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#### Alaska.

Alaska has an area of 600,000 square miles, one-fifth the size of the United States, which means that it will make fourteen New Yorks and nearly 500 Rhode Islands.

#### Refraction of Light.

Refraction plays many magical tricks with men's eyes. It is responsible for the extraordinary phenomenon called mirage, which is explained by the waver of mankind in every age. Owing to differences of temperature, barometric pressure, etc., in adjacent parts of the atmosphere, the refraction is sometimes capriciously varied so that the most abnormal sights are seen. Parts of the earth seem detached and set afloat. Ships are visible, upside down, in the sky; objects lying behind hills are beheld apparently lifted above them; lakes of gleaming water, surrounded by palm trees and refreshing vegetation, spring into view in the midst of sandy deserts; unknown cities, with towers and pinnacles, make their appearance suspended in the air; aerial animals appear, browsing in illusory pastures; processions of men and horses are seen, marching or galloping where no foot has ever trod—such are some of the recorded marvels that the mirage has produced.—New York Journal.

#### In Old Porto Rico.

In the vicinity of Mayaguez, Porto Rico, are several historically interesting places. The little village of Ito Guanaboa, near Anasco, was the scene of the unique experiment by which the Indians in 1511 endeavored to discover whether the Spaniards were immortal.

After holding a Spanish nobleman under water six hours they were assured that those intruders were just as subject to death as themselves.

About seven miles from Mayaguez, across a rough mountainous country, is the famous sanctuary of Montserrat, which is visited every year by many pilgrims.

Situated conspicuously among its wild surroundings, its large stone church is visible for many miles. From the mountain top we obtained a delightful view of the beautiful plain through which flow the Boqueron and Guanajoba rivers.—New York Telegram.

#### Carried It Through.

A teacher was one day explaining to her class the degrees of comparison of adjectives. To make sure she was understood she called on each pupil in turn to give comparative and superlative of adjectives which she named and got good answers until she asked one little fellow to name the comparative degree of "sick."

After thinking a moment he said, "Worse."  
The answer puzzled the teacher, because, although it was not the one she wanted, the pupil had given a comparative. She decided she could best show him his error by letting him go on and asked eagerly, "Well, if 'worse' is the comparative of 'sick' what would you give as the superlative?"  
"Dead," came the answer, without a moment's hesitation.—New York Times.

#### The Things That Count.

What, when our time comes, does it matter whether we have faded dignity or not, whether we have worn soft raiment or not, whether we have a great fortune or nothing at all, whether we shall have reaped honors or been despised, have been counted learned or ignorant as compared with how we may have used that talent which has been entrusted to us for the Master's service? What shall it matter, when the eternal gaze and ears grow dull, if out of the darkness may stretch a hand and into the silence may come a voice: "Well done thou good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things. I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."—Henry George in Social Problems.

#### No Alleviation.

A belted earl was in the habit of playing golf daily at Musselburgh. This gentleman had contracted some ailment which made his head always shake a little. Frequently he had had occasion to rebuke his caddy for excessive indulgence in alcoholic liquors, and one day he spoke to him very sharply, "Robert, you are drunk today. It is a disgrace. You are very drunk!"  
"Drunk!" replied the caddy. "I know I am drunk, but I'll be sober tomorrow. You're daft, and you'll never be right!"—Dundee Advertiser.

#### Right Up to Date.

Mother—Are you sure you can give my daughter all the luxuries and privileges enjoyed by the married women of her set?  
Suitor—I can give her town and country houses, motorcars, a string of polo ponies and dancing lessons at once, and a divorce and alimony within two years.—Life.

#### The Inevitable Thing.

"Did you get any stock in that balloon line project?"  
"Yes, but I think I paid for it more than it was worth."  
"That is what was to be expected. An air line would naturally have inflated stock."—Baltimore American.

#### A Chance Yet.

Tom—Is it true that you proposed to Alice and were rejected?  
Jack—Not exactly rejected. She said when she felt like making a fool of herself she'd let me know.—Boston Transcript.

#### Those Uncaught Fish.

Maud—Don't you think there are just as good fish in the sea as ever were caught?  
Marie—Well, they're certainly smarter.

#### All He Has.

"He has a fortune in his own name."  
"Worth a lot, eh?"  
"No. But his name is Rich."—Detroit Free Press.

## NAVY TURNS BACK 4 L BOATS BUILT ON THE FORE RIVER

Washington, Dec. 20.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels yesterday admitted that the four submarines of the L type, built by the Electric Boat Co., at Fore River, Mass., for the United States navy, so far have failed to come up to contract requirements, and consequently have not been accepted by the government.

"The navy has not rejected the submarines," said Mr. Daniels, "but it has not accepted them. The submarines must come up to contract requirements. The first trial was not satisfactory, but other trials will be made."

There already has been some trouble about submarines built by the Electric Boat company for the Navy Department. Rear Admiral William W. Little, U. S. N., retired, recently was tried by court martial by order of Secretary Daniels for neglect of duty in connection with the inspection of the batteries of the K-2 built at its yards.

Rear Admiral Little was acquitted, but Secretary Daniels disapproved the verdict, holding that although no moral wrong had been committed, he had not properly performed his duties as inspector. The K-2's batteries gave much trouble after she was taken into the service, and department experts held that it was due to defective installation, for which the company was responsible.

In the case of the L-type submarine, however, department officials yesterday emphatically declared that their failure on trial could not be laid at the door of the present inspection officer, Capt. G. W. McElroy, who received Admiral Little's report at the Fore River yards.

Battery trouble, it is reported, has developed in only one of the L boats, the chief trouble with all four being in their engines. None of them was able to make the speed required in the contract on their 46-hour full-power run. Navy construction officers are inclined to lay the trouble at the door of the lubricating system, which is considered defective.

One of the L boats, ready has been overhauled by the builders and the defects, it is believed, remedied. Until the company signifies its readiness for a second trial, however, no move will be made by the department.

## Y. M. C. A. WILL PRESENT GYMNASIUM EXHIBITION

A grammar school gymnastic exhibition to which all the parents and friends are cordially invited, will be held Wednesday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. The gymnastics will be well fitted to show the growth and progress during the last few months that they had to be divided into two classes.

The boys' classes are under the direction of H. V. Abbott, the assistant physical director, who is in charge of the exhibition.

At the close of the exhibition the visitors will inspect the boys' room, where they will learn how the Y. M. C. A. develops the youth into an all-around man, not only physically but mentally and spiritually.

## BOSTON MAN HONORED BY FRENCH DECORATION

Paris, Dec. 20.—Russell Greeley, of Boston, director of the American Distributing Service of Paris, who recently was injured in the motor car accident in which Dr. Cross of Brookline, Mass., was killed and who is now convalescent, was formally presented yesterday with the decoration of the Cross of the Legion of Honor.

The emblem was pinned on his breast by Justin Godard, under secretary of state for sanitary service. In the name of the French government, M. Godard thanked Mr. Greeley for the noble humanitarian work which he and a goodly number of his fellow countrymen have done since the beginning of the war.

## HALL SECRETARY OF CHARTER COMMISSION

Clarence E. Hall, of the law firm of Hall & Hubbard, has been named secretary of the commission which will draft the commission form of government charter. The common council will be asked tonight to appropriate money to pay the salary of the secretary.

The Hale & Kilburn Co., Philadelphia, received a large war munitions contract, and is erecting a new factory to handle the order.

## The University School

436 FAIRFIELD AVE.  
Next session, January 2, 1916. College preparatory, elementary and advanced subjects, upper grammar school and high school grades, individual instruction. Students entering now may save a year's work.

## SOCIALISTS ASK CHANGE IN FINANCIAL SYSTEM TO MEET GERMAN WAR DEBTS

Amsterdam, Dec. 20.—Reviewing the recent speech on German financial conditions which Dr. Carl Hofferich, secretary of the treasury, made before the Reichstag, the Berlin Socialist newspaper Vorwaerts asserts that the time has come for the German government and the Reichstag to indicate in what way the money necessary for payment of interest on the nation's gigantic war debts and to provide for their redemption is to be raised. It says:

"With the new war credit of 10,000,000,000 marks the German war debt reached 40,000,000,000 marks, which, according to Dr. Hofferich, should last until the end of March. Interest on 40,000,000,000 marks amounts to 2,000,000,000 marks annually and for redemption, which is necessary in order to maintain the credit of the empire another 500,000,000,000 marks is needed."

The Vorwaerts considers it essential that the empire's income be more than doubled to meet these obligations and the current expenses. Before the war, it says, the financial condition of

Germany was a source of anxiety to the government. In 1903, taxation was increased by 500,000,000 marks but the budget did not balance. In 1913 the government adopted the extraordinary measure of taxing wealth and levying a non-recurrent contribution for amendment in order to cover the deficit.

Maintenance of the existing financial system, the Vorwaerts continues, is impossible so far as taxation of imports is concerned. Provisions, raw materials and many other articles may be expected to rise in price after the war and if the present tariff were continued it would lead to an artificial increase of prices for Germany which would undermine the capability of German industry to compete in the world market.

"Therefore, the interests of consumers and producers," the Vorwaerts concludes, "demand abolition of these import taxes after the war which would reduce Germany's income considerably and therefore the time has come for the government to declare what course it is steering."

## Bishop Paul Jones Will Speak Here on Work Among Mormons

The Right Reverend Paul Jones, Bishop of Utah is probably the youngest bishop in the American church. He graduated from Yale in 1902, was ordained priest in 1907, and for seven years worked in the Diocese of Utah under Bishop Spalding, who was killed by a motor a year ago.

Bishop Jones will make an address on the work of the church among the Mormons, at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, in St. George's church, Colorado and Maplewood avenues. All who are interested will be welcome. Members of the Women's Auxiliary in the parishes of the city are especially invited.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The Ophelion club met Thursday evening at the home of Miss Louise Kitchour, 352 Babian avenue. One of the features of the evening was a grab bag, which afforded great amusement for all the club members. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Anna McNamara, 898 William street, Dec. 30.

Announcement has been received here of the marriage in New York city on December 10, of Miss Ruth S. Chatfield of 207 Laurel avenue, this city, to Mr. George H. Merritt of New York. The bride received her education in Bridgeport schools. She is widely known as a whistler and is a niece of Miss Jane Griswold, formerly a singer here.

A seven-pound son recently arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Halstead of 513 Carroll avenue.

Paul A. Slipperley of 218 Norman street, is home for the Christmas holidays, from the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pa.

## GIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS TESTIMONIAL

Henry F. Norcross and Charles Roth, Sunday school teachers, who have been engaged in that work more than 20 years, were the recipients of a solid silver fountain pens yesterday, given by their pupils as appreciation. They teach at St. John's Episcopal church.

The very Rev. Donald Brookan, D.D., dean of the Cathedral of All Saints, Albany, delivered a sermon yesterday morning on missionary work. It was an inspiring address.

## MISS SEVERIN'S INJURIES SEVERE.

Florence Severin who is the first to claim damages this season for injuries for a fall on an icy sidewalk, lives at 527 Warren street instead of 19 Prospect street, as stated in The Farmer Saturday evening. She suffered a compound fracture of the right arm near the shoulder which was set in a plaster cast by Dr. Robert C. Lynch after Dr. A. W. LaField had taken an X-ray picture of the injury. She fell in Lafayette street about 9:45 on the evening of Dec. 15.

Forty-five extra guards were put on duty at Fairmont Park, Philadelphia, to protect the shrubbery against Christmas tree thieves.

XMAS ROPING AND WREATHS OF LAFREY JOHN RECK & SON

## U.S. ARMY MAN, ON TRIP HOME, IS HELD AS SPY

Washington, Dec. 20.—The war department has been unofficially advised that Lieut. Edward L. Dyer, of the coast artillery, who had been given three months' leave of absence from duty in the Philippines is detained in Singapore as a German spy, having neglected to obtain a passport on leaving the Philippines. No word from him or official news of his detention has been received.

Lieut. Dyer left Fort Mills, P. I., September 10, last. His leave expired five days ago. He was to have gone to Puget Sound for detail there upon the expiration of his leave.

## FAIRFIELD PARISH PLANS PAROCHIAL SCHOOL FOR TOWN

Arrangements Being Made to Have Structure Ready Within Two Years.

(Special to the Farmer.)  
Fairfield, Dec. 20.—Fairfield will have a parochial school within two years, it plans toward that end mature arrangements, still in the early stages, are being made for the institution.

The town had a parochial school many years ago, but it was burned. Since then, many school children have attended parochial schools in Bridgeport.

While the town has excellent educational advantages, it is believed by those interested in the matter, that spiritual culture and training of the mind should go hand in hand, and with that in view it is likely construction of a new school will be begun before the end of 1917.

The school will be part of St. Thomas parish, which is expanding rapidly.

## OBITUARY

### HAROLD GODDRICH.

The funeral of Harold, the 19 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Goddrich, was held at 8:30 on Saturday morning from the home of his parents on Lenox avenue, Devon, and from St. Mary's church, Milford, at 9:30, where the mass of requiem was sung by Rev. P. H. McClean. At the offertory the choir sang "Domine" and at the conclusion of the mass "Near My God to Thee." A delegation was present from the Brookside club of which the deceased was a member. Friends of the young man acted as bearers and interment was in St. Mary's cemetery.

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Ever Ready Flash Light Clocks... \$5.00 up  
Gillette, Week, Gem, Ever Ready and Auto Strop Safety Razors... \$1.00 up  
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