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PUBLISHER'S NOTE.

In accordance with our usual custom the Gazette will not be issued tomorrow, Thanksgiving Day. We trust that our readers will enjoy the holiday.

NATIONAL THANKSGIVING.

Tomorrow will be generally observed throughout the United States as a day for expressing appreciation for the continuation of the blessings of heaven upon our North American nation. Provided with full and plenty and with the dove of peace still dwelling with us, there is no reason why old and young alike cannot enter into the spirit of the occasion.

But few people in the Occident ever examine forms of faith save their own, and, unfortunately, many are remiss in realizing the fact that we live in a country ever blessed. Many who know no faith save that imparted by the Great Teacher nineteen hundred years ago could learn something in the way of thanksgiving from the followers of the camel driver, as Mahomet, is called, a good Mussulman, after having experienced success in any enterprise, commercial or otherwise, expresses his thanks by his works. He invariably lays aside a certain percentage of his gains for the benefit of the poor. During the time Sindbad the Sailor was recounting his wonderful and lucrative voyages to Hindbad it will be remembered that he always added at the end of each story that he laid aside so much for the poor upon his arrival safe at home.

The disciples of Christ are also to remember the unfortunate and many individuals as well as organizations will tomorrow send out substantial reminders to those who are struggling against poverty. Such acts, added to our prayers, we are assured will be acceptable, as we are told that pure and undefiled religion before God is to visit the widow and fatherless in their affliction in addition to keeping ourselves unspotted from the world.

NEW TESTAMENT ANENT PREPARATION.

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot calls attention to the fact that it was a custom of John E. Massey when engaged in political campaigning to make stump speeches for "the ticket," all the week and then preach on Sunday in the nearest church of his denomination. Similarly William J. Bryan often passes from the lecture platform to the pulpit and has so acquired quasi standing as an authority on religious topics. He recently regretted that President Wilson had quoted from the Old Testament rather than the New when seeking Scriptural warrant for the doctrine of self-defense, implying that the new dispensation had rendered valueless the teachings of the old.

A correspondent says that he would like to have Mr. Bryan's interpretation on two excerpts from the Gospel. One, which he credits to St. Paul, says: "He that careth not for his own household, is worse than an infidel." The other from St. Luke ascribes these words to the Master: "Then said He unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it and likewise his scrip; and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one."

The Gazette desires to propound another question. The Apostle Peter refers to certain specimens of the genus homo whom he likens unto brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed. Does Mr. Bryan fail to see such at present?

GREECE HAS HER PRICE.

According to more or less veracious accounts, a couple of months ago Greece would have been on the side of the Allies had it agreed that in dispatching an army to aid them in a march upon Constantinople, Greece would stop its forces ten miles short of the city, the control of which is coveted by the Russians. Now it is said that the situation has been lifted, although Greece is determined that

in case it should aid the ambitions of Russia upon Constantinople it will do so only for a price that will compensate for such extraordinary worth of service.

A contemporary suggests that the little kingdom is between the nippers of the Teuton forces and their Turkish and Bulgar Allies upon land, and the fleet of the Allies, maintaining at present a commercial blockade of the country, upon the sea. In this predicament it must decide either to afford freedom of movement for the Allies over its soil or else intern the Serbian army when this shall retire before the Bulgars to Greek soil.

The question of Greek alliance has been one of benefit and undoubtedly the Allies have shaken the bag and should Greece accede to their demands it will be due to the fact that the inducement has been made sufficiently attractive. There has undoubtedly been sharp secret diplomatic play in the Greek alliance contest that will ramify for many years in influence for good or ill of the Greek people according to the fortunes of war.

THE WAR OF EXHAUSTION.

The question which one hears most frequently now is, How much longer will the war in Europe last?

The Germans have lost nothing in the field in the last six months and have made great gains in territory in Galicia, Poland, Russia and recently in the Balkans. But they have not solved the vital problem that confronts them as well as the Allies, and the burden which they all bear has only grown heavier and more hopeless. All of the belligerents are putting on a brave face and all of them are endeavoring to conceal their real distress. But their own admissions make it clear that they are rapidly approaching a point where exhaustion may force them to consider the question of peace.

The Baltimore Sun says:

So far as Germany's military strength is concerned, she still is more than able to hold her own. The Allies cannot drive her out of France and Belgium and the Russians cannot drive her out of Russia. And there seems no immediate prospect of wresting the Balkans from her. From a purely military point of view she is in the ascendant. But a devouring fox is gnawing at her vitals. The food question and the financial question are sapping her strength under the surface and undermining the national power of resistance. She is virtually in a state of siege, and though she has enlarged the boundaries of her prison she has not lessened her burdens on added anything permanent to her living resources.

Similar burdens are bearing heavily upon England, France, Russia, Italy, Turkey, Serbia and Bulgaria.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Ten thousand Bulgars have been killed and wounded in fighting for Monastir.

The Kankakee, owned by the American Trans-Atlantic Company, has been seized by England.

Beaten by the Turks, a British force, 170,000 strong, were thrown back from Bagdad, it is reported in Berlin.

A Russian warship in the Baltic has sunk a 3,000-ton German guardship near Windau. The guardship carried a crew of about 200.

An aerial battle in which a French biplane was dashed to the ground is reported at German army headquarters.

Harry Pattey and Samuel Monkhouse, Sr., while removing poles used for fish pounds, with dynamite off Ocean City, Md., were blown to atoms. Only small fragments of their bodies can be found.

There is declared to be undoubted foundation for the report that Emperor William will make an open offer of peace through President Wilson after the emperor's coming state entry into Constantinople.

The wealth of the British empire is \$130,000,000,000. Chancellor McKenna announced in the house of commons yesterday afternoon in reply to a question as to the nation's resources. The yearly income of the government is \$20,000,000,000.

Hans Schmidt, the former priest, who murdered Anna Aumuller and threw her dismembered body into the Hudson River in September, 1913, must expiate his crime in the electric chair at Sing Sing. The Court of Appeals of New York yesterday refused to set aside the conviction.

The promise of \$100,000 was the price of silence for Mrs. Ruth M. Holden. Before Supreme Court Jus-

tice Gavegan in New York, yesterday she testified she kept her father's "double life" a secret upon her uncle's promise to give her half of his estate at his death. As he left her the income from only \$20,000 she is now suing for the promised half.

More than 100 persons were drowned in the valley of the Salso River in Sicily yesterday when a bridge weakened by the flooded condition of the river collapsed.

Bishop David H. Moore, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died last night in Cincinnati, Bishop Moore was born at Athens, Ohio, September 3, 1838.

The informal suggestion of the entente powers that China join the allies, thus solidifying the near East, has not been well received by President Yuan Shi Kai, who is not willing to abandon neutrality and sacrifice German good will. Japan apparently has not participated in the suggestion, which is believed to be of British origin.

Dispatches of a semi-official nature received in Washington indicate that practically a state of anarchy exists in Persia. According to the reports, troops of various nations are doing as they please in certain sections, the government being powerless to curb their action. Many government officials are said to have fled from the areas in which the serious conditions prevail.

All records have been broken in the shipment of turkeys from Southwest Texas, to northern markets, for the holiday season. Reports from 17 counties in the San Antonio section, which supply many of the birds, for Thanksgiving, showed that 46,000 turkeys had been sent East during the past 10 days. The turkey crop this year was said to have been the largest in the history of Texas.

Two shipments of gold valued at \$15,750,000, which arrived yesterday at New York, on board the steamers Lapland and St. Paul, were landed. The Lapland brought \$7,000,000, while the St. Paul carried \$8,750,000 in gold specie and \$4,900,000 in bullion. Most of the gold was consigned to New York banking houses to pay for war munitions ordered by the British government.

A murder mystery that has puzzled the Providence, R. I., police for two days was solved early yesterday when Peleg E. Champlin, a general inspector for the Rhode Island Company, confessed that he killed Frederick H. Bishop, in the latter's home Sunday morning. Champlin said that he had quarreled with his victim over Mrs. Bishop, but absolved the widow of blame in every respect.

King Constantine of Greece yesterday put this plain proposition to the allies: "Assure Greece of safety against the Bulgarians and their Teutonic allies in case you abandon your Balkan expedition and the Greek army will demobilize." This is virtually a reply to Lord Kitchener's reported declaration to Greek officials that England will, by next March, have 4,000,000 soldiers under arms and be prepared to provision 6,000,000 Russians.

Gordon Thomasson, aged 14, one of the best-known caddies employed at the Albermarle Golf Club links died at a Charlottesville hospital Monday night from injuries received late Sunday afternoon while attempting to board a freight train which was passing near the Charlottesville Woolen Mills. Both legs were so badly mangled that they had to be amputated. The lad was a son of the late George Thomasson, and was born near Covington.

The election of John T. Fitzpatrick as Treasurer of Nelson county at the recent election is being contested by W. B. Lee, his opponent, over whom he was given a majority of 50 votes. Various irregularities are charged at the Massie's Mills, Tye River and Arrington precincts. It is expected that the present session of the court, which began Tuesday, will consider the petition, which was filed by 15 voters of the county.

The table knife which Mrs. Elizabeth Haeberger finally persuaded surgeons she had swallowed while in a delirium due to illness eight months ago was taken from her stomach yesterday by an operation at the West Side Hospital. The knife was corroded and saw-edged, from the action of stomach acids, and physicians said that nature had made heroic efforts to digest the implement. The woman rallied well from the operation.

"So far as the western front is concerned, Germany is beaten," said John Redmond, leader of the Irish nationalist party, just returned to London, from a visit to the army in France.

"Every day, ever hour she is getting weaker. For every shell she throws at us we throw five. There are no pessimists among our men fighting there. From the commander-in-chief down through all the ranks of the army there is a feeling of absolute confidence as to the results of the war."

Earl Cummins, a Harrisonburg youth, told the Harrisonburg police yesterday that a man named W. F. Hall, hypnotized him into turning over \$75 in cash and a diamond ring valued at \$69 in order to obtain a very lucrative position. Cummins says that when he went to Hall's office, where he held forth as a palmist, the man was gone. And so was the ring, money and job. "He told me that it was necessary to give him the money and the ring in order to make a showing," says Cummins, "and that I must come back to his office Saturday morning." Hall, who came to Harrisonburg about two weeks ago and opened an office, is said to have gone to Washington. He claimed to have practiced his "profession" in Richmond and Petersburg for five years.

ALEXANDRIA WILL ACQUIRE PARK

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of fire department at \$200 a year, and also placing his fire automobile under care of fire committee, its upkeep to be paid out of appropriation for fire department was referred to fire committee.

The sum of \$700 was appropriated for building approaches to new high school building.

The sum of \$250 was appropriated for a visiting nurse for the schools. An adverse report was made on employment of a bacteriologist for city.

The resolution to compel the Washington-Virginia Railway Company to place a ticket office at Spring Park Station was amended to read "ticket office and waiting room," and referred back to the corporation attorney.

Under the head of personal privilege Councilman Bryan took the floor and told council that the statement in Tuesday's Gazette that it was understood that the refusal of Commissioner Callahan to place the property in the annexed territory on the city books, for taxation was due to an understanding with the finance committee was an error. There had been no such agreement he said, Councilman H. R. Burke, also declared there had been no such agreement.

Seven Aldermen were present at the meeting last night, and the small volume of business transacted occasioned no discussion and the votes were unanimous in each case. The board concurred in the action of the Common Council on each paper sent in.

The resolution appropriating \$6,316.94, for the purchasing of George Washington Park, received from the lower board at the last regular meeting, was read and the action of the Common Council in adopting it was concurred in by a unanimous vote.

A resolution appropriating \$700 for the construction of approaches and walks at the new high school building was introduced. It was stated that the work was urgent and the resolution was adopted.

An ordinance to amend and reordain an ordinance entitled "An ordinance fixing the salary of the Chief of the Fire Department and making allowance for horse and buggy" approved May 27, 1911, and a resolution providing for the disposition of the horse, harness and buggy after the motor car or automobile shall have been received, were introduced and referred to the fire committee.

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8:47 A. M.—Daily Local for Harrisonburg and way stations. Buffet parlor.

9:17 A. M. Daily—Mail train, coaches for Manassas, Warrenton, Orange, Lynchburg, Greensboro and Charlotte.

10:22 A. M. Daily—L. S. Fast Mail stops only for passengers to points at which scheduled to stop. Coaches and sleeping cars to Atlanta, New Orleans, Birmingham, sleeping car Salisbury & Asheville, coaches for Charlotte, Lynchburg, Danville, Greensboro and Charlotte.

4:22 p. m. daily—Local for Charlottesville connecting at Calverton to Warrenton.

4:52 P. M. Daily—Birmingham Special Sleeping cars between New York, Atlanta, Anniston, Birmingham, Ham. and Augusta. Through and coaches between Washington, Atlanta and Birmingham. Dining car service. Tourist to California daily.

5:22 P. M.—Local for Harrisonburg, and way stations on Manassas branch Pullman Buffet parlor cars.

7:17 P. M.—Augusta Special. Through train with sleeping cars to Charlotte, Columbia, Aiken and Augusta. Through Sleeping cars to Asheville.

10:02 P. M.—Daily Washington and Chattanooga Limited (via Lynchburg) First class coaches and sleeping cars to Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Sleeper to New Orleans, Washington to Roanoke. Dining car service.

11:02 P. M. Daily—New York and New Orleans Limited. All Pullman train Club and Observation cars to New Orleans. Dining Car service.

12:17 A. M. Daily—Memphis special sleeping car and coaches for Roanoke, Knoxville, Nashville, Chattanooga, and Memphis. Dining Car service. Washington sleeping cars open 10 p. m. For detailed schedule figures, tickets, reservations, etc., apply to S. D. SHELTON, Union ticket agent, Alexandria, Va.

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