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PEACE AND TRUTH:—Thus saith the Lord, Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not. . . . Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth. Jeremiah 33:2, 3, 6.

NEW AND OLD CHINA IN ACTION

"Whatever makes men good Christians, makes them good citizens," said Daniel Webster in his famous speech at Plymouth.

"A Christian is God Almighty's gentleman," said Julius Hare.

We read in the Associated Press dispatches of the fact that the troops of Marshal Feng, the famous Chinese Christian general, have occupied and taken charge of the great city of Tientsin, after fifteen days of fighting, during which time that city was cut off from rail connections with the outside; after a battle which was one of the most sanguinary in the history of modern Chinese warfare, and "a veritable baptism in blood of the Christian general's famous first army, which hitherto had not been engaged in any serious fighting"—

And that complete order was at once restored.

That has been the rule with General Feng's army. It is a Christian army. It marches forward and goes into battle singing Christian songs. Nearly every man in that army is a Christian, and a militant one, filled with such zeal as has fired the souls of the great evangelists of history; and General Feng himself not only fights but prays and preaches and pleads for Christian converts, and is one of the most convincing and effectual Christian workers in all the history of the world. And he is also a great organizer and a great military leader. He wins victories. No wonder there is order wherever the forces of Feng have charge—

And his influence has grown till he is practically the overlord of all China outside of Manchuria.

Mukden and the part of Manchuria near that city, however, is still under the rulership of General Chang Tso-Lin, former bandit and now the richest man in China. From the country ruled by this ex-bandit we get our imports of walnuts that compete with our own. Chang had ambitions to control the rest of China, and has started out with an army several times, but each time has been driven back. Some days ago, parts of his forces deserted him, and some of his generals turned against him, including General Kuo—

And Chang's forces captured General Kuo and cut off his legs and his wife's arms and then shot and killed them both, and put Kuo's head on the grave of one of his favorite generals who had been executed by Kuo—

So we see new and old China in action; Feng's forces in the very front rank in civilizing influences, and Chang's forces harking back to the tooth and claw of the barbaric past.

LOWEST OF ANY GREAT NATION

There are two ways to present the matter of the high per capita taxes paid by the people of the United States—the one the way of the crape hanger, as referred to in this column yesterday morning, and the other the way of the man who is not a bear on his own country—

And the elder J. P. Morgan said a man who is a bear on the Uunited States is a fool.

President Chapline of the La Salle Extension university, in an address in New York City a few evenings ago, presented the matter in the latter way. He said:

"Every man, woman and child in the United States carries an annual tax burden of $69.72, but the rate is the LOWEST OF ANY GREAT NATION.

"Taxes in the United States are 11.5 per cent of the total national income,

"In England they are 23.2 per cent, in France 20.9 per cent, and in Italy 19.2 per cent. Including both state and local taxes, the total in the United States will exceed $7,500,000,000 a year.

"Heaviest item is interest on the war debt. Although the war debt is being reduced an average of a billion dollars a year, about $20,000,000,000 remains, an average of $180 for every person in the United States. More than 43 per cent of the United States taxes go for war debt, veterans' bureau and pensions. Interest on the public debt in 1924 was $940,602,000, whereas the entire Federal expenses for 1916 were only $741,996,000.

"Foreign nations owe the United States $12,000,000,000 on this account, but prospects of payment are remote. The situation, unprecedented in the history of finance, is $20,000,000,000 of debt with no productive assets behind it. It is business in the United States which is carrying this tremendous burden for the world—

"And it is able to do so because business in this country is fast being reduced to a science conducted by highly trained and highly paid experts. The world should take off its hat to American business, which can carry this load and at the same time maintain the LOWEST TAX RATE OF ANY FIRST CLASS NATION and the highest standard of living in the world."

THE AUTO LICENSE SEASON

From the Secretary of State's office there was mailed, early in November, nearly two months ago, an application blank to each licensed auto owner in Oregon. Along with this blank were definite instructions in regard to making applications for 1926 motor vehicle licenses.

These blanks and instructions were sent out early in order to provide against the issuance of special licenses by the sheriffs of the counties. But with the year 1926 drawing near thousands of auto owners who must have licenses for next year have not applied for them, which means a last minute rush or special licenses or both.

The law requires now that before a license is issued the owner must present a "certificate of title" or "certificate and receipt of registration."

The certificate of title facilitates the tracing of ownership in case of theft, liability accidents, and in case of disputed ownership and should be of great value to the public generally.

Complaint over the multiplicity of legal requirements made upon auto owners is frequently heard. And it is true that there are many laws affecting the car owner but all of them were passed upon presentation by auto owners and by the public that they are needed for the owners and for the public's protection.

With the vast increase in the number of automobiles, both passenger and truck, occupying our streets and highways, there is demand for stringent regulations. There were 700,000 recorded injuries and 22,000 deaths in 1924 from auto accidents. The property loss during this same period was over $600,000,000.

The wholesale thefts of autos, their use in robberies, in bootleg operations and the tremendous cost to the highway department of the state urges a multitude of laws and attendant expenses for their administration.

This vast and complex factor in the social and economic life of the state is a tremendous responsibility calling for regulation. And owners of these vehicles cannot escape their large part in caring for these responsibilities. That the owners are taxed heavily cannot be denied and that advantages of good highways and individual protection to the same owners is true.

One of the things most helpful to the administration of the automobile laws is prompt payment of the license fee. Meanwhile radical reduction in the amount of license fees should be kept in mind.

DINNER STORIES

A young woman took down the receiver and discovered that the telephone was in use.

"I just put on a pan of beans for dinner," she heard one woman complacently informing another.

She hung up the receiver and waited. Three times she waited, and then, exasperated, she broke into the conversation.

"Madam, I smell your beans burning," she announced crisply. A horrified scream greeted the remark, and the young woman was able to put in her call.

A small boy who attends one of the grade schools was vaccinated recently, and after the arm had been dressed the attending physician suggested that he place a ribbon with the word "Vaccinated" around it.

At this the youngster spoke up: "Put it around the other arm," he said.

"But that won't do any good," protested the doctor. "It wants to be placed around the sore arm, so the boys at school won't be hurting it."

The lad looked at him in disgust and replied: "You put it around the other arm. You don't know kids at our school."

NEWS BRIEFS

Moves to Salem—
Rev. G. A. Morley and family will return from Twin Falls, Idaho, Sunday, after an absence of three or four months. They have been visiting with a daughter and trying to dispose of property interest preparatory to making their residence in Salem.

Drunkard Arrested—
John Veitch of Eugene was arrested by Officers Edwards and James on Christmas night on a charge of being intoxicated. Saturday he was fined $10 by Judge Poulsen.

Speeder Fined—
Kenneth Goss of 865 South 13th street, who was arrested for speeding Christmas night, was fined $10 by Judge Poulsen Saturday.

Speeder Arrested—
David La Bounte of St. Paul, Ore., was arrested Christmas night by Officer Edwards on a charge of speeding.

McDonald Arrested—
Phillip McDonald of Portland was arrested by Officer Thomason Christmas night on a charge of being drunk. Saturday he was released on $10 bail and cited to appear December 28.

Application Withdrawn—
The Bear Creek Boom company has withdrawn its application for a franchise to operate on Bear creek, in Coos county. Announcement of the withdrawal was made by the public service commission.

Drunkard Fined—
Walter Fleming of Salem was arrested Christmas night by Officer Edwards on a justice court warrant. He was charged with being intoxicated. Saturday he was fined $10 by Judge Poulsen.

Mrs. Giese Improving—
Mrs. C. F. Giese, now at the Willamette sanitarium where she underwent an operation, has greatly improved and will return to her home Tuesday.

Two Fatalities—
There were two fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending December 24, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Dean L. Stanley, night yard foreman, and Nathan W. Beckett, Portland, laborer. Of the 637 accidents reported 510 were subject to the provisions of the workmen's compensation act, 125 were from firms and corporations that have rejected the law, and two were from public utility corporations not entitled to state protection.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY ON MONDAY

Salvation Army Plans Tree Celebration for Sunday School Pupils

The Salvation Army is making elaborate plans for its annual Sunday school Christmas tree, which will be held at the local hall, 241 State street, Monday night, beginning at 7:30. Over 100 young and older ones who are members of the Sunday school, will receive gifts, candy and fruit.

Dr. B. F. Pound, chairman of the army's advisory committee, will direct the evening's program. Cooke Patton, local merchant will entertain with music and humor. Mr. Patton was to have appeared on the Christmas tree program at the Armory Thursday night, but press of business prevented him from doing so. Another special feature of the evening's program will be Fred G. Fisher, singer, from Chicago.

Doors will be open to the general public as early as 7 o'clock. Tickets have been issued to the army's sunday school children, and these will be given the preference of seats. The same system employed at the armory in the handling of those receiving gifts will be used on this occasion. It is stated that approximately 300 children were passed by the receiving line in the armory within less than one hour, and each child was served with five different things.

Bits For Breakfast

Some are still celebrating—

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And some beginning to feel that there may be too much of a good thing.

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"If all the year were playing holidays,
The sport would be as tedious as to work."—Shakespeare.

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The ban is lifted, and you can buy firecrackers, and you can fire them beginning at 6 o'clock Thursday and all day Friday, if you want to spend your money that way and make that kind of a nuisance of yourself.

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The fog last night was almost so thick that you could cut it with a knife—the densest of the season. We have had a season of much more fog than usual.

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Secretary Wilson of the Salem Chamber of Commerce says Salem has 55 miles of paved streets—enough placed end to end to reach to Portland, and then over to Vancouver.

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The linen mill meeting at the noon luncheon of the Salem Chamber of Commerce tomorrow will no doubt be attended by most of the stockholders.

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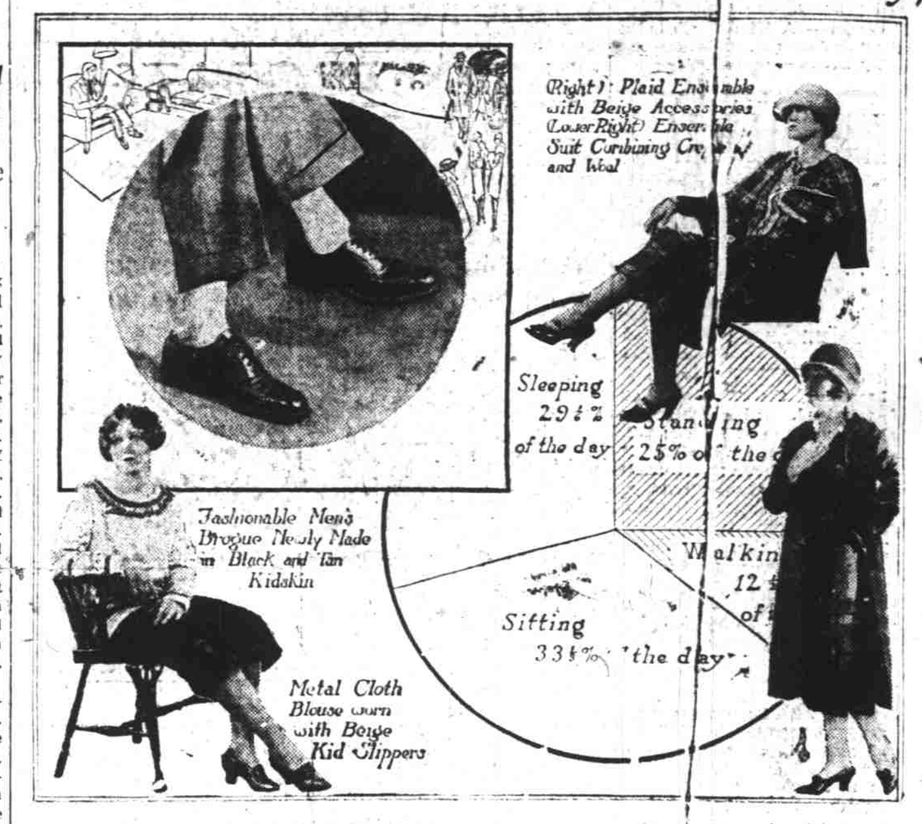
The New Year edition of The Statesman will be ready for delivery on Friday morning. If you have been overlooked, and want to be represented, please phone or write or come. Time is short and the force of workers is busy.

Pendleton—Farmers sell 500,000 bushels wheat in one week, at prices to $1.50 a bushel.

Harrisburg—Willamette bridge on Pacific highway opened to traffic.

Footwear Plays Big Part in Life of Folks on Feet Nine Hours Each Day



When you consider that during 17 hours out of the 24, or 71 per cent of the day, your feet are encased in shoes, and that over half of this time your foot is supporting the entire weight of your body in either a stading or walking position, then it would seem that shoes are perhaps the most important item of apparel and should be selected with an idea to comfort and health as well as appearance.

The theory that weight makes for warmth or wear has been quite definitely and finally dismised in so far as wearing apparel is concerned. The weight of the shoe does not indicate either warmth or durability. And weight certainly does not promise comfort. Kid leather for example, is light but it wears longer and is more comfortable than heavier leathers.

Woman's fashion anticipation bears out the truth of this theory and it is in their footwear that a great change has become wrought. The general acceptance, for example, kid footwear by women bespeaks its merit. They have found it not only exceedingly smart and neat in appearance, but comfortable, durable, and, in the long run economical.

Kid footwear is now in demand by men for the same reasons. Since people are beginning to exercise the same caution in examining shoe materials that they employ when buying other apparel it is well to know that kid leather is readily distinguished by the many little pores which are visible in the leather, a characteristic which no other leather has.

For many whose work is both outdoors and indoors, the shoe of kid leather is ideal because the porous qualitites of kid permit the foot to breath indoors and still be kept sufficiently warm when out of doors. And then, too, kid leather takes a perfect polish, thus prolonging the life of the shoe.

There are so many occasions when only a black shoe is appropriate that the well dressed man is demanding something finer in this line and it is of kid leather that the new patterns are being made. The substantial brogue oxfords formerly made in heavy cumbersome leather, are now shown in kid, giving the appearance of the heavy corded leather but with the warmth and comfort that only a kid shoe can lend.

After six o'clock in the evening, when only black shoes are seen abroad, the most fastidious men are selecting a plain black kid oxford in the dull finish, for leathers with high gloss is no longer considered smart for the evening hours.

As for the smartly dresed woman, the two-piece ensemble is worn at all hours of the day and night, distinguished only by its more delicate fabric and absence of sleeves in the evening. With this she chooses the plainest pattern in footwear, either an opera pump or one-strap slipper in kidskin. For serviceable street wear, black kid knows no rival. Golden brown kid is particularly smart this season and for more formal wear it is frequently combined with heel and straps which have been dusted with gold.

The plaid ensemble in the upper right hand corner shows what can be achieved with the delightful new woolen patterns which have taken such a popular place in the mode. The simple one-piece frock has a short flaring cape which snaps on beneath the collar. Lest one see too much plaid, a narrow scalloped trimming of beige with shoes, hose, and hat to match, is a pleasing relief. The figure beneath this shows the long ensemble suit, still considered one of the smartest street costumes.

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