

**NEWS OF THE WEEK**

A Weekly Resume of the Really Vital News by the Editor

The football season ended with Thanksgiving day. The casualties of the season were 13 killed and 321 wounded.

General Stoessel's last dispatch sent congratulations to the czar and ended up with the words: "God is with us." The question is how he found that out. But General Stoessel may have some inside information from the courts of heaven as he has a perfect wireless telegraph station on the highest hill and the Japs have not bothered it.

Charles II granted a perpetual pension to the duke of Richmond, and the English government continues to punctually pay it every year to his heirs. It amounts to \$95,000 a year. There is a "vested interest" worth having. The last annual payment was made just a few days ago, but like the brook, "it goes on forever."

Gompers had a walkaway and is again elected president of the American Federation of Labor. That thing occurred as a further jab at the socialist propaganda which the members seem determined to trample so deep into the earth that it could never dig out.

The German budget shows a deficit of \$73,264,443. The cost of its immense standing army is grinding the life out of Germany and the thing will have to be stopped or the nation will be ruined. If it were not for the government ownership of the railroads and telegraphs, the nation would be completely bankrupt now. If there is not a decided change in the near future, this great gold standard nation will be forced into repudiation.

The Illinois Shippers' association is getting greatly excited over the new uniform bill of lading that the railroads propose to adopt. They say that "it will increase the net earnings of the railroads more than any other move that the managers have put through in recent years." But those fellows may as well stop their yelling. Every northern state and the con-

gress of the United States is overwhelmingly republican and back of the republican party stands the railroads. They are entitled to the portion of the spoils and will get it.

One of the things that came along with the landslide is a ship subsidy scheme of gigantic proportions. The stand-patters and three or four immensely rich ship-building corporations have formed an alliance. Protection and subsidies are their battle cries. They are on the road to win.

It is now openly charged by some democrats that Sheehan, who managed Judge Parker's campaign was in the employ of the republican party. The advice, they say, that he gave to Judge Parker to keep silent and then put him up to making personal charges against Roosevelt was all in the interest of the Standard Oil crowd and the republican party. It is well known that Sheehan received a fee from Rockefeller of \$30,000 to get some special privilege legislation through the last New York legislature. At any rate there is a hot time between the two old Wall street democratic gangs. Neither of the gangs, however, have any idea of allowing the national organization to fall into the hands of the reform democrats.

The Florida Coast railroad has raised its passenger rate to four cents a mile, because it runs part of the way through an unsettled country. It seems that it intends to keep that country unsettled.

The more facts that we get concerning the late election the more inexplicable the situation seems to be. Bryan went down to Indiana and earnestly advocated the election of Parker. He took pains to deny the charge that he was not in earnest. When the votes were counted it turned out that an avalanche of Roosevelt votes were put into the boxes wherever he spoke. But that was not all. Later statements were to the effect that not less than 10,000 votes were put into the boxes marked in the circle for a straight

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**ROOM FOR HUNDREDS OF WELLS**  
On our Ohio property alone there is room for hundreds of producing wells. Realizing that this is all proven oil land and that every well drilled will produce oil, our Board of Directors have decided to go ahead and sink 100 wells as fast as men and money can do the work.

**WHAT 100 WELLS WILL DO**  
The following table will show you what 100 producing wells in this field is going to mean for Illinois-Colorado stockholders:

Total number of wells (including those we now have)....	107
Average production per day....	10
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Price per barrel.....	\$1.01
Average daily income.....	\$1,080.70
Number of days to the month....	30
Average monthly income.....	\$32,421.00
Appropriate expense.....	500.00
Net profit per month.....	\$31,921.00

This sum would be enough to pay 1 per cent per month on all stock then outstanding at \$2.00 per share. 1 per cent on \$2.00 shares is equal to 1 2/3 per cent per month or 16 2/3 per cent per annum on stock purchased at 15c per share.

NOTE:—10 barrels to the well is the lowest possible estimate. Our present production is much higher.

To carry out this vast project and realize these enormous profits will require a very large sum of money. That is why we are inviting the assistance of outside capital. Therefore, our Board of Directors has decided to raise \$150,000 at once, and we are now offering

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**OUR LIBERAL TERMS**  
enable any man or woman of modest income to get a block of this stock. You may deduct 5 per cent from your remittance for cash in full; or you may take advantage of our liberal time payment plan, viz: 25 per cent cash with order, 25 per cent in thirty days, 25 per cent in sixty days, and 25 per cent in ninety days.

**BE INDEPENDENT IN OLD AGE**  
\$50 invested in "Oil City Pet" in 1900 would have realized you \$3,500; \$500 invested in the Hanford Oil Company in 1900 would have brought you \$18,300; and \$20 invested in the New York Oil Company in 1900 realized \$8000. You missed these grand opportunities—but now The Illinois-Colorado Oil, Gas & Coal Company offers you another opportunity equally promising.

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\$600 will buy 4000 shares of par value \$4,000
450 " " 3000 " " " 3,000
300 " " 2000 " " " 2,000
150 " " 1000 " " " 1,000
120 " " 800 " " " 800
90 " " 600 " " " 600
75 " " 500 " " " 500
60 " " 400 " " " 400
45 " " 300 " " " 300
30 " " 200 " " " 200
15 " " 100 " " " 100

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democratic vote and then Bryan's name written on them so as to destroy the ballot. What did all that mean? These voters would not follow Bryan's advice and vote for Parker. Did such a ballot mean that they were for Bryan, or did it mean that the voters wished to rebuke him? Who can tell?

In the United States and Canada there are 7,414,173 men who belong to secret orders, 990,000 of whom are Masons.

The great dailies are now devoting columns of their space to informing the people that the Rockefeller Fuel and Iron company of Colorado is nothing but a great experiment in sociology, the object of which is to train up the bravest and best citizens in all America. The New York and Chicago dailies gave several columns each last Sunday to praising this great philanthropic work. The articles were all different but any man who knows anything about how articles for a newspaper are concocted, could not fail to see that they were all written in one office.

No man is employed in the street sweeping department of New York until after a medical examination and is pronounced in perfect health. Nevertheless a large number of the men have contracted consumption during the last two years. The health board says this condition among the street sweepers comes from the habit of consumptives spitting in the streets.

There has been a great contest be-

tween German and Italian opera in New York and it is claimed that the Italians scored the first touchdown. The points scored by the Italian side are counted up as follows: The four hundred never came so late before. The diamonds displayed in the boxes were worth at least \$1,000,000 more than were ever seen at a Wagnerian opera. There were more young sprigs of society in the boxes who had killed their man automobiling, some of them having as high as six or seven deaths to their account, than a German opera could ever boast of. There was at least three times as much chatter and talk in the boxes, while the music was being rendered than was ever known at a German opera. It was decided that the Italian opera won.

One day last week the Bee had an editorial telling what a safe place Omaha was to live in. Turning over to the page recording the local happenings it appears that that very night there were four hold-ups in the city.

St. Ann's church, New York, has hired the bruiser Sharkey to teach boxing in its gymnasium. Sharkey says that that shows that the church and the ring are getting closer together. No one will deny the statement who has been observing the churches.

The following description of the duties of a congressman is so accurate that it must have been written by an ex-congressman: "The main duties of our congressmen is to get speeches printed in the Congressional Record,