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Educational News

(By Mrs. Louise H. Coe).

The recent snow storm greatly affected the attendance of the county schools; a great many of them were not in session Monday and Tuesday of last week. The school trucks were unable to run. Since the number of teachers employed in our schools depends upon the average daily attendance, we are glad the weather man doesn't send such storms often.

Splendid Christmas programs are being given in all the schools this week. Lincoln, Capitan, Hondo, and others will have Christmas trees in connection with their programs.

All schools will be discontinued Friday, December 21, until January 2. Some of the teachers plan trips home during the Christmas Holidays; some will spend their holiday season in the community where they teach, and others expect to have only Christmas day and New Year's day, teaching the rest of the time.

At the regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, January 6, one day will be given over to school matters.

On account of many families moving out of the Spindle community last summer, they did not have sufficient number of children to begin school in September. Most of these families have returned and the Spindle school will begin January 2.

One hundred boxes of the very best, dustless blackboard crayons have been purchased by this office, through the Holland Brothers firm, and will be distributed to all schools needing chalk the first of the year.

Village Board of Finance

Special meeting of the Board of Finance of the Village of Carrizozo, New Mexico, held on December 17, at the office of the Secretary of said Board.

Members present: Fred Lalone, Chairman; G. T. McQuillen, T. E. Kelley, H. Lutz and J. M. Taylor, Members; W. W. Stadtman, Secretary.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The matter of the Depository Bond offered by the First National Bank, of Carrizozo, coming up for discussion and approval is read and the same not being made according to law, G. T. McQuillen makes a motion that said bond be approved only after the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 76, of the 1923 Law of the State is complied with by the said Depository, and that the Secretary so inform said bank. Upon the second of this motion by Fred Lalone the same is put for a vote and unanimously carried.

Upon the motion of H. Lutz, Sr., and second of T. E. Kelley, the surety bond offered by P. M. Shaver in the sum of $2,000.00, as Treasurer of the Village of Carrizozo, is approved.

There being no further business before the Board the same declares the meeting adjourned.

Secretary of the N. M. E. A., J. H. Vaughn, State College, and the County Superintendent would appreciate that the teachers of Lincoln county who have not enrolled in the Association would send in their membership card and fee, if possible, before the first of the year.

The Cow, the Sow and the Hen

The Agricultural College, State College, sends a poem bearing the title given above with the following introduction: Apropos of the "Cow, Sow and Hen" train to be run by the Santa Fe railway and the New Mexico State College early in February, the following is presented. Dr. A. H. Upham, of the University of Idaho, on hearing that the Kansas Agricultural College was about to operate such a train last year, wrote these verses and sent them to W. M. Jardine, president of the Kansas institution. Some excellent agricultural philosophy is contained in them:

The farmer smiled as he passed them by,
The cow and the sow and the hen;
For the price of wheat had gone sky high,
And the cow and the sow and the hen
Ate up the grain he could sell at the mill:
They needed his care when nights were chill.
He swore of them all he'd had his fill—
The cow and the sow and the hen.

Those barnyard critters had had their day,
The cow and the sow and the hen.
He could get thirty bones for a ton of hay—
No need for the cow or the hen,
He never would milk another cow,
He hated the sight of a grunting sow,
And raising chickens was work for the frau,
Goodbye to the cow and the hen.

They gave no heed to his jeer or frown,
The cow and the sow and the hen,
Whatever goes up, they said, comes down,
The wise old cow and hen.
The hen laid eggs the winter thru,
The cows gave milk and the piggies grew;
But hay dropped down from thirty to two—
Oh, the cow, the sow and the hen.

Now he sits and sighs, as he counts his cost
For the cow and the sow and the hen.
He almost cries for the milk he's lost,
Oh, the cow, the sow and the hen.
He'd tend them gladly in mud and rain,
And lessen his acres of hay and grain,
If he only could buy them back again—
The cow and the sow and the hen.

School Notes

(By Supt. R. R. Cole)

The Christmas vacation begins December 22 and ends January 1, 1924. We wish pupils and teachers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Most of the rooms are making great preparations for the Christmas programs which are to be given Friday afternoon, December 21. The kiddies are treading on air, of course, and just think of it, we have not had a case of discipline for a long time. It is wonderful how good boys can become about this time of the year. Can anyone explain why there are so many cases of discipline in January?

Mr. Burke, of the Outlook, and Mr. Haley, of the News, are to send copies of their papers to the Carrizozo High School each week. These papers will be placed on paper files and added to the library. We thank these gentlemen for their contribution to our school.

Mrs. Harold Clarke, teacher of the eighth grade, has brought to her room her Victrola. Besides its high educational value, good music brings great enjoyment to any human being who has the slightest appreciation of music in his soul. Wish we had a Victrola in every room.

Last week Mr. Brickley again visited the High School and gave a very interesting and helpful talk to the whole body of the students, though it was intended primarily for the commercial department. He spoke of the form of the promissory note, the necessity of its various parts, that it and all business papers as well should tell the whole story in clear, concise and understood language. The talk was of great value to the whole body of students.

We are expecting a visit, the annual visit, of the State Inspector of High Schools. We believe he will find us fully up to the standard in all things.

Mrs. Blaney: "Boyd, what is the difference between gossiping and talking?"

Boyd Longbrey: "Men talk, women gossip."

Mexican Revolution

The revolt in Mexico against the Obregon government, which has been manifest in many spots of the republic the past few months, has spread to huge proportions and the dispatches indicate that the revolutionists are making much headway. In fact, some of the information that comes from our southern neighbor lends color to the belief that the Obregon government is impotent to stay the revolt and that the capital may fall at any time. The sentiment is growing that intervention by the United States is the only salvation for strife-torn Mexico.

Village Trustees Meet

Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Carrizozo, New Mexico, held on Dec. 17, at the office of the Village Clerk, at 7:30 p. m.

Members present: J. M. Taylor, Mayor; H. Lutz, G. T. McQuillen, T. E. Kelley and Fred Lalone, Trustees; W. W. Stadtman, Clerk; A. M. Vega, Marshal.

Minutes of the last regular meeting read and approved.

The following bills were then presented, audited and allowed for payment as funds are available for payment thereof:

Paul Bentley, Nov. salary	$ 10 00
W. S. Norman, refund of meter deposit & overpay	3 65
E. P. & S. W. System, October water bill	119 31
A. W. Adams, ½ month's sal. water man Nov	45 00
W. M. Booth, work on the streets and hauling	55 75
T. E. Kelley, stable rent and storage Nov	3 50
Carrizozo News, printing	11 03
N. B. Taylor & Sons, supplies and labor	13 55
Lincoln Abs. & Inv. Trust Premium on Treas bond	10 00
C. A. Snow, repairing of street lamps	2 00
Carrizozo Lt & Pwr Plant Nov. light bill	72 75
	$346 52
Mt. States Tel. Co. Oct.-Nov. fire dept. phones	8 7 50
A. M. Vega, Nov. salary as Marshal	[illegible]
W. W. Stadtman, Clerk's salary for Nov	[illegible]
R. H. Taylor, water supt. salary for Nov	50 00
C. A. English, water connections made in Nov	12 00
Robert Keil, night-watch Hallowe'en night	4 00
Humphrey Bros., interest on feed bill	48
Wm. Barnett, for hauling light pole	75
Mt. States T. Co. 1st half Nov. phone bill for water department phone	2 25
Kelley & Co. ice, shovel, nails and rope	2 65
W. W. Stadtman, office rent Nov. $1, postage $2	3 00
	$149 03

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees the same declares itself adjourned to reconvene as a Board of Finance.

The Christmas Card

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER.

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I AM a Christmas Card. I was born shortly before Christmas of 1918. I was put away in a box after Christmas and the next year I came forth again, and the price put upon me had risen from two cents to five.

The next year I cost ten cents. Still I did not sell.

"We'll have to charge a quarter for that card," my owner said, "and get up the prices of some of these others, or they won't be bought."

So I was a quarter. And then I cost 50 cents and was purchased.

The price mark has been left on me. I've been traveling with it written on my back ever since. Sometimes, too, I get around to a number of places around Christmas time, especially if I'm started off early in the first place.

So far, too, I've been greeted with joy, and an exclamation I do not quite understand.

"Oh, good! Here's a card which is marked fifty cents. Who would believe it possible, but no matter, it did! And it's not written on, either!"

I do not understand their joy over me, but they never keep me with them!

Christmas Fish.

A fish which resembles a cod is considered by the people of Sweden as an indispensable adjunct of their Christmas feast. This fish is buried for days in wood ashes or else soaked in soda water, then boiled and served with a milk gravy.

Who Said Santa Claus?

A Merry Christmas to All.

THE WINCHESTER STORE

We thank our many friends and the public generally for their very generous patronage during the year just drawing to a close, and hoping for a continuance of same during the coming year, we wish all

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Velvet, Satin and Chiffon Are Good

A wealth of fabrics offers inspiration to the artists of Paris and America this season in the creation of fine garments, writes a fashion correspondent in the New York Times. Not in many years has there been such richness of beauty in color and in variety of pattern, and the designer's fancy can take long flights. Little imagination is needed, indeed, to combine the splendid brocades, the satins and the velvets of beautiful texture and sheen, the laces of gold or silver, with the furs, the embroideries and the jeweled accessories that compose the smart costume.

The whole scheme is an extravagant one this year, though the lines are straighter and trimming is less than in former seasons. The cost mounts in the lavish use of material and in following the modern idea of luxury in detail. Brocades suitable for the most elaborate gowns and wraps are quite commonly used as a lining, and the inside of a garment is likely to be as attractive as the outside. The softest silks and chiffons are lined with velvet or fur or metal brocades, and a wrap of plain material is built to disclose something most lovely on the reverse side. Except for the athletic woman, there seem to be no serviceable clothes. Everything is dainty, often perishable.

Gowns meant for utility are sometimes so fantastic or so formally elaborate that it confuses one to decide just where in the wardrobe of a fashionable woman they belong. Nobody nowadays wears homespun or twill or serge or, for that matter, anything "sensible," except for morning, for shopping or for a cross-country hike.

To be strictly up to date one must wear velvet or satin or chiffon; anything so it expresses style and beauty and luxury, especially luxury. The saleswoman in a smart shop asks you "seven-fifty" for an afternoon gown of chiffon and satin, for (thousand), with as much nonchalance as a while ago she asked one-third of that sum.

Negligee Is Important.

The negligee is now a compelling feature. For several seasons it has been growing in importance, its freedom and grace of line charmingly expressed in the new materials. Some of the glorified negligees are shown in the new metal brocades, and some beautiful models are done in metal lace. A stunning model of blue and silver in a large crafted pattern is cut in two straight panels that hang like a cassock from the neck to the instep. The back width is longer than the front forming the train. These are caught loosely at the sides with silver

Swart Evening Gown of Chiffon in Peach and Flesh Tints, Flounced With Ecru Shadow Lace, Trimmed With Flowers and Dark Fur.

cords, the opening showing a softly placed undersleeve of pale blue chiffon, of which the full "bishop" sleeves are formed. The sleeves are caught snugly at the wrist with a cord and tassels of silver.

The most popular models among the new negligees are those made of one material, and these, of course, because of their simplicity, are the most comfortable. Nothing could be more engaging than a negligee of soft lustrous charmeuse in the style of a one-piece evening gown, half-fitting princess, the material in a delicate shade of orchid, trimmed all about the bottom, around the wide flaring sleeves and across the square neck at the back with marabou in deep blue-violet. Marabou is much liked by modistes for trimming negligees, it is so dainty and becoming.

In a striking new model the lounge wears in all-over gold lace is effectively used. The foundation of the negligee is of ivory satin, cut in an easy princess slip, instep length, all around. Over this is a loose and somewhat circular robe of gold lace that falls straight in front, opening at the sides, and forming at the back a train, several inches on the floor, like a large flowing cape.

A long, rather tight and slightly draped negligee of silver tissue shot with rose color might be worn with distinction for a dinner or ball gown. It is caught over one hip with an ornament of arabesque pattern in old silver and is outlined with black fox fur. One side of the gown is left as a loose panel forming a short scarf train. Silver slippers in Colonial shape with large silver buckles are worn with black chantilly lace stockings.

A delightful model that might easily be worn as a tea gown is of hydrangea blue chiffon, elaborately embroidered in silver and trimmed in bands of marabou in a deeper shade of the blue. A slender girdle of silver holds the coat

Black Velvet With Bertha of Ecru Lace on Net Foundation. The Hat Is the Always Popular "Continental" of Brown Velvet With Ribbon Trim.

at the low waistline, and the petticoat of peach-colored satin is finished with a deep flounce of silver lace.

Girdle Is in Fashion.

The one-piece frock has brought into fashion one of the prettiest novelties seen in many seasons. It is the girdle of medieval origin, a modern adaptation of that worn by Shakespeare's heroines and other ladies famous in poetry and painting. Some of the more elaborate jeweled and metal girdles are faithful copies from the antiques, and they are quite the rage.

Since the waistline, literal or imaginary, has been dropped low on the hips, sashes have been much in vogue; sometimes wide, of soft material, swathing the figure and caught with an ornament or buckle; sometimes narrow, a mere strap, to be tied at one side or at the back. Some of the chemise frocks are held in slightly with just a heavy ribbon one or two inches wide, having a tassel or ball attached at each end.

Even a simple girdle of this sort worn with a gown that is severely plain adds a modish note. For example, a straight one-piece gown of blue poiret twill is trimmed around the bottom, down one side, where the garment opens, and about the edge of the flowing sleeves with black, serpentine mohair braid, and is held in slightly at the low waistline with a narrow strip of the twill, tied loosely at one side.

A quaint girdle is a chain made of tortoise shell in large oval links, joined with smaller circles of gold. One of the vintage-like those used on the girdle for spectacles or watches is formed by an imitation [illegible] ribbon run through and ending in a rosette that forms the girdle's fastening.

Fashioned Out of Metal.

A girdle that shows sufficient distinction to have a place in an art museum is fashioned out of a metal known as "[illegible]." It is an amalgam of gold, silver and pewter, in [illegible], and takes the most delicate hand-carving. A small jewelry is showing a girdle of this substance, a series of medallions set with semi-precious stones in shades of amethyst, topaz, opal, emerald and aquamarine. Nothing lovelier than this jeweled girdle has been seen this season.

Modistes are introducing a girdle in many of the latest wedding gowns. A gorgeous robe of white and silver brocade has a slender girdle of platinum set with brilliants. For a wedding dress of ivory Sabine velvet is shown a girdle that is practically a chain of white topaz stones, set in small circles of green gold, very little of the metal showing. A prominent house offers a girdle of slight gold chain workmanship traced in an arabesque pattern, linking medallions of turquoise matrix, thus adding to the bride's toilet the "something blue"—a tradition which is still held sacred by the young and romantic.

Perhaps the daintiest girdle seen anywhere this season is one of seed pearls, in the making of which two old necklaces have been used. This is designed to be worn with an evening gown or wedding dress of spider-white satin. The old brooch and earrings belonging to the original set, fashionable fifty years ago, go with the girdle.

These cost a pretty penny, but still more expensive is a girdle made of an old grandmother brooch [illegible], with the addition of a [illegible] as was worn long ago, all set with rose diamonds.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

Supreme Council of National Defense

WASHINGTON. — Through the completion of a reorganization program begun immediately after the World war, the United States at last has a supreme council of national defense which is declared by service experts to be the most efficient ever effected.

An even half-dozen officers, three army and three navy men, comprise the council, officially termed the joint board. Appointments are all ex-officio, the detail of an officer to a certain bureau carrying with it membership on the board. The present organization includes Gen. John J. Pershing, chief of staff; Maj. Gen. John L. Hines, deputy chief and the head of the army war plane division, and Brig. Gen. Briant H. Wells, for the land forces, and the chief of naval operations, Admiral E. W. Eberle; the director of war plans of the navy, Rear Admiral W. R. Shoemaker, and the assistant chief of operations, Rear Admiral R. H. Jackson, for the navy.

To this board is finally referred every major problem, involving the national security, and all items of information and all rumors which may have a remote bearing upon the national defense. The new organization extends in a network over the entire country.

The joint aeronautical board has been made virtually an adjunct of the super-council through an order which requires its recommendation to be referred to the higher tribunal. A similar restriction upon the joint munitions board, composed of the assistant secretaries of war and navy, brings this agency of defense under the same directing control.

A glimpse of the scope of the new plan is given in the following partial list of subjects recently presented for the consideration of the board:

Function and missions of the army, navy and marine corps.

Policy relative to development of aircraft in the army and navy.

Policy relative to uses of rigid airships by the army and navy.

Defense plans for sections of the coast.

Courses of instruction, army war college and naval war college.

Experiments in bombing naval vessels from aircraft.

Censorship and control of communications in war.

Coal and fuel oil supply and storage.

Man-power available for military and naval purposes.

Combined army and navy exercises for the coming winter.

Six Army Planes to Fly Around World

SOME time in the early summer of 1924, four or possibly six army airplanes will hop off from Bolling field, Washington, and turn their noses to the west. Before their pilots again glimpse the nation's capital, they will have traveled 30,000 miles, crossed two oceans and almost a score of countries and encircled the globe in the air for the first time in the world's history.

Such is the picture in the minds of officials at McCook field at Dayton, O., who, under the direction of army air service headquarters at Washington, are making plans for the first 'round the world aerial cruise.

Tentatively, a route has been laid out and two air officers are going over it with the idea of making recommendations for necessary changes and completing other preparations. Lieut. C. E. Crumrine of the McCook field, now is in Iceland, heading eastward, while an officer of the Philippines aerial forces is working in the opposite direction. They will meet in Europe and after comparing data, return to their home stations.

The flight, designed primarily to demonstrate the ability of planes to operate away from their regular supply bases during wartimes, will be made in comparatively short jumps. The distance between most of the stations will be 300 miles or less, the longest hop being approximately 850 miles.

As laid out at present, the route to be taken would not necessitate any sustained flight over open water. After crossing the country from the capital to Seattle, the squadron would head northward through Canada and after touching at Wrangel, Alaska, would hop to the Aleutian islands and then to the Japanese archipelago where several stops would be made. The mainland of Asia would be reached at Shanghai, China.

For the trip across the Atlantic alternate routes are available. One itinerary calls for hops from Aberdeen, Scotland, to Faroe island, to Iceland, to Greenland, and to the mainland of North America at Frederikdal, Hamilton Inlet, Canada. The other provides for the European take-off at Dunmore Head, Ireland, and the more direct course to Newfoundland and thence to Quebec.

Through continental Asia and Europe the tentative itinerary would carry the aviators to Shanghai, China; Mandalay and Delhi, India; Cherbar and Bagdad, Persia; Damascus, Syria; Aleppo and Constantinople, Turkey; Angora, Asia-Minor; Bucharest, Rumania; Belgrade, Serbia; Budapest, Hungary; Vienna, Austria; Munich and Strassbourg, Germany, and Paris and London.

"Unrest" in Our Insular Possessions

ALTHOUGH political activities in the Philippine islands and in Porto Rico have been marked in the last fiscal year, Maj. Gen. Frank McIntyre, chief of the War department's bureau of insular affairs, said in his annual report that there was little justification for reports that "a condition of unrest existed in these territories."

"Political activity has been marked during the year," General McIntyre said, "both in the Philippine islands and in Porto Rico. This has led many people in the United States to believe that a condition of unrest existed in these territories, which is very far from the fact. Both Porto Rico and the Philippine islands have received during the last year greater benefits from the United States than at any time in the past, and these benefits have been more generally appreciated."

"The year has been one of general prosperity," the general concluded. "The first six months of the calendar year 1923 show a material betterment in foreign trade. For this period the total shipment of domestic products was $57,[illegible], of which $53,[illegible] came to the United States; the imports were $41,775,[illegible], of which $34,[illegible],136 came from the United States."

Speaking of the economic situation in Porto Rico, the report said:

"The economic situation in Porto Rico is, compared to former years, excellent. This by no means implies that the serious economic problem resulting from the overpopulation has been even partially solved, so that this continues to be the one pressing problem in Porto Rico. This would be partially met if the shipping lines between the United States and Porto Rico had adequate passenger facilities, particularly for steerage passengers.

"There is little doubt that if such facilities were in operation the passenger traffic between Porto Rico and the United States would in a short time be increased tenfold. The excess of labor would receive in the United States permanent and seasonal employment if steerage accommodations were available.

"Owing to the great liberality with which Porto Rico has been treated by congress in an economic way, the revenues of the island have in recent years materially increased. The budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, was based on estimated revenues of $12,000,000. This is about four times the revenues of 16 years ago and a little less than three times what they were ten years ago."

Great Waste of Natural Gas and Oil

LOSSES of natural gas and oil, through flooding, seepage, waste and negligence in the various fields in the United States, have been enormous, according to statements of the Interior department, based upon a recent survey by the bureau of mines.

While the oil and gas industry has progressed steadily and has been practically revolutionized during the 64 years of its existence, losses have run into untold millions of feet of gas and gallons of oil fuel.

Floodings of oil sands by water have damaged irreparably entire oil and gas fields, the water trapping underground oil that probably never will be recovered. Water in an oil well so increases lifting costs that many wells are abandoned before the normal recovery of oil and gas is obtained.

Although "blow-outs" and "wild wells" were formerly the greatest factors in the loss, modern equipment has made it easier to muzzle the unchecked flows. The old practice of allowing "gushers" to waste oil and gas unchecked until the force either was stopped by cave-ins or decreased an appreciable amount, has been done away with, but not before millions of dollars' worth of the natural resources were lost.

In the early days of the Cushing field in Oklahoma, in 1912 and 1913, it is estimated 100,000,000 feet of gas were wasted daily.

In 1912 the total amount of gas consumed throughout the country was 000,000,000,000 cubic feet, while the loss of casing-head gas alone was estimated at 141,000,000,000 feet in that year. It seems probable that from one-third to one-half of all the gas produced is wasted, the bureau's study showed.

Production of gasoline from natural gas was started in 1904, and while the amount recovered has increased by leaps and bounds yearly, it was estimated that since that year at least 2,000,000,000 gallons of gasoline have been wasted.

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Couldn't Fool Son.

"I never smoked when I was your age," said father. "Will you be able to say that to your son when you grow up?"

"Not with such a straight face as you do, father," replied William.

Others Find Relief

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Fast Work.

"I didn't know you knew that man."

"I didn't—but by the time I discovered I didn't, I did!"

Value of Experience.

Mother—Are you really sure that you love him?

Daughter—Don't be so naive, mother. When a girl has had the experience of three engagements, as I have, she should know the symptoms.—Boston Transcript.

Nothing Better for Constipation

than one or two Brandreth Pills at bed time. They cleanse the system, purify the blood and keep you well.—Adv.

A man never really knows the value of a dollar unless he is followed by a persistent collector.

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Like Poison.

"I hate that chap," quoth the lovable girl, as she rubbed cold cream on her lips.—Washington Sun Dodger.

Somehow the people who say what they think have a mania for saying disagreeable things.

Your doctor advises internal cleanliness

HE will tell you that the first results of constipation—headache, sleepless nights, biliousness, backache, etc.—warn that the body is flooded with intestinal poisons. In time, these poisons may cause the breakdown of health and lead to serious disease. In constipation, say intestinal specialists, lies the primary cause of more than three-quarters of all illness including the gravest diseases of life.

Hence, doctors urge internal cleanliness—regular and thorough removal of food waste from the body.

"Keep Clean Inside" Say Physicians.

Laxatives Aggravate Constipation

Laxatives and cathartics do not overcome constipation, says a noted authority, but by their continued use tend only to aggravate the condition and often lead to permanent injury.

Why Physicians Favor Lubrication

Medical science, through knowledge of the intestinal tract gained by X-ray observation, has found at last in lubrication a means of overcoming constipation. The gentle lubricant, Nujol, penetrates and softens the hard food waste and thus hastens its passage out of the body. Thus Nujol brings internal cleanliness.

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SMITH BROTHERS

S.B. COUGH DROPS MENTHOL

The Christmas Spirit

by Katherine Edelman

WHO would not be merry, who would not be glad, when all over the earth there can be heard the jingle of Santa Claus' sleigh bells, the patter of his reindeer's hoofs and the chuckle of the jolly little man?

Who would not be merry when everywhere we see eager, expectant little children, their eyes and feet dancing in happy expectation of the joy which they know is coming?

Who would not be merry and glad at the sight of full stockings by the chimney, the gaily-ornamented tree with gifts on every bough?

Who would not be merry and glad at the thought of the gathering and feast that make Christmas a celebration of the home and of family ties?

Who would not be merry when everywhere we look we see men and women at their very best, filled deep with the spirit of love and giving—when everybody seems to have been touched by the magic hand of Christmas?

Who would not be merry when in every home there is happy whispering and planning and streets and shops are filled with a gladsome throng all bent upon the most unselfish mission in the world: to help bring joy to others?

Who would not be merry and glad when the whole country is radiating peace and joy and good cheer; when the Christmas spirit has spread itself like an encircling mantle over the nation?

Who would not be merry and glad and of good cheer in the conviction that some day, when the Christian citizen serves God in relation to his home his community and his nation, there will be literally "On earth peace, good will toward men."?

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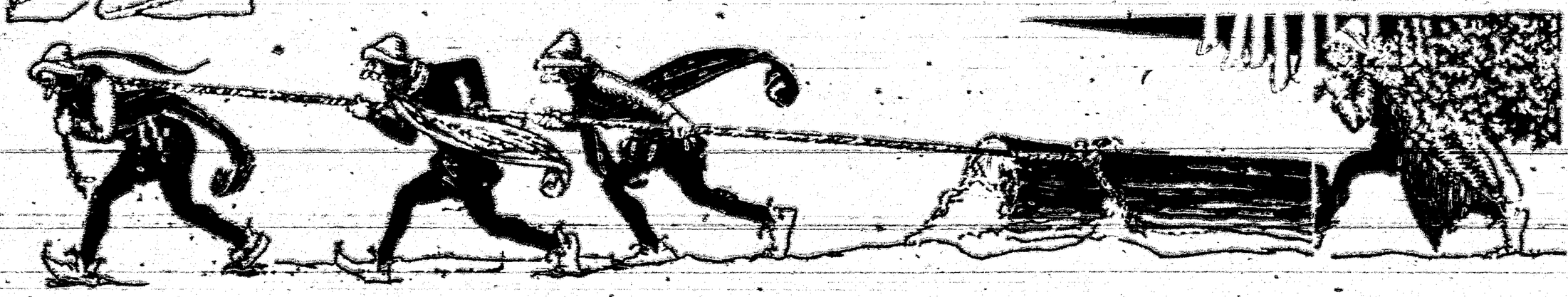

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Christmas

The end of the year approaches and the glad Christmas season is at hand. It may lack some of the joys of past years, because of the disturbed conditions existing throughout the world and the uncertainties of the future, and especially in this section where the hand of plenty has not so generously doled out its largess. Even so, as the Day of all Days comes nearer, the old spirit revives, and everyone, regardless of station, welcomes its coming and feels a quickening of the pulse as the event, which, for almost twenty centuries has been acclaimed by the Christian world, draws nigh.

It is a time of peaceful thoughts and good will to mankind; it is a season of forgiveness; it is a period when animosities are buried, or laid aside, and brings human kind in closer communion. It does not necessarily follow that one must be intensely religious to be affected by the anniversary of the birth of the lowly babe of Bethlehem, but that it does have this gladdening effect upon all Christian peoples, even though the evidence of extreme reverence is lacking in some, is conclusive proof that the birth of Christ, and his life of righteousness, marks the greatest event in human history. And coincident with his birth was also born the new and uplifting thought of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

That beautiful sentiment prevails today, it is deep-seated in the foundations of our government, it pervades the home, and reigns in our hearts; and as again the recurrent event approaches we are touched with the solemnity, as well as the joyousness, of the occasion, and heartily join in the anthem, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

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RED CROSS PLANS FOR COMING YEAR

Over $2,000,000 in Fund for War Sufferers—National Budget Is $5,543,077.

AID TO VETERANS STANDS FIRST

Expended $9,738,448 in Services to Mankind Last Year at Home and Abroad.

Washington.—With a budget of $5,543,077.81 for carrying out the program of service during the current fiscal year, beginning July 1, the American Red Cross announces that this amount was $4,195,370.41 less than was expended during the fiscal year ended last June 30. During that year expenditures reached a total of $9,738,448.22, of which amount $2,605,[illegible] was devoted to relief of refugees in Greece who had been driven out of Asia Minor. In announcing the budget for the year, the statement from National Headquarters emphasized the fact that its extensive work at home and abroad depends almost wholly upon the nation-wide support of the organization through enrollment of membership in large numbers during the annual roll call, which will be in progress from November 11 to November 29 under the auspices of the 3,600 Chapters in the United States and throughout the world. These Chapters, it is pointed out, during the last fiscal year expended of their own funds approximately $3,920,000 in work for the men who wore the United States uniform during the World War, so that the estimate of some $10,000,000 expended during twelve months by the American Red Cross as a whole is considered conservative.

Soldier Service Stands First

From July 1, 1917, to June 30, 1923, the American Red Cross spent nationally and through its Chapters close to $144,000,000 in behalf of American soldiers who served in the war and their families. During last year the figure alone mounted to more than $6,[illegible], and for the current fiscal year National Headquarters has set aside under the heading, "Assistance to Disabled ex-Service Men and Women," $2,[illegible]. The Chapters will continue to do their part, so that it may be predicted with confidence that again more than $3,[illegible] will be disbursed in the large variety of services to the disabled men and women and their families—services for which the Government cannot provide and which reach the individual case with the sympathy and understanding only actual contact can create. This work of the American Red Cross approaches the fifth anniversary of the Armistice, which ended the World War with only slight decrease in calls for service in the interest of the welfare and rehabilitation of those who suffered physical disability in the service of their country.

In the interest of the enlisted men serving in the Army and the Navy the budget provides $[illegible] for the current year. This is obligatory under the Red Cross charter, for the organization must act in matters of voluntary relief and as a medium of communication between the people and their Army and Navy.

Domestic Program Extensive

The domestic operations of the American Red Cross comprise an accurate indicator of the continuing calls for expansion in all the established and authorized services. The budget comprises $[illegible], as against expenditures during the last year of $[illegible]. The abnormal demands in the foreign field in the last several years, however, have largely subsided, and in consequence $[illegible] has been set for the 1923-24 budget under foreign operations. Of this amount $[illegible] is set aside for engagements which will close the work for the refugees in Greece, for whose amelioration $[illegible] was expended up to June 30, when the American Red Cross withdrew, and the work was taken over under the control of the Greek government. For liquidation and completion of general relief in Europe the budget provides $[illegible], and for American Junior Red Cross projects, foreign and insular, and assistance to Chapters listed under foreign operations.

Ready for Emergency Calls

The readiness of the American Red Cross to answer immediately with effective service in cases of emergency is an outstanding feature of its program that is universally recognized. During last year $636,[illegible] was spent for relief in [illegible] disasters, which was $[illegible] in excess of budget provisions. This year $[illegible] has been appropriated for this service. Since 1881 the Red Cross has administered more than $[illegible] in relief work following disasters.

Other budget items in the schedule for domestic operations include $[illegible] for service and assistance to the 3,600 Chapters and their Branches, $[illegible] for assistance to other organizations, particularly covering child health activities; $[illegible] for Junior Red Cross projects and service; $[illegible] for assistance to Nurses' Training Schools, and for other activities $[illegible]. For supervision of service activities and general management of the entire American Red Cross less than $[illegible] is allotted.

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NOTICE OF PENDING SUIT

No. [illegible]

State of New Mexico,
County of Lincoln.

In The District Court.

Amelia R. Herrera, Plaintiff;
Vs.
George Herrera, Defendant.

Notice is hereby given to the above named defendant that suit has been commenced against him in the District Court of the Third Judicial District of the State of New Mexico within and for the County of Lincoln by Amelia R. Herrera wherein, plaintiff prays that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between plaintiff and defendant be dissolved, and for the custody of child, and said George Herrera is hereby notified that unless he enters his appearance in said cause on or before the [illegible] day of January, A. D. 1924, judgment and decree in said cause will be rendered against him by default.

That A. H. Hudspeth, whose post office address is Carrizozo, New Mexico, is attorney for plaintiff.

R. M. TREAT,
11-30-4 [SEAL] Clerk.

"The Flirt"

The above is the title of a picture that will be shown at the Crystal Theatre for two nights next week—Christmas night and the night following. Reviews from the press where this production has been presented pronounce it an excellent picture and capable of pleasing any audience. It is adapted from one of Booth Tarkington's stories, with Eileen Percy in the title role, supported by an A 1 cast.

Capitan School Notes

B. W. Weber, Principal

Primary and First Grades—Christabel Osborne, teacher:

Thirteen little people were vaccinated last week for the first time, and several are obliged to be out of school with sore arms.

The Christmas program to be given Saturday night, December 22, is well under way and promises to be the best we've had.

There will be two plays, a cowboy song and a dance, a folk dance of Fairies, and Brownies, several other musical numbers, including part songs by the Glee Club, intermediate grades and primary children.

The Fairies and Brownies, who will dance and sing at the program, are known by their school mates as Berta Evans, Jean Merchant, Josephine Torres, Robert Provine, Deman Payne and Ruskin Patterson.

The attendance is very low this week, owing to the storm preventing the travel of the school truck, and the vaccination of so many little people.

2nd and 3rd Grade room—
Mr. Cummings, teacher:

The following were the perfect in attendance the past six weeks: Aurora Anaya, Lucia Anaya, Trene Artiago, Maria Padilla, Herminda Chavez, Julia Garcia, Sofia Garcia, Cleo Thompson, Bertie Burks, Gregorio Trujillo, Kemp Pepper, Claude Patterson, Filberto Chaves, Billie Stuart and Charles Gardner.

4th, 5th and 6th Grades—
Miss Fritz, teacher

The enrollment in these grades up to the present time is 45; those on the honor roll in perfect attendance are:

Sixth Grade—Emelia Fritz, Mary Gardner, Mary Jane Provine.

Fifth Grade—George Stuart, Francis Gardenheier, Tom Hilburn, Dwight Allison, Ruth Gardner, Frank Pino.

Fourth Grade—Josephine Peters, Helene Titsworth.

The intermediate room is very prettily decorated with poinsettias, Santa Claus and evergreen wreaths.

The pupils of the Art Class are making calendars, Christmas cards and snow scenes.

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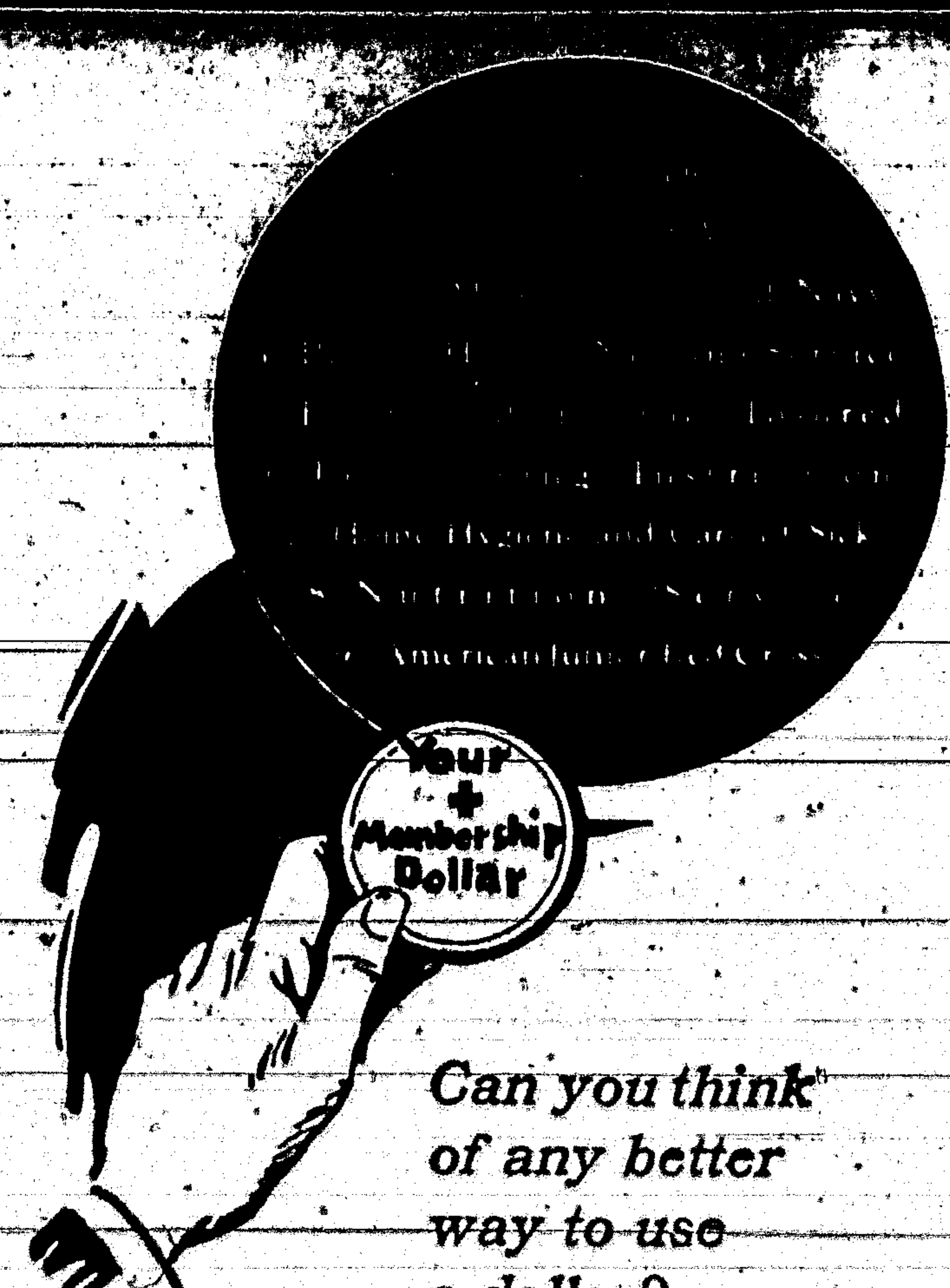
Wed. Dec. 26—"The Flirt," repeated. Don't fail to see this; it's good.

Fri. Dec. 28—"Tarzan," No. 10, with Elmo Lincoln. "Missing Millions," with Tom Carrigan; All Star. Round 4, "Fighting Blood," with George O'Hara; Film Booking.

Sat. Dec. 29—"From the Ground Up," with Tom Moore and Helena Chadwick; Goldwyn.

Matinee Christmas afternoon, at 2:00.



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County Board Meeting

Special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, New Mexico, met Saturday, December 15, 1923, a 4 p. m.

Present: Robert H. Taylor, Chairman; E. C. Dow, Member; R. M. Treat, Clerk.

The resignation of H. G. Norman, County Treasurer, was presented to the Board and hereby is accepted by the Board.

The Board having fully considered the matter of appointing a Treasurer, hereby orders and does appoint Morgan B. Paden as temporary Treasurer, and to take charge of the office as soon as he qualifies according to law, by filing bond in the County Clerk's office, for the approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

Said appointment is made until further arrangements are made by the Board, said office to continue under the supervision of the Chairman of the Board, Robert H. Taylor.

Board stands adjourned until call.

Robert H. Taylor,
Attest: Chairman.
R. M. Treat, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, met met December 17, 1923, at 4 p. m. as a Board of Finance, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Present: Robert H. Taylor, Chairman; Brack Sloan and E. C. Dow, Members; R. M. Treat, Clerk.

The Board of County Commissioners having prior to this date appointed Morgan B. Paden as temporary Treasurer of Lincoln County, New Mexico, upon the filing and approval of bond in the sum of $5,000.00.

It now appearing to the Board that said bond has been filed and being presented to the Board of Finance, and same having been examined is hereby approved by the Board and ordered to be sent to the District Judge for his approval; The office of County Treasurer to continue under the supervision of the Board of County Commissioners.

Above mentioned bond of Morgan B. Paden is signed by
M. G. Paden for $3,000.00
T. A. Spencer for $1,000.00
Ralph Dow for $500.00
F. F. Mudge for $500.00

Above named sureties limiting their liabilities as amount shown opposite each name.

Board now stands adjourned until call.

Board of Finance,
Robert H. Taylor,
Attest: Chairman.
R. M. Treat, Clerk.

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Notice of Suit

In the District Court, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico.

State of New Mexico to J. B. DeArman and Eunice Craddock, formerly the wife of J. B. DeArman, Defendants, Greetings:

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that a suit has been commenced, and is now pending in the District Court of the Third Judicial District of the State of New Mexico, in and for the County of Lincoln, entitled C. H. Patterson, Receiver of the First State Bank of Capitan, New Mexico, substituted Plaintiff, versus J. B. DeArman and Eunice Craddock, formerly the wife of J. B. DeArman, Defendants, said cause being numbered 3359 on the civil docket of said court, and the objects of which are to reform the description in a certain mortgage deed, and to foreclose the said mortgage deed given by the defendants to the First State Bank of Capitan, New Mexico, to secure the payment of a promissory note for $829.71, and to foreclose the lien of said mortgage deed upon the real estate situate in the County of Lincoln and State of New Mexico, described as follows, to-wit:

West half of southeast quarter, and east half of southwest quarter, of section ten, township nine south of range thirteen east, New Mexico principal meridian.

You, and each of you, are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before February 4, 1924, judgment will be entered in said cause against you by default, and plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in his amended complaint, and the lands and premises above described will be sold, and the proceeds arising therefrom will be applied upon the indebtedness above mentioned. That A. H. Hudspeth, whose postoffice address is Carrizozo, New Mexico, is attorney for the plaintiff.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court, this 20th day of December, 1923.

[SEAL] R. M. TREAT,
12-21-4t Clerk of said Court.

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In a Wyoming coal mine there is an electrical mine locomotive that is still going strong after 27 years. It was built by the Thomson-Houston Electric Company, predecessors of the General Electric Company, and has hauled [illegible] tons of coal an average of 1.8 miles. Many a mule has gone to a quiet grave in that period, for mules may come and mules may go, but an electric locomotive goes all the time.

Bible Thoughts for the Week

Sunday.
BETTER THAN SILVER AND GOLD—Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment, let us therewith be content.—I Tim. 6:6, 7, 8.

Monday.
OBEDIENCE—If ye love me, keep my commandments.—John 14:15.

Tuesday.
SUFFICIENCY—Our sufficiency is of God.—II Cor. 3:5.

Wednesday.
GOD'S DAILY BENEFITS—Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.—Ps. 68:19.

Thursday.
THE INFINITE PROTECTOR—If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.—Ps. 139:9, 10.

Friday.
ADMIT THE MASTER—Behold I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with me.

Saturday.
He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith.—Rev. 3:6, 22.

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1—Christmas seal boosters arriving in Washington by airplane. 2—Wife of President Ebert of Germany snapped as she was leaving a government office in Berlin. 3—Scene on the deck of the new United States battleship West Virginia as she was being commissioned with Captain Sens as commander.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Coolidge in First Message Favors Tax Reduction, Opposes Soldiers' Bonus.

TORIES LOSE IN ENGLAND

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

OUR national legislative mill reopened on Monday when the Sixty-eighth congress began its first session. Plenty of grist will be poured into its hoppers, but few if any laws will be ground out for several weeks. So slender is the present Republican majority that the group of progressives was able to block the organization of the house until assurance had been given that there would be opportunity for revision of the rules. Most of the group thereupon voted for the re-election of Speaker Gillett and the deadlock was ended. This took place on Wednesday, and the next day President Coolidge delivered in person his first message to the two houses.

Clearly and concisely, the President declared himself in favor of continuing our present foreign policy and therefore against the ratification of the covenant of the League of Nations. Said he: "The league exists as a foreign agency. We hope it will be helpful. But the United States sees no reason to limit its own freedom and independence of action by joining it. We shall do well to recognize this basic fact in all national affairs and govern ourselves accordingly."

Of the closely related question of American membership in the world court he said: "As I wish to see a court established, and as the proposal presents the only practical plan on which many nations have ever agreed, though it may not meet every desire, I therefore commend it to the favorable consideration of the senate, with the proposed reservations clearly indicating our refusal to adhere to the League of Nations."

Expressing earnest hope that the people of Russia will be restored to their position among the nations of the earth, Mr. Coolidge declared flatly that the soviet government would not be recognized by the United States so long as it refuses to recognize the sanctity of international relations, but he said he was willing to make large concessions, and that our government would offer no objection to the carrying on of commerce by Americans with the people of Russia. Concerning the war debts owed us by other nations, he said he did not favor their cancellation, but saw no objection to adjusting them as was done in the case of Great Britain.

Continuation of the policy of retrenchment and economy by the government was strongly urged, and so was the abolition of the right to issue tax-exempt securities. The President asked congress to avoid constant revising of the tariff law, promising to exercise his power to change the schedules whenever investigation showed this to be wise.

As had been predicted, the President whole-heartedly supported Secretary Mellon's recommendations for the reduction of taxes, saying that "of all services which the congress can render to the country, I have no hesitation in declaring this one to be paramount." He especially commended a decrease on earned incomes and further abolition of admission and message taxes. He also expressed opposition to excess-profits taxes.

After hearing this, congress waited expectantly for the part of the message dealing with the care of the veterans of the World war, and was not surprised when Mr. Coolidge closed that section with the words: "I do not favor the granting of a bonus." However, he declared himself in favor of much of the legislative program which the American Legion will present to congress.

Taking up the [illegible] of the wheat farmers, Mr. Coolidge said:

"Indirectly, the farmer must be relieved by a reduction of national and local taxation. He must be assisted by the reorganization of the freight-rate structure which could reduce charges on his production. To make this fully effective there ought to be railroad consolidations. Cheaper fertilizers must be provided. . . .

"I do not favor the permanent interference of the government in this problem. That probably would increase the trouble by increasing production. But it seems feasible to provide government assistance to exports, and authority should be given the War Finance corporation to grant, in its discretion, the most liberal terms of payment for fats and grains exported for the direct benefit of the farm."

Considerable space in the message was given to the coal problem. The President said he did not favor government ownership or operation of the mines, and continued: "The supply of coal must be constant. In case of its prospective interruption, the President should have authority to appoint a commission empowered to deal with whatever emergency situation might arise, to aid conciliation and voluntary arbitration, to adjust any existing or threatened controversy between the employer and the employee when collective bargaining fails, and by controlling distribution to prevent profiteering in this vital necessity."

PEACE between the "regular" and "progressive" factions of the Republicans in the house it is supposed will continue for 30 days, during which time the latter will have a chance to bring forward their proposals for the liberalization of the rules. They demonstrated during the deadlock over organization that they hold the balance of power, though they are few in number, but it is far from certain that they can line up enough Democratic votes to change the rules as they desire. The progressives voted, usually 17 strong, for Cooper of Wisconsin for speaker. The Democrats were solid for Finis J. Garrett of Tennessee, who thus becomes the minority leader. The leader of the majority is Nicholas Longworth of Ohio.

SUPPORTERS of President Coolidge for nomination next year were encouraged last week by the news from South Dakota. In the Republican state proposal convention Mr. Coolidge was given the preference over Senator Hiram Johnson, his only opponent, by a majority of 20,000 out of 77,000 votes cast. Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas was the choice for vice president. The Democratic convention indorsed McAdoo by a vote of 30,815 against 3,972 for Henry Ford, and chose Judge James W. Gerard of New York for second place on the ticket. The Farmer-Laborites were strongly in favor of the nomination of Senator La Follette. After the President's message was delivered the Hiram Johnson crowd felt a little better, for in it, as is told above, Mr. Coolidge declared himself flatly against the soldiers' bonus, while the South Dakota Republicans adopted a platform containing a strong bonus plank. This question may well develop into the deciding issue of the nomination campaign.

THE British parliamentary elections were held Thursday, and at this writing it appears that the Conservative party with its policy of a protective tariff has been defeated. Delayed returns from country districts may change this, but even then Prime Minister Baldwin would have a slender majority. The reunited Liberal party made considerable gains, and the Laborites, already the second in strength, won many new seats.

One notable feature of the election was the defeat of the women. They had a number of candidates, but only two appear to have won—Lady Astor and Miss Susan Lawrence, a Laborite. Arthur Henderson, one of the most prominent Laborites, lost his seat to a Liberal.

HAVING signed with the industrial magnates of the Ruhr an agreement for resumption of work and of payments in kind, and being urged by Belgium, the French last week began the virtual withdrawal of their forces from the occupied region. To start with, the occupation will be made "invisible," which means the troops will be withdrawn from the cities and towns to points outside. In addition, France is returning to German control twenty-one railway [illegible] and two repair shops. The French agree to recommend the most favorable action in the cases of railway workers who were expelled and rail employees in the occupied region will be paid the same wages as those in the rest of Germany. Altogether, the developments of the week indicated that Premier Poincare had adopted a conciliatory policy, and it was hinted that he might soon yield to Great Britain and America and consent to a discussion of the reduction of Germany's debt by the proposed committee of experts subject to the reparations commission.

Chancellor Marx so far is making good in Berlin, for he has induced the socialists to consent to the "enabling act" which gives him dictatorial powers if he needs them and thus may avoid the necessity of dissolving the legislative body. The socialists ceased to oppose the act on receiving a promise that any emergency measures should be submitted to an advisory commission of 21 deputies before being issued. It is reported that Germany has completed negotiations for a foreign loan of $120,000,000 to support the new permanent currency issue.

CIVIL war has broken out again in Mexico. In the states of Vera Cruz, San Luis Potosi, Chihuahua, Michoacan, Tamaulipas and Guerrero there is active rebellion against the government of President Obregon, the leader of the movement being Adolfo de la Huerta, the Co-operatista party's candidate for president. He and his helpers have told Obregon that they are revolting because the government is violating the sovereignty of the states and otherwise offending the institutions of the republic. Actually, it seems, De la Huerta's chief complaint is that Obregon is supporting Calles for election as his successor.

FEDERAL JUDGE WOODROUGH of Omaha has decided that prohibition agents are not civil officers in any strict or constitutional sense and are without lawful authority to serve search warrants.

Mrs. Mabel Willebrandt, assistant attorney general in charge of prohibition and tax cases, reports to Attorney General Daugherty that litigation over violations of federal laws is on the increase. Under the national prohibition act alone, she says, [illegible] criminal and 4,100 civil cases were begun during the last fiscal year—an increase of 17,300 over the previous year. Federal courts were unable to keep abreast of the number of cases brought, although [illegible] criminal cases were disposed of during the year, with 26,000 criminal and 4,664 civil cases left pending. [illegible] Mrs. Willebrandt's report added, is "the most gigantic criminal problem the United States ever faced on the high seas."

NEWS from Russia is doubtful these days, but there has just come from Moscow a dispatch that is of vast importance if true. It says that Professor Joffe, Russian scientist, has discovered a method for making wire stronger than steel out of common rock salt. The discovery resulted after experiment in durability of metals by structural chemistry. By submitting rock salt to high heat pressure before the elementary crystals began to decay he arrested the decay by changing the structural arrangement of the atoms and molecules, this change increasing the durability and durability of the substance 300 times. It is stated that if the discovery can be applied to metals it will revolutionize the world.

ATTORNEY GENERAL DAUGHERTY has announced that criminal prosecutions will be begun as a result of the investigation, by his department and the special senate committee, of alleged irregularities in the conduct of the veterans' bureau under the former director, Colonel Forbes. Presumably the facts brought out will be placed before a federal grand jury.

Gen. Frank T. Hines, new director of the bureau, has sent out a call to the American Legion for aid in finding suitable employment for the rehabilitated ex-service men. There are approximately 75,000 men in vocational training, Director Hines declares, and within the next three months about 10,000 of these will complete their courses.

New Mexico State Items

Cattle sales have been good in Luna county this fall, according to reports from the Cattle and Horse Growers' Association. The total to date is over 6,000 head.

Hugh McKeen, one of the best known stockmen in the Alma district, received a carload of Hereford bull calves last week from a prominent breeder in Kansas.

According to reports of the Chamber of Commerce of Artesia, there is a big shortage of homes and many people, who would like to become residents of the city, find that they are obliged to go elsewhere to find a place to live.

Formal dedication of the new water plant three miles east of Tularosa occurred last week when many citizens went to the site to witness the turning on of the water in the mains. The new plant is modern in every way and the water, coming from the springs in the hills, is said to be equal to any in the state.

Plans for the annual state convention of the New Mexico Wool Growers' Association were formulated in Albuquerque at a meeting of the executive committee. The convention will be in Albuquerque, Feb. 1 and 2. Of chief importance will be action on a project to establish three bonded warehouses in the state.

Three men were burned, one of them badly, in a gasoline explosion near Pecos, a few days ago. They were: W. B. Fisher, A. C. Fisher, his son, and William Christian. The elder Fisher, who was in the most serious condition, was burned about the body and face. For a time his chance of recovery was regarded as doubtful.

Thomas C. Van Stone of Santa Fe, son of Mrs. Berta Van Stone, has been awarded a [illegible] scholarship in the Harvard Engineering school, an award based on a previous scholarship record of highest distinction. Mr. Van Stone, who is now continuing his studies in the engineering school was a first group scholar in the rank list for last year.

One of the most enthusiastic meetings of the ex-service men ever held in Dawson took place the last week at the Dawson opera house when a local post of the American Legion was formed with twenty-five members. More than the necessary number of members have signed the roll and the charter has been applied for under the name of the Brady-Aragon post.

John Sloan, Santa Fe and New York, one of the foremost American artists who have been classed as the later men who developed original ways of doing things, has shown another streak of originality. It might be called good luck. Sloan has sold a collection of twenty paintings to one man and has reaped a financial harvest to the tune of $30,000. The purchaser is Mr. Hamlin of New York, a grandnephew of Hannibal Hamlin, vice president of the United States during the Civil War.

"Cattle in New Mexico are in good condition generally; the ranges are not overstocked and there is plenty of grass to winter them in good shape," declared John H. Hicks, one of the most experienced livestock men in the state. "The shipping of stock is still active but the prices in all cases are not satisfactory to the growers, although steer products are selling for more than last year at this time. One of the real assets of the state," said Mr. Hicks, "is the raising of large quantities of alfalfa so that the cattle men will not be obliged to import feed from out of the state."

The first meeting of what is to be known as the Gallup Rotary Club was held at the Manhattan Cafe in Gallup last week, when the by-laws were adopted and the officers elected. The club started off by adopting constitution and by-laws and electing officers and board of directors, as follows: President, J. W. Chapman; vice president, T. H. Seymour; secretary, L. N. Cary; treasurer, C. W. Davis.

The second section of the westbound Golden State Limited, running over the El Paso & Southwestern tracks, ran into the rear of the first section at Luna, N. M., a few days ago, due to one of the worst snowstorms in the history of this section. No one was injured. The locomotive of the first section was derailed in a snowdrift one mile west of Luna. The second section, running exceptionally slow, hit the tourist car at the rear of the first train. The tourist car and the locomotive of the second section were damaged. The first section consisted of baggage, mail cars, a day coach and the tourist car. The second section was a solid Pullman train.

One of the most complete Boy Scout club houses in New Mexico was opened in Dawson recently. After the completion of the new building the debt on it is only $800 and this will be cleared up during the coming year. A large number of the residents of the city attended the opening.

A new company, to be known as the Mesa-Call Oil Company, is soon to start drilling in the vicinity of Alamogordo, according to reports of Californians who have been in the city. The company has taken a lease on about 35,000 acres of land.

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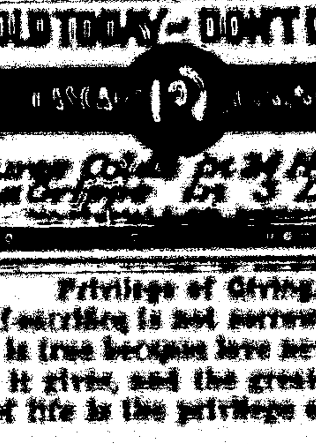

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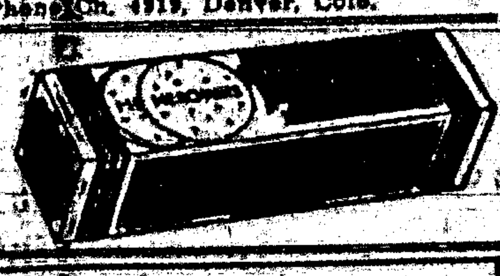

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COLORADO GOLDEN JUBILEE TO BE SUGGESTED TO STATE CONFERENCE.

Denver.—Colorado Golden Jubilee! That is the name which will be suggested to a meeting of representatives of all parts of the state on Saturday, Dec. 18, for a joint celebration in 1926 of the fiftieth anniversary of the admission of Colorado to statehood and of [illegible].

The suggestion will be made by a committee appointed last week by Gov. William E. Sweet for consideration of the advisability and feasibility of holding a celebration of the kind. The committee, of which Cass E. Herrington is chairman, believes the jubilee could be made of immeasurable value to all Colorado, but decision as to whether the big affair will be carried out will rest with the meeting of representatives of the different sections of the state a week from next Saturday.

The presidents of all chambers of commerce in Colorado, the mayors of all the larger cities, all former governors of the state, the president of the Sons of Colorado and the president of the Territorial Daughters of Colorado will be invited to participate in the meeting.

The governor's committee sees an opportunity in the jubilee to advance the development of all the principal parts of the state in a most practical way.

Laying their own suggestions and ideas before the conference, the governor's representatives will ask for suggestions and criticisms and a decision as to whether or not Colorado should go ahead. If the decision is for a jubilee, steps toward perfection of the organization to do the work will probably be taken immediately.

This the members believe can be accomplished by working out a complete balanced program in which different weeks or periods can be devoted to different sections of the state where special attractions and features would be held during these weeks. Automobile trips and railroad excursions to these sections during the feature weeks and generally throughout the jubilee would supplement the efforts of the various sections.

The other members of the committee appointed by Governor Sweet to start the ball rolling include: Clare N. Stannard, A. B. Trott, C. C. Parks, Charles A. Johnson and Calvin H. Hibbs.

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CAPTAIN SAZARAC

By Charles Tenney Jackson

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"WELCOME, CAPTAIN!"

SYNOPSIS.—Under the name of "Captain Sazarac" and disguised, Jean Lafitte, former freebooter of Barataria, proscribed, returns to the city of New Orleans. He is recognized by two of his old companions, Alderman Dominique and Beluche. At the gaming tables Sazarac has won much money from Colonel Carr, British officer. John Jarvis, the city's first bohemian of the arts and letters, an oldtime friend of Lafitte, tells of a woman's face and smile. As his last wager, Carr puts up a woman, presumably a slave. Custom compels Sazarac to accept the stake. He wins. His old associates and Count Raoul de Almonaster accost him as Lafitte. A project of the youthful adventurers of New Orleans is the rescue of Napoleon Bonaparte from St. Helena, and a ship, the Seraphine, has been made ready. From De Almonaster Sazarac learns that the girl he "won" at the card table is white, of high estate, and that the matter has been made a byword in the city's resorts. Sazarac finds Mademoiselle Lestron, a fellow passenger on a river steamer a few days before, and with whom he had fallen in love, is the girl and in chivalry foregoes his revenge against Carr. Jarvis admires Mademoiselle Lestron. He is a witness of the meeting and picks up a camellia which the girl had thrown, unnoticed, to Sazarac. Jarvis is dangerous; he talks too much in his cups. His old associates of the Barataria days urge Lafitte to take command of the Seraphine, ostensibly to rescue Napoleon but really to fly the black flag and cruise the seas. He hesitates. Jarvis is a witness of the kidnaping of Mademoiselle Lestron, but his story is not given credence. De Almonaster entertains Sazarac, now admittedly Jean Lafitte, at his country house. Lafitte, accused of the abduction of Mademoiselle Lestron, is warned of the approach of a military party seeking to arrest him. He escapes to the swamps of Barataria.

CHAPTER VII—Continued.

The old dogs laughed the harder. Rough shaggy fellows in shirts of faded green and blue, barefooted for the most, filthy muskrat traps dangling at their belts where once they had worn cutlass and pistol before the President's pardon.

"Nothing of sedition," answered Bohon. "Few of us dare go to the city even now. There is always a peg on which to hang one of Lafitte's men. Let a sheep be stolen up in the north parishes, and at once the Baratarians are charged with it!"

"Come," said the chief. "The elder [illegible] others to their camps. Not a man of you shall lift hand against the law for me. If you can serve me further you shall be summoned. Come—Rigo! Black Mike—Nez Coupe. We shall talk to the deserters first."

They made way for him to the beach. Old Rigo was laughing softly:

"Old days are come! Jean—and at once, a fair enterprise! A woman—and a ship! And down at the old isle where Yankees burned our fort, I have pumpkins growing—beautiful yellow pumpkins! Ah, bien! Perhaps we shall see another color o' gold among my pumpkins, wi' Jean among us once more!"

Six men to a side, the lugger crept down the mirrored bayou to where it opened to a shallow lake red to the warm sunset. Back on the Temple, the whispering swampers scattered to their pirogues. Fast and wide the word would go through watery forest aisles and into the grass jungles of Barataria. Never a customs boat could leave the city but that keen eyes noted, and paddling couriers spread the warning far to the most secluded chenieres of the deep swamp.

"Look you," growled the steersman, Bohon, to Joe Rigo, "the old fellows gathering like buzzards, furnishing [illegible] rusty dirks and [illegible] feature on the very wind that brought Jean to us. Name o' G—d!—I am young again!"

Bohon glanced at the first stars [illegible] showed on the grassy bayou margin. "John Kelly will be there—and Mccane, the Mississippian. And others, Captain. There will be drinking, for three casks of wine went from the Algiers dock along with the arms. And the English lady, Captain—you will not have them delivered to the consul?"

"Did you ever know," laughed Jean, "of me kicking back any man to the press gangs—white, yellow, brown or black—who ever reached the swamp?"

"Do you remember when our men went recruiting to the Acadian dances and shook their gold before the country youth—a speech, a song, a revel—that would carry every restless spirit of the parishes back to our fort to serve you, Jean?"

There was a shout in the starlight. To the lugger's side swept a half-dozen canoes. Old whiskered fellows would not be denied—they clambered over the gunwales, and stood roaring their welcome to the one-time dictator of the Barataria coast. A torch gleamed among the palmettos as Bohon's men slid the anchor to the mud. Then they crowded ashore to shout, to shake his hand, to boast that he lived, eager to hear of the lost leader. [illegible] Bohon led the way ashore. The [illegible] another palmetto-thatched camp under which were stored the stolen [illegible] the bales of [illegible]. The English [illegible] deserters, red-eyed, reeling from drink, looked upon the party with suspicious eyes, although the swamp men had heralded Lafitte's coming.

"Welcome, Captain!" shouted old Budge, the dock watchman. "I came with these lads. It must have been in the very air that you had returned, for—of a sudden—I had the notion of plunder! Look you—two more lusty seamen from the Genaron are here!"

"The mate laid twenty lashes to our backs because we could not explain Burke's get-away," said one. "We slid down the chains, sir, and are done with the king's shilling!"

"Lafitte!" cried another, "I sailed in a bark that took a round shot from you once off Trinidad! Come, my hand to it that I serve you now!"

The laughter and the drinking arose once more. Clearly the exile perceived that the swamp outlaws had no other thought than that he had come to revive again the marauding against the West India merchantmen.

He led aside the eldest of the deserting seamen. "Come, of the Genaron? What is her mission in the gulf?"

"I wish I could answer, sir! She sailed regularly, but she is stuffed with arms. Vera Cruz was to be her entry port, yet why carry arms to the king o' Spain's men? We were warned to say nothing of her cargo. When the Yankee customs discovered them, I hear the British consul was embarrassed. Colonel Carr had hand in it, the fo'cas'le said."

"Carr?" spoke up a youthful deserter eagerly. "Why, that is the blustering officer who wrangled with the skipper when they bundled the woman aboard!"

"The woman!" demanded Lafitte. "What of this—quick!"

"But the other night. The watch was hustled below when they brought her. Then it was up-sail and away without waiting to settle this quarrel about the muskets which a drunken supercargo put off and into the customs' hands by a mistake."

"Why, That Is the Blustering Officer Who Wrangled With the Skipper When They Bundled the Woman Aboard."

"Sailed!" The chief laid hands upon his shoulder. "Lads, is it true?"

"Some dirty affair, sir. Burke and Crackley and myself saw it. Slave, free woman of color, to be sold to the Indies, or whatever she was—we cannot say. They took her to the master's cabin. There was no law to it, I warrant, but when we lads saw that the Genaron was to put out hastily we took our lashes o' her!"

Lafitte swept about upon Bohon. "Mademoiselle Lestron on the Genaron, and the bark stuck to the passes! What can she make, sir, with this wind?"

"Steerage, nothing more. She will not have passed English Turn—"

"Forty men by Crystal at the river side! She shall be boarded in midstream, Bohon. Johannes—back to the Temple and summon every [illegible]!"

There was a grip of [illegible]. The leader had turned back to the smuggler's landing. The elder [illegible] followed. The deserters stumbled among their wine casks. Then the leader of them, John Crackley, a long, [illegible] of the [illegible], roared to the others.

"I tell you, bullies, if ever we found this Lafitte there would be rough work to do! The Genaron—turn her to the water's edge, my [illegible] and a knife to the mate for the cat he laid on our backs!"

The messengers paddled off in the starlight while about Jean gathered his old friends. And presently, across the shallows, came another small boat, swept by four black oarsmen to the smuggler's stern. A cloaked figure stepped out and grasped Lafitte's hand.

"Monsieur de Almonaster!"

"The haste is useless, sir! I came to warn you. The dragoons seized my house-servants, and bullied them into confession. Sazarac! The city shouts with it! Jean Lafitte has stolen the English colonel's ward!"

"Sir, you know better. I, indeed, know where she is. Mademoiselle Lestron has been put to sea. I take it, to hush her mouth. She would have spoken something dangerous to Carr's purposes. What these are, in all, we cannot say. But the lady of the river packet is a prisoner on the Genaron."

The count stared at him bewilderedly. "None in the city knows! Carr roars his indignation—he leads the cry that Jean Lafitte put his old men out to search the swamps. Captain, you cannot linger here!"

"The Genaron—" said Lafitte curtly, "if she does not fetch a sailing wind before she makes the outer passes, sixty of the Baratarians will swarm her chains for boarding before daylight. Will that be answer enough to the city, that Lafitte is here again?—the old fox in his hiding place?"

"A mad scheme!" muttered Raoul. "But—ah, well! For a woman! I trust, sir, you see it is an act of piracy against the vessel of a friendly power in American waters?"

The exile laughed grimly. "The dice are against Lafitte, the honest man!"

"Sir, does she know your identity?" pursued De Almonaster gravely.

"Can you ask? Lafitte—for whom her countrymen have a gallows built in every port that flies the king's flag! Come, sir! This is man's business! Every hour counts—every moment. She will know, soon enough, when a proscribed outlaw frees her . . . and turns away to face his ring of enemies."

And suddenly old Bohon dashed to his feet and held a finger to the air. He touched the skin with his lips and held it again.

"D—n!" he shouted. "The air is changing. It is swinging northerly! A breeze in the river, and she will make the passes before a man of us could lift hand against her!"

It was true. Five minutes later the lugger lurched slowly around in the tide. The big sail began to lift and stream in the starlight. Johannes came aft cursing the stir of the water.

"I tell you it cannot be done. If we had a thousand armed fellows in the narrows what could they do with cockleshell dugouts to board a ship drawing sail?"

They listened to the lapping water on the lugger's side. And now, from the oak-grown islet, there came a stumble of feet, a clatter of arms, and then a splashing in the starlit shallows.

"Aye, bullies!" roared John Crackley. "I said if ever we met this Lafitte there would be proper work for you!"

The deserters and the younger swamp islanders were swarming out, drunken and with ribald cheers, under their smoky torches. "A-Barataria!" one of the pardoned outlaws cried. It was the old boarding sea-yell of the Black Petrel's crew, and it struck with a curious cold prophecy to the heart of Lafitte. Fate was bearing him, do what he might, back to the lawless years of the youth he had put by.

"The devil's hand is in this," grumbled Johannes. "This wind—it will be a good ship's wind in the passes. The Genaron will be in blue water tomorrow noon!"

"It is fatal to our plan of boarding her in the river," mused Lafitte. "And the plan must change with the wind. If we had a weather boat off the old isle—"

"A boat!" growled Nez Coupe. "But in all these coves, where once we counted forty sail and two hundred guns, there is nothing worth a nutshell on blue water. Bah! We took the President's pardon!"

"A ship!" snarled Black Mike. "Seize a ship! Damnation!—how does a man find a ship? Way, name o' G—d—he takes her!"

And suddenly De Almonaster whirled on the steel leader with glowing eyes. "A ship! Why, there is the city—moored at the Place d'Armes!"

"The Napoleon ship!" shouted Johannes. "Why, curse my eyes, that is a ship, but death to the perfumed gentry that own her!"

"The Seraphine!" cried Bohon. "Why that beauty would sit ahead of the English bark and laugh in any weather!"

Lafitte was staring half-fearfully at De Almonaster. "Monsieur, the Seraphine lies in the very heart of the city, under the guns of every fort and warship there!"

"Well, [illegible] of your [illegible] gathered secretly by the Algiers shore, and crossing the river at midnight could board and have her under way ere the port awoke. Once off the passes, she could overhaul the bark. She is guarded for the best of them, but there would be no need. The Genaron could not fight—she would give back the lady . . . of course the authorities at Washington and London would howl, but"—the young man shrugged indifferently—"the affair would be over."

"Over? Monsieur, are you mad?"

"Ah, I had forgotten that I possess a certain interest in the Seraphine! Of course, I really know nothing about such madness! I am amazed—I denounce it much as I denounce this Sazarac who—a dinner guest of mine—is discovered to be Lafitte, the pirate!"

"You peril your life and your future, Monsieur."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Morality and Religion.

Morality without religion is only a kind of dead reckoning—an endeavor to find our place on a cloudy sea by measuring the distance we have run, but without any observation of the heavenly bodies.—Longfellow.

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Until recently a transcontinental motor trip was a hazardous adventure, proving expensive and tiresome. But improvement of road conditions on established routes has made the journey less laborious. Much of the emergency gear formerly required on a transcontinental tour and extra gasoline supply is now unnecessary.

Although the Moffat tunnel, the fifth largest transportation tunnel in the world and longest in America, will cut the rail distance between Denver and Salt Lake City 173 miles and open a new route from Chicago to the Pacific 70 miles shorter than any existing line, it is estimated by highway experts that the benefits to be derived from the tunnel as an automobile highway will exceed the entire cost of its construction.

By the expenditure of $6,720,000 to drill 6.04 miles through solid granite, the Colorado tunnel commission will lower the tracks of the temporary line of the Moffat road (Denver & Salt Lake) over the Continental Divide about 2,500 feet and open an uninterrupted winter route for automobiles through the tunnel at an elevation of 9,100 feet instead of a few months' accessible road through Berthoud pass at an elevation of 11,330 feet.

The Moffat tunnel will provide cars especially built for the transportation of automobiles and all trains will be drawn by electric locomotives, eliminating smoke and gases that would result if engines operated under their own power. The tunnel will be used in connection with the proposed Victory highway, running from Wilmington, Del., to San Francisco. It is proposed by the Victory Highway association to make this the world's greatest highway.

Passing through Washington, D. C., the highway will continue through Wheeling, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City and Denver, where it is provided to continue west through Berthoud pass, Steamboat Springs, Salt Lake City and Reno to San Francisco.

Completion of the Moffat tunnel is eagerly awaited by those fostering the Victory highway, as it is the only link in the proposed route that might block the plans for the greatest highway in the world. The tunnel should be completed in three and one-half years with present improved engineering appliances.

Valuable Road Material Is Discovered in Texas

A new and valuable discovery of road materials for Maverick county, Texas, has been made by the county engineer, county officials announce. Recently the engineer was conducting an investigation of materials with which to construct a hard-surfaced highway in the county. The result was the discovery of a bed of petrified oysters covering several acres of land.

The material is proving superior to any yet found in that section, the engineer reports. After being placed in position and rolled, the shells cement into a hard, smooth layer, it is stated.

The bed is attracting attention in that it was discovered at a point approximately 1,000 feet above sea level. Croppings of oyster shells have been found in other parts of the county also. Authorities declare this is proof that this section was at one time a part of the sea and that the land was probably thrown up in some prehistoric period.

Motor Vehicles Must Be Adapted to Old Roads

Sweden, considering the mounting of its highway traffic, declares that the general establishment of regular automobile passenger and truck service cannot wait for the construction of new roads and the rebuilding of old ones, but that the motor vehicles must be adapted to the roads.

The roads are to be divided into four classes, according to the weight which they are able to sustain. Trailers, rather than additional motor trucks, are to be used wherever the traffic is recommended for winter use in northern Sweden. This car is to have sleigh runners instead of front wheels, and will be equipped with special drive wheels and gear.

For the financing of this new service yearly subsidies have been proposed, as well as a government loan fund.

Early Road Construction.

Cobblestones were used for paving in Boston and New York as early as 1660. The first brick pavement on a roadway in the United States was laid in Charleston, W. Va., in 1870. In the same year the first asphalt pavement in the United States was laid in Newark, N. J.

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