

ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS

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OFF TO HELP SANTA.



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As Christmas was coming and Santa Claus, as usual, was as busy as a tailor—or busier—the Fairy Queen sent for the Twins to help him.

The Green Wizard in the tree-tops could spare them now, as so many Forest and Meadow folk had gone to Dreamland for the winter, he had scarcely a thing to do.

So off went the Twins toward the North Pole.

No, Nancy and Nick did not have to go to Brownland to help the little Brownies dig the golden glitter for the tree-toys as they had done once before. This time they were to help the toy-maker, Santa Claus' chief assistant.

The toy-maker lived in a large house near the North Pole and thither went Nancy and Nick in their Green Shoes.

"Tap, tap, tap," they rapped on his big front door with the great brass knocker.

Instantly the door swung open and there stood not only the toy-

maker, but Santa himself!

"Why, hello there, kiddies," cried Santa, giving each of them a hearty kiss and a hug. "I declare if you aren't just in time! Mr. Toy Maker and I were talking about the notes. The chimney notes, you know, that the children write. We can't get to work on the toys very well until we know about how many dolls are wanted this year. Also horns, drums, sleds, building blocks, radio sets, pogo-sticks, electric trains, express-wagons, kiddy cars, jumping-jacks, tops, music-boxes and what not."

Santa Claus stopped all out of breath. "There now," he went on. "You two Twins go and get all the notes out of the chimneys and bring them to us so we can begin work at once."

"But be careful Tweednose, the naughty gnomes, will get there first, if you are not careful, and if he does he'll steal the notes, because he doesn't want the children to have any Christmas if he can help it."

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Allied Conference is Foredoomed

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From reports and rumors that are coming from Europe, it now seems probable that the premier will reach a decision at their forthcoming conference, and that this decision will include at least three principal conditions.

The first will be that Germany must raise a forced internal loan in gold through the sale of her foreign investments.

The second is that she must submit to the direct supervision of her financial and economic policies by representatives of the allied nations.

The third condition will probably be that she will be granted a moratorium of perhaps two years with respect to money payments on her

indebtedness, but she must continue her payments of coal, wood and other commodities.

As we enter 1923 the prospects of any such temporary settlement cannot be viewed with great hopefulness. One thing that seems all too clear is that European conditions in 1923 will be worse than they have been in any other year since the armistice. Moreover, these bad conditions are general and not restricted to any two or three nations.

The fact is that almost every nation in Europe is spending more than its income, and is consuming more than it produces.

The nations that have so guided their financial conditions as to avoid great depreciation of the currency are experiencing severe economic difficulties. Among such nations are

England, Switzerland and Czechoslovakia.

Among the nations which are experiencing less difficulty in an industrial way are those where financial problems are most pressing. Among such nations are Germany, France and Italy.

The fact is that no piecemeal solution will cure the rapidly growing economic, financial and political problems of Europe. The problems are too intimately related and the industrial life of each nation is too fundamentally dependent on the welfare of the neighboring nations to make possible at this late date any genuine betterment through a mere temporary set of concessions relating to Germany alone.

Europe needs a general settlement participated in by all the important nations of the western portion of the continent, and embracing mutual agreements as to the stabilization of international indebtedness, the mitigation of customs barriers

as well as the problems centering around Germany's reparation obligations.

Such a general settlement will involve looking the existing situation frankly in the face, and restoring the gold standard for currencies through the distasteful methods of changing the par value of most currencies of Europe.

The difficulties involved are political quite as much as economic, but the statesmen of the old world and of the new must grapple with these problems and crowd them for solution before many more months have gone by, or face as an alternative a culmination of a widespread disaster that everyone must dread to contemplate.

To make a college cream candy, boil one pound brown sugar in a cup of water. When it hardens in a little cold water, pour it over the stiff white of one egg. Beat well, and when it begins to cream, add chopped nuts.

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Prior to the reception ceremony, the Rev. Joseph Murray, Rector, and the Rev. Joseph Murray, Rector, who has conducted the retreat, preached on the duties of the Catholic manhood and the principles and ideals of the Holy Name Society.

The recitation of the Rosary, a special music program and solemn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament were other features of the services. The edifice was thronged with parishioners, many of them relatives and friends of the new members.

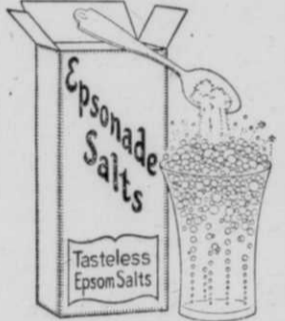
St. Mary's Holy Name Society has the distinction of being the oldest in the diocese and of having been established by the Very Rev. Father McKenna, the founder of the order.

KLAN WARNS "DRY" AGENTS.

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 4.—Warning was received by the state prohibition department yesterday that unless it takes immediate action against certain officials of a Wisconsin city where illicit liquor traffic is said to be carried on flagrantly, the Ku Klux Klan of that city will handle the situation in its own way to bring a cleanup. Prohibition officers refused to make known the name of the city.

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