



# Your Christmas Offering

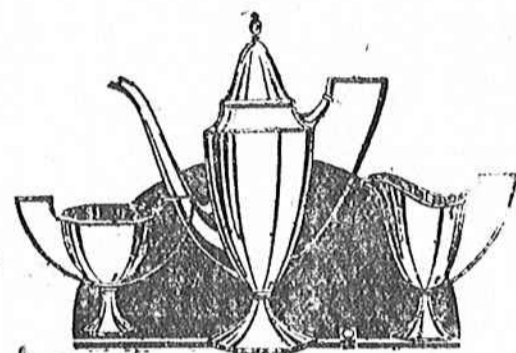
Nowadays is acceptable only in proportion to its sensibleness and durability. Men and women, too, are giving and expecting gifts that are useful and efficient, and we have purchased our big stock of holiday things with this thought uppermost in our minds. You'll find something acceptable and sure to find favor for every member of the family if you will only come in and see us.



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### ST. STEPHENS AFFRAY COSTS THREE LIVES

Trio of Men Slain While Two Women Suffer Painful Wounds in Wholesale Shooting—No Arrest for All Participants in Tragedy Are Dead Prominent Parties.

Kingstree, Dec. 15.—A triple tragedy occurred at St. Stephens at 9 o'clock last night when Dr. J. H. Pratt, a prominent physician, his brother-in-law, John Bell and Royall Cotton, of Charleston were killed in a pistol fight. It occurred at the country home of Mrs. J. T. Bell about one mile from St. Stephens.

The facts in the case as reported here are to the effect that Dr. Pratt, upon returning home from preaching, found young John Cotton at his house with his mother-in-law, Mrs. Bell, and her young daughter. Pratt having warned Cotton to stay away from his house, shot at Cotton and went to his room upstairs. John Bell, brother of the young woman Cotton was calling on, heard the excitement in the parlor and came downstairs. Upon opening the parlor door Cotton, the report states, thinking it was Pratt, fired at Bell as soon as he opened the door. The ball entering the heart and killed him in the doorway. Pratt then returned to the scene of the shooting and again fired at Cotton mortally wounding him, but before Cotton died he fired four shots at Pratt, who fell dead in the hallway. The young Miss Bell was wounded in the arm and her mother received a slight wound in her shoulder.

Dr. Pratt was a native of this state and came to Williamsburg county soon after being graduated, locating in the Nesmith neighborhood, where he built up an extensive practice. About five years ago he married Miss Katherine Bell and for several years thereafter made their home at his old home community. He then returned to St. Stephens and lived with his brother-in-law, John Bell, and his mother and sister. It seems that there was ill feeling between Dr. Pratt and young Cotton, who was a son of conductor Cotton of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad. For some reason Pratt had asked him to stay away from the Bell home. John Bell and Cotton, however, are said to have been good friends.

All the parties concerned were prominently connected, most highly es-

teemed and a pall has been thrown over the entire St. Stephens community by the shocking tragedy.

The body of Mr. Cotton was sent to Charleston this morning for interment and those of Dr. Pratt and Mr. Bell will be taken tomorrow to Ninety-Six and Darlington, respectively.

### BIG LOAN FOR CHINA

Perkin, Dec. 15 (By the Associated Press).—The Pacific Development corporation of New York, which recently concluded a loan with the Chinese government for \$5,000,000 against treasury notes secured by surplus revenue of the wine and tobacco administration, created a precedent with respect to America and like the crisp loan in 1912, it is non-political.

Edward B. Bruce, president of the corporation, in a statement regarding the loan, said that the Pacific Development corporation has no connection with any American group or international group and has undertaken this business as a purely private transaction between itself and the Chinese government.

### GRAND JURY GETS SPECIAL ATTORNEY

New York, Dec. 15.—Gov. Alfred E. Smith announced tonight that he requested District Attorney Swan to appoint Joseph M. Proskauer, former partner of Judge Abraham I. Elkus of the court of appeals as a special assistant district attorney and assigning him to the extraordinary grand jury which is investigating the "overshadowing crime." Mr. Proskauer is named in the place of George Gordon Battle who withdrew on the ground that the grand jurors were unwilling to cooperate with him.

The governor reiterated his refusal of the request of the grand jury to name the attorney general of the state their legal adviser, adding that "no legal reason has been shown" why the request should be granted.

Shortly before Governor Smith had announced his appointment of another grand jury adviser, District Attorney Swan sent a letter to the grand jury stating that as far as his office was concerned the jury "had

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finished its labors" as there are no more anarchy cases to be presented to it. The jury was originally impaneled to investigate radicalism but extended its activities to an investigation of the district attorney's office and the "overshadowing crime." The latter still remaining a mystery as far as the public is concerned.

### LEGION WILL GO BEFORE SALOONS

Washington, Dec. 15.—National and state officers of the American Legion decided today at the initial session of their three day conference here to carry direct to congress tomorrow their fight for legislation benefitting veterans of the world war.

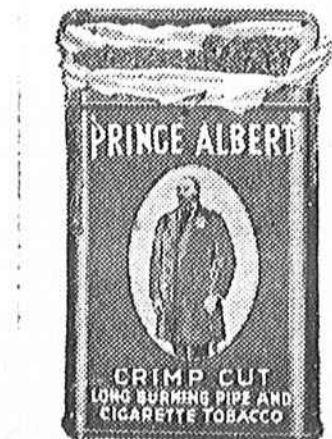
The drive on congress—the first to be undertaken by the new organization—will devolve about the Sweet bill to extend the benefits of the war risks insurance act, it was indicated. The measure has been passed by the house and the legion officers, it was said, would go to the capital with the intention of making direct inquiry of

senators why no action on the bill has been taken by the senate.

In opening their conference the legion officers heard addresses by Director Chomeley Jones of the war risk bureau and Secretary Glass, both of whom expressed sympathy with the purpose of the meeting and emphasized that the recommendations made by

the legion representatives would be gratefully received.

At a meeting tonight participated in only by the legion delegates, it was tentatively decided to urge congress to combine the war risk insurance bureau, the public health service and the federal board for vocational education under one directing head.



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