

CHRISTMAS IS NEAR AND RUSH IS UNDER WAY

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FULLY HALF MILLION FOR PRESENTS HERE

Large Stocks Are Here to Choose From—Next Week Will Be a Busy One.

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The Christmas stocking in Medford this year will be well filled. Fully a half million dollars will be the volume of Christmas business in this city.

RUSSIA MAY BE "INSULTED"

Resolution Introduced by Sulzer If Enacted into Law Will Be Declared an "Insult," Says Russian Ambassador.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—That the resolution introduced by Congressman Sulzer of New York to abrogate the treaty of 1832 between the United States and Russia, will be considered as an "insult to Russia," if enacted into law, is the substance of a message conveyed to President Taft by Secretary of State Knox today, following a conference between Knox and Ambassador Bakmeteff of Russia.

SCHMITZ TRIAL ON JANUARY 5

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—The trial of former Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz for bribery in connection with the trolley cases will begin January 5, having been set for that date today by Judge Lawler at the district attorney's request.

OWNERS OF NEW YORK FIRE TRAP WHO ARE NOW ON TRIAL FOR MANSLAUGHTER IN FIRST DEGREE.



Isaac Harris, Max Blanck, proprietors of the Triangle Waist company, New York City, who are charged with manslaughter in the first and second degree—an aftermath of the fire in the company's factory March 25, when 146 lives were lost, mostly girls—are now placed on trial. The defendants are being represented by Max Steuer.

FORMER PORTLAND WOMAN ATTEMPTS TO KILL HERSELF

"I Did It for Love of Him," She Murmurs Before Lapsing into Unconsciousness—Friend Refuses to Make a Statement.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 16.—Telephoning to Frank B. Cockrell from her room at a hotel, Mrs. Edna Robinson, reported to be a wealthy divorcee, and sister of Mrs. J. C. Clark of Portland, Or., asked him to listen, and then shot herself.

ISLAM AGAINST CHRISTENDOM IS PRESENT MENACE

Czar's Attempt to Oust Shuster Leads to Serious Consequences—Persia and Turkey May Turn on Russia—Priests Preach Holy War.

TEHERAN, Persia, Dec. 16.—Persia and Turkey against Russia; Islam against Christendom, is a menace which faces the world through the latest turn in the Russo-Persian imbroglio, arising out of the czar's attempt to expel W. Morgan Shuster, Persia's American treasurer general, and grab the shah's domain.

MAN FALLS INTO ROCK CRUSHER; NEARLY KILLED

Only Presence of Mind on Part of Fellow Workman Prevents Man Being Ground to a Pulp in Machine.

FOUR RIBS BROKEN; HOLE TORN IN SIDE

Companion Throws Belt Off, Stopping Plant—Man May Die.

Only the presence of mind of a fellow workman saved the life of an Austrian laborer at the Griffin creek rock crusher this morning when the latter fell into the large hopper and the machine had started to literally crush him to death.

The man was engaged in feeding rock into a large rock crusher when his foot slipped and he fell across the hopper and between the jaws of the heavy iron crusher.

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DEMAND EXPULSION OF CONGRESSMAN LITTLETON



These are indeed strenuous days for Representative Martin W. Littleton, of New York. Following the charge against him in connection with the United States Steel corporation, a demand has been made for his impeachment and expulsion from the house.

TARIFF BATTLE IS PREDICTED FOR NEXT WEEK

Reported That Tariff Board's Report Shows That Protective Principle on Wool Must Be Maintained on Specific Basis.

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ETHEL CONRAD TO SUE MILLIONAIRE FOR HUGE DAMAGE

Malicious Prosecution and False Arrest Will be Grounds Upon Which Young Woman Hopes to Secure Verdict for \$50,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Suit for \$50,000 damages on the ground of malicious prosecution and false arrest is to be brought against W. E. D. Stokes, the millionaire hotel owner and sporting man, by Miss Ethel Conrad, who, with Lillian Graham, was acquitted of a charge of assault with intent to kill Stokes by a jury here yesterday.

CHINESE WAR MAY CEASE IN NEXT FEW DAYS

Peace Conference Between Manchus and Rebels Will Be Held at Shanghai Next Week, Which May End Revolution.

TARTARS MAY BE MERGED WITH CHINESE

Emperor May Be Left on the Throne As a Chinaman With Constitutional Government.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 16.—Fully believing that the pivotal point of the Chinese rebellion will be reached during the peace conference between the Manchu representatives and the rebels next week the people of Shanghai are keyed up to a high tension today awaiting the arrival of Tang Shao Yi, the imperial plenipotentiary appointed by Premier Yuan Shi Kai, who will be here with his party tomorrow from Hankow.

On his arrival here Shao Yi will have completed a 500-mile cruise along the Yang Tse river, which is patrolled by the rebel fleet. He will not have seen the yellow flag of the Manchu dynasty since leaving Hankow. On the boat with him will be a number of other leading Manchu officials, as well as 22 representatives of different provinces of China, who have been appointed by Yuan Shi Kai. Four representatives of General Li Yuen Heng, revolutionary commander in chief, are traveling on the same boat with their Manchu opponents.

FIGHTING STARTS AGAIN IN CHINA

In Order to Keep His Men Quiet Rebel Commander Breaks Armistice and Sets Them to Fighting Once More.

PEKING, Dec. 16.—Fighting is in progress in the vicinity of Shih Chai Kwang today as a result of a rise of the imperialist's commander to prevent his troops from mutiny. The commander recently asked the government for \$300,000 (Mexican) with which to pay his soldiers and was promised \$10,000, which, however, was not forthcoming. In order to keep the men quiet until the funds arrive, the commander broke the armistice and set them to fighting.

QUAKE ROCKS OLD MEXICO

Fifteen Persons Are Reported Dead at Cuernavaca, Seven at Guaymas and Thirteen at Jalapa—Much Excitement Prevails.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 16.—Disturbances from Colima this afternoon state that an earthquake lasting three minutes and causing considerable damage occurred in the province at 12:40 p. m. Fifteen persons are reported dead at Cuernavaca, seven at Guaymas and 13 at Jalapa. Several supposedly extinct volcanoes are reported to be in eruption.

HOW A PUBLIC MARKET IS BRINGING CITY AND COUNTRY TOGETHER AT JOLIET

Illinois Town Lowers High Cost of Living by Bringing Producer and Consumer Together.

(By F. M. Chase in the Prairie Farmer.)

The question of finding a market for farm produce no longer troubles the farmers of Will county, Illinois. The "high cost of living" has departed from the city of Joliet. The Joliet municipal market is dividing profits between the producer and the consumer. Briefly the plan is this: The city provides a place for the market. Farmers bring to this place whatever produce they have to sell, paying a small sum for the right to sell on the market, which is collected only to defray the necessary expense of equipping and maintaining a market place.

The municipal market has been in operation since September 30. On that date 25 farmers and gardeners with wagons backed to the sidewalk on the city hall lot began to sell their produce. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week were designated as market days, business commencing in the morning as soon as buyers appeared and continuing until noon. Ten cents per wagon was charged each day for the right to sell. More purchasers came each day and in two weeks the numbers of wagons had tripled. Larger sales

Practical Plan Adopted Whereby Farmers Are Encouraged to Bring Produce to City and Sell It.

characterized every market day and the success of the new plan was assured. With the approach of cold weather more comfortable quarters were found in the Riley building. Popular demand became so strong that the market is now open daily until noon and until 10 o'clock Saturday nights. The rental of \$100 per month is paid by the city, which reimburses itself from the fees collected from the farmers. About one-half of the space in the new location is set aside for the construction of booths, which sellers pay for at the rate of \$10 per month. Adjoining this is a large space where the farmer may drive in and sell from his wagon. Here the charge is only 10 cents per day. This space is arranged for the accommodation of farmers who cannot visit the market every day. Another portion of the public market is fitted with stalls, where for 25 cents the farmer may stable his team for the day. Realizing the inconvenience caused by bringing small amounts of vegetables to market each day, the management rents out space in the basement, where the farmer's entire crop may be sold out in small lots during the winter. For the convenience of city people a boy operates a delivery wagon, charging 10 cents for each delivery.

The official opening in the new quarters was made Saturday morning, November 18, by Chief H. G. Schuessler of the Joliet health commission, thereby adding the stamp of approval of the health department. All produce offered for sale is inspected daily by Assistant Health Commissioner William J. McCarthy. During the morning of the opening day the space about the booths was crowded with purchasers and farmers

make as much gusto about the operations as the city butcher thought necessary, but he kept his assistant busy making change.

Judging from the number of chickens sold on the first day in the new quarters, chicken dinners must be popular in Joliet. It is safe to say at least that they are more popular since the public market opened. On a busy market day the Joliet citizen walking home with a rooster under his arm is a common sight. The stranger arriving in town needs no directions to find the public market; simply determine which way the most captive chickens hail from and use a little of Sambo's inherent skill in finding the fenthy tribe. When William Moore, who lives six miles west of Lockport, went to Joliet to do his Saturday trading, he rounded up two coops of plump Plymouth cocks and took them with him. He had just 6 in his coops and their average weight was about five pounds. The heaviest ones he sold for 65 cents, the average for the whole lot being 55 cents. Mr. Moore arrived at the market at 9:30, and a few minutes after noon only three chickens remained unsold. A bargain hunter approached the coops and asked the price. "Fifty cents apiece," replied Mr. Moore. "I'll give you \$1.30 for the three." "I'll take 'em home and eat 'em first," Mr. Moore retorted. "The last three are worth as much to me as any others." But he didn't have to take them home, for a few minutes later willing buyers took the remaining hens. At this rate Mr. Moore's chickens netted him over \$34. If he had shipped this poultry to Chicago and sold at the prevailing price, he would

City is Reimbursed by a Small Payment for the Privilege of Selling on Market.

have netted after paying express charges about \$9. He was, therefore, \$9 ahead by selling at the market, had his money in his pocket when he went home, had incurred no risk and commission fees did not worry him. While this market owes its conception to Mayor E. M. Allen, Mr. Jesse Brockway has been the moving spirit in bringing about this laudable relationship between the country and city people. In the eyes of Joliet residents who were formerly accustomed to paying 20 to 25 cents per pound for cold storage chickens, where now they may obtain a whole hen for 50 cents, Mr. Brockway's market comes nearer to solving the high cost of living than President Taft's trust-busting campaign. Where pork sold for 15 cents per pound it now sells for 10 on the public market. Furthermore, both producer and consumer are better satisfied. While to do away with all middlemen would result in commercial distress, there is no room for unscrupulous ones, and from such only will come the unfavorable opinions of the public market. The formation of a municipal market such as the one described requires some man of large enough caliber to recognize the rights of both rural and urban people. While the Joliet public market was instituted by the city there is no reason why one cannot be started in other towns by farmers as well as by city folk. There ought to be such a market in every town.