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There is no more fitting time to show our appreciation of the loyalty of our subscribers and advertisers than to announce in this issue that we have completed arrangements with the United Press Associations to furnish THE COMMONWEALTH with telegraphic news of all the foreign happenings on the days we go to press so that on Tuesday and Friday this news will come to us from Washington, D. C., by telegraph and contain in condensed form, the same foreign news that appear in the large afternoon dailies, but with the advantage that The Commonwealth will be issued at four o'clock in the afternoon, whereas the city afternoon daily papers do not reach here until after seven o'clock at night.

We trust our subscribers will appreciate this added service and realize that THE COMMONWEALTH is issued for the benefit of the public, so that, at any time, if there can be any further improvement made in the paper, upon the suggestion of any subscriber, that will be of material benefit to all, it will be the purpose of THE COMMONWEALTH to make such additions from time to time.

## THANKSGIVING PRAISE

Lord of the harvest, Thee, we hail!  
Thine ancient promise doth not fail;  
The varying seasons haste their round;  
With goodness all our years are crowned;  
Our thanks we pay,  
This holy day.  
Oh let our hearts in tune be found.

Lord of the harvest, all is thine:  
The rains that fall, the suns that shine,  
The seed once hidden in the ground,  
The skill that makes our fruits abound;  
New every year,  
Thy gifts appear;  
New praises from our lips shall sound.

## AMERICA'S ONLY FEMALE SHERIFF (Ex.) WANTS JOB BACK

(By United Press)

Hackensack, N. J., Nov. 29.—Miss Constance Kopp, the demon undersheriff (ex) who, when in office was a four time winner on anything she undertook, is still a loser in the battle for her job back.

Miss Kopp was fired when John W. Courter, Republican; slid into the sheriff's berth on the G. O. P. landslide in New Jersey Nov. 7. He take it from himself, couldn't find a thing for Miss Kopp, Democrat, to do and so bounced her Miss Kopp, however, claims that the new civil service law, adopted just as the Republicans glided up to the fleshpots, guarantees her her job.

She is still off the pay roll, however, but has not given up the fight.

## SANTA CLAUS PRIZES

The tricycle in the window of the Josey Hardware Co., will be given to the little boy under eight years of age who sends in to The Commonwealth the best Santa Claus letter.

Mr. Jim Pittman, who is an hospital in Richmond, Va., is reported to be somewhat improved and expects to return home in the next two weeks.

## CORONATION OF NEW EMPEROR THIS WEEK

### Ceremony Will Follow the Funeral of Francis Joseph Thursday

London, Nov. 29.—The coronation of the new Austrian Emperor as King of Hungary under the name of Charles IV., says the Budapest paper, Villag, according to a dispatch from Vienna, will take place directly after the funeral of Emperor Francis Joseph. The Hungarian parliament will fix the date and hour for the coronation.

On coronation day the royal couple, in accordance with custom, proceeds to the church of St. Matthews in procession headed by the Hungarian Premier. It is a part of the ceremony that the new king, on reaching a hill, must point with his sword to the cardinal points of the compass, thus signifying his intention to defend the territory against all enemies. It is expected that this interesting symbolical act will take place on a mound, made of earth brought for the purpose from each of the Hungarian provinces and built in front of the parliament hall.

After the ceremony the king will ride to the castle, while the Hungarian Minister of Finance also on horseback, distributes gold and silver coins to the populace.

It is expected that the coronation present to be made by the

royal couple, which at the last coronation consisted of 100,000 crowns, will go to the war invalids, as at the last coronation the present went to the invalids of the war of 1848.

### Funeral of Late Emperor Today.

Vienna, Nov. 29.—The coffin of Emperor Francis Joseph has been finally closed but the body will remain lying in state until Thursday the day set for interment. At the burial in the crypt of the Capuchin, a historic ceremony will be carried out which was anciently designed to impress the monarch's successor that in spite of all pomp a sovereign is merely a mortal.

The funeral procession will be halted at the entrance to the vault by a challenge from within: "Who is there?" the reply will be made, "His Most Serene Majesty, The Emperor Francis Joseph." The challenger will then reply "I know him not." Responding to a second challenge the announcement will be made: The Emperor of Austria and Apostolic King of Hungary is outside." Again the challenger will answer: "I know him not." When, for the third time, the voice within asks who demands admission, the master of ceremonies will reply: "A sinful man, our brother Francis Joseph. The portals will then open and the procession enter.

## FINDS STOCKHOLM GREATEST CENTER OF INTRIGUE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN

By WM. PHILIP SIMMS  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Stockholm, Nov. 28.—(By Mail)—This is the spy-centre of the world. Here foe meets foe—but with his fingers crossed. It is neutral ground and the spy plays his ungrateful game in perfect safety.

"See the chap over there?" a friend asked, pointing across the lobby of one of the prettiest hotels in the world. "That is an Austrian military attache. The man he is talking to is a Russian from Petrograd. I know them both."

There they are playing their games. Each trying to trick the other to some end, only heaven knew what.

Never mind about locking your chest of drawers, or your bags or trunks," an acquaintance told me the day I landed in Stockholm. "Locks are no good here. If anybody wants to see what you have hidden away they will manage to do so. And they usually want to see."

There is perhaps no more fascinating spot anywhere than a certain hotel here. In the world's most beautiful dining room under a sort of colonnade ranging alongside a formal garden where a superb lawn grows under a leafy glass dome, where huge palms and flowers grow in profusion and the tinkle of a fountain in the Venetian court is not much softer than the music of a hidden stringed-orchestra, Germans and English, Austrian and French, Russian and Bulgars, Italians and Turks, Bel-

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## WARNING BANKERS ON FOREIGN INVESTMENTS

Washington, Nov. 29.—American bankers were warned by the Federal reserve board to avoid locking up their funds by purchasing treasury bills of foreign governments involving long term obligations. While specifically disclaiming "any intention of reflecting upon the financial stability of any nation," the board advises all investors to proceed with caution and formally announces to member banks of the Federal Reserve system that with the liquid funds which should be available to American merchants, manufacturers and farmers in danger of being absorbed for other purposes it does not regard it in the interest of the country at this time that they invest in foreign treasury bills of this character."

The statement is regarded in official circles as one of the most important declarations by the board since its creation. Officials would not discuss the question of publication, but some of them formally interpreted the warning as the reserve board's answer to the recent proposal of J. P. Morgan & Co., British fiscal agents in this country, to have American bankers of the British treasury bills of an indefinite total issue, secured by gold reserve held in Ottawa. Such loans would be for ninety days with the privilege of renewal of five other ninety day periods.

## SANTA CLAUS PRIZES

The doll to be given away by The Commonwealth to the little girl under eight years of age for the best Santa Claus letter is now exhibited in the window of R. C. Josey and Company.

## FOOD BY MAIL MAY REDUCE PRICES

### Government Experts Will Experiment With Parcel Post

Washington, Nov. 29.—Announcement was made that the Federal Government will make extensive experiments with the parcel post for the purpose of trying to develop it into an effective weapon for attacking the high cost of living.

The first step in this direction were taken yesterday when the parcel post experts of the Postoffice Department held a conference to formulate some comprehensive plan by which the parcel post can be more easily utilized as a food-product conveyor and the city consumer.

When the plan is approved, it will be tested out in large cities like New York, Baltimore and Washington and in some smaller cities of about 100,000 population. If it works well, Congress will be asked for funds to defray the cost of establishing it throughout the country.

The Postoffice Department has now at its command the sum of \$10,000 with which to carry out the experiment. This sum was carried in the last appropriation bill, and in view of the acute situation which has arisen in cities over the high prices of food it has been decided that now is the psychological time to experiment with the par-

cel post with the view of developing it as a genuine and effective transportation agency between the farm and the city.

Ever since the parcel post was established four years ago there have been sporadic efforts to utilize the system as a good products vehicle between the producer and the consumer. These efforts were made at the suggestion of Representative David J. Lewis, of Maryland. "The legislative father of the parcel post."

## STORK THAT HOVERS OVER CHICAGO IS SOME STORK

(By United Press)

Chicago, Nov. 29.—Apartment houses may not be the best places in which to rear children, but Chicago's stork doesn't sniff at them—not on your ironbound statistics which show that 6,144 families here have seven or more children.

School census figures just made public show sixty-two families with eleven children or more the largest family is of fifteen children from 6 months to 17 years old including a pair of twins.

Mr. Enoch Simmons, we are advised, was in town Wednesday for the purpose of purchasing the property of the late Dave Madry just below Kehukee church.