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Merry Christmas to all. This is a good day to forget it.

There is about Zelaya's manifestoes the satisfaction that no one has to read them.

One note of cheer comes out of the Watsons' mess, and that is the loyalty of the poet's wife.

Still with only fifty millions, Mrs. Harriman will not have to worry about the high cost of living.

Will Mr. Morgan's purchase of two soup tureens for \$40,000 tend to make the diet more popular?

When it comes to deadlocks, the Missouri democrats seem to know both how to make and how to break.

If Santa Claus didn't bring you all you wanted, don't worry. Try to get a little pleasure out of what he did for others.

Nailing the Stars and Stripes to the pole proves to bring a reward of stars or stripes, according to who wields the hammer.

And to think that the innocent candy cane of the Christmas tree is the possible product of the short-weight scales of the custom house!

Discovery of the prosaic facts will not interfere with story writers weaving fancies about the "cannibal" island in the Gulf of California.

Whereas Alexander Sighu for more worlds to conquer, Mr. W goes back to China discouraged because there are no more questions to ask.

John W. now says he never told the Methodists that he was going to turn his back on the gates of the gambling world. Well, who believed it?

Having demonstrated its ability to give a square deal, regardless of its own feelings, will Copenhagen supplant The Hague as an arbitration center?

Latest in pomology is the puckerless persimmon, but let us be thankful that there remains one other cause for puckered lips besides the whistle.

The African royalty Roosevelt has been receiving on his travels is as nothing compared to the royalty he will receive on his writings when he gets home.

Of course it was "vulgar" for any publisher to attempt a cheaper edition of the "five-foot bookshelf," but it is a form of "vulgarity" that the plebeian pocketbook can tolerate.

"Merry Christmas." Perhaps the most redeeming trait of human nature is that at least once in its annual round, laying aside all animosities, express a general wish for the good and welfare of all.

This is not an empty and meaningless phrase, no matter how trillingly it may fall from the lips. Even its most careless expression has in it something of that element of good that is latent in all natures.

Christmas is a day for giving. Even the most selfish nature expands under the genial influence of the season and the satisfaction that comes from the bestowal of remembrances at this time is far more enjoyable than that which comes in taking.

Thus to mankind, no matter of what condition or in what walk, Christmas is a day of peculiar and appropriate significance, and to all of these we wish a Merry Christmas.

A Minor Chord. One of the greatest of human hearts is that of our national humorist, who is also recognized by the nations as our most notable author, Dr. Samuel L. Clemens, whose pen-name of Mark Twain, has been a household word for generations.

We know what his message to the world is on this holiday, for it gleams from every page of his books, stored with concentrated sunshine. We can hear his "Merry Christmas" in his whimsical voice, with his wonderful smile, above which his white locks are an aureole.

Kindly, lovable Mark Twain, would that the response of mankind could be awakened in you one touch of the merriment that you have kindled in our universal breast! But not for you the merriment, alone and desolate in your house of mourning; for you only the resignation, and the waiting, and the inner faith and the living love of all men to comfort you at the ashes of your hearth.

Chance for Our Youth. The launching of another United States battleship, which is said to be the most wonderful fighting mammoth now afloat, renews attention to the fact that with our greatest navy we need a larger force of trained men for the mastery of our ships that shall command the respect and obedience of the rebellious nations.

Among the names which the United States has blazoned in letters of gold all over the world, those shine supreme which had their beginning in the navy. Where is there an array that so stirs our own patriotism as Barry, Jones, Decatur, Farragut, Dewey, with the host of others no less distinguished that is encompassed in the annals over which those typical names stretch?

The prodigious advance made in naval construction and equipment since the time when Commodore Barry executed the exploit of making the first capture of a foreign ship by a commissioned officer of the United States navy, affords vaster opportunities for modern youth than were possible in those days of hand-to-hand conflict.

remembered that the American navy has ever been an instrument in the peace of the world and in the spread of civilization. Beyond the seas and on the islands in the midst thereof are alien peoples who today have occasion to arise and call the American navy blessed, and in the forceful perpetuation of our doctrine of humanity the youth of today has a brilliant opportunity.

Secretary Dickinson's plea for national memorials at San Juan and other battlefields of Cuba because of the individual and united valor shown by our commanders and our troops at those landmarks of signal victories, is well enough in its way, for tablets at sacred spots where men have laid down their lives in a humane cause serve to remind the thoughtless of deeds worthy of emulation.

Inscriptions of metal may be necessary to mark the spots of special valor for the guidance of future generations, but the visible and glorious monument is already reared to our heroes in the happiness and prosperity of the islanders whom we liberated from oppression by the very heroism now detailed by officialdom for congress to recognize.

There is a holiday flavor about the greetings brought to Washington by Ambassador Uchida from Japan, and while naturally he could not be expected to discuss the topics that are continually active in the popular mind where Nippon is considered, nevertheless the hints that he threw out were of a most reassuring nature.

For example, touching on the vexed matter of immigration, which caused such a foment on the coast, he remarks that "the existing agreement has no fixed date of expiration," as though that was a guarantee of perpetuation of good fellowship. As a fact, however, that simply means that it is subject to revocation when either party finds it to its interest to break it, and while the advantage is mutual, still it does not form a very secure basis for permanency of harmony.

Fortunately, the general treaty with Japan does have a fixed date of expiration, and the State department is even now considering how best to renew its provisions. May it not be an advantageous time for also considering the incorporation of such agreement regarding immigration and other Japanese problems as shall render more definite and secure all visible problems which afford possibilities for dispute between ourselves and the nation which Baron Uchida represents?

Bread Instead of Bullets. Optimism occasionally gets its opportunity, even in the zone of warfare, and what a pleasant sight it is to see the United States battleships pouring medical supplies instead of shells ashore at Bluefields, and the American State department superintending the distribution of bread instead of bullets among the famished Nicaraguans.

The United States has never given the world a more striking and efficient lesson in the humanities. Prompt as it has been to respond always to succor the victims of calamity, in such relief matters it has necessarily been a liberal sharer with the rest of the world. But in our neighboring troubled republic it is alone in its work of cheer and beneficence.

This hospitable manifestation is prompted solely by goodness of heart, and is a spontaneous outburst of fellowship and loving kindness aroused by the necessities of the case. Yet it will bear its good fruit, for the event shows to even those among whom suspicion of our intentions lingers, that we have no designs in Central America, but that we are actuated absolutely by desire for the general welfare.

All over the world the Christmas bells are ringing, but nowhere is their joyous peal more triumphant with the message of "Peace upon earth, good will toward men," than in troubled Nicaragua, where our navy administrators relief to the wounded, and our fighting men bear food to the hungry.

Poetic Yuletide Sentiments

A Christmas Carol. There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky! There's a mother's deep prayer! There's a baby's low cry!

A Bachelor's Christmas. I fill my pipe and sit me down beside the bonny open fire. 'Tis Christmas eve and here am I with all the mortal hearts desire.

A Song for Christmas. Sing me a rhyme of Christmas— Sing and let it be filled with laughter, Let it be pure and strong.

Lights of Christmas. The lights of Christmas With splendor glow; Out on the snow.

An Old Christmas Carol. Oh, wake ye, little children, And be of goodly cheer, You'll be a-begging for the day.

An Old Christmas Carol. Oh, wake ye, little children, And let each heart be gay, Good Will to Men they carried then.

When Christmas Comes. When Christmas comes we one and all Our days of bygone youth recall.

Tragedy of the Candelas. A little Eskimo once came To share our happy home, Brought by an Arctic traveler Across the frozen foam.

For them to dwell lightly on the "divine right" of the commission to the public treasury? Unless congress should intervene and inopportunistly stop the public printer the country is promised still more of it in future reports.

Earlrobing Speech. English speech, already opulent in synonyms, is being daily enriched. One of its latest accumulations is the new adjective "taffy," signifying complaisant.

THE OMNIPRESENT FACTOR. Adjusting Wages to the High Cost of Living. A great strike of railway employes is threatened in support of a demand for a 10 per cent increase in wages.

Delicate War Question. The general staff has taken up for consideration a delicate subject in deciding to draw up a project for regulating the relations of war correspondents to the government.

Profound Discoveries. The learned congressional commission of immigration in its latest report has made a discovery on the anthropological changes that take place in immigrants after their acclimatization in this country.

Europe's Young Kings. By the death of Leopold another is added to the list of amiable young kings on European thrones of whom Alfonso and Manuel are examples.

Some railroads are not going to be able to report this year that they carried millions of passengers without injuring one passenger.

Under exact control at the pressure of a finger applied to electric devices. Thus the arts of war afford have an influence of delicate manipulation calling for men of parts to be the brains of the marvelous machines.

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THE OLDEST NATIONAL BANK IN NEBRASKA. Established in 1857 as Kountze Bros. Nationalized in 1863, Charter No. 209. One of the Safest Forms of Investment Is a 3% Certificate of Deposit In This Bank, Which Has Over \$12,000,000 of Assets.

from it. The problem of the cost of living has priority over other industrial and social problems. It is the omnipresent factor. SAGE STUFFING. Same to you! Look up and cheer the while. Put some heart in the greeting. Hearts, hearts, sweeten not air.

Getting Busy on Stray Lines Beyond the Bell. The activity of J. P. Morgan & Co. during the last two weeks in buying up telephone companies scattered through Ohio and Indiana has aroused speculative query in every financial center.

Unique Argument of Corporation Attorney. New York Evening Post. According to common belief, the lawyer's functions consist in being as clever as he can in behalf of his client.

Control of Vast Sources of Insurance Wealth. New York World. No man, whether he be J. Pierpont Morgan or Thomas Fortune, is allowed to own a greater life insurance company than there is no man in the country who can safely be trusted with such power over \$400,000,000 of other people's money, no matter what safeguards an insurance code may provide.

SOME OF TAFT'S GOOD WORK. Achievements that Make for Good, Clean Government. Des Moines Capital. The Arbuckle have gladly refunded to the United States government \$60,000 in settlement of the government's claim against the firm on account of cheating by short weights in paying import duties.

SPICED PUDDING. Mrs. Chugwater nudged her husband. "Joshua, she asked me, 'low voice, 'what is that man in uniform doing?' 'He's bottling a sample of the atmosphere in this car,' answer Mr. Chugwater. 'What's he doing that for?' 'He's going to use it as a fertilizer. What did you suppose?'"

"Do you believe in a future punishment of everlasting fire and brimstone?" "Only for the party of the equatorial part," Chicago News.

"Did you observe anything peculiar about that explorer's observations?" asked one Arctic expert in acquiring the Equitable party of the equatorial part.—Chicago News.

"I am told that King Edward sends a daily message to his chief complimenting him on his dinner." "Yes," answered Mr. Crookshank. "We are all of one common humanity. Even a king has to go out of his way to jolly the cook."—Washington Star.

"I fear that boy of mine is incorrigible." "What now?" "He wants to send Santa Claus a Black Hand letter."—Kansas City Journal.

Tubb—Old boy, want to congratulate you on your speech at the banquet last night. O'Sullivan (after waiting a moment)—I know you do, pard, and you're awfully sorry you can't do more. But the same. Nasty weather, isn't it?—Chicago Tribune.

A Merry Christmas! We wish you one and all a Very "Merry Christmas" Our store will be closed all day Christmas. Browning, King & Co. CLOTHING, FURNISHINGS AND HATS, FIFTEENTH AND DOUGLAS STREETS, OMAHA. R. S. WILCOX, Manager.