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WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 27, 1916

Britton inquires: "We suppose you got your neck tie?" Answering for ourselves: Yes, several of them.

Germany may be bluffing, as her enemies and some semi-neutrals claim. But the stake is worth the game, if by calling the bluff peace is insured.

The Belgian men, not already drafted for "social service" in Germany, will perhaps not be solicitous concerning the welfare of Governor-General Von Bissing, now indisposed, to whose iron rule the enslavement policy is largely credited.

A former German steamer, which was confiscated by the Portuguese and put into trans-Atlantic service, is reported by coastwise shipping to be cutting some peculiar capers. Apparently on scout duty. Just force of habit we assume.

Peace and prosperity was the team that carried the Democratic colors to victory in November. And it begins to look like Miss Peace is gathering strength among the nations to make her "come back" as a world influence and supplant the God of War, so cruelly taking her place for the past two and a half years.

The British statesmen and newspapers are busy trying to inform the world what Germany is "up to," and incidentally misconstruing Mr. Wilson's good offices while Germany is taking advantage of the opportunity to make reply to the President's note and also, it is reported, to outline her peace terms.

MARINE BOYS LOOKING TO ANNUAL EXCURSION MAR. 17TH WITH PLEASURE

(Special to The Free Press)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—With the prospect of viewing the greatest engineering feat of the century, hundreds of United States Marines, now serving with the Atlantic Fleet, are eagerly looking forward to March 17, when battleships, cruisers and destroyers are scheduled to make a five day trip to the Panama Canal.

The war in Europe curtailed the customary visits of the sea soldiers to many foreign ports, and, while no formal arrangements have been decided upon, plans are being made to enable the men of the fleet to make an annual visit to South American and other neutral ports, mainly for educational and recreative purposes, until a world-wide peace has been established.

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"SAFE AND SANE" PREACEMENT.

The safe and sane doctrine of the press and other educational agencies is manifesting results in recent years. As an evidence of this fact, Kinston has just celebrated its most orderly Christmas season.

There was a time when hoodlumism and rowdyism reigned supreme here, and the good people of the town were almost afraid to venture out on the streets. Not so now. In spite of the throngs that crowded the streets and stores Saturday before Christmas, there was no serious disorder anywhere. The usual tin-can brigade was conspicuous because it made no appearance, the recently enacted anti-firecracker laws were well observed.

The services Sunday were well attended at the various city churches. The story of Christmas was told and the great importance of the celebration was emphasized. This is fine. Let the good work go on without hindrance.

THE SOCK BANK RISK.

A Louisiana farmer and his entire family, save one mall boy, not found by the invaders, were murdered on Christmas Eve night. The terrible crime is charged to three negroes, and is attributed to the fact that the man had openly boasted that he had four thousand dollars in his house, and was able to take care of it without the assistance of a bank.

In the first place, what do such people think banks are for? Why take the risk of keeping so much money in one's home? Not only is there danger from burglars, numbers of whom are ready and eager to go to any extreme for such a goal, but there is a fire risk and, too, the liability of loss is greater. In the second place, if money is to be hoarded in the home and the household hereby subjected to unnecessary hazard, why brag about it?

Both the hoarding and the bragging show unwisdom and a lack of information, which every householder should be possessed of. The banks are the safe depositories for money. The interest of the depositor is safeguarded by governmental laws and regulative measures, and furthermore more important, too, the men who man the banks are, as a whole, men of the highest integrity and of good sound business sense and ability. The bank is the proper place for the surplus money and the man who keeps his money in the sock bank to bait the night marauder and assassin is accountable to a large degree for the consequences.

The response of the local Jews to the call for help on their stricken people in the war districts is worthy testimony of the loyalty and fidelity of the Jewish people, one to another. No call, which comes from the devastated countries of Europe, is more deserving than that which is necessitated because of religious persecution. Both Jew and Christian have been called upon to endure many hardships and cruelties on account of their faiths, in the terrible struggle now in progress.

THREE GREAT EVENTS IN AS MANY MONTHS PROVED THAT FRANCE HAS THE MEANS AND WILL TO KEEP END OF WAR ON TO FINISH ARMIES SPLENDID

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Considered an objective in itself or a great offensive movement. The inclusion of all these objectives in a single movement and the attainment of them in six hours of fighting, preceded by European military experts to have only been possible by the attainment of a degree of co-ordination between infantry, artillery and aerial service never before attained and by the development of a degree of genius on the part of the French commanders which shows France conclusively at the highest point of the military power she has developed in the present war.

Of the morale of the men who accomplished this great achievement, I can speak personally. A few days after the recapture of Vaux, I visited the troops in their front line trenches before the fort. They had been there for days under a terrific bombardment, suffering hardships that it seemed inconceivable that human beings could sustain, living an existence that seemed to make the lot of their comrades whose dead bodies lay wind and rain beaten in the adjacent shell holes, one to be desired and preferred a thousand times over. And yet these men were gay; gay with the consciousness of men who have done their duty, and gay with the consciousness that they had attained for France a superiority over the enemy for which every one of them was willing to die that it might be eternally maintained.

Almost at the same moment of this great victory of France's military strength and France's military morale at Verdun, came the announcement on October 29, that the French nation as a whole was standing behind its fighting ranks in a manner equally as firm, and evidenced by its subscription of nearly 2,300,000 dollars to a new war loan, destined to enable the army to continue to a victorious end.

When, following the war of 1870, Germany imposed on France an unprecedented war indemnity of one billion dollars, the sole object of which was admittedly that of crushing France economically and financially, the entire world stood amazed at the manner in which France, in less than a year, borrowed this sum from her people, and paid off the debt.

Yet in the present instance, after over two years of warfare, after subscribing in an amazing manner to preceding loans, the French people, not in a year, but in three weeks only, subscribed a new war loan of over two billion dollars, or over twice the amount of the indemnity imposed on France in 1870.

Like the military victory at Verdun, the real significance of this financial and economic victory can only be appreciated by viewing it in connection with other things.

With the beginning of the present war, for example, the French people were invited to turn into the Bank of France their hoards of gold, accepting in its place ordinary bank notes. This gold, they were told, was needed in order to permit France to maintain her credit abroad.

Since the issuance of this invitation, this has poured into the Bank of France at a steady, undiminished average of 1,000,000 dollars a week. Not only this but during the three weeks that the subscription was in progress, the average of 1,000,000 dollars a week of gold exchanges for bank notes was not only maintained, but even increased reaching one week a total of 1,000,000 francs, or 1,400,000 dollars. With this military strength displayed at Verdun, with this financial strength displayed in her October 29th, and her new cabinet, together with the morale of the army and the rest of the civil population, France feels that she can look forward to 1917 with great cheer and great hopes.

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JUST TO PLAY SANTA CLAUS IN CHILDREN'S COURT

(By the United Press)

Chicago, Dec. 25.—For children whose Christmas Eve was shattered by quarrelling parents, Judge Stelk of the Court of Domestic Relations Sunday set up a great big Christmas tree decorated with cranberries and popcorn and sacks of candy in his home room. The judge played the part of Santa Claus to all children whose parents have been in his court with domestic troubles this year.

CONGRESSMAN JEFF McLEMORE MARRIED

(By the United Press)

Galveston, Dec. 27.—Miss May Clark of Galveston was married here today to Congressman Jeff McLemore of Houston. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's widowed mother and only members of the immediate family were present.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the National Bank of Kinston will be held at its banking house, Tuesday, January 9th, at 2 o'clock p. m., said meeting for the election of officers and such other business as may lawfully be transacted.

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GRAND THEATRE

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