

TAX EXPERT WILL VISIT OTTAWA TO EXPLAIN NEW LAW

PARLEY IS OPENED IN HOPE OF WINNING SOUTHERN NEIGHBOR OVER TO CAUSE OF ALLIES - REPRESENTATIVES MEET IN WASHINGTON.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Negotiations have begun here for settlement of all disputes between the United States and Mexico.

Hope is expressed in official quarters that Mexico may even be induced to abandon her neutrality and join the United States and the allies.

The American end of the negotiations will be handled by Secretary Lansing himself, assisted by Ambassador Henry P. Fletcher, who arrived here today from Mexico City for that purpose.

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Oil Question Big Issue. The United States will offer gold and copper for metals.

Behind these specific matters, however, are larger questions. The United States and the allies need Mexican oil. There is trouble in the Tampico oil regions. This trouble, Ambassador Fletcher has informed President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, has been made worse by the circulation of reports emanating from mysterious sources in Washington that the United States and Great Britain are about to intervene at Tampico.

A cabinet member, on the assurance of the President himself, said that such reports are utterly without foundation.

German Agents Spread Lies.

German agents in Mexico it was explained, have seized upon these reports to stir new antagonism against the United States. Deeds have been told the United States is trying to starve out Mexico.

JAN. 10 IS FIXED FOR SUFFRAGE VOTE

Washington, Dec. 19.—The House rules committee agreed to set Thursday, January 10, for a vote in the House on the suffrage amendment. This virtually assures action on that date.

U. S. CLAY IS SUPERIOR

Found Better than Imported Kind by Glass Workers

American glass manufacturers who have felt the necessity of depending upon foreign clays will be able hereafter to assert their independence of foreign material as a result of experiments that have been conducted by the United States bureau of standards.

The Pittsburgh laboratory of that bureau, which is located near one of the chief centers for the industry in the United States, working in co-operation with the clay pot industries, has learned that glass refractories (pots in which glass is melted) can be prepared from American clays, with resulting better quality than that of the article manufactured with the addition of German plastic clays.

The mixture prepared from the American clays proved superior in the glass corrosion tests, both to the mixtures prepared with German clays alone, and to those prepared from American and German clays combined.

The director of the bureau of standards states that the value of the results of this single investigation to American industry far surpasses the entire amount the government has expended in the clay products work since the time of its organization. The opinion of those in charge of the experiments is that from now on foreign clays will be needed in this branch of manufacture. The work inaugurated by these experiments is now ready to be tried out on a large scale.—Commerce Reports.

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CITY AND VICINITY ITEMS

Silas and Louis Graham will arrive home tonight from Prairie du Chiene, Wis., where they are attending school, to spend their Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Graham.

Clarence Tharpe left this morning for Joliet to make his future home.

Miss Dorothy Graham will arrive home tomorrow from St. Mary's in the Woods, Indiana, where she is attending school, to spend her Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Graham.

Miss Cecelia Sheehan has returned to her home in Streator, after a visit with Ottawa friends.

William Mulholland has accepted a clerical position with the Arnold Sand Co., west of the city.

Miss Hazel Hess went to La Salle this afternoon for a short visit with relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. William Knoll and daughter Rena will return home tonight after a seven weeks visit with relatives at Estherville Iowa.

J. O. Jorsted of Sheridan was an Ottawa business visitor today.

Miss Gertrude Nedvitz, of Sulphur Springs is the guest of Miss Margaret Sanders in this city.

County Treasurer W. C. Flick went to Streator yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles Knoll of Fall River township, who has been confined to her bed for three weeks with pneumonia is able to be up and around again.

Owen Fox, 12 year old son of Street Commissioner Owen C. Fox, underwent an operation for appendicitis this afternoon at Ryburn hospital.

MARLIN OFFICIAL SAYS THE WAR DEPT. SPURNED HIS OFFER

Washington, Dec. 19.—The most damaging evidence yet given of how the war department deliberately ignored the danger of war and that it refused to take heed of the imperative necessity of machine guns, was laid before the Senate Military Affairs committee today by Louis E. Stoddard, vice president of the Marlin Arms Company.

Stoddard openly charged the ordnance department with rejecting his offer to begin the manufacture of machine guns immediately after the break with Germany, without waiting for Congress to appropriate money.

If the war department had told him to go ahead, he testified, the arm could have been more than adequate supplied instead of being without a single machine gun.

LA SALLEAN SOUGHT FOR ABANDONMENT

Deputy sheriffs are on the trail of Frank Smith, alleged wife and child abandoner, who is said to have left his family at La Salle, in destitute circumstances.

Information has been filed in the county clerk's office by State's Attorney Wiley, against Smith, and it is not believed the authorities will meet with any trouble tracing him down and bringing him into court.

MRS. ANNA GAY LEE TELLS OF EXPERIENCES IN MILITARY HOSPITAL

Mrs. Anna Gay Lee while on a visit to her old home in this city recently told some of her experiences while working in the Montreal military hospital, where the soldiers are returned for treatment after being hopelessly wounded. Mrs. Lee has been doing soldiers' relief work among these wounded men, and has been an eyewitness to some very pathetic cases.

Many men come in so hopelessly crippled that they must be carried into the hospital in baskets, that being the only comfortable way to move them. There have been over 1200 cases landed in this hospital of men who have been seriously injured during the war.

Hundreds of men are brought in there with both legs shot off, or with both arms missing, but the most pathetic of all the cases that come to the hospital are the men who have had their memories lost thru a "shell shock." These men may be perfect in all other respects, but the horrors of the war has caused them to lose all recollection of the past. Mother come to see their sons who are suffering from this malady, but do not recognize the slightest recognition. Sisters and sweethearts are also puzzled without the faintest spark of recollection.

Another horror of the war is another form of this "shell shock" that affects the men in much the same fashion as palsy. This form of the shock causes the men to lose all muscular control and become as helpless as small babies without suffering any physical pain, or disabilities.

Notice to Contractors. Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned until Saturday, December 22, 1917, at 9 o'clock a. m., for the construction of a vitrified pipe sewer thru Washington park as per specifications on file in city office. W. W. CURTIS, City Clerk.

Miss S. Isabella Sanders was returned to her home in South Ottawa after a visit of several weeks with friends in Minneapolis.

Society Notes

The December meeting of the Men's Brotherhood Club of the First Baptist church was held last night in the parlors of the church. A supper was served at 6:30 to thirty men.

Following the supper a short business session was held when the resignation of the secretary, A. T. Fishman, who moved to Iowa last week, was read and accepted. G. E. Waite was elected to fill Mr. Fishman's place. Eight new members were voted into the brotherhood. All the men present joined in singing a program of patriotic songs under the direction of John Hoff. Mr. Hoff also sang several solos and the men present joined in singing the choruses. Rev. G. W. Chessman then introduced the speaker of the evening, W. H. Hinebaugh, who made a stirring talk on "The Man's Job in the Church of Today."

This talk was along the citizen's duty towards law enforcement, and his social and civic duties in the church. The next meeting of the brotherhood will be held the third Tuesday in January.

The annual Christmas party at the Ottawa Boat Club will be given Thursday evening, December 27th. Heinrich's orchestra has been engaged to furnish music for dancing from 9 until 1 o'clock.

There was a large attendance last night at the special meeting of the Eastern Star lodge, held in the Masonic Temple. Two new members, Miss Anna Jacks and W. C. La Van were initiated at this meeting. Following the business meeting a social hour was held and a lunch was served by the officers.

Mrs. John Berry, 505 Joliet street, was pleasantly surprised by about twenty of her friends, last night at her home, in honor of her birthday. All arrangements for the party were kept a secret from Mrs. Berry until the guests arrived in a body. The evening was spent in playing games and music, and refreshments were served at a late hour.

The members of the Drama club will give their annual Christmas party to the children on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 at Armory C. 179 invitations have been sent out to little ones in this city between the ages of 5 and 10 years inviting them to attend the party. The members of the club will give an entertainment for the children, and Santa Claus will visit the party, and distribute candy and toys to the children. A large Christmas tree will be one of the prettiest features of the party. Refreshments will be served to the children.

The Ottawa chapter of the American Red Cross has received quite a number of cash donations during the past few days for Christmas donations. It is probable that by Christmas day enough money will have been received from these donations to be of a great financial help to the organization. Since the public appeal was made thru the columns of this paper last week, a large number of women have responded and every day the headquarters are now filled with women busily engaged in Red Cross work. Yesterday a large shipment of mitts was received from the Red Cross branch chapter at Seneca and a number of quilts of pajamas were sent in from the Sheridan ranch. A large shipment was made to the Chicago division headquarters from the Ottawa chapter yesterday afternoon. This shipment contained 55 sweaters, 10 pairs of socks, 20 pairs wristlets and 45 helmets. The Marquette branch expects to send a shipment of articles to the Ottawa headquarters tomorrow.

The West Side Bible class will meet with Mrs. Edward McCall, 1241 Macdon street, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. G. W. Kirby will sing. Mrs. Dwyer will give a bible reading on the subject, "Seven Impossible Things." All west side ladies are invited to attend.

The annual meeting of the Ottawa Lodge No. 175, Mystic Workers of the World was held last evening in the lodge rooms. The annual reports were given and the annual election of officers was held. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: Perfect—John Washam, Monitor—N. E. Crowe, Secretary and banker—E. A. Kelly, Marshal—Louis Watring, Warden—Ed. Dwyer, Sentinel—Wm. Kerrigan, Supervisor, for 3 years—Jos. J. Murphy, Supervisor, for 2 years—C. J. Ingham.

It was voted to hold a card party after the installation of the new officers at the K. of P. hall on Tuesday evening, January 8th, and all members will have the privilege of bringing their friends.

A miscellaneous shower will be given in the ladies' hall at Pleasant View Luther college tonight for Miss Amy Hall, of this city whose marriage to John Harmonson of Chicago will take place on New Year's day in this city.

Prize Waltz and One Step. Tuesday night, Dec. 18, at Wills academy.



A Galley o' Fun!

NO REMEDY.

"After the circus parade had passed yesterday," wearily said the landlord of the Polkville, Ark., tavern, "them two young ladies, Maxine and Lucille, that wait table here, got into sort of a dispute over which of 'em it was that the clown winked at, each claiming the credit, or discredit, I don't know which. One illustrated her views by beating the other head with the dinner-bell, while the other voiced her opinion with a ketchup bottle. Of course, I understand how, being working ladies, they resent all insinuations that they are in any way inferior; but still, after the ketchup-bottle had spread most of its contents over the scene, and the clapper had blown out of the bell and broken a window, I sorter felt called upon to interfere and stop the fracas.

"No, it ain't worth while to fire 'em. Ladies will be ladies, and there ain't no help for it."



SOCIETY NOTES FROM THE LONDON TIMES.

The betting is 13 to 5 at present that the Duke of Devonshire will not get out of goal in time to attend the coronation festivities of King Edward's successor. The Duke is "in" for 14 years.

The Baroness Bilk-Biff announces the coming-out party of her accomplished niece, the Hon. Muriel Sponge to take place at an early date at the fine old country place of the Baroness, "Queensbury Hall." Odds of 3 to 1 are offered that the Baroness has no niece; and 9 to 2 that if she has, she won't have the nerve to bring her out.

Lady Lackdough will signalize the opening of the Fall season with an immense ping-pong dinner to over 200 guests. Betting is brisk at 12 to 7 that the balliffs will be the first guests to arrive.

Society is at a complete loss to understand why Mr. William Waldorf Astor should have presented a handsome hunting-case watch to old Sir Michael Messput. At any rate, it is universally predicted that Sir Michael will have the tucker up the spout by Thursday week; and, so far as the betting goes, it's a case of write your own ticket.

One of the real events of the season, the garden party of the popular Marchioness De Lush, is on for next week. Odds of 100 to 9 against prevail that the Marquis will not be sober enough to appear.

Young Lord Loosends came in for his inheritance late last week, the estate consisting mainly of the title and a kennel of 40ounds. At the Platypus Club they are making up a pool as to whether he marries an American heiress or a Gaiety Girl.

No doubt Sir Trambly Croft is a fortunate card-player, but you can obtain even money in any Mayfair drawing-room that he possesses more skill in games of chance than he does at games of skill.

They are nothing if not original at the Trepanned Club. One of its members recently laid another £4,000 even that a horse could fly further than a fly horse could fly. So far as is known the stakeholder has not yet rendered his decision.

Bishop Boldness is a game old sportsman, and one who can not yet get a friendly wager interposed with his standing as a dignitary of the cloth. The Bishop lately offered to bet the Hon. Willoughby Wildrake that the latter would go to Hades when he died; but the Hon. Willoughby declined the wager, even at liberal odds.

The engagement is officially announced of Lady Audrey Astor to Lieutenant Henry Henry, of the Life Guards Green. The odds on Chance are 23 to 8 that the old Dowager Duchess Astor will bulldoze Henry Henry into it; and 17 to 5 is also offered that he will eventually leave the country rather than come up to the scratch.

A NICE POINT.

"Every student of history knows that our Christmas customs are a development of the Roman Saturnalia." "O, surely not all!" "Think so?" "No, no! There's no reason to suppose, for instance, that the Romans were all the time being lunched to do their Saturnalian shopping early."

UNNECESSARY KNOWLEDGE.

Aunt Sarah (a spinster)—Now, dear, if you would only watch me closely, you might learn how to crochet. Little Bessie—Oh! I'm goin' to get married when I grow up!

Homemade Floor Polish. When polishing floors make a thick pad of felt or velvet and fasten it over an old worn-out broom. This makes an excellent polisher and saves the trouble of ketchup on the floor.

"EGG SUBSTITUTE" PROMOTER CAUGHT

Wallingford-Like Man Is Arrested in Fort Worth and Many Cities Ask for Him.

Fort Worth, Tex.—The "egg substitute" man, for whom agency detectives and the police of many cities have looked for nine years, after being arrested here, on a charge of forgery and swindling said, with all the assurance of a J. Rufus Wallingford, "They can't beat me," and smilingly added: "They call it forgery, but I have the right to sign my partner's name and get the money."

This man with a Wallingford-like career is W. J. Williams. He has been taken to Philadelphia for trial. St. Paul, Berkeley, Minneapolis, Duluth and Brooklyn also tried to get Williams when they heard he had been arrested. When the detectives looked over Williams, he had that Wallingford-like appearance—he looked and acted like a prosperous business man. Detective Chief Jackson thought he had a tough job on hand, but Williams, looking him in the eye, said:

"Let's get down to brass tacks. No use asking a long string of questions. I am the man you want, and I am willing to go without requisition papers to any city. That is the best way; it saves argument, time and trouble. I would like to leave right now and get it over with. I am a gentleman and I ask that you treat me as such."

He declined to sleep with the other prisoners, and paid for the privilege of sleeping in a detective's room and for the guard who watched while he slept.

Williams, according to the charges, is a one-game man. This game is said by the detectives to have been about as follows: Williams would advertise in a newspaper for a partner with \$500 capital. He would receive many replies, and upon landing a "partner," would propose starting a food product plant. He claimed to have the formula for a substitute for the white of an egg. According to Williams, he all but started egg factories in about 20 cities. The detectives say that, after forming a partnership, Williams would draw all the partner's money from the bank and disappear. Williams seemed to think this a perfectly safe operation.

Williams was caught when an old Denison citizen "told" for the egg food proposition and arranged to come here and put up \$600. The citizen went to his banker to get the money. But the banker had read in a bankers' journal of a similar egg proposition. There were the initials "W. J." Williams had preserved the initials, which he says are his own, in every case. The banker warned his customer, Matthew Schwalm.

A trap was prepared. Schwalm notified Williams to meet him here one afternoon. Instead of Schwalm, however, four detectives met Williams, and arrested him.

Williams is 52, but would pass for 40. When taken to Chief Jackson's office he was faultlessly dressed. His trousers were creased and he was clean shaven.

Specific charges against him involve alleged swindling to the amount of several thousand dollars. In Berkeley he is charged with having raised a \$4 check to \$400 and with having cashed a \$750 check at a bank there on a lumber company that had never existed. But detectives say the "company" was his favorite "game," and in his suit case was a lot of letters from "partners." The police here say it is an egg deal for which he must stand trial in Philadelphia, where he is said to have got \$700 from a bank by signing his "partner's" name and left with the money. In Philadelphia, the detectives say, he used the name of W. J. Douglas.

HOW TO LEARN GOLF

Life Gives Few Vital Points in Getting Game Down

While many books on golf have been written, nobody who is trying to play the game has any time to read them. The following simple rules, however, will be found to cover the main points of golf.

Keep your left eye firmly fixed upon the ball, while your right eye is allowed to roam fearlessly over the rear end of the circumambient atmosphere. If both eyes are kept on the ball, one of them invariably flies up with it to the green. By following our rule however, the eyes pull away from each other, thus preventing you from satisfying your curiosity about the ultimate destination of the ball. This curiosity by the way, is what ruins the game of a large majority.

Always play with a worse player than yourself—if you can find one. The rule of playing with a better one is all wrong. Golf is the only game where one never feels any resentment towards one's opponent, and only sympathy or anger for one's self. By playing with a worse player, therefore, one is excited to sympathize with him. To sympathize is to emulate a poorer player than yourself, you necessarily take more strokes, which means more practice, and in the long run, the more practice you get the better your game will be.

When you are learning how to play the game—that is to say, in the first ten years or so—always be accompanied by two caddies instead of one. One of these should be employed to roam the distant fields and penetrate the deep jungles on your right and left, searching (in vain) for lost balls. The other should remain constantly at your side, soothing you by his gentle presence, handing you the wrong clubs and holding himself as a target for whatever terms of endeavor you wish to bestow upon him during moments of religious exaltation. The expense, of course, you will not mind. Nobody who wishes to think he may in time play a good game of golf cares to hang about the expense.—Life.

Drive Turkeys to Market.

In some sections of Texas turkeys are driven to market. In one instance a flock of 8,000 turkeys was driven 13 miles in two days. Twice a year a train called the "turkey special" leaves Morristown, Tenn. Carloads of turkeys are sent to Morristown from the surrounding country, and these are made up into one train and rushed to New York. Each car contains about 1,200 birds and a man is sent to care for them. In spite of all possible speed and care, however, the birds are said to lose about 12 per cent of their weight in shipment.

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