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### A HARD HEARTED MANAGER

Henry Ford used poor judgment in selecting a financial agent to look after his peace delegates. The name of this agent is Plaintiff and he manages to classify his proteges as defendants; that is he is always on the opposite side.

Besides he lacks savoir faire—whatever that is—and is shy of that delicate understanding of the working of the famine mind so necessary in one who is a fiduciary capacity, is controlling the strings of a very plethoric purse, from which said feminine mind is supposed to draw inspiration, and other things.

The dispatches tell us that Monday a bevy of the fair ones fluttered around the hard hearted Plaintiff and suggested that a stunning gown for each to display at the big meeting at The Hague was a sine qua non, a ne plus ultra, and would do more toward getting the boys out of the trenches before next Christmas than anything anyone had yet suggested.

Then they cooed: "Would not Mr. Plaintiff O. K. their bills at the leading modistes for the gowns aforesaid." Why each of those gowns would be a loud voiced argument for peace; a "Skookum wawa," making the wearers that one irresistible force that would meet and upset an immovable body—the men in the trenches.

"Would he please?"  
Did he yield? come through? pungle?  
Not so far as heard from.  
On the contrary he stood like Ajax defying the lightning, with the Ford purse strings tightly gripped, and with flashing eyes—replied—"Nixie for you girls, there's nothing doing, skiddoo."

"Would he let them stay in dear old Yurup for a while, and pay their passage back when they returned?"  
Did he show tact, diplomacy, savoir faire, as aforesaid? Rid he peddle them hot air flavored with taffy, and tell them he and the whole party would be inconsolable if forced to make the return without them?

Rid he tell them that life with them handy was one glad sweet song, and without them, a cactus covered desert without an oasis, and dry as Portland on New Year's morning?

Did he give them a jolly that made them just crazy to "stay with the ship," and forget all about the gowns, the later trip home and a long visit in Yurup?  
He did not.

He told them bluntly they could go home on the ship with the balance of the party or foot the bills—"the mean old thing."

That is why he is a failure on the job. He needs to have his mental clevis pen set over for he takes too much land. As a soil expert would say: "He cuts more than he can cover."

If it was for his wife he refused to buy a gown, the act might be excusable; but with Henry Ford's millions back of him and a bevy of women anguishing for gowns in front, he is indeed of heroic mold who stands pat, says no—and sticks to it. Another Carnegie medal is due.

Prosecuting Attorney Lundin, of King county, Washington, according to the dispatches, is going the prohibition law considerable better. It seems a drink has been on sale in Seattle since the state went dry, which does not contain a trace of alcohol. Notwithstanding this Mr. Lundin forbids its being sold and says he will prosecute all who sell it, as it is "a malt liquor." Lundin seems to have about the same ideas about the law as the Neapolitans who were forbidden "to shed blood on the streets," and who arrested a doctor for bleeding a man who had fallen in a fit on the street. After a long trial the judge held the law did not apply to the act. Lundin should take a few lessons from Naples.

The dispatches announce that Cleveland, Detroit and most other large cities have the grip. This is a case of getting the cart before the horse. The fact is the grip has those cities—and a good many more.

### WEALTH AND HAPPINESS

"Think of the life of the New York millionaires!" exclaims a South American observer, "think of the sleepless nights they spend in their efforts to excel one another to attract attention, even if only for a moment. 'A dog would not be satisfied with such a life', they would undoubtedly exclaim with Faust, if they knew Faust, which most of them do not."

Hugo Wittman, in 1900, for fun, in his imagination, bought everything which struck his fancy in the art department of the Paris exposition. When he had bought enough to furnish three rooms as he should like to have them be found that it would cost him \$24,000,000. "Then I did not buy any more," he wrote in his diary, "because I found that happiness was not included."

What would it have cost to furnish a mansion at this rate? and this includes only what money will buy.

There are many other things which cannot be bought and it happens the unbuyable things are the real things so far as happiness goes.

Influenza, or as it is more commonly called "the grip," is epidemic in nearly all sections of the country, and it is of an unusually severe type. Cleveland and Detroit report about 100,000 cases each, and other cities are in nearly if not quite as bad condition. Business is hampered by the employes being laid up, and also by the fact that customers are in the same condition. It is one of the most distressing diseases and its worst feature is the ills it leaves behind it.

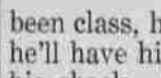
The United States correspondent wiring from Petrograd yesterday gives some astonishing figures as to the strength of the Russian armies. He places the veterans now at the front at 4,000,000, the freshly armed troops at 5,000,000 and other millions being armed at the rate of 500,000 a month. He estimates Russia's strength at the opening of spring at 12,000,000. It would seem that such an army would be irresistible.

Bryan would be a thorn in the side of his former superior, the president, and it is possible may stump the country against him should he be nominated for president. There is not much point left on that thorn, but he would make a good running mate for the bloodthirsty Teddy. Their traits would balance each other and make one good average man between them.



### THRIFTY

Jess Willard is a cautious lad, according to the late reports; he looks with reverence on the scad, unlike the old-time spendthrift sports. He takes his nickels to the bank as fast as he can draw them in, and dreams all night about the clank of shining little heaps of tin. To Jess an ordinary plunk looks bigger than a ball-room floor; all other themes than cash are bunk—he won't discuss them any more. Some day a better pug will rise, and punch the rafters from his dome, and spoil his nose, and close his eyes, and send him in a basket home. And when he's in the has-been class, he will not haunt the free lunch track; ah, no, he'll have his store of brass, the wolf will not come near his shack. The dead game sports look on with sneers, when Jess declines to blow his roll, for stacks of chips and long cold beers, and things that put one in the hole. The prize ring heroes of the past around the barrooms drank and spied, and when they died in want at last, were planted in the Potter's Field. But Jess with wisdom is endowed, he saves his coin, and when he dies he'll have a nice Tuxedo shroud, and brand new coppers on his eyes.



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### Yuan Shi Kai Offers Big Reward For Rebel Leader

San Francisco, Jan. 5.—Yuan Shi Kai has offered big rewards for the arrest of Leong Ki Chu, eminent Chinese statesman, and other prominent men of China who oppose his ascendancy to the throne, according to Shanghai and Peking cables to the "China World," a local Chinese newspaper today.  
Leong Ki Chu is reported to be hiding at Shanghai, awaiting favorable opportunity to stow away on a ship to America. Cables to the "China World" also stated that Fung Kwak Fun and Chung Fun, governors of the southern provinces, had appealed to Yuan Shi Kai to relinquish his monarchial plans or the southern provinces would secede. The governors are Yuan appointees.

### STATE NEWS

Medford Sun: The required 5000 acres for the establishment of a beet sugar factory has been secured, according to an announcement made by the campaign committee last night, and the next move is up to the Oregon-Utah Sugar company. Alex Nibley, secretary of this concern, who has been in charge of the Medford end of the campaign left Tuesday morning for Grants Pass expecting to return on the afternoon train, but failed. The beet sugar committee has enough acreage signed and promised to make up the full quota. It is expected that a conference will be held with Mr. Nibley this afternoon and a definite decision reached. C. W. Nibley is expected to arrive in the city the last of the week, when another conference will be held.

The old battleship Oregon, famous for its fast trip around Cape Horn during the Spanish-American war in 1898 has been given to the naval militia of California for use. At least 100 regularly enlisted sailors and several officers will be stationed aboard the vessel to aid in the instruction of the militiamen. This is the largest fighting ship that, in the United States, has ever been given over to a militia. Not many years ago the vessel was overhauled thoroughly and armed with big and modern guns. She has several 13-inch guns in her turrets. The Oregon will be taken to sea during the summer cruises of the militiamen.

Pendleton Tribune: One of the biggest jackrabbit drives of the season took place yesterday down in the sage brush country, where about 15 Indians from the Tutuilla mission killed 482 rabbits for the New Year's dinner there today. The remarkable thing about the drive is that every one of these rabbits was killed with a rifle. The Indians do not take kindly to the shotgun for hunting purposes, but they are remarkable shots with a rifle. They jerked them as fast as killed, and brought them into the Mission yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock.

Hood River: Never in any previous winter have local orchardists displayed such an interest in proper methods of spraying trees. Spray manufacturing concerns and makers of power sprayers declare that the use of both will be unprecedented. In instances where the tracts of growers do not make the purchase of a power sprayer practical, neighboring orchardists are planning on buying a machine.

Eugene Guard: Lane county hog raisers have netted approximately \$9,000 by the sale of 800 hogs through the co-operative system of marketing by the market committee of the Pomoza grange since the first of November, according to C. J. Hurd, who has had charge of the shipments. A carload of 100 hogs shipped from Eugene to the stock yards in Portland, Friday, sold for \$1,165.23. With the exception of two aged sows the price received was \$6.25. Another carload will be shipped from Junction City Wednesday. Since the first shipment by the co-operative method on November 11, the prices received on hogs have varied from \$6.60 to as low as \$6. The market price in Portland at the present time is \$6.25. It is predicted in the stock yards in Portland that the prices on hogs will advance, according to Mr. Hurd.

Marshfield Times: Bogus half-dollar pieces have been finding their way into the cash registers and tills of the city with an increasing regularity. Where they come from is a mystery. Long has the rumor been current that their manufacture is a new Coos county industry. The coins are poor imitations of the real thing. In the first place they fail to ring true. They are so poorly moulded that the figures are raised and the coins cannot be stacked. Not only is this true, but they are also badly milled on the edges. On the faces appear the date 1915, showing when they are made. One merchant has succeeded in "corraling" half a dozen of these coins and they have also appeared at other places.

East Oregonian: More than 2,300 coyotes have been killed in Umatilla county during the year 1915, according to the records kept by the county clerk who has paid the bounty on the scalps. The total paid out in this county as bounty during the year is \$7,635 of which expense Umatilla county has borne half and the state half. Yesterday was the last day upon which the coyote slayer could secure three dollars for the scalp, the state law automatically reducing the bounty to \$1.50 with the beginning of the year 1916. Thus during the final days of December, many pelts were brought in to the office of the clerk.

The state public service commission has made an order requiring the Coos Bay Water company to construct an additional reservoir, with a capacity of 250,000 gallons, at North Bend on or before April 1, 1916. It is further required that all the high pressure storage capacity at North Bend be made available for the protection of the Marshfield against fire by the installation of the necessary equipment.

The Harbor says that when the new reservoir is built on Union street hill, North Bend will have the best fire pressure on Coos bay, and should then be in a position to demand a rerating from the insurance underwriters.

Coos Bay Harbor: Reports from Grays Harbor after five days' work had been done by the bar dredge machine are very flattering. The dredge is credited with doing work which gives a deeper channel than has ever obtained at this time of the year in 10 years. The depth is now 22 feet at low water which means that from 28 to 32 feet is obtained at high water.  
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who are at the head of the organization are carried out. The Commercial club's crack marching body which attracted such widespread attention when it was first organized, did little of public nature this year, but it is expected that it will be much more in evidence during the coming year.

The Democrat thus describes the New Year's swim at Baker: "Clad in a fur ulster, but with one foot bared to the wintry breezes, Booster Mencham made good his plan for a New Year's day swim at the natatorium yesterday. He gracefully dipped one toe in the cooling waters of the 'nat' and announced that the show was over. After the booster had made his 'high dive' Willard Stoddard and Jack Coleman of Pendleton took a plunge and enjoyed a swim for 30 minutes.

A grange has been organized at Santa Clara, in Lane county, with an initial membership of 125. This is the twenty-first grange organization in Lane, and raises that county's membership total above the 2,000 mark.

When next the Oregon Optimist appears it will be under its former name, the Stanfield Standard, which title is preferred by its new owner and editor, Lloyd Riches. Also, its form will be changed to four pages of six 20 inch columns.

### TO MAKE NAME FIT

Berkeley, Cal., Jan. 5.—Naming the new intermediate high school "Frances E. Willard school" is a fine compliment to the late religious leader, but "Frances E. Willard" doesn't look well across the front of an athletic sweater.  
This was the tenor of a plea made to the board of education by Wells Drury, representing the boy athletes of the Willard intermediate high school.  
Drury suggested that if the name Willard must be retained, the board might rename the school "Jess Willard." It would be more appropriate for athletics, he said.

### California Has Extra Session of Legislature

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 5.—The extra session of the California legislature called by Governor Johnson to disentangle the state's primary and registration laws, began at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The first business of the session was the reading of the governor's proclamation, after which the two bodies organized. Governor Johnson's message to the legislature followed.

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