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TWO SIDES TO EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

"Well, I suppose you are prepared to do your Christmas shopping early this year and get it over with?" suggested the suburbanite with the astrakhan cap as he settled into the seat beside the confirmed commuter.

"That's the advice we get from every side at this time of the year." The confirmed commuter grunted. "It's no more than right, too," went on the cheerful suburbanite, extending his hand for the other man's cigar stump, with which he evidently desired to light his pipe. "We ought to show some consideration for the tired clerks in the stores."

"Yes, I suppose there is something in that," admitted the commuter. "Still, if I do my shopping at this stage of the game I take a lot of precautions."

"Why?" asked the man with the astrakhan cap.

"The commuter turned and gazed solemnly at the suburbanite with the astrakhan cap. "Let me tell you something," he said suddenly. "I've learned some things by experience and I'm going to give you the benefit of them. Last year I got all full of this early shopping idea. Accordingly I sallied in to clean up my list of presents the first week in December. I didn't tell my wife anything about it—I was going to be foxy, you understand, and tickle her to death by trotting out a wagon load of Christmas truck just about the time she began to talk about going shopping and asking her if I wasn't bright, getting into the game so early."

"I hid away all my plunder until a week before Christmas. I had all the trunks and closets in the house stacked up like a department store. I was in a constant state of nervous dread lest my wife should stumble upon my hoard of bargains before I was ready to spread them before her in all their gorgeousness. She didn't stumble a bit."

"One evening she suggested that we ought to begin thinking about our Christmas shopping. That was my time to gloat."

"Oh, don't worry about that," I told her. "I've got all that taken care of. I did my shopping early. It's all over."

"She took one look at me—just about as she might look at me if I had idly confessed to murdering the baby."

"Do you mean to say," she said, in that tone of suppressed excitement which begins a row, "that you did all that shopping without me? Without giving me a chance to—help you? I can't believe it!"

"I didn't feel quite so big by that time and my voice was a bit weak when I went on to explain that I had tried to save her the trouble of plunging into the Christmas shopping crowds and battling her way to the counters in the last week of the rush. Do you think she appreciated that? Do you think she thought that I had

been doing her a favor? Why, man, she wanted to do the snopping in the big crush. She felt that she was cheated out of her inalienable right to do battle with her kind at the bargain counters!"

"I hadn't thought of that phase of it," admitted the man with the astrakhan cap.

"Yes, and more than that," went on the seasoned commuter. "When I brought out my purchases and exhibited them with more or less pardonable pride, everything I had bought was wrong! The presents wouldn't do at all. I had a shaving mug for Uncle George and it seems he had let his beard grow for twenty-five years and it was three feet long. I had dolls and a bunch of rattles for Aunt Minnie's kids and I found out that the youngest went into high school that year. That's the way it went. I was left with all this truck on my hands and my wife plunged into the thickest of the fight two days before Christmas and bought a whole lot more truck—and the worse of it was that she dragged me all over town with her and made me carry the bundles."

"The man with the astrakhan cap coughed and began to refill his pipe. "It's a hard-luck story, all right," he said. "Still, there's no law against a man's taking his wife into his confidence when he goes shopping for Christmas presents."—Chicago Daily News.

TAKES ISSUE WITH ROOSEVELT

MRS. CATHERINE WAUGH McCULLOUGH SAYS PRESIDENT IS MISINFORMED.

CHICAGO, December 4.—Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCullough, justice of the peace, in commenting on President Roosevelt's views on woman suffrage, said this afternoon:

"We have been trying to go about the expression of our desires in a quiet, ladylike manner. This talk about the home and care of the family is all very beautiful, but is not the president aware that there are from 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 women in the United States who are forced to leave their homes to go out and make a living? And nine-tenths of our women do their own housework, which is just as hard work as any man has to do."

"I recall a meeting between Mr. Roosevelt and the president of the New Orleans Women's Suffrage club not long ago."

"I am more than pleased to meet you," said the latter, "because I understand you favor our cause."

"You bet I do!" declared the president, emphatically.

"There doesn't seem to be any lukewarmth about that, does there?"

"And as to the states in which women now vote, I think the president is misinformed. I have gone to some pains in the compilation of statistics proving that there are no four states in the union in which men alone vote which are as progressively legislated as the four western states where the women have won their fight."

NAVAL WAR WILL BE THE TOPIC

Conference to Frame Rules for Conflicts at Sea Opens in British Capital.

TEN NATIONS REPRESENTED.

Rights of Search, Contraband and Seizure of Blockade Runners Some of the Questions at Issue.

LONDON, England, December 4.—The conference of the powers called by Great Britain for the framing of a code of laws for naval warfare and for the formation of the international prize court recommended by The Hague congress was opened at the foreign office today. With an interval for the Christmas holidays, it is expected that the conference will continue until February 1. At the request of the British government the powers which accepted invitations to the conference have forwarded a list of subjects which they consider should be discussed.

The United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Austria-Hungary, Russia, Spain, Holland and Japan will be represented. The American delegates are Rear-Admiral Charles H. Stockton and Prof. George Grafton Wilson of Brown university. Commander John E. Gibbons, naval attaché at the London embassy, will act as aid. Great Britain will be represented by the Earl of Desart and Captain Charles L. Ottley, director of naval intelligence and secretary of the committee of imperial defense. They will have as assistants two officers of the naval intelligence department and a foreign secretary. An address of welcome was delivered by Sir Edward Grey, foreign secretary.

FOUR POWERS AGAINST SIX.

At the suggestion of Germany the powers have submitted their views on various points. The United States, Great Britain and Japan are agreed in principle at least on the most important proposals and they may be expected to work in accord, with the probable support of France. There are wide differences of opinion between these powers and the other six countries represented. Great Britain stands alone in supporting the rights of a belligerent to search neutral merchantmen proceeding to an enemy's port under the escort of a warship flying the same flag. She claims the right of search under all circumstances, while the other powers contend that the guaranty of a neutral power should be sufficient to protect its vessels from molestation. It is probable, however, that Great Britain will concede this in return for some point she considers more essential.

Great Britain is desirous of abolishing contraband entirely; America and Japan do not go so far, but they would agree if only munitions of war should be declared contraband.

The continental powers will urge the continuation of the present system under which the belligerents declare what is contraband.

SEIZURE OF BLOCKADE RUNNERS. Great Britain, America and Japan agree on the methods of blockading, contending for the right to seize blockade-runners at any time or place. This is opposed to the continental view that only warships actually engaged in blockading have the right to seize vessels. These same three powers opposed the continental contention that a belligerent has a right to des-

troy seized vessels before trial, as was done, for instance, by Russia with British merchantmen during the late war.

The conference will differ on the responsibility of a neutral power for a ship leaving one of its ports as a merchantman and afterward being transformed into a man-of-war, as in the case of the Alabama. The United States naturally supports the view that the neutral power is responsible and strangely enough she finds support not only from France and Japan, but also from Great Britain. The other powers represented take the opposite view.

RIGHT OF BELLIGERENTS TO COAL.

The right of belligerent ships to coal in neutral ports also has divided the conference into two factions. America, Great Britain, Japan and France contend that a ship should make only one visit to a neutral port and be given only sufficient coal to carry her to a home port; the other powers, however, hold that a ship should be allowed to visit a neutral port and fill up with coal as often as she can.

A number of other questions, largely technical, also will be considered.

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