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TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

(Clement Clarke Moore.)

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse: The stockings were hung by the chimney with

In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there; The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar plums danced through their heads.

And mamma in her kerchief and I in my cap Had just settled our brains for a long winter's

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the

Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash. The moon, on the breast of the new-fallen snow,

Gave a luster of midday to objects below; When what to my wondering eyes should appear But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer, With a little old driver, so lively and quick I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled and shouted and called them . by name: "Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer!

now, Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Dunder and Blitzen!—

To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall! Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!" As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the

So up to the housetop the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too. And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head and was turning around Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a

He was dressed all in fur from his head to his

And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot:

A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his

His eyes how they twinkled! his dimples how

His cheeks are like roses, his nose like a cherry; His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard on his chin was as white as the

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath.

He had a broad face, and a little round belly That shook, when he laughed, like a bowlful of

He was chubby and plump,—a right jolly old And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of my-

A wink of his eye and a twist of his head Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his And filled all the stockings; then turned with a

And laying his finger aside of his nose,

And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose. He sprang in his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle.

And away they all flew like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,

"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

MEMBERS OF FORD PEACE PARTY ARE LOSING HEART. the king of Norway.

A report from Christiana, Norway, the first port touched by the Ford

New York, says: For the first time since the Oscar II set sail from New York leaders of the Ford peace party began today to doubt the success of plans for a peace

congress of neutrals. The expedition has reached its first neutral country and the reception has lacked warmth, if it has not been hostile. The unfrienly attitude of the Norweigan press has convinced the peace chief that their plans bring the boys out of the trenches will encounter rough sledding among European neutrals. Judge Ben Lindsey, of Denver, one of the most prominent figures on the ship, today advised Ford to abandon the peace mission altogether. Lindsey is convinced that peace efforts will be hopeless and begged Ford to change his plans | night. No bad, nauseating taste;

Ford refused to consider the sug-He had his emissaries busy today pleasant laxative.

finding homes for war orphans.

trying to arrange an audience with

Chinese Emperor's Salary. After the re-establishment of the monarchy, Chinese emperors will receive \$12,000 gold, as an annual allowance granted because of their rank. This decision has just been reached by the government and a mandate setting it forth is to be issued in a few days. Princes will each receive \$8,000 gold annually. The allowance for a duke will be \$4,800. Marquises of the first, second and third classes will receive \$4,000, \$3,-200; \$2,400, respectively. The allowance to a first-class earl will be \$2,400. An earl of the second class will receive \$1,500, and one of the third will be paid only \$1,200, and so on through the lower ranks.

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