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IS AMERICA'S DAY

When Prayers of Thanksgiving Arise From Hearts of Grateful Nation.

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Did you ever see the sun rise out of the ocean? For nearly four hours the dawn of Thanksgiving day has been feeling its way westward across the sea, before it breaks on America. Half a league onward, the gray light creeps over the uninhabitable waste of waters. The new faint light cohorts of outsiders are scouting ahead of the monarch sun. They are seeking the coast of Maine, feeling for the Cape of Hatteras. For this is to be a great day in America.

If the sun were a god, marching over the Atlantic space, one would put the words in his mouth: "You ships on which I flash, I am not content with you alone, nor with you lighthouses, which I now touch with my spears of sunbeams. I seek a continent of grateful human dwelling, I gild church spires, burnish the white walls of great cities, gleam in farm house windows, the homes of men. It is not a day of toil but of thankful, joyous rest. I will march over the vast areas of mighty states, cross rivers and lakes, climb the Bahamas and beyond, before I slip again into the Pacific ocean. For this is a day set apart to me. Men are waiting, out of harness, for the sunbeams. I acknowledge their tokens. I make the American flag beautiful everywhere in my blue sky, thousands of flags dipping to give thanks. I do hear the ringing of bells, the shouts of play, the laughter of kinsmen greeting kinsmen, and the voice of a nation's prayer."

But the sun is no god. A day is merely a stretch of hours. There is a Maker of the sun who trains it to be the servant of his children. There is an All-Seeing Eye which views us at our grateful offices. Let us try to think of it that way. Then the day has a meaning.

Thinking of it all in that way, what a sublime day it is. A whole youthful nation with uplift hands and merry hearts. This nation has been, at times, in tears. Today it bursts into laughter and the sounds of thankfulness—the fragrance of a feast fills the air. It is a very festival of charity, when the poor are proud or selfish, when the none are not forgotten.

Have you ever watched the clouds awaking by mist rising by the advancing sun? What a spectacle it would be if, from a star, one could witness this uprising of sun-touched vapor from valley to plain across a continent. So does the nation's praise arise with incense of thanksgiving. Remember that, by this figure, we are seeking to make our answering adoration visible to our minds.

And there is no beauty in a sunset except if there be clouds to take on the gilding. So may the evening be, of this glad day, for "The Lord God is our sun and shield." When the day is done may heaven's blessings, yet to be sent us, be more than the evening stars to multitude. Stars on stars, the light from many a star is so distant that it has never yet reached us. But it is on the way.

Things to Be Thankful For. The sentiment of gratitude is one that there is small risk of finding too much in evidence. It is not possible to grow from childhood to manhood or womanhood without implicit dependence upon others, without incurring obligations and running deeply into debt—first of all to the God who made us, then to our parents who safeguarded our helpless infancy, then to the friends who assisted us on our way. It is impossible for us to make adequate repayment or return for all these benefits. What has been done for us in our creation and our sustenance, in all the generous provision of love and of sympathy that surrounds us is beyond reckoning or valuation—it is without money and without price. But we may at least from time to time express our gratitude to the Giver of all good gifts. We may occasionally voice our thankfulness that we are alive and that our plain duty lies before us, and that there is useful work to occupy our hearts and souls and senses. Above all, there is the great gift of love—the love that transfigures life and makes it worth while to keep on trying to puzzle out the riddle of existence—the love that fills the universe and, according to Dante, "moves the sun and the other stars."—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Golden Corn. Heap high the farmer's wintry board! Heap high the golden corn! No richer gift has autumn poured From out her lavish hand!

Let other lands, exulting gleam The apple from the pine, The orange from the glossy green, The duster from the vine; But let the good old corn adorn The hills our fathers trod; Still let us for his golden corn Send up our thanks to God.

King of All Turkeys. The Thanksgiving turkey is turkey with cranberry sauce and mince or pumpkin pie. He is allied with crisp celery, and is redolent of Araby by reason of the spices in his stuffing. He is the king of all turkeys, all turkeys in one, the hope of ardent youth and the prop of declining age, the luscious burden of the groaning board, the bird of that paradise for which all good lives long.

WORLD'S DOINGS

OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume of General News From All Around the Earth.

UNIVERSAL HAPPENINGS IN A NUTSHELL

Live News Items of All Nations and Pacific Northwest Condensed for Our Busy Readers.

Because of ill health, ex-Chief of Police Kearney, of Pendleton, commits suicide.

Great Britain has introduced several new giant submarines, which will prey on the Germans.

As a result of the fierce storm along the Oregon coast, Seaside was considerably damaged.

English women suffragettes, headed by Mrs. Fankburn, will protest against the conduct of the war.

Garranza troops have been ordered into the Yaqui valley to protect American interests there against raids of the Yaqui Indians.

Bulgarians continue victorious march against the French, whose troops are driven back on the right bank of Vardar river, in the Balkans.

The American Federation of Labor, in session in San Francisco, went on record as favoring government ownership of telegraph lines and also the creation by congress of a non-partisan tariff commission.

About 200 young Britons, mostly Irishmen, were among the passengers on the steamer California, which arrived in New York. The passengers said that most of the young men had left their homes to evade conscription.

According to the Gaceta Del Norte, of Balboa, Spain, a Spanish steamer with a cargo of wire was stopped by a British cruiser and compelled to unload at Gibraltar before being allowed to continue on her voyage to Malaga.

Washington has directed Ambassador Penfield at Vienna to ascertain from the Austrian government for a detailed statement of the circumstances of the torpedoing of the Italian liner Ancona, on which several American lives were lost.

The Supreme court of Wisconsin has ruled that when once a married woman is made beneficiary by a life insurance policy, it cannot be changed without her consent, regardless of a clause in the policy permitting one to change the beneficiary at any time.

Fire destroyed the plant of the Halsett Manufacturing company at Mobile, Ala., with a loss of \$30,000, partly covered by insurance. The firm was engaged in filling a contract for the British government for what officials called "pit props" to be used in the trenches.

A wedding of international interest took place in Baltimore recently, when Miss Christine Marburg, daughter of the former American minister to Belgium and Mrs. Theodore Marburg, became the bride of Jonkheer Alidius Warmoldus Lambertus Eijars van Starckenborgh-Stachouwer, of Holland, an attaché of the Netherlands legation at Washington.

At Chicago a ballot was taken by doctors and nurses to determine whether to attempt to save the life of a deformed sub-normal infant or whether by inserting a needle into the child's chest, to let the child die, resulting in a death sentence for the little one. "It is a question of ethics," said Dr. Haiselden. "While we all know physicians do not allow monstrosities to live, the line must be drawn somewhere. I have drawn the line in this case."

Bids were opened at the Navy department for the two 32,000-ton super-dreadnoughts authorized by the last congress, and known as Nos. 43 and 44. The act limited the cost of these ships to approximately \$12,000,000 each. The two new fighting craft will closely resemble in design the California, but they will be built on plans prepared after secret experiments to develop means of lessening danger from submarine attack.

It is reported that Villa's men are deserting at the rate of 100 a day.

The use of whipped cream for any purpose has been barred in Germany.

A naval aeroplane has been successfully launched from the deck of a battleship at sea.

Draft of an initiative petition for the repeal of Oregon's Sunday closing law has been filed with the secretary of state.

On account of the restrictions on the use of meat which have gone into effect in Germany, England believes her enemy is in dire straits for food.

Mrs. Margaret K. Armour, aged 80, widow of S. B. Armour, the packer, died in Kansas City Friday. Since her husband's death Mrs. Armour has been active in charitable campaigns.

What is believed to be a piece of time fuse was found among the cargo of the steamer Rio Lagos, which started from New York for Queenstown, and was forced to put in at Halifax with her sugar cargo on fire.

MINE EXPLOSION AT RAVENSDALE, WASH., CLAIMS THIRTY-ONE LIVES

Seattle, Wash. — Thirty-one men were killed Tuesday by an explosion of coal dust in the Northwestern Improvement company's coal mine at Ravensdale, 35 miles southeast of Seattle.

The bodies of six men have been recovered, and three injured have been brought safely to the surface, where they were resuscitated by the use of pulmonary.

The body of E. J. Kane, foreman of the third level, 1500 feet below the surface, where the explosion occurred, was found seated in the chair before his desk just within the entrance to the third level.

The bodies of C. B. Davis and M. Penick, John Harrington, Dominick Novaria and Jacob Rasmussen were recovered also.

Trained rescue men rushed to the mine from Seattle, Roslyn and Cle Elum were able, by wearing oxygen

PRINCE JOACHIM



The engagement of Prince Joachim, youngest son of Emperor William, and Princess Marie Augustine, daughter of Prince Edward of Anhalt, has been announced in Berlin. The princess was seventeen years old last June. Prince Joachim is twenty-five years old.

Helmet, to penetrate far enough into the mine to see the bodies of the entombed men lying in the mine, but could not get to them because of the wreckage. It is certain, mine officials said, that all are dead.

The third level, in which the men were entombed, is 1500 feet below the surface. Rescuers who succeeded in reaching the third level through an auxiliary shaft found that the level was burning. The intense heat and thick black smoke made it impossible for the rescuers to penetrate farther than the foreman's office at the entrance to the workings. Debris was found piled to the ceiling of the level.

Walls had crumbled and roofs fallen in as a result of the explosion.

Superintendent R. D. Scott, who is directing the rescue work, said that he believed there was no hope that any of the men would be found alive.

Juvenile Judge Lindsey, in Contempt of District Court, Fined \$500

Denver — Ben B. Lindsey, judge of Denver's Juvenile court, was held guilty of contempt of court and fined \$500 and costs by Judge Perry in the District court late Tuesday. Thirty days were allowed for an appeal.

The case grew out of Mr. Lindsey's refusal to disclose information in the trial of Mrs. Bertha Wright on a charge of murder.

Judge Lindsey said the information came to him in a privileged manner through the confession of Neal Wright, 12 years old, during the trial.

An information, charging the boy with the murder of his father, because of an alleged confession made at his mother's trial, still is pending in the juvenile court.

Mayor Mitchell in Hospital

New York — John Purroy Mitchell, mayor of New York, was taken from his home to the Roosevelt hospital late Tuesday to undergo an operation for appendicitis. He was operated on and hospital authorities said he had passed through the operation well, and that his condition was satisfactory.

Mayor Mitchell has been ailing for some time, but it has only been within the past few days that his condition became so bad that he could not attend to his official duties. His condition became such that his physician decided that an immediate operation was necessary.

Mr. Mitchell is still a young man, being in his 37th year. He is of slender physique and his arduous duties in connection with directing the affairs of the metropolis have severely taxed his strength.

Training Sites Taken Up. Washington, D. C. — Definite steps toward determining the place of the business men's training camps in the national defense program were taken at the War department when a special board of officers was appointed to consider the subject and make recommendations. Major William D. Connor, of the general staff, will head the board, of which Captains Dorey and White will be members. The board will meet at Governor's Island, N. Y., and will study reports of officers in charge of the recent training camps.

Wilson's Plan is First. Washington, D. C. — National defense plans prepared by the war college division of the army general staff will not be made public until after the President has delivered his message, and Secretary Garrison's report has been submitted. President Wilson so decided Wednesday. Secretary Garrison favored immediate publication of the war college plans. The President's position is said to be that, as head of the government, he is responsible for the general policies, and that his recommendations should be presented first.

HENRY PRATHER FLETCHER



Henry Prather Fletcher, at present American ambassador to Chile, is considered the most probable choice of the president for ambassador to Mexico. Mr. Fletcher is a native of Pennsylvania, and has been in the diplomatic service about twelve years.

GERMAN PLOT DISCLOSED BY VOLUNTARY STATEMENT OF FAY

New York — Robert Fay, self-styled Lieutenant in the German army, and by his own confession head of a gang of bomb-makers that sought to disable or destroy munition-laden ships sailing from New York to the entente allies, told the story of his life Tuesday to Assistant United States District Attorney Knox.

Fay talked freely, fully, and of his own volition for five hours without interruption. What he said was not made public, but at the conclusion of the session, Mr. Knox announced that all Fay wanted to do now was to plead guilty to the government's charges against him and go to jail.

H. I. McDonald, a lawyer appointed by the court to represent Fay, sought to see his client in Mr. Knox's office, but failing, served on Mr. Knox notice of his intent to demur to the indictment. Fay read the demurrer while the lawyer waited outside, and, according to Mr. Knox, said he did not wish to demur to the indictment or do anything else but plead guilty and start at once to serve his sentence.

Fay's long talk with Mr. Knox was made upon his own solicitation and without promises of immunity or leniency. The statement, which the prisoner dictated, carried him back to Germany, almost to the date of his birth, covered the high lights of his service in the German army, told in detail of his alleged mission to America, and recited his movements and activities here.

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OREGON STATE NEWS

Oregon Corn Growers Invited To Exhibit at National Show

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Oregon farmers are invited to make ten-acre exhibits of corn at the "First National" corn show to be held in St. Paul during the month of December. The state has been districted into two parts for competitive exhibits, Eastern and Western Oregon. Neither of these districts will have to compete against the other nor against any other district of the United States. The winner of each district will be given a beautiful cup as a trophy—one of 196 valued at \$5000.

Each entrant must wrap each ear of his exhibit in paper and pack the entire exhibit in a small wooden or heavy cardboard box, with entry blank and his banker's endorsement enclosed. Shipments are to be made by prepaid express, addressed to First National Corn Show, care First National Bank, St. Paul, Minn. Average size, productivity, breed type and general appearance will be considered in judging the exhibits. The corn must have been grown by the exhibitor in a field of not less than one acre. Entry blanks will be provided on request, and no entry charges will be made.

Farmers are advised to send samples even if they are not quite up to the average of other years, since unfavorable weather conditions have handicapped all alike. All exhibits will be returned if request is made when sent in. Corn exhibits at state and county fairs disprove the claim that corn cannot be successfully grown in Oregon, and an exhibit at the national corn show will go far to convey the real situation to prospective immigrants.

Railroads File Report. Salem — The net income of the O. W. R. & N. company for the year ended June 30, last, was \$248,381.09, according to the report filed by the company with the Oregon Public Service commission. This is an increase over the preceding 12 months of \$155,037.22. Gross income amounted to \$5,642,795, a gain in one year of \$701,177.

Railway operating expenses totaled \$10,057,449.32, which were \$2,050,732.14 less than the previous year. The net revenue from railway operations was \$5,886,607.01. The company's revenue from local freight in Oregon was \$882,523, while freight revenue on interstate business in the state totaled \$2,137,390.

The Southern Pacific company's revenue from freight in Oregon for the year ending June 30, 1915, was \$1,153,000. Interstate freight revenue was \$779,834. Passenger service receipts for Oregon totaled \$2,675,676. The report shows that the company's net income for the entire system amounted to \$22,094,253, an increase of \$14,432,635 over the year preceding. Gross income amounted to \$63,148,011, a gain of \$5,627,400 over the year before.

Dividends declared during the year amounted to \$6,360,464.

Flat-head Indian Skull Found.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—The skull of an adult flat-head Indian that was found on a sand bar of the Santiam near Lebanon, Or., has been received by the Condon Museum of the State University. The sender was Willard A. Elkins, recorder of the city of Lebanon. This sort of skull deformation was once commonly practiced from the Columbia river all the way down the coast to Peru. The ancient Peruvians practiced it, and so did the Toltecs of the Plateau of Mexico.

Flat-head skulls were considered stylish in those days and the flattening was brought about through binding a board on the forehead of the child when its skull was still in a stage of easy yielding.

Drained Lands for Lease. Klamath Falls.—According to J. G. Cam, manager of the Reclamation Service in this city, the government is now advertising to lease for a period of three years the 3004 acres of land formerly covered by the waters of Tule lake, but which were uncovered this past summer by the drainage of the lake.

It is hoped that eventually 25,000 acres of valuable land will become available. Thus far 8004 acres have been reclaimed and the government now desires to lease this in tracts of not to exceed 80 acres each, to be cultivated to crop each year or put into tame grass meadow.

Convention Date Changed. Baker.—Rectifying a mistake made months ago, Fred W. Falconer, of Enterprise, and John Hoke, of Baker, president and secretary, respectively, of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association, decided after a conference held in Baker Saturday afternoon, to change the date of the 18th annual convention in Pendleton to December 3 and 4, instead of December 9 and 10.

This action was taken to avoid conflicting with the International Live-stock Show which will be held in Portland next month.

Work on Last Unsurveyed Land. Bandon.—The last of the unsurveyed government land tributary to Bandon is now under survey by government engineers. Lying in township 30 south, range 13 west, about 15 miles southeast of this city, the tract covers the headwaters of Four Mile and Florida creeks. Practically all of the land is occupied by squatters.

Wages of 4800 Increased. Stamford, Conn. — An increase in wages on all day and piece work was announced by the Yale & Towne Manufacturing company, makers and builders of hardware. About 4800 employees are affected.

\$15,000,000 STEEL STOCK IS BOUGHT

Big Interest in Cambria Steel Secured by Ex-Waterboy.

Superior Officer Outbid in Deal

Pennsylvania Railroad Sells to Young Man Who Knows Property and Is Anxious to Acquire It.

New York—Three hundred thousand shares of stock, or thereabouts, in the Cambria Steel company were bought Saturday for approximately \$15,000,000 by J. Leonard Repliege, of this city, who started his business career when 11 years old as a waterboy at less than \$5 a week in the Cambria mills at Johnstown, Pa.

Mr. Repliege, who is now 35 years old, bid against his old superior officer, William H. Donner, for the block of stock and won it after negotiations in Philadelphia which lasted all day and virtually all night for several days and nights.

The stock was sold by the Pennsylvania Railroad company, which formerly owned 450,820 shares of the 900,000 issue—a controlling interest in the Cambria company. The capitalization of the Cambria Steel company is authorized at \$50,000,000, but only \$45,000,000 (900,000 shares of a \$50 par value) were issued.

Of the railroad's original 51 per cent holdings of Cambria Steel, Mr. Donner already had acquired about 112,000 shares. This was secured in two lots; one of 56,000 on which he had an option, and another of the same amount, on which he exercised a conditional option.

The condition was that he should find a purchaser for the railroad's holding of Pennsylvania Steel stock. Mr. Donner is president of both the Cambria and Pennsylvania Steel companies.

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Railroad is Ordered Sold. Seattle — A decree was signed in the Superior Court ordering the receivers of the Seattle, Renton & Southern Railroad company, operating 15 miles of street railway in Seattle and its southern suburbs, to wind up the affairs of the railroad and sell it, with all its properties. The company owes \$1,600,000. The receivership was obtained by W. R. Crawford, president of the road, and created by Penobscot & Co., of Chicago, trustee for the bondholders. The receivers maintained that the company was insolvent.

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A WOMAN'S THANKFULNESS.

I am thankful because there was one Who thought me the dearest and fairest.

Who comes when his duties are done To tell me my charms are still rarest; I am thankful because it was he Whom the fates when they made their selection Sent eagerly, gladly to me To offer his lasting affection.

I am thankful because he is true, Because he is worthy and cheerful, Because the dark moments are few When he leaves me regretting and tearful.

I am thankful that he has the will To be thoughtful and gracious and tender.

I am thankful because I am still On the right side of forty and slender.

I am thankful because I am free From ill that keep others complaining; I am constantly thankful that we Can live very well without straining; I am glad that I never have had A child to disturb or distress me; I am thankful because he is glad To labor to feed and to dress me.

A BOY'S THANKFULNESS.

I'm thankful that I've got a daddy To work for me with all his might; He always calls me "Little Lady," And says "at I'm his heart's delight; He often sits me on his shoulder And helps to fill the house with notes; He's bigger than I'm his heart's delight; But mother calls us her two boys.

I'm thankful that he never worries Because my hands ain't nice and white; I'm thankful that he always hurries Back home to us when it gets night; I'm always thankful when it's Sunday, 'Cause when it's Sunday, why, you see, He doesn't haft to work till Monday Or do a thing but play with me.

I'm thankful that he never scolds me Except when I've been actin' bad; And every night almost he holds me Tight in his arms and says he's glad; Our blessin's, mother says, are many, And, God, but wouldn't it be fine If every boy that hasn't any Could have a daddy just like mine?

A MAN'S THANKFULNESS.

I am thankful because I am strong, Because of the chances about me, Because in the thick of the throng I have brothers who never will doubt me;

I am thankful to have as my right The freedom true manhood inherits; I am thankful for courage to fight For an honest reward of my merits.

I am thankful that no one may weep Because I am cunning or greedy, Because if I sow I may reap Without bringing grief to the needy; I am thankful because I have claimed No vic-tainted tribute from others, What still unafraid, unashamed, I may gaze in the eyes of my brothers.

I am thankful for those who depend On me for their freedom from sorrow; I am thankful at every day's end For the hope of a splendid tomorrow; I am glad that, though many must grieve, There are hearts which are stirred by compassion;

I am glad that I still may believe That kindness is not out of fashion.

AFTER THANKSGIVING DINNER

IN TWO PARTS.

Season Teaches a Lesson. This festive season brings joyous reunions and pleasant greetings; the table is loaded with fresh autumn cheer, it is a time to banish anxiety and sadness, to revel in all good things of life. But this thoughtless, indifferent stage does not always continue. Later on there comes a consciousness that gratitude is due someone for the countless blessings bestowed. This dawning consciousness often awakes feeling of thankfulness, not considered before.—Christian Work and Evangelist.

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Travelers of the Turkey. The first turkey eaten in France was served at the wedding banquet of Charles IX. The Mexican birds were taken to Europe and then brought again to America as domestic birds. The journals of many of the explorers, among them Capt. John Smith, record the attractive qualities of the wild turkey. They were plentiful from Canada south to the southeast. One English traveler wrote of the "great store of the wild kind of turkey, which remains about the house as tame as our English."