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## Stewart's WASHINGTON LETTER

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NEA Service Writer

Washington, Dec. 28.—Nobody in Congress is so favorably situated for having a good time as a party delegation of one.

A member of a big delegation has to submit to party discipline. He's a dog. True, he can insure, but he's hated if he does, which costs him political advantages he'd enjoy otherwise.

A delegation of one has none but himself to think about. He isn't a rebel. He's a minority party and gets recognition as such.

Senator Henrik Shipstead, Minnesota Farmer-Laborite, is distinguished thus in the upper, and Representative Victor L. Berger, Wisconsin Socialist, in the lower house.

Shipstead had a fellow Farmer-Labor senator, Magnus Johnson, in the last Congress, but not in this.

In the house, with Berger, sits another member, Forest H. La Guardia, of New York, who classes officially as a Socialist. La Guardia, however, really is a Republican who couldn't get his own party nomination in the last campaign and had to run as a Socialist. Actually, Berger looks alone.

Shipstead and Berger stand well. They have good committee assignments. Shipstead notably on foreign relations and Berger on labor. On these, among other subjects concerning which they are exceptionally well informed, they're regarded as authorities.

Their influence is considerable, from the very fact that, as between the big groups, they're quite disinterested.

The "regulars" attitude toward them is altogether different from the "regular" attitude toward the insurgents, who claim to belong to a big party when the big party doesn't consider that they do.

Where Missionary Work Is Futile, High Point Enterprise.

The Christmas holidays are to be used by the Chinese national students' union for an anti-Christian demonstration in the yellow republic.

A missionary leader says: "We are more deeply grieved because the chief cause that lie at the bottom of this outbreak of anti-Christian feeling are largely the result of the failure of Christian nations to deal justly with China. Christianity in China is bearing the burden of wrong international relations with so-called Christian nations."

The "heathen" no longer take the missionary's word for the glories of the Christian life. They are disposed to study through their own commissions the effects of the "new birth" in Christian lands. The big missionary problem of the church is at home.

The anti-Christian world is not averse to accepting the truth, but Christian people will never convince the pagan of the truth of Christianity until they live their faith more generally and more courageously. The east is interested in western civilization and particularly in the evidence of western effectiveness but the east hasn't been able to see any connection between the occidental religion and occidental culture and success.

Under modern conditions, America probably could convert China to Christianity if America were genuinely Christian without ever sending a missionary over the sea, but any number of missionaries will fail to convert her if China sees America professing one ideal and living another.

January 26 will be the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Mrs. U. S. Grant, wife of the famous civil war commander who became President of the United States. According to the latest report there are 27,469 women in the Federal civil service in Washington, of which the largest number are employed in the Treasury Department.

A whole radio program has been broadcast from East Pittsburgh, received by London and retransmitted to British India, thus joining East and West through the Medium of the ether.

The whole of Sweden is able to boast of only three golf clubs.

## DINNER STORIES

Husband: "Jones is a very grasping man. He wants everything he sees."

Wife: "Won't you introduce him to our oldest daughter?"

Teacher: "An abstract noun is the name of something you can think of, but cannot touch. Tommy, give me an example."

Tommy: "A red hot poker."

Teacher: "What kind of a sentence is 'I do'?"

Johnny: "A life sentence."

She: "Did you follow my advice to sleep with your window open and get rid of your cold?"

He: "Yes, but I got rid of my 'catch' and loose change."

Jack: "What wonderful jazz!"

Ethel: "Isn't it? Tommy is running the lace curtains through the piano."

Young donkey is held a delicious Christmas dish by the French peasant.

Willie—Teacher says we are here to help others.

Father—That is so.

Willie—Well, what are the others here for?

## STINGIEST PERSON

New York Mirror.

The stingiest person I know is the proprietor of a soda water store who rolls up paper to substitute for straws.

The stingiest person I know is the storekeeper who will not give me a big when I buy five cents worth of candy.

The stingiest person I know is a farmer who employs a lot of boys to pick his strawberries and gives each of them a stick of chewing gum so they won't eat the strawberries.

The stingiest person I know is my boss. He never seals his letters so they can go through the mail for one cent.

The stingiest person I know is our landlord, who borrows a pencil and a piece of paper to give us a receipt.

The stingiest person I know is the man that gets out of bed to turn over to keep from wearing out his night shirt.

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## Pug Sensation



Presenting "California" Joe Lynch of San Francisco, who recently jumped into the pugilistic parlor, whipping Phil Rosenberg, world bantamweight champion. Though the crown was not involved, Lynch's showing was a distinct surprise. Critics see a possible future titleholder in the far west sensation.

## Too Frugal



Mrs. Grace Stevens, 22, of Los Angeles, wanted to join her husband, a soldier stationed in the Philippines, but didn't have enough money. So she saved so earnestly that her clothes looked too shabby to be worn, and she put on a sailor uniform belonging to her husband. Now she's under arrest charged with illegally wearing a naval uniform.

## Anti-Freeze Mixtures.

How much anti-freeze mixture do you use in the radiator of your automobile? Or do you merely keep "some" in irrespective of the temperature during the winter? If you don't have enough anti-freeze mixture in the radiator it will freeze up and burst; if you have too much you are being put at unnecessary expense. If you have 10 per cent. by volume of either alcohol or glycerine in the radiator it will freeze at 27 above zero. A solution of 20 per cent. alcohol or 15 per cent. glycerine will freeze at 20; 30 of alcohol and 25 of glycerine, at 10 degrees; 40 of alcohol and 35 of glycerine, at zero; 45 of alcohol and 40 of glycerine, at 10 below zero, and 50 of alcohol and 45 of glycerine, at 20 below. Note that the freezing point of glycerine, generally speaking, is slightly higher than that of alcohol.

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Secession Ordinance Found? Common Pleas Judge Feissinger, of Sandusky, Ohio, claims to have found hidden away among old papers in the possession of his family the original South Carolina ordinance of secession from the Union. The document, known as "the cause of the rebellion," was signed at Charleston on December 20, 1860.

A notation dated March 3, 1865, in one corner reads: "This scroll of treason was found in the house of Dr. Lamb, secretary of state, along with other state papers, while out on a two-day scout tour," followed by the names of members of four companies of federal troops.

However, Alex Salley, of the South Carolina Historical Commission, denies that the ordinance is the original one. The real thing, he says, is now

in the possession of the commission. He thinks the Ohio document is one of a number of copies authorized by the secession convention for its members.

## Delay in Solar Eclipse.

There was a delay of about five seconds in the solar eclipse of the sun last January. Astronomers have been trying to find out what caused it. They think it is a reflection upon their science to make such a tremendous error!

Prof. E. W. Brown, of Yale University, thinks the mountains and valleys of the moon were in part responsible for the error in calculation.

In a lecture Prof. Brown recently explained that a mountain on the moon's surface, obstructing the sun's rays, would account for a delay of from one

to three seconds. On the other hand, a large valley on the moon would make the eclipse occur too early by permitting the rays of the sun to shine through.

Other reasons for the miscalculation were also suggested. For instance, asserted Prof. Brown, the earth is slowing down at the rate of about 1-10,000th of a second in a century. Besides, the width of the shadow cast during the eclipse last January indicates that the diameter of the moon is smaller than was supposed by astronomers.

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