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STRAIGHT FACTS.

Christmas is the time for giving. Giving requires money. Money is to be accumulated by saving. Saving can best be accomplished through a savings account. If you haven't tried it yet, come in with a dollar the next time you are passing our bank and get your account started. Remember there is another Christmas next year.

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PERSONAL

C. W. Duvall left for Roanoke this morning on business.

J. S. Whitted left today to spend the holidays at Antioch, Va.

G. E. Hartman and wife of Keystone are here today.

Stuart Buck of Bramwell is in town this afternoon.

J. P. Strother of Welch is among the shoppers in the city today.

R. T. Young of Williamson is a business visitor in the city today.

Dr. W. S. Hall of Tazewell is buying Xmas gifts in the city this afternoon.

W. P. Fisher and daughter Miss Ethel of Highlands are visiting in the city today.

L. L. McLean of Pittsburg is visiting at the home of his brother on Third street.

Mrs. Thomas Hardy left for Roanoke this morning to spend a few days with relatives.

Mrs. C. M. Scott left for Castlesburg, Ky., this morning to spend a few days with her parents.

W. L. Thornton and wife left for Fampin, Va., to spend the holidays with relatives.

W. C. Carr, general car inspector of the Norfolk and Western, passed through the city today going to Roanoke.

Frank Gorby assistant timekeeper for the Norfolk and Western at the division office left for his home at Marletta this morning.

J. W. Cook superintendent of Transportation and A. C. Needles, general eastern superintendent of the Norfolk and Western, are in the city today.

C. W. Inge agent for the Norfolk and Western at Mora, passed through the city this morning, en route to Lynchburg to spend Christmas with his family.

W. H. Schmeltzer master mechanic for the Chesapeake Coal corporation is spending a few hours in the city today between trains. He will leave tonight for Charleston to spend the holidays with his family.

MARRIED THIS MORNING Robert Karnes and Miss Beulah Douthat were united in marriage this morning at 8 o'clock by Rev. Hawn, at the home of the bride's brother John Douthat on Reese street. After the ceremony the bride and groom left for Richmond where they will spend a few days, returning to the city for Christmas. Mr. Karnes is in the wholesale grocery business at Keyley on the Virginia. The couple will make their home at Keyley after the first of the year.

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All Manner of Dodges Are Adopted by the Eligible Young Men to Avoid the Enforced Military Service That is So Hateful to Them.

We hear a good deal about conscription, but few people know what it actually means. In no country is every person who is able to fight drafted into the army. All males who are liable to serve undergo a physical examination, resulting in only a certain number being passed as fit for service. No government has sufficient funds to draft the whole of these men into the regular army, so a selection is made by ballot, the number of men enrolled varying according to the funds in the hands of the authorities.

The pay provided for the conscript is necessarily very trifling indeed and will not compare with that paid to volunteer soldiers. In fact, it is generally true that the conscript must fall back upon his private means.

The methods vary in each country. But take the case of one European power. Every male subject not physically incapacitated is liable to enter the army at the age of twenty, although those who care to enlist may do so at eighteen.

A register is kept of all the youths who reach the age of twenty in the particular year. Men under five feet two inches in height are exempt from service, as well, of course, as those who suffer from natural infirmities which render them unsuitable for active service.

Other men are also exempt if they have helpless dependents—thus the only son of a widow or of a disabled father, the latter category also including the only son of a father who is above seventy years of age. Then the eldest of a family of orphans is exempt, and in the case of two sons only one is liable, there being various other exemptions.

The term served by the conscript is one of twenty-five years, three years being spent in the regular army, six and one-half in the army reserve, six in the territorial army and the remaining nine and a half years in the territorial reserve, all liability to service ceasing at forty-five.

The service is frequently so hated that all manner of methods are adopted in order to avoid it. In many cases substitutes are provided by the wealthy, though there are stringent regulations with regard to the provision of the substitutes.

In most European countries military manufacturing in order to avoid compulsory military service has reached the stage of a fine art. In fact, a formidable list of new crimes has been added to the statutes as a result, and medical men frequently have to suffer for their assistance in this particular kind of fraud.

Thus some time ago a number of Cologne doctors were arrested upon a charge of having administered pills to young conscripts. These pills consisted of drugs which produced the symptoms of heart disease so effectively as completely to deceive the military authorities, with the result that the conscripts were declared unfit for service. In this case, the fraud was brought to light by one of the conscripts dying as a result of an overdose of the medicine.

In Germany, where the conscript is frequently treated with the greatest harshness, there are very few towns where there are not specialists whose living depends solely in inducing such a condition of affairs as will render young men exempt by reason of unsuitability.

In the French army it is quite common for youths to feign all manner of illness, deafness being the usual ailment resorted to in order to escape the service. As a result the military doctors have made an especial study of methods of detecting feigned deafness and to trap the cunning youth who acts the part of a deaf man.

Another common practice in France is to tamper with the eyesight, though this frequently results in permanent injury. For instance, short sight is produced by wearing powerful concave glasses for a considerable time despite the risk of bringing about permanent blindness. It is no uncommon occurrence for men to commit suicide rather than submit to forced service in the army.

In eastern Europe most brutal methods are adopted by parents in order that their sons may be able to work for them instead of serving in the army. The boys are frequently ill treated, and it is not at all uncommon even for their limbs to be broken or their sight to be destroyed in order to prevent any likelihood of their having to become soldiers.

Switzerland probably has the cheapest army and the least burdensome methods of conscription, the service being much lighter than in the other continental armies. Indeed, the conscript in the infantry army has to undergo actual training for only 135 days during the entire period of his service. —Philadelphia Ledger.

Knew Her Minutes.

Bridget—Will you have your dinner now, sorr, or wait for the missus? Head of the House—Where is your mistress, Bridget? Bridget—There's an auction beyant the corner, sorr, an' she said she'd stop there for a minit. Head of the House—Have dinner now, Bridget.—New York Sun.

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