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Only seven more shopping days 'till Christmas. Have you bought yours yet?

Pancho Villa says President Wilson turned "traitor" to him. Somebody should send Pancho an American dictionary—or the interviewers should read up on Mexico lingo.

## GETTING WISE TO GERMANY.

Tuesday neutral nations were crying: "How magnanimous of Germany to offer peace proposals to the allies at the present time!" Today these same people are shouting: "A foxy trick; there's nothing in it!"

And there isn't. Germany's peace proposals don't amount to a row of pins. As nearly as we can see the matter from her point of view, here are the reasons she had in mind when she made them:

1. A desire to end the war while there was still a chance for her to pose as the victor.

2. To put the responsibility of a continuance of the war upon the allies and thus cause sentiment of neutral countries to be against them.

3. To end the suffering that is going on within her own boundaries because of the lack of food and other supplies.

4. The wish to end the war before the allies begin their great offensive next spring, which the Central Powers fear they will not be able to withstand.

5. To ascertain the true condition of the allies at the present time. If a favorable response were made to the peace overtures Germany would then at once surmise that the allies were hard pressed and the chances are that she would find some excuse for rejecting her offer and continuing the war with renewed activity.

6. To encourage her soldiers and people with the knowledge that the responsibility of the war does not rest with Germany, but with her enemies.

Probably there are many other reasons, but the above will suffice. They show Germany's real motives with reference to peace. She has taken a most advantageous moment for her own interests to propose negotiations. All this talk on the part of her statesmen about "wanting peace for humanity's sake" is rubbish. They want peace for GERMANY'S sake, and for no other reason.

To put it in plain terms, "Germany is all in." She would never have mentioned peace unless she was beginning to doubt her ability to win out in the war. She may be able to fight for five or six months longer with apparently the same vigor and strength, but after that she will have shot her bolt.

If we were in Germany's position, we would undoubtedly want peace to bring an end to the war, but if we were in the place of the allies, we would refuse all peace discussions and we would redouble the violence of attacks on all fronts, knowing that Germany could not last much longer and that in a few months we would be able to dictate whatever terms we pleased.

## EVERY MAN HAS HIS RECORD.

There are few men but who have established a record of some sort. Of course we can't all be the best prize-fighters, or the best runners, or the greatest money-makers in the world, but each one of us has his own little record, which he does not believe any other man can duplicate. It may be the length of time it takes him to get dressed in the morning, or how long he can swear without repeating himself, or any other countless number of things. But we all have our records.

Kid McCoy, the former famous pugilist, made quite a record in the ring. When his efficiency became impaired, however, the honors were taken from the Kid's brow and he was forced to seek records elsewhere. He looked about him for a chance to make new records and he decided that the marriage ring offered as good chances as the boxing ring. He succeeded, and today he stands alone as the man who has been most successful in getting new wives. His record is eight marriages, six divorces, one annulment and another suit for divorce now in progress. Here's the Kid's tabulated score:

Great Event	Bride	Great Divide.
1894	Lottie Piebler	1895
1897	Charlotte Smith	1897
1897	Mrs. Julia Woodruff Crosselman	1900
1901	Mrs. Julia Crossman Selby	1901
1903	Mrs. Julia Crossman Selby	1902
1903	Indianola Arnold	1904
1905	Mrs. Estelle Ellis	1910
1911	Mrs. Edna Valentine Hein	Who knows?

And that's the Kid's record. Every man has his; by the way, what's yours?

## PROSPERITY HALTS RECRUITING.

In times of general prosperity it is inevitable that recruiting for the army and navy should lag. The conditions described by Adj. Gen. McCann in his annual report are precisely those complained of some days ago by Rear Admiral McGowan before the House Naval Committee. High wages in civil life have proved a serious check to enlistments. When any able-bodied man can find work to his taste at good pay, the pictures and glowing pleas displayed on the recruiting posters lose the power of appeal.

In any plans to increase the strength of the army or navy it is bound to be a serious problem to secure men for the service in sufficient of the regular army to 500,000 men, or had adopted the Garrison scheme in all its details, it would have made little difference. On paper there would be a new system of army reorganization, but the shortage in enlistments, as it is today, would have to be faced.

It must be recognized as an obvious fact that military service is an opportunity for a career appeals only to a limited number of young men in this country. In ordinary times of peace they naturally drift into other employments. The flow of recruits will vary with industrial conditions. When labor is in great demand and highly paid, recruiting will shrink; if unemployment increases, it will expand and quicken.

It is a situation that is to be viewed with grave apprehension, particularly with respect to the navy. Secretary Daniels' report is an inspiring testimonial to the creation of the new navy; but of what value are dreadnaughts and 16-inch guns without trained men to handle them?

## How Delightful

IS  
WASHINGTON PARK!

For the Children's sake let's build there.

A. C. Hathaway.

## The Town Gossip

A COMMITTEE HAS STARTED GOING AROUND THROUGH THE CITY AFTER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE Christmas tree fund. AND THEY'RE going to do ALL THEY CAN TO GIVE THE kiddies THE BIGGEST kind OF A good time ON CHRISTMAS night. AND I hope THAT THEY'LL succeed. AND I'D just like TO DO something TO HELP them along. AND THERE are going to be A LOT of people WHOM THEY want see. AND THERE are SOME OF these people WHO READ this column. AND I wish THAT I could see THAT TOWN Gossip WAS DOING some good. AND THAT the people LIKED IT.

AND FOR that reason I'D LIKE to raise A TOWN Gossip fund. FOR THE Christmas tree. AND TURN it over TO THE ladies. WHEN THEY get through COLLECTING. AND EVERY day. I'LL PUBLISH the names OF THOSE who contribute TO THE fund. IN THIS manner. AT THE head OF THIS column. AND IF you like TO READ this stuff. AND FEEL able TO SPARE a little cash. I HOPE THAT YOU'LL do it. TO GIVE the kids A GOOD time. ON CHRISTMAS. AND IF I don't hear FROM ANYONE at all. I GUESS.

ALL I can say: WILL BE: "WELL, I guess THEY'VE GROWN tired OF TOWN Gossip. AND I don't blame them. AND I guess I MIGHT just as well "CUT IT OUT." AND LET'S see. IF WE'RE going to get ANY NAMES AT THE top OF OUR COLUMN. FOR THE fund. AND I hope we do. AND IF we don't, I'LL BEGIN to think THAT ALL my work HASN'T DONE much good. I THANK you.

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## Don't Be Fooled

Because there has been no large fire in Washington in some time, don't be careless about your insurance. The fire may come any minute. Get the insurance first.

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## ASQUITH FOR PEACE, LYDD GEORGE FOR WAR

BERLIN.—A trusted correspondent of mine in a neutral city on the North Sea, in close touch with England, furnishes the following account of affairs there:

"The fall of the Asquith Cabinet marks the first battle between the advocates of a further prosecution of the war and the advocates of peace. It is well known that Grey and Lansdowne already have entered into plans for approaching the Central Powers. It is known that peace meetings are in continuous session all over England.

"It was the Chancellor's interview, swiftly followed by the fall of Buckeridge, that fired the electric spark. For the moment Lloyd George's Harlequin ministry of puppets with Nacelle pulling the strings, has ascended, but its tenure of office is bound to be brief. The ghastly aggregation of political courtiers representing nothing corresponding to the serious sentiment of the English people. It soon will be superseded by a serious minded ministry, conscious of the straits of British fortunes and anxious to reach the simplest possible solution under distressing circumstances."

## May We Help You Select The Right Shoe

We don't know what your footwear tastes may be, but if you are the kind of man that must have a soft, flexible, comfortable shoe that needs no breaking in, here's the very shoe you need.

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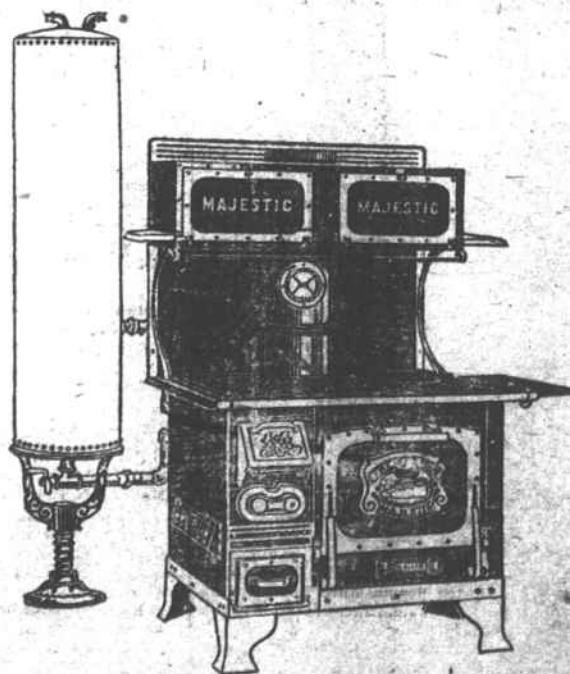
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During this week we will have a special demonstrator from the Majestic Factory to explain how the Majestic is made and why it is absolutely the best range; why it lasts longer and cuts down repair expenses; why it bakes bread evenly, top, sides and bottom without turning; why it uses so little fuel and saves food waste. He will explain its labor saving construction and why it heats an abundance of water good and hot—a mighty convenient and useful thing to have a big supply of hot water always on hand isn't it. To buy a range by mail is almost certain to end in disappointment and loss of money. It may be "exactly as represented" yet not be what you thought it was nor what you wanted.

Here you can see every part of the Majestic—you can know what you are getting before you buy. Decide now that you will discontinue using that old, worn-out range. You will save money in fuel, repairs and cooking. Buy a Majestic—the range with 25 years' reputation. The demonstrator will answer any questions relating to stoves.

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