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#### A Christmas Lesson.

America's social and political future cannot be hopeless as long as the Christmas spirit manifests itself as it has this season. The Christmas festival just passed was marked as it never was before by the spirit of doing for others, in finding happiness in making others happy. This is the significance of the fact that the Christmas trade was larger than ever, that the mails carried a volume of Christmas remembrances that broke all postal records in a country always noted for liberality and generosity.

Are such phenomena the sings of national characteristics, or can they be explained as merely the expressions of an ancient custom? They show that underneath the rush and struggle for possession of the good things of the world, in spite of too often evident commercialism of American life, the people are at heart altruistic. When the better nature of the nation has a call to speak

It was this spirit which, when aroused by the need for national self-assertion and the call of distress in Europe, carried the people, soldiers and civilians, into the war with a determination and enthusiasm which revived the flagging morale of the allies and brought dismay to Germany. The apostles of militarism had not believed that which they termed a nation of traders possessed a martial spirit beneath the layer of selfishness formed by soft living and complacent thinking.

It is therefore encouraging in the face of serlous domestic and international problems to find that the American spirit is more altruistic than

#### It's Up To Congress.

There was nothing for the President to do but extend the period of control over the railroads in order that congress may have full opportunity to provide the necessary legislation. Last May Mr. Wilson announced that the roads would go back to the owners with the end of the year, but with this ample warning house and senate have so far failed to agree on a law that would allow railroads to make a fair profit and protect the public from unreasonable charges.

For months the senate has been lost in the intricacles of the Cummins bill. This measure's chief provisions have given constitutional lawyers in and out of the senate a great field for debate, and the controversy was not stilled by the passage of the bill just before the Christmas recess. Nobody knows what is a fair valuation of the railroad properties and therefore few agree on what would be a fair return. Before March 1, however, congress should be able to unite on some reasonable plan that will save the railways from going inte bankruptcy, a proceeding which has become a habit with rail transportation companies in recent years.

The President gave no heed to the urgings of organized labor that federal operation be continued for two more years, and the country will endorse this action. Even those who realize that taking over the roads was an absolute necessity continue a job that has been fraught with endless trouble and marked by monthly deficits. The liberal critic will agree that running railroads in war time was no fair test of government ownership, but the people are not ready to see the gov-

ernment committed to what is properly regarded as an un-American policy. The mass of the people are not more seriously interested in any form of government ownership than they are in the Plumb While labor has not officially approved Plumb idea of turning the roads over to a class.

the request for further trial of federal operation apparently shows that labor looks to nationaliza tion as a solution of the railroad problem. The future may be full of railroad troubles, but it will take much tribulation under private operation to win the people to national ownership and man-

### Building Prospects.

From local conditions, from reports throughout the country, from the forecasts of economic students, comes the confirmation of prophecies that 1920 will be a year of great building activity. Allen E. Beals, writing in the Annalist, says: "He must he an incurable pessimist who cannot perceive in the shaping of conditions the foundations of an era of building prosperity that should at least equal

In normal times, says Beals, "the fundamental influence upon building depression has been lack THE CITIZEN COMPANY, ASHEVILLE, N. C. of Semand, brought about by overproduction of buildings." Today, however, there is an accumuof \$1,500,000, Mr. Beals expects at least that, 1916 will be equalled. It is not likely to be surpassed because of the shortage of building materials and common labor.

The New York writer does not look for lower prices on materials. He points out that production cannot, during next year, catch up with de-

home builders have awaked to a realization of 

#### Hope For Teachers.

If Mr. Rockefeller feels that he is a trustee for the great wealth he has amassed, he has never given worthier expression of that conviction than by his gift of \$100,000,000, one-half of which is to be used in raising the salaries of college pro-

The Raleigh News and Observer recently published the following advertisements, which speak for themselves of the esteem in which education is still held in too many communities:

Wanted-colored barber for white trade in camp town; permanent position. We guarantee \$25 per week. Right man can make \$35 per week. Let us hear from you at once. Fleming & Elliott, 6 Market square, Fayetteville, N. C.

Wanted-Teacher of Latin for Lumberton high school, Lumberton, N. C.; salary \$70 a month. W. H. Cale, superintendent.

The Rockefeller awards will not reach the public schools, but the campaign for better salaries in colleges will educate the public to the realization of the unjust and unprofitable policy of expecting efficient teachers, to work for a pittance.

Commenting on the advertisements printed in the Observer, the Hartford Times has the follow-

All of which causes reflection upon the business opportunities offered by the outside and the inside of the head. The colored gentleman, operating on the outside, would make from \$1,300 to \$,820 per year. The classical gentleman, operating on the inside, would acquire \$630 in his working season of nine months. But of course the colored gentleman has the advantage of being able to exhibit to his employer immediate "results and the acute business eye of the present enlightened age can see "results" where it couldn't do anything else with a

#### William J. Barton.

Principal William J. Barton was a teacher who it was in the past; that the clash of class interests found a satisfying reward in leading youth to has not made it impossible for men to take first higher ideals. His enthusiasm for this profession thought for the welfare of others. This spirit will would alone have made him a successful teacher. meet the stern testing in the days just ahead, but But he had a gift that not all good instructors are those who believe that perplexing problems will endowed with—he was a natural leader and friend at last be settled right have justification for their of boys. He knew without reflection how to win faith in the abundant outpouring of the Christmas the confidence of boys and how to be their guide without being a driver. As head of the Orange school and as supervisor of the city playgrounds he found and made splendid use of his gifts of leadership. Through his influence on the boys of Asheville he will live always in the life of this States;" concluding the outrageous proceedings

> Almost every day's news dispatches tell the story of death served in the cup which holds decoctions masquerading under the name of whiskey. If the saloon potation was often an adulteration which menaced the health of the devotees. the drink now turned out by the blockaders, stirred to rapid production, by heavy demand, is almost certain suicide. In the old days the man who purchased goods from reputable firms at least knew that his system had to contend with nothing more deadly than alcohol, and his fear of that depended upon his taste. Now there is no guarantee of life, and the pursuit of happiness through strong drink has become a myth. If urban and rural blockaders cannot improve the quality of their goods they are going to be the most efficient allies of the federal enforcement officers. Their brew will kill the more thirsty and the survivors will learn to fear any man offering a drink.

### THE HOLLAND LETTER.

Henry Morganthau and Herbert Hoover apparently found a more ready listener in the secretary of the treasurer to communications they were to make than they discovered in the financial district. For some time Mr. Morganthau and Mr. Hoover of war show no desire to have the government have made earnest approach to bankers and others who have gained reputation as men of finance, in the hope that if in that way it would be possible to perfect a national campaign whereby funds could be secured with which to alleviate distress in Central Europe and in Armenia. Both are well qualified to give information which pictures forth the real condition of suffering and of half starvation which prevails in those countries. Both caspeak at first hand, not merely echoing reports statached to were made by others.

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GENERAL STANTON DIES.

BAL/TIMORE, Dec. 26.—General Stanton, aged 20 years a famous perfect a national campaign whereby funds could

Both became in a little while discouraged, were unable to stimulate any other feeling that of remote sympathy. They found the financial world is now intensely occupied wifeNCEAU attempt to learn how best foreign exchange & PRESIDENT stabilized, international obligations paid a addition to that how the present day pro Havas.) A numwhich is without any precedent in the the chamber of States, can be maintained and how possibility to endeavor lands can be prevented. lapse can be prevented.

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REFINING CO. DIVIDEND.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The Corn products Refining company today declared an initial quarterly dividend of people for aid for these suffering people. It he pavement be at last Mr. Hoover and Mr. Morganths participating in a to Washington. If it was impossible so tristmas party and the sympathies of the American people as dashed out of the sympathies of the American people as dashed out of the sympathies of the American people as dashed out of the sympathies of the American people as dashed out of the sympathies of the American people as dashed out of the sympathies of the American people as dashed out of the sympathies of the American people as dashed out of the sympathies of the American people as dashed out of the sympathies of the American people as dashed out of the sympathies of the American people as dashed out of the sympathies of the American people as dashed out of the sympathies of the American people as dashed out of the sympathies of the American people as dashed out of the sympathies of the American people as dashed out of the sympathies of the American people as dashed out of the sympathics of the American people as dashed out of the sympathics of the sympathics

of money it might be possible to persuade the gov-ernment at Washington that both from the eco-nomic point of view and also from that of humanity itself it is imperative that speedy assistance be given by means of which these peoples can be carried over the winter season and through the time of cultivating and planting of the spring and harvesting of the surport with with their own harvesting of the summer, until with their own crops they may be able in great measure to n eet the demands for food and in that way to set in-

dustry again in operation. Secretary Glass's Quick Response.
What was said to the secretary of the treasury. Mr. Glass, he alone knows. But congress and the nation now know what was the effect of the com-munication that was made to him. For the secretary has made appeal to congress for legislation which will enable him to set in motion the movement of food and the providing of funds whereby this distress can be relieved. It must have been a sense of imperative obligation which persuaded Secretary Glass to change his mind respecting fur-ther loans by the government to other nations. If ther loans by the government to other nations. If congress gives him the authority to do this and if additional authority is given to utilize our vast supplies of food then immediately after congress thus acts food will move to Central Europe, funds

be able to import raw material and needed manu-factured commodities because due to the aid which the United States government can give they will be able to pay their American creditors for these commodities.

While Secretary Glass appears to have been moved chiefly by the appeal which these peoples make to the United States for relief from suffering he is to be used in raising the salaries of college professors. The 600 colleges themselves are conducting a campaign to raise \$150,000,000 for this
purpose and with the Rockefeller assistance the
teachers may yet be placed beyond the reach of
want and general economic distress which is the
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> He is persuaded that if not relieved then another story of national famine even more appauling than the story of the famine in Ireland will be written. It may compare with the history of the famine in India. Congress, of course, cannot act until after the recess is ended, but information has reached New York that Secretary Glass is persuaded that early in the year congress will grant to him the authority which he asks and then he will not delay a moment after he receives that authority in send-

"HOLLAND."

#### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

W. J. BARTON.

Editor of The Citizen:-In the death of Mr. W. J. Barton Asheville has sustained a great loss. He was in every sense a true Christian gentleman. The city schools have lost a conscientious instructor, the boys of the city a true friend, his church and Sunday an untiring worker, his family a devoted husband and loving father. Mr. Barton was unassuming, rather retiring, but a true Christian gentleman. To know him was to love him, and those who knew him best loved him most. Truly one of God's noblemen has fallen.

A True Friend and Admirer.

Asheville, December 26, 1919.

CAN SUCH THINGS BE?

Reading in this morning's papers, a description of the scenes attending the deportation of 249 anarchists from the port of New York to their own nations of Europe, I thought, "cah such things be in our own beloved America?" And them I thought of course, while Americans have slept, the enemy of religion, law, order and stable government have been sowing tares in the wheat. The crop is now being tarvested. For thirty years, the articles says, some of these friends have been openly writing and speaking against every political and moral principal we hold dear. They have attached the church, the government, our social order and everything else that our fathers built to insure to this country thing to discredit Wilson from the equation and Root is for the league; otherwise he is agin it.

This committee on "policies and platform" is to report to the national convention next June. Then Mr. Root will tell the G. O. P. what is Canaan and what is Egypt. From his report the platform will be fashioned and the policies proclaimed. Meanwhile, orders have gone forth that the Wilson administration is to be denounced up hill and down date. Negation is the order of the day—anythat our fathers built to insure to this country Editor of The Citizen:that our fathers built to insure to this country peace, liberty, self government, law and order. And yet these blatant defiant recipients of our country's form of government, not even becom-ing citizens, have been spreading these doctrines of libertineism, bolshevism, anarchy, revolution, murder, arson and treason, through the press and by public speaking, all over this country, especially

in the big cities where large groups of foreigners are congested. And at last after 30 years for-bearance our Government has forced them to

by organizing on board ship the minute it passed the three mile Nation limit; first: "The Russian Friends of America Freeman to carry on propa-ganda in the United States;" then the "Soviet Anarchistic Commune of America" and elected that arch traitor Alex Berkman, Grand Commissary. The same article informs us that thousands of

the same kind of aliens and citizens are now be-ing locked up, many of them now on the way to New York for deportation.

The immediate purpose of this letter is to say to you, that in all this terrible doings of these bloody minded aliens, a lesson should be learned by all of us people in this section and it is this, "if we continue to permit open defiance of any law by any class, as is going on right here in North Carolina every day and every night, winked at and encouraged by some of our so-called best men, then too will we reap what they are sow-ing-anarchy, riot, revolution. Since I have studied over these doings by foreigners, and admitted anarchists it appears to me that organiza-tion for home law enforcement and world prohibi-tion is absolutely essential for the awakening of our home people from their lethargy and get them to line up with their voices, their votes and their money in support of this movement. It is sickening to read the papers here at home in this Christian country. Every day half the items are telling of destroying stills, catching blind tigers, bootleggers, blockaders, and crimes resulting from this brigandage and even of train loads of white men from Christian communities of our own state, being deported to the Federal particular. men from Christian communities of our own state, being deported to the Federal penitentiary in Atlanta. This lawlessness positively must cease and it will never stop until law and order-loving citizens and business men, get solidly behind organization, and literally shell the words with educational printed gunpowdersized take tial dynamite. I am speaking and the new citizens and the n MARRIAGE LICENSES

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Export company, purchasing r nt for the allies, has bought \$1,000,00, worth of flour from the United States Grain corporation for the relief of Vienna, it was announced today. It will be ship-ped from New York immediately.

# SAVOYARD'S VIEWS

THE G. O. P. POWWOW.

The general staff of the G. O. P. was with us the other day, headed by young Mr. Mays, its chief. They remained about half a week, voted the national convention to Chicago, June 3, and indulged a great deal of boastful talk as they prepared to put on the harness. Never have I seen a more confident set, never such a counting of chickens ere the eggs are even laid. And yet, there was now and then the evident presence of the apprehension couched in the French version of a wise old adage—"between the cup and the lip there is room for

a viper."
Mr. Hays appears to be the absolute boss of his party. Both Boss supplies of food then immediately thus acts food will move to Central Europe, funds will be provided by means which payment can be made and in addition the means will be secured whereby industry can be revived in those nations.

This is a consideration which is based upon the economic point of view. If people of Central Europe can be fed and so fed as to enable them to regain normal health and strength then they will speedily renew their industrial activities, they will be able to import raw material and needed manube able ing dove. That circumstances was in the nature of the ominous, for it indicated that the bosses are not Wood. It was also in the air that "instructions" are not advisable when state primaries and conventions are

> sued an edict that the G. O. P. rank and file should do no thinking. For months he had screamed a string of vapid platitudes, reaching all the way from the Mississippi river to the rising sun; but the vulgar herd is now warned by him that the issue is not yet hatched, and so he appointed a "committee on policies and plat-forms." Who is chairman of that committee? Why, Slihu Root, the by the late Nelson W. Aldrich, purveyor of the "policies and platforms" for the "Party of Great Moral Ideals" from 1881 till Jonathan P. Dollevr drove him out of the United States

senate some ten years ago.
Imperative orders were issued and obeyed that nobody was to even mention the league of nations, or think of that question as of any akin to politics. To discuss it is held by Mr. Hays to be not only agin the law, but proof conclusive of ill-breeding and bad manners. Thus we saw two con-spiracies of silence, one aimed at Leonard Wood and the other against the league. Senator Borah, however, evolted and denounced the silence as the league as "pussyfooting" and "dodging" on the part of "scheming politaicians behind closed doors." If the senator is not careful he will be court-martialed for lese majesty. Mr. Root will attend to the league. Like Henry Cabot Lodge, he is on both sides of that question. Eliminate President Wilson from the equation and Root is for the league; other-

of the party of Standpatters and Bull Moosers, for the moment in truce. Lately Mr. Wilson advised congress

that unless it set about legislation to correct evils now apparent to all. the present state amounting almost to chaos will visit immense harm to the country. That is precisely what the G. O. P. hopes to see. The party in power in the executive department is always held responsible for whatever ills befall the people, and the worse the situation in 1920, the more likely a republican vactory at the polls. So, orders have gone to the republican majorities in both houses of congress to pay no attention to the President's annual message in which he advised eighteen separate and distinct matters of reform.

That impudent person who himself "the President of the Irish republic" is here, and before he came over some other professional Irishmen waited on Boss Hays and be-sought him to have his committee recognize the Irish republic in a re-solution, promising him 75 per cent of the Irish vote if he would do so. But Hays dodged the matter by saying the committee would consider nothing "foreign" and cited that they would not even deal with the league of nations because it was "foreign." What the "Irish republic" remains to be

Happily for England, happily for America, happily for mankind, Eng-lish statesmen are well warned re-garding the Irish question in American politics. They understand it pre-cisely. They know that in America as well as in England and in all other free countries politics is an arrant coward, and all the standing the "Irish republic" has in our politics is based on the cowardice of our pol-iticians. England understands it, and that is why England is perfectly indifferent as to what part this ab-surd De Valera plays with his absurd Irish republic at Washington.

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The Holiday Season affords an opportunity to express again the pleasure we derive from our business relations with you and to thank you for the loyal support given us during the successful year now drawing to a close. On behalf of our entire organization, we wish for you and yours-

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