

THE PRIZE WINNERS AT HOWLANDS DOLL SHOW

**HUMAN INTEREST NOTES  
FOUND IN THE  
LATEST WAR BULLETINS**

**Austria Firm Against Italy**

Rome, Feb. 27.—References are made with official sanction in the Austrian press of negotiations between Italy and Austria and Germany concerning compensations to be granted to Italy to insure her neutrality. It is not believed that Austria will make any cession of territory to Italy and that intervention will be merely delayed, not prevented.

**One Killed in Italian Riot**

Genoa, Feb. 27.—One man was killed and many were hurt in riots at Ventimiglia which resulted from a neutrality demonstration. A throng that favored Italian intervention clashed with the peace propagandists and the police and carabinieri had a hard time restoring order.

**Conserve Potato Supply**

Berlin, Feb. 27.—The Bundesrath, having learned that German farmers were using potatoes too freely for fodder, has raised the prices of potato products. It is believed this will prevent the consumption of potatoes by cattle.

**Higher Price For Beer**

London, Feb. 27.—The Chronicle says that the first rise in the price of beer in Berlin has taken place. It is only a small rise, but the butchers are indignant. The three prices of beer in Berlin, according to quality, were 10, 15 and 20 pennings a glass. They are now 18 and 21.

**Order Chinese Deported**

London, Feb. 27.—The Evening News publishes a despatch from Rotterdam saying that owing to the shortage of food in Germany the German authorities have ordered the expulsion of 500 Chinese. A strong Netherlands police force has been sent to the frontier to prevent these men from entering Dutch territory, and complications are expected, the correspondent declares.

**Vienna Despatches Forwarded from "Veritas to Reser"**

Vienna despatches forwarded from "Veritas to Reser" telegrams company state that the Austrian Minister of Education has authorized the employment of school children in the fields where labor is scarce, closing schools if necessary.

**German Sees War Deadlock**

Paris, Feb. 27.—Among the prisoners of war, who have arrived in France recently is Lieut. Otto W., who is an important Bavarian banker. He spoke freely to a personal friend, a Frenchman. He admitted that the campaign was not fulfilling the announcements made by the German Headquarters Staff. This officer said he was convinced that it was impossible to crush Germany, but that fifty years would be necessary to restore her economically if she should get no war indemnity. He added:

"When the war is finished it will be necessary to withdraw annually a portion of all paper money that has been issued. The necessary money will be found easily by heavily taxing private fortunes. The preliminary work made in France as the basis of an income tax will serve us as a means of striking private fortunes in France with a proportional tax payable immediately, if Germany wins."

Lieut. Otto W. believes that so far the fight has been equal.

**War Speaker Falls Dead**

Milan, Feb. 27.—Signor Mosti-Trotti, a Radical Deputy, died suddenly today while he was delivering a speech in favor of the intervention of Italy in the war.

Signor Mosti-Trotti was addressing a large crowd in the Verdi Theatre. His remarks stirred the crowd deeply. As he reached the climax of his speech, amid an unusually enthusiastic outburst of applause, he suddenly pitched forward dead.

**Belgium Grateful For Aid**

London, Feb. 27.—Herbert C. Hoover, Chairman of the American Belgian Relief Committee, has received a telegram from Belgium asking him to express the thanks of that country to the United States for American assistance in Belgium's extremity. The message, which is from the Provincial Committee of Liege, reads as follows:

"Representatives of 900,000 Belgians in the Province of Liege, who have met together on the anniversary of the birthday of George Washington, send these expressions of their most lively gratitude for the sympathy and the admirable generosity which you and members of the Relief Committee for Belgium have shown them. They beg you to communicate this expression for them to President Wilson and to send the heartfelt thanks of little Belgium to great America."

Story of a Ring That Kills

Paris, Feb. 27.—"Pillaging its own punishment," might be the title of a letter published in today's Excelsior, which withholds the name of the writer—a French Countess whose genuineness the Excelsior guarantees—for "obvious reasons."

Writing from Paris she states that her country chateau recently was ransacked by Germans among the objects stolen being an ancient ring of

great value and beauty which was concealed in the drawer of a desk. The ring is alleged to possess a poisonous property which, actuated by the natural heat of the wearer's finger, produces death infallibly within a fortnight. Its history—which, she asserts, is terrible—proves its deadliness, though its appearance gives no warning.

The Countess expresses the hope that the ring as an art treasure will be considered a suitable present to the commanding officer and ultimately will come into possession of the Kaiser, and be used by him for his personal adornment.

**Staples School Pupils  
Have Holiday Program**

The pupils of Miss Fitzroy's room, Staples school, had a patriotic entertainment, Wednesday afternoon. There was a large attendance. There was a one act play entitled "In Old Colonial Days," in which Israel Fasserman impersonated Uncle Sam, while Frank Teller impersonated George Washington. There were vocal solos by Lillian Tearne, violin duet by Anna Rusiak and Martha Berger and a colored sketch by Steve Mihaly and Louis Leonowicz. This play was successful and \$16.05 was taken in, to help defray the expenses of the Stereoscope Pictures recently purchased by the school. At the close of the entertainment the children sang, "The Star Spangled Banner."

**PROTEST AGAINST ITALIAN  
PROHIBITION ON MEETINGS.**

Rome, Feb. 27.—Vehement attacks on the government were made in the chamber of deputies yesterday by the Extremists because of instructions given Prefects to prohibit meetings even when they are described as private if there is reason to believe they would result in disorders. The order was designed to prevent clashes over the question of Italy's neutrality. A tumult arose when the Extremists declared the prohibition of such meetings was a suppression of liberty and in violation of law.

Premier Salandra replied that the instructions to the Prefects were designed to protect liberty, threatened by violence.

**BIG COTTON SHIPMENTS.**

Galveston, Tex., Feb. 27.—Cotton and cotton products valued at \$1,866,433 were cleared from this port today in five steamers for trans-Atlantic ports, according to figures from the local customs house. Three vessels departed yesterday bearing 41,080 bales of cotton.

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**SAYS U. S. SHOULD  
AID PEACE LEAGUE**

**Edwin D. Mead Opens National Peace Conference at Chicago Today**

Chicago, Feb. 27.—A national peace conference was opened here today for the purpose of adopting a plan by which the sympathy, influence and aid of the American people may be tendered nations involved in the war and the cause of early peace promoted. The conference will close tomorrow night.

Edwin D. Mead, of Boston, in an address, said that in the present European crisis the neutral nations had been silent too long.

"Their representatives should meet in conference upon the common welfare and our own government should take the lead," Mr. Mead said. "We should take a strong part in the creation of a league of peace. Our people must give definite and persistent thought to their opportunity and duty."

"The absence of women from the councils of state partially, if not largely, is responsible for the continuance of the plague of war upon earth," said Dr. Steven S. Disc, Rabbi of the Free Synagogue of New York. "Is War Curable?" was the question discussed. The belief that map was born a

fighting animal and must forever remain one," Dr. Wise said, "the most immoral of all moral heresies," and he viewed diplomacy's hidden ways as one of the ultimate causes not only of the present war but virtually of all wars.

"A substitute for war must and can be found," Dr. Wise said. "There must be some outlet for the passion of men to serve and strive together, some opportunity for the play of social instinct which burns within men and is ready to merge the interest of the cities in the interest of the country."

**Brotherhoods of the  
Local Churches To  
Aid Fund Campaign**

A practical demonstration of what the church brotherhoods of Bridgeport mean to the city will be given next week, when 100 men, practically all of them volunteers from these church organizations, will "get on the firing line" in a movement to raise by public subscription the 1915 budgets of the Charity Organization Society and the Housing association.

Plans for the first meeting of these workers were being closed by the general committee today. It is to be held at the Y. M. C. A. next Monday, beginning with supper at 6:15. The campaigners will name the leaders of their "teams" and will receive their instructions. "Talking points" will be given them and two or three speakers will be heard. The plans for the campaign have been so sim-

plified that no individual worker is to be overburdened. Each of the 100 men will receive the names of ten prospective subscribers on whom he is to call. The subscription seeker will have a full week to make these calls, will make them at hours most convenient to him, and as far as possible the calls he is to make will be in the neighborhood of his own home.

The kind of work that the men in this campaign will undertake is the kind that builds the civic institutions of American cities and they are going into it entirely with a sense that they have a civic duty to perform for Bridgeport. They believe in the philanthropic cause they will be serving, and are hopeful that they will find the public as strong in the same faith.

The brotherhood of the First Methodist church is starting a new year and the first thing it has done is to name a "team" for the coming campaign. The men on this team are enthusiastic and say they intend to set a pace for the teams of the other brotherhoods to measure up to while the campaign is on. The First Methodist team includes Bertram O. Moody, new president of the brotherhood; J. P. Horton, the new secretary; John H. Smith, Charles R. Shaffer, George Bishop, Frank Hackett, F. W. Puffer and Edward M. MacCutcheon.

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ENDS This Week, Sat. Night ENDS  
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**Britain's Subjects  
At American Mission  
Safe, Declare Turks**

Boston, Feb. 27.—The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions received a letter today from the American minister at Constantinople, Henry Morgenthau, stating that the Turkish authorities had assured him that Canadians and English subjects connected with American missions would be treated with the same consideration shown Americans. The letter was dated Jan. 21.

**Riot in Italy When  
Pro-War and "Antis"  
Start Demonstrations**

Genoa, Feb. 27.—One person was killed and many were wounded during riots at Ventimiglia which resulted from a demonstration in favor of the maintenance of neutrality by Italy. A counter demonstration by persons desiring the intervention of Italy in the war led to a serious fight. Police and carabinieri interfered but were unable to restore order for some time. During the fighting several of the police and a major of the carabinieri were injured.

Hundreds of Hollanders are stranded in London as a result of the Dutch government ordering Dutch steamship companies not to take passengers until their ships are in no danger from mines or torpedoes.

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