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THE STOCK EXCHANGE

It is probably quite as well that on the very first day of the New York stock exchange's undertaking to permit dealing in the entire list of securities...

COL. GOETHALS WINS.

Colonel Goethals, of course, knew what he wanted and why he wanted it, when he asked for two torpedo-boat destroyers for patrol service in the canal zone.

But the discussion of the incident has had some curious results. The fact that the boats had been asked for to enforce neutrality became public, and that caused a variety of reports as to the actions of belligerent warships and auxiliaries in canal waters.

Under the circumstances, it will perhaps not be entirely disreputable to consider what Market Superintendent Sherman has suggested, without worrying about whether it is conservative, radical, or just simply plain business sense.

Mr. Sherman declares that there is \$2,000,000 of private capital waiting ready to go into the development of this new municipal facility, if only the Government will spend one-tenth of that amount as a sort of guarantee of good faith.

RISKY POWDER SAVING.

General Scott, chief of staff, recently told officials about the lack of ammunition the War Department faces. He could have gone further and brought it home to Congress.

Congress will, more than two years ago, that smokeless powder for the army must, with slight exception, be manufactured in Government plants.

It would be a serious mistake for the Government to abandon entirely the practice of procuring a portion of its supply of smokeless powder from private manufacturers.

A BIG MARKET PROJECT.

Market Superintendent Sherman is guilty of the scandalous crime of being a young man. He would probably admit at least that one of the charges against him.

THE TRUEST CHARITY.

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In all these cases, the best policy, decided upon by the charity workers, has been found to be to keep the family together; to keep the children in a home; to teach mother and children alike the lessons of the home.

In these cases it has been decided what amounts of money, contributed in installments throughout the year, will be necessary to keep the families together in very simple comfort.

GERMAN FLEET ACTIVE.

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Getting a squadron of cruisers out of a blockaded base is easier than getting it back in. It is even possible, though not at all likely, that these vessels came out by circuiting Denmark.

It is one of the regrettable facts about the present method of Washington's government that these proposals could not have a serious, earnest, intelligent consideration in a body that bears so important a relation to the city's welfare as does the House Committee on District of Columbia.

the trouble to find out that this "vision" of young Mr. Sherman has been realized in the accomplishment of the most progressive cities.

It would be a great thing if Washington could some day find its municipal destinies in the control of some body that knew something about municipal affairs.

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What's on the Program in Washington

Today. Lecture, "Women in English History," Mrs. Clara Bewick Colby, Red parlor, 17th St. N. W., 8 p. m.

Amusements.

National "Economic and Political" motion picture, 2:30 and 8:30 p. m. Columbia, 15th St. N. W.

Tomorrow.

Meeting, Washington Chapter American Institute of Banking, Red parlor, 17th St. N. W., 8 p. m.

as possible and frighten British commerce into port.

But if it was good strategy for the Germans to make the dash with their cruisers for the open ocean, it is not at all apparent why they should have announced the escape and the locations of their vessels by a futile and casual shelling of a group of provincial coast towns.

The British naval authorities have from the beginning insisted that if the Germans attempted a naval attack on England, or undertook the seemingly insane project of invasion, they would strike, not at the channel coast and London, but at the north coast, the great industrial section of Yorkshire.

The three towns of Britain that were bombarded are all of considerable historic interest. Whitby possessed in the famous abbey one of the oldest architectural monuments in the kingdom.

Scarborough has nearly 45,000 people, and is also a terraced cliff city, a noble mark for the guns of a marauding warship.

Hartlepool is the most northerly of the bombarded towns. Here, also, was a famous old abbey. The town has been commercially important probably ten centuries.

THE OLDEST INNAZ SEZ

"Allus wondered what kind of razor th' fellah who invented th' safety razor uses."

Would Name New Bridge For Admiral Decatur

Efforts will be made by the Columbia Historical Society to have the new Q street bridge named after Commodore Decatur, since there is no memorial statue of the famous naval commander in Washington.

Banker Goes to Cell.

WILLIAM T. BURTON, 41-year-old banker, who was charged last Tuesday with the robbery of the safe of the National Bank of Washington, was sentenced to two years in State prison.

Here Are Fourteen Unusual Chances to Give Someone Greater Christmas Joys

Here is YOUR chance to play Santa Claus and bring real happiness into the lives of your less fortunate brothers. The Times and the Associated Charities join in asking you to help. Every penny of your contribution will go directly to the family in which you are interested.

Opportunity No. 1—Eyes for the Blind. \$520.

A blind mother—made such by accident—and a father whose eyesight is rapidly failing, daily face the problem of how to shelter, feed, and clothe their six little children, all of school age.

Opportunity No. 2—A Spartan Mother. \$208.

Last Christmas this widow was a happy wife with all her loved ones about her. Her husband had just bought a piece of land on which he was planning to build with his own hands a house that would be their very own.

Opportunity No. 3—A Fourteen-year-old Hero. \$260.

Fourteen years old and facing the world, this lad is working determined to wrest from it the support of his mother, brother, and sister.

Opportunity No. 4—Let's All Back Martha. \$104.

Three years ago the society found this hard-working and industrious colored man, rapidly growing blind and utterly discouraged, as he faced the prospect of parting with his four motherless little ones, and spending the remainder of his life in the almshouse.

Opportunity No. 5—Citizens in the Making. \$520.

Alone, fighting against invalidism and poverty this widow has for many years been doing her full duty in the training of three fatherless children, who are fast developing wholesome ideas of support for themselves and their mother.

Opportunity No. 6—Our Friend Mrs. Wiggs Again. \$260.

"How-do-you-do, my dear," is the cheery greeting to all comers of a dear old grandmother, who has undertaken to bring up her two orphan children.

Opportunity No. 7—The Brim of the Melting Pot. \$260.

Without relatives to help her, but with her church doing what it can, a thrifty German widow, handicapped by poor eyesight, is bringing up in model fashion, five bright, American-born, future citizens, the oldest thirteen years.

Opportunity No. 8—Never Say Die. \$260.

Forsaken by her husband and forced by broken health to give up the work by which she supported her two children, this mother refuses to surrender.

Opportunity No. 9—Enforced Separation. \$468.

The guiding spirit of this family is bravely facing the hard situation of separation from her incurably ill husband, who is receiving hospital care.

Opportunity No. 10—A Homemaker At All Odds. \$468.

Whether to keep or part, long hours away from her children while they were running wild, or to stay at home and be their real protector, was the problem facing the little woman we will call Mrs. Smith.

Opportunity No. 11—Reporting Dividends on Last Year's Investments. \$364.

Holiday contributions a year ago furnished a Christmas gift to this deserted wife and her four little children. This gift has been bringing into this family its message of peace and good will throughout 1914.

Opportunity No. 12—Neutrality in Charity. \$260.

We all practice neutrality when it comes to charity at home. This time it is a clever little French woman, the sole support of four children, whose father lies seriously ill in the hospital.

Opportunity No. 13—A Result of Timely Help. \$312.

One year ago this little widow with four children felt that her load was more than she could bear and rather than have her children suffer, she was ready to place them in institutions.

Opportunity No. 14—Deserted. \$260.

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The Silver Lining Edited by ARTHUR BAER.

Err-r! Temperature nearly as low as the Democratic returns in recent election.

Senate might include the District in that safety-at-sea conference. Were at sea, too.

That mile of coppers for the Belgians would come in handy at the next suffragette parade.

Taxi company announces it is worth \$23,500. Altho' the new skirts allow the girls plenty of room to walk, it doesn't compel them to.

Immates of Sing Sing get their radium free. Get in line men, no crowding.

Why send dollies to the Belgians? Aren't they suffering enough?

Before you haul out the boss remember that even Thomas Edison's plant wasn't fireproof.

Forty-four Americans have incomes over a million a year. Wonder who the other forty-three are.

Telephone tax on all calls over fifteen cents will curtail the friendly conversations between property owners and Ben Johnson.

Cold weather great stuff. Expect a bumper crop, too.

Got no kick coming against the frost. Made in America.

Nobody seems to heed our advice.

Shop early.

Go to it.

With Program Complete, Committee Turns Attention to Financing Celebration.

Having practically completed the details of organization of the program for the Community Christmas tree, the men and women who are directing the celebration with a view to bringing happiness to many children of the National Capital whose holiday might otherwise be bleak and heartrending, are now centering their efforts on raising the money necessary to assure the success of the undertaking.