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BRITISH PREMIER AND PRESIDENT WILSON CONFER

LLOYD GEORGE AND WILSON DISCUSS MOMENTOUS ISSUES AT CONFERENCE HELD TODAY

Important Meeting Was Held Today at Buckingham Palace Between British Premier and American President.

London, Dec. 27.—President Wilson's conference today with British statesmen are described in American quarters as having been very satisfactory. The president spent more than three hours before Premier Lloyd George's luncheon in most intimate discussion with the premier and Foreign Secretary Balfour at Buckingham Palace, going over the general aspects of the fourteen points of his peace program.

No one particular phrase was taken up, but the whole discussion was a general one. No official announcements were made of the results of the conference, and afterwards the president continued the discussions with the British statesmen at the luncheon in Downing street, and later resumed them at Buckingham Palace.

CLEARED UP POINTS.

It was learned that a great deal of progress was made in making clear some phases of the president's points which are uppermost in the minds of the British, principally as regards the question of British naval supremacy.

At Buckingham Palace, before the luncheon, President Wilson, the premier and the foreign secretary met in one of the rooms of the president's suite before a cheerful open fire, with no secretaries or documents to lend any air of formality to the discussion. It was an entirely informal conference intended to develop the most intimate aspects of the situation.

The president did a great deal of the talking, and it was said afterward that nothing developed to show that any substantial difference in principle or in fundamentals existed.

NO MATERIAL DIFFERENCES.

The discussion ranged about the freedom of the seas, the league of nations and the attendant proposition of the reduction of armaments. None of these three subjects were discussed specifically or by itself, as they are considered inseparable in the final analysis, so the first purpose of the conference was to develop what may be the differences of opinion to the point where they may be cleared.

WILSON DESIRES TO MEET GREAT PERSONS WHILE IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 26.—Dinner at Buckingham Palace tonight was a private function, covering being laid only for King George and Queen Mary and President Wilson. After dinner the president had a long talk alone with the king. The president is desirous of becoming personally acquainted with the leading personages in England before beginning his more formal conversations. He had an earnest talk with Queen Mother Alexandra this afternoon when he called to leave cards at Marlborough House.

The president was greatly pleased with the warmth of his reception in London, which, in the opinion of some of his suite, exceed even that of Paris.

CARLISLE VOTES FREEDOM OF CITY TO U. S. PRESIDENT

Carlisle, Eng., Dec. 27.—The city council of Carlisle this morning voted the freedom of the city to President Wilson. The mayor, who moved the resolution, said: "President Wilson, with his matchless statesmanship, guided, focused and united America in the war. Carlisle and Cumberland are proud of the fact that the president was born here, and spent his early years in this city."

EX-KAISER HAS NOT BEEN SHOT BY AN ASSASSIN

Report to That Effect Is Without Slightest Occupation.

Paris, Dec. 27.—Rumors that the former emperor of Germany had been assassinated became current in Paris, and in the chamber of Deputies last evening. There is not the slightest confirmation of the report up to the present.

CEREALS WILL BE SHIPPED TO EUROPE

Boston, Dec. 26.—Eighteen thousand tons of cereals, brought into New England to be used as wheat substitutes, will be taken off the market by direction of the central food administration and shipped to European countries. It was announced today by the director of the United States Grain Corporation for this district.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 48°; lowest, 38°.

Forecast for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 24°; lowest, 16°.

TOMORROW—FAIR

Forecast for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. tomorrow: Fair, with moderate temperatures, and with light winds.

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COMPROMISE IS EFFECTED BETWEEN MUTINOUS SAILORS AND GERMAN GOVT.

Marines Agree Not To Revolt If Troops Withdrawn.

LED BY LEDEBOUR

Theodore Wolf Believes Government Is Steering Rudderless Course.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—By the Associated Press.—An eleven-hour compromise between the mutinous sailors and the German government was effected today. The sailors agreed to return to their ships if the government agreed to withdraw its troops from the waterfront. The compromise was effected by the intervention of the German government, which agreed to withdraw its troops from the waterfront. The sailors agreed to return to their ships if the government agreed to withdraw its troops from the waterfront.

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ENGLISH AND U. S. TROOPS ALONE CAN BRING ABOUT ORDER

Mutinuous German Sailor Says That Can Be the Only Solution.

London, Dec. 27.—"We shall not have peace until English and American troops come to keep order," is a statement attributed to one of the riotous German sailors in Berlin by the correspondent of the Daily Express at the German capital. The correspondent says he talked with a dozen others of the men, who expressed themselves similarly to the first speaker, some of them adding: "Don't let them send the French or the British to keep order."

ALLIES HAVE NEW PROBLEMS TO DEAL WITH IN THE EAST

Gen. d'Esperey Called to Paris in View of the Serious Situation.

Paris, Dec. 27.—New problems having arisen in the east, following allied occupation of parts of Hungary, Turkey, Russia and Bulgaria, the French government has summoned Gen. Louis Franchet d'Esperey, commander of allied forces in Macedonia, to Paris for a conference, says Marcel Huysmans of the Echo de Paris. The general is expected to arrive in Paris in a few days.

American Scribes Entertained by the British Government

Lord Robert Cecil Is Host at a Dinner at the Savoy.

London, Dec. 26.—Forty American correspondents who arrived here today with President Wilson were taken in charge by the Government as its guests. They were given a dinner tonight by Lord Robert Cecil, former minister of blockades, at the Savoy Hotel. The newspaper proprietors' association will give a large dinner in their honor tomorrow.

TO HAVE MILK ROUTE.
Dorchester, Dec. 26.—Gordon Harris has purchased the property of John Burke, north of the city, and is laying out a fine road, and is going to start a dairy and milk route in the village, which is badly needed. The price paid was \$2,500.

HIS GOOD OLD LIFE PRESERVER



CURRIE'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO THE CANADIAN TROOPS

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—On Christmas Day a special order addressed to all ranks of the Canadian Corps was issued by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Arthur Currie the corps commander.

The message read: "I wish a very happy Christmas to all ranks of the Canadian Corps."

"Christmas in each year since 1914 brought a message of hope, but the hearts of our people at home were heavy and full of forebodings. We on the front fields of battle could only harden our purpose to keep on fighting until Christianity and civilization were vindicated and re-established."

"And now we have reached our goal. The foe is vanquished, the powers of darkness are defeated. We can this year celebrate with joy the anniversary of the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace."

BOLSHEVIK GOVERNMENT AGAIN APPROACHES THE ALLIES ON QUESTION OF PEACE TERMS

Proposals Have Met With No Response From Entente as They Emanate From Government Not Recognized by the Allies.

London, Dec. 27.—The Allied governments, since Christmas, have again been approached by the Bolshevik Government of Russia regarding the terms of peace. These differ in no respect from those put forward by M. Litvinoff, the former Bolshevik ambassador at London, through the Norwegian Government in November.

The proposals have met with no response, as they emanate from a government which is not recognized by the Allies. The whole Russian question is at present under discussion among the Allied Governments.

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700 PRESCRIPTIONS FOR LIQUOR FILLED ON DECEMBER 24

Day Before Christmas Was a Busy One in Vancouver.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 27.—Seven hundred prescriptions for liquor were filled at the Government dispensary in this city Tuesday, the day before Christmas. This is a larger number than was filled in any one day during the height of the recent influenza epidemic.

FORMER LONDONER DIES IN MOOSE JAW

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Moose Jaw, Dec. 27.—Robert Green, one of the best-known old-timers in England, and came to Canada over forty years ago, coming here from London, Ont.

Canadian Soldiers Who Came Home On Northland Declare Food Was "Not Fit For Dogs"

GERMAN SHIPS FLYING RED FLAG MAY BE SUNK BY THE BRITISH

Admiralty Will Take Drastic Measures To Stamp Out Bolshevism.

Amsterdam, Dec. 27.—The British admiralty is prepared to take drastic measures against the propagation of Bolshevism. It has ordered the German fleet remaining in German hands, according to a Berlin dispatch today, to fly the red flag and the execution of crews infected with Bolshevism is threatened, it is declared.

EARLY SOLUTION OF FOOD PROBLEM MAY MEAN EARLY PEACE

Austria Is Nearest On Brink of Starvation.

CANADA HAS SUPPLIES

Efficient System of Distribution Must Be Formulated.

HINDY AND WILHELM DUCKED FOR THEIR DUGOUTS WHEN BULLETS BEGAN TO FLY

Germany's Supermen Spent Greater Portion of Their Time in Luxuriously Equipped Shelters Deep Underground.

Spa, Belgium, Dec. 16.—Correspondence of the Associated Press.—The former headquarters of the Kaiser and his general staff is disclosing some extraordinary details of the life of the Kaiser and his general staff during the war. The Kaiser and his general staff were in a dugout in the Ardennes, near a village called Hindy, which was about 14 or 15 feet below the ground. The dugout was built into the side of a hill, and was protected by a thick layer of earth. The Kaiser and his general staff were in the dugout for most of the war, and they were very comfortable. They had a large library, a large dining room, and a large bedroom. They also had a large bathroom, and a large kitchen. They were very comfortable, and they were very happy.

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MEANEST THIEF ON EARTH IS CAUGHT

Stole Coins From Poor-Box In Cathedral.

New York, Dec. 27.—While a priest was celebrating mass at 6 a.m. yesterday at the high altar in St. Patrick's Cathedral, a man who had crept up on his hands and knees, and was in the act of stealing coins from the poor-box, was caught by a watchman. The man was caught in the act of stealing coins from the poor-box, and was taken to the police station.

GREATEST RELIGIOUS GATHERING EVER HELD IS PLANNED

More Than 100,000 Delegates To Attend Columbus Meeting.

Columbus, O., Dec. 27.—Plans already being completed for what is expected to be the greatest religious gathering in the history of America. The meeting will be held here early next summer in celebration of 100 years of foreign missionary work by the Methodist Episcopal Church. Directors of the big centenary celebration which will mark the end of the church's campaign to raise \$15,000,000 for foreign missionary work, declare that besides the thousands of visitors from the United States and Canada there will be 100,000 accredited delegates. Scores of natives in costumes from China, India and the South Sea Islands, Africa and Asia and exhibits from every missionary field in the world will be brought here, and seven cars of exhibits from foreign lands have already arrived. The celebration will be conducted by laymen of the church and the cooperation of the general conference of the Methodist Church in the south, the board of bishops and allied church organizations.

Returned Men From Western Ontario Allege That Conditions On Board Troopship Were Extremely Bad—Claim Is Made That No System Prevail On Transports.

ARE ON THEIR WAY HOME.
Halifax, Dec. 27.—The returned soldiers from the Northland, bound for the Ottawa district, arrived in Ottawa about 8 o'clock Saturday morning. The special train with the men for the Ottawa district arrived in Ottawa about 8 o'clock Saturday morning. The men were in poor condition, and they were very tired. They had been on the troopship for a long time, and they were very uncomfortable. They had no food, and they had no water. They were very hungry, and they were very thirsty. They were very angry, and they were very sad.

Plates Were Not Washed.
There were two sittings at meal time, and, according to the men, the plates from the first sitting were not washed, and the second batch of men had to eat from the dirty plates of their predecessors or starve.

Even the sailors and firemen on board were sick. The men on the Northland's steward's confirmed all that the Ontario men told. "The food was not fit for dogs," was the expression heard on all sides. "We didn't get enough to eat." The men declared that the stewards were selling food on the voyage, and they had to buy sandwiches to satisfy their appetites.

One Bath For One Thousand Men.
According to the men, the Northland was verminous. There was only one bath for one thousand men. The men were very dirty, and they were very uncomfortable. They had no soap, and they had no towels. They were very angry, and they were very sad.

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MORE NAVAL PROPOSALS.

THE ADMIRALTY proposal assented to by Premier Borden, that Sir John Jellicoe should visit Canada, among other overseas dominions, with a view to the establishment of an empire naval policy, brings home once again the sanity and soundness of the Liberal naval policy. Learning that the premier had cast aside all "contribution" theories and declared himself for a Canadian navy, the Conservative press gets into line and declares that it knew all along Canada must have an armada of its own to protect its thousands of miles of coast line, but accuses past conduct by pleading that the whole matter was made a political football.

There has been no naval demonstration presented since war began that did not strengthen the claims made for the Liberal naval program, which declared for a Canadian-built, Canadian-manned, Canadian-maintained navy. But for the falsity of the other party's attitude at that time, when it linked itself with Bourassa and strengthened that conspirator's hold upon Quebec, the Liberal party would never have been overthrown.

Apart from past considerations, however, the immediate prospect of this country plunging into a program of naval construction on the mere word of its prime minister and without the slightest intimation of his design, will form a battle-ground over which more political strife will be waged. We all realize the wonderful work of the British navy, the extent of which is being revealed to us as the curtain of secrecy is withdrawn. But does the end of the war and a declaration of what may be looked forward to as everlasting peace, impose upon the people of Canada the necessity of constructing a navy? We do not wish to be a helpless victim of warlike nations of the future, but the hope of the Dominion will be dimmed if, after the peace conference has ended, the world has not been made safe for the future. There are those who, in their extreme admiration for the pomp of military and naval power, will begin to see an Asiatic menace for which we must prepare. Many would have us believe that the Japs are the Huns of the far east, and that sooner or later the yellow hordes will make a bid for empire. The possibility of treachery will never be overlooked, but at the same time, could any eastern nation or group of nations, themselves no doubt members of the new league of nations, for a century to come, look upon the fate of Germany without reading the lesson?

A Canadian navy may be regarded by some as a necessity at this time, but the people of Canada must be heard before any extensive program is set down. The presumption of the premier in committing the country to any naval undertaking without the consent of Parliament is of a piece with his other actions in the prodigal use of order-in-council, whereby the legislative function of the House of Commons was almost completely nullified.

THE RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN.

FEELING of uneasiness prevails as to the status of the Allied nations regarding Russia. The United States has issued an order that no more troops are to be sent to Vladivostok, following an accusation from Japan that the American Government had exceeded the number of men apportioned to it in the policing of the country and the frustrating of Bolshevik designs. The Japs have taken advantage of the American breach of agreement, which Washington says was simply a blunder, and have refused to be bound by the declaration which specified the number of troops each nation was to send. In Britain the Allies are being called upon to make a statement of purpose, and throughout Canada various organizations and journals are calling upon the Government to withdraw all Canadian troops from Siberia. The Toronto Star says we should not send an army to Russia until we have more information, and expresses a fear that unwittingly we might be helping to rebuild an autocracy in Russia.

It becomes a vast problem. If, as international police, the Allies are to prevent the murder of individuals in Russia, and a reliance of the Lenin-Trotsky gang with the Germans, troops will be necessary. But the nations have little spirit for the task, and the individual soldier cannot be inspired to the task of saving a people from themselves. Sooner or later, the very first law of nature must lead to a restoration of some form of stable government in Russia.

MORE HUN IMPUDENCE.

WHAT WITH merry-making at Berlin, triumphal home-coming for Prussian Guards and the launching of a new army organization by the Hun, sometimes we are inclined to think that President Wilson's "peace without victory" has come to pass.

Now comes the editor of the powerful Berlin Tageblatt with a boastful proclamation in which he impudently threatens the Allies with trouble if they do not fall in with Germany's "demands." He brags "our front was unbroken," and that Germany has not been humbled to the point of powerlessness. Also he "demands" that the peace terms shall be "negotiated, not dictated," and that Alsace-Lorraine's fate shall depend on a vote of the people. This is high and mighty talk from a leader of a nation whose armies have just been booted out of invaded territory, whose fleets lie in British harbors, and a large section of whose territory is occupied by Allied armies. Perhaps Foch may yet

have to resume that trouncing where he dropped it at the signing of the armistice.

The choicest bit of impudence of the whole brazen statement is the reference to "Allies' brutal might." Nothing could be more decent or humane than the behavior of Allied soldiers in the Rhineland. German methods would have made of Cologne, Coblenz, and other places more or less of a shambles. Possibly the Tageblatt, peevish at the humiliations, and humiliated, is merely working off its distress after the popular Prussian method of bluster. On the other hand it is worth noting that this belligerent attitude fits in with the establishment by Hindenburg of another of his "lines" fronting the most advanced positions of the Allies.

These things might cause the Allied world some disquietude were it not aware that the capable Foch is on the job. Anything they can "put over" on the little generalissimo they are entitled to. If the Tageblatt and the other junker influences really believe that the peace conference is to be one of negotiation rather than dictation they are due for a rude awakening. The Allies do not consider that Germany has a case, therefore, there can be no negotiations, no compromise, no give-and-take. When the Allies have decided upon the method and the measure of the punishment Germany will be called in for sentence. German "demands" as to Alsace-Lorraine or any other subject which the conference shall pass will be disregarded. Any other course is unthinkable.

A LITTLE STORY OF FOCH.

WHEN Clemenceau spoke of Foch the other day in old London at a gathering of the French colony, he said:

"We have seen each other in the worst days, and in the finest. I saw Marshal Foch one day when, suddenly and without any reason, he had been thrown out of the office and placed in the street. It was a day I shall never forget when he came to me and said: 'See what has come to me!'"

Clemenceau advised him to go home, to say nothing, to utter no recriminations, and that before many weeks had passed he would be wanted. And it was only a few weeks before Foch was recalled to be made chief of staff.

How keenly the old chief must have felt the stab, who lived to master the situation and to bring peace by victory, is plainly evident. His very words to his friend, "See what has come to me," spoke of deep and crushing despair. He looked for some sympathy, some word of brotherly affection, even this giant of military leaders. And best of all, he got it. The simple advice of his old fighting comrade, to go home, to say nothing, to trust that the scales would fall from the eyes of those who had misjudged him, may have been the key to Allied victory. Had Foch raised his voice angrily, or appeared before France a disgruntled man, perhaps the result would have been different. Had he paraded his disappointment, instead of showing the Spartan spirit in defeat he might never have been called to supreme leadership. But, whatever he would have done himself, he appealed to his friend and he found a friend in need. The plainest act or word may shape the destiny of the world and surely no more remarkable little story has been written of two great men of France than that which concerns the one who became premier and the one who came out from dismissal to the kingship of democracy.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The fuel controller says his worries are over. Is that a signal for the rest of us?

"Safe and sane" was the compliment London paid Mayor Somerville, and it is among the finest.

"When the boys come home" it's a pity if they cannot have ample food and blankets when travelling on Government-owned railways.

Sensations like paper bag cookery, how to burn ashes and Friedmann's alleged tuberculosis cure will soon come back to old news values.

The proposal to sink the German ships is just about as sane as would be a proposal to sink German locomotives and cars which were taken over.

Chatham has tackled the price of milk. But can any other commodities except those of strictly local production, be regulated under the latest order-in-council?

It is stated that some 100,000 Canadian soldiers overseas have signified their willingness, through the medium of questionnaires, to go on the land. But the Government should remember that the boys just now will feel like having their little rest.

WHY THE WASTE

[New York Sun.]
 There is something in the campaign against waste which is a real revelation. It is a revelation of the length and breadth of the last since we entered the war; if the gospel of saving has any moral or ethical sanction, it is wicked, except as a part of warfare, to destroy property which can be applied profitably to the uses of mankind, then the proposed destruction of the captured German warships is a grave mistake.

President Wilson went to France on the steamship George Washington, a German merchantman which was seized by the United States in American waters and turned into a Government transport. Why don't we sink her and the Leviathan, formerly the German Vaterland, and all the other German vessels which we have thus appropriated to our own use by virtue of the war power? There would be just as much sense in so doing as there is in sinking the German warships that were surrendered to President Wilson's declaration that the war was not based on aggression or the acquisition of property.

At the worst, there must be hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of material worth saving in the German fleet. Why cannot this be turned into money to be applied to the relief of innocent sufferers in the war?

A GERMAN MADAME SANS GENE

[New York Herald.]
 From Amsterdam comes the announcement that the German Bolsheviks, who control the Duchy of Brunswick, have appointed a wash-woman a minister of education, replacing Napoleon's creation of the Duchess of Bantzig, so delightfully portrayed in Sardou's comedy of "Madame Sans Gêne." The fact that there is a lot of dirty linen in Brunswick makes the appointment very appropriate.

AFTER CROSSING THE BAR

[Tribune.]
 "That's how we do things in the army," said Tommy, pointing to a news heading which bore the words: "Five Hundred Germans Drowned in Caspian Sea." "Got nothing to beat that in the navy, I'll bet."
 "Oh, haven't you?" rejoined his sailor friend. "My lad, that's nothing to get excited about—nothing at all. In that little affair along the Belgian coast we sank three German submarines in port."

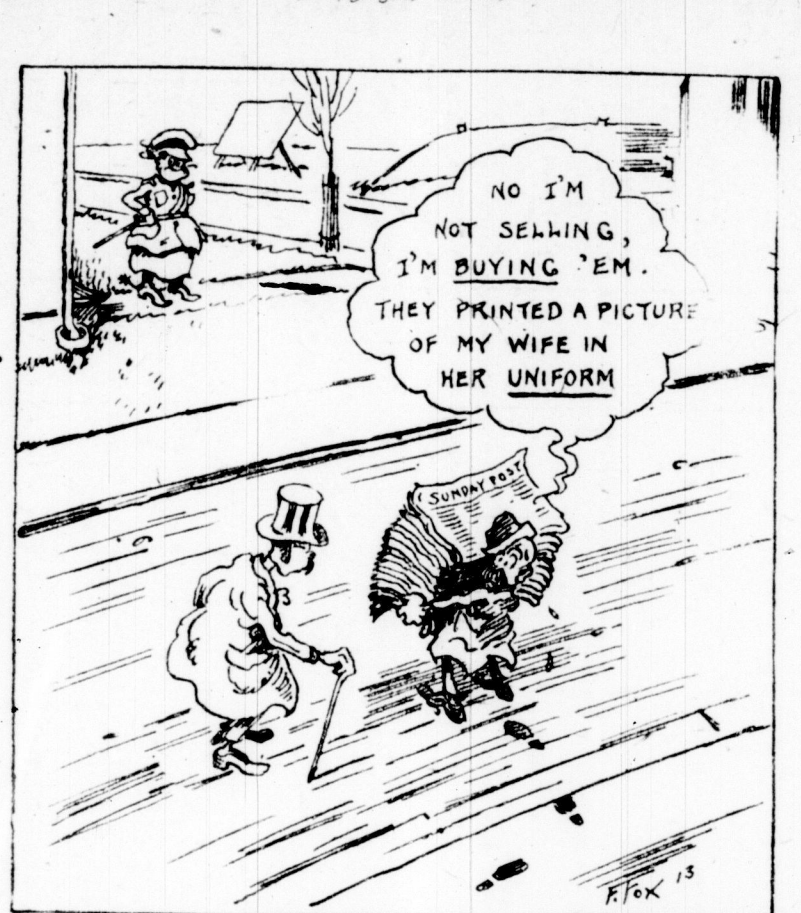
MORE THAN SUSPECTED

[Kingston Whig.]
 "The men who want a high protective tariff," declares Henry Ford, "are the ones who are trying to get away with poor quality goods, or to make a larger profit than they are entitled to." These are those who have suspected this for many years.

MR. HENRY PECK

By Fontaine Fox

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Poor old Henry Peck had to tramp all over the village Sunday morning laying newspapers.

The Advertiser's Daily Short Story

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 SANTA'S RED GUIDE.
 By R. Ray Baker.

The tall, raxboned sailor stopped whistling when he saw the automobile, although his lips remained pursed and vapor continued to form before his mouth.

He halted midway between the foot of the lighthouse and the beaten snow path, for they were cold in spite of heavy overcoats.

"Ben Clark's automobile," he said, and he did not say it joyfully. "He's chaffin' on Marie again."

The door of the dwelling part of the lighthouse opened, and a young man, dressed in a fur coat, came out, clutching a cap, also of fur, on his head. He paused when he saw the sailor.

"Merry Christmas," said the young man, grinning, as he passed on to the automobile. He climbed in, and soon was whirling away.

"Same to you," sang out the sailor, although he frowned as he approached the door through which the other had emerged. "Seems he's getting in a hurry about it. Christmas don't come till tomorrow."

There was nothing about the sailor to denote that he was a seafaring man, although his coat, instead of being fur, was an old fuzzy blue one.

Navigation had closed some months ago, because a large share of Lake Michigan had an icy blanket, and Harry Hammond was obliged to wait until the ice melted and the boats came.

His knock was answered by a dark-eyed girl of three years, who smiled brightly.

"Hello, Emeline," he said, and he took her in his arms and asked her about Santa and what she expected, then a gentleman from the north to bring her. "Big dolls what I want," she told him, trying to show the sailor that her hair, and falling because there was not any there to begin with. "But it's all just big dolls."

From the adjoining room came another dark-eyed girl of nineteen, wiping her hands on a towel. "It was of a very good looking young man," said she. "I see Mr. Clark left a present."

Harry said, and immediately wished he had kept his thoughts to himself, for the girl flared up.

"Yes," she said, with a tinge of defiance. "Ben Clark left me his picture. I hope you don't object."

The sailor studied the blue pattern in the faded red carpet.

"Wouldn't do much good if I did," he responded. "You an' her's getting pretty thick, Marie. I thought things was pretty well understood between you an' me—but that was before Ben come in, wasn't it? You ridin' and shinin' up to you. A man with a car certainly does have an advantage over us poor guys."

Marie's cheeks got red and she tapped her foot. "Looks here, Harry Hammond," she said in a voice that sounded like a ringmaster's whistling. "You an' her's no mean in going to dictate to me. Mr. Clark has been very nice. Besides, he's a highly refined gentleman, and you—well, you're not, and you know it."

Ben turned toward the door. "Maybe I better step out of it altogether," he observed.

He opened the door, and was about to step out, when Emeline slipped into his arms. He kissed the child on the forehead, then put her back on the floor and went to his room, where he found that "this sure is some merry Christmas."

That afternoon a storm that had been brewing for days vented its spite on the village and its surroundings, which included Clayton Point and the lighthouse. A raw, stiff wind carried biting pieces of hard snow.

"Maybe Santa Claus can't come," said the girl, as she snuggled up to the older girl and listened to the howling wind.

"Probably not," replied Marie, who was gazing abstractedly from the living room window out over the frozen lake.

Marie was quite sure Santa would not come. Santa would have to be her brother Frank, who was Santa's father, and he was at Sloan City, 20 miles away, helping an ice company put up next summer's supply. He had promised to bring something for Emeline's Christmas, but Marie knew he would not attempt the trip in the storm.

Frank was the lightkeeper and the government records showed Marie to be his assistant. Frank kept the lights burning during the summer and in the winter found lots of various kinds to perform.

Up to a point, through the storm, Marie heard an automobile horn and presently came a knock on the door. Ben Clark, blanketed with snow, stood there when she opened it.

"I can't stay," he said, "or I won't be able to drive back, because the road is drifting badly. I came because I heard some news you'd be interested in. Harry Hammond went out on the ice this morning with his dog team, and up at the village a fisherman just came in with the news that the ice had cracked and part of it went out. Hammond didn't have a chance in a thousand, especially in this storm. He surely must have drowned."

Marie started back, horror in her eyes. "Harry drowned?" she cried. "It doesn't seem possible. Are you sure? Can't you do something? Take me out on the ice in your car. Perhaps he's still alive, lying somewhere on the ice freezing. The ice must be firm for a long ways out."

"What?" exclaimed Ben. "Go out there in this howling blizzard? The ice might hold us up for a few days, but I'd run the car and we'd stand a good chance of getting pneumonia, if

to the fire, watched it turn to ashes and went back to her light.

For hours she remained at the post, watching and waiting, all but hopeless. Midnight found her asleep in a chair close by the light, exhausted by her long vigil.

A scream from below made her wide awake. She stumbled down the stairs and groped her way to Emeline's room. To her surprise a lamp was burning and there was Emeline seated at the head, bouncing a doll, fully as large as herself, on her knee.

"Santa Claus!" cried the little girl, and now Marie realized that it had been a scream of joy that awakened her.

"Santa Claus!" repeated the girl, "I found this right on my bed."

Unable to understand, Marie went out into the living-room and lighted a lamp. On the lounge lay a man, his clothes crusted with ice.

She went to him and put her arms around him.

"Harry," she sobbed. "They told me you were dead, that the ice cracked and let you through. The big sailor opened his eyes and yawned."

"I'm dead, all right—dead as sleep," he grinned. "The ice opened up, all right, but I was on the other side of the crack, by 'drivin' the dog like the dickens I got over the danger place before she cracked on the other side. I comin' back I skirted the shore. At that, I got lost only for the oil light. She took one of his hands, found it cold, and rubbed it vigorously."

"But why—why did you go?" she demanded.

"He tried to slide another yawn, but he did not succeed."

"Well, Emeline was lookin' for Santa, and I couldn't let her be disappointed," he answered.

Up in the light tower good Marie looked through the great glass wall, striving to pierce the darkness and storm with eyes that were red from weeping.

"There's not much hope," she mused, "that there's just a chance he's still alive, and the old light might help him."

She thought Emeline was sleeping, but the little girl, clad in her nightclothes, presently appeared at the head of the narrow, winding stairs and asked:

"Lookin' for Santa? When'll he come?"

"Marie carried her back to bed."

"You must go to sleep, Santa never comes when little girls are awake," she admonished.

On her way back to the tower she noticed that the blaze in the fireplace of wood on the flame. As she did so her eyes caught a picture on the table. Frowning somewhat grimly she added it

Interested, but the old man claimed he had no time to read. "Have you any children?" asked the book agent. "Yes, I have four boys," replied the old man. "Then let me sell you a cyclopedia for them, a lot of good." "Huh!" replied the old man. "Them boys of mine ride hosses. You couldn't get a one of them to ride a cyclopedia."

"Aw, Gwant."

When Pat asked Biddy for a kiss. She gave him this answer so neat: "Sure, Pat, 'tis something I'd hardly miss."

But I'm conserving on all things sweet."

Names Is Names.

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tion if you went to Dr. Bible, but what could you expect from Dr. Butcher?

And maybe there wouldn't be so many divorces if a girl could learn to cook the way she can learn to dance.

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Maybe there wouldn't be so many divorces if the average girl could make pancakes as well as she can make judo.

It doesn't take a married man long to learn that it isn't safe to tell his wife twice that some other woman is good looking.

Maybe you have noticed it yourself. But, on the level, isn't it hard to get chummy with a man who wears long whiskers?

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If you would know quite definitely the demands that will be made upon Germany by the Allied countries that have suffered from the war, you should read the leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST this week—December 28. It is a careful compilation from the most authoritative sources, and undoubtedly represents the force of public opinion in the Allied countries.

A SPECIAL OMITTED.
One of the big specials offered by the Standard Drug in their big stock-reducing sale of Friday and Saturday was left out by mistake. It was Palm Olive Soap, which sells regularly for 15 cents a cake, and which is being sold on the above days at 3 cakes for 20 cents.

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Charlie Chaplin. Vaudeville and News Weekly Today and Saturday.

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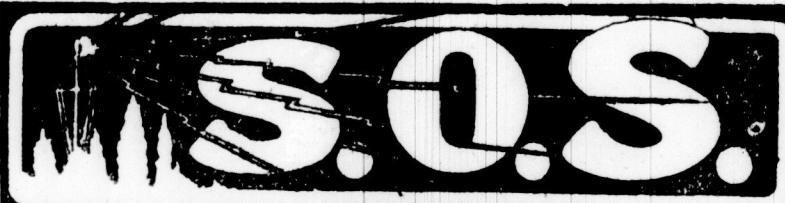
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