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### Look Up Your Income Tax.

In a communication received by the Standard, collector of Internal Revenue, James J. Brady, announces that a federal income tax officer will be sent into Washtenaw county on January 14, and will remain in the county until January 26. He will be in Chelsea one day, January 25, and will have his headquarters in the postoffice, and will be ready and willing to help persons subject to the income tax make out their returns without any cost to them for his services.

How many income tax-payers will there be in Chelsea? If you can guess how many married persons living with wife or husband will have net incomes of \$2,000 or over and how many single persons who will have net incomes of \$1,000 or over this year, then you will know. The collector estimates that there will be 1,300 in Washtenaw county.

Returns of income for the year 1917 must be made on forms provided for the purpose before March 1, 1918. Because the people do not understand the law and will not know how to make out their returns, the government is sending in this expert to assist them. But the duty is on the taxpayer to make himself known to the government. If he does not make returns as required before March 1 he may have to pay a penalty ranging from \$20 to \$1,000, pay a fine, or go to jail.

If you are not sure about being subject to the tax, better ask him and make sure.

The collector suggests that everybody start figuring up now his income and expenses so as to be ready with the figures when the expert arrives. Expenses, however, do not mean family expenses, money used to pay off the principal of a debt, new machinery, buildings, or anything like that. They mean what you spend in making your money—interest, taxes paid, hired help, amount paid for goods sold, seed, stock bought for feeding, rent (except for your dwelling), etc. Income includes about every dollar you get.

### Circuit Court Will Open January 7.

The Washtenaw county circuit court will reopen again on January 7, with a jury, the new judge, George W. Sample, presiding. It is the general opinion among the lawyers at the present time that the court will have to adjourn again at that time on account of the great amount of work before the lawyers of Ann Arbor and the county on the questionnaires of the registered men, and that the lawyers will not be ready to take up court work for at least two weeks after that date.

As the presiding judge is chairman of the legal advisory board, and as this work is government work for which the lawyers have been practically drafted, it is expected that the work on the questionnaires will have the right of way until finished.

### Asks People to Use Wood for Fuel.

State Fuel Administrator Prudden has appealed to the people of Michigan to substitute wood for coal in fuel wherever that it is possible and Fuel Administrator J. E. Beal has received a letter from Mr. Prudden of that subject.

In accordance with this request Mr. Beal is appealing to the people to buy and use wood as much as possible. Farmers especially are requested to use wood as much as possible and not to call upon the cities and villages for coal which is so much needed in the communities. This will keep down the demand for coal.

### Porkless Day to Be Added.

In addition to the present wheatless and meatless days the government will request in the new campaign the observance of a porkless day once a week. The federal instructions which will be distributed in all the hotels, restaurants and homes of Michigan between January 6 and 12 gives the following definition of the newly created porkless day:

"One porkless day each week in addition to Tuesday, which shall be Saturday. By porkless we mean no fresh or salted pork, bacon, lard or ham."

The new pledge card of the Food Administration gives the following revised interpretation of the wheatless and meatless days:

"One wheatless day each week and one wheatless meal each day; the wheatless day to be Wednesday. By wheatless we mean to eat no wheat products."

"One meatless day each week which shall be Tuesday and one meatless meal each day. By meatless we mean to eat no red meat—beef, pork, mutton, veal, lamb; no preserved meat—beef, bacon, ham or lard."

## HOLLIER CARS AT THE NEW YORK AUTO SHOW

The New Models are Beauties—Both Sixes and Eights Will be on Exhibition.

The Lewis Spring & Axle Co. will make an exhibit of Hollier cars in space C5, at the New York automobile show, on the third floor of grand central palace, from January 5-12. The exhibit will be in charge of F. H. Lewis and sales director Mansell Hackett. The cars were shipped by express.

The exhibit consists of model 188, eight-cylinder touring car, finished in Hollier blue. While this model is similar to the same car of last year, there have been several minor improvements made that drivers of auto will appreciate.

An eight-cylinder chassis and an eight cylinder motor, both finished in white, are also being shown.

Model 206, six-cylinder car equipped with a Continental motor, the bore of which is 3 1/2 inches with a stroke of 4 1/2 inches, S. A. E. rating 25.1 horsepower, but will develop 45 horsepower. The car is finished in pig skin brown body, with black enamel fenders. The body has very distinctive lines, being of a special design of the speedster type. The radiator design is modeled after the famous English Rolls-Royce car. The car is equipped with 32x4 wire wheels. It is conceded to be one of the classiest and best equipped cars on the market.

### RED CROSS NOTES.

Now that the holiday season is over we would like to have every member of the Red Cross do all that they can to help in the work.

The Red Cross cleared \$63.88 at the dance and card party at the Maccabee hall last Thursday evening. We wish to extend a vote of thanks to the social committee.

We now have on hand nineteen pounds of Canadian yarn. This yarn is to be made into helmets only. All those wishing same should call on Mrs. C. E. Whitaker. We also have five pounds of yarn for sweaters. We are very anxious to have the helmets completed as soon as possible, as they are needed very much.

The following are the names of the new members of the Chelsea unit of the Red Cross:

Mrs. L. P. Vogel, Mrs. J. W. Van Riper, Mrs. Marie Richards, Miss Lizzie Keusch, Miss Ethel McKinley, Miss Rowena Waltrous, Mrs. Ruth Waltrous, Miss Sylvia Runciman, J. B. Barch, Mrs. G. A. Runciman, Mrs. G. W. Walworth, Mrs. W. F. Whitmer, Mrs. Alice Roedel, Mrs. Carrie Palmer, Mrs. N. F. Prudden, Mrs. J. McGuinness, Mrs. Mary Boyd, G. A. Runciman, R. D. Cheeseman, Mrs. R. D. Cheeseman, James Speer, Roy Harris, Clara Hammond, W. I. Wood, Mrs. Geo. Barth, Mrs. Edwin Pielemeier, Mrs. A. Schoen, Mrs. Wm. Pielemeier, Mrs. A. Hoag, Miss Abbie Chase, Herbert VanFleet, Miss Jessie Everett, Mrs. R. Chase, Mrs. S. J. King, Geo. Leach, J. E. Weber, Jas. Howlett, Mrs. Jas. Howlett, Chas. E. Clark, Mrs. Chas. Clark, Leon Clark, Dick Clark, Orson Clark, James Shanahan, L. Shanahan, Sam. Boyce, Mrs. W. J. Howlett, John Clark, John Young, Mrs. John Young, Edward F. Allen, Wm. Roepecke, Mrs. Wm. Roepecke, Mrs. G. B. Goodwin, Chas. Haggerty, Homer Stoffer, Mrs. Homer Stoffer, Emma Stoffer, Geo. Stoffer, Mrs. John Maier, Biford Speer, Paul Speer, Margaret Lautenslager, J. E. McKune, Mrs. A. J. Munn, G. L. Staffan, Paul Wagner, Mrs. Wm. Moore, Clayton Hesselshwerdt, A. Looney, A. J. Munn, Glenn Brooks, F. Gentner, Harry Coleman, Miss Agnes Weber, Mrs. R. Heiber, Leland Kalmbach, Jay Easton, Mrs. Jay Easton, Mrs. S. Boyce, Mrs. H. M. Armour, Caroline Strahle, Mrs. Floyd Mayett, Jack Willis, J. W. Martin, Mrs. P. Boehm, W. Fackey, Edna Lambert, D. C. McLaren, Minnie Howe, James Killam, Mrs. James Killam, Edgar Killam, Jr., Lucile Speer, Mrs. William Lewick, Blanche Lewick, Mrs. Philip Schweinfurth, Philip Schweinfurth, F. W. Notten, Mrs. Ada Mensing, Mrs. P. H. Riemenschneider, Martha Riemenschneider, Fred Kalmbach, Mrs. E. J. Notten, Mrs. Alma Kalmbach, Rev. G. C. Nothdurft, Mrs. H. T. Willis, Evelyn Miller, Mrs. Jos. Hittle, Leonard Shepherd, L. L.

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### Annual Meeting of St. Paul's Church.

The annual congregational meeting of St. Paul's church was held Tuesday forenoon, following the regular New Year's service. Notwithstanding the inclement weather there were about seventy members present. The pastor read his annual report, which showed increased interest on the members, the number of communicants and the benevolences, for instance, being larger than ever before. It also showed a creditable increase in membership. The reports of the financial secretary and the treasurer were also very encouraging. Oscar D. Schneider succeeded himself as elder. Conrad Lehman was elected trustee in place of Emanuel Feldkamp, who had held the office four or five successive years and declined reelection.

At noon the annual dinner of the society and Sunday school was held at Maccabee hall, after which the young people gave a very entertaining and instructive program, which was enjoyed by 150 people.

### Pomona Grange Will Meet Here.

The next meeting of Pomona Grange will be held in Maccabee Hall, Chelsea, on Tuesday, January 8. Dinner at noon. The following program will be given, to which the public is invited:

Solo—Miss Katherine Notten.  
Recitation—Daisy Lavender.  
Paper—Mrs. L. D. Carr  
Music—Lafayette Grange.  
Recitation—J. L. Sibley.  
Our Marketing Commission—J. L. Bird.  
Community music.  
Solving the Labor Problem—Mrs. Osborne.  
Report of State Grange delegates.  
Surprise feature.

### Church Circles.

#### CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. F. W. Diebner, Pastor.  
Morning worship at 10 o'clock with sermon by the pastor. Subject, "Over a New Road." Followed by the communion service.

Sunday school at 11:15 o'clock a. m. Class for men led by the pastor.

Junior Christian Endeavor 3 p. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:15 p. m.

Popular Sunday evening service at 7:00 o'clock. In honor of the eleven young men of our church who are in war service, we will unfurl and dedicate a service flag. This will be a great patriotic service, with appropriate music. Subject of pastor's address, "Backing Our Boys." Come. The church with a welcome for all.

#### CATHOLIC.

Rev. W. P. Conalidine, Rector.  
Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Sunday services.

Holy communion 6:30 a. m.  
Low mass 7:30 a. m.  
High mass 10:00 a. m.  
Catechism at 11:00 a. m.  
Baptisms at 3 p. m.  
Mass on week days at 7:00 a. m.  
Sunday Feast of Epiphany. St. Joseph's Sodality and the Rosary Society will receive holy communion.  
The newly elected officers of St. Joseph's will be installed next Sunday.

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Rev. O. H. Whittier, Pastor.  
Morning service at 10 o'clock as usual Sunday.

Bible school at 11:15 a. m.  
Epworth League at 6 p. m.  
Evening service at 7 o'clock.  
Thursday prayer meeting 7 p. m., in the church. Meeting of the official board immediately following.  
Sunday school election at the M. E. parsonage, Friday evening, January 4. All members of the Sunday school board should be present.  
A cordial invitation to all.

#### BAPTIST.

Regular church services at 10 a. m. Prof. S. B. Laird, of Ypsilanti, will preach at the morning service.  
Sunday school at 11:15 o'clock a. m.  
Prayer meeting at 7 o'clock Thursday evening, at the home of Mrs. R. P. Chase.  
Everybody welcome.

#### ST. PAUL'S.

Rev. A. A. Babson, Pastor.  
January 6, Epiphany Sunday.  
English service Sunday at 9:30 a. m.  
Sunday school at 10:30 a. m.  
The Ladies' Aid Society will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. A. A. Schoen.  
The public is cordially invited.

#### SALEM GERMAN M. E. CHURCH, NEAR FRANCISCO.

Rev. G. O. Nothdurft, Pastor.  
Sunday school Sunday 9:30 a. m.  
German service at 10:30 a. m.  
Epworth League 7:00 p. m.  
English service 7:30 p. m.  
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Yeast Foam	2 for 5c	each 5c
Farm House Mince Meat	3 for 25c	3 for 30c
Farm House Cocoa, glass jars	23c	25c
Can Corn	15c	18c
Luxury Spaghetti or Macaroni	3 for 25c	3 for 30c
Monarch Sliced Pineapple in heavy syrup, 8 slices to can	27c	30c
Monarch Spinach	18c	20c
Old Tavern Hominy	13c	15c
Calumet Baking Powder	21c	25c
Tomato Soup	3 for 25c	3 for 30c
Matches, per box	5c	6c
Crisco	28c	30c
Toothpicks	3 boxes 11c	3 boxes 15c
Cottoluet, per pound	25c	28c
Farm House Pancake Flour	2 for 23c	2 for 25c
Cream Peanut Butter, 2 pound pail	45c	50c
Soda, package	6c	8c
Roller Oats, pound	6c	7c
Bixby's Jet Oil Shoe Polish or Royal Polish	8c	10c
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LARK DECIDES TO EMBARK UPON LITERARY CAREER, DREAM OF HER LIFE, BUT FINDS NEWS-PAPER WORK TOO ARDUOUS

**Synopsis.**—The story opens in the house of Rev. Mr. Starr, where Prudence, his eldest daughter and feminine head of the house, consisting of her father, her sister, the twins—Carol and Lark—and Connie, the youngest, are awaiting the arrival of their aunt Grace. Liveliness of the smaller members of the family results disastrously for their appearance. Carol and Lark investigate Christian Science. Prudence postpones her wedding when Carol catches measles. Then Carol tries to convert the town wench. The twins score a triumph at the church entertainment. Fairy reveals her marriage engagement.

## CHAPTER VII.

**Lark's Literary Venture.**  
As commencement drew near, and Fairy began planning momentous things for her graduation, a little sobriety came into the parsonage life. The girls were certainly growing up. Prudence had been married a long, long time. Fairy was being graduated from college, her school days were over, and life was just across the threshold—its big black door just slightly ajar waiting for her to press it back and catch a glimpse of what lay beyond.

Even the twins were getting along. They were finishing high school, and things, but the twins were still, well, they were growing up, perhaps, but they kept jubilantly young along in the process; and their enthusiasm for diplomas and ice cream sodas was so nearly identical that one couldn't feel seriously that the twins were tugging at their leashes.

And Connie was a freshman herself—rather tall, a little awkward, with a sober earnest face, and with an inconspicuously humorous droop to the corners of her lips, and in the sparkle of her eyes.

Mr. Starr looked at them and sighed. "I tell you, Grace, it's a thankless job, rearing a family. Connie told me today that my collars should have straight edges now instead of turned-back corners. And Lark reminded me that I got my points mixed up in last Sunday's lesson. I'm getting sick of this family business. I'm about ready to go."

"And just then, as a clear 'father' came floating down the stairway, he turned his head alertly. 'What do you want?'

"Everybody's out," came Carol's plaintive voice. "Will you come and button me up. I can't ask auntie to run, clear up here, and I can't come down because I'm in my stocking feet. My new slippers pinch so I don't put them on until I have to. Oh, thanks, father, you're a dear."

After the excitement of the commencement, the commotion, the glamour, the gayety, ordinary parsonage life seemed smooth and pleasant again for ten days there was not a ruffle on the surface of their domestic waters. It was on the tenth day that the twins, strolling down Main street, conversing earnestly together as was their custom, were accosted by a nicely rounded, pompous man with a cordial, "Hello, twins."

In an instant they were bright with smiles, for this was Mr. Raider, editor and owner of the Daily News, the biggest and most popular of Mount Mark's three daily papers. Looking forward, as they did, to a literary career for Lark, they never failed to show a touching and unnatural deference to anyone connected, even ever so remotely, with that profession.

They did not resent his nicely rounded and therefore pointless jokes. They smiled at them. They did not call the Daily News the "Raider Family Organ," as they yearned to do. They did not admit that they urged their father to put Mr. Raider on all church committees to insure publicity. They swallowed hard, and told themselves that, after all, Mr. Raider was an editor, and perhaps he couldn't help editing his own family to the exclusion of the rest of Mount Mark.

When on this occasion, he looked Lark up and down with his usual rotted complacency, Carol only gritted her teeth and reminded her heaving soul that he was an editor.

"What are you going to do this summer, Lark?" he asked, without preamble.

"Why—just nothing, I suppose. As usual."

"Well," he said, frowning plumply, "we're running short of men. I've heard you're interested in our line, and I thought maybe you could help us out during vacation. How about it? The work'll be easy and I'll be sure expectance for you. We'll pay you five dollars a week. This is a little town, and we're called a little publication, but our work and our aim and methods are identical with those of the big city papers." He swelled visibly, almost alarmingly. "How about it? You're the one with the literary longings, aren't you?"

Lark was utterly speechless. If the National bank had opened its coffers

to the always hard-pressed twins, she could not have been more completely confounded. Carol was in a condition nearly as serious, but grasping the gravity of the situation, she rushed into the breach headlong.

"Yes—yes," she gasped. "She's literary. Oh, she's very literary."

Mr. Raider smiled. "Well, would you like to try your hand out with me?"

Again Lark sprang to her sister's relief.

"Yes, indeed, she would," she cried. "Yes, indeed." And then, determined to impress upon him that the Daily News was the one to profit chiefly from the innovation, she added, "And it's a lucky day for the Daily News, too, I tell you. There aren't many Larks in Mount Mark. In a literary way, I mean, and—the Daily News needs some—Lark will be just fine."

"All right. Come in, Monday morning at eight. Lark, and I'll set you to work. It won't be anything very important. You can write up the church news, and parties, and goings away, and things like that. It'll be good training. You can study our papers between now and then, to catch our style."

Carol lifted her head a little higher. If Mr. Raider thought her talented twin would be confined to the ordinary style of the Daily News, which Carol considered atrociously lacking in any style at all, he would be most gloriously mistaken, that's certain!

It is a significant fact that after Mr. Raider went back into the sanctum of the Daily News, the twins walked along for one full block without speaking. Such a thing had never happened before in all the years of their twinning. At the end of the block, Carol turned her head restlessly. They were eight blocks from home. But the twins couldn't run on the street, it was so ungracious. She looked thoughtfully about for a buggy bound their way. Even a grocery cart would have been a welcome though humbling conveyance.

"Lark," she said, "I'm afraid we'll be late for dinner. And auntie told us to hurry back. Maybe we'd better run."

Running is a good expression for emotion, and Lark promptly struck out at a pace that did full credit to her lithe young limbs. Down the street they raced, little tendrils of hair flying about their flushed and shining faces, faster, faster, breathless, panting, their gladness fairly overflowing. And many people turned to look, wondering what in the world possessed the leisurely, dignified parsonage twins.

Aunt Grace sat up in her hammock to look, Fairy ran out to the porch, and Mr. Starr laid down his book. Here the long and dearly desired war been declared at last!

But when the twins reached the porch, they paused sheepishly, shyly.

"What's the matter?" chorused the family.

"Are—are we late for dinner?" Carol demanded earnestly, as though their lives depended on the answer.

The family stared in concerted amusement. When before this had the twins shown anxiety about their interest for meals—unless a favorite dessert or salad was all consumed in their absence. And it was only half past four!

Carol gently shoved Connie off the cushion upon which she had dropped, and arranged it tenderly in a chair.

"Sit down and rest, Larkie," she said in a soft and loving voice. "Are you nearly tired to death?"

Lark sank, panting, into the chair, and gazed about the circle with brilliant eyes.

"Get her a drink, can't you, Connie?" said Carol indignantly. "Can't you see the poor thing is just tired to death? She ran the whole way home!"

"What in the world?" began their father curiously.

Lark blushed and lowered her eyes modestly.

"What happened?" urged their father, still more curiously.

"Did she get you out of a scrape?" mocked Fairy.

"Tell it, Lark." Carol's voice was so intense that it impressed even skeptical Connie and derisive Fairy.

Lark raised the glowing eyes once more, leaned forward and said thrillingly:

"It's the literary career."

The silence that followed this bold announcement was sufficiently dramatic to satisfy even Carol, and she patted Lark's knee approvingly.

"Well, go on," urged Connie, at last, when the twins continued silent.

"That's all."

"She's going to run the Daily News."

"Oh, I'll only be a cub reporter; I guess that's what you call them."

"Reporter nothing," contradicted Carol. "There's nothing literary about that. You must take the whole paper in hand, and color it up a bit. And for goodness sake, polish up Mr. Raider's editorials. I could write editorials like his myself."

Fairy solemnly rose and crossed the porch, and with a hand on Lark's shoulder gave her a solemn shake.

"Now, Lark Starr, you begin at the beginning and tell us. Do you think we're all wooden Indians? We can't wait until you make a newspaper out of the Daily News! We want to know. Talk."

Thus adjured, Lark did talk, and the little story with many striking embellishments from Carol was given into the hearing of the Starr family.

"Five dollars a week," echoed Connie faintly.

"Of course, I'll divide that with Carol," was the generous offer.

"No, I won't have it. I haven't any literary brains, and I can't take any of your salary. Thanks, just the same."

Then she added happily: "But I know you'll be very generous when I need to borrow, and I do borrow pretty often, Larkie."

For the rest of the week Lark's literary career was the one topic of conversation in the Starr family. Lark's clothes were put in the most immaculate condition, and her wardrobe greatly enriched by donations pressed upon her by her admiring sisters. Every evening the younger girls watched impatiently for the carrier of the Daily News, and then rushed to meet him.

She sulked grudgingly in the dining room.

The paper was read with avid interest, criticized, commended. They all admitted that Lark would be an acquisition to the editorial force, indeed, one sorely needed.

During those days, Carol followed Lark about with a hungry devotion that would have been observed by her sister on a less momentous occasion. But now she was so full of the darling career that she overlooked the once most-darling Carol. On Monday morning, Carol did not remain upstairs with Lark as she donned her most business-like dress for her initiation into the world of literature. Instead, she sulked grudgingly in the dining room, and when Lark, radiant, star-eyed, danced into the room for the family's approval, she almost glowered upon her.

"Am I all right? Do I look literary?" Oh, oh," gurgled Lark, with music in her voice.

Carol sniffed.

"Oh, isn't it a glorious morning?" sang Lark again. "Isn't everything wonderful, father?"

you to say you liked me better than anything else. Of course you must go, Lark. I really take all the credit for you and your talent to myself, and it's as much an honor for me as it is for you, and I want you to go. But don't you ever go to liking the crazy old stories any better than you do me."

Then she picked up Lark's gloves, and the two went out with an arm around each other's waist.

It was a dreary morning for Carol, but none of her sisters knew that most of it was spent in the closet of her room, sobbing bitterly. "It's just the way of the world," she mourned, in the tone of one who has lived many years and suffered untold anguish, "we spend our lives bringing them up, and loving them, and finding all our joy and happiness in them, and then they go, and we are left alone."

Lark's morning at the office was quiet, but none the less thrilling on that account. Mr. Raider received her cordially, and with a great deal of unctuous fatherly advice. He took her into his office, which was one corner of the press room glassed in by itself, and talked over her duties, which, as far as Lark could gather from his discourse, appeared to consist in doing as she was told.

"Now, remember," he said, in part, "that running a newspaper is business. Pure business. We've got to give folks what they want to hear, and they want to hear everything that happens. Folks want to hear about the private affairs of other folks. They pay us to find out, and tell them, and it's our duty to do it. So don't ever be squeamish about coming right out blunt with the plain facts; that's what we are paid for."

This did not seriously impress Lark. Theoretically, she realized that he was right. And he talked so impressively of the press, and its mission in the world, and its right and its pride and its power, that Lark, looking away with hope-filled eyes, saw a high and mighty figure, immense, all-powerful, standing free, majestic, beckoning her to come. It was her first view of the world's press.

But on the fourth morning, when she entered the office, Mr. Raider met her with more excitement in his manner than she had ever seen before. As a rule, excitement does not sit well on nicely rounded, pink-skinned men.

"Lark," he began hurriedly, "do you know the Dalys? On Elm street?"

"Yes, they are members of our church. I know them."

He leaned forward. "Big piece of news down that way. This morning at breakfast, Daly shot his daughter Maise and the little boy. They are both dead. Daly got away, and we can't get at the bottom of it. The family is shut off alone, and won't see anyone."

Lark's face had gone white, and she clasped her slender hands together, swaying, quivering, bright lights before her eyes.

"Oh, oh!" she murmured brokenly. "Oh, how awful!"

Mr. Raider did not observe the white horror in Lark's face. "Yes, isn't it?" he said. "I want you to go right down there."

"Yes, indeed," said Lark, though she shivered at the thought. "Of course, I will." Lark was a minister's daughter. If people were in trouble, she must go, of course. "Isn't it awful? I never knew of—such a thing—before. Maise was in my class at school. I never liked her very well. I'm so sorry I didn't—oh, I'm so sorry. Yes, I'll go right away. You'd better call papa up and tell him to come too."

"I will, but you run along. Being the minister's daughter, they'll let you right up. They'll tell you all about it, of course. Don't talk to anyone on the way back. Come right to the office."

"Yes—yes." Lark's face was frightened, but firm. "I—I've never gone to the houses much when—there was trouble. Prudence and Fairy have always done that. But of course it's right, and I'm going. Oh, I do wish I had been fonder of Maise. I'll go right away."

And she hurried away, still quivering, a cold chill upon her. Three hours later she returned to the office, her eyes dark circled, and red with weeping. Mr. Raider met her at the door.

"Did you see them?"

"Yes," she said in a low voice. "They—they took me upstairs, and—"

She paused pitifully, the memory strong upon her, for the woman, the mother of five children, two of whom had been struck down, had lain in Lark's strong tender arms, and sobbed out the ugly story.

Would it have been honorable for Lark to write up the tragic story—even though it was her job to do so—since the suffering mother had given the girl full confidence unwittingly?

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

### Airplane Wrecks Train.

An airplane has often proved itself more than a match for its antagonist in an unequal encounter. A French aviator once penetrated far behind the German lines and chanced upon a heavily laden troop train. The speed of his craft being fully twice that of this unusual antagonist, it gave him an advantage he was quick to use. The airplane flew so low that its machine gun was brought to bear upon the cars, raking them with disastrous results. Still flying very low, the aviator increased his speed and, on coming abreast of the locomotive, shot both engineer and fireman. Left to itself, the locomotive raced forward uncontrolled, and taking a sharp curve at high speed was wrecked with great loss of life.

## What Well Dressed Women Will Wear



### Evening Frocks Obey War Orders

We are under orders as to evening gowns; the edict is that they must be simple. This is dictated by good taste in deference to the mood of the public. Designers are not expected to sit down in dull apathy and do nothing as long as war lasts, and on the other hand, they must not seem to forget the grim business that occupies so much of the world. The evening gown appears not to have suffered from this restraint in being gay. Designers have exercised so much cleverness with the means at hand that there is room for thoughtfulness.

Velvet is greatly favored for one-piece frocks that do duty for evening and extend their usefulness to daytime wear by the addition of a gauze of lace or embroidered net, or an underbodice with long sleeves of satin. This type of dress meets with the readiest approval.

The evening gown, pure and simple, is developed in the usual materials, of crepe georgette, crepe-de-chine, net, lace, light-colored satin and metallic tissues. Chiffon velvet, in more or less liberal quantities, is used with all these, in combinations that add dignity to the evening frock. It is surprising how little of it can be made to go so far, like the little touches of fur that spell luxury in all sorts of garments. It is their power of suggestion that give velvet and fur their value in toning up fabrics.

In the pretty frock pictured an underbodice of net, with sleeves of net-top lace and corsage of silver tissue, is veiled with crepe georgette. The skirt of the georgette is worn over an underskirt of satin. Any of the fashionable light colors will look well in this design and silver tissue is made in changeable effect with all of them, so that the metallic corsage bears out the color scheme. It will be noticed that the skirt is longer than is usual; this and the peculiar sleeves, small at the top and flaring widely to the wrists, give the design novelty and dash.

To brighten up the dark colored frocks for evening and for wear with other dark frocks, strands of bright colored beads have a special value. They are selected to emphasize touches of color that appear elsewhere in the costume, or to redeem one-color dark frocks from somberness. Chinese beads are proving the most interesting, but strands made to order for special frocks draw their inspiration from many sources.



### Adaptable and Popular Furs

The aptitude for wearing clothes in the right way has more to do with successful dressing than the style of the clothes themselves. American women have earned a reputation for a fine sense of style and fitness—that is—a "sense of clothes." Perhaps this is the reason they have taken so kindly to the capes and flat scarfs of fur that have proved, by a long way, the most popular furs of the season. These flat neck pieces are adaptable and easy to adjust.

Furs that may be worn either to muffle up the throat and shoulders, over warm coats out of doors, or to be thrown about the shoulders indoors, could not fall to please. Whether any inquisitive drafter of air finds its way to thinly clad shoulders or not, the fur piece is a most becoming guard against it. At concerts and club meetings, dances and restaurant dinners, coats are discarded but the fur neck piece stands its duty and does it nobly. It keeps by the bodice or blouse of crepe, makes the uncovered throat plausible and tones up whatever contour it happens to be worn with.

At the center of the group of fur pieces shown in the picture, the shape most popular in capes appears. This style is made up in all the soft, flat furs as mule, ermine, seal, kolinsky, squirrel and mink. In the picture it is developed in chinchilla. The cape is lined with soft gray messaline satin and ties are made of the satin finished with a ball and band of fur at the ends. It has a straight band of fur, without the white stripe that appears in the cape, for a collar. Very often two kinds of fur appear in these capes.

The cape at the right is of Hudson seal with shawl collar of ermine without the black points—or tall tips—that are shown in the muff. This cape is full enough to ripple a little and is longer at the front and back than over the arms. It is lined with soft dark brown satin.

All kinds of fur are used for the flat scarfs that are wide enough to form capes for the shoulders. They are usually about a yard and a half long and are sometimes discovered to have pockets inconspicuously placed in each end. Just what they are there for is to be solved by each woman for herself.

Julia Bottomley

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### PATENTS

"Bruges la morte."  
In a lost corner of the great lowland flat of Flanders, defended from the sea by an artificial dike, and at the point of intersection of a net work of canals and waterways, there stands a little town known to the Belgians as Brugge and to the rest of the world as Bruges, writes NIKSAB.

Fortunately for lovers of the quaint and picturesque, this city with its slender bell turrets, its lace-like gables and decorated house fronts has so far been spared the general devastation that followed in the wake of the invading Germans. They call it "Bruges la morte" and at every turn there is something to remind the visitor of the decay that has fallen upon the town. The ever-recurring view of picturesquely grouped tower, gable and bridge, of wide tree-filled parks, breathes an atmosphere of infinite stillness and charm, which is at the same time strangely pathetic.

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"He does not."  
"But you don't always have it on time for him, do you?"  
"Hardly ever on time."  
"And does he grumble when it's not 'He certainly does not.'"  
"Why doesn't he grumble, do you suppose?"  
"Because I won't let him."

**Tommy Needed Them, Too.**  
The wounded Tommy writhed and squirmed as the masseuse, with iron fingers, massaged his injured leg. At last he burst out:  
"Arr a mo! What d'yer think yer a-doing of? Ow!"  
"It's all right!" said the masseuse. "I'm kneading your muscles!"  
The Tommy gently but firmly pulled his leg away from the none too gentle grasp of his tormentor, and breathed: "So'm I!"

**No Need.**  
Lady—Do you think it is fair to take my candy?  
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**TRACTOR "CAMP" PLANNED**

College to Conduct Two Weeks' Course in March for Training of Tractor Engineers.

From Office of Publications, Michigan Agricultural College.

East Lansing.—If there is a farmer in Michigan who is not familiar in 1918 with all the whys, whys and wherefores of production, it will be a safe wager that he is one of four things—deaf, dumb, blind or a paralytic, for Michigan has outlined a plan of action for training her citizens for the fray in the furrows just about as thorough in its way as is Uncle Sam's course for making his men ready for the fight at the front. The winter season, beginning in January and continuing through the middle of March, will be one of schools, congresses and conventions for the farmer, and all of them will be conducted in East Lansing, the seat of the Michigan Agricultural college.

This winter program for agriculturists will start off smack with the new year. The short courses at the college will come first, beginning on January 7. With these much of the rural population of the state is familiar. They were provided originally for the purpose of giving farmers and others the direct benefits of the educational opportunities the college presents. It was readily seen, however, that the country man, whose time during the spring, summer and fall is monopolized by the rush of farm operations, couldn't attend at such times of the year. The eight weeks' winter courses accordingly were designed to accommodate him at a time when he was most likely to be at liberty. An effort is made by means of them to teach the most essential agricultural principles and practices.

The courses are divided into a number of a specialized character. One deals with dairying only; another takes up horticulture and fruit-growing; still

The short course "grains" will take in the conferences of the grain growers, and in addition give an hour or two now and then to reunions and good-fellowship.

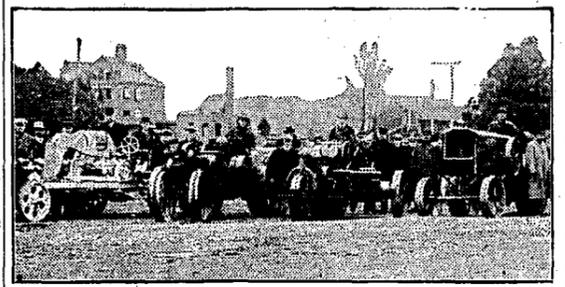
Live Stock Men Also Called. The live stock men of the state will meet on January 17 and 18. This will be the annual convention of the Live Stock Breeders and Feeders' association, the body with which practically all Michigan live stock organizations are affiliated. Among these will be the Michigan Horse Breeders' association, the Michigan Shorthorn Cattle Breeders' association, the Michigan Holstein-Friesian association, the Michigan Jersey Cattle club, the Michigan Guernsey Cattle club, the Michigan Hereford Breeders' association, the Michigan Aberdeen Angus association, the Michigan Red Polled Cattle Breeders' association, the Michigan Sheep Breeders and Feeders' association, the Michigan Shropshire Sheep Breeders' association, the Michigan Hampshire Breeders' association, the Michigan Oxford Sheep Breeders' association, the Michigan Merino Sheep Breeders' association, the Michigan O. I. C. and Chester White Swine association, the Michigan Potland China Swine Breeders' association, the Michigan Berkshire Swine Breeders' association, the Michigan Duroc Jersey Swine Breeders' association, the Michigan Hampshire Swine Breeders' association and the Michigan Stock Exhibitors' association.

This convention, which will bring together more representative live stock men than any other assembly of the year, will go to the heart of the meat production question in Michigan and will conclude with a sale of cattle in the college's stock judging pavilion.

Meetings of the convention, many of which will be addressed by men of note in the live-stock world, will be open to the public, and will constitute one of the most important of the winter's activities at M. A. C.

Train Tractor Engineers March 4. No sessions of note are likely to take place between January 18 and March 4. On the latter date, however, a double-header will be put on. One of these will be a course for the training of tractor engineers, which will run for two weeks, and the other will be the annual farmers' week program, which will be offered on March 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

The tractor school, as might be expected, will open to agriculturists an easy way of learning to operate the big power machines which as a result of the dearth of farm labor are coming more and more into use, and in 1918



Tractor Battery at M. A. C.

a third has to do with soil management and crops, and a fourth is for poultrymen. These run for eight weeks, commencing on January 7, and concluding on March 2. As a state enterprise they are, naturally, open to any citizen of Michigan who chooses to enroll.

Normally the short courses deal almost wholly with agricultural practices and problems of peace times, but the present crisis, with its flood of new problems to be dealt with and solved has made some elaborations necessary. The student in the short courses this winter will accordingly grapple with agricultural problems as they are now and will be for some time to come.

Grain Growers Convene January 15-16. While the short courses will run eight weeks, there will be a number of other "between acts" features. The first of these "acts" will come on January 15 and 16, when grain growers will come to the college to attend the annual sessions of the Michigan Crop Improvement association. This is the organization through which the college has been doing most of its work with purebred and pedigreed grains. A part of the meeting will be taken up with a discussion of the routine business affairs of the association, but most important will be consideration of plans for bringing about the planting in 1918 of improved varieties of wheat, rye, corn, oats and barley, for it has been shown that use of high-yielding grains offers at once a simple and an economical means of increasing food production. At least two men of note will make addresses to the grain growers in the two days' conferences. One of these will be Dean Alfred Vivian of the Ohio State College of Agriculture, and the other will be Prof. C. F. Bull, professor of agronomy at the University of Minnesota and founder of the Minnesota experiment station. Dean Vivian's topic will be "Agriculture and the War." Professor Bull will speak of "Corn Improvement."

An exhibit of pedigreed grains will be conducted in conjunction with the convention.

Short Course Men to Meet. At the same time the 8,000 or so men in the state who have attended or graduated from the short courses of the college will "muster on the campus for a reunion—their first, by the way,

will play as highly an important part in Michigan's farming scheme as do Byng's tanks on the western front.

Individuals taking the two weeks' work will be required to pay only their living expenses at the college. There will be no tuition or other fees of any consequence.

The instruction in farm tractor operation will be in charge of Prof. H. H. Musselman of the department of farm mechanics of M. A. C. and Ashley M. Berridge, director of the short courses at the college. The work will include both the theoretical and the practical study of tractors. When the theory has been mastered, the men taking the course will be given a chance to climb aboard tractors and pilot them over the college farm. A full battery of machines of a number of different makes will be employed.

The only thing about the tractor school giving concern to the college authorities is the probability that it will draw more candidates for tractor knowledge than can be accommodated. Because of this prospect it has been suggested that persons who wish to be sure of admittance get in touch at once with the director of the short courses in East Lansing.

Farmers' Week in March. But while the conventions, short courses and schools will give Michigan agriculturists inspiration to keep plugging progressively, the event before all others in the winter repertoire will be the farmers' week session at M. A. C. the week of March 4. At this time the entire college will be placed at the disposal of citizens of the state—and rural citizens in particular—for a full six days. During these sessions special instruction will be offered in practical, every field of agricultural enterprise, and this will be supplemented further by daily addresses from a number of the nation's ablest agricultural leaders and representatives of the food administration in Washington.

The farmers' week program will furnish a sort of grand window to the winter's work of tending up the state's food producers for the man-sized job confronting them in 1918. Every pressing agricultural problem will be treated and plans presented for the solution of them. There will be blended with the instructional program, also, one of entertainment, though the features of this have not yet been given out.

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"I can fill those requirements all right, but I would have to have a little instruction before I could spray liquid fire and send over waves of poison gas."

**The Chase as an Exercise.**

The chase as an exercise for the ruling caste in Germany has survived into our own time, states a writer. Every Prussian officer had to spend part of his time hunting, not foxes merely, but deer and bear as well. Royalty still went in state to the bear-kill, and stag hunt, with hundreds of hunters and a tremendous retinue. The slaughter still mounted into the hundreds.

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The lady of the house shut her lips tightly when she saw who had rung the bell.

"No," she said, "you were here in December. I never give to a beggar undeserving of help." "We wouldn't 'ave called, mum," said the tramp, seeing that he need expect nothing more from that house, "only I 'oped you might 'ave one of them 'ome-made cakes left like you 'gave me a month ago. I wants to enlist, but I'm jest five pounds too light, and one of your little cakes would 'ave put me right."

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**A Genuine Patriot.**

The school teachers on the East side in New York are finding some interesting material in the manner in which alien parents are saving to aid in the war. One little girl told her teacher why "the folks at home" are going to help. "My father and mother and me," she said, "we made it on a piece of paper last night. My father makes \$18 the week, and he pays for the rent \$18 the month, \$2 for coal, \$3 for milk for the baby, \$7 a week for eats. Then he gets left \$4 the week. He gives my mother \$2 for clothes, he keeps \$1 the week and puts \$1 the week for the war savings. He does that so long as the war should last."

**Faint Praise.**

"The cat!" "Who has offended you, my dear?" "Mrs. Twobible. I asked her how she liked my new hat."

"She said it was 'so becoming.'" "Isn't that a compliment?" "No. I paid eight dollars for my hat, as you will know when you get the bill. The same remark might have been applied just as well to one that cost \$7.50."

**In Which Sense?**

"I hear the sheriff is after Maud." "Yes, I believe he has an attachment for her."

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Chelsea, Michigan

## LOCAL ITEMS

Can you write it 1918?

Mrs. J. S. Cummings will entertain the Five Hundred Club tonight.

Miss Anna Walworth entertained a company of young ladies New Year's eve.

Born, on Saturday, December 29, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown, a son.

Just because a man's a "highflyer" is no reason that he would make good in the aviation corps.

Miss Sophia Schatz received a large box of fruit from her brother, George Schatz, of Fresno, Calif.

Mrs. Roy French has been in the hospital at Ann Arbor, where she underwent an operation for the removal of her tonsils.

Lois Lucile, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Jacob F. Fahrner, of Ann Arbor, died, Monday, after a few days' illness from diphtheria.

Charles Steinbach has received a letter from his son Albert, who is in France, stating that he is well and that his regiment, engineers, is working hard.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Drislané entertained a company of friends at a six o'clock dinner, New Year's day. The occasion was in honor of the sixth anniversary of their marriage.

H. D. Witherell attended the banquet given in honor of Judge E. D. Kinne at Ann Arbor, last Thursday evening, on the eve of his retirement from the bench, after an incumbency of thirty years.

Elwood T. Bailey, of Jackson, who made many friends here a few years ago while superintendent of the Chautauqua, will leave for France, where he will be connected with the Army Y. M. C. A.

There will be a winter teachers' institute in the auditorium of the Ann Arbor high school, Thursday, January 17, beginning at 9:30 a. m. Dr. Chas. H. Judd, of the Chicago University, and Prof. W. D. Henderson, of the University of Michigan, will deliver addresses.

The Main street crossing of the D., J. & C. Ry. continues to keep up its reputation as an automobile catcher, Edwin Koebbe, driving a Ford delivery car belonging to the Chelsea Elevator Co. in front of a car, Saturday, with the result that the machine had to be fitted out with a new wheel. Fortunately, Mr. Koebbe escaped injury.

W. C. Boyd, Dr. Andros Guide, B. B. Turnbull and J. H. Boyd attended the state checker tournament at Hillsdale, Monday and Tuesday. The contest was not finished, and the Chelsea players, with the exception of J. H. Boyd, lost out in the preliminary games. The finals will be played at a later date. W. C. Boyd was reelected secretary-treasurer of the association.

A name that has been a familiar one in the business life of Chelsea for more than twenty years was changed with the new year. John Farrell has sold his interest in the firm of John Farrell & Co. to Edward Keusch and William Fahrner, who have been connected with the business will constitute the firm, and the business will be conducted under the name of Keusch & Fahrner.

P. M. Slaybaugh received word Friday, of the death of his brother, J. E. Slaybaugh, at Tacoma, Washington, which occurred on Thursday, December 27. Mr. Slaybaugh was employed by the Northern Pacific railroad, in the bridge construction department, and was killed while working on a new bridge. Mr. Slaybaugh lived here for a year, being employed at the power plant of the Consumers' Power Co. His remains were shipped to the family home at Charlotte. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, one son, three brothers and one sister.

Friends and neighbors to the number of about fifty gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bahamiller, of Lima, last Friday evening to pay their farewell respects to their son Clarence, who has just furnished the ordnance stores course at the U. of M., and expects to leave soon for duty. After games and music, Leigh Beach, in behalf of those present, presented Clarence with a leather writing pad filled with stationery and stamps, to which he very feelingly responded. A delicious lunch immediately followed, and after a short time spent in visiting, the guests departed, wishing the soldier boy the best of good luck.

Martin Eisele is seriously ill.

Born, on Monday, December 31, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wagner, a son.

The Chelsea Ice Co. is filling its houses with ten-inch ice from Pierce's lake.

Harold Storms entertained a number of friends at his home, New Year's eve.

On account of inability to get sufficient coal, the Chelsea schools will not open next Monday.

Miss Lizzie Hammond has been seriously ill at the home of Miss Kathryn Hooker, the past week.

Hollis Freeman and Clair Fenn, who enlisted in the airplane section of the signal corps, are stationed at Fort Thomas, Ky.

Elmer Hammond entertained a number of friends, Wednesday evening, in honor of Carl Chandler, of Great Lakes, Ill.

Max Kelly, of Camp Custer, has been spending several days with his father, John Kelly. He has been promoted to the rank of corporal.

Announcements have been received by Chelsea friends of the marriage of Miss Madeline Kempf Hosack to Walter Baker, of Chicago, December 29.

A service flag with fifteen stars, indicating that fifteen members of the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart have gone to the war has been hung in the church.

It's getting to be a habit with Wirt S. McLaren, of Jackson. For the second time within a few weeks his automobile has been stolen from where he parked it in front of his theatre.

Word comes from Camp McArthur that among the candidates for the Thirty-second division officer's training school, which is to be held in France, is Clarence Stipe, a former Chelsea boy.

Mrs. Arlissa Lockwood died, Saturday, December 29, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Letts, aged 64 years. Brief services were conducted by Rev. P. W. Dierberger Tuesday morning, after which the body was taken to Seneca, for interment.

Olive Chapter, Order Eastern Star, has adopted a French orphan, named Raymond Fausset, eight years of age. The sum of \$36.50 has been forwarded, which in addition to what the French government will do will keep the boy for a year. Besides the money sent, the Chapter will furnish considerable clothing.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Chapman and daughter and Mrs. M. J. McLees, who have been spending several months with Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Mapee, left for their home in Los Angeles, Calif., Monday. They will make the trip in a Ford car, camping along the road. They made the trip from Los Angeles last fall by the same method.

Mrs. Willis Soules, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barry, of Lyndon, died at her home in Homer, Thursday, December 27. The funeral was held Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Soules were former residents here, moving to Homer about two years ago. She leaves her husband, three children, her parents and two brothers.

St. Joseph's Sodality elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Spiritual Director, Rev. W. P. Condit; prefect, Henry Merkel; first assistant, John Kelly; second assistant, Justin Wheeler; secretary, M. P. Schwikerath; assistant secretary, Aloysius Merkel; treasurer, George Steele; standard bearer, J. W. Cassidy; marshals, Sylvester Weber and William Haefner; consultants, John Walsh, William Wheeler, Albert Forner, Phillip Keusch and Peter Merkel.

### "Katinka."

If you don't want to go work whistling "Rackety Cool", don't go to see "Katinka" at the Whitney theatre, Ann Arbor, Saturday, January 5. Nobody who has seen the latest creation of Otto Harbach and Rudolph Friml has yet escaped the magic of Mr. Friml's music, nor Mr. Harbach's queer words to it. After the show has hit town you will hear the girl back of the ribbon counter humming "Rackety Cool". You will go to your office and will find the bookkeeper softly and unconsciously whistling it to himself as he goes over the items. You will hear the phonographs and the player pianos grinding it out as you pass the music stores. After awhile you will begin to get aggravated, then you will become decidedly exasperated until in an unguarded moment, you will find yourself doing it too. Then you'll get in good humor again and join in the gayety. Not since "The Merry Widow" waltz has there been anything so compelling as "Rackety Cool".

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If you have waited NOW is the right time to pick out your Coat. Don't put it off any longer, as now you can pick from a fair assortment of beautiful garments at much less than real value.

Best grade Plush Coats, lined throughout with best quality Satin lining, some are beautifully trimmed and others perfectly plain, styles just right for the young, and conservative styles for the older ladies.

Plush Coats, worth \$40.00, this week	\$28.00 to \$30.00
Plush Coats, worth \$35.00, this week	\$20.00 to \$25.00
Cloth Coats, worth \$25.00, this week	\$15.00 to \$18.00
Cloth Coats, worth \$20.00, this week	\$11.50 to \$14.50

Coats selling at from \$15.00 to \$18.00 are now in two assortments:  
Choice of one lot..... \$5.00  
Choice of another lot..... \$10.00

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6 Bars of Flake White Soap (one lot to a customer)..... 25c

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IN VIEW OF THE SCARCITY OF WOOLENS AND THE INCREASING COST, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU ANTICIPATE YOUR OVER-COAT NEEDS FOR NEXT YEAR AS WELL AS THIS

Boys' \$5.00 Overcoats.....	\$3.75	Men's \$15.00 Overcoats.....	\$11.25
Boys' \$6.00 Overcoats.....	4.50	Men's \$18.00 Overcoats.....	13.50
Boys' \$8.00 Overcoats.....	6.00	Men's \$20.00 Overcoats.....	15.00
Boys' \$10.00 Overcoats.....	7.50	Men's \$25.00 Overcoats.....	18.75

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Henkel's Bread Flour, sack.....	\$1.55	Fancy New Orleans Molasses, per can.....	25c
Best Crackers, pound.....	13c	5 Pound Pail Corn Syrup.....	40c
Large Package Best Seeded Raisins.....	13c	25c Roasted Coffee, pound.....	21c
Best Coffee in Chelsea, pound.....	33c	We have Granulated Sugar, limited quantity	

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# GUARD OFFICERS LOSE COMMANDS

### MICHIGAN MEN TRANSFERRED TO WISCONSIN COMPANIES BY RECENT ORDER.

### SWEEPING SHAKEUP EXPECTED

Believed That Transfer Presages General Reassignment—Will Mean Greater Efficiency.

Camp MacArthur, Waco, Texas—With the transfer of several Michigan artillery officers to Wisconsin batteries within the Thirtieth second division there is a general impression here that there is to be a sweeping shake-up in the war department's policy involving the assignment of officers in this and all other national guard organizations in the country.

That it will mean greater efficiency if some of the officers commanding their home town companies are transferred to outfits from another state, seems to be the opinion of the regular army chieftains here, and they appear to be ready to try the plan out on a wide scale.

Reassignment of 13 officers in the Fifty-seventh artillery brigade is the first step.

It is pointed out that if the plan is extended throughout the division it will tend to eliminate completely any trace of state politics.

Some of the officers involved in the artillery shake-up do not take kindly to it, but their superiors insist that once they have tried the new plan they never will want to return to the old.

One benefit, pointed out by a Spanish war veteran, is that when the officers return to their home towns after the war they will not be subjected to the criticism of men that served under them and may have harbored a grudge. This officer explained that many company commanders of 1898 were compelled to leave their communities because of the bad feeling that developed during the campaign.

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## MICHIGAN NEWS BRIEFS

Profits at the municipal fish market at Bay City were turned over to the Red Cross.

The Muskegon company of state troops is being given bayonet drills taught in regular army camps.

Michigan farm agents are united in declaring statements that farmers are not doing their part in patriotic campaigns are untrue.

The state fire marshal's office is investigating the fire which destroyed practically all of the Saginaw street cars at a loss of \$200,000.

A list of all citizens who made disloyal statements to Red Cross solicitors at Port Huron, has been turned over to federal authorities.

Fox hunters at Petoskey are making \$50 to \$100 a week. Regular hunting camps have been established, and guides conduct the city men in weekly trips through the woods.

Charles E. Mason, 63, Gladstone, publisher of the Gladstone Delta and one of the best known journalists in the upper peninsula, dropped dead at his home from apoplexy.

The state railroad commission has approved of the incorporation into companies of the stockholders of the telephone lines entering the Delton and Prairieville exchanges.

The city council of Muskegon will grant exemption from tax payments to all worthy and needy dependents of soldiers. Payments may be made at the close of the war if desired.

Clifford Lichtart, of Saugatuck, 15 years old, died from gunshot wounds received while hunting. A companion, Chester Brunner, 16 years old, fired at a rabbit, hitting Lichtart in the head.

That Germany is losing commercial advantages even more important than military gains that are fast slipping from her grasp, was the statement of Prof. E. D. Campbell, of the department of chemistry, University of Michigan.

Following systematic robbery of box cars, which will total thousands of dollars in flour and grain, which have been extended over a period of two years and baffled efforts of detection, five men have been arrested at Grand Rapids.

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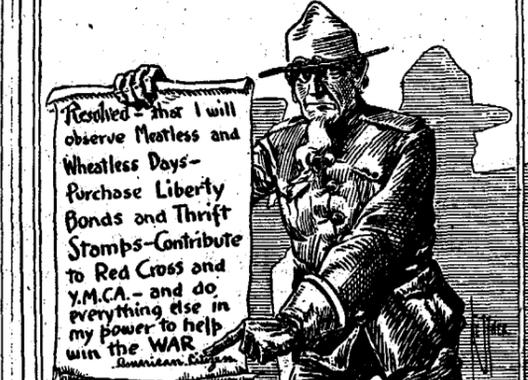
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## This Year's Resolutions



## QUAKE DESTROYS GUATEMALA CITY

### CAPITAL OF SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLIC IS REPORTED COMPLETELY RUINED.

### 80,000 PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS

### Shocks Have Been Prevalent Since Christmas Day—Martial Law Is Declared.

San Salvador—Guatemala City, capital of the republic of Guatemala, has been completely destroyed by an earthquake. Many persons were killed in the disaster, some in their homes and others in the streets.

Colon theater, which was filled with people, collapsed. There were many casualties among the audience. Various hospitals, asylums and the prisons were badly damaged and many patients and prisoners were killed.

The railroad station, sugar mill, postoffice, the American and British legations, United States consulate and all the churches in the city have been leveled.

Deep fissures opened in the middle of the city. The inhabitants, in panic, have fled from the capital. More than 80,000 persons are homeless. The stock of provisions in the city is scant and aid is required promptly.

Earthquakes have been prevalent in Guatemala since the day after Christmas, when shocks were general throughout the republic. With each recurrent shock damage in Guatemala City, the capital of the republic, has grown more extensive.

On December 27 it was reported that from 10 to 40 persons had been killed in disturbances of the previous night, while dispatches of Friday and Saturday indicated that 80 per cent of Guatemala City had been demolished and that thousands of persons were homeless.

Martial law has been declared and good order was said to be prevailing. Guatemala has been the scene of many disasters, the result of earthquakes. Since settlement of the country in 1522 there have been more than 50 volcanic eruptions and in excess of 300 earthquakes.

The original Guatemala City was destroyed in 1541 and 6,000 inhabitants were killed by a deluge of water from a nearby volcano, which was rent by an earthquake.

The second capital was destroyed by an earthquake in 1773. Houses of the present capital were built low in consequence of the liability to earthquakes.

Guatemala City has a population of nearly 100,000.

### BRITISH LOSE 3 DESTROYERS

### Sunk Off Dutch Coast—193 Members of Crew Perish.

London—Thirteen officers and 180 men were lost in the sinking of three British destroyers by torpedoes or mines off the Dutch coast in one night last week, the admiralty announces.

This incident has been generally known here, although only just announced officially. Whether correctly or not, the suppression of Admiral Sir John Jellicoe as first sea lord is popularly believed to have been the direct sequel of the loss of the three British destroyers near the Dutch coast.

### BAKER TOLD TO GET OVERCOATS

### Senate Committee Recommends That "Red Tape" of Army Be Cut.

Washington—Senate military affairs committee unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon the secretary of war to cut away "all red tape" and take immediate steps to supply every enlisted man in the training camps with necessary overcoats and woolen blouses.

The action was taken after inquiry by telegraph indicated a shortage of overcoats and woolen blouses in practically every cantonment in the country.

### RED CROSS BANDAGES POISONED

### Three Thousand Rolls Found to Be Infected With Deadly Drug.

Cleveland—Secret service men are hunting perpetrators of a plot to spread death among American soldiers by poisoning bandages made by the Red Cross.

More than 3,000 bandages, rolled by patriotic women in Toledo, as well as shipments from Kentucky and Indiana, forwarded to this city, were examined and found to be infected. All were immediately burned.

The shipments undoubtedly were tampered with en route. Blood Poison Follows Razor Cut. Monroe—Nicholas Lang, 70 years old, of Michigan City, Ind., died here of erysipelas following a slight cut while shaving.

## PRESIDENT TAKES OVER RAILROADS

### Names McAdoo as Director General for All Lines in United States.

### EARNINGS TO BE GUARANTEED

### Action, Which Affects Also Coastwise, Lake and River Steamship Properties, Taken as a War Measure.

Washington—President Wilson, under his war powers, has assumed possession and control of all the railroads and steamship lines within the United States.

The president issued a proclamation invoking his war authority to take over the railroads and appointing Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo to the position of director general of railroads.

Mr. McAdoo will remain secretary of the treasury, and in his dual role will be the most powerful official in the nation except the president.

The railroads will continue to be operated by their respective corporations under the direction of Mr. McAdoo, and the primary function of the lines will become the transportation of troops and war supplies and materials, to which all other service will be subordinated.

Properties Which Are Taken. The properties that will pass into the control of the government are: All railroads, comprising 280,000 miles of lines, valued at \$17,000,000,000.

All coastwise, lake and river steamship lines.

All terminals, terminal companies, and terminal associations.

The Pullman company's sleeping cars and parlor cars.

The packers' and other concerns' private car lines.

All railroad elevators and warehouses.

All railroad telegraph and telephone lines.

All interurban electric lines carrying freight only.

Street Car Lines Exempt. The president will not take over at this time any street car or local passenger carrying interurban electric lines, but he provides in his proclamation that by subsequent order he may take possession of any such lines found desirable, including subways and tunnels.

The proclamation does not specifically mention express companies, but the language of the proclamation, in which there appear the words, "and all other equipment and appliances commonly used upon or operated as a part of such system," would seem to include these companies.

Guarantee of Fair Profit. The government guarantees to the stockholders of each of the railroads a profit equal to at least the average profits of the road during the fiscal years of 1915, 1916 and 1917.

Taking all of the roads of the country as a basis, the general average was 5.21 per cent on their total capital investment.

The president says that he will ask congress to provide for the guarantee of pre-war earnings to the owners of the properties, and he adds: "Investors in railway securities may rest assured that their rights and interests will be as scrupulously looked after by the government as they could be by the several railway systems."

McAdoo to Negotiate. Director General McAdoo is instructed to negotiate with the railroads immediately agreements providing for a compensation to the owners of the properties amounting to the average net profit derived by each company during the three-year pre-war period, these agreements to be submitted to the president for action in connection with the legislation asked of congress.

Bondholders and other security holders are to receive the same return on their investment they received during the pre-war period and other creditors are to receive their due with rights unimpaired.

The president takes possession of the railroads by executive order under the authority conferred upon him by a provision of the army appropriation act of August 20, 1916, which follows: "The president in time of war is empowered, through the secretary of war, to take possession and assume control of any system or systems of transportation, or any part thereof, and to utilize the same, to the exclusion, as far as may be necessary, of all other traffic thereon, for the transfer or transportation of troops, war material and equipment, or for such other purposes connected with emergency as may be deemed necessary."

Cut in Passenger Traffic. The government will be required to provide the railroads with approximately \$1,000,000,000, it is estimated, for the expansion and building of new terminals, extensions of trackage and additional rolling stock.

Government control will also entail a general shifting of rolling stock to the centers of war industry to relieve the congestion of transportation of war materials. Hundreds of engines and thousands of cars will be sent from western and southern roads to eastern territory, where 80 per cent of the war supplies are being produced.

Passenger traffic is scheduled to be greatly curtailed. On western roads

## THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

### "A Great National Necessity Dictated the Action. I Was Not at Liberty to Abstain From It."

By WOODROW WILSON.

I have exercised the powers over the transportation systems of the country which were granted me by the act of congress of August, 1916, because it has become imperatively necessary for me to do so. This is a war of resources no less than of men, perhaps even more than of men, and it is necessary for the complete mobilization of our resources that the transportation system of the country should be organized and employed under a single authority and a simplified method of co-ordination which have not proved possible under private management and control.

The committee of railway executives who have been co-operating with the government in this all important matter have done the utmost that it was possible for them to do; have done it with patriotic zeal and with great ability; but there were difficulties that they could neither escape nor neutralize. Complete unity of administration in the present circumstances involves upon occasion and at many points a serious dislocation of earnings, and the committee was, of course, without power or authority to rearrange charges or effect proper compensations and adjustments of earnings.

Several roads which were willingly and with admirable public spirit accepting the orders of the committee have already suffered from these circumstances and should not be required to suffer further. In mere fairness to them the full authority of the government must be substituted. The government itself will thereby gain an immense increase of efficiency in the conduct of the war and of the innumerable activities upon which its successful conduct depends.

The public interest must be first served, and in addition the financial interests of the government and the financial interests of the railroads must be brought under a common direction. The financial operations of the railroads need not, then, interfere with the borrowings of the government, and they themselves can be conducted at a greater advantage.

Investors in railway securities may rest assured that their rights and interests will be as scrupulously looked after by the government as they could be by the directors of the several railway systems. Immediately upon the reassembling of congress I shall recommend that these definite guarantees be given: First, of course, that the railway properties will be maintained during the period of federal control in as good repair and as complete equipment as when taken over by the government; and, second, that the roads shall receive a net operating income equal in each case to the average net income of the three years preceding June 30, 1917; and I am entirely confident that the congress will be disposed in this case, as in others, to see that justice is done and full security assured to the owners and creditors of the great systems which the government must now use under its own direction or else suffer serious embarrassment.

The secretary of war and I are agreed that, all the circumstances being taken into consideration, the best results can be obtained under the immediate executive direction of William G. McAdoo, whose practical experience peculiarly fits him for the service and whose authority as secretary of the treasury will enable him to co-ordinate as no other man could the many financial interests which will be involved and which might, unless systematically directed, suffer very embarrassing entanglements.

The government of the United States is the only great government now engaged in the war which has not already assumed control of this sort. It was thought to be in the spirit of American institutions to attempt to do anything that was necessary through private management, and if zeal and ability and patriotic motive could have accomplished the necessary unification of administration it would certainly have been accomplished; but no zeal or ability could overcome insuperable obstacles, and I have deemed it my duty to recognize that fact in all candor, now that it is demonstrated, and to use without reserve the great authority reposed in me. A great national necessity dictated the action and I was therefore not at liberty to abstain from it.

While Mr. McAdoo will not relinquish his post as head of the treasury department he will be compelled to turn over to others most of the routine business of the department to which at present he is giving his personal attention. Of course he will have a number of capable assistants to relieve him of some of the responsibility connected with the duties he will shortly assume.

No Limit to Powers. In his proclamation the president confers upon Mr. McAdoo powers that will be practically unlimited when he enters upon the direction of the railroads and can be limited subsequently only by the president or by congress.

In the first place, Mr. McAdoo is authorized to control and direct the railroads under private operation by existing directors, receivers and officers "so long and to such extent as he may determine." The railroad officials are informed in the proclamation that they will continue the operation of the properties "until and except so far as said director shall from time to time by general or special orders provide."

Mr. McAdoo will have power to discharge existing directors and other officials and appoint new ones. However, it is expected that generally the executive forces of the various roads will continue in their offices. In fact, there is supposed to be no one else available for these jobs, from presidents down.

Can Decide on Rates. The director general is to wield authority paramount to that of the interstate commerce commission and state railway commissions. The statutes and orders of these bodies are to remain binding upon the railroads only so long as Mr. McAdoo approves.

When he decides that rates should be revised upward or downward, or that national or state regulations should be charged, all he will have to do is to issue an order putting the change into effect, and that order, under the president's proclamation, "shall have paramount authority and be obeyed as such."

The regular dividends hitherto declared and the interest upon bonds and other obligations are to be paid as usual, unless Mr. McAdoo should determine otherwise, but all renewals and extensions of maturing obligations can be made by the roads only with the approval of the director general.

Why McAdoo Was Chosen. The president says he and Secretary of War Baker, in whose name the executive takes possession of the lines, are agreed that existing circumstances make advisable the appointment of Mr. McAdoo, "whose practical experience peculiarly fits him for the service and whose authority as secretary of the treasury will enable him to co-ordinate, as no other man could, the many financial interests which will be involved and which might, unless systematically directed, suffer very embarrassing entanglements."

# WASHINGTON GOSSIP

## Officials Have a Word to Say About Knitting

WASHINGTON.—Girls! Drop a stitch and think a bit! Yes, of course all America is knitting, but is knitting the best thing you can do for your country in the prosecution of this great world war? Knitting is just as popular in the war capital as it is anywhere else, but it is just a bit under the shadow of disapproval. In the first place, the thousands of girls employed in the government offices here have become too enthusiastic with their knitting. So much so that they have forgotten their work. Consequently one wanders through those official buildings where entre can be secured and sees throngs of girls sitting at typewriters and desks knitting. At the same time the government is sending out an urgent appeal for clerical help in the departments.

Knitting has almost disrupted the efficiency of some of the government departments. Military and naval officials do not look upon the knitting with entire approval. Secretary of War Baker has taken occasion to make deferential remarks about the practice in public. It is claimed here that the percentage of sweaters and wristlets which reach the boys in active service is small. Either this is because the knitters keep their work, once finished, or because of some irregularity and lack of system of distribution. At any rate, several yeomen, permanently stationed in Washington, where there are no bitter winds, were found strutting about clad in sweaters knitted by kind hands.

Knitting is, of course, a wonderful war service, if directed in the right way. But there is a fear that knitting is becoming a fad and is occupying the time that might be used to a better advantage in some more permanent sort of war work.

Gorgeous knitting bags of course, add a great deal to the appearance of any street costume, but is it the purpose of this war to make our American girls more fetching?

Are you using all your wool to a good advantage? Do you ever find your handiwork too good to be sent away, and keep it yourself as an added but unnecessary garment?

Knit on, girls, but be sure you are right. Don't waste your time dawdling with knitting when you might be in the kitchen cutting down the food consumption, or in Red Cross headquarters making bandages.

Be sure you are right, then knit ahead.

## Government Printing Office Needs More Room

URGENT need for a new building for the government printing office, to cost approximately \$2,250,000 and to be located adjoining the present building, at North Capitol and H Streets, is emphasized by Cornelius Ford, the public printer, in his annual report to congress. The report sets forth that the amount of printing and binding produced during the fiscal year 1917 far exceeded that of any previous year. A large portion of this increase was during the last quarter due to preparedness and war activities.

The lack of space to handle properly this rush order of war work is not the only reason for the public printer's urging a new building. He renews a recommendation made last year and points out that even for normal work the present structure is inadequate. He says: "Printing and binding for 1917 exceeded that of 1916 by over 30 per cent, and it can readily be seen that if an urgent necessity for more working space existed in 1916, the demand for more room at this time is an imperative one."

Halls and passageways are now used for storing signatures, and in some cases presses have been stopped on certain work because the bindery or other divisions through which the jobs must progress could not at once accept the work by reason of lack of space. In order to carry on the work at all it has been necessary to use the old building for both storage and production. Condition of this building is bad, and it has been condemned several times; many portions have been re-reinforced, the walls have been tied to prevent them falling out. It is built entirely of wood, excepting the exterior brick walls, and for this reason there is constant danger to life and property; in case of fire it does not seem possible that any of the old building could be saved, and the new building would be in grave danger."

## War Has Not Extinguished All Sense of Humor

THE senators and representatives are back in town for the biggest session of congress perhaps that this country has ever seen. One and all they are determined to back the president. They are back, and they are back of Wilson.

These are serious days, big days, days that in years to come will be regarded as epochal days.

In the history books all we get are the big events. Getting up in the morning, eating breakfast and hurrying off to work never get into the history books. But it is not left out of our day-by-day life. Even these busy congressmen are still finding time to relish all the fun that crops up.

Truly, we need all the humor we've got in war time. It is serious enough business without making it any more serious than we have to. (President Wilson finishes sentences that way!) Humor lightens the pall of action.

One representative I know has a sense of humor as big as his body and kindly heart. He asked me not to mention his name in connection with this recital, because he is tender respecting the feelings of "the folks back home."

He just got back from the home state.

Those constituents of his hate sham and pretense of all sorts. They hate affection so much that sometimes—quite often, in fact—they imagine people are "putting on" when they are not.

Some woman, moved away from the old town to a big city, for instance, will come home on a visit one day. She will be well dressed. The women of the town will look her over and say:

"Doesn't she think she's smart?"

Poor lady! That's the last thing she thinks she is. She has been to the city and knows she is not particularly "smart." But those "home folks" know better.

## National Capital Has Become Great War Center

ONE cannot appreciate the things the government is doing in the war until he comes to Washington," remarked J. R. Jackson of Detroit, at the Willard. "If there is activity in other cities, it amounts to almost riot in Washington. One observes this more particularly about the hotels, where everything is confusion."

"Everybody who comes to Washington, of course, has some sort of business with the government, and all connected with the war. Traveling on the trains that go through this city one meets all sorts of men, representatives of all sorts of businesses, and all have some objective that has to do with getting a contract or doing business in some manner with the government. If the people of every little town and hamlet could get a glimpse of Washington in these days, they would come to a sudden realization perhaps that Uncle Sam means business, and that he has come into this war to stick until the finish. The pacifists, I imagine, if they could stay in Washington for a few days, would see the futility of their cause. Likewise, I imagine, if the German people could see what is going on in Washington they would not be lulled into sleep by the siren voice of the Prussian militarists, if that is what is happening the German people in line."

## NO WAY TO EVADE THE INCOME TAX

EVERY GOOD AMERICAN EARNING FAIR LIVING WILL HELP TO PAY EXPENSES OF WAR.

### RETURNS DUE BEFORE MARCH

Heavy Penalties Provided for Failure to File Them—Government Officials Will Be in Every County to Assist the Taxpayers.

Washington.—Must I pay an income tax?

That is the question that thousands of Americans are asking. The answer, in a general way, lies in this statement:

Every unmarried person having a net income of \$1,000 or more, and every married person or head of a family having an income of \$2,000 or more must file a return. These returns must be in the hands of the collector of internal revenue in the district in which the taxpayer lives or has his principal place of business between January 1 and March 1, 1918.

The man who thinks to evade this tax is making a serious error. Revenue officials will be in every county to check returns. Failure to make a correct return within the time specified involves heavy penalties.

"Net income" means gross income less certain deductions provided for by the act. The law defines income as profit, gain, wages, salary, commissions, money or its equivalent from professions, vocations, commerce, trade, rents, sales and dealings in property, real and personal, and interest from investments except interest from government bonds, or state, municipal township or county bonds. Incomes from service as guardian, trustee or executor; from dividends, pensions, royalties, or patents, or oil and gas wells, coal land, etc., are taxable.

Normal Rate is 2 Per Cent.

The normal rate of tax is 2 per cent on net incomes above the amount of exemptions, which is \$2,000 in the case of a married person or head of a family and \$1,000 in the case of a single person. A married person or head of a family is allowed an additional exemption of \$200 for each dependant child if under eighteen years of age or incapable of self-support because defective. The taxpayer is considered to be the head of a family if he is actually supporting one or more persons closely connected with him by blood relationship or relationship by marriage, or if his duty to support such person is based on some moral or legal obligation.

Debits ascertained to be worthless and charged off within the year and taxes paid except income taxes and those assessed against local benefits are deductible. These and other points of the income tax section of the war revenue act will be fully explained by revenue officers who will visit every county in the United States between January 2 and March 1 to assist taxpayers in making out their returns.

Officers to Visit Every Locality.

Notice of their arrival in each locality will be given in advance through the press, banks and post offices. They will be supplied with income tax forms, copies of which may be obtained also from collectors of internal revenue. The bureau of internal revenue is seeking to impress upon persons subject to the tax the fact that failure to see this official in no way relieves them of the duty imposed by law to file their returns within the time specified.

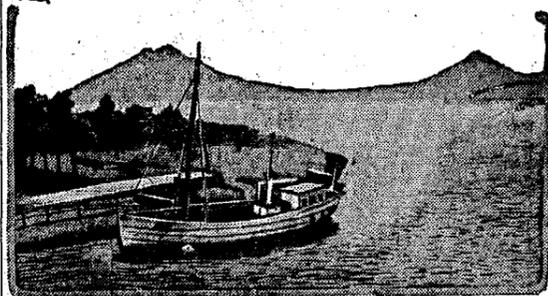
The government is not required to seek the taxpayer. The taxpayer is required to seek the government. Persons in doubt as to whether they are subject to the tax or not as to how to make out their returns, will readily understand, therefore, that a visit to this official may mean the avoidance of later difficulties.

The penalty for failure to make the return on time is a fine of not less than \$20 nor more than \$1,000, and in addition 50 per cent of the amount of the tax due. For making a false or fraudulent return, the penalty is a fine not to exceed \$2,000 or not exceeding one year's imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the court, and in addition 100 per cent of the tax evaded.

As to the Farmers.

The number of farmers who will pay income taxes has not been estimated by the government officials, but it is certain they will form a large percentage of the 6,000,000 persons assessed who never before have paid an income tax. The average farmer does not keep books but if he avails himself of the services of government experts who will be sent to aid him, it will not be difficult for him to ascertain the amount of his net income. The farmer is making out his return may deduct depreciation in the value of property and machinery used in the conduct of his farm, and loss by fire, storm or other casualty, or by theft if not covered by insurance. Expenses actually incurred in farm operation may be deducted, but not family or living expense. Produce raised on the farm and traded for groceries, wearing apparel, etc., is counted as living expenditure and cannot be deducted. Salaries paid by the state or a political subdivision of the state are exempt. A farmer holding the job of county supervisor, for instance, does not have to include his salary in his income tax return.

## Marvelous Highlands of Guatemala



View of Lake Atitlan.

FAR upon the horizon towered the twin volcanoes of Atitlan, their dark flanks wreathed in white masses of cloudlike sparkling fields of snow. The cones, thousands of feet above, stood out sharply against the deep blue vault of the tropic skies. For five days we had been riding to them through the enchanted highlands of Guatemala, a marvelous land of fragrant pine forests, flowers, singing birds, broad winding roads, and fertile fields of wheat and corn cultivated by hundreds of thousands of industrious Indians, writes Hamilton M. Wright in the Bulletin of the Pan-American Union. And many pueblos we had passed, lying on the rolling bosom of the cool table-lands with their schools and temples to Minerva, goddess of wisdom, and their white mission buildings and churches from whose thick-walled towers the pealing bells summoned the devout Indians to prayer. Almost without sensing a change of scene we had plunged into the quiet depths of a giant forest, dark after the brilliance of the tropical sun, where mighty trees rose as the stately pillars of a cathedral, to find upon emerging that a turn of the road brought in view a panorama of 200 miles of magnificent mountain country, forests, plains, the silver glint of lakes and streams, and volcanic cones two miles high enshrouded in turbans of fog.

Such is Guatemala, land of majestic contrasts, of unwonted, almost appalling surprises. Here is one of the splendid show places of the world. Far from the beaten path of most tourists its wonders are becoming better known.

Below lay cities with their public squares and white churches, fields of yellow grain like golden patches of light in the crystal-clear atmosphere of the highlands, huge dark masses of forest, and beyond, extending their thousands of spurs and flanks, rose the prodigious Cordilleras. To the left the peaks of Atitlan towered to the heavens, majestic, symmetrical, receding in their perfect contour the famed Fujiyama of Japan.

Lake Atitlan and Volcanoes.

It was more than a half day's ride from this point before we came to Godines crest and beheld, 8,000 feet below us, the deep blue waters of Lake Atitlan, and on its opposite shores, rising sheer a mile to a mile and one-half above the surface of the lake, seven great volcanoes, of which the two known as Atitlan are the most wonderful.

Lake Atitlan, itself a vast crater lake 27 miles in greatest length and 12 miles wide, is a remarkable body of water. Rev. Father Garcia of Naguala, a graduate of the University of Rome, and one who has given enthusiastic study to the meteorology of the region, informed me that official soundings of this lake give an extreme depth of more than 1,000 feet. Its surface is 5,000 feet above the level of the sea. Its waters teem with trout with which it has been stocked and, while walking upon its sandy beach near Panajachel, we saw great schools of smaller fish and not a few of the larger. Into its shores plunge the volcanic hills, often in precipitous, forested hogbacks, often in steeply sloping wheat fields, or again ending in mile-high cliffs of bright red sandstone or perpendicular walls marked by the slate grays and purplish hues of volcanic ash. Such are the walls of Lake Atitlan, often called Lake Panajachel, painted by nature in her most glorious, riotous colors, and rivaling even the famed hues of the Grand Canyon of Arizona.

Fine Mountain Highways.

Some splendid roads have been built in the neighborhood of the lake. One of them, broad and sweeping, leads from Panajachel on the southeast shores of Atitlan to the picturesque pueblo of Solita, which is perched on mountain bluffs thousands of feet above. The road is blasted from rocky cliffs and its slides and walls are, literally, of granite. It is a remarkable piece of construction accomplished by one of the generals of President Cabrera's army. So steep is the road that cascades fall at its very edge and their waters are borne beneath it by culverts. As it skirts the gigantic bluffs, the traveler obtains entrancing visions of the lake and of the many villages upon its shores.

All the highland country is densely populated; at least all that portion which lies between Guatemala City and Quetzaltenango, the second city of the republic. The mountains are intensively cultivated up to a height of almost 10,000 feet. Pine schools have been built in the pueblos and cities

## ELUSIVE VIOLET

By JACK LAWTON.

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There were but two unoccupied seats, as Margery entered the car, and she hesitated undecidedly between them. Upon the right she would have as companion, a middle-aged man, smiling in secret complacency at the paper across his knee, upon the left the vacant seat was by the side of a young and beautiful woman. The young woman, meeting Margery's undecided glance, smiled invitingly and moved nearer the window. Returning the smile, Margery dropped into the place, and the young woman adjusted the costly fur collar of her cloak, so that it made a sort of screen about her lovely face, then her jeweled hands rested idly upon her lap.

Margery opened the morning paper, and gazed wistfully at an illustrated advertisement of a neat, heavy cloak. The light little suit she was wearing, was now quite inadequate to the wintry weather.

From behind the shelter of her collar the young woman spoke softly. "Will you note the picture," she said, "of jewels stolen last night from Judge Markham's residence? The theft was discovered after an evening reception. The diamond necklace with pendant, is originally beautiful, so, also, the setting of that antique cameo."

The low voice paused a moment. "Do not be startled," the young woman went on, "and please do not betray by a movement that I am speaking to you. If you will read farther down the column you will learn that a reward of five hundred dollars is offered for the capture of the society thief—more, for the return of the jewels. I stole them all. They are now concealed in the fur cuffs of my cloak."

Margery bent lower over the paper she was holding, her cheeks were burning, her eyes painfully downcast in an effort to be motionless—unconcerned. To disobey the sweet dictating voice seemed impossible. "Thank you," continued the voice. "I am obliged to speak quickly, as time is scarce. Across the aisle from us is a famous detective. Many times to his humiliation have I eluded his skill. I wish to elude him now. You must have that reward."

Margery caught her breath. "It will all be quite simple. Reading the notice and seeing the pictured jewels, you turned to your astonishment, to find the necklace's counterpart protruding from my sleeve. If you will look at the arm beneath the fold of my cloak, you will see that this is so. Swiftly, you are to lean over and take it in your possession, then summoning the conductor you may declare your discovery, and insist that he hold me prisoner. And—Mr. Oliver Haines, detective, will be cheated—of his prey."

Margery rested her head against the back of the seat, holding the paper protectively wide. "I can't do it," she murmured. "I couldn't benefit that way. If you wish to frustrate the detective, why don't you confess to the conductor? Give yourself up—please, now, he's coming this way. It may make it easier for you in the end."

"You poor little fool," came back the soft voice at her side. "You poor—dear, little fool." And then the conductor stood awaiting their tickets.

Lastly the young woman leaned forward. "Mr. Conductor," she said, "do you notice the illustration spread out on this lady's lap? Well, she's a pretty slick young detective, and she's got me all right! Found the goods in my cuff, where she seemed to expect them to be. What I'm asking you is this: Can't we get out quietly, without any picture snapping or fuss? Do you want me to go with you—now?"

The conductor wheeled around sharply. "Haines," he called, "come here." Then he stooped to shake hands with Margery.

"Congratulations, miss," he said, "so, you've recognized the game?" the detective inquired blandly, "been shadowing Miss Violet Armand since she left her apartment this morning. Knew we had her this time, sure. Going to put on the brakes and take her off next station. No use making too much excitement on the way."

He turned laughing to the lovely young woman who calmly adjusted her cloak. "The elusive Violet!" he mocked.

With a graceful motion she waved her hand toward Margery, who sat bewilderedly gazing at a soft packet on her own lap.

"Sorry to disappoint you, Mr. Haines," drawled the culprit, "but this clever little lady here has forestalled you—hadn't a chance from the moment her eyes spied me out from the doorway. Couldn't have done better work myself, the jewels are in her possession."

Then Violet Armand turned to the girl in the thin, shabby suit. "Don't you worry, child," she smiled, "good behavior will cut my sentence short." "Then," asked Margery eagerly, "will you let me try to help you?" "Others have tried," the prisoner answered, then the shrewd face softened. "But the others were not like you," she said.

The Human Leet.

"It is a pity that a man spouting on a vexed question can't do as the whales do in similar action." "What do you mean?" "The whales, you know, always post all upon the waters."

## NORFOLK SWEEP BY INCENDIARY FIRE

BUSINESS SECTION OF CITY IN RUINS—TWO ENTIRE BLOCKS ARE DESTROYED.

ESTIMATED DAMAGE \$3,000,000

Explosions Indicate That Disaster Is Result of Plot—Several Suspects Arrested.

Norfolk, Va.—Smouldering ruins mark the heart of Norfolk's business section as the result of disastrous fire, new year's day, believed to have been started by German agents.

The entire city was put under martial law, with soldiers, sailors, and marines guarding the streets, and no one permitted abroad without passes.

Two entire city blocks are in ruins. Some of the city's finest buildings, including the famous Monticello hotel, have been destroyed. The damage is estimated at \$3,000,000.

One fireman was killed and half a score injured by falling walls.

That the fire was of incendiary origin appears certain, officials declare. Successive explosions occurred during the day in the fire-ravaged area and each time the flames, partly under control, would gain fresh headway in consequence.

Several arrests were made by the police and the suspects turned over to the federal authorities, charged with plotting against the United States.

The fire swept district is, but three blocks from the Elizabeth river waterfront on the north and five on the west. It is more than a mile from the Norfolk navy yard, which is located upon the Elizabeth river in the western section of Portsmouth. The nearby water front is used by bay and river steamers and trucking vessels.

## REDS JAIL U. S. RAIL MISSION

Report Says Americans Sent to Help Russia Are Arrested.

London.—It is reported that the bolsheviks have arrested members of the American railway mission at Irkutsk, Siberia, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Petrograd.

On account of irregular telegraph service the report could not be confirmed officially.

The United States railroad commission to the Russian government, arrived in Petrograd last June, and until the recent bolshevik disturbances had been actively engaged in assisting Russian railways out of their operating difficulties.

Although several railway units, each comprising several hundred men, are in Siberia to assist in improving conditions on the trans-Siberian railway, it is thought that only a few could have been at Irkutsk. They probably are scattered in small detachments along the entire route.

## 3 GENERALS BACK FROM FRANCE

U. S. Officers Return From "Over There", to Train Forces Here.

An Atlantic Port—Major Generals George A. Mann, William L. Sibert and Richard M. Blatchford, of the United States army, who have been with the American expeditionary forces in France, arrived here New Year's day on a French steamship.

It is understood the officers have been ordered home to assist in the training of the American forces now being made ready for overseas duty.

General Mann, who left here in command of the "rainbow" division made up of troops from practically every state of the union, said the men are now comfortably billeted and are making satisfactory progress in the intensive training they are undergoing preparatory to being called upon for action against the Germans.

## NEW YORK HAS FIRST COAL RIOT

Hundreds of People Stone Cries When Fuel Is Denied Them.

New York—New year's day witnessed the first riots caused by the coal shortage here.

The disorder began when several hundred men, women and children, who had lined up outside a large coal yard at One Hundred and Nineteenth street and the East river, discovered several loaded trucks leaving the yard after announcement had been made that there was no coal for sale.

Some of those who had been waiting with pails, bags, small wagons and baby carriages, at once began to stone the office windows. Others followed the trucks, unhooked the rear chutes and seized the coal that streamed into the street.

## 119 OFFICERS RAISED IN RANK

Custer Officers, Sheridan Graduates, Get Promotions.

Camp Custer, Battle Creek—Fifteen army captains at Camp Custer, Battle Creek, most of them from Detroit, are promoted to majors in an order issued Tuesday. All are officers who received their training at Fort Sheridan last spring and were recommended for majorships at that time.

Included in the list of promotions are 164 second lieutenants advanced to first lieutenants.

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Harold Luick, of Camp Custer, Mrs. O. G. Wood and son, Meryl, of were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Luick, last week.

LYNDON ITEMS

Claude Soper had the misfortune to lose a fine cow the past week.

NORTH FRANCISCO.

Supervisor Harvey is spending this week at Jackson.

NORTH LAKE NOTES.

Mrs. L. Allyn is spending some time with relatives in Ann Arbor.

SHARON NEWS.

Mablon Ellis was a recent guest of Elmer Schiller at Camp Custer.

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Brooklyn—H. A. Ladd has been cutting a field of corn. He says the corn wasn't ripe when the frost came, the stalks and leaves were tough so it has stood up pretty well and retained most of the leaves. The stock likes it and eats it clean. The first corn he cut early moulded and much of it wasted.—Exponent.

Ann Arbor—Deputy Sheriff White was called to the home of a prominent citizen Thursday afternoon at 4:30 where he arrested two tramps. The men had asked for something to eat and when they were refused had insulted the women in the house. They were taken into custody and Friday morning in justice court were given 20 days.

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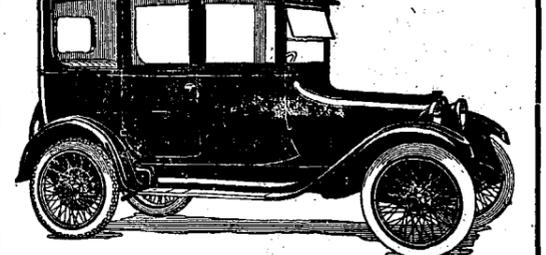
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