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DECEMBER 16

THE OMNISCIENT GUIDE—The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord.—Psalm 37:23.

GET IN OR GET OUT

The United States has been asked to send representatives to participate in the proceedings of the economic commission, appointed to make an investigation of Germany's ability to pay reparations assessed against that nation. At first the announcement was made that this country would have nothing to do with the economic commission and would not authorize representation therein.

Now comes the announcement that the Government will permit three Americans to sit in the conference, but they will not have official powers to participate.

The personnel of the trio has not been announced but it will make little difference who they are as they will be nothing more or less than figure heads and dummies. The representation from the United States will resemble closely the spectators at a poker game. They will make no ante, draw no cards, make no bets, and take no money.

The world is interested in knowing whether or not Germany is able to pay the reparations imposed at Versailles. The people of the United States are as much interested in the matter as the citizens of England or of France. Germany claims she is not physically able to pay the amounts demanded by the reparations. Some nations doubt her ability to pay. Other countries hold that Germany's economic resources are equal to the occasion. Opinion differs. But a fact recognized by all is that several of the most able financiers of the United States have recommended that inquiry be made into Germany's capacity to pay. The idea was scorned by high busters and others. Until quite recently an agreement was not obtained between the interallied nations for the formation of a commission to determine the answer to the much mooted question. Now that other nations have agreed to plan the United States crawls a step higher on the perch and refuses to participate officially, but we will be "represented by inofficial delegates."

If the work of the economic commission is not of sufficient moment to the United States and the world for the United States government to authorize official representation it is not worth the attendance of a trio of men, who, because of the gag imposed, will be merely dummies, and looked upon as such.

It is either time to get in or get out.

CHRISTMAS TRADE

Christmas had its spiritual side, which deserves and receives attention annually not only in the pulpit and press the world over, but also in the hearts and minds of millions of believers in the mission of the Child who was born amid such depressing surroundings more than 1900 years ago in Bethlehem of Judea.

It has its material side too, for around the celebration of the great Christian festival there has grown up a custom of sending greetings and gifts which give an extraordinary impetus to trade and to the circulation of money. Manufacturers, retailers, transportation agencies, telegraph companies, the postoffice department—all benefit by these outward manifestations of the Christmas spirit, which thus discharges a most useful function in the body politic. The cheapest Christmas card or the most ordinary toy gives employment to various persons all the way from the factory to the recipient.

According to statistics which have been somewhat hastily compiled and may in consequence need later revision, the festival approaching will be responsible for something like a \$5,000,000,000 outlay on the part of the public of the United States. Postal receipts are higher than ever before, arising from the greatest movement of letter and parcel mail on record. Bank clearings have been phenomenal, and the federal reserve board reports reflect the quickest turnover of merchandise stocks in the history of the country.

These are all signs of national well being which there is no gainsaying.

POISONED BY THOUSANDS

Coroners and ambulance drivers all over the land are getting ready for the certain rush of business that will follow the holiday indulgence in deadly beverages turned out by the amateur home brewer and conscienceless moonshiner.

It is a sad commentary on the times we live in that Christmas, the proverbial season of good cheer, will be for hundreds a season of death, disgrace and mourning.

Yet, unless a miracle of common sense averts it, so it will be. The figures on alcoholic mortality up to December 1 have no room for doubt of that.

For the report of coroners, police and health departments of 22 cities set the 1923 death toll of synthetic gin, etherized beer and fusel oil in so-called "whiskey," and other poisonous beverages, at 2165.

Applying this figure to the whole nation, the estimators believe that for the country as a whole 1923 deaths from liquor poisoning have been 10,000 so far, and they call that a conservative reckoning.

Think that over. Think of it when you lift the illicit glass to toast the yuletide season. Ten thousand dead so far in 1923, and the holiday harvest still to be gathered.—Klamath Falls Herald.

AUTOMOTIVE PROHIBITION

The King has directed officials in Sweden to make "all haste" and investigate a new motor fuel he has heard exists within his kingdom. Out of the waste products of paper mills it is possible to recover sulphite alcohol. When tried in automobiles, this material had the disadvantage of requiring a special engine and a new carburetor, and even with these conveniences it seems to have clogged the engine. By redistillation, however, the possibility of use appears to have been developed.

At this point, however, the Board for Control of Alcoholic Liquors stepped in and threatened to destroy the prospects of a country without petroleum rendering its motor cars free from dependence upon foreign supplies of fuel. Being highly suspicious by nature, the Board held to the view that the liquid must be inebriating. It has now concluded that there is no danger on this score to the public, as the stuff cannot be used as a beverage. Thereupon, the King expressed his official interest.—The Nation's Business.

It takes two to start a fight and too many to long to stop it.

A fourflusher is a man who is always shown up at a showdown.

They have quit asking "Am I the first you ever loved?" They ask "Am I the last you will lie to?"

There is no misogynist like the one who has loved and lost at seventeen.

Too many cooks may spoil the broth but the tree looks better if all the family helps in the decorating.

Does the army of employes who watch the clock know it can't mark time and get anywhere?

Why doesn't an auto maker put out a 1924 model with ready bent fenders so it will always look new?

NEWS LETTER

DENVER, Dec. 17.—With the officials of the National Park Service co-operating, Denver and Colorado are planning an extensive "winter sports" season in the Colorado Rockies beginning January 15 and continuing through to the middle of April.

Tentative plans for using Rocky Mountain National Park in the vicinity of Estes Park have been outlined by Stephen D. Mather, of Washington, D. C., director of the National Park Service, to officials, and it is be-

lieved a general movement to encourage winter sports will be launched in a dozen communities throughout the State.

Estes Park is easily accessible during the entire winter, with fine automobile roads through the Big Thompson Canon, the North and South St. Vrain canons, or over the Boulder and Glacier Auto lines. Each of these routes is over a course along streams and leads toward the foothills through a rugged country until the spectacular scene of high peaks is reached at Estes Park Village. The snow-crowned mountains surrounding Estes Park af-

ford splendid opportunity for skiing and snowshoeing, and skating contests are planned on the innumerable lakes that dot the valleys in the environs of the Rocky Mountain National Park.

Genesee Mountain, 20 miles west of Denver, reached over paved roads that are always open, has one of the largest ski courses in the world, and annual tournaments have been conducted on this slide for several years.

The Rocky Mountain Ski Club which operates the course on Genesee Mountain, claims a record for skiing activities in conducting three successful ski tournaments in one year—the first in January, on Genesee; the second in February over the same course, and the third in midsummer at St. Mary's Glacier, west of Idaho Springs, Col.

Jesse L. Nushbaum, superintendent of the Mesa Verde National Park, in southwestern Colorado, has announced that winter sports will be one of the attractions in that region, embracing an area of nearly 50,000 acres.

"An archaeological wonderland of enchanting beauty" is the way

WILL TEST VALIDITY OF STATE TAX LAW

PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—Constitutionality of the Oregon income tax law will be tested by the

Mesa Verde has been described in summer time, and Superintendent Nushbaum declares that the mountain slopes and cliffs will afford opportunity for all outdoor winter sports.

Colorado Springs, in the shadow of Pike's Peak, is also arranging for a programme of winter sports that will rival the activities of the Alps.

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PEIL'S CORNER

Southern Pacific railroad company, Ben C. Dey, counsel for the company, returned yesterday from San Francisco, where he was in conference with executives and other attorneys of the system on procedure to test the bill. Mr. Dey predicts that various companies will test the constitutionality of the new tax law. The Southern Pacific objects to the section whereby a tax is imposed on the business done by the com-

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