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HONG KONG KOLUM

China Boy's Almanac Saturday—Well known day. Clome before Sunday and follow Friday. Allasamee will rain some place and snow odder place. Sclap in Mexico. Kaiser allasamee sore bout some thing. Fadar stop on way home and bling strange umbrella. Somebody allasamee lite article on Balkans. Little Willie steal sugar plum bird cage. Cook quit job. Will be dark tonight when sun go down. Plice of meat go up. Good day for souse. Sun allasamee shine if no cloudy. Plice of gasoline go up, bang! Good day for young boy to lite love letter. Lucky day for blacksmiths and camp blooks. Fine thought for todady: Honesty makee blest poverty.

What is a Man to Do? Sir: I am a failure. I have four daughters. Ma and I struggled five years to get rid of the oldest girls. We safely got 'em married off and moved into a smaller cottage. One hubby turned out N. G. and daughter comes back to the o. h. Daughter No. two has just sprung a divorce certificate on us and is back home again. We're just where we started—only more so.—Fleming.

My daughter Grace spends lots of money; therefore she's not a saving Grace.—H. B.

Married men: First be sure your right—then, ask your wife.

Stella's Bargain Counter Is the tramp who goes to work a deserter from the army of won't works? What you say in a letter goes—if you put a stamp on it and don't forget to put it in the mail box.

Our Own Christmas Hints Stylish waist, designed as a gift for a girl friend. Inexpensive and decidedly appropriate.

ITALIAN STEAMER PORTO SAID REPORTED SUNK OFF EGYPT LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Italian steamer Porto Said has been sunk, it is announced here.

The Porto Said was 403 feet long and had a gross tonnage of 5107 According to the latest records of her movements she sailed from Genoa November 17 for Alexandria.

RUSSIAN WARSHIP DESTROYS BUILDING FLYING OLD GLORY BERLIN, Dec. 17 (by wireless t Sayville).—The charge that Russia warships several months ago destroyed a building flying the American flag is made in an official publication of the Turkish government, the Overseas News agency announced today.

AUSTRIANS CAPTURE MONTENEGRIN TOWN BERLIN, Dec. 17, via London.—At army headquarters the announcement was made today that the Austro-Hungarian troops which are invading Montenegro have captured Rijelopolje on the Lim river, about twenty miles west of the Serbian border.

TO PREVENT WAR

MEYER LONDON, the only socialist in congress, has introduced a resolution authorizing an attempt at mediation in the European war by the United States and setting forth principles upon which he believes a permanent peace can be established.

Instead of huge armaments to enforce treaty agreements and the findings of international arbitration tribunals, Mr. London proposes an international commercial boycott and a referendum by the people of the countries affected as to whether there shall be war or peace. In behalf of these proposals, he will devote his energies during the present session.

It is an undeniable fact that commercialism is the underlying cause of all wars. This has been the case since civilization began. A close analysis of causes shows that, even the religious wars had commercial greed as a base. The acquisition of territory is useful only to extend markets.

Commerce is international, particularly modern commerce. Each nation produces what it is fitted to produce best and sells it to the other nations in exchange for other products. This has gone so far under modern conditions that countries like Great Britain no longer attempt to produce foodstuffs, but sells their manufactures to other nations in exchange for food. Many nations produce only raw materials which other nations utilize in manufactures, and international exchange is essential to the life of the people. Hence no possible weapon could be devised more effective than a severing of commercial relations with the world.

Concerning this feature, Mr. Meyer says: The present war proves the strength of this weapon. The most effective force of the allies has been the embargo they have been able to enforce against Germany's commerce. If the allies win it will be because of this commercial boycott.

Commercialism is so intensely international that to confine a country's commerce within her own boundaries would be the severest punishment possible.

Democracy in international affairs would result in abolition of war. If the people were given a voice, instead of kings and autocrats, there would be no wars—for wars are fought by the people, who also have to pay the bills and suffer the punishment.

Concerning the preparedness program, Mr. Meyer says: All the present hysteria as to our need for a larger army and navy—all our fear of invasion and conquest—is the result of abnormal, distorted vision produced by the European holocaust. That war is turning all of us back toward animalism. Stories of men slaughtered by thousands, of atrocities, suffering and hardship that normally would make our blood run cold, we now accept as nothing out of the ordinary.

And so we start about arming ourselves to take part in the same sort of business. Fighting and war and slaughter we have come to think of as a normal condition. We have been progressing backward. Let us face about and get our sane ideals back again. Properly mobilized, the forces of peace can crush absolutely the forces of war.

FIFTY MILLIONS LOST

A PRACTICAL farmer and prospective investor in the valley estimates that the lack of an irrigation system has cost the Rogue River valley a loss of \$50,000,000 during the years since the building of the railroad.

The loss is not exaggerated—indeed, probably underestimated. With irrigation the annual output would be many times greater, much more varied.

Let us figure the loss for a single year, even on the acreage under cultivation, without any intensified farming, using present slipshod and unscientific methods of cultivation. Take the year 1915, for instance. Were the valley irrigated, the fruit shipments would have totalled between 2000 and 3000 cars, conservatively estimated. This would have meant from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 brought into the valley. Instead, the output was 300 cars, bringing in \$300,000, a loss of two million dollars on one crop in one year.

All other crops were shy—grain, hay, potatoes, beans, vegetables—not enough produced for local needs. The shortage is reflected in the livestock and other industries, in creamery and cannery output. The loss totals at least another million.

Here, then, is a loss of three million dollars in one year. But the loss is really much greater, because with irrigation there would be intensified farming, much greater acreage farmed, many more farmers, more livestock and poultry, larger creameries, larger canneries, all of which would create more industries.

The loss to the valley from lack of irrigation is incalculable. It is the one great need, and until water is supplied there will be no established property values, no market for property, no real prosperity.

AS IT APPEARS TO YOUTH

Editorials Written by Pupils of the Medford High School.)

Why Be a Pessimist is rapidly being laid in affording employment to a crew of men, and the sugar beet factory and the raising of beets should open up the new year with a boom.

No why be a pessimist when it is so much better for the country if you are an optimist? The winter weather promises to put a sufficient amount of moisture into the ground for a good fruit crop; and together with the other enterprises of the valley, 1916 is sure to be a prosperous year for everyone.

Christmas Giving Most men dread to see Christmas approach. Wonder why? This very fact seems to me to prove that something is wrong somewhere. They dread it because it means busting.

JOHN A. PERL UNDERTAKER Lady Assistant 28 S. BARTLETT Phone M. 47 and 47-J2 Ambulance Service Coroner

around to scrape up the extra money for Christmas shopping. The chase of the "almighty dollar" has usually fired them so much that it is impossible for them to enjoy thoroughly the holiday season. And, too, often just because "dad doesn't care anything about Christmas," a tie, a pair of socks and a couple of handkerchiefs often suffice for him. He says, "it's foolishness," and that he "does not care a snap about it," but just the same it hurts to be the only one who is slighted. Mother with her new necklace, daughter with a rich set of furs and everything a heart could wish for; and dad, with a gaudy tie and a "two-bit" handkerchief, just because "he really doesn't care." This is surely enough ground for a campaign for a sinner Christmas. A true Christmas spirit is expressed when we buy a simple, useful and appreciated gift for those whom we really love, from the money which has meant sacrifices to us in order that we might save it. Let us stop sometimes in the midst of doing our Christmas shopping early and think of dad, the one who says "he doesn't care a bit."

When the American people have succeeded in conquering their Christmas manias they will have made a long stride toward a happier nation.

SEVERE RELATIONS ONLY WAY OUT

PARIS, Dec. 17.—"We shall be very much astonished if the American government does not reply to the Austrian note by simply instructing Ambassador Penfield to ask for his passports and by handing his passports to the Austrian charge at Washington," says the Figaro.

"Austria's answer is a barely disguised refusal. The only satisfaction Austria gives the United States is that she did not keep the United States waiting for it. President Wilson's long amity has its limits and the dismissal of the Austrian charge at Washington and the recall of Ambassador Penfield will show this is not a question of a fit of energy, but a carefully thought-out resolution."

MONTENEGRINS FORCED TO RETREAT

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The following official Montenegrin communication was received here today: "At dawn of December 14 the Austrians directed a general attack at all our positions in the Sanjak. At nightfall our advance guard troops had to retire north of Chahovre and Bielo. In the direction of Ipek-Rozai the enemy, after several days' fighting, succeeded in occupying Rozai.

"Along other fronts there was infantine firing."

Corn Limpers! Use "Gets-It" and Smile!

Corns Come Right Off, Clean and Quick! You Needn't Limp, or Fuss With Your Corns Any More! What's the use of spilling a good time for yourself by limping around with those corns? It's one of the easiest things in the world, now, to get rid of them. "Gets-It" does it



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LID IS CLAMPED ON MEXICO CITY

GALVESTON, Texas, Dec. 17.—The sale of alcoholic liquors in Mexico City has been forbidden for ninety days by a decree issued yesterday by the governor of the district, according to advices reaching the Mexican consulate here today. The decree was a measure taken to prevent the spread of typhus in the capital.

It is also reported that Governor Alvarado of the state of Yucatan, has issued a decree permanently forbidding the sale of liquors in that state. The dispatch adds that foreign life insurance companies who have failed to comply with the order which requires detailed reports to the government of their business, have been notified to comply with the order at once or their business will be suspended.

FORTY THOROUGHBREDS BROUGHT TO AMERICA

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Forty thoroughbred horses constituting one of the largest importations of racing stock to this country in ten years, arrived today from England and France on board the steamer Minnehaha. In the lot are sixteen horses from Clarence MacKay's Normandy stock farm. Others are consigned to H. P. Whitney, Francis R. Hitchcock, W. R. Coe and to Arthur B. Hancock of Paris, Kentucky.

The arrival of Wrack, a six year old stallion by Robert Le Diable-Samphire by Isinglass, is regarded by horsemen as the first step toward an important development of racing and breeding conditions in this country. Wrack will be placed on a stock farm in Kentucky.

FLETCHER APPOINTED ENVOY TO MEXICO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Henry Prather Fletcher, now ambassador to Chile, was nominated by President Wilson for ambassador to Mexico. Eliseo Orrendondo already has been appointed Mexican ambassador to the United States and Mr. Fletcher's nomination today restores diplomatic relations between the two countries, broken off more than two years ago.

FRENCH DEPUTIES VOTE CREDIT ASKED

PARIS, Dec. 17.—In the course of his demand today in the chamber of deputies that the chamber grant three months' credit on the budget account, Alexandre Ribot, French minister of finance, stated that the subscription to the recent French national loan from London alone was 600,000,000 francs (\$120,000,000).

At another point in his speech M. Ribot stated that while the war expenditure at the beginning of the conflict was 1,500,000,000 francs per month, it was now 2,100,000,000 francs.

The chamber by a vote of 504 to 1 voted the credits asked on account of the first semester of 1916.

"At the beginning of hostilities," said M. Ribot, financial considerations took a secondary place. We did not think the war would last seven months and now no one can foresee when it will end."



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SCHOOL TEACHER

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Key West, Fla.—"I am a teacher and became anaemic, nervous, run-down, no energy or desire to do anything. I could not sleep and had that languid, nervous feeling that made me a burden to myself. I had taken various tonics without benefit. I heard of Vinol and tried it. Soon I had a good appetite, could sleep all night and it built me up so I have the ambition to do any kind of work." Mary L. Baez, Key West, Fla.

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Star Napha Washing Powder, 25c size.....19c
Citrus Washing Powder, 25c size.....20c
Gloss Starch, 2 pkgs.....15c
Cornstarch, 2 pkgs.....15c
Spring Clothes Pins, doz.....05c
Large Roll Toilet Paper.....05c
Royal Baking Powder, lb.....43c
K. C. Baking Powder, 25c size.....20c
1 lb. Hersey's Cocoa.....29c
1/2 lb. Hersey's Baking Chocolate.....19c
Ground Chocolate, lb.....30c
1/2 lb. Lipton's Tea.....33c
1 lb. Lipton's Tea.....63c
50c Bulk Tea, per lb.....37c
Japan Rice, per lb.....6 1/2c
Head Rice, per lb.....8c
Macaroni, per lb.....6 1/2c
Bulk Coconut, per lb.....20c
Bulk Crackers, per lb.....9c
Holly Milk, 2 cans.....15c
Yellow Milk, doz.....70c
3 pkgs. Crackers and Cookies, 10c size.....25c
Soft Shell Walnuts, 2 lbs.....35c
Cornmeal, sack.....30c
Rolled Oats, sack.....35c
2 10c sacks Salt.....15c
2 25c sacks Salt.....35c
Lemons, doz.....20c
Oranges, doz.....25c
Comb Honey.....12c
3 boxes Matches.....10c
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The Page MEDFORD'S LEADING Motion Picture Theater NOW A Night in the Show Genuine Essanay Chaplin Comedy CHARLIE CHAPLIN It's uproarious because it's a burlesque of something we all abhor and duly do. The Print of the Nail Modern politics is the subject of this three-act Selig drama. Animated Nooz Pictorial Live news of the day shown in an Essanay picture.

The Page Tuesday December 21 Medford's Leading Theater SELWYN & COMPANY Present MARGARET ILLINGTON "A Great Actress in a great play."—N. Y. Herald. THE LIE "Inspiring, reverberating triumph."—Amy Leslie in Chicago News. B' HENRY ARTHUR JONES One year at the Harris Theater, New York City. NEW YORK CAST AND PRODUCTION. Mail Orders Now; Seats on Sale tomorrow. Prices, 1st 14 rows lower floor \$2.00; last 4 \$1.50; balcony, 1st 4 rows \$1.50; next 4, \$1.00; next 2, 75c; balance 50c.