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The Christmas Carry-On.

a way of fading out by the morning of the twentysixth. We wonder when we had better take down the holly and get back to the humdrum. After our recent good humor, we are chagrined to find the old irritability again threatening our conversation. We pack away the Christmas tree tinsel with a dull sense that it is not the only bright thing we are shutting up to a year of disuse.

The truth is that Christmas is a day for opening doors, and that open doors mean discoveries, and one is always sorry when a discovery is over. their faces and keep them locked, but on Christ- to be ranked as curiosities. mas every face on the street throws its doors while, and every chance passer-by is cheered by his discovery of the shining lights inside, only to be too soon dulled and baffled again by the old each other's kindest selves might come a little oftener through the year!

Sometimes at Christmas we are more surprised by ourselves than by anybody else. The Christmas spirit makes us do astonishing things. We invite strangers to dinner, we forget our tiffs with the neighbors, our boredom with our relatives. We had not dreamed our good will to all could carry us so far, or so high. We are exhibitated as if we had climbed a mountain, with all its opened vistas for discovery, and we wish we could remain mas good fellowship.

Yet perhaps there are ways of making Christmas last a little longer, ways peculiarly available prolonging of Christmas. In old legand the Christ-child knocks on Christmas-Eve at every evelations of blessing to those who welcome him. Asheville is a city of the stranger and therefore a city where hospitality has its richest opportunity. they wear their country's uniform, and because not pervade the new club house without the comake the warmth and gladness of Christmas en-

tain peaks between which lies the valley of the climb, each stop finding us sturdier in serving others, kinder in judging them, more hospitable in opening to them the doors of our hearts, then perhaps there need never be throughout the year any cessation of Christmas discovery, nor any slackening of the Christmas Carry-on.

The Prohibition Amendment.

Many people have expressed surprise that since the supreme court upheld the validity of war-time prohibition and formal ratification of the national prohibition amendment has been proclaimed, that legal steps to restore the former status of intoxicating liquor should continue. They wonder what possible hope of success can be entertained by legal attack on an amendment now incorporated in the constitution itself.

The matter is of interest since counsel repreability who would not risk their reputation on Officer of the army. contentions not worthy at least of a hearing. the constitution.

amendment are well known and call for no com- Alaska. The wire guides the high-frequency curment. One is that two-thirds of the members of rent which travels along but not in it as the cur-Congress did not vote to submit the amendment rent now does when a wire is used. The current to the states, but only two-thirds of those present. passes through the ether as does the radio waves, The other ground is that not enough states voted following a path of which the wire is the core. for the amendment without including those which

have a provision for a popular referendum. in which each has lost its identity in a common began his experiments in 1903.

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN whole. The states remain, sovereigns, united overeigns, indissolubly connected, but potent en tities.

The suit will review the history of the forma-Caltion of the constitution and will involve the cir- ground that he does not deserve it, having lost his ttor the contention is this; in its very mature amend- itorious service recently announced by the naval ment is necessarily an alteration of something department. which exists. The constitution is not a politic [ers not expressly granted to it by the states are reserved to them or the peoples thereof.

amend them or the matters involved in them, but actual fighting should rank highest. not to create new matter.

In the ensuing years sundry amendments were proponent of the theory discussed replied that it great danger in the active war zone was germane since slavery was an institution reenough even to suggest that an amendment creating a king instead of a president might be entermerely changing the nature of the chief magistracy.

It is on the theory of the reserved powers of the to him. state that Rhode Island as a state is to bring an without its consent.

which lasts until midnight of the twenty-fifth has stitutional amendment formally declared adopted, something apparently grounded on bed rock.

"Unavoidable" Accidents.

Reports of accidents involving automobiles are frequently featured by the statement of one or more of the persons concerned that the accident was "unavoidable." Sometimes this declaration may be true but the chances in its favor are about wise public knows that while the mishap may

According to local calculators the time is now at hand for another "wave" of accidents in and around Asheville. After there have been several bad smashes of cars, perhaps one or two people shut doors. If only those Christmas glimpses of killed; and careful drivers so much frightened that they keep their cars at home, the officers get busy, the courts increase penalties and drivers and pedestrians become more careful. Then comes a period of relative safety and few minor accidents, a let-up of precautions, less official vigilance, and the courts forget their threat of jail sentences for oft-time offenders, and then another wave of accidents and recurrence of "unavoid; say circumspectly and with all respect to our

Eternal vigilence is the price of safety form aua little longer on the cheery heights of Christ-pedestrians no less than from car drivers; from the tomobile accidents. Vigilance is demanded from public as well as the police and the courts. But the first thought of the public on learning of a for us who live in Asheville. The Great War has driver primarily responsible and then the officials. door, lonely and homeless, and bringing miraculous damage, regardless of where the fault may lie. And the officers are looked on as insurers of the public safety.

Then, too, it is realized by the public that the The government hospitals have brought to us automobile provides exceptional facilities for lawstrangers who have an especial appeal because breakers, and therefore a number of reckless persons, some professional law breakers, others many of them are sick and lonely. Another col- merely potentially dangerous, have engaged in the omn describes the organization of a fitting welcome automobile business, and this tends to associate for these boys through the Church Canteen Club, the innocent with the culpable. The average aubut the true spirit of Christmas hospitality can- tomobile driver, certainly the citizen owning his own car, is restrained not only by consideration operation of the people of Asheville. The Church for the public, but by the knowledge that he may Canteen Club is one means by which Asheville may be called to costly account if he is not careful. The reckless class has neither of these restraints, and dure both for herself and for her soldier guests. officers and courts should deal with them severely. One might sometimes wonder why we submit Sometimes the requirement that the offending tamely to the tyranny of the calendar and compel driver pay for the damages he has inflicted may ourselves to wait three hundred and stxty-four be a salutary method of correction, but it should days before reviving the spirit of merry Christ- not be applied in the case of one often appremas. Too often our Christmases are like moun- hended for breaking the law. Jail sentences for such, and the revocation of licenses will be the Great Slump. If instead we could make each surest deterrents. Why not acknowledge this Christmas a stopping place in an ever aspiring now instead of waiting for some little child to be

These remarks apply especially to accidents on the roads outside the city where there are fewer officers, and since trial magistrates generally have neither the judicial poise nor the resolution of the judge of the city court to make the punishment fit the crime. The silicitor and judges of the Superior courts are called on to do a duty which is not to be measured by compromise or threat of future punishment. They must take up the public's case, regardless of any private settlement between the offender and the person he has injured.

Wired Wireless.

"Wired wireless" is the name given to a multiplex telephone invention by which ten or more conversations can be carried on at great distance by the use of a single wire. 'It is the discovery of senting the attacking forces are lawyers of great Major General George H. Squier, Chief Signal

The invention adapts the wireless to the wire Among them is Elihu Root, the leader in a recent and thereby gains a concentration of impulse suit brought to set aside the 18th, amendment to which eliminates broadcasting and maintains a power sufficient to make possible a conversation, Two grounds of Mr. Root's challenge of the or rather conversations, between Buenos Ayres and

Practice has demonstarted the power of the invention to perform what is claimed for it, it is These objections are of a comparatively simple officially stated. And it is of popular concern to type. Mr. Root's real objection goes far deeper; note that the invention is not to be patented but it involves fundamentals involving the very nature given to the public, the inventor, moved by the of the constitution itself, that constitution which high ideals of army men considering that what he represents a union of states, not a melting pot has done is in the line of duty. General Squier

Those Medals.

Offered a distinguished service award, an officer of the U. S. Navy who commanded a transport sunk by a German submarine, has declined it on the cumstances attending the original articles of con- ship. Thus more fuel is added to the fire started federation. Simply, and very inadequately stated, by Admiral Sims' criticism of the awards for mer-

The controversy has its basis in a long standing Deity but something limited in nature, so ex-difference of opinion in the navy as to the test of pressed even by itself in its declaration that pow- merit to be applied in the case of citations for mixed. Some measure by results achieved, main-Being thus limited, it is argued, amendments can taining that a naval officer on shore duty may relate only to matters within the purview of the have rendered such extraordinary high service constitution, and cannot affect others since they that he is entitled to a higher award than the ofare reserved to the states. There were originally, ficer who risked his life in arduous and dangerous certain clauses or provisions, with the power to sea work , while others claim that the winning in

Secretary Daniels apparently sees merit in both contentions and seeks a happy medium. He states adopted to these provisions, and such amend- that "The value of duty on shore was duly recogments could of course be amended. But there nized, but it should be of the highest importance has been, it is claimed, no departure from in- and responsibility in order that this duty should herent procedure until the coming of the 18th, be recognized by the award of the same kind of amendment. Asked if the anti-slavery amend- medals as that given to officers charged with great ment might not come within his objection, a responsibility and at the same time in positions of

With some officers success is the test of merit, ferred to in the constitution. He was frank and a proponent of this theory is the officer who says he does not deserve any medal because he lost his ship. His conduct was gallant, but he was tained legally since this would be an amendment not lucky; seamen are apt to bow to the decrees of luck, an officer who has lost his ship, however blameless he may be, feeling that a stigma attaches | thought

Defeat does not disgrace the soldier if he fought action attacking the 18th amendment. Rhode well, as all history tells, but in the army as well as Island accepted the constitution with reservations, the navy there is the disposition to award the highand its theory is that not all the other states have est honors to those in the fighting line, whether the power to take any of these reserved gights actual participants in fighting or not, and, not to the staff officers at home even though their super-The theory of the attackers is given as a matter lative achievements alone made possible the win-It is curious that at Christmas-time the glow of interest. The defense shows for itself, a con- ning by others. Lee and Grant, Pershing and Haig, did no actual fighting, rarely witnessed any even, and no one questions their right to honors but there would be a clamor of controversy about ton or London who supplied the means of battle.

The controversy is fundamental, it involves the entire matter of award of war honors. The same thing is involved in a base-ball game where a batas remote as the finding of a hen with teeth. A run. Who won the game? The batter, many say. Others say the hit would have done no good have been unavoidable by one of the individuals and the game would have been lost if the runner On most days of the year people are conscious of involved, "unavoidable" accidents are so rare as had not been on third base. Secretary Daniels has re-referred the whole matter of awards to the tical purpose, he has but a single conofficial board in hope of an adjustment

Crustbreakers Club.

Novel in nomenclature if not in purpose is the Crustbreakers Club" which has come into being In Gaffney, S. C., and is apparently doing a good business at the table.

Supposedly the club serves somewhat the same purpose as Rotary, or Kiwanis, or perhaps the Pen and Plate or the Wranglers, affording a mental treat in connection with physical repast. But the of the Crustbreakers organization is more frank, we may admirable organization; it is more above board, so to speak, that is the table board, but at the same time a suspicion comes that there may be a bit of camouflage-(yes, we know it is not used now), or, dare we say, and not daring will not say it

Do the eminent gentlemen who compose the given us some great phrases, none more inspiring This idea comes somewhat naturally, even though when, despite the cost of viving there be many the foot-passenger may have stepped from behind a street car directly in front of the motor chicken, no pie, no cake, but all must be crust? Or, and again we venture fearfully, will they go and throwing the fragments under the table, and turn their teeth to pie?

> There are many things we want to know and one of them relates to the Crustbearers.

THE SCISSORS ROUTE

"BIGNESS" IS NOT A CRIME

torage warehouses, to disassociate themselves with at its conclusion our nation would be all unrelated lines of business, to abandon branch hopelessly bankrupt in purse, and our houses and yards and trucks for any other purpose citizenship powerless in the insane than meat and dairy products, to cease carrying on grasp of the bolsheviki. Chaos would

in restraint of trade or of any illegal practices."

While all corporations should be made amenable to the law as individuals are, and punished for violations thereof, the probability is that the in-junction and dissolution will not bring down prices or have the slightest effect in stopping the growth and progress of large corporations. When the and progress of large corporations. When the Standard Oil and American Tobacco corporations were dissolved no great change in the price of their products could be observed. Unscrambled profits are reported to have been greater than scrambled

economic development. No legislation has been able to stop it. The laws of business and economic progress are above man-made laws. One great mistake many public men have made is in entertaining the belief that an act of congress can stop the Niagara of business. The anti-trust laws passed by congress have proved futile. During the war were ignored by the government which enact-

Evils and wrongs attending big corporations can best be reached by strict government regulation, not by destruction or dissolution. Admitting that the present economic system is not perfect and that perils exist, still it remains that the natural laws of business development will be supreme and big corporations will grow out of small ones. The government's dissolution program is an economic mistake. Instead of decreasing it probably will increase the cost of food products to the public. The high cost of living can only be reduced through increased production.

RETURNING EMPTIES.

An optimistic Colorado farmer, on seeing some clouds floating by, remarked: "Well, I guess we are going to have some rain." "Aw!" said his pessimistic nelghbor, an ex-rail-

road man, "those are just empties coming back from Iowa."—From the New Haven Register.

ANOTHER REFORMER.

"He's a modern reformer."

'Yes, he's out to reform the reformers." "In what way?" "He's trying to educate them to discover that not everything the other fellow gets some fun out of is wholly wrong."—Detroit Free Press.

SAVOYARDSVIEWS

THE ENEMIES OF MANKIND.

'A thousand knees Ten thousand years together, naked pon a barren mountain, and still

winter In storm perpetual, could not move the gods To look that way thou wert."

That, or more ruthless execration yould every patriotic and honest man hurl at the unspeakable miscreant, whether subject of England or citizen of America, who wishes a war between the two great Anglo-Saxon natives. And in a "hearing" before the committee of foreign affairs house one Cohalan, a New York judge, ex pressed a wish that such a war should come. The President of the United States less than a year ago decided that this same Cohalan polluted any presence he came into, and the President is vindicated in his opinion and conduct toward this man by his advo-cacy of a great war that would visit calamity on mankind ten times as world war.

A fight to a finish between the United States and Great Britain—and that is what it will be if the war come—would last for years and be the death of Christian civilization. From such a war the victor would emerge as completely ruined as the van-quished, and it is almighty doubtful if the United States would be the victor. Cohalan sought to encourage the committee to insult and browbeat England by saying that "England would yield." That is what the kalser thought in 1914 — that "England would yield." The Anglo-Saxon is not would yield." The Anglo-Saxon is not made of the stuff that "yields."

The disgraceful scene in the committee hearing came about this way. One Mason, commonly known as "Billy," is a statesman in the Ameri-can congress solely to illustrate the universality of American citizenship as it discovered in the conglomerate and mosaic population of Chicago. He is pure demagogue, and dearly loves to flatter the hyphen, from whom he draws the food to nourish his political vitality and the raiment to clothe his political carcass. He shed an ocean of briny tears over the woes of the Boers, and if he had had his way we would have licked England for their independence. He mourned with a wailing at once intolerable and ridic-

ulous over the story of Spanish rule in Cuba-mostly lies-and urged Uncle Sam to give poor old Spain a drubbing because Spain was addicted to putting off till tomorrow what could be done today. He was intenseiy and fanatically pro-German when the world war came and remained so as long as it was as long as it was safe to do so. Per-haps there was method in it, for pracstituent, the pro-German mayor of Chicago—one Thompson, Well, this here "Billy" Mason has

introduced a bill in congress that is designed to recognize that opera house absurdity that calls itself "the Irish republic." There may be method in that, too, for if congress were lunatic enough to enact such a legislative monstrosity some millions of Irish bonds could be negotiated in our glorious union. Fortunately, England has a lot of demagogues of her own, and she thoroughly understands, exactly estimates. American demagogues of the "Billy" Mason stripe, whose of the "Ellly" Mason stripe, whose antics commingle the silly and the

England, more than any other single factor, rescued democracy from the clutch of autocracy in the world war, and since April, 1917, England has been our all, in that war, which technically is not yet concluded. And here come before a committee of the American congress a lot of profes-sional Irishmen, who sympathized with Germany, rejoicing in her victories and mourning in her defeats in that awful conflict, demanding of the American congress legislation altotween the United States and England!

Ourslis the richest nation in the England has been our best She loaned us money with which w builded our tremendous railroad systems and developed the middle west and the Trans-Mississippi west, and of idiotic and ra cally tariffs, she bought lavishly of us, and from her custom our nation reaped a gain that beggars all the wealth of "either Ind." Why should we go to war with our best customer to appease the clamor of a scurvey set that is more loyal to "New York\Herald.)

Under the injunction decree, against the big packers they are compelled "to sell under supervision of the United States District court all their boldings in public stockyards, all their interest in railroads and terminals all their interests in cold Bourke Cockran and "Billy" Mason, attrawa warehouses to disassectate themselves with

likely will open its eyes to the fact right, that there are two sides to the Irish porati question, and I predict that Chairman Hays, of the G. O. P. general staff, will look up those Sinn Feiners who offer to sell him the Irish vote, and say to them something like this: question, and I predict that Chairman Nothing doing!"
Washing

Washington, December 25.

Unless it can find a beater weapon than the strike, God help organized labor. Idleness is a cure for no evil, and there is nothing but truth in the adage, "the devil finds work for idle hands to do." The strike makes idle-ness; idleness makes waste; waste makes want; want makes discontent,

environment. When Citizen A and Citizen B have dealings, and disagree about the amount one owes the other, appeal is had to courts of justice,

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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ficient honesty and wisdom in the land from which to draft such a tri-bunal, and there ought to be enough intelligence and self-denial in each of the parties to an industrial quarrel to abide the decision arrived at.

It is estimated that the two strikes that have plagued business and haressed society the past two or three months, that of the steel workers and houses and yards and trucks for any other purpose than meat and dairy products, to cease carrying on a monopoly or combination or indulging in any unfair and unlawful practices."

It appears that the packers and the attorney general reached an agreement to settle the controversy arising out of the public agitation of the high cost of food and "to help overcome the suspicion which still lurks in the minds of many people." It is emphatically stated that the decree finds the packers "in no way guilty of combination in restraint of trade or of any illegal practices."

It it is more, both agriculture and unlawful practices. That is frightful; it is more, both parties, capital and labor, are to biame, and unless some way is found to compose the differences between monopolize the forum perpetually. The other day a score or go of Irish protestant clergy landed on our ment and our people.

While all convergentions would provide the Caucasian world.

But such a war is unthinkable. The dots a wurning to \$100,000,000 upon the strikers. That is frightful; it is more, and unless some way is found to compose the differences between the control of the packers in no way guilty of combination in restraint of trade or one finds the caucasian world.

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> a hog of capital, for privilege long enjoyed usurps the robe of vested right. It begun with a rascally corright. It begun with a rascally corporation once notorious under the name of "The Credit-Mobilier of America." Its board of directors were drafted from the directories of the subsidized Pacific railroads. These magnates of big business were intermagnates of big business were intermagnates in their operation. As directively a substingting in their operation. locking in their operation. As directors of the Credit-Mobilier they contracted with themselves as directors of the roads to build the roads, and of the roads to build the roads, and evidence was later produced to show that the sum paid for constructing the road was out of all proportion to the cost of construction. For "grad, ing" the track over the dead level prairies of the west as much as \$40,000 a mile was paid. Then, after building the roads at this frightful waste and by means of this horrible corruntion, the concern actually discontent makes violence, and violence makes ruin. The evils are children of the strike. A day wasted in idleness is a day lost forever. Instead of adding to comfort, an idle day subtracts from comfort present and comfort to be.
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> Another thing—capital can better stand a loss of dividend than labor can, stand a loss of wage, for capital has more laid away for a rainy day than labor has. Capital can flee to new pastures: labor, comparatively speaking is found to the immediate environment. When Citizen A and Citizen B have dealings, and disagrees

And the thing prevailed. It was cratic senator from Ohio, appeal is had to courts of justice, which hear the quarrel and render judgment by which both parties abide. Why not make a tribunal to which capital and labor can appeal their quarrels? There are three parties to every strike—capital, labor and the public. All three should be represented on this proposed bench of appeal. Let labor choose its arbiters, let capital name its referees, let the government select the umpires for the public. Surely there is sufmunds, republican senator from VerJay Gould's breasworks, musket in hand, to oppose us.'

Amongst the privileges enjoyed by Amongst the privileges enjoyed by capital was that of forgery and counterfeiting for that is what "watered stock" is and all it is. Equally as rascally and nearly as profitable graft came from interlocking directories. Every railroad cost more than it should. Then there was the cry for competion, which caused roads to be built to compete with roads already. built to compete with roads alreads in existence and capable of doing al the transportation necessary between the two terminals. Bankrupt roads had the right to water stocks and they thus piled up millions for their

Had the railroads been honestly builded and honestly managed there would never have been any railroad problem to embarrass honest business and defile legitimate politics. The For fifty years before Woodrow with current side of the Irish question. They will commune with our Baptist. Methodist, Presbyterian and other Protestant sects and tell their side of the respectively. They will commune with our Baptist. Wilson became the president of the dividend should have been fixed by law at a rate to maintain the stock at yored by our government. It made to par and all the rest of the net earn or capital, for privilege long in the results of the roads' physical convergence of the

But to get back-some steps be taken to make capital and friends and partners, or there'll be the devil to pay and no hot pitch

TO BE AT ROANOKE

ROANOKE, Va., Dec. 27. state republican convention of 1920 will be held in Roanoke, March 17. This decision was reached here today

at a meeting of the state executive committee. Roanoke won the convention over the bids of three other cities, Lynch-burg, Staunton and Harrisonburg. The convention will elect four dele gates-at-large, two from the Ninth

district, and one from each of the other nine districts to the national re-publican convention in Chicago next June. The convention also will nomnate a United States senator.

RETAINS TENNIS TITLE.

NEW YORK. Dec. 27 .- Vincent Richards, of Yonkers, holder of the sentor and junior national indoor tennis championships, successfully defended his title here today, defeatdefended his title here today, deteating Frank T. Anderson, of Brooklyn, at the seventh regiment armory in the final of the national junior indoor singles championship tournament. He won three out of five sets, the scores being 9-11; 6-3; 5-7; 8-2;