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A life of honor and of worth Has no eternity on earth— 'Tis but a name— And yet its glory far exceeds That base and sensual life that leads To want and shame. —Longfellow.

AN APPEAL

The following is self-explanatory: New York, Nov. 30. To the Editor: I write to you in behalf of a committee five-eighths of whom are men of your own great profession. They are Melville Stone of the Associated Press, Adolph Ochs of the New York Times, William Reick of the New York Sun, Col. George Harvey of Harpers, and Percy Bullen, American representative of the London Daily Telegraph. Professor Osborn is head of the American Museum of Natural History, Dr. Hornaday directs the zoological park, New York, and Mr. Henry Clews is the well known banker. I am desired to present to you the compliments and the fraternal greetings of this committee and to ask you personally to lend us a helping hand by publishing our treasurer's appeal. There are many appeals, we know, in behalf of the unhappy Belgians, national and local, but there is no other expressly organized to capitalize a portion of our Christmas charity in behalf of the people without a country. The time to Christmas is short, but long enough with your generous co-operation, which we now invite, to insure big results. If, as we venture to hope, the cause for which we appeal has your approval, there are two ways apart from the publication of the treasurer's letter by which you can render us invaluable help—first, by calling attention to Mr. Clews' appeal in your editorial columns, and, secondly, that you, as editor, will undertake to receive any contribution from your readers. The American press has already helped us liberally—the Duluth, Minn., Herald, the New Mexican, Santa Fe, and the Waterloo Courier, Iowa, for example, and most of the New York journals. To all we are profoundly grateful. We venture to believe there are many of your readers—even those who have given to every other agency of relief—who would be glad to see themselves on our Christmas list of Belgian helpers. As secretary, I shall be able to keep you in close touch with our movement and supply you with any further information you may desire. With the compliments of the committee and my own personal respect, I am, your very truly, PERCY S. BULLEN, Secretary Dollar Christmas Fund. This is only one of scores of appeals, all from men of standing in this nation. If the Belgians continue to suffer, it will not be because no effort has been made in their behalf. Plug-along always finds something to plug at. You are your own worst enemy—and your own best friend. Hang on till the seven fat years get here. This decade should prove whether mankind can anymore believe in a benevolent God. Colonel Alexander may be a financier; but he is no poet. What spectacular trial must the starving Americans undergo, to be fed? It is now or never with the allies. If they do not press their offensive, Russian enthusiasm will be dampened.

HERE'S MORE MISERY

The following is from The Butte Miger: To attend school for three days with nothing more to eat than a baked potato, is the record of a 10-year-old girl at a west side school. Because of the child's unselfishness in refusing to complain about her parents' condition, and her loyalty to them, the teacher who discovered the little heroine refuses to divulge the name. The story was told yesterday. It is claimed the little girl was the brightest in her class, when a few days ago the teacher noticed that her answers to questions, once quickly given and intelligent, were becoming listless. The teacher wondered and called the child's chum to her desk after school hours. By that means the teacher learned of the girl's condition. During three days the girl said she had nothing to eat but a baked potato. "What did you have for breakfast?" asked the teacher of the girl. "I had nothing," she replied, bursting into tears. Between sobs the girl admitted she went to bed supperless the night before and that the day before she had nothing more than one potato, her share of a few "spuds" left in a sack. Her daddy, she said, was out of work and sick. "If anyone will give me the name and address of this little girl I'll guarantee she'll have enough to eat for at least a month," said Attorney Peter Ereen yesterday when the story was told in Judge Michael Donlan's courtroom. "That applies to the whole family. I don't pose as a philanthropist or anything of the sort, but no little girls are going to school for three days with nothing to eat while I have a dollar. Anyone who can give me the name and address of the girl and her parents will do me a great favor." So is it not alone in Belgium that people know misery. Conditions in Butte, nevertheless, are probably no worse than in many other cities. The big copper companies of Montana are literally carrying thousands of employes, at a dead loss, to keep them from starvation. Whatever one's opinion of some phases of Amalgamated policy, it cannot be denied that were smaller and less powerful companies in control in Butte, grass might be growing in the streets.

HOMESTEAD ACT

Senators and representatives returning to Washington from the public land states all report the existence of a growing sentiment against the present enactment of the proposed section homestead law, now favorably reported to the house and one of the bills in the so-called conservation program of the present administration. As a result of this sentiment, it is believed further enlarged homestead legislation will be apt to go over for several years, at least. Opposition to the section homestead, as discovered by westerners, is of two kinds. One element is of the opinion that it is too soon to further enlarge the homestead unit, beyond the 320-acre law, as there is still much good land open to entry under these laws of which 320 acres will make a family a living. While much of this is considerable distance from transportation, the building of new lines in the future would make these areas available. Another source of opposition comes from those who believe the proposed law as reported to the house, which gives a mere surface title to the entryman, will not work out well in practice, and should be defeated. Until the character of more of the public lands is better known, these argue, and a good title can be assured the entrymen, no further enlargement of the homestead unit should be authorized. Many insist that 640 acres is not large enough for a grazing homestead in many regions, and these are in favor of the idea proposed in the Mondell grazing homestead bill, that the size of the area in a given region to be designated by the secretary of the interior, up to 1,280 acres. In any event, the outlook for an enlarged homestead law is less favorable than it was three months ago. It is certain it will not be reached this short session.

On the Spur of the Moment

By ROY K. MOULTON.

Rumor. What ran from lip to lip to tell How Jellico, though fighting well, First of the British seamen fell? A Rumor. What was it that inspired the pen Which told of the defeated men, And losses more than nine in ten? A Rumor. Who saw the Russians passing through From Bering's strait to Timbuctoo By way of Cork and Waterloo? Dame Rumor. Who told us they had brought to book The German right and soon might look Upon the face of beaten Kluck? 'Twas Rumor. Who, wisely mixing good and ill, And giving balsam after chill, Contrives to keep us nervous still? Why, Rumor. So, as she brings us smiles and tears, And plays upon our hopes and fears, To fill us with excitement, here's To Rumor. A Hunting Camp Incident. Among a party in a northern Michigan hunting camp last week were two college professors. No sooner had the learned gentlemen arrived than their attention was attracted to the unusual position of the stove, which was on posts about four feet high. This circumstance afforded one of the professors immediate opportunity to comment on the knowledge that woodsmen gain by observation. "Now," said he, "this man has discovered that heat emanating from a stove strikes the roof and that the circulation is so quickened that the camp is warmed in much less time than would be required were the stove in its regular place on the floor." But the other professor ventured the opinion that the stove was elevated to be above the window that cool and pure air could be had at night. After much argument they called the guide and asked why the stove was in such a position. "Well, gents," he explained, "when I brought the stove up the river I lost most of the stove pipe overboard; so we had to set the stove up that way so as to have the pipe reach through the roof." Signs of the Times. No, Geraldine, one of those corner loafers chewing tobacco is not necessarily afflicted with the hoof-and-mouth disease. American shirt sleeve diplomacy has charge of the interests of European culture at several important capitals just now. If the Japanese army goes to France there will be only one result—more fighting. Crown Prince Frederick William is reported wounded again. If he had been shot as often as reported, he would resemble one of those gravel sieves. It would be interesting to know if our old friend Boni de Castellane is in any way identified with the French army at the front. Huerta says he does not want to return to Mexico, which is about the only logical thing Huerta has said in several years. A Columbia professor is lecturing on "How Graft Becomes a Crime." Graft always becomes a crime when it is found out. Can this be an anatomical operation? Local theater announcements: "Mary Pickford in Two Parts." This country seems to be going in extensively for roast beef. Thirty acres of the Kansas City stockyards have been wiped out by fire. T. R. has retired to Oyster Bay, and there is said to be a movement on foot to change the name of the postoffice there to St. Helena. If those English and German dogs of war lie still off the South African coast long enough, they may hear the Peruvian bark. Those Kurds don't seem to know much about the milk of human kindness. Mr. Murphy of Tammany Hall has gone to Hot Springs. No wonder they are hot. BERLIN A MINE-LAYER London, Dec. 4.—The North German Lloyd steamer Berlin, which recently was interned at Trondheim, Norway, according to a statement issued by the British admiralty tonight, probably had been engaged in extensive mine laying operations.

CURRENT POETRY

ODE TO CARRICORNUS. (New York Sun.) Here's December, Capricornus, Please remember Not to horn us. Bleak November Pricked like thorn us, Every member Ached to warn us. Do not grizzle, Though you scorn us. Do not fizzle, Do not flizzle, Do not mizzle, Capricornus. Well we know, Unless your shape errs, You are built for Cutting capers. When December Gets his goat up We must get our Winter coat up!

THE WAR TAX

Uncle Sam has set a tax On Pullman seats and chewing wax, On circus tickets, booze unmixed, And many other things 'tis fixed. And Gladys at the drug store phone In calling Tom, to which she's prone, To Uncle Sam must give her pence, If she talks more than fifteen cents. And when you send a wire to Jane, And say to meet you at the train, Then you must pay an extra mite, Because the Europeans fight. The tax on some, of course, is rough, But it does not go far enough. The country would be helped a bit If several kinds of folks were hit. The knocker should be forced to pay Whenever he must have his say. The man who always wants to fight The city's progress, 't would be right If he were forced to pay a dime For every slur, each separate time. And many other kinds there be, You know them well and so do we. —J. V. L.

Constipation a Penalty of Age

Nothing is so essential to health in advancing age as keeping the bowels open. It makes one feel younger and fresher and forestalls colds, piles, fevers, and other dependent ills. Cathartics and purgatives are violent and drastic in action and should be avoided. A mild, effective laxative- tonic, recommended by physicians and thousands who have used it, is the combination of simple herbs with pepsin sold by druggists everywhere under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. The price is fifty cents and one dollar a bottle. For a free trial bottle write to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 451 Washington St., Monticello, Ill.

Local Society

Sigma Chi Dance. Elite hall was made a bower of evergreen foliage masking the lights into a softened and beautiful glow, for the dancing party given by Beta Delta chapter of Sigma Chi last evening. Of the 400 invitations issued, nearly 300 were accepted. The young ladies wore their daintiest dancing frocks and the composite picture of the dancing throng was most charming. In the receiving line to welcome the guests, were Thomas Busha, master of ceremonies, and the guests of honor, Mrs. F. C. Scheuch, Mrs. William O. Dickinson, Mrs. Hugh T. Forbis and Mrs. Gilbert Reinhard. The grand march that opened the dancing program was led by Misses Esther Duggan and Arva Willoughby, escorted by Fred Angovine and Thomas Busha. The function was most brilliant and delightful.

JEAN VALJEAN BOBS UP ONCE MORE IN REAL LIFE

RESPECTED CHICAGO CHURCHMAN ADMITS HE IS FUGITIVE IN FORGERY CASE

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Carleton Hudson, wealthy lawyer, for years a respected churchman and citizen here, and C. H. Bell, who fled from New York in 1884, when he was liberated on bond, charged with forgery, are the same man. Hudson, who was arrested yesterday at the instance of the heirs of his former bondsman, admitted his identity tonight in a statement issued by his counsel, Clarence Darrow. Hudson was arraigned here today and given a week's continuance. He is at liberty, having been granted until tomorrow morning to raise \$5,000 bond.

SCANDAL IN INDIANA

Indianapolis, Dec. 4.—Lieutenant Governor William P. O'Neill, Homer L. Cook, speaker of the house of the 1913 legislature, who recently took office as secretary of state, and other officers and members of the patronage committee of the 1913 legislature, were indicted tonight by the Marion county grand jury. The indictments charge that the officials signed warrants for pay for employes in excess of amounts fixed by law and for more employes than provided for in the statutes.

HOOVER REPORTS ON HIS WORK IN BELGIUM

(Continued From Page One) Kitchens in Brussels. "As a type of organization, that of Brussels is simply a large example of those in each locality. In that city at present there are 14 communal kitchens and 137 canteens for adults, and there are 16 kitchens and 34 canteens for children under 3 years old. For adults, food is prepared in the communal kitchens and is distributed to the canteens twice daily. The kitchens and canteens for babies are maintained as a separate organization in each commune. "In order to guarantee that children are properly fed and that they are not subjected to the rations issued to adults, parents are compelled to produce all children to communal doctors, who are on constant duty in charge of the canteens. Five different kinds of tickets are issued, the mothers calling for different types of rations. The tickets for the first six months of a child's life are practically for milk alone. Various grades of tickets gradually evolve into the introduction of more solid foods, until children 3 years old and over call on the general canteen. In order to provide milk, the communes have taken over dairies. Destitution Estimated. "The amount and character of destitution perhaps may be appreciated from the present position in Brussels. Of the population of about 650,000 remaining in the city, an average of 218,000 were on the adult canteens and 3,000 babies on the baby canteens the first week, or more than one-third of the total population. Probably no more pitiable sight was ever presented than the long lines of mothers and children in arms waiting their turn at these canteens. In the industrial districts, where the people naturally would have much smaller stores on hand than in the capital, a much larger population is now on the communal canteens, in some instances more than 60 per cent of the whole number. "Brussels consumed 3,000 sacks of flour per diem. There were just 821 sacks of flour in the city when our first shipment of foodstuffs arrived. When I left Brussels, yesterday morning, there were 15,000 sacks in the city, or about five days' supply. We have about two or three days' supply in Liege and similar supplies in other centers, such as Louvain, Charleroi, Namur and Luxemburg."

NEW M. E. BIBLE CLASS GROWS IN MEMBERSHIP

The recently organized young men's Bible class at the First Methodist church, will have an interesting session Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Lewis M. Simms, who organized the class, will lecture on "The Selfishness of Christ." The class is gaining in membership and promises to be one of the largest of the Sunday school department of the church. In addition to its regular sessions the class is taking up a line of sociological study based on the book by J. W. Jenks, "The Social Teachings of Jesus."

BOB AND BOB

Bob Harley and Bob Kelley, arrested by the police several days ago as chicken thieves, were charged with burglary in Justice Dyson's court yesterday. The original complaint was petty larceny. This was withdrawn when the facts in connection with their alleged act became known to the county attorney.

PLEAD NOT GUILTY.

Ray Frye and Archie Longley, accused by William Myers of impersonating officers in an attempt to make him pay for wood picked up along the Northern Pacific tracks, were arraigned in police court before Magistrate Johnson yesterday. They pleaded not guilty. Trial was set for 2 o'clock Monday afternoon.

COLVIN FUNERAL TODAY

The funeral of George Colvin, the young man of Phillipsburg who died here at an early hour yesterday morning, will be held this morning. Services will be held at 9 o'clock at St. Francis Xavier church. Interment will be in St. Mary's cemetery.

A SAD EXCHANGE.

Soon wintry blasts will fret the soul, And as cheerlessly they prow about We'll put away the fishing pole And bring the old snow shovel out.

THE WAR TAX

Regarding Fire Insurance this new law provides that any company leasing a policy of insurance shall pay the revenue. I have, therefore, decided that those who are obliged to insure their property for protection should not be obliged to pay this tax.

I will, accordingly, make no charge for revenue stamps on policies.

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