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PESSIMIST RAISES A WAIL

Incidentally Gives a Hard Jolt to Time-Honored Conception of New England Thanksgiving. "Oh, yes; the New Englanders make a great time of Thanksgiving," said the insurance man as the subject was under discussion. "Yes, they are great on Thanksgiving. All the relatives gather for a big dinner, don't they?" "Yes, My Uncle Ben, up in Vermont, gathered thirty of us at his house last Thanksgiving. "What a visit you must have had!" "Oh, yes." "And the banquet. I can picture it." "Can you?" "There was turkey, goose, duck, chicken, roast pig and spareribs. There was mince pie, pumpkin pie and elder. There was a big cottage pudding and cranberry sauce. Ah, it must have been a royal feast." "Yes, it was," dryly replied the insurance man. "My Uncle Ben killed off four old roosters, his wife made four or five apple pies, and stewed up a peck of prunes, and we sat down to the feast." "His, but it was Thanksgiving." "Sure, Mike. If it hadn't been we wouldn't have got the prunes." "And that was all?" "All except that after dinner my Uncle Ben took up a collection for the heathen, and we chipped in 50 cents apiece. My Uncle Ben was the heathen, you know. Oh, yes—New England Thanksgiving. I've been there."

An Unmistakable Hint. "Young Staylate got a delicate hint from the young lady he was calling on the other evening." "What was it?" "She found looking at the clock and other familiar devices useless, so she ordered some refreshments and her mother sent her a plate of breakfast food." Discouraging. "George," said her husband's wife, "I don't believe you have smoked one of those cigars I gave you on your birthday." "That's right, my dear," replied his wife's husband. "I'm going to keep them until our Willie wants to learn to smoke."

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ECONOMY IS URGED IN TAFT MESSAGE

PRESIDENT POINTS OUT NECESSITY OF CURTAILING EXPENSES TO LAWMAKERS.

ANNUAL DOCUMENT IS READ Conservation, Ship Subsidy and Fortification of Panama Canal Leading Topics Discussed—Has Little to Say About Tariff.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Economy in government affairs is the keynote of President Taft's annual message read before both houses of congress today. The message approximates 40,000 words and is one of the longest ever submitted by a president. Conservation of the public domain, ship subsidy, fortification of the Panama canal and the continuation of the present tariff board are the leading subjects touched upon. He also reviews the work of the various government departments and concurs in recommendation, tending toward the bettering of the service, made by several of the members of his cabinet. Economy Is Urged. In dwelling on the urgent need for economy in government expenditures, the president says: "Every effort has been made by each department chief to reduce the estimated cost of his department for the ensuing fiscal year ending June 30, 1912. I say this in order that congress may understand that the estimates made present the smallest sum which will maintain the Departments, bureaus and offices of the government and meet its other obligations under existing laws, and that a cut of these estimates would result in embarrassing the executive branch of the government in the performance of its duties. This remedy does not apply to the river and harbor estimates, except to those for expenses of maintenance and the meeting of obligations under authorized contracts, nor does it apply to the public building bill nor to the navy building program. Of course, as to these congress could withhold any part or all of the estimates. It is without interfering with the discharge of the ordinary obligations of these functions of its departments, bureaus and offices. Against the estimates of expenditures \$46,812,412.16 have estimated receipts for next year \$68,000,000, making a probable surplus of ordinary receipts over ordinary expenditures of about \$21,187,587.84, not taking into account the estimates for the Panama canal, which are \$6,924,847.83, and which will ultimately be paid in bonds. It will leave a deficit for the next year of about \$2,000,000, if congress shall conclude to fortify the canal. Wants Forest Limitation Removed. On the subject of conservation he devotes considerable space to forest, coal, oil and water lands and water power sites. As to the reservation of forest lands he says: "The law now prohibits the reservation of any more forest lands in certain states, to-wit: Idaho, Montana, Colorado and Wyoming, except by act of congress. I am informed by the department of agriculture that the government owns the title of timber land in these states which should be included in the forest reserves. I recommend to congress that the limitation herein imposed be removed. "Congress ought to trust the executive to use the power of reservation only with respect to land most valuable for forest purposes and for other purposes hereinafter mentioned. 622,500 acres of land largely non-timbered have been excluded from forest reserves, and 250,000 acres of land primarily in the national forest system have been included in forest reserves, making a reduction in forest reserves of non-timbered land amounting to 2,700,000 acres. Wants Canal Fortified. Regarding the Panama canal, the president asserts that unless unexpected obstacles arise the waterway will be completed within the time limit of January 1, 1914, and within estimate of cost, \$23,000,000. Suggestions for leaving of tolls and management are made, and regarding fortification of the canal, he says: "Among questions arising for present solution is the decision whether the canal shall be fortified. I have already stated to congress that I strongly favor fortification and I now reiterate this opinion and ask your consideration of the subject in the light of the report already before you made by a competent board. "Failure to fortify the canal would leave the attainment of both these aims in my judgment, highly impracticable, and which would be powerless to enforce and which could never in any way be absolutely safeguarded against a desperate and irrevocable enemy. Ship Subsidy. The president urges such action as he believes will increase American trade abroad and says: "Another instrumentality indispensable to the unhampered and natural development of American commerce is merchant marine. All maritime and commercial nations recognize the importance of this factor. The greatest commercial nations, our competitors, jealously foster their merchant marine. Foreign nations are in the need for rapid and direct mail, passenger and freight communication quite as urgent as between the United States and Latin America. There is secure in no other quarter of the world such immediate benefits in friendship and commerce as would flow from the establishment of direct lines of communication with the countries of Latin America adequate to meet the requirements of a rapidly increasing appreciation of the reciprocal dependence of the countries of the western hemisphere upon each other in products, sympathies and assistance. "I alluded to this most important subject in my last annual message. It has often been before you and I need not re-iterate the reasons for my recommendation. Unless prompt action be taken the competition of the Panama canal will find this the only great commercial na-

The ONLOOKER by WILBUR D. NESBIT The Weary Hands. Sleep comes to weary fingers first of all. And soothing peace sweeps in upon the soul. As though the vast eternal ocean wide Came in a silent, heart-entrancing tide Upon whose breast no crashing billows roll. Sometimes it seems that sleep creeps in And pitiably holds us by the hands. While day's hard tasks still linger in the mind. Not so lightly the fingers wane and wear As the heavy burdens they have borne. For sleep is ever sweet and ever kind. How gently fall the fingers that are tired— Away from the quest of things desired. Away from the labors of the day They clutch at sleep inconstantly and rest Comes to them in a portion doubly blest. O weary hands all over all the earth— The hands that do the work that is of worth, Or calloused hands, or hands both white and small. When night sends us her mystic billows That whisper in the murmur of the breeze, Sleep comes to weary fingers first of all.

MERELY A THEORY. "What is the difference between you and me?" "Why—of course, we are one, but then, you will acknowledge that my family—"

Unchanged. "Yes," says the advanced farmer, who really should be called an agriculturist, "there has been a vast difference in the methods of those who till the soil—"

Bound to Make a Hit. Willis—So the play will appeal to all classes? Gibbs—Yes, indeed. It's three-quarters full of up-to-date slang to catch the young people, and one-quarter full of old, reliable cuss words to get the old fellows.—Puck.

A Contrary Way. "An arabic rose," against all received ideas of making a living. "Why?" "Because he supports his family by the reverse in his business."

It Was Not Fair. A fight in a restaurant was caused by the customer offering to pay for two fried eggs he had ordered if the proprietor would eat them. That was an unfair proposition. A man may keep a restaurant, but he isn't compelled to eat there.

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NOT PAGE FROM A ROMANCE

Conversation. However, Reads a Whole Lot More Like a Scene in Real Life. "And so your father refuses to consent to our union?" "He does, Rodolphus." "The sad youth swallowed a sob. "Is there nothing left for us, then, but an elopement?" said he. "Nothing." "Do you think, Clementine, that you could abandon this luxurious home, forget all the enjoyments of great wealth, devote yourself forever from your devoted parents' hearts, and go west with a poor young man to enter a home of lifelong poverty and self-denial?" "I could, Rodolphus." "The sad youth rose wearily and reached for his hat. "Then," said he, "you are far from being the practical girl I have all along taken you to be." And with one last look around on the smugness that some day he had hoped to share, he sobbed and said farewell.—Browning's Magazine.

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