blushes (though still smiling) at the utter absurdity of the horn, and the messenger boys shower him with blissful and appreciative grins. The peddler picks up one of the boxes, removes the cover and shakes out a smaller box, whereupon he laughs uproariously.

He tonks the horn. And from the smaller box he takes another box.

He tonks the horn. And from the other box he takes a different box.

He tonks the horn. And from the different box he takes a little box.

He tonks the horn. And from the little box he takes a bit of a box.

He tonks the horn. And from the bit of a box he takes a tiny box.

He tonks the horn. And from the tiny box he takes a wee tidy box.

He tonks the horn. And still triumphantly tonking the horn and surrounded by an impenetrable circle of open mouths (including this student's mouth) he takes two little carved dolls from the wee tidy box and reiterates that this here is the very thing for Christmas.

Whereat we reflect, is the Christmas spirit connected with ebony twins in a nest of cardboard boxes?—New York Evening Sun.

Books. For the greater part of its life a book is an article of furniture and stands upon the shelf to decorate the library with its patch of color and glow of kindly associations, but from time to time there occur those crises of its existence when it is taken down and read.—London Athenaeum.

Her Notion of Finance. "Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "do you ever buy on a margin?" "Never."

"Well, why don't you? It seems to me much safer to dabble around the edge and avoid getting in too deep."—Washington Star.

The Charm of Christmas. There is something in the very season of the year that gives a charm to the festivity of Christmas. In the depth of winter, when Nature lies despoiled of her charms, wrapped in her shroud of sheeted snow, we turn for our gratifications to moral sources. Heart calleth to heart, and we draw our pleasures from the deep wells of living kindness which lie in the quiet recesses of our bosoms.—Washington Irving.

A GOOD TEACHER



A Wish For the Holiday Season

THINE own wish wish I thee in every place. The Christmas joy, the song, the feast, the cheer; Thine be the light of love in every face. That looks on thee to bless thy coming year. My own wish wish I thee—what dost thou crave? All thy dear hopes be thine, what'er they be. A wish fulfilled may make thee king or slave. I wish thee wisdom's eyes wherewith to see. Behold, she stands and waits, the youthful year! A breeze of morning breathes about her brows; She holds the storm and sunshine, bliss and fear. Blossoms and fruit upon the bending boughs. She brings thee gifts. What blessing wilt thou choose? Life's crown of good in earth or heaven above? The one immortal joy thou canst not lose. Be loved! Leave all the rest and choose thou love. —Celia Thaxter.

THE DANGER FREE TREE.

How Electricity Provides the Sparkling Cheer Without Risk of Fire. Nearly every 26th day of December we read in the morning papers the pathetic stories of Christmas play that ends in tragedy. It is the annual toll of the Christmas tree candle. Every city has dozens of such cases each year. The candle flame sets fire to the tinsel trimming, a curtain blazes up, and the day of festivity ends in sorrow or worse member of the family is badly burned. The little electric tree lights are decorative and pleasing to children, and they are safe and convenient. Tiny lamps, fruits, roses, dogs, birds, snow men and grotesque little figures are all strung together on fine, silk covered wire and may be readily connected to any lamp socket behind the tree. They are the most effective Christmas tree ornaments ever devised, and there is far more fun for the kiddies, because the lamps can burn as long as they are wanted. They do not have to be watched, and the little lamps can be used year after year. They are suitable for any festivity and add gaiety to every gathering of children.

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