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## XMAS RUSH AND PICKPOCKETS

POCKET PICKING is an ancient profession. It was supposed for a long time that persons who pick pockets were pushed to it by poverty. Touching situations in dramas and novels were built about the starving babes for whose sake the hero or heroine snatched a purse. The plot still moves "movie" crowds.

But we ought to know better. While the science of criminology has roused us to justice for criminals, it has also robbed us of much maudlin sympathy for some of them.

We know how that picking pockets is a business for which a training under experts is required. And we ought to know that the profession survives because society permits it to do so, with the same carelessness with which it lets germ diseases exist.

The pickpocket finds his best field of operations in a crowd. Christmas is his harvest season. He knows that if we are jostled while waiting for a car—we will jostle back—when we ought to grasp our pocketbooks.

If two men scuffle in the street, we ought to look for the real sport in the crowd where their confederates are collecting watches.

When a newspaper is pushed into a man's face in a jammed car, it is time for him to locate his valuables, not to become indignant.

COLLIER'S THINKS that the real fight on preparedness would be between Roosevelt and Wilson as representing both sides. Yes, and maybe you'll yet see a lot of little fellows squeezed out by those sides like juice from a lemon-squeezer.

WHY IS it a girl who cuts a man selects the fellow who cares the most?

WAR STOCK valuations, largely floated on water, are ever in danger of a raid by submarines.

## DANIELS IN THE LIONS' DEN!!



There won't be much left of our naval preparedness program, folks, if the munitions trust and the armor plate trust and the ordnance trust and the ship-building trust have their way.

And these fellows loom up pretty big in Washington—a whole lot bigger than we common people who send our servants to represent us. They're after Daniels, the secretary of the

## FEELING PRETTY CHIPPER, THANK YOU!

"BY GEORGE, old man, you're looking fine!" "Did you ever notice how you perk up, no matter how poorly you were feeling before, when some friend greets you in that way?"

According to Dr. S. R. McKelvey, secretary of the Colorado state board of health, the human system just naturally begins to tone up under the stimulus of such greetings.

He declares it's an aid to health and a help in preventing disease and to that end he advocates a new movement—a "tell-your-friends-how-well-they-look" movement.

"It's not only bad taste to talk of your pains and ailments," says Dr. McKelvey, "but it is a reflection on your intelligence and knowledge of sanitation and good health. We are not far from the time when the cause of illness will have to be accounted for personally.

"In other words, nature is no longer going to be blamed for sickness when it is simply the result of ignorance, indifference or wrong ways of living." Don't you think it worth giving Dr. McKelvey's idea a try?

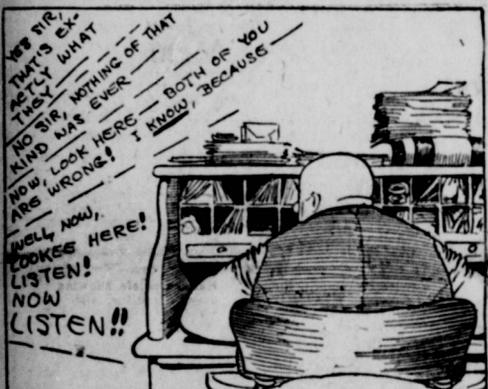
We do! So here goes: "By George, you're looking fine."

navy, with their threats of what will happen if the plan for government manufacture of government munitions goes thru.

It's up to us to back up Daniels in this lions' den.

The beasts would cower before a demonstration of public strength and impending public wrath. It's about time we sent the preparedness profiteers scotting to their kennels.

## Outbursts of Everett True



## FINDS HER BROTHER ON HIS DEATH BED

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 17.—Sister Edith Alway of the Canadian Red Cross, writes that when doing duty on a hospital ship plying between the Dardanelles and Malta, she learned that an Austrian private named Alway was lying in Malta

hospital. She visited the patient and discovered that he was a brother, whom she had not seen for six years. Private Alway was dying of pneumonia. He recognized his sister and was just able to murmur her name in greeting before he died.

My brother and his wife don't get along well together. What shall I give them for Christmas? ETHEL.

## A Married Man's Troubles



## IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

**STERILIZATION**  
Editor The Star: Regarding the sterilizing of defectives, if such a law was passed in the state of Washington and applied to "white slavers," and all who design to harm girls, it would, in my opinion, be a good thing.  
PROF. S. F. J. STRANACK.

**GOOD CITIZENSHIP**  
Editor The Star: Well, we know now from Wilson's message to congress what constitutes good citizenship. A bad citizen is one who in any way hinders our traffic in munitions and instruments of murder, and a good citizen is one who tries in every way possible to facilitate this traffic.

Our boasted neutrality simply amounts to this: Two men agree to fight according to certain rules, and a bystander, who has nothing to do with the fight, according to certain rules, goes up and hands one of the men a dirk. The United States is the innocent bystander. "American ideals and moral influence," indeed.

Disloyalty is a debatable term. It may at times be the highest kind of loyalty, inasmuch as loyalty to humanity is often of a higher degree than loyalty to one's country.  
O. H. STONE.

## PREPAREDNESS

Editor The Star: As "Preparedness" has become a leading issue and is likely to be a political fly-catcher next year, let us fully discuss it as true Americans should. Thomas Paine, in his "Crisis," published during the revolutionary war, gave one particular reason why the colonies should break away from England. That reason was that England is "snug up against her back door neighbors," and is consequently constantly subject to dog fights. The colonists heeded, and America has had few wars.

Within the shell of the state that was instituted by the revolutionary forefathers has developed industry which employs labor which produces more than it receives. The owner of this industry must sell this surplus which his labor cannot buy back in foreign countries. That exchange is referred to as commerce.

Today America invades and perhaps will lead in the world's commerce. Commercial heads want this commerce protected against "foreign invasion."

What are you going to do about it, reader? FRANK S. FEHR.

## WANTS IT RAINIER

I note the article in regard to the changing of the name of the mountain. While I agree with you that it would be a big thing for Seattle to give in, yet I cannot understand why Tacoma chose to display such a small town spirit at this time, just after Emerson Hough, in an article in the Saturday Evening Post,

had announced to the nation that the silly little squabble was over; that business men in both cities had gone together and decided practically to call it "Rainier" by tacit consent, devoting their energies more to the developing of the park, roads, etc., surrounding it. I was born and raised closer to the mountain than Tacoma, some 30 miles closer, over in Pierce county.

I would like to say that the name "Tacoma" was seldom, if ever, heard there in connection with it. To most of us the name "Rainier," tho it may have been the name of a man who was our enemy, has come to mean everything that is grand, majestic, lofty, and to instill reverence and awe.

Let us hope, therefore, that if the name is changed, it will be something that will live up to the mountain, not merely a name like Tacoma, which means anything high. Above all things, if it must be changed, give it an Indian name, so that it may be in keeping with the rest of our glorious state. Yours truly,  
L. M. E.

## RAP AT GOVERNMENT

Editor The Star: The United States navy department has confessed one big reason why the W. R. TRUST must be taken care of by the appropriation of one billion dollars of O. R. (the people's) money.

In the report of the bureau of ordnance to the secretary of the navy, recently issued, Admiral Straus, head of the bureau, makes this statement: "The facilities for the production of smokeless powder and other explosives in the United States have been enormously increased, owing to the demands of the belligerents for these materials. It has taken many months of time and enormous expenditures of money to develop these facilities, and their conservation for the benefit of the U. S. government in time of war is a problem which will require the most careful consideration of the department WHEN THE EUROPEAN WAR IS OVER AND THE PRESENT DEMAND FROM ABROAD HAS CEASED."

Admiral Straus says we must take care of the war trust's enormous factories, built to make big profits out of the murder now going on abroad. Capital invested in them must bring profits after the war as well as now.

That is why our congressmen are going to vote OUR hard-earned money into the hands of the war trust, already stained with its bloody profits from abroad.

ERNEST WILSON.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—"Oh, please don't shoot any more," one of two polite "lady" holdups cried today, when fired on by a policeman. They surrendered, but their male companion escaped.

## We Have Made Good--We Enjoy the Confidence of the Public Our Combination Sale a Big Success

Coming at just the right time of year, this sale has met with the eager approval of the public. We find ourselves in a predicament—we are overstocked and must raise cash. We will not let up in cutting prices until we get relief. Come Saturday and see for yourself.

### XMAS GIFTS

- \$1.25 Novelty Ties.....89c
- \$1.50 Novelty Shirts, Tie and Cuff Buttons to match, the set.....99c
- \$1.00 Thoughtwood for luck Tie and Pin, the set.....49c
- \$1.00 Silk Sox and Garters to match, the set.....49c
- Holiday Suspenders, President, at.....39c
- \$1.00 Ties with genuine Fountain Pen, the set.....65c
- \$10.00 Smoking Jackets.....\$7.48
- \$9.00 Smoking Jackets \$5.29
- \$8.00 Smoking Jackets \$4.98
- \$5.00 Bath Robes.....\$3.45
- \$5.00 Turkish Bath Robes.....\$2.75
- \$1.00 Suspenders and Garters to match, the set.....55c
- \$1.00 Silk Handkerchief, Tie Pin and Tie Holder, the set.....95c
- \$1.50 2 Ties with genuine Leather Belt, the set.....95c
- \$1.50 Silk Sox, Silk Tie, Silk Handkerchief, Tie Rack, French Mirror and 1916 Calendar, the set.....95c

### Men's Hats

- \$1.50 Crush Hats, black and brown.....95c
- \$2.00 Dress Hats.....95c
- \$2.50 Felt Hats.....\$1.23
- \$3.00 The Best Beaver Hats.....\$1.48
- \$5.00 and \$6.00 Velour \$1.95
- \$4.00 J. B. Stetson.....\$2.48

### Men's Furnishings

- \$2.00 Military Flannel Shirts.....95c
- \$1.50 Boys' Hats.....69c
- \$2.00 Boys' Hats.....95c
- 75c Skating Caps.....29c
- 50c Fur-lined Caps.....23c

### Sale Resumed Saturday at 9 a. m.

### MEN'S CLOTHING WE MADE GOOD

We have three lots of broken Suits; former prices were \$20, \$22.50 and \$25

- The fabrics consist of serge, tweeds, worsteds and cassimeres, all of the latest cut and the latest patterns. We have decided to make a still deeper cut and close them out for.....\$9.25
- \$12.50 Youths' Suits, latest cut and patterns; cut price.....\$4.75
- \$15.00 Blue Serges, Tweeds and Gray Clay; cut price.....\$6.75
- \$15.00 Balmacaans, waterproof; cut price.....\$6.95
- \$8.00 Slipons, waterproof; cut price.....\$3.45
- \$20.00 Gabardines, waterproof; cut price.....\$9.95
- \$20.00 Silk-lined Slipons, waterproof; cut price.....\$7.75
- \$20.00 Overcoats; cut price.....\$9.95
- \$30.00 Men's Heavy Blue Serge, English velvet finished; to close them out for.....\$13.50

### We Quit the Boys' Clothing

- \$4.00 Boys' Suits, the latest in Norfolk styles.....\$1.95
- \$5.00 Boys' Suits, the latest in Norfolk styles.....\$2.48
- \$6.00 Boys' Suits, the latest styles, with patch pockets, Norfolk, with two pairs pants lined throughout.....\$2.98
- \$8.00 Boys' Chinella Overcoats, with hat to match; the latest novelty; new creation; to go at.....\$4.45
- \$8.00 Boys' Suits, the best quality, the latest styles in Norfolk, with patch pockets or regular, with two pairs pants lined throughout.....\$3.95
- All-wool Blue Serge Norfolk Suits with pants lined throughout; selling price.....\$3.45
- Boys' Mackinaws, special selling at.....\$2.75, \$3.50 and \$3.95
- Boys' Knee Pants, the last call, go at.....\$1.9c, 25c, 35c and 50c
- Boys' Shirts and Walsts, will sell up to \$1.00, selling now at.....10c, 15c and 25c

### PANTS

- \$2.00 Cassimere Pants \$1.15
- \$3.00 Kersey Pants.....\$1.75
- \$2.50 Tweed Pants.....\$1.45
- \$3.50 Serge Pants.....\$1.95
- \$6.00 Worsteds Pants.....\$2.75

### Men's and Boys' Shoes

- \$3.50 Men's Working Shoes, oak sole bottoms, in black and tan, pair.....\$1.95
- \$4.00 Work Shoes, pr.....\$2.39
- \$2.00 Boys' Shoes, solid oak bottoms, pair.....\$1.19
- \$2.00 Boys' Shoes, pr.....\$1.49
- \$3.50 Dress Shoes, pr.....\$1.75
- \$4.00 Dress Shoes, pr.....\$1.95
- \$5.00 Dress Shoes, pr.....\$2.75
- \$5.00 and \$6.00 Men's and Boys' High-Tops, pr.....\$2.95

Remember, this is one of the oldest stores in Seattle and it has a long-established reputation for honest dealing to maintain. Be sure you find the place—make a note of the address now.

625 First Ave. HIMELHOCH BROS. Foot of Cherry St.

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FIRST & COLUMBIA W. H. FISHER, MGR.

### Suggestions for Gifts FOR MEN AND YOUNG MEN

- Smoking Coats In double-faced chevrons and billiard cloth. Colors, wine, navy, brown, tan, pearl, Oxford. Sizes 36 to 46. Prices \$4.50 to \$12.50.
- Mackinaws.....\$7.50 up
- Silk Neckwear......50 up
- Kid Gloves.....1.50 up
- Silk Hose......25 up
- Handkerchiefs......25 up
- Stylish Shirts.....1.00 up
- Underwear, Suit.....1.00 up
- Fancy Vests.....2.50 up
- Bath Robes In blanket fabrics, flow-ered or figured patterns. Colors, gray, tan, brown, red and blue. Prices \$3.50 to \$7.50.
- Pajamas.....1.50 up
- Night Robes......75 up
- Garters......25 up
- Scarf Pins......50 up
- Cuff Links......50 up
- Umbrellas.....1.00 up
- Correct Hats.....2.00 up
- Suit Cases.....2.50 up

All Men's Suits, Overcoats and Raincoats at 1/4 Off  
All Boys' Suits and Overcoats at 1/4 Off