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HONG KONG KOLUM

My head bookkeeper has nine children. What shall I give him for Christmas? (A RAISE.)

Why not start a relief fund for our own war sufferers right here at home—I mean the proofreaders of the daily papers.

BEHOLD

—she tardy shopper. Who is late for every saje! She used to come a cropper, But today she's just a snail!

Sir: Can you heat this: After supper last night I went out to get in the coal. Our neighbor was in the yard. "Oh, William, dear," called my wife, her eye on the neighbor, "come heah." Just then the n. l. went inside. "Hill, you brute, hurry up!" yelled my better half, savagely. —Artie.

During a family row in Brooklyn, according to the New York World, the head of the house threw a pitcher at the stove. The pitcher broke and emptied its contents \$576 (the family savings) into the fire. The money was destroyed. (Maybe the h.o.h. had been "tipping the jug.")

Today's Bellringer

Arnold Daly, the actor, tells of an Irishman in Philadelphia who for years operated on the street cars. Once an inspector was watching Foley ringing up the fares. The inspector stepped forward.

"Foley," he said, "how is it that you have ten passengers and only nine fares rung up?" Foley looked around at the passengers.

"There's wan too many uv yez on this car," he shouted, "git out uv here, wan of yez!"

Stella's Bargain Counter

Wives are not interested in the returns of a lodge election—except hubby's return.

Earthquakes are the only things some husbands don't blame their wives for.

What a Great Munion Spy He Would Make

Patchogue, L. I., Dec. 16.—A man who has made himself out to be a deaf mute for several years got so mad here today before a magistrate that he broke his silence and his first word was a cuss word.

Overheard on Riverside Avenue

"Did you notice the number of the machine that just hit me?" "Yes."

"What was the number?" "One—how many did you think it was?"

ORICK, WATSON!

Roy Fearless wrestled with a burglar in his home in Boston this week and threw the crook down the stairs, thus living up to his name.

ALSO—

It is announced by the Hazel Green (Ky.) Herald that Mr. and Mrs. Ben Davis Apple are now the happy parents of triplets.

KHAKI UNIFORMS TO BE WORN BY OREGON WARDS

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 16.—Khaki will be worn by inmates of the Oregon state institutions next year instead of blue denim. Efforts of R. H. Goodin, secretary of the state board of control to obtain bids on blue denim for the manufacture of overalls and other working clothing to the state's wards, he said today had failed and khaki will be bought in stead.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

WITH some forty billion feet of merchantable timber in the forests of Jackson county, our lumber resources are left undeveloped. Practically all the lumber used is shipped from other sections. Our fruit is shipped in boxes manufactured elsewhere. Our houses are built of wood from distant forests. Our vast timber belt is principally in the hands of non-resident speculators—holding for unearned increment.

The Pacific & Eastern was built to the timber so as to afford a rail outlet—yet the mills ceased to operate as soon as there was an excuse for operating. Hundreds of thousands of valley dollars are being spent to support payrolls in distant mills, while our own labor cannot get employment.

Much of the timber is "ripe"—that is, past its prime, and beginning to deteriorate. More or less of it is destroyed by fire annually. Despite this and the fact that a local market exists for the inferior products and an eastern market for the higher grade, no attempt is made for operation.

The United States is emerging into an era of great prosperity. Lumber is in demand in all parts, and will continue to be. Its price appreciates as building and business revives—just as iron and steel do. Jackson county alone of the timber belts, with superior timber resources to other localities, fails to manufacture lumber.

It is not the fault of railroad rates. The Southern Pacific offers as advantageous rates to this region as to any other. Medford and Ashland are not only on an equality with Portland and the Willamette valley with respect to California shipments, but have the advantage of considerably lower rates to certain points in California north of San Francisco bay. For instance, the carload rate on box shooks from Medford to Sacramento is 16 1/2 cents per 100 pounds, while the rate from the Willamette valley and Portland is 21 1/2 cents. In addition, there are a large number of special commodity rates to northern California points considerably less than the rates applying from the Willamette valley.

The coast basis of rates governs lumber shipments to eastern trans-continental points, to Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas and territory east. Medford, 329 miles south of Portland, can ship its lumber to points in this territory as cheaply as the Willamette valley and Portland. So there can be no claim of discrimination by the railroad against Jackson county.

With a railroad to the timber, with a downhill haul for logs, with cheap electric power, with a local market for box shooks and lower grades of products, with fair rates from railroads, there seems to be no section that offers better opportunity for lumber manufacturing than Medford. To secure such an institution should be the main work of the Commercial club the coming year—for nothing will add more to the prosperity of the valley.

JOYS OF THE EDITOR

Consider Ye Editor. He weareth purple and fine linen. His abode is among the mansions of the rich. His wife hath her limousine and his first born sporteth a speedy racing car. Lo! all the people breaketh their necks to laud him money. A child is born unto the wife of a merchant in the bazaar. The physician getteth 10 golden plunks. Ye Editor writeth a stick and a half and telleth the multitude that the child tippleth the beam at nine pounds. Yea, he dieth even as a centaurion. And the proud father giveth him a eremo.

Behold! the young one groweth up and graduateth. And ye Editor putteth into his paper a swell notice. Yea, a peach of a notice. He telleth of the wisdom of the young woman and of her exceeding comeliness. Like unto the roses of Sharon is she, and her gown is played up to beat the band. And the dress-maker getteth two score and four iron men. And ye Editor getteth a note of thanks from the S. G. G. The daughter goeth on a journey. And ye Editor throweth himself on the story of the farewell party. It runneth a column, solid. And the fair one remembereth him from afar with a picture postal card that costeth six for a jitney.

VILLA TO EXPEL THIRTY AMERICANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The 30 Americans detained by General Villa at Madera, Mexico, may be expelled from Villa territory as the Spaniards were at Torreón a year ago, but are not believed to be in danger of execution according to advices today to the state department from El Paso. It is unlikely that the state department will protest to the Carranza government.

RUSSIANS LEAVING BESSARABIAN FRONT

LONDON, Dec. 16.—A wireless dispatch from Berlin quotes the Pester Post of Budapest as declaring that it has reliable reports that the Russians are evacuating from the Bessarabian front the greater part of the troops which were stationed there. Telegraphic communication between Russia and Rumania has been stopped, according to advices to the newspaper.

GERMAN PLOTTERS ENROUTE TO ITALY

MILAN, Italy, Dec. 16.—The Secolo asserts that the British government has warned Italy that German emissaries have left the United States ports with the purpose of committing acts of violence in Italy, particularly against merchant shipping. In this connection the Secolo calls attention to recent fires on a steamship at Naples and on the docks at Genoa.

ENTENTE POWERS SEND CHINA WARNING

TOKIO, Dec. 16.—Italy's ratification having arrived, Japan has forwarded to China the note from the entente powers relative to the re-establishment of the Chinese monarchy. The note is of a soothing nature, but emphasizes the necessity of the maintenance of peace in China and the determination of the entente nations to protect their rights in the case of outbreaks.

SOLDIERS AT WORSHIP IN RUINED CHURCH NEAR FIRING LINE



A service in a ruined church just behind the firing line in France. The building has been badly damaged by shell fire. The floor is covered with heaps of rotten masonry, and the altar has gone.

AS IT APPEARS TO YOUTH (Editorials Written by Pupils of the Medford High School.)

WHO RULES THE SEAS? At the outset of the present war, the great question was, "who shall be master of the seas?" Germany looked with pride upon her supposedly invincible submarine fleet, while England turned a loving eye towards her giant array of battleships and cruisers. The question to be decided, was not which nation possessed the greatest sea fighters, but whether the battleship was a thing of the past, and if the submarine was able to fulfill its place.

England has again demonstrated to the entire world that the battleship has come to stay. With her gigantic sea fighters she has almost exterminated the German submarine fleet. What warships Germany still has are riding leisurely at anchor in some unimportant bays, bottled up by the English. No more do we hear of a submarine sinking an entire fleet of warships or helpless merchant men. No more is the English channel the dreaded stretch of water it was a short time ago.

What is the reason for this? The reason is, that England has once again proved herself to be master of the high seas. She is merely repeating the days of Trafalgar, when, under the leadership of Lord Nelson, she swept the combined fleets of France off the seas, and trampled the world-wide ruling plans of Napoleon beneath her feet.

Her position necessitates two large fleets, one of merchantmen and the other of merchant destroyers. Both of these she has used to advantage. Both have proved successful far, so where you may, you will see the Union Jack flying from more mastsheads than almost all the rest put together. For centuries and centuries England's standard has been unfurled to the breeze from the Arctic to the Antarctic regions, and if present indications are to count as anything, it will yet be a few days before her flag will be lowered to half-mast.

MILITARY TRAINING IN SCHOOLS

Military training is held by many authorities to be beneficial to the cadet, and for this reason many of these authorities have advocated military training in public schools. It is claimed that this will fulfill a twofold purpose, first, that it will develop a stronger race of young men by subjecting them to this military drill as a school requirement, and, second, that it will form in our country an armed democracy.

SIX DAYS TO CHRISTMAS



The Christmas Rush is on, but it will be worse

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KAISER ATTENDS CHURCH AT VILNA WITH ARMY STAFF

BERLIN, Dec. 15, by wireless.—The Overseas News agency gives an account of a service in the ancient German church at Vilna, attended by Emperor William on his recent visit to the eastern front.

Besides the emperor there were, according to the account, Prince Oscar, the fifth son of the emperor; Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, General Falkenhayn, chief of the general staff of the army, Admiral Von Holtzen dorff, head of the naval general staff and Generals Von Ladendorff and Von Eichhorn, together with numerous officers and soldiers.

The sermon of the field chaplain, as reported by the newspapers, says the emperor, "was upon the theme 'blessed are they who do not lose confidence.'"

"After the service the emperor was cheered by throngs of Polish and Lithuanian residents who lined the streets and cried, 'long live the emperor.' A military parade followed and the emperor personally decorated soldiers and chatted in kindly fashion with both officers and privates."

MRS. DREXEL BESTS HUSBAND IN COURT

LONDON, Dec. 16.—A judgment in favor of Margerita Armstrong Drexel, wife of the American banker, Anthony J. Drexel, was rendered today in her suit to recover money under a separation deed. The point involved was Mr. Drexel's motion to set aside the service of a notice of a writ by the wife to recover money due under the deed on the ground that his domicile was France and that therefore he was outside the jurisdiction of the English courts. Mr. Drexel had allowed Mrs. Drexel a yearly income of \$50,000.

M'CHORD OF KENTUCKY RENOMINATED TO I. C. C.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—President Wilson today formally renominated C. C. M'Chord of Kentucky to be a member of the interstate commerce commission to succeed himself.

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The IDEAL XMAS GIFT

Is something useful and ornamental. A CEDAR CHEST IS SUCH, or most anything in the furniture line—a Rocker, Pedestal, Smoking Set, etc. Our special for this Christmas is our \$8.50 Pacific Cedar Chest for \$7.00. Come in and let us show you our line. Descriptive circulars for out of town people free for the asking.

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Paramount Pictures. Star Theatre WHERE THE CROWDS GO TODAY ONE DAY ONLY MARY PICKFORD In an original and incomparable portrayal LITTLE PAL. "Little Pal" provides Mary Pickford, the unrivaled favorite of the screen, with one of the most unique roles in which she has ever been presented. The play is one of primitive emotions and primal passions, and brings forth a hitherto unexplored aspect of Mary Pickford's astounding versatility. It is essential to say that Miss Pickford invests this extraordinary characterization with all the power and color for which she is universally celebrated. This is the only picture in which Little Mary wears a wig. See it.