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A Vagrant Christmas Gift

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Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Smith understood each other perfectly on the Christmas present proposition.

That their friends could not be taken in on the combination was, however, a thorn in the flesh of each of them.
"The worst has happened," said Mrs. Smith, interrupting Mr. Smith's perusal of the paper Christmas morning.

He'll take it to the house for you.
"Nonsense!" said Mr. Snively. "It's a light package and I don't mind carrying it a mile."

He took the book eagerly and put it on his desk out of sight. As he snatched and talked, he racked his brain for a scheme to get Snively out of the room without his book.

"Oh, yes," said Smith, going to his desk and searching first calmly and then with apparent annoyance.

Santa Claus says:

- 1. A face wreathed in smiles is better than a mansion wreathed in gold.
2. Better broken toys than broken hearts.
3. Never look a gift object in the price tag.

Song of the Christmas Tree

By Gene Morgan
I come from northern forest lands
Where men would carry away
The shadows always spreading.

CARRANZA SENDS WARNING TO U. S.

Use of Force on Border Will Be Considered Unfriendly.
Bryan's Declaration That Retaliation Would Not Be Invasion Is Flatly Contradicted.

Vera Cruz—"If the United States employs force to stop the firing by Mexicans across the international boundary line at Naco, it will be considered an unfriendly act, notwithstanding the friendly motives cloaking the act."

"General Hill, who is commanding the constitutional forces at Naco, is on the defensive," continued General Carranza, "and since his back was to the line it is difficult to see how he could be responsible for the firing in question."

"As a matter of fact, I do not know that the rights of the American citizens have been violated. It seems to me that it would be well for the State department to investigate this question in order to fix the responsibility."

Efficient, But Not Large Army Advised by Wood

New York—Organization of a dependable volunteer army through college camps, Federal control of the militia, increase in the Regular army and provision for adequate armament are essentials for meeting the sudden attack of any hostile power on the United States, the members of the Merchants' association of New York were told Wednesday by Major General Leonard Wood and Henry L. Stimson, ex-Secretary of War.

"You might as well, under modern war conditions, try to organize a big reserve without previous preparation as to try to organize a life-saving service on a shipwrecked vessel that is going to pieces," said General Wood.

"Now this is the kind of system which I think can be applied in this country. I hope that eventually it will grow into a general movement, embodying, say, a six months' enlistment broken into periods of two months each, to be taken during the economic and educational vacation, so as to interfere as little as possible with the work of the young men who are in business and the educational work of the boys who are in college."

Injured Give Advice to Industrial Accident Board

Salem—Numerous unique replies have been received by the State Industrial Accident Commission from beneficiaries of the compensation act to the question asked by the board: "How in your opinion could such accidents be avoided?"
E. A. Dahl, employed by the Pacific Brick company, lost 14 days from work because of an injury to an eye caused by a fellow workman striking him with a mud ball.

Hopgrowers Would Form Co-operative Association

McMinnville—At a meeting of hopgrowers and business men of McMinnville and vicinity Thursday afternoon in the Commercial club assembly hall, the Oregon Hopgrowers' association's representatives thoroughly aroused the interest of Yamhill hopgrowers in the co-operative feature of this organization.

Fruit and Vegetable Diseases to Be Discussed

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Results of recent spraying experiments in apple and pear scab control, will be discussed by Professor H. S. Jackson, plant pathologist of the Oregon station, at the O. A. C. annual short course, January 1 to 30, 1915.

Warships Will Be Sent To Panama Canal Zone

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson and his cabinet decided Wednesday to send American warships to the canal zone to guard against violations of neutrality there by belligerent ships.

War Threatens Gould Kin.

Breuelau—The Breuelaur Zeitung demands the confiscation of the principality of Sagan, which stands in the name of Prince Howard, of Sagan, son of Duke Helie and the Duchess of Tallyrand.

British Lose Sea Chance.

Berlin—Among the items given out by the Official Press Bureau were the following: "The English naval periodical Nautilus reports that the former first sea lord, Prince Louis of Battenberg, planned to cut off the German fleet in Norwegian waters the night of August 1 to 2, but that the wavering of the British cabinet frustrated his plan."

Kaiser's Doctors Anxious.

Paris—A Madrid dispatch published in the Journal says: "Reliable news received here says that Emperor William's condition, although recorded by the bulletin as improving, is giving serious anxiety. His doctors speak of a serious sore throat, following diphtheria, which the emperor contracted during a visit to the Eastern front."

Lady Gets Good Job.

Salem—Governor West has appointed his private secretary, Miss Fern Hobbs, a member of the State Industrial Accident Commission, to succeed C. D. Babcock, whose term will expire January 1. The term is four years and the salary \$3800 a year.

Searching First Calmly and Then With Apparent Annoyance.

desk and searching first calmly and then with apparent annoyance.
"By George! It isn't here," he announced in a surprised tone.

"Oh, that's all right," said Snively, laughing. "It doesn't make a particle of difference."
They parted, laughing good-naturedly over the blunder.

Mr. Smith, still in a dazed condition, rose and answered it.
"Hello, is that you, Smith?" said a voice. "This is Perkins."



From every branch, sad tears I drip In rainstorm's fierce endeavor.



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Now hark! the woodman's ax is heard! A sister tree he's felling.
What can this cruel destruction mean? The winter wind is telling:

"Do not bemoan thy mournful fate, Thy arms wield with madness. Bedecked in tinsel, bright and fine, You'll soon bring children gladness."

"Thou canst not die, although thy trunk Harsh hatches blows may sever. Within the little children's hearts Thou wilt be green forever!"

Battleship Oregon to Be Head of Canal Parade

Washington, D. C.—Not only will the battleship Oregon lead the navies of the world through the Panama Canal on the date of formal dedication next February, but she will carry on her bridge the President of the United States.

Fortune Tellers Barred.

Lubeck—Fortune-tellers now are forbidden to practice in any part of the German empire. Soon after the war broke out they began to do an enormous business with relatives of soldiers in the field, who wanted to know how things were going with them.

Child Drowned in Milk.

Modesto, Cal.—The infant son of Gregorio Yrigoyen, a Swiss dairyman, fell into a tank of skimmed milk Monday on the father's ranch and was drowned.

SEASONABLE PRICES.

Now doth the Christmas shopper With happiness elate, Buy something that was forty-also, Marked up to ninety-eight.

"Oh, I couldn't think of allowing you to do that, old man!" cried Mr. Smith. "Just give it back to the boy."

"Thank Heaven!" "What do you say?" "I said that you did right. It was just a little joke on Snively."

"Thank you. Good-by." "Thank heaven," said Smith as he hung up the receiver and once more settled himself in comfort.