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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:**

9:30 a. m.—The session meets in the church parlors. Those who desire to unite with the church at the morning service are requested to attend this preliminary meeting at 9:30.

10:00 a. m.—Public worship. "No Room in the Inn"—Luke 2:7. The choir will render special Christmas music.

11:20 a. m.—Sabbath-school. Supt., C. H. Rauch. Lesson, "Preparation for the Messiah"—Mat. 3:1-12.

2:00 p. m.—Junior Christian Endeavor. Mrs. White and Miss Gardiner, superintendents. Parents are asked to encourage their children to attend. Splendid work is being done.

6:00 p. m.—Senior Christian Endeavor. Topic, "Christmas Giving"—Mt. 2:1-2.

7:00 p. m.—Public worship. "The Barbarian"—Acts 28:2-7. The last of the series of Advent sermons preceding Christmas.

Thursday, 7:00 p. m.—Prayer meeting. S. W. L. immediately after the service.

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**TO EVERY ONE:**

**A Right MERRY CHRISTMAS**

and

**A Most HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



**New Charter Carries by Overwhelming Majority**

Special Election Held Monday called Out a Very Light Vote.

The special election held Monday for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the new charter prepared by the charter commission called out a very small proportion of the voters of the village. A total of only 110 votes was cast in this important election. Ninety-five of this number were in favor of adopting the new charter and fourteen against the proposition. One ticket was spoiled. The failure of many citizens to visit the polls and voice their expression one way or the other on a matter of so vital importance to every taxpayer in the village, shows a regrettable lack of interest in municipal affairs.

**Red Cross Drive Now on in Plymouth**

Plymouth's Quota of Membership in Neighborhood of Five Hundred.

Under the direction of the local branch of the American Red Cross, the campaign to secure Plymouth's quota of memberships of the fifteen million members that it is hoped to secure by next Monday night. Twenty per cent of our population is the basis upon which we are asked to secure members. This means that Plymouth village and township must come across with approximately five hundred memberships. It has been decided that a house-to-house personal canvass for memberships would not be made at this time, but four booths have been established in the following places: Conner Hardware Co., Pettingill & Campbell, High School building and the Beyer Pharmacy. These booths are in charge of ladies of the Red Cross, who will issue you a membership any day until the close of the campaign. Every person who joins is entitled to a membership certificate, Red Cross button and a neat window card to be displayed in a window of the home.

You are asked to visit one of these booths and become a member, if you are not already one. If you are a member, you are urged to pay your 1918 dues at this time. Remember, it only costs \$1.00 to become a member of this great organization for humanities sake—it is the biggest investment for your money you have ever made. "Sidetrack a dollar of your Christmas money and join the Red Cross."

**Present Men With Red Cross Membership**

The Daisy Mfg. Co. has presented each one of its 212 employees with a membership certificate in the American Red Cross. It is needless to say the men appreciated the gift, and the Daisy Co. are commended for their generous and patriotic spirit.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the Presbyterian church was held Wednesday afternoon at the manse. The home subject was "The Mountaineers," and the foreign topic was "Persia and Syria." The society recently sent a barrel and a large box to the mission field for Christmas.

To all old subscribers of the Mail, who pay up their old subscription accounts and pay in advance, and to all new subscribers who pay before January 1, 1918, the Mail will cost only \$1 a year, the old price. To all renewals of new subscriptions after that date the price will be advanced to \$1.50 per year.

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White Ribbon Raisins, per package	11c
Crisco, per can	42c
Large Head Rice, 3 pounds	27c
Galvanic Soap, per bar	5c
Kirk's Flaks White Soap, per bar	5c
Corn Flakes, large size package	10c
Slice Cheese, per pound	33c
Oyster and Butter Crackers, per pound	16c
Coal Oil, per gallon	13c
Choice Potatoes, per peck	40c
Best Creamery Butter, per pound	50c
Cider Vinegar, per gallon	25c
Black Pepper, 1/4 pound	10c
Farrington Peewees Flour, per sack	\$1.45
Stodd's Columbus Flour, per sack	\$1.59
Hankle's City of the Straits Flour, per sack	\$1.43
Good Lard, per pound	31c
Detroit Brand Coffee, per pound	25c
Kum-Back Coffee, with dishes, per pound	33c
Fresh Beef and Pork at reasonable prices	
Pratt's or Wilbur's Stock Food, One-Half Retail Price	
Men's Heavy Fleece-lined Underwear, per garment	69c
Men's Union Suits	\$1.48
Ladies' Union Suits	\$1.23

Delivery Saturday afternoon. Telephone orders must be in Saturday Noon for Saturday Delivery.

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**Take Necessary Steps to Form Patriotic League**

Local Committee and Representatives From a Number of Townships in the District Met Here Tuesday.

At a meeting of the local committee and representatives from about half of the townships in the Fourth Draft District, held at the village hall, Tuesday afternoon, it was decided that it would be advisable and proper to organize a Patriotic League in this District as was outlined in last week's issue of the Mail. It is planned to have Plymouth the central point for the federation of the league, and it will be the duty of the officials of the federation to see that each township, Plymouth included, is properly organized for the work of the league. Each township will have its own chairman, secretary and treasurer, and look after all of the local patriotic matters that will come up during the war.

The officers of the federation were instructed to draft a suitable constitution to govern the league and present the same at a general meeting of citizens and representatives from each township throughout the district at a later date, for their approval and adoption. The following officers of the federation were chosen at the meeting Tuesday afternoon:

General Chairman—C. H. Bennett  
Vice Chairman—Edward Gayde  
Secretary—L. B. Sims.

**Local Board Filling Out Questionnaires**

Sessions of Advisory Board Being Held in High School Auditorium Every Day.

The Local Board began the tremendous task of filling out the questionnaires, Tuesday. The legal advisory board for the District will hold their sessions in the High School auditorium from 9:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m., each day, until the work is finished. The original registration list was 2461. The quota for this district was 207, and about 90 per cent of this number has been sent to Camp Custer, and it is permitted to deduct these. All others whether exempted on the first draft or refused for physical disqualifications will get a questionnaire and must fill it out.

The work will be done systematically by the Local Board. It is planned to fill out 123 names a day until the whole list is covered. The men will have the services of the legal advisory board, which is composed of the following members:

C. C. Yerkes, Northville director,  
Louis E. Truesdell, Canton; E. C. Mough, W. R. Shaw, Coelle Hamilton, E. N. Passage, C. H. Rauch, Plymouth; William H. Ambler, Milo N. Johnson, Louis A. Babbitt, Edward H. Lapham, Northville; W. G. Evans, George Burgess, Redford; C. R. McLaughlin, H. Kalmbach, Dearborn; George Bentley, Livonia; Frank Clark, Fred C. Fisher, Belleville; Victor Brown, J. D. LaRue, Wayne.

**Attention Masons!**

Regular communications Thursday, December 27th, St. John's Night, also December 28th. Every member of Plymouth Rock Lodge is urgently requested to be present.

**MAIL CALENDARS**

The Mail will have a limited number of calendars to distribute among its subscribers again this year, commencing Wednesday, December 26th. Remember, we have only a limited number. First come, first served. Possibly no calendars will be given to children or boys and their parents.

**Plymouth Birds Make Clean Sweep**

Orr Passage, breeder of the Plymouth Extolior strain, R. C. Rhode Island White chickens, made a clean sweep with his show birds at the big poultry show held in Detroit, last week and this. Mr. Passage secured first on cock, hen, cockerel, pullet and pen. He was also awarded a bronze medal on pen. He has as fine a lot of birds as will be found in the country.

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Bananas, per dozen	25c
Oranges, per dozen	28c
Mixed Nuts, per pound	20c
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Christmas Candy, per pound	20c, 25c
New Coffee, per pound	28c
Latin Coffee, per pound	25c
Molasses, 2-pound cans	12c
Butter Brand Raisins, per package	12c
Uncle's Sam's Spaghetti, Noodles, Macaroni, per package	11c
Yeast Butter, per pound	25c
Lard, per pound	31c
Compound Lard, per pound	26c
Round Steak, per pound	24c
Shrimp and Porterhouse, per pound	26c
Pie Roast of Beef	17c
Beans, per pound	35c
Frank Ham, per pound	28c
Spiced Ham Bologna, per pound	28c
Spiced Sausage, per pound	22c
Pork Sausage, per pound	23c
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Important News Events of the World Summarized

U.S.—Teutonic War News

A number of American railway engineers have been killed by German aerial bombs in a town somewhere behind the British front, says a dispatch from France.

"A serious calamity and a national disgrace are inevitable" if surgical dressings are not sent to France with all possible speed, according to a cablegram from Major Grayson M. P. Murphy, head of the American Red Cross in France, which was made public at New York.

The first American shot of the war against Austria was fired on the Italian front when Representative Tinkham of Boston pulled the string of a 1.60 millimeter gun, hurling a shell across to the Austrian lines.

A division of regular cavalry, the first the American army has had since Civil war days, is being formed at El Paso, Tex. Officials at Washington said the step was in preparation for eventualities abroad.

Gunners on an American merchant ship which arrived at an Atlantic port from Archangel, Russia, declared they encountered a German submarine and destroyed the U-boat by gunfire.

Germany has massed on the western front her greatest army of the war, Secretary Baker declared at Washington in his weekly review. To meet this menace the United States must speed up its military preparations, the secretary adds, with a warning that the enemy is preparing to put into execution in France plans he has been maturing since the peace negotiations with Russia permitted the massing of men on the western front for that purpose.

Foreign

John Johansen, helmsman on the Norwegian steamer Ino, the Belgian relief ship whose collision with the ammunition steamer Mont Blanc led to the disaster at Halifax, was detained as a German spy suspect.

Dispatches received at Geneva by way of Vienna report that the sultan of Turkey is seriously ill.

German greed has overreached itself again. Supremely arrogant over the manner in which the Russian bolsheviks fell in with its proposals for an armistice, the German high command, Washington learned, has demanded peace terms which bid fair to unite all Russia into a potent anti-German force.

Winston Spencer Churchill, minister of munitions, spoke at Bedford, England, on the allies' war aims. He said the situation was more serious than it had been reasonable three months ago to expect. His address was a warning against premature peace and an endorsement of President Wilson's statement of war aims embodied in his recent speech to congress.

Washington

Secretary Baker at Washington made this reply to General Crozier's charge that he is responsible for the failure, until June 17 last, to make a choice of machine guns: "I am responsible for anything that goes on in the war department. I have been much interested in the subject of machine guns. I appointed a board to pass on them. I can say anything for publication. Our adversaries would be glad to acquire information."

Wads of red tape, hickering by the war munitions board, small-peace proceedings in congress, and unwillingness of manufacturers to "take a chance" on contracts without government funds actually available—all these conditions were revealed to the senate military affairs committee at Washington as the causes of low speed in equipping America's armies. They were brought out in testimony of Major General Crozier, chief of ordnance.

One single printed page constitutes the annual report, made public at Washington, of Rear Admiral David W. Taylor, chief of the bureau of construction and repair, although that officer is carrying on the largest naval building program ever entered upon by any nation.

The house at Washington voted to give the seat for the Second Michigan district held by Mark R. Bacon, Republican, to S. W. Beaker, Democrat.

President Wilson issued a proclamation at Washington reducing the alcoholic content of beer brewed after January 1, 1918, to 2% per cent by weight and prohibiting the use in the manufacture of malt liquor of more than 70 per cent of the average amount of food, fruits, food materials and feeds used in such manufacturing during the one-year period.

Food Administrator Bacon will issue at Washington a supplemental food card within a few days to the 12,000,000 food conservation signers, announcing that the food administration's sugar rationing plan for the United States provides for three pounds of sugar per month to each person during the coming year.

At a meeting of the National Board of Health and Food Conservation at Washington, Dec. 20, the board decided to issue a new food card, which will be issued to all persons who are not already registered.

CONQUEST AND KULTUR

The isolated groups of Germans abroad greatly benefit our trade, since by preference they obtain their goods from Germany; but they may also be useful to us politically, as we discover in America. The American-Germans have formed a political alliance with the Irish, and thus united constitute a power in the state with which the government must reckon.—Bernhardt, Germany and the Next War (1911).

Government control of the railroads for the period of the war, but continued private operation, were the features of the plan for dealing with the transportation crisis which President Wilson discussed at Washington with the members of the railroads' war board.

Domestic

In a final effort to relieve the serious coal situation in Ohio, Gov. James Cox is preparing charges which, he declares, will be forwarded to President Wilson at once against F. C. Baird of Cleveland, head of the lake coal shipping pool. Cox charges Baird represents the coal operators and not the interests of consumers, and will demand his dismissal.

Currency amounting to \$46,730 was seized by five robbers when they held up ten employees of the State bank at La Grange, Ill., and escaped.

A fuel oil fire in the fire room of the United States navy tug caused the death of three men and serious injury to another, the navy department at Washington announced. The dead are: Bruce W. Ross, Lloyd J. Hampton and William M. Williams. The injured man is Ellisworth L. Trumbull of Martinsville, Ind.

On account of the present shortage of coal in New York one of the largest real estate companies in the city, operating 140 apartment houses, commenced to turn off the heat in all its houses between the hours of 11 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Fire destroyed 20 stores at Picher, Okla., the largest town in the lead and zinc mining district. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

An embargo on all export freight, except for the United States government, on all railroads reaching North Atlantic seaboard ports, was ordered by the general operating committee at New York.

Frank J. Kusner, his wife and Mrs. Honora Madagan, his mother-in-law, were found asphyxiated by gas in their home at Chicago.

Thirteen of the negroes of the Twenty-fourth infantry, U. S. A., found guilty of complicity in the riot and mutiny at Houston August 23, were hanged on the military reservation at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. Only army officers and Sheriff John Tobin of Baxter county were present when the sentence was carried out by soldiers from the post.

Counterfeiting schemes said to involve more than \$1,000,000 and whose ramifications included Europe, South America and the United States, were disclosed at New York when William J. Flynn, chief of the United States secret service, announced that a plant had been seized and that the final arrest of those involved was made.

With two plates of her how stove in the steamer Presque Isle, carrying coal from Cleveland to Milwaukee, is hanging to Centerville reef, nine miles north of Sheboygan, Wis. She went aground in a storm.

European War News

Funchal, capital of the Madeira Islands, has been bombarded by a German submarine, says a dispatch from Lisbon, Portugal. Forty shells were fired, killing or wounding a number of persons and damaging several buildings. The submarine fled on being attacked.

The Austrian battleship Wien was torpedoed and sunk, according to a Vienna official statement received in Amsterdam and forwarded to London. Most of the crew were saved. The battleship Wien displaced 5,512 tons and was laid down in 1908.

A slight increase in the losses of British merchantmen by mine or submarine in the last week is noted in the admiralty statement issued at London. Fourteen vessels of more than 1,000 tons were sunk.

The semi-official German news agency says demobilization of the Russian forces has begun and that peace negotiations, restricted to the Russian front, have been authorized.

The torpedoing of two Austrian battleships in the harbor of Trieste by Italian torpedo craft on the night of December 9 is reported in a message received at New York by Commander C. Pfister of the Italian navy.

The German attack east of Bullecourt was repulsed by the British except at one point, according to Field Marshal Haig's report to London. The Germans suffered heavy losses, many dead being left behind on their retreat. The Germans captured 500 yards of front line trench.

"The submarine menace, in my opinion, is held, but not yet mastered," said Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, in the house of commons at London. "Our shipbuilding is not yet replacing our losses."

Rome dispatches to Washington confirming earlier reports of a full after the fierce fighting in which the Teutons failed to break through the Italian lines say that Austro-German commander sacrificed hundreds of thousands of his best men without improving his position.

CLOTHING IS NOT BURNED AT CUSTER

MEN PERMITTED TO DISPOSE OF CIVILIAN CLOTHES IN ANY WAY THEY PLEASE.

FOREIGNERS SEEK DISCHARGE

Nearly All Foreign-born Soldiers Try to Evade Service On All Sorts of Pretenses.

Lanang.

No, they are not burning recruits' civilian clothing at Camp Custer. Spike rumor No. 11,444 as a falsehood. No clothing has been burned and none will be burned.

Men who go there are permitted to dispose of their clothing in any way they see fit. They may send it home, they may sell it to secondhand dealers, or they may turn it over to the Belgian relief commission, which has a very active organization in camp.

This new evidence of what division headquarters has termed "enemy propaganda" came in a letter of inquiry mailed from a point in southern Michigan. The letter set forth the fact that the rumor had been circulated among women who were knitting sweaters, mufflers and wristlets for the soldiers.

Starting rumors that Camp Custer is burning food, lumber and clothing seems to be a popular sport.

Foreigners Seek Discharge.

Every man in the 85th division has been given a final opportunity to make a claim for exemption. And almost every foreign-born recruit has asked to be relieved from service.

The new rules of the selective conscription national board permit recruits who feel they did not receive a full hearing before local boards, to take their case up with their commanding general on arrival at the concentration camp. It was felt at Camp Custer, however, that it would be unfair to afford this privilege only to the men of the late contingents and the order was interpreted so that every recruit, both new and old, was given a chance to present a claim.

The proportion of American born recruits who asked for another hearing was very small, and in almost every instance the man recited the fact that newly arisen cases of dependency prompted him. The birth of children was one of the common reasons given. The foreign-born soldiers, however, came forward almost in a body to ask exemption. They filed a widely varying but generally insubstantial list of pleas.

This problem of the unwillingness of the foreign born to serve is the cause of constant worry to the commanding officers.

Army Bans Ban on Married Men.

Because it seems to be the policy of the war department to interpose a great force of Americans to aid in checking the Germans' western drive at the earliest possible moment, the ban on married men in the armed forces of the nation has been lifted so far as the volunteer army is concerned.

To permit the enlistment of married men under the same conditions as is provided for single men, army regulations which said this sort of thing should be discouraged, have been suspended, according to a bulletin from Secretary of War Baker.

That the new order means the re-enlistment of many of the 500 guardsmen who were discharged from the Michigan forces last summer because they had dependents is the opinion of officers of the former state guard now training at Waco, Texas. Wisconsin leaders also believe that numbers of trained men in the Badger state will re-enlist.

Among the men discharged because they were married and had dependents were many border veterans.

Division Sure to See War.

Some of the medical men at Camp Custer have discovered the reason why so many "physical unfit" were sent in the last increment.

They charge that some of the local draft boards thought that the 85th division would never see war, which the medical staff, evidently caused the boards to grow careless in the first physical examinations.

One army surgeon especially was outspoken in his opinion that a majority of the people, some local boards and many of the selecta, believe the drafted soldiers will not see service.

"The sooner that idea is eliminated from their minds the better," he declared emphatically. "So long as it remains it will work against the best interests of the country and of itself."

Hardwood Firemen in State Employ.

The public domain commission has taken over the fire fighting forces formerly operated by the Michigan Hardwood Protective association with offices at Gaylord. The association will be under state control, state direction and state pay. The men will be directed by William J. Pearson, of Boyne Falls, chief fire warden of the state. Lee Morford, the present secretary of the association, will be given a state commission without pay, with headquarters at Gaylord.

Wheatless Meal a Day Planned.

A new food conservation campaign from house to house is to be started in Michigan shortly after January 1 to start one wheatless meal a day in addition to the wheatless day a week now demanded. In addition there will be a request for one porkless day a week. The new appeal is in line with Food Director Hoover's recent announcement that only in the United States does the consumption of wheat below normal can it supply necessary food to its allies.

Michigan Guardsmen Go Next.

"The place to train troops is near the theater of war, where the boom of guns gets into the blood, where the whir of aeroplanes controlling the sky mingles with the roar of artillery, where personal contact with men who have been in the thick of the fray cause the blood of Americans to run faster in their veins. The sooner we get our men to France the sooner they will be ready for battle."

That is the message Major General James M. Parker, who is now in command of the Eighty-fifth division at Camp Custer, delivered to the people of Michigan when he received the camp's correspondents. He also added that Michigan might be proud of the showing made by her boys in the Thirty-second division, now training at Waco, because they have been selected as the next contingent of fighters to go abroad and enter the arena of war.

"I am proud of the men of my division at Camp Custer," he said, "and the people of Michigan may be proud of them also. They have made an excellent showing, after their strenuous course of training, and for that reason their time of movement to France has been shoved ahead of others who had previously been scheduled to lead them."

Custer Regiment Hoped For.

Meatless and wheatless days have been introduced in Camp Custer by the 330th field artillery. This regiment is the first in camp to step forth voluntarily and enlist its efforts in the campaign for food conservation.

The army has never been asked to do more than maintain its present food schedule. The theory is that the soldier who gives up all his home comforts, leaves his business and in addition works like a beaver for eight or ten hours a day should not also be asked to go on reduced rations. The army man lives more simply than half the civilian population as it is. There are mighty few scraps from his table, and what few there may be are sold and utilized.

The spirit of the 330th in voluntarily submitting to the change of rations is therefore meeting with commendation, and it is said that other regiments may adopt the plan.

When several thousand men eat wheatless foods one day in the week and deny themselves meat on another day, the total saved in those commodities is considerable at the end of a month, as may well be imagined.

The soldiers, however, are not deprived of full meals by the change. Substitutes have been adopted which really vary the monotony of the food and the new menu is said to be even more popular than the old.

CAMP CUSTER NOTES

It takes about 200 carloads of coal a month to heat Camp Custer.

A class has been opened for intelligence officers. French and British officers lecture.

There are now more than 6,000 horses and mules in this cantonment's remount depots.

An English captain has charge of the sniping course in Camp Custer. The best shots have been selected for this course.

Of the 52 Y. M. C. A. secretaries who constituted the force at the opening of camp, 15 have enlisted in the United States army or navy.

Twelve hundred of the most modern gas masks superior to the best now used in Europe, have arrived in camp for use in the gas defense service course.

Camp Custer now has express service. All the express companies have pooled their interests in the camp, and have constructed a building near the entrance to the electric railway.

The advent of real winter has caused a myriad of colds and throat affections all of which are of a minor nature but serious enough to make it advisable to keep the men in barracks. Measles are also on the increase.

Photographers, professional or amateur, caught taking pictures of wooden guns or other makeshift equipment being used by the soldiers in Camp Custer until their actual equipment arrives have been ordered placed under immediate arrest.

Women of Michigan should immediately devote most of their knitting activities for the soldiers to the making of helmets, gloves or mittens and socks, especially helmets. They are more important than sweaters, mufflers or wristlets.

A card index system has been adopted to record scores made by each man on the rifle ranges. Some of the records are surprising the officers. One fact being rapidly established is that men who never before fired a rifle are beating the records of old hunters and shooting enthusiasts. It is expected that many men, experts with shotguns and in their own peculiar way, have acquired habits not easy to change, while the beginner is amenable to instruction.

British and French officers here are inclined to look askance at the vast amount of entertainment showered on the men. They believe there is too much of the "pink tea" feature in this camp.

Inspectors have visited Camp Custer to make an investigation of the food served to the men. Methods of preparation, of storage and of handling were noted and both the quality and the amount supplied are made matters of record. All camps are being investigated in the same way under war department orders.

The American army has adopted the system used by the British and French military in designating wounded soldiers by the use of "badges of honor," one for each wound they receive in battle.

A large number of expert automobile repair men and mechanics have been called from the 85th division to attend a special course of instruction in the maintenance of army motor vehicles. These men will be assigned to other divisions which have less skilled men of this sort than Camp Custer possesses.

WRITTEN RECORD OF ATROCITIES

Diaries of German Soldiers Tell of Murder and Pillage in Belgian Cities.

CALLED "DISGRACE TO ARMY"

No Discrimination Made Between Innocent and Guilty—Infants Shot in Dead Mothers' Arms—Testimony of Brand Whitlock.

Very many German soldiers who have been taken prisoner had kept diaries, and these have been confiscated by the captors. Many have been published, frequently with facsimile reproductions to guarantee their authenticity. The following extracts, with the testimony of Brand Whitlock, are made public by the committee on public information at Washington.

"Aug. 23. Our men came back and said that at the point where the valley joined the Meuse we could not get any further, as the villagers were shooting at us from every house. We shot the whole lot—16 of them. They were drawn up in three ranks; the same shot did for three at a time.

The men had already shown their brutal instincts; . . . "The sight of the bodies of all the inhabitants who had been shot was indescribable. Every house in the whole village was destroyed. We dragged the villagers one after another out of the most unlikely corners. The men were shot as well as the women and children who were in the convent, since shots had been fired from the convent windows; and we burnt it afterwards.

"The inhabitants might have escaped the penalty by handing over the guilty and paying 15,000 francs.

"The inhabitants fired on our men again. The division took drastic steps to stop this, the villages being burnt and the inhabitants being shot. The pretty little village of Gue d'Oiseau, however, was apparently set on fire without cause. A cyclist fell off his machine and his rifle went off. He immediately said he had been shot at. All the inhabitants were burnt in the houses. I hope there will be no more such horrors.

"Disgrace to Our Army." "At Leppes apparently 200 men were shot. There must have been some innocent men among them. In future we shall have to hold an inquiry as to their guilt instead of shooting them.

"In the evening we marched to Heubert-Fontaine. Just as we were having our meal the alarm was sounded—everyone is very jumpy.

"September 8. Still at Reihel, on guard over prisoners. . . . The houses are charming inside. The middle class in France has magnificent furniture. We found stylish pieces everywhere and beautiful milk, but in what a state. . . . Good God! . . . Every bit of furniture broken, mirrors smashed. The Vandals themselves could not have done more damage. This place is a disgrace to our army. The inhabitants who fled could not have expected, of course, that all their goods would have been left intact after so many troops had passed. But the column commanders are responsible for the greater part of the damage, as they could have prevented the looting and destruction. The damage amounts to millions of marks; even the safes have been attacked.

"In a solicitor's house, in which, as luck would have it, all was in excellent taste, including a collection of old lace and Eastern works of art, everything was smashed to bits. . . . "I could not resist taking a little memento myself here and there. . . . One house was particularly elegant, everything in the best taste. The hall was of light oak; I found a splendid raincoat and the staircase and a camera for Felix." (From the diary of an officer in the One Hundred Seventy-eighth regiment, Twelfth Saxony corps.)

But his horror apparently was not shared by the German commander in chief, as is evident from the following:

"Order. "To the People of Liege.

"The population of Andenne, after making a display of peaceful intentions toward our troops, attacked them in the most treacherous manner. With my authorization, the general commanding these troops has reduced the town to ashes and has had 110 persons shot.

"I bring this fact to the knowledge of the people of Liege in order that they may know what fate to expect should they adopt a similar attitude. "GENERAL VON BUELOW."

CURIOUS CONSERVATIONS

Mrs. Sarah Ann Pickup, aged seventy-eight, of Providence, R. I., has in the last two years knit 102 pairs of heavy woolen socks.

The granite produced in the United States in 1916 was valued at \$17,418,582, 22 per cent of the value of the entire stone output.

Out of a total world production in 1915 of 150,000 tons of rubber Brazil contributed 85,000 tons, or about 23 per cent.

President McMillan of the New York State Hotel association says that since so many states have gone "bone dry," business men from other states who used to come to New York twice a year for a couple of days each time now come ten times a year and stay a week.

Russia is about 20 times larger than Germany and France put together, having an area of 8,505,000 square miles, and is larger than all of North America. The population of Russia is supposed to number about 165,000,000, fully 100,000,000 more than that of Germany before the war.

In his report of September 12, 1917, to the secretary of state, Minister Whitlock has much to tell of the policy of frightfulness. The following passages refer to the subject of massacres:

"Summary executions took place (at Dinant) without the least semblance of judgment. The names and number of the victims are not known, but they must be numerous. I have been unable to obtain precise details in this respect and the number of persons who have died is unknown. Among the persons who were shot are: Mr. Defoin, mayor of Dinant; Sasserath, first alderman; Nimmer, aged seventy; Consul for the Argentine Republic Victor Poncelet, who was executed in the presence of his wife and seven children; Wasseige and his two sons; Messrs. Gustave and Leon Nicaise, two very old men; Jules Monin and others all shot in the cellar of their brewery; Mr. Camille Plette and son, aged seventeen; Phillipart Pledfort, his wife and daughter; Miss Marsigny. During the execution of about forty inhabitants of Dinant the Germans placed before the condemned their wives and children. It is thus that Madam Albin who had just given birth to a child, three days previously, was brought on a mattress by German soldiers to witness the execution of her husband; her cries and supplications were so pressing that her husband's life was spared."

Forced to Witness Executions. "On the 26th of August German soldiers entered various streets (of Louvain) and ordered the inhabitants of the houses to proceed to the Place de la Station, where the bodies of nearly a dozen assassinated persons were lying. Women and children were separated from the men and forced to remain on the Place de la Station during the whole day. They had to witness the execution of many of their fellow citizens, who were for the most part shot at the side of the square, near the house of Mr. Henneid. The women and children, after having remained on the square for more than 15 hours, were allowed to depart. The Gardes Civiques of Louvain were also taken prisoners and sent to Germany, to the camp of Munster, where they were held for several weeks.

"On Thursday, August 27, order was given to the inhabitants to leave Louvain because the city was to be bombarded. Old men, women, children, the sick, priests, nuns, were driven on the roads like cattle. More than 10,000 of the inhabitants were driven as far as Tirlemont, nearly 12 miles from Louvain.

Infants Shot in Mothers' Arms. "One of the most sorely tried communities was that of the little village of Taminis, down in what is known as the Borinage, the coal fields near Charleroi. Taminis is a mining village in the Sambre. It is a collection of small cottages sheltering about 5,000 inhabitants, mostly all poor laborers.

"The little graveyard in which the church stands bears its mute testimony to the horror of the event. There are hundreds of new-made graves, each with its small wooden cross and its bit of flowers; the crosses are so closely huddled that there is scarcely room to walk between them. The crosses are alike and all bear the same date, the sinister date of August 22, 1914."

"But whether their hands were cut off or not, whether they were lapped on bayonets or not, children were shot down by military order, in cold blood. In the awful crime of the Rock of Bayard, there overlooking the Meuse near Dinant, infants in their mothers' arms were shot down without mercy. The deed, never surpassed in cruelty by any band of savages, is described by the bishop of Namur himself:

"One scene surpasses in horror all others; it is the fuillade of the Rocher Bayard near Dinant. It appears to have been ordered by Colonel Meister. This fuillade made many victims among the nearby parishes, especially those of des Rines and Neffe. It caused the death of nearly 90 persons, without distinction of age or sex. Among the victims were babies in arms, boys and girls, fathers and mothers of families, even old men.

Dead Children in Pile of Bodies. "It was there that 12 children under the age of six perished from the fire of the executioners, six of them as they lay in their mothers' arms: "The child Fievet, three weeks old. "Maurice Betems, eleven months old. "Nelly Pollet, eleven months old. "Gilda Genon, eighteen months old. "Gilda Marchot, two years old. "Clara Struvay, two years and six months.

"The pile of bodies comprised also many children from six to fourteen years. Eight large families have entirely disappeared. Four have but one survivor. Those men that escaped death—and many of whom were riddled with bullets—were obliged to bury in a summary and hasty fashion their fathers, mothers, brothers or sisters; then after having been relieved of their money and being placed in chains they were sent to Cassel (Prussia)."

Samuel Gompers is planning to utilize all of the 600,000 civil employees of the government. It is said with President Wilson's sanction.

More than 600,000,000 gallons of mineral water are now used in the United States each year in the manufacture of soft drinks.

The war trade board has made a statement to the effect that hereafter all applications made to the board for licenses to trade with an enemy must be in duplicate. Both copies must be sent to the war trade board.

The city authorities of Glasgow, Scotland, plan to utilize waste paper in the making of inferior grades of paper. Business houses, schools and private individuals will assist in the collection. The waste material will bring to the city a revenue for this year of about \$50,000.

With permission from his congregation to spend his vacation as he sees fit, Dr. F. W. Emerson, pastor of the First Christian church of Ontario, Can., has started to work in a cannery in order that he may contribute to a campaign for the relief of starving Armenian children.

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Mr. Bowser's Memory—He Finds That He Has Forgotten Many Things

The Bowser family were resting in contentment. Mr. Bowser had smoked his cigar and read the evening paper and was half asleep in his rocking chair. Then there came a sudden interruption. The front-door bell rang as if a fireman had pressed a button.



"The Confounded Loafer Wanted to Sell Me a Book." "What galls! What impudence! Why, the confounded loafer wanted to sell me a book that tells how to get your memory back if you have lost it!"



"Did You Ever Love?"

time. Mrs. Bowser, do you think I am losing my memory? "I have sometimes puzzled over it," was the reply. "Puzzled! What in the Old Harry is there to puzzle about!" "Well, we might call it carelessness. You have often admitted that you are a very careless man."

"No one has insulted you. You asked me to test you and I am doing so. Shortly after the elopement, which didn't come off, you began to write me love letters. You called me 'your dove,' 'your angel,' 'your poppy-woppy' and lots of other names. I have got some of your old love letters to show that you did."

"I never, never wrote any such darned stuff as that!" howled Mr. Bowser, as he flourished his arms about. "You often wrote me as many as three times a day, and I had a cross-eyed boy for two cents a letter to bring them over to me. If you could sit down with that cross-eyed boy for three minutes he would bring your memory back better than any book."

"More insults! More insults!" gasped Mr. Bowser. "I was reading one of your old letters today," continued Mrs. Bowser. "You must have written it by candlelight, for there are three or four spots of grease on every page, and there are just sixteen pages. In it you said that if I died you would go out and drown yourself, for this world would be nothing to you if I left it."

"Mr. Bowser couldn't say a word. He just stood with his mouth open and his fingers clenched and looked at Mrs. Bowser as if he longed to tomahawk her on the spot. "Mrs. Bowser, I command you not to say another word!" said Mr. Bowser, in a low, tense voice.

"Just a word and I am through, Mr. Bowser. You were so grateful to me for saving your life that you sent the cross-eyed boy over two or three hours later with a half-pound box of candy. It was glorious candy. It must have cost you all of ten cents. My heart went out to you as I munched that candy. I realized that I was about to marry a big-hearted, noble young man, and mother said you would always dote on me. Can't you possibly remember these things, Mr. Bowser? If you can't, you should try and find that man and buy his book on memory."

Mr. Bowser made no reply to this. He simply gasped in his throat and turned and went down the hall to the back room and put on his hat. "Are you going out, dear?" asked Mrs. Bowser.

"I am going out to look for my lost memory," he replied, and two seconds later he slammed the door behind him and was walking down to the gate. There was only one pedestrian in sight. It was an old man with a cane coming along with a bad limp on him. Mr. Bowser stepped outside the gate and waited for him. When the old man came limping up, he was caught by the lapels of his coat and backed up to the fence, and Mr. Bowser yelled at him: "Did you ever love?"

"Police! Police!" shouted the old man, who thought he was being held up for his money. "Did you ever make a fool of yourself?" was shouted at him. "Fire! Fire! Help! Help!" "Did your wife preserve your love letters and bring them up forty years later to insult and humiliate you! Tell me, you old sinner, or I will shake you out of your coat!" "Murder! Help!"

Then some men came running and Mr. Bowser walked away. He walked for two blocks and then leaned up against a shade tree to mutter to himself. "Bowser, you are the darndest old donkey in Europe, Asia and America! Yes, sir, you are the biggest donkey, and I don't blame Mrs. Bowser one little bit!"

PASTURE PLAN FOR SHEEP WORKS OUT

Flocks Sent North to Graze on Cut-Over Lands.

MONEY IS MADE BY MANY

Results Are Studied by Michigan Agricultural College—Same Plan Will Be Used Again to Increase Mutton and Wool Supply.

By VERNE A. FREEMAN, Extension Agent in Live Stock, Michigan Agricultural College. East Lansing, Mich. — Michigan sheepmen who have tried it have learned to their gale that ewes wintered in southern Michigan can be shipped north in the spring and successfully grazed through the summer months on the vast areas of cut-over lands in the upper half of the lower peninsula and in many sections of the upper peninsula.

But before entering too far into a recital of results a little of the past history of this project should be recalled. When Uncle Sam came down the gauntlet, Michigan's farmers and live stock men were appealed to for bumper production. Coincidentally legions of self-appointed Solomons dived upon their soap boxes on city street corners and let loose a deluge of suggestions to agriculturists. In this bedlam there was hardly a chance in the world that men really having something to say would ever be heard, but some of them did succeed finally through the Michigan Agricultural college in gaining an audience. Among these last were owners of cut-over pasture lands in northern Michigan. They offered these areas, which otherwise would have lain idle, to sheep men, in many instances without rental, for the summer-grazing of flocks. The question at once presented itself, naturally, as to whether sheep could be shipped north in the spring and brought back in the fall with any certainty that the enterprise would be successful. Many sheepmen, however, were willing to make the experiment. The results, as they have reported, have on the whole been so uniformly satisfactory that flocks should this coming season be moved north on a large scale. The fact that land is plentiful, the need for wool and mutton great, and the prospect of gain

to the deck is recommended. Neither were there many injuries to ewes heavy with lambs while on the road, except in one case where the ewes were purchased and the lambs began coming too early, many being born on the cars. It happened to be cold, stormy weather, the cars were delayed, and several lambs and a few ewes were lost. Had the ewes been bred later this would have been avoided.

There have been occasional losses by bears; two lambs were lost that way last season, but there seems to have been fewer losses from dogs in the north than on the home pastures. One man shipped to pasture with his ewes 105 per cent of lambs and marketed 99 per cent of lambs; another with a smaller flock, mostly registered Shropshires and Hampshires, says he raised 150 per cent of lambs, while still a third man, who has been handling ewes in thousands, thought 75 per cent of lambs was a fair average. It would seem, accordingly, that where flocks of from 60 to 400 or 500 are kept in good quarters through lambing time and sent with their lambs to pasture, 75 to 100 per cent of lambs should be expected.

Where the ewes were run in large flocks the western females proved more satisfactory. One flock of 350 during one season reported no losses, but in the larger flocks from 3 to 4 per cent of the ewes may be expected to die each season from general causes. If the feed is short and dry in the fall, they should be returned to the farms early, for one man was caught by snow with 1,500 thin ewes. They were loaded hurriedly and started home without a man in charge, and when they were unloaded on the way home they were caught in an ice storm.

Sixty-five ewes were dead in the cars. This was largely laid to neglect and carelessness of the railroad. Of course this is an unusual condition, but it is generally agreed that the ewes should be returned to the farms by November 1, a little earlier being the safer plan unless some provision is made for feed and protection from storms.

The lambs were usually not weaned until sold, and the time of selling varied from August to November, depending upon the size and age of the lambs, and market conditions. It seems advisable to sell the lambs at least by October 1, so as to give the ewes a chance to gain upon grass. The average weight of the lambs at the time of selling varied from 65 to 80 pounds. The light lambs were often shipped home for winter feeders.

The freight rate will be slightly higher now, but was 16 1/2 cents per hundred-weight from Jonesville to Prescott, where many thousands have been



Sheep Grazing on Typical Northern Michigan Cut-Over Lands.

good, should exercise a highly stimulating influence. A representative of the college has given much of his time of late to visiting men who have been shipping and pasturing flocks ranging in size from 550 head to 4,000 or 5,000, and have been doing it successfully, in some instances for as many as twelve seasons—disclosing, by the way, that the "ship north" idea is not altogether a new one. These sheepmen, as a result of their experience, endorse the project fully and urge its wider development.

Not all of them have been shipping their flocks at the same time, though in only one case was it considered economy to send the ewes to pasture before lambing, and in this instance the move was made because of the very large numbers of animals in the flock and lack of sufficient room and labor to take care of them at home. All the sheepmen agreed that a much larger per cent of lambs can be raised by having the youngest lambs at least one week old at the time of shipping to pasture. If the lambs are to come on pasture, the ewes should be bred so as not to have the lambs begin coming before May 15. Ewes with young lambs were successfully shipped as early as April 25 to May 1, and at any time afterward that enough ewes for a carload had good, strong lambs ready.

No serious trouble was experienced with lambs being weaned on the road, where the ewes were not too crowded. About 75 ewes, where there are many twins, or 85 with mostly single lambs, can be loaded in one deck. When shipped before lambing, not over 100

shipped. The freight for a minimum car of sheep, 18,000 pounds, at 18 1/2 cents per hundredweight, is \$23.70. Supposing that 85 ewes with their lambs were loaded to the deck, the cost of shipping each ewe would be just above 17 cents. Plenty of good pasture can be located for 50 cents per ewe per season without going much farther from most points in Michigan.

Of course the sheep farmers and ranchmen have the advantage of not having to ship the ewes away for the winter, and are perhaps in the best position to use the pastures now idle, but so long as they cannot use all of it the farmers of southern Michigan ought to step in and get some of it.

This year we are hesitating to put in feeder steers or lambs, because of the high cost of fattening feeds. Yet we need to feed out our roughage, to keep our manure and fertilizer on our farms. The breeding ewes will consume the rough feed and require very little grain. Then we can ship them to cheap pasture, from which the lambs can be sold next fall and the ewes returned again to use our hay and fodder.

Heretofore the men who have taken advantage of the opportunities awaiting sheepmen in the north have been largely of the "big fellow" class, but why would it not be possible for smaller farmers to go at it co-operatively? This might be accomplished by the organization of sheep-raising associations, by means of which a number of farmers could combine their flocks, ship them north in a bunch, and pay a man to watch over them.

PLAN SHORT-COURSE REUNION

3,000 Young Michigan Farmers to Assemble at M. A. C. on January 15 and 16.

East Lansing, Mich. — Graduates from the short courses of the Michigan Agricultural college, some 3,000 of whom are scattered on farms in all of the state's 83 counties, will bend their steps towards the campus on January 15 and 16 for the first record-reunion of the short-course men of the institution. These men, who hold equally as prominent a place in the agriculture of the state as do men who have graduated from the four-year courses, have never before been called together in a body. "Obviously, the 'home-coming' will be for the purpose of bringing the boys together again, and while this will be a big part of the reunion program, another reason much more important in the present season of national need underlies the move. The dates selected for the gathering, January 15 and 16, are also the days upon which the Michigan Crop Improvement asso-

ciation will conduct its annual convention, and it is hoped that by having the short-course men attend, it will be possible to line them up for the big mission of improving Michigan grain varieties by working for the replacement of the present low-yielding, common grains, with superior, high-yielding, pure-bred varieties. An exhibit of pure-bred grains will be conducted in conjunction with the convention and reunion. Entries for this exhibit, by the way, should be forwarded to J. W. Nicolson of the M. A. C. department of farm crops as soon as possible.

Queen's Poker. Two American sailors were standing outside Saint Paul's cathedral gazing with awe, mingled with bewilderment, at the statue of Queen Anne. They had evidently come to some comprehension of its identity and purpose, but the scepter in her majesty's hand was beyond their understanding. Suddenly one of the men explained. "It's a poker," he said, "and I guess it got bent when the old lady used it in the great fire of London."—London Tit-Bits.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

Pontiac—Oakland county has a farm bureau after agitation which has been going forward for several years. An agricultural expert will be employed.

Saginaw—Adam Volker, 17 years old, while diving in the swimming pool of the Y. M. C. A. struck on his back, causing paralysis, which resulted in his death.

Owosso—Mrs. Walter Pulver saved herself from being burned to death by rolling in the snow. Her clothing caught fire from a gas heater. She was badly burned.

Sault Ste Marie—Because his big sister reprimanded him for pointing an empty rifle at her, 8-year-old Harry McPherson loaded the rifle and deliberately shot Thelma McPherson, 18 years old.

Owosso—Patrick Cavanaugh, 45 years old, of Kalamazoo, is dead from injuries received when his automobile was struck by a train. Mathew Coe, who was with Cavanaugh, is in a serious condition.

Eaton Rapids—Lewis Cook, 50 years old, who lived alone on his farm two miles east of this city, was found unconscious in his barn. He had suffered a stroke of apoplexy while milking a cow. He died the next morning.

Flint—The body of John Kobs, 31 years old, was found sitting in his automobile in the garage adjoining Mundy's house, where Kobs was a boarder. Death was caused by gas fumes. Kobs had been missing two days. Two days before, Theodore Chapin 48 years old, was found dead in his garage.

Owosso—A. B. Cook of Owosso has been appointed state farm labor administrator in Michigan. The appointment was made by Secretary Houston of the department of agriculture. Cook will have charge of the distribution of farm labor in the state and will work in conjunction with a state organization of county farm agents to be perfected during the winter.

Kalamazoo—The first local policeman will receive a salary of \$1,500 a year.

Muskegon—Wilbur Boyer, British tank driver, has been spending a fortnight with his parents here.

Pontiac—Since the declaration of war on Austria, more Austrians have applied for American citizenship than ever before in an equal time.

Monroe—William Harris, 35 years old, laborer, was sentenced to 90 days in the Detroit house of correction for beating his wife with a broomstick.

Jackson—Bread prices in Jackson have been reduced through the efforts of Charles Dewitt, local food administrator, from 18 and 15 cents a loaf to 9 and 12 cents.

Saginaw—W. H. Wallace of the Michigan Sugar Co., has been named field agent of the federal food administration by George A. Prescott, state food administrator.

Cadillac—Charles McKenna, of the Ypsilanti normal, and W. N. Ferris, of Ferris Institute, of Big Rapids, will direct the annual county teachers institute, which will be held here January 14-15.

Traverse City—George Carmien Snyder, 23, of this city, is the champion automobile "borrower" of northern Michigan, according to local authorities. They have traced at least 23 night stealings to him. He was sentenced by Judge Mayne, of the circuit court, to finish a term of two years in lonia.

Fremont—Jewell Hewitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hewitt of this city, a local volunteer in the United States army now in France, sends word to his parents that the opinion is general among the men along the western front that the Germans are making a final desperate attempt to break through the Allies' lines, hoping to consummate this action before a large number of American troops will be available to aid in turning them back.

Albion—Local bakeries have eliminated all credit, telephone and delivery business.

Yale—Thomas H. Parkinson, 65 years old, a member of the state legislature of 1895, is dead.

Muskegon.—All local patriotic campaigns will be handled through one organization in the future.

Allegan.—Circuit Judge Cross assessed Charles Walker, of Valley, \$108.25 and seven months imprisonment in lonia for violation of local option laws.

Pontiac—Ten Detroit detectives and 22 Oakland county men were honorary pall bearers at the funeral of Sheriff O. H. P. Green, who shot himself last week. Charles Cross, under sheriff, has taken the oath of office as sheriff. All appointments by the late sheriff are nullified by his death.

Flint.—Twenty-two Genesee county doctors are already in government service.

Pontiac—By flashing moving pictures from a platform outside the Methodist church through a window onto the screen in the auditorium, a charity travelogue was given. The fire marshal would not allow the machine to be used inside the building.

Battle Creek—Camp Custer officers are hoping other big hotels will follow the patriotic action of a big Woodward avenue hotel in Detroit which advised it would reduce by one-fifth its regular room rate for the benefit of Custer officers and their families visiting in Detroit.

Fads And Fancies Of Fashion



IN SATIN AND SEALSKIN.

A new and very handsome development of the tunic appears in this unusual dress of gray satin, trimmed with bands of sealskin. If ever any frock was designed, versatile enough to play a greater number of roles in the days drama, the memory of the fashion writer fails to recall it. Here is a costume, with a detachable collar of fur, which needs only a touch to make it quite in place on the street, at dinner, at almost any place that the rounds of the day will carry its wearer.

The last word in knitting bags is a patriotic design made of red, white and blue satin ribbon, by way of complimenting the colors. The red and white predominate, and ribbon three inches wide is stitched together in stripes to form a capacious bag. Three handsome new bags are shown here—two of them to use wherever a bag is needed and one made for a sewing bag. One of them appears to be inspired by a Chinese lantern, another brings to mind an Indian canoe, while the sewing bag suggests that some flower suggested it. These fancies are helped out by the colorings used, as well as the shapes.



NOVELTY BAGS OF RIBBON.

The smart apron front to a full tunic skirt at the sides and back and demonstrated that they were made for each other. The underdress is a plain slip of the satin with rather close-fitting coat sleeves. The neck is split to form a V-shaped opening with turned-back revers. The girdle is merely a cable cord, covered with satin, so smoothly that it bespeaks an expert needle woman's work. It defines the waistline loosely and is held in just the right position with the simplest of knots at each side than in front, where it loops over. The balls of seal-skin make a perfect finish for the long ends.

The neck of the bag. Tassels of jade and silk are suspended at the sides. A small cap of green satin appears at the bottom of the bag and a big green head, on a black silk cord hangs from it. The same cord is used for handles. The canoe bag is in pale tan and gold brocade with a crocheted top portion made of chenille and flat tassels, also with crocheted tops. These and the handle are all in light tan, but a vivid green satin lining gives life to the colorings.

In tan or taupe or gray, or in dark shades of other fashionable colors, this model will prove itself an asset in the wardrobe of any woman, and especially useful to her who wants to make one dress answer the purposes of two or three. Besides this it is a delight to the woman of discriminating taste who will appreciate its distinction. Satin and seal-skin do not need elaboration.

Plain rose-colored satin is used to line the bag of blue moire ribbon with four petal-like tabs of blue and rose brocade ribbon about the top. It is suspended by narrow blue satin ribbon and an unexpected but effective touch of gold appears in the tassels at the bottom.

With the rising tide of Christmas shoppers a current sets toward the ribbon counter in search of novelties. The ribbon department rarely disappoints its patrons. From unflinching springs of inspiration, the designers of novelties bring, each year, the most exquisite of belongings, personal, and for house decoration, made of ribbons. Bags, it goes without saying almost, are the item of greatest interest and importance at the ribbon counter this year. The knitting bag is a badge of patriotism and has made itself almost as indispensable as a hat or gloves. Bags are not to be classed as novelties but certain kinds are new and there are many new ways of making them, many novelties in ribbons are used for them.

Not all women get their coats ready-made. And those who do not are interested in selecting materials to have their coats made up. Velours, soft and thick and velvety, head the list of fashionable weaves. One may choose most any color and any one of the several good qualities. Bolivias, too, are high in favor, and these are even more expensive and finer than the velours. The colors are charming—the softest, prettiest shades imaginable—these are always reliable, and in good style this year, as they were last year, and likely to be next! Zibelines are here again—silky and—and promise to make attractive winter wraps.

Alexandrian Garments. It is definitely said that the extension at the sides of skirts, which goes under the name of umbrella drapery, will be abolished. What is known as the melon skirt, or jupe tonneau, will be dismissed as worthless. The exclusive dressmakers with keen vision, who persuaded their patrons to buy flat, Egyptian skirts, plaited from waist to hem, should now receive a letter of gratitude, because, it is said, these Alexandrian garments will remain at the height of fashion and whatever has a bulge in it will be out of the picture.

Dark Blouses Essential. Every woman should include at least one dark blouse in her wardrobe, for it is often difficult to find just the blouse that is becoming and not inordinately in color. The sweater may be covered by red silk embroidery in conventional motif and red silk machine embroidery and the blouse may be fashioned in light and dark tones.

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**THE PLYMOUTH MAIL**

—BY—  
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**Local News**

Mrs. Nelson Cole visited friends in Detroit, a few days this week.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Shattuck and family visited friends in Pontiac, Wednesday.  
Auto livery at all hours. Charles Hirschlieb, 843 Starkweather avenue, Phone 169J.  
Mrs. George Burgess of Redford, visited her niece, Mrs. William Rattenbury, last Tuesday.  
There will be a regular meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star, next Tuesday evening, December 25.  
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brown of Kalkaska will spend Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Cole.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Quartel, Sr., were called to Sandusky, Mich., last Tuesday, on account of the death of the former's sister, Mrs. Elisha Kelley.  
Frank Whitbeck, who has been traveling in the west for the past few months in the interest of the Detroit Vapor Stove Co., will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Whitbeck.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Shattuck entertained at their home east of town, last Tuesday evening, in honor of their son, Sanford's birthday. Covers were laid for twelve, and yuletide colors were the decorations.

**Red Cross Drive**

**Exempts No One**

One dollar pays a membership in Plymouth Branch, Detroit Chapter, American Red Cross, until December 31, 1918.  
This announcement by Detroit chapter Tuesday, is intended principally to correct an impression that has gone round lately that persons who joined the Red Cross last spring during the big drive for memberships, are exempted in the present campaign. Their memberships extend to December 31, 1917, and must be renewed if they are to continue a part of this far-reaching mercy organization.  
The campaign for members, which has been in progress for the last week, and will continue to December 24, and is taking the place of the usual spring drive.  
Misunderstanding of the purposes of the present campaign has caused much explanation by the workers in the various booths.  
A large service flag, displaying ten stars, has been hung in front of the Presbyterian church in honor of the ten young men who have gone from this church into military service. They are Harvey Springer, Myron Beals, Kenneth Harrison, John Bassett Clair Havershaw, Lee C. Fisher, Milton Wisely, Harold Sage, John Cassidy, Howard Sly. The church also has a large honor roll with the names of these men inscribed.

**The Community**

**Christmas Tree**

The committee in charge of the Xmas tree wish to again remind you to memorize the first and second verses of "Joy to the World," "Holy Night," also all the verses of "America," and thus be prepared to lend your voices in making the exercises a success. The tree itself is donated. The Edison company contributes the illumination. Our Boy Scouts and electric light men will see to putting the tree in place. Do your part by joining in the singing, and also by dropping a nickel in the Xmas boxes placed about town, which will pay for the small expense of wiring the tree. Everybody is invited to be at the city hall at sharp 8:40 o'clock, Monday evening, Dec. 24th, to march with the Plymouth band to the tree in front of Kellogg park. C. H. Rauch will have charge of the program.

The Presbyterian Sunday-school enjoyed its Christmas treat in the church banquet hall Thursday evening. Each class brought its own supper and provided its own Christmas fun. But there was general merriment among all the classes. At the close of the festivities a Christmas prayer meeting was conducted by the pastor in which a number took part.

**Broekman-Schoch**

Miss Hazel Schoch and Mr. Frank Broekman sprung a genuine surprise upon their many friends, last Thursday. They quietly went to Detroit and were united in marriage by Rev. King, a former pastor of the Methodist church here. Miss Schoch is a graduate of the Plymouth schools and an earnest worker in the Methodist church. In all her associations in life, her pleasing qualities have won for her a host of friends. Mr. Broekman is a young man who has spent his life in this vicinity, and also has gained many friends. Congratulations and best wishes are extended by a host of friends to these young people. At present they will reside in Northville.

**A Lecture on Christian Science**

William D. Kilpatrick, C. S., of Detroit, gave a very interesting lecture on Christian Science at the First Church of Christ Scientist, last night. There was a goodly number out to hear this talented speaker.  
The following is a brief synopsis of Mr. Kilpatrick's remarks:  
I have chosen for the subject of my discourse "Christian Science; The Law of God."  
Present day interest in Christian Science is finding expression in a demand for a wider dissemination of its message of hope and good cheer—in a hungering and thirsting for a fuller understanding of this pure gospel of the Christ. It is being universally asked: What is Christian Science? What does it teach? What are its accomplishments? On what authority does this religious movement within the short span of a generation command the respectful consideration of a world?  
It is the purpose of the Christian Science literature of Christian Science church services and of Christian Science lectures to answer these questions, and, if perchance, we shall have been able this evening to throw some little gleam of light on that book of all books, the Holy Bible; if, perchance we shall have been able to awaken the smouldering spark of hope and encouragement in the breast of some sin-burdened, sick, hopeless or suffering man or woman we shall consider the hour well and profitably spent.  
The world's interest today in Christian Science lies in the world's necessity for Christian Science. Long-suffering humanity is in sore need of a live, vital, dynamic, constructive, spiritual religious awakening.—an awakening predicted, not on heathen and aboriginal vapors of creed and ritual something besides a religion that offers mere speculative, future possibilities in place of a truly Christ-like religion that can point to its present works as evidence of its divine authority.  
Humanity has arrived at the point where it demands a religion which it believes to be wholly true, unstained by human opinions and conjectures, without one element of error, founded on the Bible and restoring the teachings and works of the Master. That is what the world demands today, and that, my friends, is why it is turning to Christian Science. The proof of its divine origin rather than its profession has set the face of the world towards this religion.  
Fruits.  
Since the coming of Christian Science to the world religion and material methods of healing have undergone some radical and startling changes. Most of us here can well remember how Christian Science was ridiculed, laughed and scoffed at, persecuted and prosecuted for its revolutionary teaching that matter cannot create or cure disease and that all true therapeutics lies in an understanding of God, or Divine Mind, the only Cause or Creator. The indignities which were heaped upon Christian Science for declaring that material remedies cannot cure disease are too numerous and too distressing to repeat. What is the attitude of the world today in this regard, solely as a result of the teaching of Christian Science? Why, almost the complete abandonment of the theory that matter can heal, and this by members of a profession who but a few short years ago proclaimed omnipotent powers for their nostrums. Many physicians today tell us they seldom or never administer drugs for curative purposes. They have found out that there is no intelligence, power, Principle or law in a drug. They are learning the truth of what Mrs. Eddy discovered fifty years ago, namely, that it is not the drug that heals.

**Our First Letters**

**From "Overthere"**

Corporal Harvey Springer Writes From France to His Home Folks

The Mail has the privilege this week of publishing the first letters submitted for local publication from a Plymouth boy, who is in the service of his country across the ocean. Harvey Springer, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Springer, writes, in part, as follows, from "somewhere in France."  
November 23, '17  
Just a line to tell you I am well and happy, and hope you are all the same. Blondy and Bill send their best regards. They are both feeling fine. Well, it will soon be Thanksgiving day, and this will be one of the first Thanksgivings on which I have ever been so far away from home. Nevertheless, I want you all to eat plenty of the old bird for me and I can at least think of you while you are doing so. If you care to send me some fruit cake or Christmas cookies, I will be tickled to get them, also some tobacco. Edgeworth pipe tobacco is what I like the best of any. If you send me these things be sure and wrap them up tight and send them special delivery or parcel post. Did you get the suit case I sent home? And did you get the insurance papers? Please let me know as soon as possible. That reminds me, you can send me some socks also, if it won't be too much trouble. They will feel mighty comfortable. How are all the boys—Ed. and Albert Gayde, Bill Todd, Red Birch, "Skin," "Whit," etc. Send them all my best and tell them to write. I haven't been able to send you a cablegram as you desired, but hope this will reach you to keep you from worrying. Ask Kenneth Harrison's mother what his address is, and I will try and write to him, although there isn't a chance of seeing him for a while. Have they started the third draft yet? When they do be sure and let me know whom they get. Well, I must close now, but will write very often, so you must do the same.  
November 24, 1917  
Well mother, today is the 24th of November and Thanksgiving will soon be here. It doesn't seem possible that I have been in the Marine Corps for over six months, but I guess it is true. Time certainly does fly. I am going to try and keep my promise of writing to you every other day. I may not have very much to tell you, but I can at least let you know that I am well and happy. Things have been going quite smoothly and I cannot complain in the least.  
The people of this country are very kind and courteous to the Americans. They certainly have undergone a great deal of suffering, but they are very brave and things go on as if nothing had happened. You very seldom see any wooden houses, because wood is very scarce here, but you do see a lot of stone houses and stucco houses with tile roofs. Stone is very plentiful here and it is certainly picturesque. The rivers are not very deep and they are very sluggish. I do not know what is the cause for this. There are a great many pretty girls here, but they have nothing on our girls back home.  
We have a nice large Y. M. C. A. at this camp and I am writing this letter there now. They give band concerts several times a week and also entertainments by the privates. Taking it all together we have it pretty good.  
How is dear old grandma? Give her my love and tell her to take care of herself. Will you find out where Roscoe is located now and let me know? I should like to write to the old boy and let him know that I haven't forgotten him. I wrote a card to Fred, Mrs. Sage, Bill Todd and some of the rest around home. Let me know if they get them.  
Do you think you will be able to get the fruit cake, cookies and tobacco here by Xmas? I hope so because that would make a nice Xmas box.  
Now, dearest mother, please don't worry about me, because remember I am coming back in a short time, and I can take care of myself very well while I am here. I will write again Monday.  
Lots of love, your son,  
Harvey Springer,  
83 Co., 6th Reg.,  
U. S. Marines  
American Expeditionary Forces.

Plymouth, Mich., Dec. 19, 1917.  
I hereby give notice to all persons not to let Beatrice Shafer have any goods charged to my account, as I absolutely refuse to pay the same.  
Percy Shafer,  
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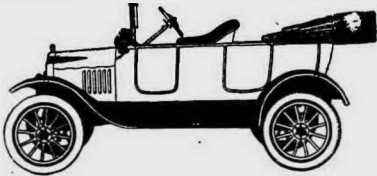


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### CHURCH NEWS

**First Church of Christ, Scientist**  
First Church of Christ, Scientist, corner Main and Dodge streets. Sunday morning service, 10:30 o'clock. Subject, "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" Sunday-school at 11:30 a. m. Wednesday evening testimony service, 7:10. Reading room in rear of church, open daily except Sunday, from 2 to 4 p. m. Everyone welcome. A lending library of Christian Science literature is maintained.

#### Baptist

**Rev. Archibald L. Bell, Pastor.**  
Phone 84W  
Dec. 23—Morning worship, 10:00 a. m. Theme of sermon, "The room for Jesus." 11:20 a. m. Sunday school. 6:00 p. m. Young People's meeting. Topic, "Christmas Giving." 7:00 p. m., evening services. The Christmas exercises given by the Sunday-school will be held in place of the regular preaching service. A splendid program has been arranged for the occasion by the committee and a good time is assured. Mid-week prayer meeting Thursday evening, 7:00 p. m. The Monday and Wednesday night classes have been postponed till after the holidays.

#### Bible Students

**A. K. Dolph, Pastor.**  
Nomination of officers for the ensuing year, Sunday, Dec. 23. Berean about 8:00, from Scripture Studies, Vol. 7, pages 17-20. Have you read this wonderful book yet? Would you like to know that the prophetic book is having an almost unprecedented sale. In the short space of four and one-half months, 400,000 have already been printed, and the fifth 100,000 is now on the press. 20,000 can be used every working day. Pastor Russell is already recognized as the prophet of this age to all but one class—mystic babylon. Ancient Babylon fell. It is predicted that its antitype will. Read Rev. 18 Jer. 51. Secure Vol. 7 of Scripture Studies and read it.

#### Methodist

**Rev. Frank M. Field, Pastor.**  
Christmas Sunday will be fittingly observed, all the services of the day being appropriate to the Christmas season. At the morning service, at 10:00 o'clock, the pastor will preach the Christmas sermon on the theme, "Getting Ready for Christmas." The choir will have special Christmas music for this service. Sunday-school at 11:30 will have a Christmas lesson, "The Advent of the Messiah," using the story of the "Wise Men." Epworth League meeting with a Christmas subject "The Birth of Love," at 6:00 p. m. The "Aeroplane Race to Berlin" will start at this meeting. The Sunday-school Christmas program, "White Gifts for the King" will be given Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock, special features being exercises by the primary children, Christmas chimes on the piano, a Christmas story for the children and stereopticon views, illustrating "The Newborn King." Prayer meeting, Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:00, followed by twenty-minute instruction class for adult christians.

#### The Catholic Mission

Services will be at the Grange hall, Sunday morning, Dec. 23rd, at 8:00 o'clock standard time.

#### Presbyterian

**Karl F. Miller, Minister.**  
Sunday, Dec. 23—9:30 a. m., the session meets in the church parlors. Those who desire to unite with the church at the morning service are requested to attend this preliminary meeting at 9:30. 10:00 a. m., public worship. "No room in the Inn"—Luke 2:7. The choir will render special Christmas music. 11:20 a. m., Sabbath-school. Supt. C. H. Rauch. Lesson, "Preparation for the Messiah"—Mal. 3:1-12. 2:00 p. m., Junior Christian Endeavor. Mrs. Whipple and Miss Gardiner, superintendents. Parents are asked to encourage their children to attend. Splendid work is being done. 6:00 p. m., Senior Christian Endeavor. Topic, "Christmas Giving"—Mt. 2:1-12. 7:00 p. m., public worship. "The Barbarian"—Acts 28:2-7. The last of the series of Advent sermons preceding Christmas. Thursday, 7:00 p. m., prayer meeting. S. W. L. immediately after the service. The public cordially invited to all services.

#### St. John's Episcopal Mission

**H. Midworth, Missioner**  
Sunday, Dec. 23—Public worship at 10:15 a. m. This will be the Christmas Day services. Special Christmas hymns will be sung with the usual morning prayer and appropriate address. All are invited. Mr. Torre's Sunday-school class will meet at 9:30 prompt.

#### Lutheran

**Rev. Charles Strazen**  
Next Sunday morning at 9 o'clock there will be Sunday-school. Subject, "The Christ-child in Bethlehem." The morning services will be in German. Text, Phil. 4:4-7. Theme, "The Peace of God, Which Passeth all Understanding." The evening services will be in English. Text, Genesis 49:18. Theme, "I have waited for Thy Salvation, O Lord." Next week Tuesday, on Christmas day, there will be German services in the morning. Text, St. Luke 2:1-14. The evening services will be the children's service. There will be a nice Christmas tree at the church and the choir and children will sing, and there will also be recitations and dialogues. Wednesday evening there will be English services. Text, Titus 2:11-14. Theme, "That the grace of God, that bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men in the birth of the child, Jesus, in Bethlehem." Next Sunday afternoon there will be German services and the celebration of the Lord's Supper at the Lutheran church at Livonia. Monday evening, there will be a Christmas tree and children's service at the same church. All the children shall learn their pieces and be ready to recite them. On Christmas afternoon there will again be German services.

### Ordination of Henry Midworth

Next Wednesday morning, St. Stephen's Day, Bishop Williams will hold an ordination service in St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., eastern standard time, when laymen will be ordained to the Episcopal ministry. Among these will be Henry Midworth, who has been missionary-in-charge of St. John's Mission, Plymouth, for the past five years. The service is a very impressive one, and we are sure quite a few of Mr. Midworth's friends from Plymouth will endeavor to be present on that occasion. Much credit is due to Mr. Midworth as apart from his ordinary daily business in Detroit, he has been studying hard and passed a very successful examination before the Ecclesiastical Board of Examiners, last October.

### WEST PLYMOUTH

Miss Marion Schroder of Livonia, spent the week-end with Miss Ermah Tiffin.  
Miss Ermah Tiffin visited friends in Ypsilanti, Monday.  
Miss Helen O'Bryan is spending the week in Plymouth with her aunt, Mrs. O. C. Wingard.  
Leo Vandewater with his buzz saw outfit, is a much welcomed man these days of no coal and much cold. A good wood-pile, always popular, is doubly so now.  
Cupid has been pretty busy in West Plymouth lately, and deprived us of many fine young people. Now he has taken from our midst Miss Hazel Schoch. None of our young ladies ever enjoyed a greater popularity, or won for themselves a warmer place in our affections, or will be more keenly missed than she. The fortunate groom is Frank Broekman of Northville, where the happy young people will make their home this winter. Their many friends unite in earnestly wishing them happiness and prosperity.  
Adolph Melow made a business trip to Detroit, Tuesday.  
Archie Wells attended the funeral of an uncle, his mother's brother, in Detroit, last week.  
Patrons of the Tiffin school are receiving cleverly decorated invitations, which read as follows: "We invite you to our Christmas program, Friday, December 21, at 7:30 o'clock, District No. 7 School." We are in the secret, and will tell you, but don't you tell, Santa Claus is going to be present just for sure. So you better come or you'll miss something worth while.  
E. L. Becker was a Detroit visitor, Wednesday.  
The Cooper's Corner's school and the Allen school have their Christmas exercises, Friday afternoon of this week.

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### MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage and executed by the Maloney-Campbell Realty Company, a Michigan Corporation and Harry M. Conely and Anna Conely, husband and wife, to John Howard McClements and Mable McClements, his wife, dated the twelfth day of March, 1917, which mortgage was recorded on the nineteenth day of March, 1917, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wayne county, Michigan, in Liber 813 of Mortgages on page 497, in which mortgage it is provided that should there be any default in the payment of any interest or principal, when the same is made payable, and should the same remain unpaid and in arrears for the space of thirty days, then and from thenceforth the whole of the principal sum and interest shall at the option of said mortgagees become due and payable immediately thereafter; and default having been made in the payment of the interest due on the twelfth day of September, 1917, and more than thirty days having elapsed since the said payment of said interest became due and payable, and the same remaining yet unpaid, therefore the said mortgagees by virtue of the option contained in said mortgage declares the whole amount of money secured by said mortgage including principal and interest to be due and payable immediately. On said mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of one thousand forty dollars (\$1040) and an attorney's fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25), provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceeding at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given, and on Saturday, the sixteenth day of February, A. D. 1918, at ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon we shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the south front door of the county building in the City of Detroit, Michigan, (that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne, Michigan, is held,) the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage, with six per cent. interest and all legal costs together with an attorney fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) as provided by law and as covenanted for therein, the premises being described in said mortgage as follows, to-wit: "The parcel of land, situated in the Township of Romulus in the County of Wayne and State of Michigan, described as follows, to-wit: The East half (1/2) of the North half (1/2) of the Northwest quarter (1/4) of the Northeast fractional quarter of Section Four (4), T. 3, S. R. 9, East, containing ten (10) acres more or less."

Dated, Plymouth, Mich., November 13th, 1917.  
John Howard McClements,  
Mable McClements,  
Mortgagees.  
Willis L. Lyons, Howell, Mich.  
Attorney for Mortgagees.

A CARD—To my many friends in Plymouth, I most sincerely thank you all for the kindness shown me during my sickness and stay in Plymouth.  
Percy Shafer,  
Northville, Mich.

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Registered Duroc Boar  
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LYNDON FARM  
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PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON  
Special attention given to  
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PHONE 82-F2 **W. J. Beyer, Prop.**

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Make This Store Your Christmas Headquarters  
We Give Below a Few of the Many Useful and Appropriate Gifts that Are Here for Your Choosing

**Pathe**

This High-class Pathephone at \$50 would make an ideal Xmas present

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# Christmas Gifts...

Visit our store and look over our Christmas line. You will find

## . TOYS .

for the children and many things for the older folks

We shall be able to furnish everything for the Xmas table

### Groceries, Fruits, Candy and Nuts

Come Here to Do Your Christmas Shopping

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Elm, Michigan

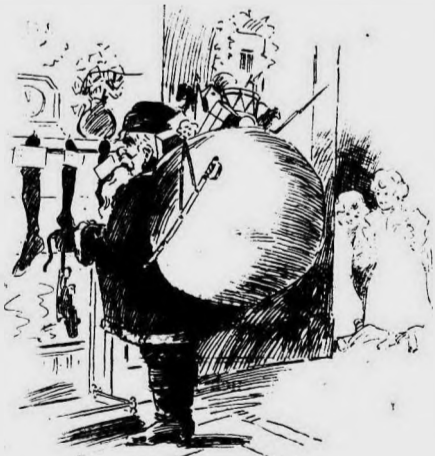
## Read The Ads In The Mail

# GALE'S

TOYS We Wish to Give You a Partial List of Toys at Gale's for Christmas: TOYS

We have dolls from 1c to \$1.50 each. Dressed Dolls, Character Dolls, Bisque Dolls, etc.

Cradles, Beds, Doll Buggies, Go-Carts, Children's Chairs, Shoe Flies, Rubber Balls, Wool Balls, Alphabetical Blocks, Picture Blocks; Games, 10c, 25c, 50c; Tea Sets, Toy Water Sets, Folding Tables, Blackboards, Brooms, Wagons, Wheelbarrows, Iron Toys, Mechanical Autos, Mechanical Birds; Banks, 10c to 50c; Musical Tops, Drums, Stuffed Animals, Drawing Slates, Violins, Trumpets, Horns, Erectors No. 1 and 2, Mouth Organs, Santa Claus Masks.



### GROCERY DEPT.

We have a large stock of Fine Candy to sell at cheap prices.

Just received a new stock of Citron, Lemon Peel, Raisins, Mince Meat, etc.

A fine stock of Oranges, Grape Fruit, Bananas, Grapes, Cranberries, Apples, Celery, Vegetables in season.

We carry a fine line of Canned Goods, Nuts of all kinds, Teas, Coffee, Chocolates, Cocoa, etc. Pickles bottles and bulk

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

We have a large stock of Christmas cards, booklets, Christmas letters, tags, etc., bells and wreaths.

### BOOKS

We have a fine line of books for boys, girls and children from 5c to 50c

### CHINAWARE

Come in and see our line of Water Sets, China and Glass Dishes of all kinds and prices.

Just received a new assortment of Souvenir Dishes at 10c each

MICHIGAN. PLYMOUTH,

# JOHN L. GALE

Store Open Evenings During Christmas Week.

### What Is the Red Cross?

The American Red Cross is the one and perhaps the chief agency which is bringing and will continue to bring to the boys at the front, real, concrete evidence that the folks at home are looking them up for all they are worth and to the very last drop.

To succeed in any branch of human endeavor, it is necessary that we plan and prepare in advance, in order that we may be ready for any emergency which may arise. Have the people of Plymouth got to wait until some awful catastrophe occurs before we realize that we are at war? Surely not. Let us do our duty now. Every red-blooded, loyal citizen of Plymouth should make it his business to find out now all he can about the Red Cross, and then, without hesitation, apply for membership. Men as well as women are welcome. The membership fee is one dollar, and each dollar is a great help to this very important phase of our great task.

More workers are needed. Ladies, do not wait to be invited, but go to Red Cross Headquarters at the school building on any afternoon of the week (except Saturday) and your volunteer services will be most welcome.

The following communication has been sent to all branches of the Detroit Chapter:

Because it is evidently not yet fully understood, it is necessary to again instruct that you kindly arrange in future, without fail, before any entertainment performance, sale or anything of that sort for the benefit of the Red Cross is authorized, to write this office, giving complete information.

A committee has been appointed in charge of entertainments, etc., and it is necessary that all matters of this kind be passed upon by it.

### In and Around Plymouth

Dr. S. D. Holcomb, a well-known physician of Redford, is dead.

The new cement road from Northville to Detroit is now open all the way through.

The hotel at Williamston has closed its doors. High prices for food, etc., was the cause.

The Howell Presbyterian church received an endowment of \$100,000 by the will of the late Mrs. Alexander McPherson.

Frank Oldenburg received one first, one second and one fourth prize on his White Rock chickens at the Detroit Poultry and Pet Stock show.

Dr. Franklin C. Terrill of Big Rapids, Mich., and a former well-known resident of Plymouth, is dead. Dr. Terrill was 68 years of age and was born in Plymouth. F. G. Terrill of Northville, is a brother.

The diphtheria quarantine was lifted from the Farmington residences the last of the week, and the disease has been gotten fully under control, no more cases coming down with it, and the sick patients are all convalescing.—Farmington Enterprise.

Will the Red Cross Service Flag appear in your window on Christmas eve? Because you may live in the country where "no one will see it," is no excuse. The sight of one Red Cross service flag on a lonesome road is more inspiring than that of a hundred in a crowded city.

On receipt of a telegram Tuesday, that her husband was about to leave Waco, Texas, for France, Mrs. Karl Bryan left immediately for the south on the chance of reaching the camp before his departure.—Northville Record. Mrs. Bryan is a teacher in the Plymouth public schools.

Remember the Mail will be \$1.50 per year after January 1st. All wishing to renew for a year or two can do so before the first of the year, or those in arrears at present can pay up and renew their subscriptions for one or two years at the old price of \$1.00. After January 1, 1918, everyone not paid in advance will be charged \$1.50 per year. It's a case of compulsion with us.

The latest state game and fish laws of this state make it unlawful to molest any muskrat house or skunk hole, or to use any fire-arm, mechanical device or smother of any kind to drive muskrats or other protected fur-bearing animals from their holes or homes. It is also provided that no trap shall be set within six feet of a muskrat house or hole, and hunters and trappers should also carry their license when hunting and trapping.

Treasurer's Report Fikes Campaign Committee	
Cash Received	
By Collections	\$654.74
By Subscription	253.50
Lumber and Pans sold	5.08
	\$913.32

Disbursements	
Salaries	\$400.00
Entertainment	165.00
Traveling Expense	40.00
Rent Auditorium	168.75
Publicity	55.40
Postage and Office	14.00
Incidentals	53.78
Balance to Syrian Relief Fund	16.39
	\$913.32

(S) W. B. Lombard, Treasurer.

If there is anything you want to buy or sell, advertise it in the Mail.

### CUT THIS OUT—IT IS WORTH MONEY

DON'T MISS THIS. Cut out this little card with Scissors and mail to Foley & Co., 2843 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a total package consisting of Foley's Kidney and Urinary Compound, a bottle of Foley's Grippe Compound, and a bottle of Foley's Kidney Pills, for backache, weak kidneys, rheumatism, bladder troubles, and Foley's Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome and thoroughly cleansing cathartic for constipation, indigestion, nervousness and sluggish bowels. It will also receive, free of charge, Foley's Family Almanac, containing "Alphabet for Children" and "Health Hints"; Foley's Booklet on "Kidney Diseases"; and a few simple suggestions for those having kidney and bladder troubles. You cannot afford to lose this for only 5c.

### Life in the U. S. Navy

An Interesting Article Written by Alton Richwine, a Plymouth Boy, in Uncle Sam's Navy.

The following interesting letter was written by Alton Richwine of the U. S. Navy, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Richwine of this village, and was read at the patriotic meeting held here last week:

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., December 7, 1917.

As I sit at my desk in a warm cosy office in this far off north land, and look out on the dark and nearly frozen Saint Mary's river, I am in a rather difficult mood to write of my experiences in the United States navy. Late last June that uncertain fate, which is so predominant in the lives and careers of military men, decreed that I should become one of the members of the naval patrol of the quaint St. Mary's river, which contains the famous "Soo" locks, which link the distant ports of Lake Erie, Ontario and Huron with the iron, copper and wheat industries of the most northerly and greatest of the Great Lakes, Lake Superior. This is one of the most strategic war-time points on the Great Lakes, and realizing this, the Government has a large powerful fleet of small patrol boats, continually on the alert for hostile craft, mysterious persons, cargoes of explosives, attempts to blow up the locks and other hostile acts that the enemies in the United States would be liable to propagate.

It is in the office of the headquarters of this patrol that I find myself at the close of this typical northern day. Although it is only 4:00 p. m., the darkness has long since made itself manifest, and the thermometer warns me that another cold night is about to begin, for it stands, even now only two degrees above zero. This isolated place forms but one of the many interesting experiences that one in the service is bound to meet. In fifteen minutes' walk one can usually see deer roaming in peace over the vast stretches of primitive forest that the hand of man has not seen fit, as yet, to pierce. Indians and dog teams are not at all uncommon, and a great part of the population is composed of hunters, trappers and lumbermen.

It was early last January when I began my life as a member of Uncle Sam's Navy in the Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Illinois. As it is to this station that anyone enlisting in Plymouth would probably be sent, it may be of especial interest to tell of life as it is at that place. As the recruit enters this station, (which trains more than half the men for the Navy) he is assigned to detention barracks for the first two or three weeks to be sure that he has not contracted any contagious diseases. It is while at this barracks that his intensive training as a man-o-war-man begins. He is given an outfit or uniforms, a bath, a hair-cut and shave and a thorough physical examination. He is given a "sea-bag" and a hammock. He is taught to clew and lash his hammock, to roll his clothing so that it is nicely creased without the use of an iron. He is taught to salute and respect his superiors and he learns, for the first time in many cases, the true meaning of military discipline. He is instructed in company drill, which is the infantry drill so common in the Army. He is instructed in the use of field artillery. He is taught to swim. He practices on the fleet rifle ranges in the woods. He marches to the music of the largest military band in the world, which is under the direction of John Philip Sousa, the "March King." He is taught to box the compass, instructed in the "wig-wag" and "semaphore" systems of signaling.

During all this time he is housed in fine barracks and is subsisted on the best of appetizing food. He is introduced to the famous navy beans. He takes part in military parades and reviews that are worth going miles to see. In fact he receives a training that wealthy parents spend hundreds of dollars to obtain for their sons in the private academies. He meets and mingles with men from all parts of the country. This in itself is an education. During his leisure hours (and he has many) there are all kinds of advantages for his development. There are base ball, basket ball, foot ball and track teams. There is a boxing ring and every Thursday afternoon anyone who desires has an opportunity to learn the "manly art of self-defense." There are pool tables, bowling alleys, swimming pools, gymnasiums, etc., and in fact everything that the average healthy American youth could desire in the way of amusements. This course of training lasts from two to four months, at the end of which the recruit is given an examination and if he passes he is rated seaman 2nd class, and is ready to join the fleet when the next draft goes to sea.

There was a time not long ago when a man in his country's uniform was not considered worthy of respect, but that state of things has happily been relegated to the past. In the present crisis men from all walks of life are to be found among the enlisted men of the Navy—doctors, lawyers, bankers, politicians, engineers, college graduates, merchants, farmers and in fact nearly every branch of human endeavor is now represented in the blue-jackets uniform. The personnel of the Navy is today at its highest point of respectability. It is still the Navy that boasts of a John Paul Jones, a Decatur, a Commodore Perry and a Dewey. The jackie of today is proud of the uniform he wears. He knows that it is an honor that is worthy of the best that is in him. In return for his services the government is very liberal in the way of remuneration. His pay is clear money and it is in many cases more than the average civilian has left after all his expenses are paid. His clothing costs him nothing. His medical attendance is free. His travel is at the expense of the government. He is pensioned when he is no longer able to perform his duties. To the young man looking to the Navy as a life-long profession, it offers him a way in the way of promotion and advancement than the average civilian occupation. Every boy that enlists in the Navy has a chance to become the highest commanding officer in the service. Never before has promotion been so rapid.

At present, there is but one opportunity in life for any man; that is to win this war. All other chances and opportunities in the business or professional world are mere side issues compared to the great task now before the youth of the United States. What are you doing? What is there that you can do that will do more for the cause than becoming one of the fighters on a man-o-war, in the Navy. Uncle Sam's first line of defense?

### Woman's Literary Club

Junior Day in the Woman's Literary club was held in Pennington hall, last Friday afternoon, with the president, Mrs. R. E. Cooper, as hostess. Twenty-seven active, six-honorary, three honorary members and three visitors were in attendance and about fifty children. A short business meeting was held with the president presiding. Incidents of a past Christmas was the response given to roll call. After a short intermission, the following program was given by the children under the direction of the sixth division, with Mrs. R. A. Cassidy, chairman.

Song, "The Christmas Story"—Eleven Little Girls.  
Violin Solo, "Memories"—Thelma Peck, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. R. A. Cassidy.  
Recitation, "Jane Jones"—Julia Wilcox.  
Vocal Solo, "Under the Stars"—Marguerite Bennett.  
Piano Solo, "Teddy Bears"—Elizabeth Murray.  
Instrumental Duet, "Suzanne River"—Violin, Thelma Peck; piano, Julia Wilcox.  
Piano Solo, a double number. Shubert's Serenade and Grieg's Opus 34, No. 1.  
Kroger—Gladys Schrader.  
The program concluded with a Christmas story for the children entitled "Little Gretchen and the Wooden Shoes," told in an interesting manner by Mrs. F. M. Field. After the program several games were played for the pleasure of the children and a social hour with dainty refreshments followed. The afternoon was declared a success not only by the younger ones, but by the grown-ups as well, and it was suggested by many present to install Junior Day as a permanent day in the club calendar.

### How to Prevent Croup

In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided.—Adv.

**Probate Notice.**  
STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Wayne. At a session of the Probate Court for said county of Wayne, held at the Probate Court Room in the city of Detroit, on the fifth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. Present, Edward Command, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of William Hake, deceased.  
George Hake and Frank Hake, executors of the last will and testament of said deceased, having received this court's order of administration, and filed their petition praying that the residue of said estate be assigned in accordance with the provisions of said will.  
It is ordered, That the eighth day of January next at ten o'clock in the forenoon eastern standard time at said Court Room, be appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.  
And it is further ordered, That a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said time of hearing in the Plymouth Mail, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Wayne.  
EDWARD COMMAND, Judge of Probate.  
Albert W. Flint, Register.

**Probate Notice.**  
STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Wayne. At a session of the Probate Court for said county of Wayne, held at the Probate Court Room in the city of Detroit, on the fifth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. Present, Edward Command, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Franklin S. Shattuck, deceased.  
On reading and filing the petition of Frank H. Shattuck and Henry S. Shattuck, praying that the residue of said estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto.  
It is ordered, That the twenty-sixth day of December next at ten o'clock in the forenoon eastern standard time at said Court Room, be appointed for hearing said petition.  
And it is further ordered, That a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said time of hearing in the Plymouth Mail, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Wayne.  
EDWARD COMMAND, Judge of Probate.  
Albert W. Flint, Register.

**Commissioner's Notice.**  
IN the matter of the estate of Katharine Sackett, also known as Kathie I. Sackett, deceased. We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Probate Court for the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the office of Voorhies & Deyson in the Village of Plymouth, in said County, on Wednesday, the 10th day of January, A. D. 1918, at two o'clock P. M. of each of said days for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims, and that four months from the 10th day of November, A. D. 1917, were allowed to said Court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.  
Dated November 10th, 1917.  
BENJAMIN VEALEY, THEODORE F. CHILSON, Commissioners.

**Commissioner's Notice.**  
IN the matter of the estate of Franklin S. Shattuck, deceased. We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Probate Court for the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the office of Voorhies & Deyson in the Village of Plymouth, in said County, on Saturday, the 26th day of January, A. D. 1918, and on Tuesday, the 29th day of March, A. D. 1918, at two o'clock P. M. of each of said days for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims, and that four months from the 10th day of November, A. D. 1917, were allowed to said Court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.  
Dated November 28, 1917.  
WILLIAM T. CONNER, FRANK A. DIBBLE, Commissioners.



### We Hope Your Christmas Day This Year

Will be Full of Joy  
Christmas Cheer may the sweet meats and other meats  
The Meats You Purchase Here  
The day complete with joy replete as it slowly fades away.

**Wm. GAYDE**  
North Village Phone 373

## Cut Glass at Special Prices

Choice of Any Item in This Lot for 50c

No. 1 Small Sugar and Cream	50c Pair
No. 2 Round Footed Tray	50c Each
No. 3 Pickle or Olive Tray	50c Each
No. 4 Spoon Tray or Bon Bon Dish	50c Each
No. 5 6" Round Jelly or Jam Dish	50c Each
No. 6 Water Tumblers	3 for .50
No. 6 Water Tumblers	6 for 1.00

Choice of Any Item in This Lot for \$1.00

No. 7 Large Sugar and Cream	\$1.00 Pair
No. 8 Mayonnaise or Whipped Cream Bowl and Plate	1.00 Set
No. 9 10" Celery Tray	1.00 Each
No. 10 Large Water Jug	1.00 Each
No. 11 8" Deep Fruit Bowl	1.00 Each
No. 12 10" Cylinder Vase	1.00 Each

All the above items are cut in the beautiful CALLIOPHS PATERN. You will like them. As a gift, or for your own use, you are sure to find suitable items among the above.

You must see these goods to fully appreciate their value, as the above illustration, being greatly reduced, it does not do justice to the merchandise.

# Gayde Bros.

North Village

# Sensible Suggestions

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## Christmas Giving

In these times of nation wide economy and preservation is it not better to make our gifts things that are practical and serviceable? To this end we have purchased our Xmas showing.

### ALL MEN APPRECIATE

- Sweaters.....\$1.00 to \$7.00
- Ties.....25c, 50c, 75c
- Shirts.....60c, \$1.00, \$1.25
- Silk Shirts.....\$2.00, \$4.00
- Hose.....15c to 60c
- Mufflers.....50c, 75c
- Caps.....50c to \$1.25
- Belts.....30c to 75c
- Underwear, Flannel Shirts, Gloves, Mittens, Pocketbooks, Hockey Caps, Combination Sets, etc.

### APPEALING TO WOMEN

Silk and Lisle Hosiery, Sweaters, Scarfs, Flannel Night Gowns, Waists, Gloves, Underskirts, Bags, Underwear.

### FOR THE KIDDIES

Too numerous to mention. Step in and see us anyway.

Remember the famous Luxite Hosiery for Men and Women.....25c, 30c, 60c, 65c, \$1.10

Wishing all our friends a Merry, Merry Xmas

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Gen. Del. Phone 99

## LIKE A STOCKING

Our store is chuck full of Christmas

## Shoes and Slippers

MAKE SOME ONE HAPPY by giving them Footwear for CHRISTMAS

- Men's Comfy Slippers
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- Gray, Black and Wine All Colors
- \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25
- Soft Buck or Leather Soles \$1.50
- EXTRA GOOD

SHOES and SLIPPERS for the LITTLE PEOPLE

BUY EARLY and OFTEN. You can't hurt our feelings by coming many times. We like to wait on you. We wish you all

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Shoe Store on the Corner  
YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN

## Good Things For That Christmas Dinner

- GRAPE FRUIT
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- GRAPES
- BANANAS
- FANCY IDAHO APPLES
- CHRISTMAS CANDY—PEANUT CRISP, BROKEN TAFFY, MIXED CREAMS
- FANCY MIXED NUTS
- LETTUCE, CELERY, SQUASH, IRISH AND SWEET POTATOES

OUR FAMOUS BIG BEN COFFEE NOW 20c POUND—NONE BETTER

Don't Forget the Pony Contest Now On at Our Store. Help Some One Win It

WE DELIVER EVERY MORNING

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## Buy One of These As An Investment

Six acres on Golden street. Fine garden soil, good buildings, excellent water. 1/2 mile from car line. Price \$4,000. Terms.

60 acres, 3 1/2 miles from Plymouth on gravel road; 8-room house, new barn and other good buildings; a nice bunch of black muck, all tilled. 1/2 mile from school. \$125 per acre. Easy terms.

A large house on East Ann Arbor, nice shade, good work shop, a large lot. \$2,400 on easy terms.

Six-room cottage on Depot street, large lot, water, lights and gas. \$1500. Cash, \$600, balance easy.

FOR TRADE—A new modern, up-to-date home in Plymouth for a small farm. What have you?

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Plymouth, Mich.

## Local News

There will no delivery Christmas day, O. D. Brown.

Harry Bagley of Detroit, called on Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Passage Sunday. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Drews is very low at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher of Sheldon, visited at H. C. Robinson's, Monday.

Wilfred Wilson left Monday to spend the holidays with his parents at Deckerville.

Mrs. Ida Chandler of Saline, has been the guest of Mrs. O. M. Rockwell, this week.

E. R. Daggett has sold his home on Starkweather avenue to Albert Schroeder of Livonia.

Mrs. Charlotte Passage and Mrs. Mary Briggs visited friends in Detroit, a few days this week.

I. Tillotson sold his sixteen-acre farm on Plymouth road to Detroit parties. Consideration \$5,000.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dunham of Pontiac, visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Trinkhaus, over Sunday.

Mrs. B. F. Farber and two little sons of Detroit, were week-end guests of Mrs. G. H. Rauch and other friends here.

James Todd has returned home from Welch, Louisiana, where he has been visiting his brothers for the past two months.

We still have a fine assortment of Parisian Ivory in Dressing Sets, Manicure and Brush and Comb Sets, also many separate pieces of Ivory from 25c up. Pinckney's Pharmacy.

Miss Helen VanDeCar is expected home today (Friday) from Bay City, where she is teaching this year, and will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George VanDeCar.

The supper given by the Lutheran Ladies' Aid society in the hall over the Beyer Pharmacy, last week Thursday evening was well attended and a nice little sum was netted for the society.

Mrs. I. W. Hummel and son, Arthur, and Mrs. William Last left this morning (Friday) for Sellers' Grove, Pennsylvania, to spend the holidays with the former's father.

The article in last week's paper, which stated that an American boat was stranded by an Australian seaman, should have read Austrian seaman. The boat plies between Seattle, Washington, and Sitka, Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wolfram attended the funeral of Mrs. J. M. Lee at Redford, Sunday, Dec. 16, the deceased being Mrs. Wolfram's grandmother. She had reached the age of 83 years, three months and twenty-three days, and had resided at Redford all her life. She leaves to mourn their loss, six children, twenty grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

Local and other news on extra pages this week.

C. H. Rauch and wife were Toledo visitors, this week.

Smokers' Stands, 25 per cent off, at Pinckney's Pharmacy.

E. H. Nelson spent the week-end with the Port Huron ecclesia.

E. N. Passage has sold his house on Main street to E. R. Daggett.

Mrs. Frank Rambo visited relatives at Pontiac, the first of the week.

Mr. Jastup of Sandusky, Mich., was the guest of Mrs. Berenice Hales, over Sunday.

William Burrows, Sr., is still very ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. A. Pinckney.

John Smith of Salem, is staying with his daughter, Mrs. Fred Bird, for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gildner entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hirschlieb, last Sunday.

Mrs. S. O. Brink of Iron Mountain, is staying with her mother, Mrs. L. Vickery, for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Spicer are moving into their new home on East Ann Arbor street this week.

Edgar Peck of Detroit, visited his mother, Mrs. C. L. Wilcox, and other relatives here, Tuesday.

It is not difficult to select a very useful gift for the soldier boy, if you go to Pinckney's Pharmacy.

Mrs. Wealthy Chaffee of Wayne, visited her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pettingill, over Sunday.

Oliver Martin has enlisted in the Navy, and left Tuesday morning for Great Lakes Training Station, Illinois.

Mrs. Maynard Riley of Chicago, is visiting her sister Mrs. R. G. Samsen, and other relatives here, this week.

Lee Fisher of Camp Custer, was in town a few hours, last Saturday, but was called back to Camp Custer, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Himelhoch and daughter, Jane, of Detroit, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Harmon, last Sunday.

Mrs. N. W. Ayres and little son, Welch, of Detroit, are staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Spicer this week.

Ed. Bolton who has been having trouble with his ears for some time past, went to Detroit Wednesday, to consult a specialist.

Mrs. H. H. Passage, who has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. Floyd Remington, in Detroit, for several weeks, has returned home.

Fred Miller of Seneca Falls, N. Y., was calling on friends here last Monday. Mr. Miller was a resident of this place fifteen years ago.

The Local Branch of the Red Cross have just received orders from headquarters for 200 surgical bandages to be finished by Christmas.

The dancing party given in Penniman hall, last Saturday evening, by Streng's orchestra was well attended, and the music was greatly enjoyed.

### TAKE NOTICE!

The Mail will be one day late next week on account of the office force taking a day off on Christmas. Subscribers on the R. F. D. will not receive their papers until Saturday morning next week.

Miss Mabel Spicer of Youngstown, Ohio, is spending the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Spicer, and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hanford have sold their farm southwest of town to Vernon of Ypsilanti. Mr. Vernon will not take possession until next spring.

Mrs. Howard Brown pleasantly entertained the ladies in her neighborhood, to the number of twenty-five at her home in Elm Heights, last Tuesday afternoon. A social time was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

The Misses Nellie Huger, Mary Bradley, Roxie Jones, Harriet Schroeder, Vella Truesdell, Hilda Smye, Clara Belle Lundy and Mildred Tyler of the Michigan State Normal, are spending the holidays with their parents here.

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Downs of Port Allegany, Pennsylvania, former residents of this place, stating that their son, Daryl, had enlisted in the aviation corps, and was now stationed at Fort Slocum. He expects soon to leave for Texas.

The Presbyterian Soul-winners League has chosen Thursday evenings after prayer meeting as the regular bible study night, during January and February. Mr. Miller was chosen teacher, and W. R. Shaw, substitute teacher. C. B. Weaver is president of the league; Miss Berenice Hales is vice president, and Miss Irene Carn, secretary.

Albert Seidleberg died Tuesday at Eloise hospital, where he was taken early last spring for the tuberculosis treatment. He is survived by his wife and four children, who reside here. The remains were brought to Plymouth and the funeral will be held from their home on Mill street this (Friday) afternoon at one o'clock. Burial will take place in Livonia cemetery.

The Freshmen's reception was held in the High School auditorium, last Friday evening, when the Seniors pleasantly entertained the Freshmen, Junior and Sophomore classes. The first part of the program was an entertainment consisting of readings and music, after which dancing was indulged in until 10:30. Light refreshments were served, and all who attended report an enjoyable time.

Mrs. C. H. Bennett, Mrs. F. A. Dibble, Mrs. F. F. Bennett, Mrs. H. C. Robinson and Mrs. Ellen Woodward went to Detroit, last Friday afternoon, to attend a bridge party at the Twentieth Century Club. Mrs. C. H. Bennett is a member of the special functions committee of that club, and was one of the hostesses of the afternoon. It was an English day and English flags and cheer were everywhere in evidence.

Household Furniture for Sale. Owing to the fact that I am obliged to vacate my house by Jan. 1st, I will sell a number of miscellaneous articles of furniture at private sale very cheap, if taken before that time. Apply at the house, 883 Main street. E. N. Passage.

D. M. Adams is seriously sick at his home just west of town.

The Mail would make a nice Xmas present to some distant friend or relative.

Miss Naomi Welch of Royal Oak, visited her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Welch, over Sunday.

The city mail carriers will make only one delivery Christmas. The R. F. D. carriers will make their usual delivery.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Rees expect to leave tomorrow (Saturday) for Battle Creek, where they will spend the holidays with the latter's parents.

Many of our subscribers have taken advantage of the opportunity of renewing their subscriptions to the Mail at the old rate of \$1.00 per year, before January 1st. Remember, the price will be advanced to \$1.50 after January 1st.

### FRAIN'S LAKE

Mrs. Mary Tackman Hewett had a slight operation on her throat at Ann Arbor hospital, last week.

Edna Slyfield is ill.

William Lyke and wife spent Sunday in Salem.

Miss Isabelle Duris passed away at her home north of the Lake, last Friday, after long and patient suffering with cancer of the face. She was buried Monday in Northfield.

William Gale and family spent Sunday in Salem.

Mrs. Fred Judson has returned home from Dr. Blair's private hospital, where she underwent a serious operation.

Mrs. Gus Lidskie entertained at a neighborhood party last Friday evening, the honorary guest being her brother, who expects to leave this week for Camp Custer. The evening was spent with music and games, after which refreshments were served.

A Woodward avenue resident has removed his supply of nice dry wood from his woodshed to his cellar, but still insists that it is no reflection upon the character of his neighbors, but is owing entirely to the somewhat peculiar condition of the wood and coal market.—Birmingham Eclectic.

### Chamberlain's Tablets

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.—Adv't.

### Wants, For Sale, To Rent, etc

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FOR RENT—House on Holbrook street. Phone 859. Inquire 186 Liberty street. 311

Will the person who inserted the advertisement in this space last week please see me. George F. Huger, Jr. 311

FOR SALE—One wagonette, will be sold cheap. Will make first-class market wagon. Inquire of H. C. Robinson, phone 7-F3. 311

FOR SALE—Two gasoline engines, one 2 1/2 h. p. and one 3 h. p. Good condition. Inquire of H. C. Robinson. 311

FOR SALE—10 or 20 acres good land, within 80 rds. of depot in village. Inquire Henry Perry, Wixom, Mich. 311

FOR SALE—Cornstalks. Inquire B. D. Brown. 311

FOR SALE—WOOD. Call phone 317-F12. 311

Dressmaking done at Mrs. N. I. Moore's. 313

FOR SALE—A 45-gallon furnace and cauldron, nearly new. Cheap. William Gayde. 311

FOR SALE—Nice Steel Red apples. Phone 317-F31. F. L. Beckler. 211

FOR RENT—Modern house at corner of Liberty and York streets. Inquire at Streng's Restaurant. 211

FOR SALE—One-half ton auto truck in good order. Inquire at 1008 Holbrook Ave. 211

By mistake someone exchanged market baskets with me. Please notify Mrs. J. Goodale, Harvey street. Phone 203. 211

FOR RENT—A house with five rooms, bath, electric lights, gas, hard and soft water. Inquire of George Wilcox. 111

FOR RENT—A house on Ann Arbor street, suitable for two families, or will rent to one. Inquire at Riggs' store. 111

FOR SALE—Solid oak sideboard with heavy plate glass mirror, 18x31; Garland, six-hole steel range; fine hanging lamp. Call or phone H. A. Spicer. 111

FOR RENT—House on Ann Arbor street. Inquire at Riggs' store. 6211

FOR SALE—A good washing machine and wringer; gas stove, gasoline stove, both four-burner. O. M. Rockwell, phone 284-M. 111

FOR SALE—Choice White Wyandotte Cockerels, \$2.00 and \$3.00 each if taken soon. C. W. Honeywell, phone 253-F5. 5114

HOUSE FOR SALE—349 Adams street, Plymouth. All in good shape. Henry Ray, Plymouth. 4611

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# King of the Khyber Rifles

## A Romance of Adventure

By TALBOT MUNDY  
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### KING SEES YASMINI FOR THE FIRST TIME WHEN SHE COMES TO DANCE BEFORE THE THOUSANDS OF WARRIORS ASSEMBLED IN THE CAVERN

**Synopsis.**—At the beginning of the world war Capt. Athelstan King of the British Indian army and of its secret service, is ordered to Delhi to meet Yasmini, a dancer, and goes with her to Khyber to meet the outlaws there who are said by spies to be preparing for a Jihad or holy war. On his way to Delhi King quietly foils a plan to assassinate him and gets evidence that Yasmini is after him. He meets Rewa Ganga, Yasmini's man, who says she has already gone north, and at her town house witnesses queer dances. Ismail, an Afriid, becomes his body servant and protector. He rescues some of Yasmini's hillmen and takes them north with him, tricking the Lingar into going ahead. The Rangor deserts him at a dangerous time. He meets his brother at All Masjid fort. The disguise he assumes there fools even the sharp-eyed outcasts composing his guard. He enters Khyber caves, thanks to his lying guides, and at a clinic hears of an impending revolt led by Bull-With-a-Beard, and goes to a meeting in the cavern.

#### CHAPTER XII.—Continued.

"Aye! The liar says the Germans gave it to him. He swears they will send more. Who are the Germans? Who is a man who talks of a Jihad that is to be, that he should have gold coins given him by unbelievers? I saw a German once, at Nuklas. He ate pig-meat and washed it down with wine. Are such men sons of the Prophet? Wait and watch, say I!"

"Money," said King. "And should no more money come?"

This was courteous conversation and received as such—many a long league removed from curiosity.

"Who am I to foretell a man's kismet? I know what I know, and I think what I think! I know thee, hakim, for a gentle fellow, who hurt me almost not at all in the drawing of a bullet out of my flesh. What knowest thou about me?"

"That I will dress the wound for thee again!"

Artless statements are as useful in their way as artless questions. Let the guile lie deep, that is all.

"Nay, nay! For she said nay! Shall I fall foul of her, for the sake of a new bandage?"

The temptation was terrific to ask why she had given that order, but King resisted it; and presently it occurred to the Pathan that his own theories on the subject might be of interest.

"She will use thee for a reward," he said. "He who shall win and keep her

CHAPTER XIII.

The dance went on for fifteen minutes yet, but then—quite unexpectedly—all the arena guards together fired a volley at the roof, and the dance stopped as if every dancer had been hit. Panting—foaming at the mouth, some of them—the dancers ran to their seats and set the crowd surging again, leaving the arena empty of all but the guards.

Now a man stood up near the edge of the crowd whom King recognized; and recognition brought no joy with it. The mullah without hair or eyelashes, who had admitted him and his party through the mosque into the cavern, strode out to the middle of the arena all alone, strutting and swaggering. He recalled the man's last words and drew no consolation from them, either.

"Many have entered! Some went out by a different road!"

Cold chills went down his back. All at once Ismail's manner became unencouraging. He ceased to make a fuss over the dancer and began to eye King sideways, until at last he seemed unable to contain the malice that would well forth.

"At the gate there were only words," he whispered. "Here in this cavern man wait for proof!"

He licked his teeth suggestively, as a wolf does when he contemplates a meal. Then, as an afterthought, as though ashamed, "I love thee! Thou art a man after my own heart! But I am her man! Wait and see!"

The mullah in the arena, blinking with his lashless eyes, held both arms up for silence in the attitude of a Christian priest blessing a congregation. Not one part of her was still for a fraction of a second; yet the whole effect was of languidly lazy ease.

"God is great!" the mullah howled. The crowd thundered in echo to him; and then the vault took up the echoes. "And Muhammad is his prophet!" howled the mullah. Instantly they answered him again. "His prophet—is his prophet—is his prophet!" said the stalactites, in loud barks—then in murmurs—then in awe-struck whispers.

That seemed to be all the religious ritual Khyber remembered or could tolerate. Considering that the mullah, too, must have killed his man in cold blood before earning the right to be there, perhaps it was not enough—too much. There were men not far from King who shuddered.

"There are strangers!" announced the mullah, as a man might say, "I smell a rat!" But he did not look at anybody in particular; he blinked at the crowd.

"Bring them!" he shouted, and King suppressed a shudder—for what proof had he of right to be there, beyond Ismail's verbal corroboration of a lie? Would Ismail lie for him again? He wondered. And if so, would the lie be any use?

Not far from where King sat there was an immediate disturbance in the crowd, and a wretched-looking Baluchi was thrust forward at a run, with arms raised in a gesture of terror on his face. Two more Baluchis were hustled along after him, protesting a little, but looking almost as hopeless.

Once in the arena, the guards took charge of all three of them and lined them up facing the mullah, clubbing them with their fists to get quiet obedience. The crowd began to be noisy again, but the mullah signified for silence.

"These are traitors!" he howled, and his voice was like a wolf's at hunting time. "Hear, and be warned!"

The crowd grew very still, but King saw that some men licked their lips, as if they well knew what was coming.

"These three men come, and one was a new man," the mullah howled. "All three were his witnesses! The other two swore that the first man came from slaying an unbeliever in the teeth of written law. They said he ran from the law. So, as the custom is, I let all three enter!"

"Good!" said the crowd. "Good!" They might have been five thousand judges, judging in equity, so grave they were. Yet they licked their lips.

"But later, word came to me saying they are liars. So—again as the custom is—I ordered them bound and held! Does any speak for them?"

"Speak for them!" said the roof. There was silence. Then there was a murmur of astonishment. Over opposite to where King sat the mullah stood up, who the Pathan had said was "Bull-with-a-Beard"—Muhammad Anim.

"The men are mine!" he growled. His voice was like a bear's at bay; it was low, but it carried strangely. And as he spoke he swung his great head and both hands behind his head, continued to smile down on them all as sweetly as the stars shine on a battlefield.

She nodded once; and then all was over in a minute. With a ringing "Ho!" and a run, the guards lifted their ribs to his shoulder high and bore them forward. At the river bank they paused for a second to swing them. Then, with another "Ho!" they threw them like dead rubbish into the swift black water.

There was only one wild scream that went echoing and re-echoing to the roof. There was scarcely a splash, and no extra ripple at all. No heads came up again to gasp. No fingers clutched at the surface. The fearful speed of the river sucked them under, to grind and churn and pound them through long caverns underground and hurl them at last over the great cataract toward the middle of the world.

"Ab-h-h-h-h!" sighed the crowd in ecstasy.

"Is there no other stranger?" asked Yasmini, searching for King again with her amazing eyes. The skin all down his back turned there and then into gooseflesh. And as her eyes met his she laughed like a bell at him. She knew! She knew who he was, how he had entered, and how he felt. Not a doubt of it!

CHAPTER XIV.

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But King was staring very hard indeed at something else—mentally cursing the plain glass spectacles he wore, that had begun to film over and dim his vision. There were two bracelets on her arm, both barbaric things of solid gold. The smaller of the two was on her wrist and the larger on her upper arm, but they were so alike, except for size, and so exactly like the one Rewa Ganga had given him in her name and that had been stolen from him in the night, that he ran the risk of removing the glasses a moment to stare with unimpeded eyes. Even then the distance was too great. He could not quite see.

But her eyes began to search the crowd in his direction, and then he knew two things absolutely. He was sitting where she had ordered Ismail to place him; for she picked him out almost instantly, and laughed as if somebody had struck a silver bell. And one of those bracelets was the one that he had worn; for she flaunted it at him, moving her arm so that the light should make the gold glitter.

Then, perhaps because the crowd had begun to whisper, and she wanted all attention, she raised both arms to toss back the golden hair that came cascading nearly to her knees. And as if the crowd knew that symptom well, it drew its breath in sharply and grew very still.

"Muhammad Anim!" she said, and she might have been wooing him. "That was a devil's trick!"

It was rather an astounding statement, coming from lovely lips in such a setting. It was rather suggestive of a driver's whiplash, flicked through the air for a beguiling, Muhammad Anim continued glaring and did not answer her, so in her own good time, when she had tossed her golden hair back once or twice again, she developed her meaning.

"We who are free of Khyber caves do not send men out to bring recruits. We know better than to bid our men tell lies for others at the gate. Nor seeking proof for our new recruit, do we send men to hunt a head for him—not even those of us who have a lashkar that we call our own, mullah Muhammad Anim! Each of us earns his own way in!"

The mullah Muhammad Anim began to stroke his beard, but he made no answer.

"And—mullah Muhammad Anim, thou wondering man of God—when that lashkar has foolishly been sent and has failed, is it written in the Kalamullah saying we should pretend there was a head, and that the head was stolen? A lie is a lie, Muhammad Anim! Wandering perhaps is good, if in search of the way, is it good to lose the way, and to lie, thou true follower of the Prophet?"

She smiled, tossing her hair back. Her eyes challenged, her lips mocked him and her chin scorned. The crowd breathed hard and watched. The mullah muttered something in his beard, and sat down, and the crowd began to roar applause at her. But she checked it with a regal gesture, and a glance of contempt at the mullah that was alone worth a journey across the "Hills" to see.

"Guards!" she said quietly. And the crowd's sigh then was like the night wind in a forest.

"Away with those three of Muhammad Anim's men!"

Twelve of the arena guards thrashed their shields with a sudden clatter and seized the prisoners, four to each. The crowd shivered with delicious anticipation. The doomed men neither struggled nor cried, for fatalism is an anodyne as well as an explosive. King set his teeth, Yasmini, with both hands behind her head, continued to smile down on them all as sweetly as the stars shine on a battlefield.

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"I!" cracked the roof. "I!" So that for a second King almost believed that he had a crowd of men to swear for him and did not hear Darya Khan at all, who rose from a place not very far behind where he had sat.

Ismail followed him in a hurry, like a man wading a river with loose clothes gathered in one arm and the other arm ready in case of falling. Darya Khan did not go so fast. As he forced his way forward a mat passed him up the wooden box that King had used to stand on, he seized it in both hands with a grin and a jest and went to stand behind King and Ismail, in line with the lashless mullah, facing Yasmini. Yasmini smiled at them all as if they were actors in her comedy, and she well pleased with them.

"Look ye!" howled the mullah. "Look ye and look well, for this is to be one of us!"

King felt ten thousand eyes burn holes in his back, but the one pair of eyes that mocked him from the bridge was more disconcerting.

"Turn, Kurram Khan! Turn that all may see!"

Feeling like a man on a spit, he revolved slowly. By the time he had turned once completely around he had decided that Yasmini meant he should be frightened, but not much hurt just yet. So he ceased altogether to feel frightened and took care to look more scorned than ever.

"Speak, Kurram Khan!" Yasmini purred, smiling her loveliest. "Tell them whom you slew!"

King turned and faced the crowd, raising himself on the balls of his feet to shout like a man facing thousands of troops on parade. He nearly gave himself away, for habit had him unaware. A native hakim, given the stoutest lungs in all India, would not have shouted in that way.

"Cappitlin Atteystan King!" he roared. And he nearly jumped out of his skin when his own voice came rattling back at him from the roof overhead.

Yasmini chuckled as a little girl will sometimes chuckle among ferns. It was devilish. It seemed to say there were traps not far ahead.

"Where was he slain?" asked the mullah.

"In the Khyber pass," said King. "Now give proof!" said the mullah. "Words at the gate—proof in the cavern! Without good proof, there is only one way out of here!"

"Proof!" the crowd thundered. "Proof!" the roof echoed.

There was no need for Darya Khan to whisper. King's hands were behind him, and he had seen what he had seen and guessed what he had guessed while he was turning to let the crowd look at him. His fingers closed on human hair.

"Nay, it is short!" hissed Darya Khan. "Take the two ears, or hold it by the jawbone! Hold it high in both hands!"

King obeyed, without looking at the thing, and Ismail, turning to face the crowd, rose on tiptoe and filled his lungs for the effort of his life.

"The head of Cappitlin Atteystan King—infidel—kafir—British arranger!" he howled.

"Good!" the crowd bellowed. "Good! Throw it!"

The crowd's roar and the roof's echoes combined in pandemonium.

"Throw it to them, Kurram Khan!" Yasmini purred from the bridge end, speaking as softly and as sweetly as if she coaxed a child. "It is the custom!"

"Throw it! Throw it!" the crowd thundered.

He turned the ghastly thing until it lay face-upward in his hands, and so at last he saw it. He caught his breath, and only the horn-rimmed spectacles, that he had cursed twice that night, saved him from self-betrayal. The cavern seemed to sway as he looked into the dead face of his brother Charles.

If Yasmini detected his nervousness she gave no sign.

"Throw it! Throw it! Throw it!" The crowd was growing impatient. Many men were standing, waving their arms to draw attention to themselves. Catching Yasmini's eyes, he knew it had not entered her head that he might disobey.

He looked past her toward the river. There were no guards near enough to prevent what he intended; but he had to bear in mind that the guards had rifles, and if he acted too suddenly one of them might shoot at him unbidden. Holding the head before him with both hands, he began to walk toward the river, edging all the while a little toward the crowd as if meaning to get nearer before he threw. He reached the river and stood there.

His next move made every savage who watched him gasp because of its very unexpectedness. He held the head in both hands, thrust it far out into the river and stood to watch it sink. And, without a visible emotion of any kind, he walked back stolidly to face Yasmini at the bridge end, with shoulders a little more stooped now than they ought to be, and chin a shade too high, for there never was a man who could act quite perfectly.

"Thou fool!" Yasmini whispered through lips that did not move. She betrayed a flash of temper like a trapped she-tiger's, but followed it instantly with her loveliest smile.

"Slay him!" yelled a lone voice, that was greeted by an approving murmur.

"This is a dastard!" Yasmini announced in a rising, ringing voice. "My dastard, for I summoned him! Did I invite any man to speak?"

There was silence, as a whipped unwilling pack is silent.

"Speak, thou Kurram Khan! Tell them why!" she said, smiling. No man could have guessed by the tone of her voice whether she was for him or against him, and the crowd, beginning again to whisper, watched to see which way the cat would jump.

He bowed low to her three times—very low indeed and very slowly, for he had to think. Then he turned his back and repeated the obedience to the crowd.

"My brothers," he said, and his voice became that of a man whose advice has been asked, and who gives it freely. "Ye saw this night how one man entered here on the strength of his oath and a promise. All he lacked was proof. And I did not have been, had I thrown that head to you, for a traitor to catch it and hide it in his clothes,

and make away with it! He could have used it to admit to these caverns—why even an Englishman, my brothers! If that had happened, ye would have blamed me!"

Yasmini smiled. Taking its cue from her, the crowd murmured scarcely assent, but rather recognition of the hakim's address. The game was not won; there lacked a touch to tip the scales in his favor, and Yasmini supplied it with ready genius.

"The hakim speaks the truth!" she laughed.

King turned about instantly to face her, but he saluted so low that she could not have seen his expression had she tried.

"If ye wish it, I will order him tossed into Earth's Drink after those other three."

Muhammad Anim rose, stroking his beard and rocking where he stood.

"It is the law!" he growled, and King shuddered.

"It is the law," Yasmini answered in a voice that rang with pride and insolence, "that none interrupt me while I speak! For such ill-mannered ones Earth's Drink hungers! Will you test

rose at her. Not a force in the cavern could have kept them down, for she was deftly touching cords that stirred other forces—subtle, mysterious, numeric, which the old East understands—which Muhammad the prophet understood when he harnessed evil in the shafts with men and wrote rules for their driving in a book. They rose in silence and stood tense.

She sang of a wolf-pack gathering from the valleys in the winter snow—a very hungry wolf-pack. Then of a stabled ox, grown very fat from being cared for. Of the "Heart of the Hills" that awoke in the worm of the "Hills," and that listened and watched.

"Now, is she the 'Heart of the Hills'?" King wondered. The rumors men had heard and told again in India, about the "Heart of the Hills" in Khyber seemed to have foundation.

He thought of the strange knife, wrapped in a handkerchief under his shirt, with its bronze blade and gold hilt in the shape of a woman dancing. The woman dancing was astonishingly like Yasmini, standing on the shield!

She sang about the owners of the stabled ox, who were busy at bay, defending themselves and their ox from another wolf-pack in another direction "far beyond."

She urged them to wait a little while. The ox was big enough and fat enough to nourish all the wolves in the world for many seasons. Let them wait, then, until another, greater wolf-pack joined them, that they might go hunting all together, overwhelm its present owners and devour the ox!

She urged the "Heart of the Hills," speaking to the mountain wolves, according to Yasmini's song.

The little cubs in the burrows know. Are ye grown wolves, who hurry so?

She paused, for effect; but they gave tongue then because they could not help it, and the cavern shook to their terrific worship.

"Allah! Allah!" They summoned God to come and see the height and depth and weight of their allegiance to her! And because for their thunder there was no more chance of being heard, she dropped from the shield like a blossom. No sound of falling could have been heard in all that din, but one could see she made no sound. The shield bearers ran back to the bridge and stood below it, eyes agape.

Disguised as he is, King is placed on trial for his life. At a critical moment a human head is thrust into his hands. When he sees the face, the shock is terrible. The victim is—

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

CHAPTER XV.



The Crowd Was Growing Impatient. "Throw It! Throw It!"

my authority, Muhammad Anim? Think ye! If that head had only fallen into Muhammad Anim's lap, the mullah might have smuggled in another man with it!"

A roar of laughter greeted that thrust. Many men who had not laughed at the mullah's first discomfiture joined in now. Muhammad Anim sat and fidgeted, meeting nobody's eye and answering nothing.

"So it seems to me good," Yasmini said, in a voice that did not echo any more but rang very clear and true (she seemed to know the trick of the roof, and to use the echo or not as she chose), "to let this hakim live! He shall meditate in his cave a while, and perhaps he shall be beaten, lest he dare offend again. He can no more escape from Khyber caves than the women who are prisoners here. He may therefore live!"

There was utter silence. Men looked at one another and at her, and her blazing eyes searched the crowd swiftly. It was plain enough that there were at least two parties there, and that none dared oppose Yasmini's will for fear of the others.

"To thy seat, Kurram Khan!" she ordered, when she had waited a full minute and no man spoke.

He hurried out of the arena as fast as he could walk, with Ismail and Darya Khan close at his heels. Ismail overtook him, seized him by the shoulders, hugged him, and dragged him to the empty seat next to the Orakzal Pathan. There he hugged him until his ribs cracked.

"Ready o' wit!" he crowed. "Ready o' tongue! Light o' life! Man after mine own heart! Hey, I love thee! Ready! I would be thy man, but for being here! Turned the joke on Muhammad Anim! Turned it against her enemy and raised a laugh against him from his own men! Ready o' wit! Shameless one! Lucky one! Allah was surely good to thee!"

"Have they taken All Masjid fort?" King whispered.

"Nay, how should I know? Ask her! She knows more than any man knows!" King turned to ask the same question of his friend the Orakzal Pathan; but the Pathan would have none of his questions, he was busy listening for whispers from the crowd, watching with both eyes, and he shoved King aside.

The crowd was very far from being satisfied. An angry murmur had begun to fill the cavern as a hive is filled with the song of bees at swarming time. But even so, surmise what one might, it was not easy to persuade the eyes that Yasmini's careless smile and easy pose were assumed. If she recognized indignation and feared it, she disguised her fear amazingly. Let us say, languidly, she raised both arms until she looked like an angel poised for flight. The little jewels stitched to her gauzy dress twinkled like fireflies as she moved. The crowd gasped sharply. She had it by the heart-strings.

She called, and four guards got under one shield, bowing their heads and resting the great rim on their shoulders. They carried it beneath her and stood still. With a low delicious laugh, sweet and true, she sprang on it, and the shield scarcely trembled; she seemed lighter than the silk her dress was woven from!

They carried her so, and in the midst of the arena before they had ceased moving she began to sing, with her head thrown back and bosom swelling like a bird's.

The best would ever rather draw its own conclusions from a hint left fall than be puzzled by what the West believes are facts. And parallels are not good evidence in courts of law, which is always a consideration. So her song took the form of a parable.

And to say that she took hold of them and played rhapsodies of her own making on their heartstrings would be to undervalue what she did. They were dumb while she sang, but they

## GREATER EFFICIENCY REDUCED COST

### Grow Grain in Western Canada, Make Profits, and Show Greater Patriotism.

The nation-wide cry of "More Efficiency" has now reached even the most remote agricultural sections and there is a general interest amongst the farmers to increase their products and to reduce their expenses. The need of foodstuffs is greater than the world has ever before known, and every effort is being used to meet the world's food requirements, becoming more apparent every day. While it is true that this desire is attested by a general patriotism, there is an underlying factor in this extension work to secure some of the benefits that are being offered by a ready market at maximum prices. Wide-spread attention has been given to the opportunity in this respect in Western Canada, where fortunes are being made in a few crops out of grain at present prices.

It has been found that the open, level prairie can be cultivated for wheat and other small grains at a minimum price, and during the past few years the yields have been more than satisfactory. Wheat crops of forty bushel to the acre have been common in Western Canada in the last three or four years, and with a present available price of over \$2.00 per bushel this means a return on investment and labor that cannot be duplicated elsewhere. This is made possible by the low priced lands that can be secured for grain growing. The range in price runs from \$15 to \$25 per acre, according to location and other local conditions. In this period of "more agricultural efficiency" it is apparent at a glance that the farmer on low priced but high grade lands, growing his grain at a minimum cost, is reaping a golden harvest with the highest percentage of profit.

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It therefore becomes a question for the farmer himself to answer, whether he is doing himself and his country the best service, by devoting all his energies to working high priced land that yields no better return than land that can be secured at one-eighth of the price. It is a case of getting either minimum or maximum quantity. Many have already decided on the alternative, and with their spare money invested in and now working Western Canada lands, they are allowed to speak for themselves. Apparently they are satisfied, for we learn of cases where on a \$4,000 investment, in one year they have had their money back, with a profit of from 50% to 100%.

Such is one of the steps in progressive new being demonstrated in the effort to create greater efficiency. The Canadian Government is using every effort to bring these conditions to the attention of the agricultural world, in order to secure the necessary increased grain production so greatly needed. The farmer in Western Canada is exempt from all personal taxes. His buildings, stock and implements are not assessed; and every encouragement is given to farmers to improve and increase their farm output. Reduced railway rates are being offered to new settlers to look over the country and to size up an unprecedented opportunity in farming.—Advertisement.

The Score.

Speaking of golfing in a Washington club, Senator John W. Weeks of Massachusetts, referred to the great enthusiasm of the patrons of that game and fittingly recalled this little story:

John was a golf fan of the dyed-in-the wool brand. When he wasn't playing golf he was talking golf, and between those intervals he happily dreamed of putting and drives. One afternoon Jones ran across an elderly preacher from his boyhood town.

"By the way, Mr. Brown," said the golfer, after many reminiscences had been exchanged, "I must ask you about those three old maiden sisters who used to live on Main street when I was a boy. I suppose they never left Jacksonville."

"Miss Ophelia and Miss Phoebe went to heaven about two years ago," answered the parson, with the due amount of impressiveness, "but Miss Patience is still in Jacksonville."

"I see," musingly rejoined the golfing enthusiast, "2 up and 1 to go." Philadelphia Telegraph.

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# Xmas - Suggestions

A few suggestions from our large stock of holiday goods, which may assist you in just what to select for your Christmas greeting:

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Sterling Silver and Silver Plate, of best grades, comprising Knives and Forks, Spoons, Salad Sets, Fruit Sets, Bread and Butter Spreaders, Berry Spoons, Cream and Gravy Ladles, Honey and Jelly Spoons.

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## A Merry Christmas



## A Merry Christmas

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## FANCY CHINA

Dresser Sets, Salad Bowls Pitchers, Cream and Sugars, Bon Bon, Nut Sets, Salad Sets.

## BOOKS AND GAMES

New Books, at \$1.25 to \$2.00. Popular Copyrights, 50c and 60c Boys' and Girls' Books, 35c to 50c Children's Books, 5c to \$2.00. Fancy Box Stationery, Correspondence Cards, Christmas Greetings.

New Home Sewing Machines, \$20.00 Eastman Kodaks and Supplies. Parisian Ivory Toilet Articles. Travelers' Rolls. Dolls, Doll Beds and Doll Heads.

## A Communication

700 Union Trust Bldg., Detroit, Mich. December 10, 1917.

Editor Plymouth Mail:—

Had the evangelist who recently held meetings in your city been as diligent in endeavors to learn the truth concerning Christian Science teachings as he was in spreading false statements about them, he would have acquired some scientific and fundamental truths about the Bible and refrained from imparting to his hearers a considerable amount of false knowledge. Both of these results would have been desirable.

Christian Science teaches that sin in all its phases is to be abhorred, condemned in the sharpest manner and is waging a relentless warfare against it. Christian Science teaches that sin is not real in the sense that it is God-created, but that it is an illusion, or false belief of the carnal or fleshly mind, that mind which Paul said was enmity against God. In the Christian Science text book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, we read "To cause suffering as a result of sin, is the means of destroying sin." (Page 6.) "Without punishment, sin would multiply." (Page 11.) The third tenet of Christian Science given on page 497 of the same book reads as follows: "We acknowledge God's forgiveness of sin in the destruction of sin and the spiritual understanding that casts out evil as unreal. But the belief in sin is punished so long as the belief lasts."

The evangelist's statement that Christian Scientists do not believe in Jesus is so far from the truth and has been proven false so many times in the press, that its repetition savors more of willful misrepresentation than lack of knowledge. As a matter of fact, there is no body of religionists in the world who follow more implicitly the commands and teachings of Jesus than do the Christian Scientists. They believe that Jesus meant exactly what he said in John 14:12: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also." Hundreds of thousands of persons all over the world who have been healed of sickness after all other means have failed, who have been lifted from lives of bondage to sin and discordant conditions of every nature through the application of the spiritual truths taught in Christian Science, give grateful testimony of the truth of its teaching.

Our critic said that Christian Science organization is not a church. Webster defines church as "a formally organized body of Christian believers worshipping together," and a Christian as "one who believes, or professes, or is assumed to believe in Jesus Christ and the truth as taught by him." The Bible tells us that upon one occasion Jesus asked his disciples "Whom say ye that I am?" Simon Peter realizing the spiritual intent of the question replied "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Then followed that wonderful blessing from Jesus, "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." \* \* \* and upon this rock I will build my church." This indicates, then, that the true church must be founded upon the dual nature of Jesus the Christ, Jesus, the human man, of whom he himself said "I can of mine own self do nothing," and Christ, Spirit, the divine life, of whom he said "Before Abraham was I am," and "I and my Father are one."

To the woman of Samaria Jesus said "the hour cometh and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth." How closely the Christian Science idea of church approximates these teachings of Jesus is shown by the following definition on page 583 of "Science and Health": "Church: The structure of Truth and Love; whatever rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle. "The Church is that institution, which affords proof of its utility and is found elevating the race, rousing the dormant understanding from material beliefs to the apprehension of spiritual ideas and the demonstration of divine Science, thereby casting out devils, or error, and healing the sick."

I thank you for this courtesy. Yours very truly, ROBT. G. STEEL.

## PERRINSVILLE

The Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. Henry Kubik, Wednesday last, about twelve members being present. All report a fine time. They will hold their next meeting January 9, at Perrinsville hall, giving a meat pie dinner for the taxpayers and collectors.

Mrs. Brady of Detroit, is spending a few days at James Cousins'. Mrs. George Baehr and son, Clinton, spent Thursday with her daughter, Mrs. E. T. Bridge of Plymouth.

Miss Clara J. Wright is on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Oral Holmes and son, Edsel, spent Sunday at Ed. Holmes'.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baehr and daughter, Hildred, spent Saturday afternoon at Wayne. Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Hanbrett spent Sunday at A. L. Hanbrett's.

Irene Angell held Christmas exercises at Perrinsville school, Friday evening.

The A. O. O. G. held their installation of officers, Tuesday evening. Ice cream and cake were served. There was no church Sunday, on account of Rev. Smith having to officiate at a funeral at Wayne.

Ima and Freda Beyer, who have been very ill with diphtheria, are some better at this writing. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

## EAST PLYMOUTH

Miss Florence Greenlaw of Plymouth was a Sunday guest at Cressbrook.

Charles Hannan has returned home to South Lyon, after a week's visit with his daughter, Mrs. John Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sly and Arthur Tibbott, wife and three children were supper guests of Robert Hixton and family in Canton township, last Tuesday.

Ed Palphreyman visited friends at Dearborn, Sunday. A. M. Eckles had an unfortunate accident last week. While making his machine it slipped and he sprained his wrist. The injured



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## H. W. MURRAY

member is slowly getting better, but Mr. Eckles still carries it in a sling and has suffered a good deal of pain from it.

Lee Cool was in Ypsilanti and Detroit on business, Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Clark of Salem, were guests for the week at A. M. Eckles. Little Alice Lee of Livonia, is visiting her grandparents for a few days.

William Minehart, wife and sons, Herman and Walter, were Detroit visitors, Monday.

Mrs. Mary Gates returned home Sunday, after a week's visit with her son and family at Newburg.

H. C. Hager dined with E. Ashton and family at Redford, Monday.

Mrs. L. Thomas spent the day with her sister, Mrs. G. Volker, in Detroit, Monday.

## LAPHAM'S CORNERS

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Nelson were in Ann Arbor, Monday.

✓ Roy Lyke and wife and Mrs. Bovee were Plymouth shoppers, Monday.

Several from this way attended installation of officers in Glenwood arbor, Friday evening.

Walter Rorabacher and son, Bruce, were in Ann Arbor, Tuesday.

J. H. Smith is ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bird, in Plymouth. Little Serena Savory is ill and under the care of Dr. Peck.

Mrs. Ellen Cole returned to her home in Pontiac, Monday. Her little granddaughter, Dorris Cole, accompanied her.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bender spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bovee.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Burnett of Holly, spent a few days last week with the former's sister, Mrs. Kenneth Rich.

Mrs. Ellen Cole spent Sunday with Mrs. Henry Brinkman.

The children of Lapham's school are preparing a Christmas program for Friday evening.

✓ Clifford Carterline and Henry Van Aken of Northville, were at the farm Tuesday cutting wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lyke were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Lyke.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Northrop are the proud parents of a daughter, born December 18.

## WILLOW CREEK

The Bartlett school will hold their Xmas entertainment, Friday afternoon.

Miss Nellie Blackmore called on Miss Iva Huston, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sly and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tibbott and children called on Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hixton, Tuesday evening.

The Misses Avis and Mabel Blackmore were Christmas shopping in Ypsilanti, Tuesday.

Harry Hefner is absent from school on account of tonsillitis.

Miss Mabel Blackmore called on Miss Opal Harshbarger, Sunday. Word has been received that Walter Gordon was made a first-class private, December 1st, and will soon leave for France.

Mr. Harshbarger and Mr. Hutton made a business trip to Ypsilanti, Thursday.

Oliver Penney left for California, Monday noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rittenhouse called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hefner, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Himesloch and little daughter of Detroit, were visiting at William Harmon's, Sunday.

Plymouth merchants want your holiday trade. They can save you money.

## SALEM

William Lincoln had an auction sale, last Saturday. They expect to stay where they are until spring, anyway.

✓ A. C. Wheeler and wife of Wheeler, were week-end guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Bussey.

Rev. and Mrs. Lucas were Detroit shoppers, the latter part of last week.

C. M. McLaren and wife were in Northville, Thursday.

Harry Atchinson and family were Detroit visitors, the latter part of the week.

On account of coat shortage, Miss Nettie Martin has closed her house and gone to stay a while with her niece, Mrs. Harvey Nelson, of Plymouth.

Mrs. Charles Kensler and Mrs. Henry Deane were South Lyon shoppers, Saturday evening.

Miss Elsie Eider wishes it known she did not go to Detroit, Saturday, and that she is not the owner of a new piano. We surely were misinformed. Very sorry.

Frank Rider visited his brother, Nat, in Plymouth, Saturday.

Floyd Smith was a Detroit visitor, Saturday.

Mrs. Gayle Soules, Bobby and Lucy, were South Lyon shoppers, Monday.

Mrs. Broadson and daughter, Elsie, of Northville, are visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. Albert Sessions, and family, for several days.

Mrs. Mary Wheeler is in Plymouth this week, visiting her grandson, Calvin, and family.

Bert Rider and Gayle Soules were Detroit visitors, Monday.

Miss Hildred Wheeler of the U. Nat, in Plymouth, Wednesday to spend her holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wheeler.

George Youngs and wife returned home the last of the week, after a week's visit in Marlette and Detroit. Mr. Youngs brought back a nice team, purchased at Marlette.

Christmas exercises at the Congregational church, Monday evening. Everybody invited.

Rev. and Mrs. Lucas were Northville shoppers, Wednesday.

## NEWBURG

The Sunday-school will give their Christmas exercises Sunday afternoon, taking the place of the church service. Everyone heartily invited to attend.

In spite of the exceedingly cold day, there were over forty who took dinner at the L. A. S. last Friday. There are very few places one would go and have a good dinner served for the small sum of fifteen cents.

The church choir spent a delightful evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Cochran last Friday. All enjoyed the oyster supper and look forward to another such occasion.

Mrs. Maud Clements of Detroit, spent the week-end with Mrs. George Chilson, also attended the L. A. S. meeting.

Mrs. Arthur LeVan returned home last Friday after a six weeks' visit at the home of her parents near Hale, Mich.

Miss Ellen Gardiner was the guest of Miss Faye Ryder Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Miss Helen Farrand, teacher in the Newburg school is doing all she can to give the children a Merry Christmas by having a tree and exercises at the school-house this, Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles Kramer returned from Harper hospital, Monday.

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### BLANKETS, COMFORTABLES

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## A Christmas Prayer.

God grant no little child may go With hungry heart or empty hand— Give this thy world one radiant day To understand, to understand.

Give us the fitting word to say, The spendthrift smile, the brave confession;

Disclose our hearts and give us now The courage of our tenderness!

Lord, we are old with toil and tears, Our souls are veiled with various art, Yet still the little children keep Their ancient simplicity of heart—

And they alone of all thy breath May bind the burning angel's eyes And, striking laughter from the record, Retrace the years to paradise.

They are so brave with love and dreams, So eager-eyed and, ah, so dear! I think we must return them now The faith they bore across the year.

I think that we must give them now The spendthrift smile, the kindly word, That earth may keep its ancient hope And we thy full commandments, Lord.

—Dana Burnett.

## Collection of Taxes

I will be at the store of Pettinelli & Campbell, Saturday, December 1st, and every Saturday during the month, and at Gayde Bros' store on Monday, December 3rd, and every Monday during the month for the collection of taxes.

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