

If the country had only stood pat in 1912 there would now be no hard times or war tax.

It seems the Mann act is to be repealed because too many women are taking advantage of it.

Times never get so hard that Santa Claus is thrown out of his job, though at present he is not working over-time.

The President never once referred to "watchful waiting wins." Perhaps he has come to the conclusion that it didn't.

The Secretary of the Treasury wants to make the war tax permanent. It will be, as long as the Democratic party is in power.

European statesmen must have sleepless nights of late if they have any conscience at all. They should have heaps of dead men on their minds.

Mr. Bryan don't seem quite so peerless to many of his Democratic friends since he intimated that the party should divorce itself from whiskey support.

President Wilson stated in his recent message to Congress that the way was now open to honest business. But will it be closed to the dishonest business man?

Our Democratic exchanges that have been seeing prosperity rushing upon us as the result of their party's rule have not yet had to dodge to keep from being run over by it.

As soon as the family row is over, those dear relatives, King George, Kaiser Wilhelm and Czar Nicholas, will go visiting among each other again and meet with embraces and kisses.

The State of Missouri has not funds enough to pay pensions to the ex Confederates. It needs the money to pay the army of relatives employed by the heads of the various state departments.

For the benefit of the Ironton Register, which seems to have overlooked the fact, we mention again that a free soup house has been opened in St. Louis, where a thousand or more jobless men are fed every day. Quite like the days of 1893.

If our soldiers down on the Mexican border are getting in the way of bullets fired across the line by the Mexicans, what's the matter with moving the soldiers out of range? If we are not inclined to take a hand down there, what is our army doing in that neighborhood, anyway?

Someone predicted the other day that Roosevelt would be a candidate for President in 1916 on the Prohibition ticket. This prophet is making a poor guess, however. Judging from his recent remarks on the liquor interests and the Democratic party, it is much more likely that Wm. J. Bryan will be the nominee of the Prohibition party, on a grape-juice-platform.

Congressman Sereno E. Payne of New York died suddenly in Washington last Thursday night. Mr. Payne had much to do in shaping the last Republican tariff act and thus gave it his name. While that tariff may not have been the best tariff law ever framed, as President Taft once spoke of it, it was incomparably superior to the one the Democrats made to supplant it. The Payne tariff was at once a business promoter and a revenue getter, and in this respect it stands out with scintillating brilliancy in contrast with the present tariff law, which is not capable of either of these things. Mr. Payne was a "standpatter," which events have proven to mean that he stood for something different in the way of national prosperity, welfare and happiness than that which has been foisted upon the country by the party that has held "standpattism" up to opprobrium.

## LOW PRICE SALE!

BEGAN NOVEMBER 18th AND LASTS UNTIL DECEMBER 25th.

On account of the largest stock of goods we have ever bought, we must raise \$10,000 between now and January 1st to pay our bills, and the only way to get this money is through the sale of the goods. We have, therefore, determined on this Stupendous Reduction Sale.

### NOTE PRICES QUOTED BELOW

<b>MEN'S OVERCOATS AND SUITS.</b>		<b>SILK SCARFS.</b>	
We have a big lot of Men's Overcoats regular price \$8.00, sale price	4.75	Ladies' Silk Scarfs reduced to	1.25
Men's All Wool Serge Suits, regular price	8.50	Others as low as 25c,	
Big lot of Men's Suits, regular price	13.00, sale price	<b>DRY GOODS.</b>	
Men's Navy Blue Serge Suits, regular price, 12.00; sale price	7.75	Flannellets, regular price 10c, now 8 1/2 & 7 1/2 c	
Men's Pants, All Wool Serge, regular price 3.25, sale price	2.50	Dress Gingham, guaranteed good washable, regular price 10c, sale price	8 1/2 c
Men's Heavy, All-Wool Pants, formerly sold at 3.50, now	2.90	Apron Gingham, reg. price 10c, now 7 1/2 c & 5c	
Men's Pants, formerly 1.75, now	1.25	Heavy Fleece-lined Dress Goods, was 12 1/2 c, now goes at	8 1/2 c
Men's Pants, formerly 2.50, sale price	1.75	Toweling, regular price 10c, now	7 1/2 c
Boys' Suits, from 4 to 16 years, former price 2.50, now	1.75	Good Towels, regular price per pair 30c, now sold at	20c
<b>LADIES' COATS.</b>		Men's Cotton Hose, were 10c, now	7 1/2 c
Ladies' Coats are marked down for this sale to 9.00 and some as low as	3.00	Men's Heavy Work Suspenders and Sunday Suspenders, were 30c, now go at	15c
Children's Coats will go at this sale at 3.00 and some as low as	1.25	Turkey Red Table Cloth, regular price 30c, now out to	20c
<b>LADIES' SKIRTS AND SUITS.</b>		Calico, per yard, now goes at	4 1/2 c
Ladies' All Wool Dress Skirt, former price 4.50, now	2.50	Silk Stripe Poplin, all shades, regular price 30c per yard, now	20c
Ladies' Skirts, former price 2.00, now	1.25	Good, Heavy Whitecord Dress Goods, formerly sold at 20c per yard, now	10c
Ladies' Suits, formerly sold at 8.00 and 10.00, now go for	5.00 and 6.00	We have about 3000 yards of this goods which we must sacrifice.	
<b>MEN'S CAPS, HATS, SHIRTS and UNDERWEAR</b>		White Table Linen, which was 50c per yard, now sold at	30c
Men's Heavy Caps and Hats are reduced so low it will pay you to get one and hold it in reserve.		<b>GROCERIES.</b>	
Men's Wool Shirts, former price 1.50, sale price	1.00	We have also a large stock of Groceries, which we must reduce, and prices are therefore dropped to the last notch.	
Men's Shirts, formerly sold at 1.25, now	.75	Sugar 16 lbs. for \$1.00	
Men's Heavy Cotton Shirts, former price 50c, now cut to	.35	Coffee, 12 1/2 c per lb. Rice, 5c per lb.	
Men's Heavy Fleece-lined Underwear that sold for 1.00 a suit, now goes at	.80	<b>WATCHES AND JEWELRY</b>	
<b>SWEATERS.</b>		We have a large stock of Men's and Ladies Watches and Rings on which we have cut prices to tempt the buyer.	
Men's Heavy Sweaters, formerly sold at 3.00, sale price	1.75	Elgin Watches, 18 and 16 sizes, nickel case open face, were 7.50, now go at	4.50
Men's Heavy Sweaters, former price 75c, now	.45	Dollar Watches, guaranteed for one year, will go at this sale for	75c
Ladies' Sweaters from 2.50 down as low as 50c		See our stock of Solid Gold Rings, plain and set, and select your presents for Christmas.	
Children's Sweaters at the lowest prices ever made in Potosi.		We have thousands of other articles, which lack of space forbids mention, but on all of which we have cut the prices.	

Bargains as Long as the Goods Last

## ABRAHAM NAJIM, POTOSI, MO.

There is a good deal of discussion just now as to whether the United States is prepared for war. If we are in no better position now in that respect than we were at the outset of the Spanish war, we would make a poor showing indeed against a first-class military power, and in view of the advance in modern warfare since that time, it is not very probable that we are much better off in the means of waging a successful war. Peace is a fine thing and we hope we may never see the day again when the American people will be called upon to break it; but when we are in dispute with another nation our own inclination toward peace must be subordinated to the other fellow's inclination to fight; and when the other fellow is ready to fight, we may take it for granted that he is fully equipped for it. That the United States could be conquered and subjected to foreign rule is beside the question. We would smother an invading force in the course of time by sheer force of numbers, but it would cost us dear before we could do it without an equipment equal to that of the invader. While it may look like foolishness to spend money for arms while there is no probability of war, it is really no more foolish than to spend money for fire insurance on your house while there is little probability of its burning down, yet we insure the house. Until all modern nations can agree on a policy of disarmament, we will have to spend money on preparation for war as insurance against damage from the nation who may be ready to fight us.

### Washington's Attitude.

The President's message given to the public yesterday is more significant in what it omits than in what it contains. It is, in effect, the evidence that a thoroughly conscientious and energetic man realizes, tardily, that a nation's life, like the life of an

individual, is a matter of conditions rather than of theories. President Wilson as a theorist is a man to be respected. As an executive and as a pilot of the Ship of State, he has been, during the two years of his incumbency in office, a failure. There is something wholly bewildering in the fact that the industrial status of the Nation has steadily gone from bad to worse ever since President Taft left Washington. There is no question of partisan bias, of narrow strategic argument, in the statement that the administration must have been at fault in this relationship. The old argument that Republican capitalists may always put all kinds of obstacles in the way of the success of a Democratic president is a childish one. All capitalists are not Republicans. Many of them are not politicians at all, to any considerable extent. And those among them who are not obsessed with political affairs would be quick enough to seize the opportunity to forward their own enterprises, if there were any merely strategic motive on the part of other manufacturers and men of large activities, who, according to the puerile charge, put on the brakes when to do so means the discrediting of a political party. The President's message manifests a lack of assurance, of confidence, of definiteness. It may easily be seen that its author realizes that no amount of excellent theorizing can be set against the fact that the Nation is in distress—and at a time when no natural causes are to be suggested as an explanation. The one pertinent paragraph is that which is said to be an afterthought, interpolated for the reassurance of the "business man." (One wonders why the whole message should not have been addressed to the business man as to any other. And if it is not for the business man, then

for whom is it intended?) This passage is irksomely eloquent as usual; but at least it gives gratifying evidence of the President's realization of the fact that the most ideally constructed mill is worthless unless grist can be brought to it and its wheels can be set in motion.—St. Louis Times. If the Editor Had the Nerve. Last week we received an invitation to buy a bale of cotton. Say, Willibald, the way things are going we'll be lucky if we can buy a spool of cotton. Gee! If we only had the nerve! What we couldn't do! Had we been born with the rind of some people we know, here is what you would find on these pages from week to week: "On account of the European war the subscription price of this paper has been raised to \$5 a year, cash in advance. On account of the loss from import duties advertising rates will be increased to 50 cents an inch." "We are pained to announce that, owing to the almost complete suspension of the importation of chemicals, obituary poems will cost you 10 cents a line hereafter." "It being impossible to export prunes to Prezemysl, notices of church suppers will be charged for at the rate of \$2 each and two tickets to the supper." "Resulting from the suspension of regular shipping facilities between this town and the Gulf of Obigosh, all pumpkins, apples, potatoes, corn, grapes, etc., brought to this office under the pretext of exhibition to the editor will be seized as contraband of war." "All persons owing this paper more than a year's subscription will be shot as spies."—Axtell (Kan.) Standard. HAVE YOUR JOB PRINTING DONE AT THE JOURNAL OFFICE.

### Suggests New Plan For School Reading.

The public school is one of the most wasteful institutions in the state," says J. L. Meriam, professor of school supervision at the University of Missouri, at Columbia. "To illustrate this waste, take the buying of school books. When a class of thirty runs out of reading matter the parents pay \$10 for thirty new books, all alike. They have only 120 pages of new reading material. That class had better been supplied with different books which would give the pupils thirty times the amount of reading they are now getting in a large percentage of schools." Professor Meriam says that reading is more efficiently taught from different readers than when each pupil has read the story two or three times. There is no chance for the pupil to become interested in what another pupil is reading if the story is stale to him. Again, there is no incentive to the reader to try to read well when he knows that no other pupil cares anything about his reading.

### Our "Neutrality."

The President's announcement that in his opinion the spirit of neutrality would be violated if submarines should be constructed in this country for the use of any of the warring nations, may be welcomed as an indication that the true meaning of the word "neutrality" has begun to dawn on the persons responsible for the conduct of national affairs. Until quite recently every move that might by any means be construed as of possible advantage to Germany was sure to be promptly squelched, while the allies had but to intimate a wish to have Washington hasten to comply with it. This subservience on part of our Administration called forth indignation and disgust in German-American circles, and the stinging rebuke administered to the Democracy in the November election was largely due to this cause, even the German-American press of Democratic leaning having condemned the attitude of Wilson, Bryan et al. in no uncertain terms. The lesson seems to have had the desired effect, and if from now on our obligations to the various parties in the European conflict shall be more carefully weighed and more conscientiously carried out, this may be regarded as a triumph achieved by the German-American voters.—St. Louis Westliche Post. In Belgium—And Here. No doubt your farm does look quiet, my sad-eyed Belgian friend. The German troops took all you had, and stood your house on end; they hitched your horses to their guns, chopped off the heifer's neck. You say they acted just like Huns, and left your place a wreck. In spite of that, and even so, though you have suffered much, you have no corner on the woe, and neither have the Dutch, for I will show you, my good guest, if you're inclined to doubt, a scene here in this peaceful West to make you eyes stick out. You see this farm without a speck of paint upon the house which stands, a quaint and green-some wreck, unfit for man and mouse? The barn, you see, leans all awry, the orchard hangs its head, the weeds, observe, are standing guard about us every

## A SAFE BANK

When men send out circulars with fairy tales of 600 or 150 or 50 per cent per annum, the financial investor had better put his money in the bank. It is better to be sure of 3 per cent and one's principal than to luxuriate on 150 per cent dividends for two or three weeks and then lose both dividends and principal.—Chicago Tribune, editorial.

### HOW TRUE THE ABOVE ARTICLE.

Can you not call to mind men who have wasted their entire sustenance on some crazy, get-rich-quick scheme?

Let us care for your investments.

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where, the cows, asleep in the front yard, have even lost their hair.

He stood a siege of 15 years, my friend Josiah Thorn, surrendering at last in tears to Sir John Barleycorn. Josiah fought a valiant fight, albeit he fought in vain, for Barleycorn worked day and night, in sunshine and in rain.

The army which invades your land would not cause such distress; "No quarter" signs on every hand, foul crime without redress! Go home and beg the Belgian folks to send assistance here to help the helpless whiskey soaks, to fight o'd Colonel Beer.—Chas. B. Driscoll.

### He Woke Up.

John Gorman, a boiler-maker of Redwood City, California, went to bed on the S. P. tracks. An engine struck him and knocked him 20 feet. A wagon starting to a hospital with him, hit a rut. Gorman bounced out. He was laid on an operating table and his wounds dressed. A patrol wagon took him to the county jail and he was carried up a flight of stairs, sound asleep, all the time. At 8 the next morning a factory whistle blew. Gorman awoke. "I'll bet I'm late for work," he remarked. He was.

### DON'T LEAVE POTOSI.

No Need to Seek Afar. The Evidence Is At Your Door.

No need to leave Potosi to hunt up proof, because you have it here at home. The straightforward statement of a Potosi resident like that given below, bears an interest for every man, woman or child here in Potosi.

Eugene Hayes, Potosi, Mo., says: "Some time ago I had a lame back and pains across my loins. It hurt me to stoop or lift and my back was stiff and lame when I first got up of a morning. Doan's Kidney Pills gave me prompt relief." Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Hayes had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

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### DIRE PENALTIES FOR ERRORS

Italian Government Severe on Subordinates Who May Happen to Do the Wrong Thing.

General Agliardi, the nephew of a cardinal has been put on the retired list because, when captured by rebels with six other officers, he surrendered his sword. He is the victim of the policy followed for fifteen years by Italian rulers towards the masses. General Agliardi, who proved himself a brave soldier in three wars and was promoted to be a general after the Turkish war, cannot possibly be suspected of cowardice, but thought to interpret the policy of the government by refraining from useless resistance—it being a case of seven men against 500—which would have led only to bloodshed with greater complications. His case is not isolated in Italian history. Crispien once endeavored to conclude a modus vivendi between the Quirinal and the Vatican, and seemed about to succeed when, instead, the negotiations failed. The duke of Torlonia, then mayor of Rome, knowing nothing of the latter fact, and thinking to accomplish a master-stroke, went to the Cardinal Vicar to present the felicitations of Rome on the occasion of the birthday of the pope. Crispien dismissed him immediately.

### Harpooned Big Shark.

To harpoon a shark in the Delaware bay with a weapon hastily constructed from a section of a bamboo fishing rod and a clasp knife was the experience of William Maag, clerk in the Dover (Del.) post office. He and his companions were fishing in a rowboat when they noticed that the baited hooks and sinkers of their lines had been snapped off. Maag said that a shark was near by, and he began to shape the crude harpoon. A few minutes later the shark appeared less than twenty feet away. Maag threw the harpoon. The shark leaped from the water and then headed for the boat. Maag's companions rowed desperately and pulled out of danger. Then began a struggle that continued for a quarter of an hour. The shark finally died from loss of blood. The men's capture weighed 250 pounds and measured seven feet.

### Water Famine.

"You fellows in the city welcome a cold snap," says a country correspondent. "You pretend you don't, but you do. Frightful weather means headlines in the papers, and consequent news and excitement to you. To us in the country it means actual physical suffering. It's the same way with every inconvenience. If your water is pronounced unwholesome, what do you do? You go to the store and buy bottled water. We can't do that in the country. Last year we had a water famine down in the little town where I live. Had to distill our water by a slow and painful process. One afternoon my wife came to me and said: "Well, my dear, what would be better to do this evening—wash Bobby's face or have boiled potatoes for supper?"

### Not to Be Envid.

"Dobbs has a charming home, a pretty wife, a smart baby and a motor car. What more does he want?" "You can't always tell whether a man is happy or not by outward appearances. Dobbs' home is heavily mortgaged, his wife has an artistic temperament, his baby is monopolized by his wife's relatives, and his motor car is a last year's model."

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