



DON'T UNDERDO CHRISTMAS.

Better Overlavishness Than Niggardliness at Holiday Season.

The things we do at Christmas are touched with a certain grain of extravagance, as beautiful in some of its aspects as the extravagance of nature in June.

It is the children's carnival, the mid-summer of charity to the poor, the springtime of good will to men; the time of the year when heaven opens and angels come down to sing to sailors on the ocean, to old country folks in the long reaches of new colonies, to people in hospitals, poorhouses, in mansions and "the huts where poor men lie;" the time when the atmosphere is just right for clear burning fires, and it would be something of a shame for the wind to send the smoke down any chimney as it does a week before or after; when there is a goodly smell abroad, as if the frankincense the wise man brought on a day long ago to temper the taint of a stable had got into this whole world of ours, as a trailing cloud of the odors of spiced bread; when the poorest platters and mugs take a touch of fine recklessness by reason of the thoughtfulness of those who have bread enough and to spare; when the Christmas tree grows all radiant and fruitful, as no other tree which blooms through the year, for it bears at least twelve manners of fruit, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

I would not, therefore, insult Christmas by underdoing it. The man who then does most for his fellow men, according to his means, does best. We can give the tramp who comes to our back door a royal cup of coffee Christmas morning with a good grace, though we have to see that he does not run away with the spoon.

They are wide pages the angel opens in the book of life at Christmas, and when we do our best we cannot do it quicker than he can write it down.—Rev. Dr. Robert Collyer.

CHRIST'S COMING.

Well May it Be Celebrated With Joy and Thanksgiving.

Well may the great event which Christmas commemorates be every where devoutly celebrated with joy and thanksgiving. Well may its anniversary be everywhere hailed as a time of special gladness, a time when every heart shall expand and every hand be generously open; when enemies shall be forgotten and universal good will prevail; when gifts from friend to friend shall abound, and especially gifts from those who have an abundance of this world's goods to those who are scantily furnished with them.

Christmas commemorates the coming of our Divine Lord to earth, to bring light and joy and gladness and to "give gifts to men," even the greatest and most precious of all gifts—the gift of salvation. We rejoice in the making and receiving of earthly gifts. How much more should we give evidence of joy in the acceptance of the greatest of spiritual gifts!

Discouraging.

Jester—Poor old Skindint has his troubles! Jimson—What! Why, he's making barrels and barrels of money! Jester—I know, but the price of barrels has gone up.

Knew What His Few Days Meant.

Quackly—By the bye, have you got \$10 about you that you don't need for a few days? Snackly—I have, but I might need it some time.—Exchange.

LINER MINNESOTA IN GOOD SHAPE WHEN SHE LEFT SEATTLE

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Back from Seattle, Steamboat Inspector Bulger intimated that the crippled Hill liner Minnesota was o.k. when she left that port, outward bound with food for the allies. At the same time he suggested greasy, salty or dirty water got into the boilers—and if that were the case, it might go hard with the men responsible for such negligence.

Members of the crew were near mutiny because they had received no pay. A shipping commissioner intervened; they got their pay, and they will all be on shore tonight.

NO COLD STORAGE BEER FOR THIRSTY AFTER JANUARY 1

Portland, Dec. 20.—There was walling and gnashing of teeth in Portland today following the announcement of District Attorney Evans that it is illegal to stow away beer in cold storage plants for use after January 1, when the state-wide prohibition law becomes effective. Evans' opinion was rendered in response to pleas from scores of persons who presumably wished to provide for a dry future. Evans pointed out, further, that a storage plant can not legally deliver more than 24 quarts of beer in four weeks to any person.

ALLIES CONTINUE TO FORTIFY AT SALONIKI

Paris, Dec. 20.—Greece has refused to interfere with the allies' fortification of Saloniki, according to an Athens dispatch today. Many Greeks are leaving Saloniki, expecting an immediate attack against the city. The lull in the frontier situation was broken when allied gunners shelled Bulgar scouts approaching the border and forced them to withdraw.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Club, 93@96; bluestem, 97@99.
Oats—No. 1 white feed, 23.50@24.50.
Barley—Feed, 26@27.50.
Hogs—Best live, 6@6.10.
Prime steers, 7@7.50; fancy cows, 5@5.60; best calves, 7@7.50.
Spring lambs, 7@7.50.
Butter—City creamery, 29.
Eggs—Selected local extras, 35@38.
Hens, 12@13½; broilers, 12@13; geese, 8.

Glazed Silver Skins.

Peel twelve small onions and cook in boiling salted water until tender. Drain thoroughly and saute in three tablespoonfuls of butter, to which is added one tablespoonful of sugar, until delicately browned.

Ladies' writing desks for gifts at Helmer's. 624

LEADER OF BULL MOOSE RETURNS FROM CONFERENCE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Dec. 20.—"As far as I know, Colonel Roosevelt is not a candidate for president," said Medill McCormick, progressive leader, arriving here today from the east, where he had conferred with the bull moose leader. At the same time, he denied that the Florentine room at the Congress hotel had been reserved by him as a rally place for the colonel and his cohorts. He reserved, however, 20 rooms for Colonel Frederick Hale, Maine's republican committeeman.

"In three states Roosevelt has refused to allow his name to be presented to the primaries," said McCormick. "I do not think it possible that anybody will stampede the G. O. P. convention."

Congressman Johnson of Washington commented:

"Most Roosevelt followers were so opposed to big business in 1912 that they were willing to see the democrats go into office and destroy not only big but little business as well. None can say how the bull moose will view the sight of Roosevelt at a conference with steel barons (the Gary dinner)."

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Belief that Colonel Roosevelt will participate in the forthcoming presidential campaign gained ground today when it was admitted that his friends had taken an option on the Florentine room of the Congress hotel for the period of the republican national convention here next June.

It was believed here that rallies will be held previously. The option expires tomorrow. Meantime Medill McCormick is speeding westward after a conference with Roosevelt.

According to a politician who has seen Roosevelt within a month, his position is:

He is not a candidate himself under any circumstances. If the republicans nominate a man connected with the "theft in Chicago" which resulted in the formation of the bull moose faction, the colonel will fight that candidate and the party.

He will support a man of the "Cummins type" if nominated by the republicans.

He will strongly oppose President Wilson under all circumstances.

"I do not think that Burton, Root or Weeks will satisfy him," said the politician. "Possibly Borah would, though. I do not expect Roosevelt to make a public statement for several months."

Giving Due Credit.

"Willie, I hope your teacher appreciates how much I teach you at home." "That's what I keep telling her ma. She said yesterday, 'I wonder where you learn your bad manners, Willie, and I said right away, 'Ma teaches 'em to me.'—Cleveland Plain Dealer

A Wise Child.

"Johnny, do you know that your mother has been looking for you?" asked the neighbor next door. "Sure I do," replied Johnny. "That's the reason she can't find me!"—Judge

She Was So Precious.

"Do you go in for aviation?" he asked the Boston beauty. "No, not for aviation. One goes in for sea bathing, but for aviation one goes up."—Judge.

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FOR SALE—One horse, weight 1000 lbs.; sound, gentle, willing; ride or drive; buggy and harness in good condition. Price reasonable. Inquire Homewood farm. Telephone Wilderville central. 622

FOR SALE—Small ranch on west Jones creek. For particulars inquire at 312 K street. 635

WILL SELL on time with good security, or exchange 1911 Maxwell for property. State in your letter description and condition. Address No. 2125, care Courier. 610tf

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FOR SALE OR TRADE for house in Grants Pass, 160 acres of raw land 12 miles from city. Address No. 2171, care Courier. 624

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FOR SALE—Good carrots, \$7 ton, at my place, close to town. J. Christie, Route 2. 625

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LOST

LOST—Parker fountain pen, gold. Finder notify No. 2191, care Courier. Suitable reward. 626

LOST—At Grants Pass Livery, gray gauntlet buckskin glove for right hand. Reward for return to No. 2203, Courier. 623

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Amazing Transformation.

One may be a speckled trout in the country and a codfish in the city, according to an observer, who believes that many country boys would do well to stay at home.

"A farmer," he said, "once caught a fine speckled trout, which he decided to present to his aunt in the city. Accordingly, he wrapped it in green leaves and placed it in a basket in the body of the wagon. As he stopped for refreshment at a roadside tavern some mischievous boys took a codfish from a nearby grocery stall and substituted it for the finny beauty."

"Arriving in the city, he presented the fish to his aunt. 'What do you mean?' she cried. 'This isn't a trout, it's a codfish.'"

"Rather crestfallen, he took it back, but on the road the boys again made a substitution, and when he showed the fish to his wife it was a speckled trout. She listened to his tale with an amused smile. 'Yes,' she said finally. 'It's like you—a speckled trout in the country and a codfish in town.'—Exchange

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TIME CARD

California and Oregon Coast Railroad Company (The Oregon Caves Route) Effective Monday, Dec. 20, 1915.

Train 1 lv. Grants Pass.....7:00 a.m. Arrives Waters Creek.....8:00 a.m.
Train 2 lv. Waters Creek.....8:15 a.m. Arrives Grants Pass.....9:15 a.m.
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Train will stop on flag at any point between Grants Pass and Wilderville. Passenger service every day in the week.

Voices of the Sea.

In "The Log of the Snark" by Charman Kittredge London, is this bit of sea description:

"The sea is not a lovable monster. And monster it is. It is beautiful, the sea, always beautiful in one way or another, but it is cruel and unkindful of the life that is in it and upon it. It was cruel last evening in the lurid low sunset that made it glow, dully, to the cold, mocking, ragged moonrise that made it look like death. The waves positively beckoned when they rose and pitched toward our boat laboring in the trough. And all the long night it seemed to me that I heard voices through the planking, talking, talking, endlessly, monotonously, querulously, and I couldn't make out whether it was the ocean calling from the outside or the ship herself muttering gropingly, finding herself. If the voices are of the ship they will soon cease, for she must find herself. But if they are the voices of the sea they must be sad sirens that cry, restless, questioning, unsatisfied—quaint homeless little sirens."

Beautiful Fish.

Japanese gardens are almost like a part of the house. The people live in gardens far more than most Americans do. In almost every garden is found a pond with goldfish in it. The golden carp is a kind of goldfish which was brought from China to Japan, and the species named ranchu is greatly admired. It has a tall made of three or four fanlike fins that open and close. When floating about in the water and looked at from above it appears like one of the old Japanese gold coins called the koban. It is supposed to look like a lion, when one gazes straight into its face. The Japan Magazine tells us of these fish and says that the Japanese are fond of giving fancy names to their favorites, such as "dancing butterfly" and "double cherry blossom." Sometimes the fish take their names from appearance and sometimes from habits.

Austria's Historic Crown.

The crown donned by the monarch of Austria, which was made originally for Stephen of Hungary some eight centuries ago, has been stolen, lost or pawned.

One one occasion it was pilfered by a queen who fled across the frozen Danube with it, and there, being in need of ready cash, she pawned it for 2,800 ducats. When it was finally traced and recovered it was placed in a fortress in Hungary and guarded night and day.

At the time of the revolution it was buried in a forest to prevent its being annexed by the Austrians, and it remained under the soil for nearly a hundred years. The crown is adorned with fifty-three fine sapphires, fifty good sized rubies, one emerald and 338 pearls. The gems are sunken in a mass of pure gold, and the crown weighs altogether about fourteen pounds.—Exchange

The Common People.

Coronets, miters, military display, the pomp of war, wide colonies and a huge empire are, in my view, all trifles, light as air and not worth considering, unless with them you can have a fair share of comfort, contentment and happiness among the great body of the people. Palaces, baronial castles, great halls, stately mansions, do not make a nation. The nation in every country dwells in the cottage, and unless the light of your constitution can shine there, unless the beauty of your legislation and the excellence of your statesmanship are impressed there on the feelings and condition of the people, rely upon it, you have yet to learn the duties of government.—John Bright

Beating Off a Dog.

If a dog springs for a man the latter should guard his face with his arm and try to meet the animal with his forearm. With his right hand he should attempt to catch one of the animal's front paws. The paw of a bulldog is ultra sensitive. If it can be caught a vigorous squeeze will make the animal howl for mercy and retire discomfited.

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WAR'S SEARCHLIGHT TURNS ON ANCIENT BAGDAD

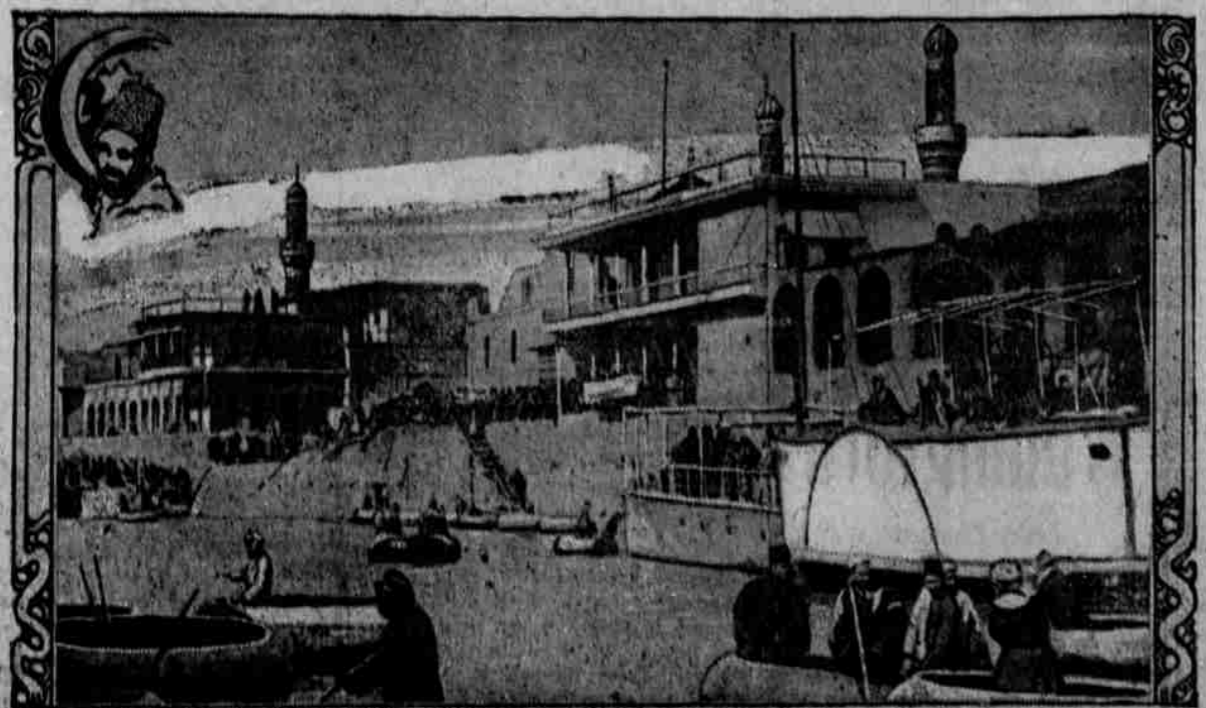


Photo by American Press Association. Picturesque city of "Arabian Nights" fame and proposed terminus of the railroad from Constantinople, which German capital was building before the war, is an important gateway to India. A British expeditionary force is now reported heading this city of Turkey in Asia. We show a scene of the city with its queer boats on the Tigris river.