

## AMERICAN TOYS FOR AMERICANS

### Plenty of Them and No Reason For Not Being Proudly Patriotic at Christmas Says Toyman

New York, Nov. 12.—"There will be plenty of American made toys of endless variety for American children this Christmas," said Harry C. Ives, president of the Toy Manufacturers of the U. S. A. at the offices of the Association today when asked to explain the systematically circulated reports that Santa Claus would be forced to fly a foreign flag because of a shortage of toys of a domestic make.

"All talk of that sort," he continued, "is bosh—it is worse—it is deliberate and interested misrepresentation."

Our own compilation of figures based upon monthly reports from our members and the statistics of the United States Department of Commerce prove conclusively that the American production of toys of all kinds, from the simplest dolls to the most elaborate mechanical plaything, is not only sufficient to supply the needs of our children but also that we have been able to export this year more than \$3,000,000 worth of dolls, toys and playthings.

"The American production of toys for 1920 is, conservatively, \$80,000,000. Of that total \$15,000,000 represents the production of dolls ranging from the stuffed cloth variety to the finest quality throughout and surpassing anything in dolls ever produced anywhere in the world. I do not manufacture dolls but I have had the fact absolutely proved to me.

"Included in the balance of \$65,000,000 worth of American toys are playthings of all kinds and all made of honest materials, finest workmanship and durability combined with originality of ideas and design and of truly educational value that place them in a class by themselves.

"I have been astonished to see in the daily press articles in regard to imported toys which would tend to make American mothers believe that at the coming holidays there will not be enough American toys for their children. Toys are national to the country of origin as they have been since the days of the early Egyptians. If there is any good reason why American children should have foreign toys forced upon them when the supply of their own national playthings is abundant, I have never heard of it.

"We must all recognize that there has been a glamor cast around the toys of other lands by people who have visited the concentrated toy centers in Europe. The American toy industry has no such centralized character but if we could take all of the toy factories of the United States and group them around the 'Toy Town' of America, Winchendon, Mass., it would make a collection of factories that would overshadow the toy districts of any other country. Just as an example of the diversified character of the factories which would be brought together in such an ideal toy center we would have dolls, balloons, tops, doll furniture, musical toys, automobile and spring toys, mechanical trains, wheel toys, sleds, coaster wagons and a diversity of products impossible to enumerate. The volume of toy shipments which would leave these factories is probably almost beyond the comprehension of the reader. For example one toy factory has a record of shipping five carloads of toys to a single dealer on one day, which represents, of course, only a small part of the total annual production. Balloons, bubble pipes, marbles, and other items that are so small that we would all pass them by without thought are being shipped by the millions every week. One balloon factory alone produces a million dollars worth of balloons annually.

"When a shipment of a few cases of foreign toys arrives at one of our ports it is a matter of news to the reporter who meets the ship, but if he would go to the freight terminals in his home city on the coast or to any of the large toy distributing centers throughout the United States he would find car loads of American toys pouring into these terminals week by week in a volume that would exceed the imported toys many times over. Just as car loads of toys are leaving Vermont, carloads of sleds are leaving Maine and Michigan, carloads of coaster wagons are leaving New York, carloads of wheel

### SAYS CRUELTY INCREASED

Chicago, Nov. 13.—Statistics showing complaints of cruelty to wife and children increased 238 per cent since prohibition, said the superintendent of juvenile protection here today. He said that the reaction expressed itself in surliness and abuse but family non support has decreased.

### HARDING MAROONED

Point Isabel, Tex. Nov. 3.—Kept off the fishing grounds by a cold northerly storm and virtually marooned on the land side by impassable roads, President-elect Harding remained at his cottage today.

### YALE-PRINCETON

Princeton, N. J., Nov. 13.—A vanguard of more than 50,000 spectators overran Princeton today for the annual Princeton-Yale football classic. The line-up shows that Captain Callahan will play right guard for Yale and thus not face his brother, who will play center for Princeton.

### GERMANY WON'T APPLY

Geneva, Nov. 13 (By The Associated Press)—Germany will not make formal application for admission to the League of Nations but would not ignore the invitation to become a member, said Dr. Herman Mueller, vice president to the foreign affairs committee of the German Reichstag, in a statement to the Journal de Geneve.

wagons are leaving the State of Ohio and enormous shipments of dolls are leaving New York City.

"What figures," Mr. Ives was asked, "are there to indicate the growth of the American toy industry?"

"Government figures compiled by the Department of Commerce show that the exports of American toys in 1914—the last normal pre-war year—were \$809,120 while the same compilation shows that for the ten months ending September 1, 1920 the exports of American toys to forty seven countries was \$3,102,530. The American export is very steady as indicated by the fact that for the ten months in question the highest monthly figures were \$496,273 and the lowest \$229,576 with a monthly average of \$310,253.

"Our own Association figures show that the approximate output of American toys in 1914 was \$35,000,000 while a conservative estimate of production for 1920 is \$80,000,000.

"Imports from all countries in 1914 were approximately \$9,000,000 or more than eleven times the amount of our exports in toys, while for 1920 the government figures for ten months show imports of toys from all countries as \$8,149,935 or about two and two-thirds times the amount of our exports which figures constitute a remarkable record of growth in an industry which was supposed by many to be very largely dependent upon foreign help. For seven months out of the ten months included in the 1920 figures as so far issued, American toy manufacturers exported to all countries more toys than were imported from Germany and our total exports for all countries for the total ten months were within \$226,235 of imports from Germany for the same period.

"During the years that foreign toys were not available the demand here for toys of American manufacture naturally increased. American toy makers met the increased demand not only in quantity and quality but also by greatly augmenting the 'lines' manufactured until they included virtually all the best numbers or novelties for which retailers here had usually sent abroad, so that today the line of toys of American manufacture is almost as completed as combined lines of American and foreign toys before the war and the person who cannot find an American toy to suit the needs of any American child between the ages of one and fifteen is indeed hard to please.

"The fact that we are able to supply the home market and still export \$3,000,000 in toys is, to my mind at least, pretty clear evidence of the fact that, as I said at the beginning of this interview, there will be plenty of American toys this Christmas for American children."

"Will the price of American toys be higher this Christmas than during the 1919 holidays," Mr. Ives was asked.

The price of toys of American manufacture will be lower this Christmas than they were in 1914 when the purchasing power of the dollar is considered although in dollars and cents they will cost more. Despite an increase in materials, labor and general overhead ranging from 500 to 300 per cent in the toy industry, the price of toys has advanced less in proportion than the staple product of other American industries."

## NOTICE TO LIGHT AND WATER CUSTOMERS

On Sunday, November 14th, the Electric Light and Water Plant will be entirely closed down, and there will be neither light nor water service on that day. All water customers will please take notice, and draw sufficient water for Sunday use, Saturday.

This close down is made necessary in order to connect the new boiler to the steam lines.

Trusting that our customers will bear with us in this inconvenience, and assuring them of better service in the near future, we beg to remain

The Electric Light and Water Cos.  
of Elizabeth City

## BESTCITY WINS O'ER ROCKY MT.

### First Game of Championship Series Was Close And Snappy—Score 27 to 25 in Favor of Bestcity.

Aided by the breaks of the game and a superb fighting spirit the Elizabeth City football team defeated the Rocky Mount High School team Friday afternoon in the first game of the elimination series for the Eastern championship.

The Rocky Mount team entered the game with a rush and by a series of line plays marched steadily down the field for a touchdown but failed to kick the goal. In the first quarter they also scored another touchdown on straight football after which they kicked the goal. Elizabeth City also scored in the first quarter when Thompson fumbled a punt and Elizabeth City fell on the ball near Rocky Mount's goal. Lowry carried the ball over by a pretty end run and Sherlock kicked the goal.

In the second quarter Rocky Mount continued its march through Elizabeth City's line for a third touchdown but failed again at goal. The half ended with the score: Rocky Mount, 19; Elizabeth City 7.

When the Elizabeth City team came on the field at the beginning of the second half it seemed a different team. Especially in the third quarter they completely took Rocky Mount by surprise and at the end of the third quarter Elizabeth City was leading her heavier opponents by the score of 21 to 19. Both on the offensive and defensive Elizabeth City far outplayed Rocky Mount in this quarter. The line stiffened and Rocky Mount was forced to surrender the ball on downs. In the offensive play each member of the backfield was conspicuous. McMullan was the particular star, but was ably assisted by Duke, Lowry and Jones.

In the fourth quarter Elizabeth City still displayed great power and scored another touchdown. Rocky Mount was aroused by this last touchdown and with three minutes to play started a series of line plunges, with Melvin doing the brunt of the work, which gave them a fourth touchdown and brought them within two points of a tie—score: The final score was 27 to 25.

Other stars for Rocky Mount were Thompson, the best quarter seen here this season, and Whitley, who played halfback.

By winning this game Elizabeth City gained the right to play the strong Red Oak team on next Saturday. The game will be played in Red Oak. While the Elizabeth City team realizes the merit of the Red Oak team, they believe they can turn the trick which will put Red Oak out of the race and give the local fans a chance to see another championship game on the home gridiron.

At Elizabeth City was jubilant Friday night over the gritty fight and brilliant victory won by the home town against a team that outweighed them by 25 per cent.

O. F. Gilbert has returned from a buying trip to New and other northern cities.

### SHIPPING BOARD APPOINTED

Washington, Nov. 13.—The shipping board appointed by President Wilson was: Rear Admiral Benson of Georgia, Democrat; Chairman Frederick I. Thompson of Alabama, Democrat; John N. Teal of Oregon, Democrat; John A. Donald of New York, Democrat; Chester R. Howell of California, Republican; Guy D. Goff of Wisconsin, Republican; Charles Sutter of Missouri, Republican.

Frank D. Byington, of Maryland, was appointed commissioner of pensions.

### TWO CHIMNEY FIRES

The fire company was called out by an alarm from box 62 at 7:10 Friday evening to a house on Dunstan Lane, occupied by Pender Moore and owned by Mrs. J. Y. Old. It was a chimney fire and there was practically no damage.

At 7:20 Saturday morning the fire company was called out by an alarm from box 42 to a house on West Fearing street occupied by N. R. Rhodes and owned by T. P. Nash. This was also a chimney fire and there was no damage.

## WOULD CONNECT NATIONAL PARKS

### Convention at Denver Plans to Unite Cities and States of West by Wonderful Highway

Denver, Colo., Nov. 11.—The initial convention of the Park-to-Park Highway Association with nearly 100 delegates in attendants, opened here today with a program calling for congressional aid for the twelve most westerly states in raising \$100,000,000 for hard surfacing the 5,600 miles of dirt roads that serve as connecting links to form the National Park-to-Park-Highway. The convention will last three days.

Stephen T. Mather, director of the National Park Service, officials of the American Automobile Association, the Rotarians, Optimists and other western organization, are participating. The National Park-to-Park Highway Association will be put on a permanent organization basis and state and local branches formed in twelve states and 100 cities of the west.

Congress will be memorialized to make this federal highway, roughly circling nine western states, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona and New Mexico and connecting 11 National parks.

Representatives of the governors of these states, as well as Utah, Nevada and Texas, are attending the conference, which marks the close of the official tour, dedicating this American motor way, with the start and finish in Denver. The trip required 75 days, noon and night meetings being held in towns on the route to arouse the west to a greater appreciation of its scenic, industrial and agricultural possibilities.

This wonder highway in the form of a larriat loop embraces an area greater than continental Europe, touching in the course of its scenic running nose, Mesa Verde, Rocky Mountain, Yellowstone, Glacier, Mount Rainier, Crater Lake, Lassen, Yosemite, Sequoia, General Grant and Grant Canyon National Parks. A branch road will some day connect Zion National Park in Utah, Cheyenne, Great Falls, Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Denver are on the route.

### HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE

Tokio, Nov. 13 (By The Associated Press)—Newspapers today report that the Japanese and American governments have reached an agreement in principle relative to the exclusion of Japanese laborers from the United States, but that there is disagreement about the methods to be employed.

### COAL SHORT IN BUFFALO

Buffalo, Nov. 13.—A doctor's certificate was required today to obtain a ton of coal here and with the thermometer around 20 above zero thousands with empty bins clamored for coal. A marked shortage of natural gas intensified the demand.

### IN POLICE COURT

C. C. Price in police court Saturday was fined \$5 and costs for cruelty to animals. Alfred Romms, charged with assault, was taxed with the costs.

## EHRINGHAUS NOT TO RUN IN 1922

### Will Not Be Candidate to Succeed Himself at That Time Says Solicitor of First Judicial District.

Solicitor J. C. B. Ehringhaus will not be a candidate for nomination for re-election in the June primary of 1922.

Solicitor Ehringhaus, about to leave the city, took time to say this much to an Advance reporter early this morning and hastened on without explanations or amplifications to an awaiting automobile.

"I am saying this so that candidates who want to run for the office in the Democratic primary may have time to map out their campaigns," was his only comment.

Solicitor Ehringhaus is now serving his eleventh year as solicitor of this district, having been nominated and elected for three successive terms, the last two practically without opposition.

He is a comparatively young man, still under forty, and is one of the most popular public officials in the section. His law firm, Ehringhaus & Small, is one of the most successful in Eastern North Carolina and enjoys a large practice.

He is a man whom, his friends believe, should he aspire to higher office, the people would be delighted to honor.

A number of prospective candidates are already mentioned as possible successors, including one or two from Elizabeth City; but so far as is known here none of these candidates has been formally announced.

### ENTERTAIN FOOTBALL BOYS

The Boys' Athletic Association here, entertained the Rocky Mount football team Friday evening at the home of Miss Dorothy Jones on West Main street from eight to eleven. There was music and dancing and a general good time. Sandwiches, cocoa and mints were served.

### COTTON CONSUMPTION SMALL

Washington, Nov. 13.—Curtailment of cotton manufacturing was reflected in the October cotton consumption statistics announced today showing the amount of raw cotton used for manufacturing last month 399,837 bales, the smallest of any month in six years.

### SEBASEOPOL EVACUATED

London, Nov. 13.—Sebastopol is being evacuated and the British authorities are requisitioning ships in Constantinople to take refugees from that city, says a dispatch from Constantinople to the exchange telegraph here.

General Wrangel's situation in Northern Crimea is said to be desperate.

### TOM MOORE STORES FILM IN FIRE-PROOF VAULT

Tom Moore, who will be seen at the Alkrama today in "Stop Thief," has a large fire-proof vault in which he is storing hundreds of feet of film. No, the pictures are not of himself—"except incidentally, now and then," as he puts it. They are motion pictures which he has had made of his small daughter Alice. They show her from the time she played with a rattle, through the period of learning to walk until now when she is interested in story-books and tries to spell out the words. Most of the hours which Tom Moore spends away from the Goldwyn studio are spent with his small daughter, and this past summer he has taught her to swim.

### SAYS GO THE LIMIT

Washington, Nov. 13.—Secretary Daniels said today that the Navy Department will "go the limit" in stamping out hazing at the Naval Academy and midshipmen will be dismissed if necessary to end the practice.

## J. W. Munden Goes With E. S. Chesson

Having recently sold my goods furnishing business I take this method of notifying the public that beginning Monday, November 15th, I will be connected with E. S. Chesson & Company's Department Store. I earnestly solicit the patronage of my friends and will strive to give the same courteous service as in the past.

Very respectfully,  
J. W. Munden