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HONG KONG KOLUM

Mee-ow!

Thomas Catt is among the Colorado saloon keepers who will go out of business January 1.

Stupid!

The nurse tiptoed into the professor's library. "It's a boy!" she says softly. "What is?" asks the bewildered man of books peering at her over his spectacles.—Puck.

Sir: I note with interest the talk about cloture which means limiting speech in the house of representatives. I am for cloture. I would like to introduce the rule into my home. Get me?—Artie.

We see B. T. P. that bullets are being made of cheese in Europe.

But a Chicago youth goes em one better. Bearing a glass toy pistol loaded with pepper, he successfully held up 19 people.

Says the Girl on the Film. Many people who ask for charity have plenty of relatives. That's why they ask for help.

Sir: The season for roasted chestnuts is in full swing. Some people buy them of the shabby man on the corner with the little oven—others go to the vaudeville shows.—C. B. D.

Geo, It Might Be Too Hot There to Attend This Bargain Sale. (Adv. in Wheeling, W. Va., Register) Because of my recent death I will sell all the stock and fixtures of my store.—J. Benzig.

That letter mailed in 1860 and which has just been delivered in Los Angeles probably was sent to the postoffice per lazy messenger boy.

The war aviator is not too proud to fight, though he is above fighting.—Boston Transcript.

Today's Bellringer. First Girl—Did you notice that good looking fellow who sat right back of us at the Star theatre? Oh, the handsome chap with the red tie, tan suit, who wore his hair pompadour. No, why?

Not a Bit. "I know you don't mind if I go on with this sewing while you talk, Mr. Borely; I think one should keep one's mind occupied," said the lady to the minister.

GREEN BAY, Wis., Dec. 29.—A police judge here, upon being informed by a vagabond that he had no wife, replied: "Well, that's a lucky thing for her."

Living on Pop? (From Centralia, Mo. Messenger) The couple were married at the home of the bride's parents, where they will reside until the groom gets a position.

TRENCH FIGHTING IN RIGA SECTOR

PETROGRAD, Dec. 29.—The official communication from general headquarters issued today reads: "Western front: In the region of Riga, south of Lake Bahbit, the Germans attempted to approach our trenches, but were repulsed by our fire. Some of the Germans succeeded in getting near our barbed wire, but were driven back to their trenches by a sortie of our men. The remainder of the front as far as the Priest and in Galicia the fighting continues, the encounters being of a desperate character. Casualties from both sides are heavy. There is nothing to report."

BRITAIN'S CABINET CRISIS

GREAT BRITAIN faces another cabinet crisis. Lloyd-George and other ministers threaten to resign unless conscription is enforced.

Of all the British ministry, Lloyd-George alone seems to have comprehended the plight of the empire from the beginning of the struggle and to be the only one big enough to solve the problems it faces.

Lloyd-George foresaw the munition scandal and warned the nation, and when the crisis came, mobilized the nation's industries, adjusted labor grievances and supplied the deficiency.

Men are needed to fight for Britain. Irish, Scotch, Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders, East Indians have patriotically responded. The English alone fail to show patriotism. Millions of dollars have been spent to induce them to be patriotic, without avail. But one course is left—conscription. If the men are not secured at once it will be too late.

The cabinet dilly-dallies while the empire's chances slip. Its motto seems to be "too late." Aid for France, for Belgium, for Serbia, for the Dardanelles, came too late. The cabinet has proved its inefficiency, its incapacity, in diplomacy as in war. It has outlived its usefulness.

The cause of lack of patriotism in England is the miserable feudal caste system which still obtains. The aristocracy and plutocracy have so long reaped the benefits of exploitation of the masses that the latter has come to view the former with suspicion. The long struggle of democracy to secure fairer conditions has destroyed the national consciousness and left only class consciousness.

Conscription is not new. The principle that every able-bodied male is liable to be called on for defense of the state dates from the earliest times. It was applied in the United States during the civil war. It is the foundation of the continental armies. In any long war it is necessary. England must come to it—and the sooner the better—for the existence of the empire is seriously threatened.

Lloyd-George, hated as he is by plutocracy and aristocracy, seems to be the man of the hour. He is the most progressive statesman of modern times, the most far-sighted and the most capable. He is the man of the hour and should be entrusted with the ship of state before it is too late.

WHY NOT?

AT a recent dinner in New York, Rear-Admiral F. E. Chadwick, retired, in discussing imperialism and militarism, said:

"Navies and armies are insurance for capital owned abroad by the leisure class of a nation. It is for them that empires and spheres of influence exist. The great war now waging is a culmination of efforts to maintain and extend these spheres."

Seldom has the truth been more succinctly stated, but the utterance is unusual for a navy man, who usually expresses the narrow class view instead of the broad, humanitarian view.

This being the case, why not make those for whose benefit wars are waged, huge armies and navies maintained, pay the cost of them?

Why not tax the rich to pay for preparedness?

Why not tax the munition makers who are profiting by the war to pay the deficiency in revenue caused by the war?

Why make the masses, who are the victims, pay instead of the beneficiaries?

CITY HAS POWER TO REGULATE JITNEYS

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—The state supreme court has decided that the Portland jitney bus ordinance is constitutional and reversed the judgment of Circuit Judge Bagley in favor of the plaintiff in the case of Tielke and others against Mayor Albee. The trial court decided that under the constitution of the state of Oregon a municipality has no power to enact an emergency ordinance, and also that the ordinance was unconstitutional and void because it commits to the commissioner of the department of public utilities and to the city council arbitrary power of refusing to issue certificates, and makes the issuance of licenses to operate motor buses dependent upon the issuance of the certificates, thereby enabling the commissioner and city council to arbitrarily prevent the plaintiffs from securing a license.

Cargo of Silk on Liner Lost

TOKIO, Dec. 29.—The French steamer Villa de La Ciotat which was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean loaded 134 tons of silk and 550 tons of general cargo in Japan. She took up munitions here.

JOHN A. PERL UNDERTAKER, Early Assistant, 28 S. BAILETT, Phones M. 47 and 47-32, Ambulance Service, Coroner.

LITTLE ACTIVITY ON WESTERN FRONT

PARIS, Dec. 29.—The following announcement was made this afternoon by the war office: "The night was calm except in the sector of Chaunies, where fighting with hand grenades at close quarters occurred, and in the Champagne, where we bombarded the positions of the enemy to the west of Navarin farm."



TODAY and Tomorrow GENUINE SULLIVAN AND CONSIDINE VAUDEVILLE Two Big Acts No Junk

The Mechanical Doll Is it a man or doll? This act has puzzled thousands of others as it will puzzle you. Mr. Wood will also entertain you in songs, recitations and trick piano playing. He will make you laugh till your sides hurt. This is a real treat which the manager has secured for your amusement. Remember, this act played the Empress theater, Seattle, and Portland. There will be the regular picture program as usual. One show in the afternoon and one at night—3:30 and 8:30. Come early and avoid the crowd. ADMISSION 10 and 15c

TINIEST WAR REFUGEE, AGED 3, CROSSES SEA ALONE



Steward of the Philadelphia and Anna de Jong

"Belle of the bloomin' ship" was what the stewards of the American liner Philadelphia, which arrived a few days ago in New York called her.

HAWLEY WORKING FOR OREGON CAVES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—In a letter to Frank M. South of Grants Pass Or., Representative Hawley has the following to say regarding possible road construction to make Oregon Caves National monument accessible: "It seems to me that it would be well now to secure the adoption of a plan of permanent improvement and work to get suitable appropriations to carry the work along as rapidly as possible. Some of the necessary funds we can possibly secure from the regular appropriation of funds set aside for road construction in national forests by the forest service, but such allotments as we may be able to secure from that source will probably be inadequate to properly push the work, and it may be necessary to secure a special appropriation for this specific purpose. With the support of the department upon a definite project of improvement, I believe I can secure an appropriation of such funds for this purpose as may be required, and I have asked Forester Graves to co-operate with me in working out a definite proposal."

75,000 SERBIAN TROOPS AT SCUTARI

PARIS, Dec. 29.—"According to reliable information there are 75,000 Serbian troops at Scutari and Elbasan, Albania," says the Athens correspondent of the Havas agency. "They are in excellent trim, notwithstanding the difficulties encountered in their retreat. They hold strongly fortified positions against the advance of the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians and it is unlikely that they will be transferred to Saloniki."

CONSCRIPTION TO FORCE MEN TO ARMS

LONDON, Dec. 29.—It is stated on excellent authority that the cabinet has virtually decided upon a modified form of conscription bill to be introduced in the house of commons next week, giving the government the necessary power, should it be found needful, to bring in single men and preserve Premier Asquith's pledge to married men.

SEATTLE IN GRIP OF FIRST COLD WAVE

SEATTLE, Wn., Dec. 29.—The first cold weather of the season in Western Washington arrived last night the temperature in Seattle falling to 32 degrees, and in Tacoma to 34. Tender garden plants were frozen. A high pressure wave moved southward from Alaska yesterday, and is now over British Columbia. Fair and continued cold weather is forecast for the western Washington with fall of temperature to 26 degrees in Seattle tonight.

STRIKE PLOTTERS PLEAD NOT GUILTY FREED UPON BAIL

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Of the seven men indicted yesterday charged with conspiring with agents of the German government to foment strikes in munitions factories, two had surrendered to the federal authorities before noon today and a third was in town. For the four others, warrants were issued. These will be forwarded to Washington for immediate execution unless assurances that the defendants will voluntarily come into court are received this afternoon. The two who surrendered were David Lamar, alleged paymaster for Captain Franz Von Rintelen and Jacob Taylor of East Orange, N.J., president of labor's national peace council, the medium through which, the government alleges, Von Rintelen

sought to direct his activities. Both entered pleas of not guilty and were released in \$5000 bail.

Taylor denied ever knowing Lamar and of Von Rintelen, he said he had only heard through the newspapers. The third defendant who signified his intention voluntarily to give himself up and who came to New York from Columbus is Frank S. Monnet, former attorney general of Ohio.

Information for Lung Sufferers

The makers of Eckman's Alternative will be pleased to send you a booklet of interest to sufferers, with information about diet and fresh air. Investigate this case—2141 Susquehanna Ave., Phila., Pa. "My dear Sir—For two years I was afflicted with hemorrhages of the lungs, and later I was taken with a severe attack of pneumonia. When I recovered sufficiently to walk about the house I was left with a frightful hacking cough, which no medicine I had taken could alleviate. It was at this time, March, 1902, that I started taking Eckman's Alternative. In a short time my cough was gone and I was pronounced well. I cannot speak too highly for the good it has done." (Abbreviated.) (Signed) HOWARD L. KLOTZ. Eckman's Alternative is most effective in bronchial catarrh and acute throat and lung affections and up-building the system. Contains no harmful or habit-forming drugs. Ask for substitutes. Retail size, \$1 regular size, \$2. Sold by leading druggists. Write for booklet of references. Eckman Laboratory, Philadelphia. Price \$1 and \$2 a bottle.

VINING THEATRE Ashland O. T. BERGNER, Manager Empress Vaudeville Show One Night, Thursday, Dec. 30 PANTZER DUC Graceful and Comedy Contortion Novelty HYLAND & DALE Character Songs and Changes Billy Link-Blossom Robinson & Co. A SKETCH—"Custer's Last Fight Outdone" KIMBALL & KENNETH Whirlwind Banjoists The Master Mind of Mental Mysticism FRESCOTT and His Co-Worker SELMAN FRASER \$25 if they fail to tell your name—\$25 MILDRED GROVER Exclusive Songs and Smart Patte DICK RICHARDS at the Piano Prices—35, 50c. Children 25c. Seats Reserved Special Interurban Gray Car leaves Medford 7:30, returning after Show. Curtain 8:30

For size, for importance, for big smashing, spectacular scenes, "Tables Turned" is one of the great pictures of all time. A Metro Picture of the high merit of originality. Its theme is novel. Its five acts are tense, compelling and supreme. B. A. ROLFE PRESENTS EMMY WEHLEN IN TABLES TURNED HEARST-SELIG NEWS PAGE THEATRE TONIGHT MEDFORD'S LEADING MOTION PICTURE THEATER