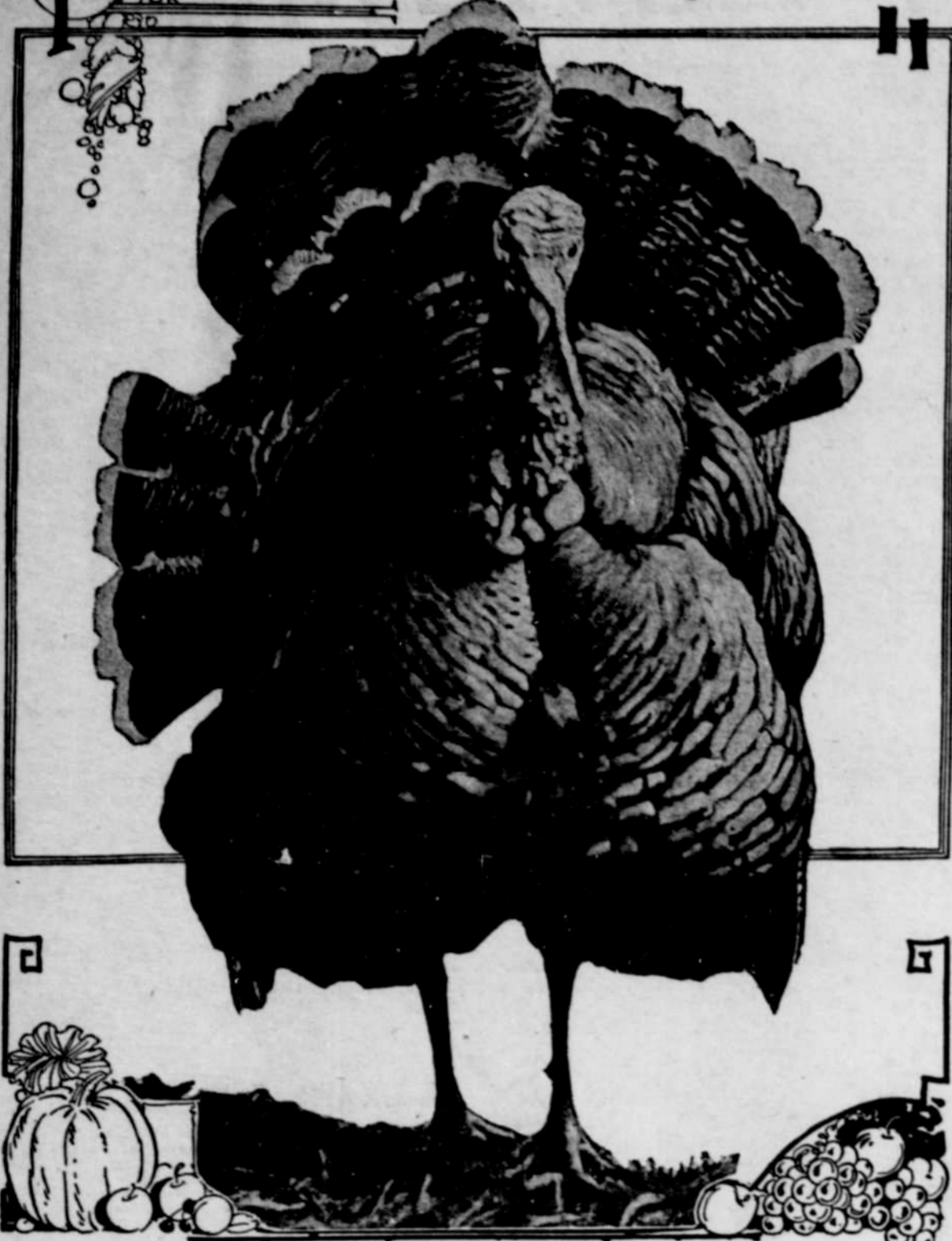


# Thanksgiving, 1926



**T**HE festival of harvest time is upon us. We are anticipating the good fellowship and the prospect of the happy reunions which are accompaniments of this annual celebration. Perhaps, then, it will not be amiss if we dwell a little upon the deeper significance of Thanksgiving.

It is always an interesting adventure and often profitable to trace a word back to its derivation, and a very cursory research will reveal to us the suggestive fact that the words "thanks" and "thank" have a common origin. The former, indeed, is an obsolete form of the latter, and required only in course of time and usage its special significance of pleased or grateful thinking.

With this in mind we may turn to a passage in the letter which Paul wrote to the Christians in Philippi of Macedonia—a letter which is keyed to a high note of spiritual rejoicing, and breathes throughout the gladness which should mark the life attuned to the purpose of God. You will find it in what we call the fourth chapter, in the farewell words addressed by Paul to his friends. We quote from Doctor Goodspeed's translation of the New Testament:

"Have no anxiety about anything, but make all your wants known unto God in prayer and entreaty, with thanksgiving. Then through your union with Christ, Jesus, the peace of God, so far above any human thought, will guard your mind and thoughts. Now brothers let your minds dwell on what is true, what is worthy, what is right, what is pure, what is amiable, what is kindly—on everything that is excellent or praiseworthy. . . . Then God who gives peace will be with you."

It is at once apparent that Paul understood the intimate relation between "thinking" and "thanksgiving." His admonition for the thoughtful life is manifestly the underlying basis for the thankful life. And the thankful life is the assurance of the guarding and companioning peace of God. Paul sets forth the things upon which our minds should dwell—the true, the worthy, the right, the pure,

the amiable or lovely, the kindly. In his philosophy it was vitally important that our minds should be occupied with such thoughts as these. He understood, as we are understanding better today, that what is in a man's thinking will determine the character of his life. He understood, also, that in order to keep one's thinking on a high and wholesome plane there must be effort and discipline.

It was not easy in Paul's day to do this. The world in which he lived was superficially provocative of much bitter, evil and unclean thought. In a city like Philippi there would be many things happening to the Christian and many things under his observation to evoke thinking on the baser level. Even in this joyous letter he felt it necessary to warn his friends with tears against those whose "appetites are their god; who glory in their shame, and who are absorbed in earthly matters."

It is not easy in our day to follow Paul's instruction and example—for he practiced splendidly his own teaching. What we do not actually see in the happening is brought to us in the news columns of the daily press—things that are evil, indecent, ugly, cruel. We cannot wholly ignore these things; Paul did not in his day. When necessary he spoke frankly of them, calling a spade a spade. In his letters, they are part of the world in which we live—of the world we must help. But our effort must be to discipline our thinking so that they will not flood and overwhelm our minds, excluding or submerging thought of better and finer things.

Even more difficult, perhaps, is it to escape the peril of those "who are absorbed in earthly matters." The tide of materialism is strongly set against the influences of the spiritual. Unless the channel is kept clear which admits the flow of God's thought we will find ourselves presently with minds incapable of grasping His purposes and principles, with minds which cannot meditate happily upon His truth or which will not respond to what is right and pure and lovely. The possibility of the thankful life, of the life which knows the comradeship of the God of peace, will be lost to us.

This life of right thinking and glad thanks is the appreciative life. Go to your dictionary again. To "appreciate" means to "set a value." The man who has adopted God's standards of values, who sees the true and the good and the lovely and lovable as the worthwhile and abiding things, is the real appreciator, and for him there will always be occasion for the grateful thinking which is thanks.

If you find little of it in your mind today there is something wrong with your standard of values. You are erring in the practice of "appreciation." You have set your heart upon things that are unworthy, temporary, illusory, and they are disappointing you. Take Paul's recipe. Begin to think about all that is excellent and praiseworthy. Take your mind out of the material shadows and into the sunlight of God's thought and love. Make your wants known to Him. The spirit of thanksgiving will enter your soul, and the "peace of God, so far above any human thought," will come to stand "guard" at your mind's gateway.

And so on this Thanksgiving day let all good Americans give thanks in spirit to the Pilgrims of Plymouth Rock; for turkey, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie; for their heroic struggle for freedom, and for their successful demonstration that their new land could be made to yield a living.

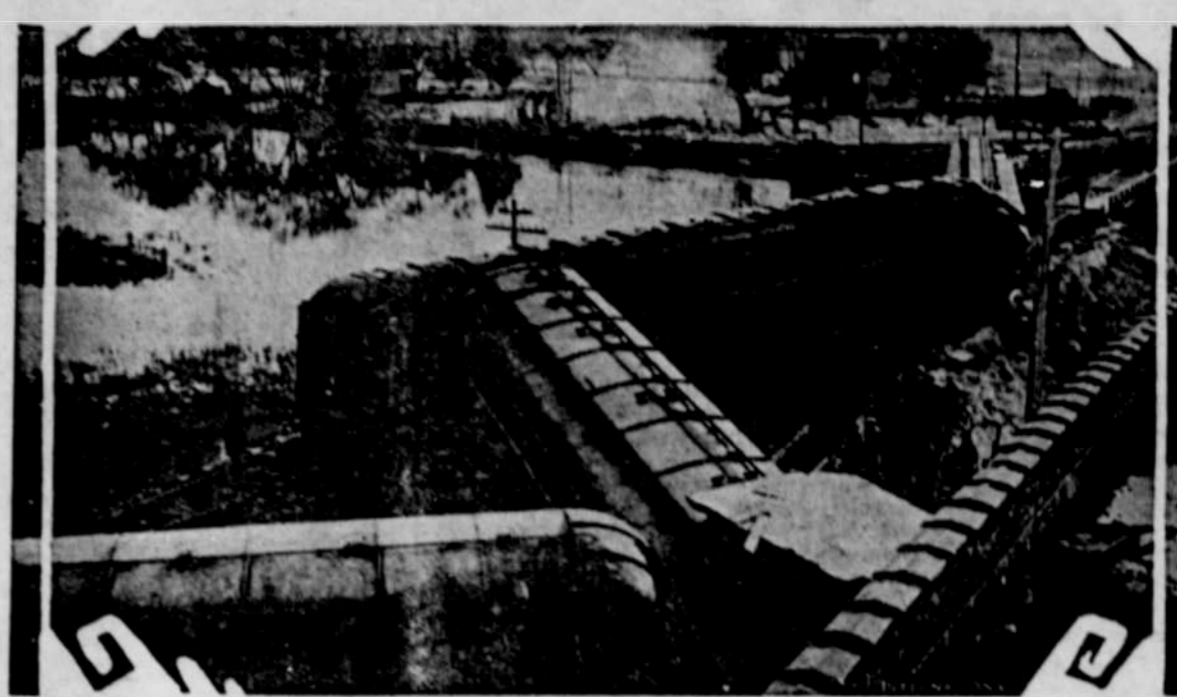
For the specialties served up at all good Thanksgiving dinners, Americans must bow to that friendly old Indian, Massasoit. It was he who introduced the cranberry and the pumpkin to the American people through the Pilgrims. Massasoit may have been a poor uneducated savage, but he and his people had a delightful simple and fairly efficient agricultural system: Corn in the hill and a climbing bean; a pumpkin seed every five hills. Massasoit showed the Pilgrims the cranberry growing wild in the marshes, and had no difficulty whatever in demonstrating that roast turkey and cranberry sauce was an unbeatable combination. The Pilgrims, of course, knew all about turkey, which had been taken across seas from Mexico and had become common on English farms before the year 1600. But it was the friendly Indian who as impresario brought together for the first time on any stage those three Thanksgiving stars—turkey, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie.

otherwise be deceived by the plausible tales of professional beggars. It is a complete "Who's Who" of rogues of this class and gives the stories they tell in order to abstract money from the pockets of the tender-hearted. Most of the information in the volume has been gathered from the author's personal experience. He has found that most professional beggars have only one story piece. After they have exploited it to the full in one district they move on to another.—Answers.

upstart crew, beautified with our feathers, with his tiger's heart wrapped in a player's hide." Quite frequently the master playwright drew forth shreds of distress from fellow writers who had wakened in the morning to discover that overnight William had taken some insipid idea of theirs and transformed it into immortal eloquence.

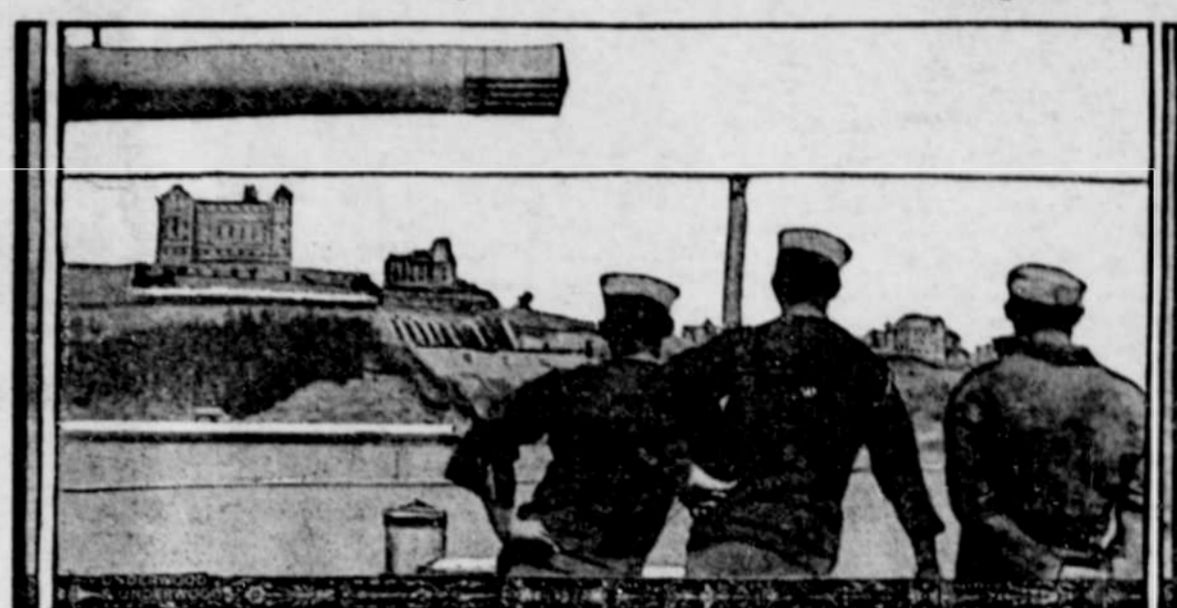
By the aid of plates sensitive to the invisible infra-red light, stars may be photographed in the daytime.

## Pioneer Limited Wrecked but No One Killed



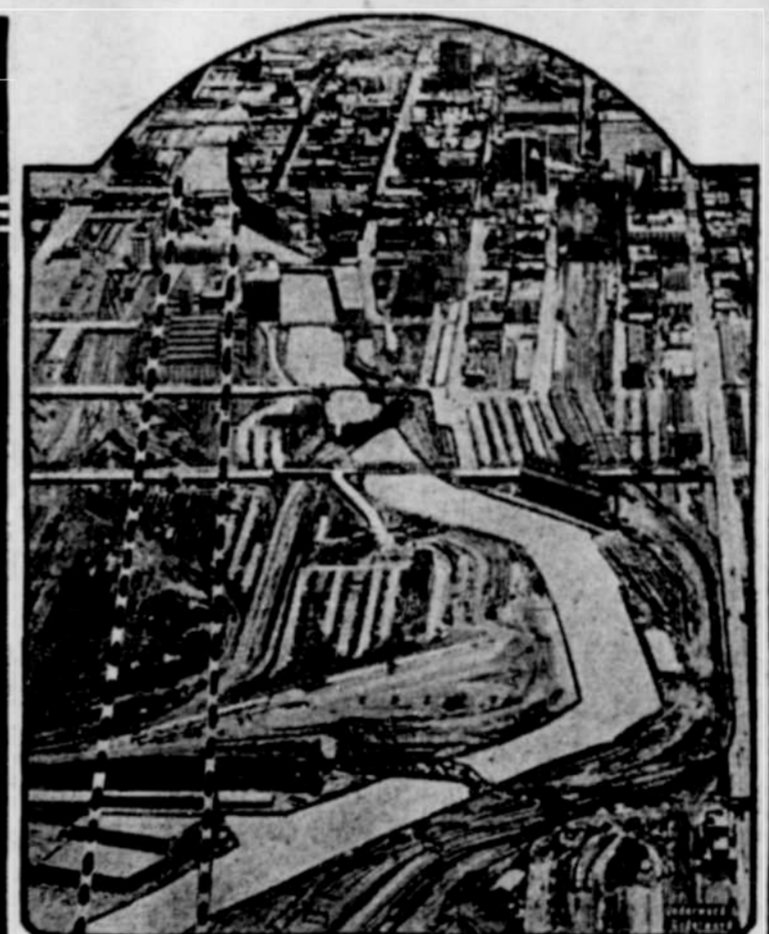
Wreck of the Pioneer Limited, crack train of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, at Columbus, Wis. Only two people were hurt in the accident. The wreck was caused by a freight car door that had dropped off on the right of way.

## Gobs of the Memphis See Some Castles in Spain



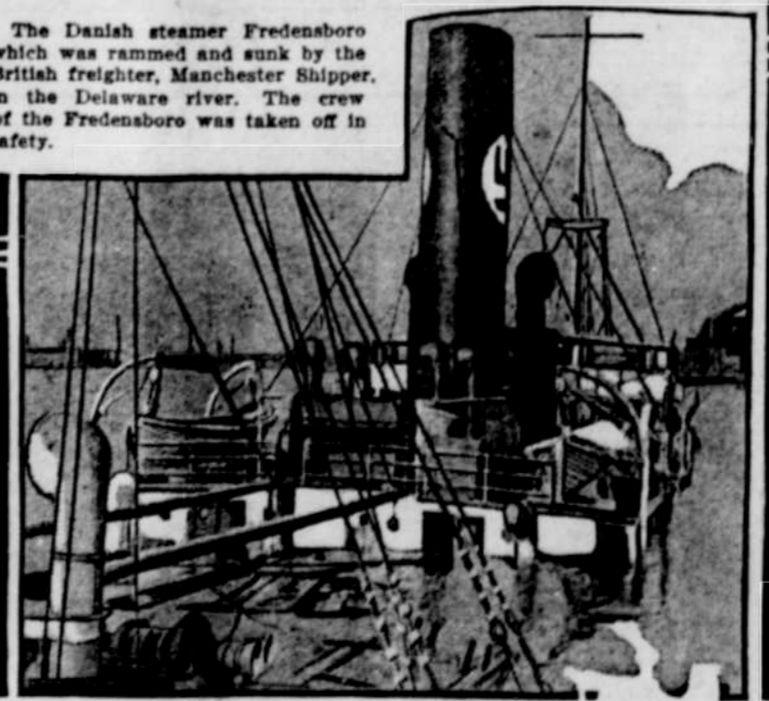
Photograph made on board the U. S. S. Memphis as she arrived at Santander, Spain, on a courtesy call which gave the members of the crew a chance to see a little of the country.

## Chicago River to Be Straightened



The dotted lines on this photograph show the course the Chicago river will take when the straightening project, to which the railroads involved have agreed, is completed. The bend that now stifles the development of Chicago's South side by blocking through-street communication with the loop will be removed.

## Danish Vessel Sunk in the Delaware



The Danish steamer Fredensborg which was rammed and sunk by the British freighter, Manchester Shipper, in the Delaware river. The crew of the Fredensborg was taken off in safety.

## FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS

Fire is a serious cause of decay in trees. China has a coast line of more than 1,000 miles. A few of the American Indian tribes were cannibals. Natural gas of all horses are the walk, trot and canter. The Red Jacket, a sailor of the clipper type, in 1864, crossed the Atlantic in 13 days and 1 hour. An airplane that will carry 100 passengers is being built. Gold mining was conducted in Spain in the days of the Romans. The average length of life of an automobile is gradually increasing. The United States now makes about 95 per cent of the dyes it uses. Foot-and-mouth disease in live stock has been eradicated from the United States.

## BEAT CAL'S FRIEND



David I. Walsh, Democrat, was elected United States senator from Massachusetts, defeating Senator William M. Butler, chairman of the Republican national committee and close friend of President Coolidge.

## HOST TO QUEEN



This is Chief Two Guns White Calf of the Glacier park reservation who was chosen to be host to Queen Marie of Rumania upon her arrival at the Great divide.

## Can't Be Too Careful

The druggist had up a sign: "Drugs and Picnic Lunch." "I want a picnic lunch," stated a customer, "and be sure you give me a careful compounder, one who won't get things mixed."

## Reasonable Proof

Stage Manager—What makes you think the fruit they threw at you was bottled? Actor—I felt a jar.—The Progressive Grocer.

## IN DAYS OF OUR FOREFATHERS

### Women Prepared Their Own Medicines

The wise pioneer women learned to gather, in woods and fields, the remedies the Indians used. From the rafters of colonial houses, hung great bunches of dried roots and herbs. From these, in times of sickness, the busy mother brewed simple and powerful remedies. From roots and herbs, Lydia E. Pinkham, a descendant of these sturdy pioneers, made her Vegetable Compound. The beneficial effects of this dependable medicine are vouched for by hundreds of women. Mrs. Wm. Kraft of 2833 Vinewood Ave., Detroit, Mich., saw a Pinkham advertisement in the "News" one day and made up her mind that she would give the Compound a trial. At that time she was very weak. "After the first bottle," she writes, "I began to feel better and like a new woman after taking six bottles. I recommend it to others and always keep a bottle in the house."

Mrs. Gust Green of 401 Lincoln Park Boulevard, Rockford, Illinois, found herself in a condition similar to that of Mrs. Kraft. "I was weak and run-down," she writes, "but the Vegetable Compound has helped me and I feel better now. I recommend it to all women who need more strength."

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Aspirin Marked With "Bayer Cross" Has Been Proved Safe by Millions. Warning! Unless you see the name "Bayer" on packages or on tablets you are not getting the genuine, Bayer Aspirin proved safe by millions and prescribed by physicians for 26 years. Say "Bayer" when you buy Aspirin. Imitations may prove dangerous.—Adv.

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