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FUTILE FIGHTING

Thirty months of war have passed, and the first hint of peace has but now come. Millions of men, whose economic value alone is a thousand times their number and millions in wealth has been wasted, to say nothing of the potential power of the enormous loss. No settlement thus far offered can ever compensate for this loss and the succeeding losses occasioned by it.

Pain, suffering and despair may or may not be compensated by the glory of self-sacrifice, fortitude and patience which the war has demonstrated. England's organization may or may not be robbed of its significance by the disorganization of France. Russia's integration may or may not be worth the price of the further disintegration of Belgium, Greece and the Balkans. Germany's unexampled efficiency may or may not be as valuable as the intellectual freedom of her people.

No bright side of the war but has its dark obverse, but the dark side of destroyed life and property has no bright side. Nothing can replace or compensate.

The place in the sun or the place on the sea will still be in doubt when peace comes. France will have her old boundaries, Germany hers, Russia will lose some outer provinces from her unwieldy bulk, the Balkans will still see the fighting.

The utility of thirty months of the greatest fighting in the world is so apparent that economist, diplomat and statesman cannot soberly and convincingly defend it.

PENNY POSTAGE

A bill has been proposed in Congress making the letter rate for mail sent from one to another part of the same city one cent.

For years there have been men advocating a national penny postage for first class mail to all parts of the United States. Leagues have been formed to carry on the propaganda.

The penny postage is a just adjustment of the postal system within the cities. Why should more be charged when the expense of handling is less than that of inter-city or inter-state mail?

For two cents, at present, you can send a letter from New York to San Francisco and it takes two cents to send a letter to your neighbor who lives just four blocks away. It is equitable that a two cent postage should be maintained for inter-state and inter-city mail and the charge is comparatively small.

The penny postage will cut down the expense of the merchant who mails out his statements of indebtedness each month. There are hundreds of people who will be helped and hundreds of dollars that will be saved to the big and the small producer.

We will welcome the new postage child, the penny city letter.

THE OPEN COLUMN

A public forum for the discussion of things worth-while. Articles should be short and signed by the writer, as proof to the editor of good faith. Signatures will not necessarily be published.

A Pied Piper Wanted.
Needs a Pied Piper: Columbia editor a Pied Piper. The city is over-run with rats. A concerted war on the rodents should be begun.

Driven from one home the animals will seek another. A few citizens protecting themselves against the pests will not safeguard others. A united war on rats is the only effectual way of driving them from Columbia homes.

Rat-proof building construction is named by experts as the most adequate means of combatting the rodents. Concrete floors and partitions will eliminate them from their favorite haunts in the basements. In those buildings where wooden construction allows rats to over-run the premises

SUNDAY WILL BATTLE BROADWAY

Evangelist After Downing the Gay White Lights of Gotham, Will Move On to St. Louis for Next Work.

By United Press
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—With yesterday's announcement that Billy Sunday would invade St. Louis in 1917, Missourians will have a special interest in the evangelist's campaign in New York City, which Sunday starts early in the new year.

Already it is said that powerful forces, both sinister and benign, are lining up on Broadway for the case of Billy Sunday versus Broadway, Wall street, Bohemia, et al. Whether the same methods will be used to combat Billy Sunday's crusade against sin and sinners and booze and boodle when he comes to Missouri's metropolis, the present stronghold of booze and the one-time citadel of boodlers in the state, remains to be seen.

New York Is Wondering.

Just what sort of reception the Rev. Mr. Sunday and his camp meeting style of religious demonstrations will get in New York, the world's gayest, richest, wickedest, most material city, is the subject of much speculation among the residents. He will be the biggest attraction the Old Town has seen for years, and it is predicted that great mobs will literally fight to get near his giant tabernacle.

It will be a battle royal and preparations are being made accordingly. Billy and Broadway have been sparing for position for several years, and now at last the Evangelist is coming to fight the Devil in his own home town.

Broadway, as Broadway, seems to have paid little heed to Sunday's plans. But scratch the surface and you find what Cyclone Davis calls "The Boys of Booze and Boodle" are not asleep.

Sunday Watches Gotham.

The billigerent Billy, although busy with Boston, is watching carefully every move in his preliminary campaign here. Already a small army of Sundayites are organizing the Big Town. On January 24 a brigade of the evangelist's most remarkable trail hitters from every city he has invaded, will march on the metropolis and take it by storm. This is one of the many of the preliminaries calculated to create atmosphere for Billy's coming.

"Billy Sunday, Incorporated," with John D. Rockefeller, Jr., as one of the

principal stockholders, is officially in existence in New York City. Plans for the erection of the mammoth tabernacle, the great pine and sawdust temple for the spiritually unwashed, are well under way. Soon it will rear its rough-hewn dome above the Upper Manhattan hinterland of that Great and Gay White Way, whose gleaming searchlights ever beckon the pleasure-lover from the four corners of the earth. Committeemen and women have divided the city into sections and the population into classes for organization on a house to house and man to man basis. Mrs. William Asher, for instance, has charge of all work among New York scrubwomen, domestics, factory girls and hospital nurses.

No One Is Neglected.

No one has been neglected. Bible meetings and song services will be held daily on the New York Curb and at the portals of the New York Stock Exchange. Wall street will be combed for the spiritually unwashed. That work is even now under way.

Unquestionably, Sunday faces the chance of a lifetime in New York. Here will be Broadway, Citadel of Champagne and home of the Sinfel Supper; Wall street, whose hall mark is Midas shearing a Lamb; Bohemia, with its loose-leaf ledger weddings, its lavender souls and sun-god cults; the slums, steeped in squalor and degradation, from which uptown respectability distills pure gold; the home of the gunman, with his regular scale of murder prices, and of the painted lady who drives her limousine and reckons her income in six figures.

All these and more are here for Sunday to deal with.

Extra Big Choir Planned.

Homer Roddeheaver, Sunday's choir director, expects to organize a double choir of 8,000 to 10,000 voices.

George C. Dowie will lead the prize trail from Philadelphia and elsewhere, some of them having been converted seven years ago. These will be used to prove that Sunday conversions are not "flash-in-the-pan" work.

Nothing is being left undone to pave the way for Sunday's triumphant advance upon New York, nor, on the other hand, is anything being left undone to circumvent his efforts.

wire-traps, smoked to eliminate the odor of human hands and placed in the run-ways or near rat holes, will soon exterminate the animals.

And this is why Columbia citizens should co-operate in a campaign against the rat. It is no respecter of property. One hundred and sixty million dollars worth of property in the United States was destroyed by rats last year. It disseminates bubonic plague, and carries tapeworms, trichinae, flukes, roundworms and other parasites.

The rat is a menace to both health and property and should be systematically exterminated.

and the sciences generally, and it gives pointed suggestions at the end of each chapter for practical and productive work.

(Allyn & Bacon, Chicago; cloth; 488 pages; illustrated.)

The Aldine Spellers.

The Aldine Spellers are designed to do for the teaching of spelling what the Aldine Readers sought to do for the teaching of reading, that is to present the subject by method. It seeks to teach children to spell. The books are not encumbered with useless rules. They are artistically illustrated, partly in color.

THE NEW BOOKS

"Elementary Agriculture,"

"Elementary Agriculture," is a high school textbook by James S. Grim, in an attempt to utilize the social values of farm life as educative material. It aims to make country boys and girls love farm life not only because this life is worthy and wholesome but because farming if directed by a trained mind is a most interesting and profitable calling. The book places the emphasis on doing something as a home exercise and project both for an educational and a material value. It aims to correlate with farm life when possible such related subjects as arithmetic, history, literature, geography.



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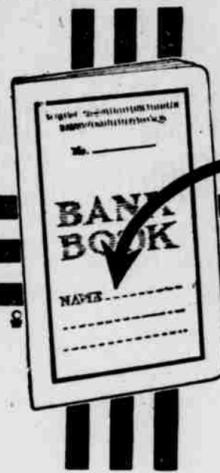
"Katy" to St. Louis

Chicago Heiress Banqueted.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Brilliance such as Chicago society has never seen will

be on parade at the elaborate Yuletide ball in the crystal room of the Blackstone Hotel here tonight, in honor of Miss Lolita Armour, heiress to

many millions, and a Thanksgiving debutante. Music will be furnished by the Yale University Glee, Mandolin and Banjo Clubs.



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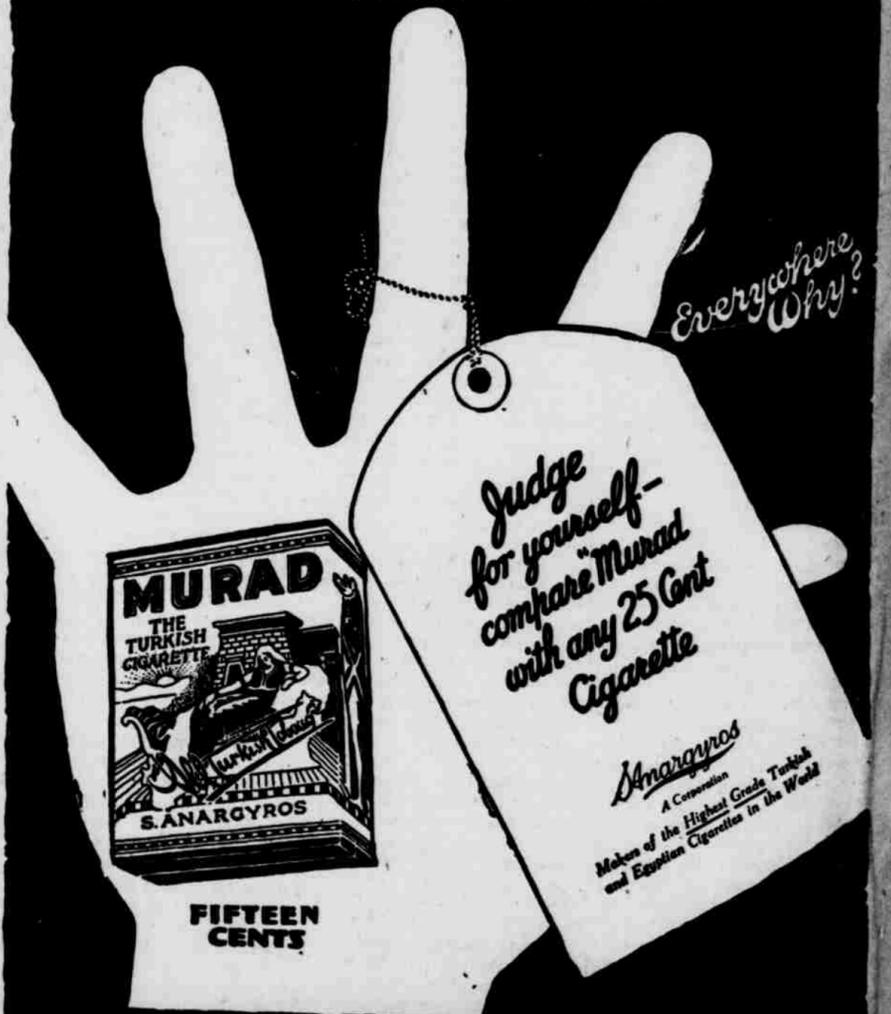
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