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An elderly man who has been an inmate of the Fairville Hospital for Nervous Diseases came to Sussex last week and gave some citizens an interesting "few hours." The man was as mad as the proverbial March hare and caused no end of annoyance. The chief of police finally rounded him up and returned him to the institution. So far as Sussex is concerned it is having more than its share of this sort of thing. There seems to be a disposition at Fairville to unload patients before they are really fit to be at large and the authorities here are getting tired of the practice. As the officials at the asylum are paid to look after their patients, it would seem as if a little more judgment should be exercised in the public interest—Sussex Record.

The north end police were informed last evening of a man, who was riding on car No. 56 from the bridge to Main street and back, for an indefinite period. Sgt. Smith went to the car and saw the man, but several of his friends from Fairville guaranteed to take him home and he was allowed to have one more ride. The man had first been found in the Douglas avenue waiting room in an intoxicated condition. After he had boarded the car the conductor did not want to put him off, as he thought the man might wander away and freeze to death.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 7.—Count Witte, the former Premier of Russia, who recently returned from abroad, was received in audience by the Emperor today. The Count's reception has been delayed on account of his ill health.

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THE DISGRACED TROOPS.

On Thursday two resolutions were introduced in the United States Senate, demanding additional reports on the dismissal by President Roosevelt of a battalion of the 25th Infantry, colored. One of the resolutions was adopted, and will, no doubt, be answered by the government.

This action on the part of the President has caused wide comment. It at first appeared to be an incident of rather minor importance, but because of the race prejudice which seems to exist in different sections of the country, it has been magnified into a national question.

It appears that a company of negro troops had been sent as a garrison to Fort Brown, in Texas, and a number of the white residents of that place objected to their presence. These objections were forwarded to the secretary of war, but he did not see fit to rescind the order, and the battalion accordingly entered quarters at Fort Brown on July 28. Soon afterwards differences arose between the enlisted men and the townspeople. There has been contradictory evidence as to the cause and much discussion on both sides. It appears however that the negroes were subjected to various petty annoyances, and considerable feeling was aroused by the discrimination against the troops in the saloons of the town, the soldiers being compelled to drink at separate bars. It was reported in August in Brownsville that a white woman was seized by the hair by a colored soldier and dragged on the ground. Excitement followed, which so alarmed the officers of the garrison that they sent patrols to the town to bring back their men who were on leave. On the night of August 12th, serious rioting began. Small parties of men, supposed to have been soldiers, and armed with the regulation rifle, entered the town. They went from street to street and fired volley after volley into different houses. A number of women and children were shot, several policemen were wounded, and later on two or three saloon keepers were fired at, one of them being killed. It is estimated that about 150 shots were fired.

As soon as the affair was reported to the commander of the garrison he ordered an investigation, and it was found that the rifles belonging to all the members of the battalion were quite clean. A rigid investigation was held, but it was absolutely impossible to obtain from the members of the corps any information as to the identity of their fellows who had been engaged in the riot. The finding of the court of enquiry was that out of a battalion of 170 men a party of from 8 to 20 formed a preconcerted plan to avenge themselves upon the people of the town for the insults which they felt had been heaped upon them; within ten minutes after their crime had been committed the guilty persons returned to their places; their identity must have been known to the rest of the members of the battalion; instead of giving the officer the benefit of anything which they might know tending to lead to a conviction of the guilty persons there was a conspiracy of silence on the part of the many who must have known something of importance in this regard; the murderers were taken back into the battalion and protected entirely from punishment.

These facts having been reported to the President, he on the advice of his cabinet, dismissed in disgrace the entire battalion, it being held that although a certain sympathy might be extended to the men, the whole body had been sworn to uphold the law, had enlisted in the service of their country, and that no obligation of comradeship which would prevent anyone from telling the truth could be recognized by those in authority. This information has all been laid before the Senate in the form of a report from Secretary Taft, but as there have been further developments since the report was issued, the resolutions in the Senate call for information on these.

A CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

The sermonette printed in the Star today is especially appropriate. Too often it is found that such appeals to the more fortunate residents of any community come too late to be of value, but in the present case Thaddeus is giving ample time to all to consider ways and means by which they may make the Christmas season pleasant for their less fortunate fellows. St. John has few poor. There are not many families in this city who will actually suffer, or who are now suffering from lack of food or shelter, but at the same time there are a large number who are not sufficiently well off to afford any luxuries during the holiday season. These are the ones to whom Christmas is especially gloomy, and Thaddeus calls attention to this fact. There are different organizations in St. John quite capable of handling all the charitable work, and there is no doubt that they will be pleased to distribute all contributions which might be sent in. There cannot be too much done for the needy.

The safety board enquiry becomes more and more interesting. There is still a lot to be made public, which may be brought out at subsequent meetings if the members of the committee insist on it.

SATURDAY SERMONETTE.

"CHRISTMAS IS COMING."

"Christmas is coming," the children shout, and they are counting the days and their pennies and writing letters to Santa Claus and speculating as to their presents. They know as well as the calendars do when Christmas will be here, and if a school of children were to tell me the calendar was wrong I would believe the children just as I would take the prospective bride's word as to the day of days to her in preference to the calendar. There is universal joy in the child's world at the coming of Christmas, but I must qualify that statement. There are children whose the day will bring no joy. They see the Christmas trees and the gaily decorated windows with longing anxious eyes, but they know there will be no Christmas tree for them, in fact no toys. Christmas will be more gloomy to them than other days, for the brightness that shines on happier homes than theirs will cast a darker shadow on their poor homes.

The Master wants us to do all in our power to help this poor, especially the little ones, and our Christmas will be all the happier if we do what we can to ease the poverty. There are homes that will be without coal and bread and light if you do not send to them. Send a little happiness into those homes—please; they are out of happiness about all the time.

"Christmas is coming," the clerks in our stores are saying, and then for a day at home. Make it as easy for them as you can these busy days that are almost here. You don't know how tired they are, these overworked girls and young men, if you did you would wonder at their patience and politeness, for you surely tax their overworked nerves by the very nature of their reasonable price, when you are not a purchaser.

Think sometimes, oh Christian, of the girl and man behind the counter and don't snub and lose your politeness to them. "Hath not a clerk eyes?" Hath not a clerk hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions, like the same food, hurt with the same weapons?

"Christmas is coming," they are saying in offices and schools, "and then for home," and they count the days and later the hours that keep them from home.

God grant they may not be disappointed and those at home who smile as they work and say to themselves, "fifteen, ten, five days—one day more and they will be home."

"Christmas is coming," my last at home, the next I will be with him in my home—in ours," says many a sweet young girl with a smile for prospective joys and a sigh and a tear for the coming good-bye.

God grant that the wedding bells and Christmas bells may ring out together, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

"Christmas is coming," and they say it is sadness. "Last Christmas we were all together," they say, "and now Christmas; it tells me of my loneliness without him—without her."

Oh God be kind and helpful to all kinds that are not shown here. All kinds may be seen from the ten cent rubber or celluloid one to the life size hand with his blue hands and his red shoes, and mechanical toys! It seems that everything is imitated. The big gasolines, the best, steam engines, air ships and many difficult ones, it would be impossible to enumerate all the kinds of toys shown at this store; they include musical toys, iron toys, wooden toys, horses and wagons, fruit carriages, etc., at all prices from 10c. to \$15.

Arnold's Department Store has probably the best assortment of toys in the city, but toys are not the only things sold there. Their line of fancy goods, their hats and includes toilet cases, cut and collar boxes, sewing boxes, manure sets, glove and handkerchief sets, brush and comb sets, military brush sets, mirrors, ink stands, puff boxes, cigar boxes, gold and silver jewelry cases and jewelry, juvenile picture books, albums, Bibles, post cards, etc. Also gloves, handkerchiefs, neckwear, ribbons, etc.

Everyone should get one of this store's price list which will give a good idea of the bargains to be had. Some stores advance their prices at this season, but this one is different. It is one of the things to be had for Christmas. It was made available for all to shop as much as possible in the morning to avoid the afternoon rush.

Dr. C. Sydney Emerson,
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Phone 122.

WHAT TO GIVE!

At this season of the year everyone's thoughts naturally turn to Christmas and what to give.

The Floods Co., 31-33 King St., for upwards of a quarter of a century, have been catering to the wants of the "Holiday Buyer." This year they have rather excelled themselves in the point of choice and variety of Christmas gifts which they offer.

They have a great variety of Sterling silver articles for the toilet and table, rich cut glass, choice English and French China tea cups and saucers, bouillon cups and saucers, leather goods, drive whist sets, new handbags and purses, dressing cases and jewelry cases, and a host of other articles, their useful and fine assortment of China and bronze ornaments, calendars, Christmas cards, and booklets, including the Christy and Harrison Fisher calendars.

"One can read more," says an English authority, "of the social history of any time, in its advertisements than in almost any other place, and now that illustrations are forming such a prominent item in such matters, their preservation will be doubly useful."

BRITISH COMMENT

ON U. S. FINANCE

Report of Secretary Shaw Criticized

Regrets That More Stress Is Not Laid Upon Improving the Banking and Currency System

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The Standard, commenting on the report of Mr. Shaw, American Secretary of the Treasury, thinks his remarks on the extraordinary property of the United States are of less general interest than his allusions to the monetary system of the United States. It regrets that the report lays more stress upon increasing the powers of the treasury than upon improving the banking and currency system. It admits that the affairs of the treasury have been handled with conspicuous ability during the past eighteen months, but says: "This does not offer sufficient reason for an extension of government money markets and currency reforms. It describes Mr. Shaw's assertion that the United States is able to more effectively influence international finance than any other country as a most remarkable expression, recalling the spread-eagle prediction of years ago that New York would become the world's monetary centre. 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