

New Year Greetings

We are nearing the close of another year, a new one is coming in, and as we pause on the threshold of a new cycle of time, our sincere wish is that 1916 may unfold 366 Happy and Prosperous days for you and those whose happiness depends on you. With this public appreciation of the confidence and patronage which it has been the good fortune of this store to secure in the past, we offer our heartiest New Year's Greetings to each and everyone.

Peterson & Wellin
STORE OF QUALITY

The Season's Greetings

To our patrons and friends. As the year 1915 draws to a close, we extend best wishes for a

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

to all. We shall endeavor to merit your business in the future, as we have in the past.

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MANY EVENTS OF 1915 AT HOME OVERSHADOWED THE WAR ABROAD

Notable Occurrences at Times Detracted From the Interest In Great European Struggle. Domestic Happenings Gripped Public.

By GEORGE L. KILMER.
THIS year of war has been relieved of its horrors somewhat by unusual events at home which challenged public attention. Throughout the winter and early spring the situation on the high seas as affected by hostilities brought into view the risks and perils to which neutral traffic was subjected by a war which affected the routes most used between America and Europe. Keen public interest, not to say excitement, has frequently been aroused, even up to the close of the year, by the atti-

Recognition of Carranza as Head of Mexico, Eastland Disaster, Wilson's Wedding and Numerous Other Events Marked Year of 1915.

ers, it is fair to estimate that about one-tenth of the population which has passed the stage of babyhood saw the wonderful displays of the resources of the world which were brought together in one inclosure.
Thaw Is Freed.
The Thaw case, which had been relegated to obscurity by the tremendous happenings abroad, was suddenly revived by the extradition of the fugitive for trial in New York state upon the charge of conspiring to escape from the asylum for the detention of insane criminals at Matteawan, N. Y. On that charge Thaw and his abettors in the act were acquitted. The next

accountability and that further acts of the nature of the Lusitania horror would be held as "deliberately unfriendly." As a result of the attitude assumed by the administration Secretary of State Bryan resigned, and the portfolio was given to Robert Lansing.
Our Neutrality Assailed.
Early in the war charges were made in the interest of Germany and Austria-Hungary that partiality was being shown to the allies, and in January the United States government categorically denied twenty specific charges of discrimination against Germany and Austria in international situations created by the war.
Among the early activities of Teuton partisans was the case of dynamiting a bridge on the Canadian border. On Feb. 2 a German named Werner Von Horn made an unsuccessful attempt to blow up with dynamite the bridge across the St. Croix river, connecting the Canadian Pacific and Maine Central railroads.
Another partisan outbreak was the attempt of a German professor named Holt to assassinate J. P. Morgan, the banker, who was accused of aiding the allies. Holt killed himself.
The activities of officials of the German and Austrian governments serving in this country led to the retirement of Dr. Dumba, Austrian ambassador, and Captains Boy-Ed and Von Papan, attaches of German embassy.
Diplomatic relations between the governments of Austria-Hungary and the United States reached an acute stage during December, when this govern-



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1, The Lusitania; 2, Harry Thaw; 3, J. P. Morgan; 4, the Eastland; 5, Frank Holt; 6, Robert Lansing; 7, William Jennings Bryan; 8, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.

tude of belligerent ships' officers and also of the governments behind them with respect to the rights of United States citizens upon the ocean.
Panama-Pacific Fair.
Among the notable events and occurrences which at certain periods and for a longer or shorter time have distracted thought from the vexatious war problems may be mentioned the Panama-Pacific fair, the unique situation in Mexico, the strange denouement in the Harry K. Thaw conspiracy and insanity case and the presidential wedding romance. Opening early and holding on late, the Panama-Pacific fair at San Francisco proved to be an exhibition which in ordinary times would have been a record breaker in the matter of enthusiasm evoked, as well as in attendance and receipts.
In ten months, beginning March 1 and ending July 4, the admission was over 17,000,000. Allowing for repeat-

stage was the examination before a jury as to his fitness to be at large. Here the victim of countless vicissitudes in his long fight for freedom was victor, and he was pronounced sane and set free to go his own way.
Of briefer duration than the Thaw episode, but equally dramatic and intense while it lasted, was the Leo Frank case in Georgia. Frank was sentenced to death, but the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by the governor. In prison he was nearly done to death by a fellow convict and was still suffering when a mob of citizens kidnaped and hanged him, with the avowed purpose of executing the original sentence and ignoring the executive clemency which had been extended in a most extraordinary case.
Warship Parade.
An event heightened by the European war excitement was the parade of the north Atlantic fleet of United States naval vessels in the Hudson river and their review by President Wilson at a time when the tension of this country's relations with Germany was strained to a point where it was thought hazardous for the executive to leave the capital. The ships, numbering sixty-seven, were in the Hudson for ten days, where throngs viewed them at anchor or visited on board. On May 18 the fleet passed out to sea after review by the president and Secretary of the Navy Daniels.
Originally it had been planned to have a naval gathering on the Pacific coast to pass through the Panama canal, led by a vessel having the president on board. The war developments led to the abandonment of that interesting feature of celebration of the completion of the waterway across the isthmus.
Submarine Warfare.
In February Germany extended the war zone to include the English channel, in reprisal for British blockade of neutral ports to shut out supplies from the enemy, began to sink ships sailing under enemy flags on the routes of commerce between the continents. Warning was given that neutral passengers upon enemy owned vessels were in danger. Following upon the sinking of merchant vessels having citizens of the United States on board, and with the loss of American lives on the ocean liner Lusitania, from New York for Liverpool, was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland. About 100 citizens of this country went down.
The state department took the case in hand, and notes were passed between the United States and Germany. Germany was finally warned that this government would hold her to strict

ment sent a note to Austria demanding the disavowal of the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona with the loss of American lives.
Mexico Pacified?
In January a so called convention government was set up in Mexico antagonistic to the Constitutional party, of which General Carranza was chief. In June President Wilson warned the factions in Mexico to make peace. Following that, the A. B. C. powers, which had before acted with this country in efforts to bring about peace in Mexico, held a conference, and it was finally decided to recognize Carranza as the head of the de facto government of Mexico. This was accomplished in October. Meanwhile a revolution in Haiti led this government to interfere for the protection of United States interests. Troops were landed, and fighting took place. Also on the Mexican border many collisions have occurred between United States troops and Mexicans of different factions.
Various Events.
At the close of the summer outing season it was announced that President Wilson was affianced to Mrs. Edith B. Galt of Washington. After some weeks an ardent public curiosity and desire to know the time and place of the nuptials were appeased by the news that it would take place in Washington on the 18th of December.
Outside of the war zone in Europe there have been few steamship disasters attended with heavy loss of life. One of the saddest for many years was the overturning of the excursion steamer Eastland in the Chicago river on July 24, with the loss of 881 lives.
Recently wireless telephoning has been accomplished between Arlington, Va., and Paris, San Francisco and Honolulu. Explorer Stefansson was heard from after a silence of seventeen months. The European war brought to the fore the question of adequate national defense, and the result of many months of discussion and planning is now or soon will be before congress in the shape of bills to nearly double the standing army, create a big reserve force and add to the number of battleships and submarines.
On Dec. 11 the Chinese council of state tendered the throne to Yuan Shih Kai, president of the republic.
The year's necrology includes General Porfirio Diaz, former president of Mexico; Conant, the artist; Creelman, journalist; Hopkinson Smith, artist and author; Mary Ann Jackson, widow of "Stone-wall" Jackson; W. R. Nelson, editor; Herman Ridder of the New Yorker; Staats-Zeltner; Albert G. Spaulding, ex-Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, General B. F. Tracy and Booker T. Washington.

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To Our Friends and Customers:
We wish you all a Happy New Year and extend to you all our sincere thanks for the liberal patronage given us. Hoping we may continue to share in your good will in the future
We beg to remain,
Yours very respectfully,
BERKNES, LUNDBERG & CO.

To All Our Friends and Customers

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

May 1916 bring you continued health, prosperity and happiness. We also wish to thank you all for the splendid patronage given our store in the Past. We trust we shall receive and merit your business during the coming year.

WEUM CLOTHING CO.

EDW. M. ELKJER, Mgr.
Willmar, Minn.

Died in Oregon.
Christina Bornstedt, aged 64, a native of Sweden, died Saturday the 13th, of a complication of diseases, at her home at 8612 65th Ave. SE. She had been ill for several months.
Mrs. Bornstedt leaves her husband, Frederick Bornstedt, and several sons and a daughter, Mrs. Mabel Fague, of Lents. The sons include F. H. C. and Fritz Bornstedt, of North Dakota, and George. Edward and Theodore of Portland, George being in the city water office; Edward, a grocer, while Theodore is yet a school boy. It is expected that the children will be present at the funeral which will be held Saturday at Kenworthy's, at 1:30. Rev. W. Boyd Moore officiating.—Mt. Scott Herald, Lents, Ore.
The Bornstedt family lived in Roseland, Kandiyohi county, from 1896 to 1902, and have lived in Oregon since 1905. The boys in North Dakota arrived for the funeral and the six sons were the pall bearers.

For the unprecedented business we have enjoyed the past year, we thank you, and at this time we wish to extend to all best wishes for
A Happy and Prosperous New Year
We shall endeavor during 1916 to merit a continuance of your business.

Andrew Peterson
The Furniture Man
Willmar, Minn.

OUR THANKS TO YOU

WE desire to express our sincere thanks for the liberal patronage that the public has given our store during the season of 1915. We are pleased, for it proves that our efforts to give the best values and service are appreciated. We hope to merit a continuance of favors and an expansion of our business in 1916, and wish all our customers a most prosperous and
HAPPY NEW YEAR
Anderson Bros. & Co.
FOURTH STREET JEWELERS