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Only two shopping days before Christmas.

No snow to speak of, but the boy with the red sled is looking for snow.

Pull many a gem of purest ray serene isn't reported to the tax assessor.

A gossip is a person who can read between the lines when there is nothing there.

A \$10 overcoat will keep a man warmer than a pawn ticket for an overcoat with fur lining.

The objection to Sherman's descrip-tion of war is that it applies to too many other things as well.

About the only secret that has not been shown on the New York stage is the personal life of a goldfish.

However, the speaker's car must now be almost too serious a subject for Longworth and Garner to joke about.

Who can remember when grandma grouped some five or six vague ailments under the general head of "a misery?"

The weak point in the Democratic Republican truce is that it was not signed by Senator Bruce and his fellow insurgents.

Of course the only way the Government can aid the California grape growers is to educate the country to make more jelly.

Some men are born unemployed. Some achieve unemployment and only the willing workers have unemployment thrust upon them.

The final proof of genius is the ability to write advertisements that will make people yearn for a certain kind of spinach.

A demon statistician says that women's feet are larger than they used to be. The figures did not come from the shoe manufacturers.

Lady Astor had to use male waiters at her manless party. There never was a party where men didn't have to wait before, during and after.

Some of our self-styled literary iconoclasts are suffering so severely from an inferiority complex that they would be benefited by the attentions of a psychoanalyst.

A geographical note says that when the Dalai Lama gets his new automobile going Thibet, he won't need the yok any more. Nope. What he'll need will be the Jack.

Judging from the apparent change for the better there seems reason for believing that Amos Woodcock, Prohibition Commissioner, was in earnest when he told his agent not to shoot if they felt they were going to trip.

It is getting so we do not hear anything about endurance fliers until they fail.

A "larger sphere of usefulness," being translated, means a job that pays more money.

Chicago seems unable to catch that elusive bird Capone. Why not try sprinkling salt on his trail?

As a final solution, Chicago might put all its innocent citizens in jail so racketeers can't get at them.

A New York doctor who advises against too frequent bathing in winter is making a strong bid for popularity.

We shall reserve comment on Senator Hefflin's plan to prohibit trading in margins until we hear from Bishop Cannon.

What a grand thing it would be if coal would just burn all up, like gasoline, and leave no ashes to be toted out of the cellar.

There is a suspicion in some quarters that the adjective "bull market" also describes the talk about returning prosperity.

Many a man who has missed the experience of being held up by outlaws still knows how it feels to be held down by in-laws.

A hick town has been described as a place where nobody feels a pain in the neck if somebody inherits \$4,000 and acts modest about it.

Particularly timely is the release from Hollywood of figures on the daily wages of various members of the animal kingdom in the movies.

Apparently congress is to use up most of the next three months discussing whether or not there ought to be an extra session in the spring.

Our notion of misplaced generosity would be the sending of a package of food to a starving family with a note—"Do not open until Christmas."

A free land is one in which the government builds a fifty-million-dollar dam and a citizen whose tax is \$1.24 a year howls about "the waste of our money."

It's nobody's business, but the amazement of innocent travelers who are fined for not declaring their European purchases makes you wonder how they got rich.

The laughter of babies has nothing whatever to do with their natural intelligence and the things they laugh at have no humorous significance whatever for adults.

Here's a bit of cheering news. Between now and the first of the year building and loan organizations in the United States will pay to shareholders approximately \$225,000,000.

We can come pretty close to guessing how a successful bridge player is gonna solve the problem of finding gifts for the relatives without buying them.

A refractory mule is taught sometimes to pull by teaming it up with three or four tractable animals, but we never see it work out with a mule.

And now that a way has been found, and adopted, to make illegal liquor unpalatable, but not murderous, who is benefited, the bootlegger or the public?

Short detective story: Once upon a time a man opened a day-coach window with no difficulty. He was immediately arrested and discovered to be a famous safe-breaker.

Since March 4, 1929, there has been many an occasion when the American people would have been thrilled to the marrow by angry Herbert Hoover, hitting out straight from the shoulder.

Sinclair Lewis, American winner of the Nobel prize, told European journalists "I am only a little reporter with a fondness for whisky and soda." Yes, and in a pinch Lewis can get along very well without the soda.

Those Indianapolis Judges who have announced they will hear no divorce cases after Dec. 20 because Christmas is "the day of the child and the home" seems to forget that it also is a day of "peace on earth good will to men."

### JUDGE CLARK'S VIEW

It is not unnatural that the decision of Federal Judge Clark, of New Jersey, which was based upon his conclusion of the invalidity of the adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment, should have occasioned general remark and interested attention.

Judge Clark is an authority on the Constitution. He believes that an amendment such as the Eighteenth should be proposed and adopted by Constitutional convention procedure—that such is the intent of Constitutional provision.

The opinion is not a new one, but it has not been passed upon by the Supreme Court. A distinguished member of the Wickersham Committee is said to entertain the same view. Elihu Root heretofore has argued on its behalf. There is a world of authorities available in its support. Judge Clark very ably presents them.

It was not so long ago that James M. Beck, one of the first among American constitutionalists, in summing up a discussion in relation to the Eighteenth Amendment, its present status and its future fate, declared something as follows: There are many people who believe that any measure of restriction may be imposed on the public, though it were absurd, if only you can get sufficient votes to give to it the authority of law, organic sanction or statutory definition. But, said he, the wise know that the foolish legislation or provision affecting the rights of states and the living of people is a rope of sand, which perishes in the twisting; that the state must follow, and not lead the character and progress of the citizen.

Judge Clark's ruling and contention may be reversed and denied in a higher court, as he appears to anticipate, but, as he hopes, "it may at least have the effect of focusing the country's thought upon the neglected method of considering the constitutional amendments in convention."

### THE VIRGIN STAR

It glistened in fragil loveliness. The bleating of a lamb Echoed over the moonlit hills. Through the silver shadows The angels' voices sang "Peace on earth, Good will to men." It was Christmas Eve In Bethlehem.

Each Advent His star grows dearer, His purpose clearer, And His coming nearer.

Many now follow His star; Finding its beauty In the eyes of a little child, Seeing its radiance Reflected in a sad heart, Finding its peace Beyond the present sorrow, Over valley and hill, Over hamlet and city The Virgin Star still shines.

Each Advent, Pale, clear and bright, It is brought to us, In the great purpose Of those who prepare For His coming.

—Charles Bancroft in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Large map of Cass county on sale at Journal office. 50c each.

### CONGRESS AND THE WAR DEBTS

The first semi-annual payments for the fiscal year on the war debts owned to the United States were due Dec. 15, when the U. S. Treasury received from 11 foreign countries in principal and interest a total of \$122,989,450. Of the total, \$30,854,052 was in payment of principal and \$92,135,397 for interest.

Interest payments were received as follows: Belgium, \$1,625,000; Estonia, \$150,000; Finland, -129,885; France, -19,325,000; Great Britain, \$66,390,000; Hungary, \$28,804; Italy, \$1,260,625; Latvia, -50,000; Lithuania, -93,804; and Poland, \$3,082,555. Those making payments on the principal included Czechoslovakia, \$1,500,000; Finland, \$55,000; Great Britain, \$28,000,000; Hungary, \$11,755, and Poland, \$1,287,297. All payments were in gold.

The war debts totaled, before these payments, \$11,641,508,461. Over 90 per cent of the payments just made came from Great Britain, France and Italy. These three countries owe almost 90 per cent of the total. Great Britain has paid in round numbers \$1,751,000,000. Her indebtedness is now reduced to \$4,398,000,000. France has paid \$445,000,000, and still owes \$3,865,000,000. Italy has paid \$83,000,000, leaving an indebtedness of \$2,017,000,000.

The Baltimore Evening Sun remarks of the British payment that this is very good news for us, since it does not come out of our own pockets. "But what about Great Britain?" asks the Sun, which adds: "From the standpoint of the international economy the transference of such a sum is a serious matter, indeed. France and the United States between them now possess more than 60 per cent of the world's gold reserve. France has more than two billions of gold in its vaults; the United States somewhere around four billions and a half. Great Britain, on the other hand, is struggling along on a basis of \$750,000,000. Great Britain is on a gold standard, and any further drain must seriously affect her fiscal position. Add the perilous state of her finances to British industrial difficulties, unemployment and overpopulation, and it isn't hard to see why some Englishmen are calling for strong men to set them right again."

Secretary Mellon has insisted that the war debts and reparations are related, on economic fiction in which both Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Hoover have acquiesced. Yet Germany under the Young plan is compelled to provide all of this money which the Allies are paying on their account with Uncle Sam. In the fiscal year beginning next April 1, she is obligated to pay \$400,000,000. Meanwhile, Germany is not able to balance her national budget. Her present deficit is about \$300,000,000. Since the war she has borrowed outside the country some \$5,000,000,000 and has paid on reparations less than half as much, which plainly shows that such payments have been made out of borrowings and not out of revenues and industrial earnings. The whole problem of this vicious circle must inevitably be considered by Congress. As pointed out recently in the Magazine of Wall Street by Louis T. McFadden, chairman of the House Banking Committee, neither the Allies nor the American bankers who have been lending money to Germany agree with our administration that the war debts and reparations are not one and the same thing. Said Mr. McFadden: "The Allies feel that they cannot pay us unless Germany pays them, and our international bankers agree with them that in fact the two are one and inseparable."

It is the interdependence of nations that has brought the world to its present economic plight. Not one of them has been able to escape the fate of all. If, as the Baltimore Sun points out, the gold handed over to us a few days ago by Great Britain is a serious matter to the international economy, how long we can continue to deny that the fortunes of Great Britain are indissolubly linked with our own? Mr. McFadden thinks that the whole scheme of war debts and reparations has involved us in a muddle from which we may not be able to escape except by cancellation. Whether this is true or not, the spectacle of impoverished Europe, plagued as she is with unemployment and business depression, stepping up this week to make her semi-annual payment to us shows that blood can be squeezed out of a turnip.

But who knows how many times \$11,000,000,000 it would probably cost us actually to collect all that money?—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Charges of conditions "scarcely distinguishable" from slavery in Liberia, where vast American rubber plantation projects are under way, bring the far-off Negro Aepublican into the public eye again and under another unsavory light.

### IF SANTA CLAUS FORGETS

Little boys are pressing their fuddled faces against the plate glass windows where trains go round and round on silver tracks, and little girls are holding out their arms to dolls that smile back understandingly. The magic season is here again.

All over the country children are measuring their stockings so they will be sure to hang the longest ones by the bedposts where Santa Claus can find them. And there isn't one heart that doubts that the benevolent old saint will climb down his chimney or use a pass-key on his door. Perhaps he didn't come last year, they understand. But that is all the more reason that he will be there this year.

Letters are going to the North Pole every day, and switchboard operators are telling countless children where the shining workshop where the master toymaker lives is too far to be reached by the longest long distance.

But when Christmas morning comes thousands of these same starry-eyed little boys and girls will find that their stockings are cold and flat, unless the rest of us understand how disappointed a little child can be when he is left out of the Christmas feast.

We accuse the inkeeper who would not make room for Mary the night that the Christ child was born. But we who would a little child by making him think that he has been forgotten break trust with life just as surely.

It takes such a little bit to make a child happy. There are enough toys which aren't being used in our homes to make every child in the country wake up on the magic morning with a feeling in his heart that life is good and Santa Claus still comes.

Grown people have had experience enough to understand the reasons underlying things when their dreams don't come true. Children can't do this. They only know that Santa Claus has stood on the corner and in toy shops, asked them what they wanted him to bring... and then forgotten them. They are puzzled, and their bruised hearts don't know how to understand a giver who can be so generous to some children and so thoughtless of others.

If we would keep alive the children's belief that life is good and dreams come true, we must not fail them. They won't talk about the gifts that they didn't get, these boys and girls who are going around the streets with such shining eyes today. But they will have a dull little pain in their hearts if Santa Claus breaks trust with them. And nothing in all the world is so pathetic as a child who was left out.

### RELIEF FOR FARMERS

Congress is now devoting a great deal of verbal attention, at least, to so-called relief measures.

The greatest relief which Congress could give the country would be to pass the necessary appropriation bills and adjourn.

One of the great troubles with the country today is muddling by Congress through so-called "relief" measures, trying to boost the price of wheat and cotton and as a result only lower the prices of these commodities, while costing the taxpayers millions of dollars.

Several days ago the New Orleans cotton situation was the muddling of Congress with the cotton market, through its so-called relief measures. When a Congressman talks of relief measures some think of "doles," and a handout is what a great many apparently think they should receive. If Congress would get through in a proper and efficient way with the measures that concern it—that of governmental appropriations—and then adjourn, there would be relief.

But there is not going to be any permanent relief through quick measures that place a great tax burden on the majority of the people, and are supposed to get the farmer vote in the doubtful states.

If Congress wants to relieve agricultural and industrial conditions, it will pass the necessary bills for the efficient operation of the government, and then give the people a chance to work out their own salvation without muddling and interference at Washington.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss. In the County Court. In the matter of the estate of Ransom M. Cole, deceased.

You are hereby notified, that I will sit at the County Court room in Plattsmouth, in said county, on the 16th day of January, A. D. 1931 and on the 17th day of April, A. D. 1931 at nine o'clock in the forenoon of each day, to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is three months from the 16th day of January A. D. 1931 and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 16th day of January A. D. 1931.

Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court this 17th day of December, 1930.

A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge.

LEGAL NOTICE

In the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska.

Daniel G. Golding, Plaintiff, vs. Charles L. White, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE To the Defendant, Charles L. White: You are hereby notified that on the 16th day of July, 1930, the plaintiff filed his suit in the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, the object and purpose of which is to foreclose lien of a tax sale certificate on Lots 572 and 573, in the Village of Greenwood, in Cass County, Nebraska, and equitable relief.

You are hereby required to answer said petition on or before Monday, February 2, 1931. And failing so to do, your default will be entered and judgment taken upon the plaintiff's petition. This notice is given pursuant to an order of this Court.

DANIEL G. GOLDING, Plaintiff.

By A. L. TIDD, His Attorney. d22-4w

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SHERIFF'S SALE  
State of Nebraska, County of Cass, ss.

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued by Golda Noble Beal, Clerk of the District Court within and for Cass county, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1930, at 10 o'clock a. m., of said day at the south front door of the court house in the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, in said county, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate, to-wit:

The south 47 feet of Lots 5 and 6, in Block 43, in the City of Plattsmouth, in Cass county, Nebraska—

The same being levied upon and taken as the property of John F. Wolff, Edna J. Wolff and the Plattsmouth Loan and Building Association, defendants, to satisfy a judgment of said court, recovered by Paul H. Gillan, plaintiff against said defendants.

Plattsmouth, Nebraska, November 22nd, A. D. 1930. BERT REED, Sheriff Cass County, Nebraska.

ORDER OF HEARING and Notice on Petition for Settlement of Account

In the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska.

State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Mary L. Fitch, deceased: On reading the petition of Robert H. Fitch, praying a final settlement and allowance of his account filed in this Court on the 2nd day of December, 1930, and for discharge of himself as administrator of said estate:

It is hereby ordered that you and all persons interested in said matter may, and do, appear at the County Court to be held in and for said county, on the second day of January, A. D. 1931, at 9 o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Plattsmouth Journal, a semi-weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court, this 2nd day of December, A. D. 1930.

A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge.

(Seal) d8-3w

ORDER OF HEARING and Notice on Petition for Settlement of Accounts

In the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska.

State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Mary L. Wiley, deceased: On reading the petition of Perry Nickles, Administrator, praying a final settlement and allowance of his account filed in this Court on the 20th day of December, A. D. 1930, and for final settlement of his account and discharge as such Administrator:

It is hereby ordered that you and all persons interested in said matter may, and do, appear at the County Court to be held in and for said county, on the 16th day of January, A. D. 1931, at ten o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Plattsmouth Journal, a semi-weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court, this 20th day of December, A. D. 1930.

A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge.

(Seal) d22-3w

ORDER OF HEARING AND NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL

In the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska.

State of Nebraska, County of Cass, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Robert Troop, deceased: On reading the petition of Lois R. Troop praying that the instrument filed in this court on the 18th day of December 1930, and purporting to be the last will and testament of the said deceased, may be proved and allowed, and recorded as the last will and testament of Robert Troop, deceased; that said instrument be admitted to probate, and the administration of said estate be granted to H. A. Schneider, as Administrator with will annexed;

It is hereby ordered that you, and all persons interested in said matter, may, and do, appear at the County Court to be held in and for said county, on the 16th day of January, A. D. 1931, at ten o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and that the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Plattsmouth Journal, a semi-weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

In witness my hand, and seal of said court, this 18th day of December A. D., 1930.

A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge.

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