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**NO PAPER TOMORROW.**  
In accordance with custom, no  
paper will be issued from this office  
tomorrow. We wish our patrons a  
happy Christmas and a prosperous  
New Year.

**CHRISTMAS  
SEASON.**

By this time tomorrow the sun  
will be setting upon the Christmas  
of 1914. The final preparations for  
the celebration of this the most  
joyful day in the calendar have been  
made today, and minor matters,  
generally arranged on Christmas Eve  
night will keep shopkeepers busy  
until the actual event of Christmas  
Day.

Many centuries have elapsed since  
the silence of the Judean Hills was  
broken by the sound of the angelic  
choir proclaiming peace to men, at  
which time a Wonderful Child was  
sleeping upon his mother's bosom in  
an inn in Bethlehem.

It is the anniversary of His birth  
which we will celebrate tomorrow.

In America, where peace prevails,  
the day will be observed as of old.  
There will be family and social gather-  
ings and joy will pervade the  
air. It will, however, be a gloomy  
Christmas in some places, where in-  
stead of the angels' song, the dogs  
of war will be snapping and snarl-  
ing and terrorizing cities, towns and  
villages.

Young and old generally enter into  
the spirit of Christmas. It is meet  
that we should not, however, into  
the many excesses so often apparent,  
but in the innocent enjoyment of  
the blessings of the Creator.

The anticipation of the young upon  
the approach of Christmas becomes  
more earnest as the day draws near.  
Their visions are generally execrav-  
ant and often air castles fade away  
as vapor. There may be some disap-  
pointed ones tomorrow, but while so  
much trouble is in the world they  
should be thankful they are as well  
off as they are and in a country  
which is blessed as is the United  
States during the fearful clash of  
arms which is now terrorizing man-  
kind.

A picture in a cotemporary this  
morning represented two workmen  
lean in a 42-centimeter shell adorned  
with ribbons, to the Kaiser. It was  
a gift from the Krupp works. This  
terrible device was used in battering  
down Belgian cities and bringing  
such woe to the little country which  
was happy and contented this time  
last year. The Kaiser's Christmas  
reminder is named the "Busy Ber-  
tha." This specimen of modern  
projectiles will stand in marked  
contrast to the pictures of the Madonna  
and the infant Saviour this Christ-  
mas.

While America will be enjoying  
the many blessings sent upon her  
tomorrow, thousands in other quar-  
ters of the globe will be suffering in  
one way or another. About twelve  
thousands persons are at this time  
homeless and without food in Arabia,  
the result of floods, while in the  
same country many more thousands  
of Christians are fearing general  
massacres by Mahomedans.

In most every city in the United  
States good and thoughtful people  
are engaged in one way or another in  
easing the burdens of those upon  
whom winter has come while they  
were unprepared for it. Alexan-  
drians have not been unmindful of  
the fact that some in our midst are  
in need of aid, and they have not  
been slow in reaching such.

The Gazette wishes its patrons a  
happy Christmas and a joyous New  
Year.

**SUIT FOR DIVORCE.**

In the Circuit Court a suit for di-  
vorce was filed yesterday by Aida  
Reppert Sneed from her husband,  
William C. Sneed, on the ground of  
desertion. She is represented by  
Attorneys James R. and H. E. Caton.  
In the Corporation Court a similar  
suit was filed by Annie M. Holcer  
against Harry P. Holcer. The for-  
mer was represented by Attorney  
Charles Bendheim.

**PROHIBITION AND PRESIDENCY.**

Progressive Party Planning to Make  
it a Hobby in 1916

Washington, Dec. 24.—Leaders of  
the two old parties last night ex-  
pressed the belief that prohibition of  
the liquor traffic doubtless would  
become an issue in the Presidential  
campaign of 1916. This was con-  
ceded despite the fact that the Re-  
publican leadership and the Demo-  
cratic party, as represented by the  
administration and by its spokesmen,  
united Tuesday in opposing the Hob-  
son prohibition resolution which was  
voted down in the House.

That the Progressive party is  
making plans to feature prohibition  
in 1916 is generally believed. It also  
is believed that movements will be  
organized within the two old parties  
to further the cause of temperance  
as a national issue.

In his closing speech in the House  
Tuesday night, Representative Hob-  
son, of Alabama, author of the pro-  
hibition resolution, made a threat  
that was not overlooked by the lead-  
ers of the Democratic party. He de-  
clared that if prohibition was de-  
clared in the next Congress the people  
might elect in 1916 an administra-  
tion that would not dare, either in  
the open or under cover, "to fight  
the cause of prohibition."

While Mr. Hobson has always been  
a Democrat, it is known that he  
would not hesitate to desert that  
party if the party at any time adopt-  
ed a plank in its national platform  
expressly disapproving the movement  
for the suppression of the liquor traf-  
fic.

**SURPRISE THEATRE.**

The Surprise Theatre tomorrow  
night will present seven good reels,  
two of which will be "The Perils of  
Pauline." This is a great picture fea-  
turing Pearl White, Paul Panzer,  
and Crane Wilbur, in a great dra-  
matic sea struggle. Owens, guardian  
of Pauline, tries to kill her for the  
money he has in control, but fails by  
the aid of Harry, who is always on  
the scene. The latter rushes to the  
rescue.

This picture serial has been shown  
in all the leading theatres of New  
York.

At a Corporation Court of the City  
of Alexandria, continued and held at  
the Court house of said City on Tues-  
day, December 22nd, 1914.

Annie M. Holcer, Complainant,  
vs  
Harry P. Holcer, Defendant.  
IN CHAUCERY.  
An affidavit having been made and  
filed that the defendant is a non resi-  
dent of the State of Virginia, upon  
the application of the Complainant in  
writing, stating specifically the last  
known address of the defendant, the  
Court of this 22nd day of December,  
1914, doth grant the following order  
of publication:

The object of this suit is to obtain  
for the Complainant a divorce from  
the bond of matrimony from the de-  
fendant on the ground of wilful de-  
sertion and abandonment for a  
period of more than three years be-  
fore the bringing of this suit, and  
for the custody of the minor children  
of the parties, and for general re-  
lief, and it is ordered that the de-  
fendant do appear within fifteen days  
after due publication of this order  
and do what is necessary to protect  
his interests in this suit, and it is  
further ordered that a copy of this  
order of publication be published once  
a week for four successive weeks in  
the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper  
published in the City of Alexandria,  
Virginia; that a copy be posted at  
the front door of the Courthouse in  
the said City on or before the next  
succeeding rule day after this order,  
and that a copy of said order of  
publication shall be sent by register-  
ed mail by the Clerk of this Court,  
addressed to the said defendant Harry  
P. Holcer at Jersey City, New Jer-  
sey, his last known place of business.

A copy Teste:  
NEVELL S. GREENAWAY,  
Clerk  
Charles Bendheim, P. Q.

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**NOTICE.**

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- New mixed nuts per lb. . . . . 12c
- Fancy large washed cream nuts lb . . . . . 12c
- New English Walnuts, per lb . . . . . 18c
- Almonds, per lb . . . . . 24c
- French Mixed candy per lb . . . . . 12c, 18c and 22c
- Tangerines per doz. . . . . 12c
- Fancy Lemons per doz. . . . . 12c
- Best No 1 Michigan Potatoes per pk. . . . . 19c
- Best Creamery Butter Either in Bulk or one lb. prints . . . . . 35c

This butter is made from the best creameries  
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200 dozen fresh eggs just received from Coan  
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  - Senator Flour 12 lb. Sacks . . . . . 45c
  - Table Bell Flour 12 lb. sacks . . . . . 45c
  - New packed early Junepes per can 8c doz. cans 90c
  - New Pack No. 3 Tomatoes 3 cans 23c, doz . . . . . 90c
  - New pack Extra Sifted Peas, 2 cans . . . . . 25c
  - New pack-lemon cling Regina peaches per can 15c
  - Fawn Grove Shoe Peg Corn per can 8c 3 for . . . . . 23c
  - Campbell's baked beansthree cans . . . . . 25c
  - Herring Roe Per Can . . . . . 16c
  - Del-Monte Asparagus per can . . . . . 19c
  - New Evaporated Peaches per lb 8c 2 lb for . . . . . 15c
  - Fancy apricots per lb. . . . . 12c
  - Fancy seeded raisins per package . . . . . 10c
  - Cleaned Currants per pkg . . . . . 10c
  - Fancy New Citron per lb. . . . . 20c
  - New Figs per box . . . . . 10c
  - One lb. Plum Pudding. . . . . 23c
  - Two lb. Plum Pudding. . . . . 41c
  - French Mixed Candy Per lb . . . . . 18c
  - Pure White Clover Honey per cap . . . . . 23c
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  - New Fat Norway Mackerel each 5c per doz . . . . . 50c
  - Sago per pkg. . . . . 9c
  - Fancy Macaroni, one lb pkgs 8c 2 for . . . . . 15c
  - Fancy full cream New York cheese per lb. . . . . 20c
  - Genuine imported Swiss Cheese, per lb. . . . . 40c
  - Snappy cheese, per pkg . . . . . 10c
  - Fancy large table apples, per pk . . . . . 40c
  - Small Apples, per pk. . . . . 25c
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  - Royal Brand Java and Mocha Coffee 1 lb. seal cans  
medium ground, fine ground and pulverized. . . . . 36c

- Our Famous Teas**
- Mosque brand mixed tea 1/4 lb. tins 12c 1/2 lb. tins 20c
  - Afternoon Green tea 1/4 lb. tins 14c 1/2 lb. tins . . . . . 25c
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Accommodation for Fredericksburg  
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runs through to Milford except Sat-  
urdays and Sunday.

NOTE—Times of arrival and de-  
parture and connections not guaran-  
teed.

W. P. TAYLOR, Traffic Mgr.

IN THE Clerk's Office of the Cor-  
poration Court of the City of Alexan-  
dria, on the 9th day of November 1914  
Benjamin W. Guy and Joseph H. Cur-  
ran trading as Guy Curran and Co.  
vs  
Fred C. Mathews, Annie Blanche Mat-  
thews, Mary A. Rambo, Charles K.  
Rambo, R. H. Cox Sergeant, ad-  
ministrator of the estate of Mary A.  
Mathews, deceased and Robinson  
Monroe, trustee.

MEMO:  
The object of this suit is to sub-  
ject the property described in the bill  
of complaint to the payment of  
claimants claim and the claims of  
others against the estate of Mary A.  
Mathews, deceased, to ascertain the  
liens upon said property and their  
priority and to sell the said property  
to satisfy the same and for an ac-  
counting from said Fred C. Mathe-  
w for the proceeds of the sale of the  
personal estate of Mary A. Mathews.  
It appearing by an affidavit filed in  
this cause that the defendants, Fred  
C. Mathews and Annie Blanche Mat-  
thews, are non residents of this state  
It is Ordered, That said defendant  
appear here within fifteen days afte-

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE**

Having qualified as administrator  
of the estate of the late JEA-  
CHARLOTTE WASHINGTON  
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