

BENEATH THE MISTLETOE



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BLITHESOME maid, divinely fair,
Stepped, thoughtless,
'neath the mistletoe
Hung high above the carpet square,
While out of door fell fleecy snow.
Heighho! Heighho!
Surprised beneath the mistletoe!

HE did not know she was so near
The kiss provoking mistletoe.
The bough upon the chandelier
Was deftly fixed, but not too low.
Oh, no! Oh, no!
In ambush was the mistletoe.

NCE in the mesh and fairly caught,
She showed no sudden haste to go.
Two victims with a single thought
Are brave beneath the mistletoe.
Just so! Just so!
The courage-giving mistletoe!

TH cheeks suffused a rosy red
That shamed the holly's livid glow
She held aloft her charming head,
The lawful kiss did not forego,
And, lo! And, lo!
That kiss beneath the mistletoe!



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Washington Letter.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The Humphrey shipsubsidy bill, which provides for an annual gift of \$5,000,000 from the treasury of the United States to millionaire ship owners, is to be jammed through this session of Congress at the special request of President Taft.

Ship subsidies are about as unpopular with the country generally as tariff revision upward. Yet the republicans appear to be unafraid to place this additional class legislation upon the statute books.

The standpat republicans who were defeated for re-election have nothing else to lose through voting for shipsubsidy. The standpat republicans who were re-elected will vote for it to be consistent with past performances. Besides, republicans voting against measures recommended by President Taft lay themselves open to the charge of traitor, for which "hanging is too good for them," and in addition thereto may have their patronage taken away from them.

The vote on the shipsubsidy bill will be close. Several progressive republicans will refuse to support the measure, the President's recommendation and implied threat notwithstanding.

The best that can be said for a shipping subsidy is that it provides for the payment of public moneys directly to big private interests on the assumption that the maritime commerce of the United States will increase and that the public will then be able to get the donations back indirectly. But past experiments have proven that once the special interests get hold of the people's money, the people have their own trouble getting it back, either directly or indirectly.

Although it is not generally known, Uncle Sam now subsidizes a few mail steamship lines. Our heaviest subsidized line is between New York and England. If it is true, as subsidists assert, that trade follows subsidies, why is it that our exports to the United Kingdom in the ten years between 1897 and 1907 increased but 25 per cent, while our exports to nine countries to which we have no subsidized lines increased from 105 to 4900 per cent? Our exports to the United Kingdom and countries to which we have no subsidized lines, increased as follows between 1897 and 1907:

United Kingdom, 25 per cent; Turkey, 4900 per cent; Austria-Hungary, 275 per cent; Egypt, 200 per cent; Germany, 105 per cent; Italy, 181 per cent; Canada, 181 per cent; Japan, 196 per cent.

Two Unpopular Appointments.
The appointment of Judge Robert W. Archbald of Pennsylvania court of commerce is satisfactory—to Big Interests, particularly.

Archbald, although the president may not have known it, was once upon a time the subject of a scathing arraignment in a decision of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, when an enterprise floated by him was denounced as a "fraud upon the public" and a "disregard of the requirements of business honesty."

The suit was one brought in 1885 by Hill, Keiser & Co., in the Lackawanna county court against Archbald and others, doing business as the Amity Coal Co., Limited. The suit was carried to the state supreme court. The decision against Archbald was written by the late Justice Williams. It declares that the concern in which Archbald was one of four partners was "an empty shell" and its business, conducted on a fake capital of \$25,000, a "fraud upon the public."

The nomination of Commissioner Knapp is objected to on the ground that Knapp has shown himself to be strongly in favor of railroad privileges, and is therefore disqualified for service on a court which is to pass upon railroad questions.

Close observers here at the Capitol declare there is nothing surprising about the appointments. The two nominees are of the same temperament as the men who are most frequently received at the White House, to-wit: Aldrich, Hale, Stephenson, Guggenheim, Penrose. From the first, the President's advisers have been men whose views were not the views of the great mass of the American people. Republicans like LaFollette who have called at the White House to counsel with the president have been kept waiting in the ante-room so long that they have left the executive mansion in disgust.

Since the president has relied upon the suggestions and advice of men unpopular with the people, and has rejected the advice and counsel of republicans popular with the people, the president should not be surprised that his administration is failing to please the people.

Progressives Disappointed.
When President Taft was considering who he would appoint to the supreme bench he gave the progressive republicans a list of men and asked them to investigate their records and define what their attitude would be if he should nominate them. This the progressives did, reporting in favor of some and against others. Imagine their surprise when the president announced his selections and it was found that neither of the two men appointed were included in any list which had been submitted to them.

Ballinger Should Resign.
Are the services of Richard A. Ballinger as secretary of the interior department worth the price the Taft administration is paying in keeping him in office? This is a question that many republicans are considering. Despite the "vindication" of Mr. Ballinger by a partisan majority of the Congressional investigating committee, the fact remains that the evidence discredited him as a public servant. Even the republicans feel that he has lost the confidence of the people and that his resignation would lift a load from the Taft administration.

Clyde H. Tavenner.

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We learn that Thomas Williams who bought what is known as the Waymire farm at the west side of town of W. H. Webster for \$62 per acre a few years ago sold the place last week to a brother of Douglass and Will Roberts, from the northeast part of the state for \$130 per acre. There are 90 acres in the piece. This is the high price for land in this section, and it a handsome increase in value for a short period of years. Possession will be given March 1st. Mr. Williams expects to buy another farm in the township.—Garden Grove Express.

Alone in a Sawmill at Midnight
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