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At this time of the year in 1812 Napoleon's grand army of half a million men was destroyed in its retreat from Moscow, largely on account of the severity of Russian winter weather. Notwithstanding this terrible precedent the German armies are striving to invade Russia in the mid of winter. It is possible that the German commanders can succeed where the great Napoleon failed, but they should not be surprised if they find General January and General February helping the Russians as they did 102 years ago.

From all accounts it seems reasonably safe to say that Serbia has won the only decisive battle of the present war in Europe. That little nation, striving for self preservation, has dealt a great Austrian army a staggering blow. This Serbian victory was so complete that there is not now an Austrian soldier left on Serbian soil. The Austrian losses in killed, wounded and prisoners aggregate more than a hundred thousand men, and vast quantities of military stores.

And now the judges of the Supreme Court can claim part of the destruction of having put the water in Waterloo. They have affirmed Judge Dunham's judgment which closed the saloons in that enterprising and progressive city.

"SHINE, KINDLY LIGHTS!"

By all means let us have a light in every window on Christmas eve—"light the Christmas candle on his way!" Let us add to the thousand eyes of night thousands of other eyes as pure of flame, as high of meaning!

Let them shine—these kindly little lights—across the broad, flat wastes of Utilitaria—shine until the peaks of love for love's sake and beauty for beauty's sake catch and reflect the glow.

Let them shine out across the level leads of pure materialism and light for all the divine, the beautiful ideas that use and custom have overlaid but never can extinguish.

Let them shine—these kindly little lights—over the arid wastes of much too busy lives and fall as fire from on high on an ancient altar, on the hearts of men and women.

Let them shine like a pharos looking seaward, guiding the thoughts of passers-by, like storm-tossed ships at sea, back to the ports of kindly thought and gentle will.

Let them shine, kindly and calm, upon a garish world; shine on the wandering daughter in the street and turn her feet toward home; shine on the wayward son and show him a fireside picture far away.

Let them shine out and light the pathway back to childhood once again; shine on the troubled soul and give it peace; shine on the anxious heart and bring it calm.

Let them shine forth and bear to every one, within, without, the ancient salutation: "Peace be unto you, brother, and unto this house peace."—Chicago Herald.

SALE OF MUNITIONS OF WAR.

Following the introduction in the Senate of bills to prohibit the export of munitions of war by Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, and Senator Works of California, and in the House of similar bills by Representatives Barthold of Missouri, and Vollmer of Iowa, there has been much agitation of the question as to the propriety of this country selling war material to any of the belligerent powers.

It is held in some quarters that our continuing to sell armor, ammunition and other accessories of offensive warfare discredit our professions of entire neutrality and friendliness for all of the powers engaged in the war, and for this reason and also for humanitarian considerations, we should cease to do so.

On the other hand, it is pointed out that the passage of such a measure would be in fact a breach of neutrality, since the sale of munitions of war is entirely within our rights as a neutral, under all rules of international law, and the cessation of these sales would be an act calculated to hamper such of the belligerents as are able, under existing conditions, to purchase in this market.

The further point is made by those opposed to these measures that if it should establish this precedent we should be barred, in case this nation were involved in war, from purchasing munitions from a neutral power, and thus would be seriously hampered.

The entire question is a delicate one, inasmuch as the sympathies of a large part of our people appear to be dictating their opinions, those who favor the Germans against the allies being vigorous in favoring the proposed measure because of the inability of Germany and Austria to purchase here at present. To these the Springfield Republican and a number of other newspapers point out that should Germany wrest the mastery of the seas from England the conditions would be reversed and Germany might be seriously embarrassed by inability to buy war material here.

For the most part papers which profess strict neutrality of opinion and yet oppose these measures take a similar stand, averring that we should hold ourselves entirely aloof; sell our manufactures wherever they may find a market, and take no stand which might indicate that our sympathies as a nation are enlisted one way or another.

OLD-FASHIONED SINGING SCHOOL.

(From the Columbus, Ohio, Journal.) In thinking up the ways of spending the long winter evenings, why doesn't some one propose an old-fashioned singing school? We notice one has been started as a part of the school system of Keosauqua, Wis. Sensible idea. It is educational. It mixes joy with knowledge. It puts the mind under the direction of the spirit. The greatest educational influence is association, and could there be any finer association than a lot of boys and girls, young ladies and gentlemen, learning the machinery of song and trickling their joys along the bars, the scales and notes? As a sport it beats anything, and besides, it glows with the sunshine of knowledge.

A good, old-fashioned singing master, who knows little beyond G, F, C, E, F, G, can do as much good in a community as a professor of ceramics or Greek, because he turns his intelligence into joy and vice versa. Isn't there such a man around plinking for something to do? Or has the art of music been lost in sport and picture shows? We are not crazy about joining things, but we do believe we would join an old-fashioned singing class if one were started ed near by.

CATO SELLS' REPORT.

(Dubuque Telegraph-Herald) The Hon. Cato Sells, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, has given to the press advance copies of his report covering the period from July 8, 1913, to June 30, 1914. The report, which outlines briefly the work that has been done and indicates something of what he hopes to accomplish, is comprehensive and creditable.

Mr. Sells, whose home is now in Texas, was formerly an Iowa. During his citizenship in this state he was prominent in state politics. Mr. Sells was made Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and within two days after he had assumed office things began to happen. His genius for organization and for orderliness would no let him rest in a political sinecure.

The condition of his department, his first consideration, being regulated to suit him, it was only natural that the condition of his charges, the Indians, should appeal to him next, and he went about the work of setting their houses in order after the fashion of his own with the same boundless energy. Within the first three months after he had been in office he had visited every agency in the United States and acquainted himself with local conditions. He talked with Indians individually and collectively, and he dug deep into Indian correspondence in an endeavor to get the Indian's point of view on the benefits or lack of benefits they were receiving.

By the time he had completed his "preliminary work" and had filled his head with information concerning Indian affairs his bureau was recognized and working as it should and he was able to turn his attention to the matters requiring readjustment.

This is what his department has accomplished during the first year of his incumbency.

The bureau itself has been thoroughly reorganized on a co-operative basis, each department being made to feel its responsibility to other departments. Red tape has been eliminated and efficiency increased.

The number of Indian pupils enrolled in public schools has been largely increased, and special stress has been laid on vocational training of the Indians.

Finding that much of the resources of the Indian reservations, particularly the fine grazing lands, have been exploited to the benefit of the white man, to encourage the Indians to take advantage of their resources in this line the grazing-leasing and grazing permit systems have been ordered abandoned and instead the Indians are being urged to go into the stock raising business themselves. To further this end the department has expended nearly \$1,000,000 for the purchase of high grade male animals for the improvement of Indian live stock and everything possible has been done toward creating tribal herds on those reservations having grazing lands.

Through Mr. Sells' efforts Congress was persuaded to appropriate \$725,000 for encouraging industry and self support among the Indians and a comprehensive plan has been formulated for obtaining maximum results from the use of this money.

With regard to health conditions the Commissioner calls attention to the fact that "at the close of the fiscal year 1913 there were 50 hospitals with a combined capacity of 1,400 patients and six new hospitals under construction, to care for a population of 300,000 with a high percent of tuberculosis and trachoma. Out of 181,000 Indians on reservations there were examined last year 82,201, and it was learned that tuberculosis was present in 8,000 cases and trachoma in 1,000. It is estimated there are 25,000 suffering with tuberculosis and 35,000 afflicted with trachoma. From the \$300,000 appropriated by the last congress, there was made available \$100,000 for hospital purposes besides direct appropriations for a sanitarium in the Choctaw nation, Oklahoma, and one at Red Lake or Leech Lake and one at Fond du Lac reservation, Minnesota, also on the Rosebud, Pine Ridge and Cheyenne reservations in South Dakota. Plans have been prepared for the building of seven small hospitals at a cost of from \$12,000 to \$15,000 each, on the reservations where the need of medical attention has been most keenly felt. The work for the eradication of trachoma has been vigorously pushed during the year."

Particular efforts have been made to protect the Reds from liceants which Mr. Sells declares are the greatest menace to the American Indian. The operations of the Indian service are being extended in this endeavor from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans, and from Canada to the Gulf.

First Aid To HOLIDAY SHOPPERS

Are YOU sometimes "put to it" to provide the ready cash for the JOYOUS SEASON?

Do you sometimes have to have the goods "charged?"

Avoid It All--Join Our Landis Christmas Club.

Every member of the family may join, and by depositing a few cents weekly, (5c, 2c, 1c or more)

PROVIDE THIS CHRISTMAS MONEY

One member of the family may deposit for all.

Each will have a separate account. Our circulars and advertisements will tell you about the PLAN.

CALL OR WRITE FOR ONE.

To accommodate those employed during the day, we will be opened Saturday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Realizing how popular this club is becoming and, on account of this being the first year for such an opportunity to be offered by any bank in Manchester, we are going to hold this club open for a few days after this week for the accommodation of those who have not already joined.

JOIN NOW

Don't be sorry next Christmas that you are not a member of our Christmas Savings Club.

You can't lose. There is no expense, fines or forfeiture.

Don't you wish you had a savings check to pay this year's Christmas bill? You will be in the same predicament next year if you don't join our club.

First National Bank Manchester, Iowa.

An Error Perpetuated.

The compositor, who has been accused of many things, seems really to have been responsible for the fixing of the festival of St. Alban, the first British martyr, on June 17 in the English calendar. All other saints recognized by the English and Roman churches in common are honored on the same days in both calendars, but in the Roman calendar St. Alban's day is June 22. In all English prayer books also, prior to 1662, St. Alban is commemorated on June 22, and the present discrepancy seems to have arisen from the typesetter of the prayer book of 1662 mistaking the X of XXII for V and rendering the date June XVII—an error which has been perpetuated ever since.—London Chronicle.

The Fertilizing Rain.

Probably few students of agriculture realize the fertilizing qualities of tropical rains. In the Annals de Geographie M. Guillaume Capus, who has chemically studied the effects of rainy weather in French Indo-China, says that lightning produces large amounts of nitric acid. In the thirteen districts of the Tonkin delta of Indo-China, where thunderstorms are frequent, annually produces an amount of atmospheric nitrogen equivalent to 181,390 tons of nitrate of soda, or 137,510 tons of sulphate of ammonia, the value of which is nearly \$20,000,000.

One very Proud of Course.

"One very cold day Tom, in his first trousers, was walking out with his thin overcoat turned back to its utmost limit. "Tom," said his father, "button your coat." The boy demurred. "Look at mine," said his father. "Yes," said Tom, ruefully, "but everybody knows that you wear trousers."—Current Literature.

Decorated.

He—What have you done with the Jack roses that I sent you yesterday? She—Why, the young man you said would suffer a personal injury if he did not keep away called last evening and I gave him the roses as a sort of "red badge of courage."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Cause of Hilarity.

"What are you laughing about?" "Blinks has moved to Great Neck." "I don't see anything particularly funny in that." "But he wears a seventeen collar."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Then Charged It.

Mrs. Withers—How did you get this lovely material for 25 cents a yard? Mrs. Datus—We mobilized outside the store, then marched in wedge formation and surrounded the bargain counter by a flank movement.—Judge.

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Small Boy—Good fishin'? Yes; ye go down that private road till ye come to 't' sign 'Trespasars will be prosecuted' cross 't' field with 't' bull in 't' an' ye'll see a sign 'No fishin' allowed.'—that's it.—Life.

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The Riddle of the Ages.

Gold is more highly prized than any other metal because it has the great quality of being more uniformly used. Other metals fluctuate more or less in the degree of their usefulness. Gold continues on its even way. Bricks made from clay are for all practical purposes more useful than gold. They can be made into houses, and nobody would attempt to break them off and carry them away. If bricks of gold were, however, employed for this purpose no house would be safe. The owner of the house, if he were a sound sleeper, would awake in the morning to find the walls gone, himself the center of an irrefragable system of ventilation.

Gold is like some stable people. It has no special accomplishments. Thus it takes advantage of one by its presence. You never hear any individual or any nation exclaim, "I'm tired of having so much gold around."

Gold is the greatest financial paradox in the world. Useless to sustain life, its very stability makes it lend itself to the most widely varying purposes. Without it war would be a failure, and so also peace.—Life.

An Iron Coat.

Plating iron with iron or steel with iron is a queer new scheme for delaying rust. Chemically pure iron is nearly rustproof; so the plating idea is to cover iron or steel with iron that is as chemically pure as possible. Plating in much the same way that brass is plated with gold or nickel gives a coat that is very close to pure iron. A coat of zinc over the coat of iron also helps.

Rust is the bitterest and most persistent enemy of this age of steel, with its bridges and wires and skyscrapers and machines. The ancient Hindus had a secret method of making rustproof iron, and much iron is now manufactured for special uses at comparatively high cost which is reasonably free from impurities and is so likely to give way to rust, but the inventor of completely rustproof, cheap iron has a vast fortune awaiting him.—Saturday Evening Post.

Long Sentences.

Ruskin, it is said, has written more sentences of inordinate length than any other classic writer of modern English prose. Frederic Harrison some years ago counted the words in a number of typical sentences, finding that in the earlier books it was no uncommon thing for Ruskin to run beyond the page before permitting himself and his readers the relief of a full stop, but in every case the sense is as clear as day.

Wordsworth's poem on the "Character of Happy Warrior" is a notable example of sustained connections. Apart from the opening and closing couplets the poem consists of two very long compound sentences almost entirely comprised of adjectival clauses. The longer of the two sentences contains fifty-seven decasyllabic lines. This is probably a record in English verse.—Dundee Advertiser.

Chicken Thief Wrote Verse.

After cleaning out a chicken coop in Birmingham, Ala., the chicken thief left the following note: "Lord, have mercy on my soul, how many chickens have I stole, last night and the night before, coming back tonight and get 25 more; remember coming back tonight."—Saturday Evening Post.

First fifty people buying one bar of Peosta Naptha Soap get one cake FREE at Andrews' Grocery.

RESPLENDENT GIRDLES.

Applied in Various Striking Ways to Smart Evening Costumes.



VELVET EVENING DRESS.

Second in effect to the rich material of which the season's smart evening costume is made is the varied yet ever graceful girde. Girdles are found extending up to the bust and down below the hips. They are wound straight about the figure or are twisted from high to low, crossing and winding and tying in unexpected fashions and places. The girde which starts at the shoulders and around the arm eyes in front and crossing, forms the entire front of the bodice, dropping low and tying in back, is a rather familiar manifestation of this erratic fashioning.

A gown of gold colored velvet, with overskirt and flaring plenum of white tulle, is pictured here. Braiding and beads trim the overskirt over a band of the velvet. An elaborate girde of beaded pearls with pendant ropes of pearls and gold colored beads is worn with it.

GIRL'S SCHOOL FROCK.

Quaint Design With Russian Blouse and Kimono Sleeves.

This school frock for the child of ten years is of navy serge combined with roman striped silk. The Russian blouse of serge has inset kimono



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sleeves of silk with cuffs of serge. A lined belt of striped silk is laced in front with a dark blue silk cord. The accordion plaited skirt is of serge. Such a pattern could very well be carried out in heavy cotton fabrics.

LACE TUNICS.

Beautiful Gowns For Afternoon or Evening Embellished With These Russian tunics of lace, which hang from bust to ankles, will be the sole trimming of many afternoon and evening gowns. This lace is not plain, but its pattern is worked over with gold or silver thread.

An extremely beautiful gown of white satin is plaited and overhung by one of these new laces. The mesh of the lace is the popular craquele, and the mistletoe garland holds silver berries and gold leaves along its border. Can you imagine a gown of pink rustproof iron, and much iron is now manufactured for special uses at comparatively high cost which is reasonably free from impurities and is so likely to give way to rust, but the inventor of completely rustproof, cheap iron has a vast fortune awaiting him.—Saturday Evening Post.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR.

State of Iowa, Delaware County, ss. Notice is hereby given, That the undersigned has been duly appointed and qualified as administrator of the estate of Charles A. Allen, late of Delaware County, deceased. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same will present them, duly authenticated, to the undersigned for allowance. Dated, December 5th, 1914. HOWARD S. ALLYN.

WANTED. Dining room girl at CLARENCE HOUSE 46-47.