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DECEMBER 16. A REAL POOL.—He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool.—Proverbs 28:26. PRAYER.—O Lord, enable us to trust in the Lord, forever trust and banish all our fear.

THE DEBT SQUABBLE

The action of France in seeking to smooth the way for a funding of her debt to the United States has raised a veritable storm of criticism on the same side of the Atlantic. Great Britain is particularly aroused for she claims that if France can make arrangements to pay the United States she can arrange to pay Great Britain and officials high in the British government have indicated that of France succeeds in funding her debt to the United States that Great Britain will take steps to have the terms concerning her payments to the United States modified to accord with the terms France is successful in making.

Thus the question of war debts, thought to be due for a long rest, now assumes an important position of the first magnitude and is viewed in England as having all the elements and earmarks of a very delicate situation and one to be handled with kid gloves. Great Britain feels that it could not be called fair that she should drop "into the position where she might have to shoulder bad debts while America is being repaid. The plain fact is that we cannot afford to let go any of our debtors on terms easier than the United States conceded them," quoting the Financial Times, an English paper.

THE NEW MAGNATE?

A factor in the undoubted strength of Gompers as president of the American Federation of Labor was that he was not himself the representative of a powerful union.

He was a cigar maker by trade. Had he been the president of a railroad brotherhood, or of the United Mine Workers, or of any of the organizations which themselves deal with nation wide influences, his career might have been entirely different.

For this very reason it will seem almost necessary to select the man who will be the full time successor to Mr. Gompers from among the men who have earned a reputation among their fellows as constructive leaders of the American Federation of Labor.

Any man who gained his position and his reputation by means of service to a powerful national union would assume leadership of the federation with so many claims upon him from his own union that he would have difficulty in giving undivided loyalty to the federation Gompers could always look at federation affairs free from the entanglements of mine or rail policies. The new leader must have an equal freedom from the petty connections of craft unions.

POSTAL RATES AND POSTAL WAGES

Some members of Congress who will agree to the increase in pay for postal clerks, along with the postmaster general, will be for it, frankly, if it can be had by money raised from increased rates on newspaper and other periodicals, because newspapers have supported the increased pay proposal.

Others will be for the increased pay because they think it is right, and think that the only way to get the money is to levy on the second class matter.

We are a practical people. And doubtless some of the periodicals that have supported the postal increase will continue to support it, for consistency, but will chalk up one against the congressmen that threaten to increase second class rates.

The questions are, to be sure, not concurrent ones, and should not be made so.

The postal clerks should get proper wages, quite apart from any question of distribution of costs of the postal service.

Either our policy of increasing circulation of printed matter of periodical nature by low rates is right or wrong.

The United States has been, for many years, rebating a share of the cost of production of periodicals by giving them a special rate. If this course was proper for the citizenship of the United States, it was proper for the government. If it was done as a means of currying favor for congress with newspapers, it was wrong. We cannot believe that the latter was the reason. For most newspapers spend a large share of their time abusing Congress anyhow.

The low rates do help newspapers. But much more, they help the weeklys and the monthlys. They contribute to the notable cheapness of periodical printed matter, whether of fiction magazines, scientific or argumentative matter, or news digest. And the greater portion of the rebate is given to the periodicals whose cost is laid on the subscriber, not on the advertisers. The advertisers pay, the subscribers do not. The rebate is to the public, not to the advertising patron.

The newspapers that will fight the proposed increase in second class rates will do so on the same principle that railroads resist rate increases—that they stand as buffers between the cost collecting government and the cost pay-

ing public. They must defend, in fact, the principle of government subsidy to weekly and monthly reading matter. It is a right principle. And it should be preserved. The periodical reading public cannot defend unfair postal wages, on the ground that it must have its daily paper, or its fiction magazine, or its propagandist weekly cheaper.

But Congress should take a logical stand. Let Congress say that it will or it will not pay wages.

And let it say that it will or it will not stop the circulation of national periodicals by higher charges on second class matter.

TIMES ARE CHANGING

You used to measure the wealth of a man by his ability to keep a coach. Now you measure that of a college that way.

GROWING IDLE

Somebody ought to write a popular novel pretty soon, just to give the reviewers a long lacking opportunity to be mean.

WITH INTEREST

Europeans continually borrow over here, but all we borrow over there is trouble.

Spirit of Christmas

By REV. ALAN P. WILSON

AS WE celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Jesus let not the going down of the sun mark the decline of the Christmas spirit but, as the days come and go, and we enter the new year, let us each one reach out the loving hand to the sick, the unfortunate and the outcast, remembering that Jesus the Christ said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me!" (©. 1924, Western Newspaper Union.)

Change All Into Love

Christmas day shall change all griefs and quarrels into love.—Shakespeare.

Perhaps Little Stars

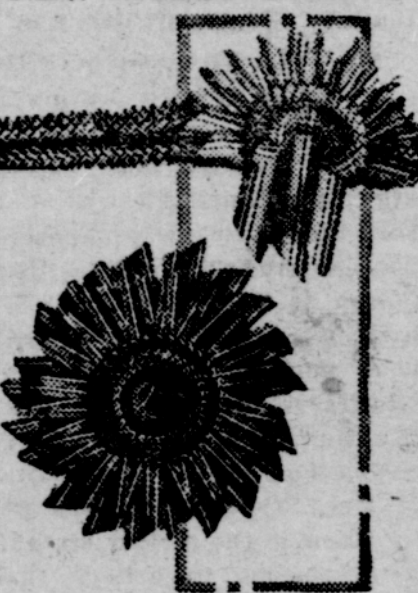
Knew About Christmas

The stars shone brightly over head. Below, the snow was covering up the hard ground, which did not seem to understand Christmas. It was much too hard for that. It was better that Old King Snow should come along and cover it up giving the people a white Christmas.

The stars shone down upon a little farm house. It was not a palace. It was not even a beautiful house. But the stars shone very brightly.

Perhaps they knew, bright little stars that were, that in that house, as in many another house which is neither a palace nor a beautiful residence, there was great happiness and glorious celebrating of the beautiful Christmas.—Mary Graham Bonner.

NEW RIBBON GIRLDES



Vivid shades of red, yellow, blue and green appear with brown or other dark colors in fashionable new ribbons, and often the glint of gold is added. These ribbons are liked for girdeles and rosettes to brighten up the quiet and simple frocks that good taste approves. They are worked up in many ingenious ways, and women are enthusiastic about them for Christmas gifts; a girde and a corsage ornament are shown here. Short lengths with bias ends and braided strands are used.

SATIN FOOT REST



Black sateen or a heavy satin with adornment of tinsel ribbon and flat ribbon flowers, makes a cushion which will serve as a foot rest or a pillow. It is one of those small, easily made furnishings that carry beauty and comfort with them.

SCION OF ESKIMOS FORWARD PASSES LIKE FOREBEARS

PULLMAN, Wash., Dec. 16.—When Lumwakin, the Eskimo, hurled his spear with unerring accuracy, the throw was vital to that leading citizen of the Arctic circle. It meant a seal, and the seal meant life for him and his family waiting in the igloo.

Years later when Lumwakin's grandson, Joe Koenig, threw a football with the same unerring accuracy as his grandsire, that throw was vital, also, for it meant a possible touchdown for Washington State College.

Koenig is the Eskimo gridiron find of A. A. Exendine, former Carlisle star and All-American end. Joe was developed by the Cougar coach overnight.

This Northerner can forward pass a football with the speed and control that pays tribute to old Lumwakin, his forefather. Koenig can pass in a rainstorm when less confident opponents are afraid of the aerial game. He simply lays the ball in his hand and throws it, instead of gripping it like most hurriers.

In the late 60s Joe's father left his home at Westphalia, Germany as a whaling captain. For fourteen years he sailed in and out of Behring Strait. Then up near Barrel Point north of Nome, Alaska, at the little settlement of Beacon Hill, he married an Eskimo girl. When their son, Franz Joseph, was a year old, in 1904, the Koenigs came to the United States and settled down on the Pacific Coast. Their present home is Nisqually, Washington.

Koenig is a sophomore at college. Last year he first showed his football ability in freshman competition. The first of this season he turned out on the varsity squad and looked good for a regular berth, when injuries kept him off the field. Next year, wonders are expected of him at the right halfback position.

An Eskimo football find, Koenig is the first of that race to distinguish himself at the college sport classic, and takes his place in the record book with the Indian, the negro and Japanese.

Tokio Will Continue to Fire "Noon Gun"

TOKIO, Dec. 15.—Tokio's noon gun will continue to boom forth its daily announcement that the hour of twelve has arrived.

For reasons of economy a recent city administration published an edict that after April next the gun would no longer be fired. Citizens, who find that the firing of the gun saves them the expense of a clock, protested; and a group of merchants offered to pay the cost of maintaining the daily custom.

Mayor Nakamura, who was elected a few weeks ago, believes that noon would not be noon in Tokio unless the gun were fired, and he has rescinded the edict.

There's a message in The Tidings Want Ads.

TENNIS PLAYERS MUST BEHAVE NOW, BRITONS ARE TOLD

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Lawn tennis players in Britain must mend their manners. That is the decision of the Lawn Tennis Association, the final authority on the game. In future, offenders are to be indefinitely suspended from play in any tournaments.

The complaint against players' manners arose from the Lawn Tennis (Referees' Association). These officials stated that some of the leading players in British tennis were frequently guilty of foul language in the course of a match; that some of them made a habit of attempting to intimidate referees and dispute their decisions; and that in several cases, in mixed doubles, women players have left the courts in tears on account of their partner's behavior.

Experienced officials state that this kind of thing has only sprung up since the war, when a new generation of players entered the game. In more remote times it was a point of honor in lawn tennis in England that no player should make any comment on a game while it was in progress and never, in any way, question any referee's decision.

At the present time, especially in the lesser tournaments, some players regard the game as an occasion for a prolonged argument, intermingled with abuse either of partner or opponent. The new rules laid down by the Tennis Association are stern

and stringent. It is decided that any player who "by word of action" offends against the spirit of the game, or against the instincts of good sportsmanship, can be instantly disqualified from the tournament in which he happens to be playing.

In bad cases he can be suspended forthwith for an indefinite time, and in the worst instance the association will debar him taking any further part in the game at all. The newspapers appeal both to local and central authorities not to be lenient. The general opinion of tennis players is that this is a growing evil which must be stamped out once and for all.

Water power reserves on public lands now total 4,762,844 acres, along streams in 20 states. Arizona has 1,049,969 acres reserved; California, 976,095 acres; Utah, 468,678; Oregon, 467,237; Nevada, 300,270; Colorado, 298,376; Idaho, 266,659; Montana, 214,830; and New Mexico, 207,548.

Classified Ads Bring Results

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