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THE MESSAGE OF THE STAR

Go to the window tonight and look out upon the city, yonder where the barracks of Want hurdle in the shadows, and tenements stand bleak against the sky; where pitiable, cowed children of privation, wistful and wan, vein-hungry and heart-hungry lie in the cold and dream Christmas dreams that can never come true—dreams such as are dreamed back in the long ago, golden dreams spangled with Hope, dreams that will lose their way and fall, broken-winged, to earth. Once, upon the pinions of Fancy, you sped into the mystic dawns; once, you and Faith in magic arabesques set brave sails for cloudland's purple zones. And now? Youth is dead and memory is stained with tears. And your slugs have come home and they ride at anchor. Wise Men, what cargo did you bring in their holds? How did you barter with Life? Did you trade well? Are you content? Where is your myrrh and where your frankincense? Where is happiness and where peace and where is the glory of mercy and the joy of giving and the strength that comes with the lifting of burdens? Look up, behold the Star of Bethlehem. Heed the message. A thousand gray-souled women sit tonight with the ghosts of Yesterday. Women haggard by toil gaunt and bruised; women with empty pockets and empty pantries and empty stoves; women face to face with the dreariest tragedy in all motherhood, the explanation of the empty Christmas stockings. And the Star of Bethlehem keeps calling to you: "Wise Men, Wise Men! Gather your gifts and go forth in the name of the Lord to the manger wheresoever the Child awaits your coming."—Herbert Kaufman, in Christmas Colliers.

For tarring and feathering a woman a couple of Kansas thugs were merely fined two hundred dollars each.

At length the president has discovered that "Schedule K" is not exactly O. K.

A promising young journalist of the city fires this at us:

"What did they do with the boy who stole the apples?" "Sent him up to the appellate court."

We leave his case to the tender mercies of Punster Cowan. Perhaps he can consign him to paragrahic oblivion.

The Durham Sun has been temporarily placed in the hands of a receiver who is continuing publication. We regret to hear of the Sun's financial embarrassment. It is a difficult matter to put a new daily on a paying basis in this day of high cost of production and low price for newspapers. The Sun, it is said, recently installed a Duplex press, a couple of linotype machines, and doubled the office force. This seems to have been the straw that broke the camel's back. Many times a newspaper is swamped beneath a load of debt simply because it "bit off more than it could chew," attempted to spend more than its income warranted. We trust the Sun will pull out of the hole and continue its work. It is a good paper.

MARVELOUS DISCOVERY. The tariff board has made the startling discovery that "Schedule K" is diseased, and that the wool schedule should be "revised downward." It finds various and sundry complaints to lodge against wool duties, none of which are new, and none of which were not fully known before the tariff board was created. The president sent a message to con-

gress today in connection with the tariff board's report on "Schedule K," urging that the tariff on wools be "revised downward." The president, also, appears to have, at last, discovered what the nation has known for years, that the tariff on woolen products is outrageously high.

The president's sincerity, in preaching the doctrine of "tariff revision downward," loses much of its force, however, when it is remembered that he vetoed several tariff reform bills passed by a democratic house.

His position is also weakened when it is remembered that although he has been president of the United States for some time he has taken no definite step as yet to aid in honest tariff revision downward, the kind of revision he pledged in his pre-election speeches, and in his platform.

We trust that exorbitant tariff duties will be fairly reformed, but there is scant prospect of such action from a party which has been in control of the reins of government for thirty years and which has done nothing in the way of remedial legislation to date.

The anxiety of the president and his pet tariff-board for "tariff reform" may and it may not have effect upon the coming election.

It will scarcely influence voters who care to take a look back over a long record of steadily rising duties, of steadily increasing living costs, of steadily growing trusts, and of consistent inaction from the dominant party.

THE NEW YORK SUN SOLD.

"If you see it in the Sun it's so" is a phrase often heard. In a sense it is true and in a sense it is not. In its news columns the Sun is as nearly accurate with facts as it is possible for a newspaper to be. If one attempted to get a fair idea of American politics from its editorial opinions, however, he would find himself at sea. The Sun prides itself in the power over the gentle art of sarcasm, and its cynical treatment of men and issues, while perfect from a literary standpoint, scarcely give its readers a fair impression of life and ways political.

But with its cynicism the Sun is a splendid newspaper, powerful in influence, and in a large measure independent.

William C. Reick, formerly general manager of the New York Herald, has just purchased a controlling interest in the Sun company from the Laffan estate. Charles A. Dana it was who made the Sun famous, who gave it its prestige and its influence. Shortly after his death in 1897 Wm. F. Laffan took over the controlling interest and until his death ably edited and conducted the Sun. Mr. Dana was editor of the Sun for 29 years, and the Sun was founded in 1833.

Mr. Reick, while a comparatively young man, has already won enviable distinction in the field of metropolitan journalism and will, without doubt, keep his new charge up to its high standard of excellence. The Columbia Record gives interesting facts about Mr. Reick:

"Mr. Reick, educated at Harvard and Annapolis, began his career on the metropolitan papers with the Herald, attracting Mr. Bennett's favorable attention to such a degree that he was successively made manager of the Herald's London edition, then of the Paris edition, and then city editor of the New York paper, and finally president of the Herald company, in 1893. A few years ago he acquired a minority interest in the Times, and in 1907 he became interested in the Philadelphia Public Ledger, which like the Times, of New York, is controlled by Mr. Adolph S. Ochs. Mr. Reick has since been president and publisher of the Public Ledger. A very natural inference of the recent purchase would be that Mr. Ochs, whose career as a publisher has been phenomenal, is interested also in the purchase of the Sun, but it is stated, Mr. Reick has sold his stock in the Ochs properties and that no one is interested with him in the new venture.

"The Times has been a pioneer among the New York newspapers in moving uptown; its great building at the corner of Broadway and Forty-second street has given the newspaper's name to that centre of metropolitan activity and congestion, replacing Longacre Square, and yet the building is already inadequate and the Times is preparing to go several blocks further north. Will the new owner take the Sun uptown? That is a natural question. At present its location is as close physically to Wall Street as its policy is figuratively."

CHINESE BALL TEAM TO INVADE UNITED STATES.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—A Chinese baseball team will invade the United States next spring. The team contemplating the trip is the Chinese Athletic Club, of Honolulu, and will be the first Chinese baseball club to visit this country.

The team is composed of students and former students of Hawaiian colleges.

—Mr. W. J. Brown arrived last night from Washington and Lee to spend the Christmas holidays with his father, Mr. P. M. Brown.

FROM OTHER SANCTUMS.....

Aviation in 1911.

Even a cursory review of the progress made in aviation during the year 1911 shows that substantial advance has been made in the conquest of the air. This year the aeroplane has been first used in this country to carry mail. Its first use in dropping projectiles, with a view to possible employment in war, belongs to the same period. It was in 1911 that Atwood made his world-famous trip from Boston to Washington, and later from St. Louis to New York. Rogers, another daring and persistent aviator, flew across the continent from New York to Los Angeles.

While these are a few of the more striking achievements in the United States, equal if not greater progress has been made in Europe. Count Zeppelin, after many failures, has at last succeeded in bringing the dirigible airship to something like efficiency as an engine of war or a means of carrying passengers. Similar success appears to have attended the efforts of Adit. Renau, of the French army, in developing a dirigible air ship that will rise high enough in the air to outrange the largest guns. While the achievements of the Italians in the use of air ships is somewhat uncertain, we read constantly of their use with deadly effect in operations in Tripoli. It is evident from these and many more examples which might be cited that the aeroplane and the dirigible air ship have passed beyond the stage of mere experiment into practical use with some degree of efficiency.

Unfortunately, this measure of success has not been achieved without a long death roll and a chapter of accidents truly appalling, but mistakes and fatalities do not seem to dampen the enthusiasm of courageous men who have placed before themselves the mastery of the air as the servant of man. As time progresses, the element of safety will certainly be increased. —Washington Herald.

The Spirit.

The Pensacola (Fla.) Journal has this editorial, which is especially appropriate at this season:

"Christmas giving has grown in spirit and volume until to millions of people it has ceased to be a pleasure and become a burden. The man with whom times are hard has his misfortunes brought close to his heart by the fact that his children must feel them and their Christmas be marred.

"The season has become the time when we take annual inventory of our fortunes and determine what luxuries we can afford. Under a very thin cloak of charity we seek to cover up a world of selfish vanity.

"We spend money we cannot afford for things that people do not want. And we give with expectation of getting gifts equally costly and useless in return. Very much of the Christmas giving among friends is mere barter and exchange.

"What we are suffering from is barrenness of the true Christmas spirit. We still bring the gold to the festival, but forget the frankness and myrrh. And the gold we bring only as to market place—to exchange it. 'What waste!' we cry with Judas, when the alabaster box of precious ointment is broken over the head of Christ. We forget that loving charity is all that Christmas means.

"Many a heart will still be hungry, empty, aching after receiving costly gifts—heart gifts, thought gifts, love gifts—you may bestow without money."

"There is nothing else the human heart so hungers for, years for, as sympathy, encouragement, love—the things that gold has no power to purchase.

"If you have many friends and little money, you need not let clouds darken your Christmas season because you cannot express your feelings for them in more or less costly presents.

"I have no gift to send you, dear grandma; but I love you, love you, love you! This little girl's Christmas message brought such tears of joy to the eyes and such a glow of gratitude to

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Next to sunshine, nothing restores health, strength and vitality like

Scott's Emulsion

ALL DRUGGISTS

the heart as no gift that money can buy could ever bring.

"Yes; at this soul-mellowing season a simple postage stamp may carry from a loving heart more real cheer and happiness than a ship from the Indies.

"You have no money for Christmas presents? Then your friends are all the more fortunate, if you will only give them yourself, the rich aroma of your heart, the assurance of your sweet remembrance and the soul-inspiring cheer of your sympathy and love."—Greenville Piedmont.

39c CANDY

We have just received large shipment of the Chocolates that are different for the Xmas trade. We are showing the largest assortment of Xmas Candy in fancy boxes and baskets. Don't fail to see our line. A look will convince you.

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Yorke Bros. & Rogers

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GRAND DUKE ALEXIS

The Grand Duke Alexis, Czarevitch, an heir to the throne of all the Russias in a military pose. The little Czarevitch has a military bent, daily drills, a company of soldiers and is being coached in military matters by enough generals to form a staff of professors at West Point. He is scarcely over seven but has always expressed a desire to become the greatest military Czar in the history of Russia.

Gifts for Men and Boys

and Boys

—IN—

Clothing Department

NECKWEAR SALE, 3 FOR \$1.00.

New lot 50c Ties, just received. Sale price 35c, or 3 for \$1.00

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- Suits, Overcoats, Rain Coats, Hats, Caps, Gloves, Shirts, Sweaters, Umbrellas, Bath Robes, Suspenders, Handkerchiefs, Ties, Supporters, Knit Mufflers, Silk Mufflers, Half Hose, Watches, Scarf Pins, Scarf Clasp, Cuff Buttons, Watch Fobs, Watch Chains, Coat Chains



See Counter Manufacturers' Sample Jewelry at Half-Price

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Thies' Salve

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 5, 1911. Mr. A. Thies, City.

Dear Sir: My hand was very badly burned with hot grease and I at once applied "THIES' SALVE," which immediately stopped the pain and inside of twenty-four hours had drawn the fire all out. The burn did not pain me any more and a few applications healed it entirely without leaving a scar, which seems to me almost a miracle. I have since advised the use of it in several instances of cuts, bruises, etc., and every time the quick healing qualities of "THIES' SALVE" have been satisfactorily demonstrated, and I gladly advise its use in all similar cases.

Yours very truly, S. L. VAUGHAN.

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Phone 69 and 166

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