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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1915.

About time to haul out the old New Year resolutions and warm them over.

Germany's war debt has reached ten billion dollars. But what is that compared to the cost in human lives.

The conqueror of Liege has surrendered to the great conqueror that will eventually get us all.

This is the last chance for the boys in Europe to get out of the trenches.

Wonder if von Papen and Boy-Ed ever heard of that Yankee slang word "fred"?

Shortage of German toys this year seems to have made no inroads on the amount of Christmas shopping.

The abandonment of Gallipoli will go down in British history as one of the most strategic moves of the war.

"Courage More Important Than a Bank Account." Maybe so, but a comfortable sized bank roll can make one feel plagued courageous.

Come to think about it, a cut-glass bottle of gasoline would make a dandy Christmas present for your friend who owns an automobile.

Judging from what we have lamped at the express office, we would advise the druggists to unpack all the bromo-seltzer on hand and stack it up around the fountain for post-Christmas use.

The European correspondents couldn't make old Francis Joseph out dead so turned their attention to Bernhard, but that eminent lady seems to be in the best of health despite reports that she was dying.

One who has not three and seven-teens children is a failure as a singular member of society, says an eastern college professor. Now, how do you, Mr. or Madam, your three and seven-teens?

Now the Episcopal church is establishing a pension fund for the retirement of all ministers on half pay at the age of 65. If this preacher pension business continues, there'll be a rash of men from other occupations to the ministry.

"ENEMIES OF THE GERMAN CAUSE"

It has remained for the German government to give extreme partisans in America sound advice which their own newspapers and leaders in this country ought to have given them long ago.

A recent statement from Berlin to the American public tells active Germans what the majority of Americans have known for many months—that violent efforts in behalf of the Fatherland only defeat their own purpose.

The German government in this statement "does most emphatically declare to Germans abroad, to German-American citizens in the United States, to the American people, all alike, that whoever is guilty of conduct tending to associate its cause with lawlessness of thought, suggestion or deed against life, property or order in the United States is in fact an enemy of that very cause and a source of embarrassment to the German government, notwithstanding anything he or they may believe to the contrary."

The sincerity of Germany's disclaimer of all responsibility for offensive propaganda and acts of violence in this country need not be discussed at present. Legal procedure now under way will soon show what connection, if any, Berlin has with the conspirators and crimes for which eighty German partisans, some aliens and others American citizens, are now under arrest in the United States. The point is that, whether the activities in question were inspired from Berlin or not, they were foolish in intent and execution, doing Germany incalculably more harm in a moral sense than could be compensated by any incidental material gain through interfering with the allies' war supplies.

There is no question that legitimate advocacy of the German cause has suffered grievously in the United States because of these plots and propaganda. The American public has been driven to such indignation that Germany has not had a fair hearing.

There is no question, either, that German-Americans as a class have suffered undeservedly from the misguided zeal of a few propagandists and fewer criminals. There has never been any good reason why German-Americanism should be associated with criminality. And yet many German leaders, and particularly the German-language newspapers, which assume to speak for our German citizens, have so uniformly pursued a policy of condemnation of crime and denunciation of things American that they have fostered this misconception and fastened an undesired taint on their own people.

Now the reputation by Germany of the policy which these leaders and organs have openly or covertly encouraged leaves them as high and dry as Germany's back-down in the submarine warfare left them, after they had stubbornly maintained the principle of sea-murder and defended the Lusitania massacre.

SENATORIAL SHIRTS AND PANTS

The sartorial question in its relation to statesmanship is brought to the fore by Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman of Illinois. The two senators from that state represent opposite extremes in dress. Senator James Hamilton Lewis, as the world knows, is the fashion plate of the nation's capital, and a source of perpetual inspiration and pride to his beloved Chicago. As for Senator Sherman—well, here are the facts; every man may size the senator up for himself.

Several months ago Senator Sherman's campaign manager, W. S. Rosenfeld, inveigled him into a Washington tailor's shop, had the doors locked and then stood guard while the senator was forcibly measured for a dress suit. So far, so good. But it appears that the senator never wore the suit.

The other day Mr. Rosenfeld made another attack. He sent Senator Sherman a letter from a Cook county constituent, characterizing Mr. Sherman's disregard of fashion as a slanderous and criminal misrepresentation of the great state of Illinois. Mr. Rosenfeld also added vigorous comments of his own. Whereupon the senator wrote a reply from which these excerpts are taken:

"I am sorry to make my friends so much trouble. I will try to have my trousers pressed at suitable intervals, say three or four months apart. I shall hereafter endeavor to change my shirt every time the moon quarters."

But so far as the pattern is concerned, I never pay any attention to it. A shirt is a shirt. When I find a shirt that is the right number, I buy it.

"Most of my clothes are selected the same way. It is an exceedingly simple system. It enables me to save considerable time which I can use to other purpose."

"So far as wearing a black cutaway coat with striped trousers is concerned, kindly put that in storage, along with the silk hat. I positively decline."

"Moreover, I am confirmed in my course of life by my colleague, Senator Lewis. What hope is there of competing with him in his wardrobe? So I very contentedly resign all claims to wearing apparel. Senator Lewis keeps the gossips guessing so much of the time that they never notice me, and this is a very happy arrangement for both of us."

"I will keep the bag out of the knees of my pants and not let my brains get baggy any more than I can help. The latter, I suspect, is probably the main thing after all, although Washington shows signs of it very seldom."

The public probably has the same suspicion. And even Illinois, if it were perfectly honest, would doubtless confess to a secret admiration of Senator Sherman's attitude.

Abraham Lincoln, who also was from Illinois, would have scorned even to have his trousers pressed. And there isn't any question that, whether it's a case of statesmen or of ordinary human beings, the average American prefers the baggy-trousers type to the Beau Brummel.

DOMESTIC HAPPINESS

Col. Henry Watterson, the famous editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, was asked on his golden wedding anniversary what the secret of marital happiness is. And he replied:

"There's no secret about it. Mrs. Watterson has always let me alone, and I have let her alone. When she saw I needed help she asked me how she could aid me, and did it. When she was not exactly satisfied about anything, I just asked her if I could help her. That's all."

This doesn't cover the whole ground, by any means, but it probably contains the essential recipe for matrimonial success. The divorce courts show that domestic felicity is likely to be due to one of these two causes:

Either one partner tries to interfere too much with the other's freedom, or else one is too indifferent to the other. Either may be fatal.

The Watterson family, apparently, has solved the problem by finding the middle ground. Each has had what every self-respecting man or woman wants and needs—freedom to preserve his or her own life so far as marital partnership permits. But this mutual freedom has not been indifference. While each has gone his or her own way, each has always known that the other stood ready for instant sympathy and help in case of need.

Col. Watterson could make a fine editorial out of that if he wanted to.

A LINE o' DOPE

Weather Forecast—Fair Friday; Saturday partly cloudy, probably rain light to moderate variable winds.

Somebody got in a hurry to celebrate the coming of Christmas last night and exploded a large firecracker on McDuffie street just behind the business district. Nearly all of the local police, thinking that someone had run amuck and were shooting up the town, ran down there to see what had happened, but after searching for a long time, they decided that the noise came from a firecracker and not a pistol.

The Topay Turvey girls at the Palmetto were greeted by one of the largest audiences of the week last night. The show was very good and one of the numbers was so popular that after seven encores had been given, the manager announced that it was impossible for them to keep that up all night since they had something else to do.

The Newman Musical company, playing at the Anderson this week, will change bills again today, presenting "The Walters Union." This company is attracting much attention by the shows which are being put on.

A five piece orchestra will furnish music at the Rose Hill dance on Monday night. Robbie Webb having consented yesterday to play the trombone.

Mr. W. R. Osborne has been appointed chairman for Anderson county by the executive committee of the Columbia convention of the Laymen's missionary movement. A statewide movement is going on with the purpose of securing the largest possible attendance of the laymen of all the churches of the various denominations at the convention which will be held in Columbia, February 6-9.

As a result of being called to Belton yesterday morning at 2:30, Sheriff Ashley discovered that George Washington, a negro, had been seriously wounded by Cleye Fair, another negro. Fair escaped and his whereabouts are unknown. The cause of the shooting is unknown.

If you have not bought that Christmas present, you had better get it this morning. As announced several days ago, the stores and nearly all of the business houses will be closed tomorrow and Monday. Business has been good for the past few days, Monday being one of the best days of the seasons. Clerks have been busy, and they will be about as happy as the children when tonight comes.

Take off your hats To Adam Tipt, For He Invented The first pipe. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

Our bows we save For Noah Wirt, For us he gave The See-more skirt. —Columbia State.

Off comes our hat Though thoughts may rankle, To the modiste that Put watch on ankle. —Fayetteville Observer.

We make our bow Just where we ought— To the guy who said: Make dress skirts short. —Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Off comes our lid To Lucinda Crews. She wears furs On top of her shoes. —Wofford College Journal.

We'll doff our top To Mary Ann quick, Who with such grace Sports a little stick.

The county treasurer's office and all others in the court house will be closed Saturday and Monday. They will be opened again on Tuesday and all of them will remain open today.

Special Christmas telegrams: blanks have been delivered to patrons in the city by the local Western Union office. In the notice enclosed with the blanks it is stated that telegrams of Christmas greetings will be delivered to the receiver on the same kind of blanks.

Hard to Do Your Own Thinking. Men boast that they are not influenced—they claim to do their own thinking. Just how many make good the boast we do not know, but we do know that the number is not large. Perhaps in nothing do we deceive ourselves more than when we imagine that we are doing our own thinking just now regarding the problems that confront the country in the program for preparedness.

Every loyal American loves his country and wants the best thing done in order to safeguard its future. Many abhor war and in a slight way realize its terrors. They read of our unpreparedness and they favor a program that will guarantee our national safety. Again they read of the havoc being wrought by modern warfare and they can't believe that sort of thing is right. And it is here that it is hard to do one's own thinking. The spellbinders get in their work. What the United States needs is a sane program of preparedness that will not run into militarism but will place the country in position to meet any emergency until the time comes for all nations to disarm, if that happy day shall ever bless the world. The case that can be made out showing the utter defenselessness of the United States stirs the blood of the most optimistic peace advocate, yet there are a few things that may be said in favor of our ability to take care of the country. However, the Reporter shall stand for the president's program until we are shown that there is something else that may be done that will meet the needs of the hour in a better way.

The Better of the Two. The inadequate defense men in reality worse than the man who believes in disarmament. We do not question the heart throbs of either, but so far as the mind goes the former is a greater blunderer than the latter, and for the simple reason that he would call upon the government to make expenditure which would be thrown away when the latter would save the country money, even if the country got its face smacked, just like would happen in the case of insufficient national defense. —Wilmington Dispatch.

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"The Store with a Conscience"

NEW POLITICAL PARTY Englishman Opposed to Coalition Government Now in Conn.

London, Dec. 23.—A movement toward forming a new political party known as the national has been initiated by Sir Arthur Markham with the object, so his critics assert, of opposing the present coalition government. In the leadership of the new party are associated the names of the principal discontents in parliament, including Sir Edward Carson, Lord Charles Bessford and Sir Henry Dalziel. But the announcement seems to have been made before the plans of the founders were ripe, and no serious support has been given to the movement by any section of the press, while most of the papers are trying to kill it with ridicule. There was also an effort to laugh it out of parliament.

A letter from Markham, which is taken as a manifesto of the new party, has appeared in one of the leading conservative papers of London. No definite constructive policy is worked out, but a great deal of fault has been a strong critic of the government yet he has made no speeches that have been widely quoted or commented upon. He is a coal and iron magnate and, while representing a liberal constituency, he is popularly considered the leader of the big business element. As far as the other discontents, Carson is known as a fighter of forceful personality, but he is an advocate rather than an originator and he was not the real organizer of the Ulster resistance during the home rule campaign. Dalziel is a severe critic, but one of the papers points out that in blaming the government for its mistakes he always displays

Hostile to American Meat.

Brisbane, Australia, Dec. 23.—Legislation hostile to American meat interests in Queensland is said to be part of the immediate program of the labor party that has come into power. A bill is now before the Queensland parliament giving the government power to appropriate packing plants in the state and extinguish the owner's rights without compensation. There has arisen some suspicion of German interests concerned in some of the American meat companies operating in Queensland. The assistant minister for justice declared that Chicago packers were not only supplying Germany with meat but had "factually threatened to starve Great Britain if the meat was not permitted to go to Germany."

British Aviators Must Give Battle.

"The British army manual for air-men makes very interesting reading," says Merle Crowell in the January American Magazine. "Perhaps in these two selected paragraphs lies a clue to the cause of British aerial success: 'It must be borne in mind that the side whose aircraft show the greater determination to fight on every opportunity will rapidly gain a moral ascendancy which will largely contribute to obtaining command of the air.' 'Every effort will be made to attain superiority in the air as early as possible, and it should never be forgotten that even one aeroplane may succeed in obtaining information of the utmost value. Hence after a series of victories in the air, any of the opposing aircraft that leave the ground must be relentlessly pursued and destroyed, until complete command of the air is obtained, while after defeat air aircraft capable of fixing should continue to reconnoitre at all costs.'

Public Hangings.

Quincy had a public hanging last Friday, and we trust it will be the last. During the last legislature an effort was made by the different sheriffs of Florida, headed by our own Sheriff Gregory, to have an appropriation made for the purchase of an electric chair with the view of having all condemned criminals transported to some central point and electrocuted privately. A bill was introduced, but like many good bills, it failed to pass. If every member of the state legislature were forced, once, to witness a public hanging, we bet the bill would pass in a hurry. —Quincy Times.

If the colonel wants war, can think of nothing but war, can write of nothing but war, he should go to Europe and jump into the middle of it. Surely there is enough of it over there to suit his superstitious fancy. —North Georgia Citizen.

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