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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1914

Florida rules the vice-sinners. The fortunes of war appear to be falling on the water as on the land.

Anybody willing to take the proposition that it will be a white Christmas?

Assembly Lord Winston Churchill of the British admiralty has announced to explain concerning the effectiveness of his North sea patrol.

Vice-president Marshall is going to Arizona. And Columbia City that once knew him shall know him no more.

Remembering unfortunates today may be part and parcel of civilized warfare, but there is a pretty direct demand for expression in many minds that it ought to be.

Has been said that England would be "battered up" in order to get her property in the war spirit.

Major Roberts' appointment of Fern House are rapidly resigning their offices and somehow or other the state is minded of that amount soon to effect that rate always meant a sailing ship. It is fear and not repentance this is the actuating motive.

It is thrilling to hear that several democratic states are in open revolt against President Wilson's policy of distributing patronage and that they propose to put dynamic under him.

For on the rack of postage money fair ships, freighted with wailing and laments, have gotten home that sprang their water-tight compartments. Letters already sent for the S. O. S. sign.

Regardless of what the public authorities may say or not say it is perfectly apparent that the situation upon the modified front in Italy is still operative and the attempts to negotiate as a "truce" day" smacks sorely too much of mere talk.

To the death of W. H. Kilham, publisher of the News-Courier, Indiana's circulation loss one of its most aggressive and honorable disciples and the reputation of the state one of its most noble spirits and one of its most noble spirits and one of its most noble spirits.

The policy court of Indianapolis has issued an order receding the suspension of Billington from previous suspension. This when a man of some standing is arrested for committing a crime on some kind of offense, he will not be allowed to give the name of John Smith or William Jones. He must stand under his own name.

The adoption and enforcement of a similar rule in Fort Wayne would be a progressive and commendable step. No doubt, some occasional embarrassment in official circles.

These twenty-two German shells and their 255 men who have abandoned their ship, the Corbuzier, and have been interned at Ocean are entirely to be envied. In that line of duty they have won a noble martyrdom in the shade of the sheltering palms while the overboard, their salaries and board bills being defrayed by the German government. No war, no world, no role for them. They are the noblest of the noble.

Illustrating the reprehensible disrespect that is being displayed toward

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Inspired by this splendid Christmas weather gift goods are moving out rapidly, and every day needfuls come in for their share of attention.

Rugs, Linens, Blankets, Comforters, Silks, Dress Goods, Flannels, Underwear, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, etc., are finding many friends among those whose thoughts for gifts incline to the useful and practical.

What Would We Do Without Christmas?

What could we substitute that would so warm the cockles of our hearts, and so mellow our natures. We want to help make this Christmas the happiest ever and our bountiful stocks of giveable goods will be of great aid in helping to plan the happiness of others.

FURS

The gift par excellence. Furs for warmth, furs for style. Fashionable furs are not always expensive. We have an set of furs that is not fashionable and our latest priced furs are carefully selected with a view to quality, beauty of fur as well as style.

DOLLS

Little eyes are brightening already in expectation of a nice Dolly for Christmas. They are daily thronging our doll shop on the Third Floor picking out the light-haired, blue-eyed, or the brown-haired, brown-eyed beauty they want Santa Claus to bring them.

Fancy Goods

A world of beauty under this head. Look this list over, it may suggest a happy thought. Delicate jewelry, novelties, silver mesh bags, beaded, satin and velvet bags, fancy combs and hair pins, new pearls, jet and bead necklaces, Persian ivory toilet articles, hairpins, sets, combs and brush sets, shaving stands, shaving sets, smoking stands, smoking sets, desk sets, picture frames, collar boxes, powder boxes, fancy clocks, traveling cases, overnight cases, book racks, brass jardiniere and umbrella stands, and a host of other useful gifts.

Gloves, of Course

When you don't know what to give—give Gloves. They're always acceptable and it's an easy way out of the gift problem. Our complete glove stock comes happily to the aid of the Christmas giver with Gloves of quality and perfect fit. Priced from \$1.00 up to \$2.50. A handsome pair with every pair.

Holiday Handk'chiefs

Splendid handkerchiefs values are the rule at this store every day in the year, but as Christmas time is pre-eminently handkerchief time, assortments are greatly increased. Plain linen, initial, colored and lace 'kerchiefs in all their shrewdness and distinction are here in abundance. Pretty boxes to add to their attractiveness.

BATH ROBES FOR WOMEN AND MISSES

Wimpy new patterns and new designs. The sort of Robes that make friends at once, and the sort you want, you folks to wear. They are attracting wide attention and many of them are going. The prices are very low.

PERDUE HAZERS

Their Verdict Examined by Attorney for the Defendants.

At FAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 17.—Mabel Rogers of Shamba, Ind., plaintiff in a suit for breach of contract, filed a motion for judgment in her favor.

Under the Indiana statute, a defendant is not liable for damages for a breach of contract unless the plaintiff has shown that the defendant was in breach of contract.

At the trial of the case, the jury found in favor of the plaintiff, and the court granted judgment for her.

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Rippling Rhymes by Walt Mason. Illustration of a man and a woman.

Frail Humanity

Alas, we are but sorry creatures, we human beings, one and all; we do our best, we are not quitters, but our results seem beastly small. You know how earnestly we availed, all through the stifling summer days, and many a peck of flies we ported, and reved, in your well earned praise. With patient zeal and purpose, we carried on our endless quest, from early June until October we slew the flies and took no rest. With hardly time to eat our dinner, we soaked the flies from sun to sun; but were their legions any thinner for all the availing we had done? Perhaps some highbrow statistician might prove there was a million less than when, with high and pure ambition we started out—but that's a guess. Woe not by weary months of slaughter, we rest at last, our muscles laze, and then Danton Nature takes her avenger, and shows us how to play the game. She sends some weather cold and foggy, or sprouts a frost that paints things white, and lo! the flies are rendered groggy—a hundred billion in a night! Whies Nature does her wholesome killing, man looks as helpless as a doll, he does his best, his heart is willing, but his results are cheap and small.

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—and the Worst is Yet to Come

Illustration of a man and a woman in a room, with a large fly in the foreground.

These articles, woolen gloves, woolen socks, woolen underwear, dark mittens, colored handkerchiefs, abdominal belt and soap are made into a package which has been named the Lafayette kit. A fund has been started under the name "Lafayette Fund" with headquarters in the Vanderbilt hotel, New York, to send kits containing the articles enumerated above to the French soldiers in the trenches.



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(1865-1947), ca. 1900. b. Dec. 16, 1865, Tuttingen, Wurtemberg, Germany; d. Sep. 06, 1947 (Age 81), buried at Am Glockenturm 5, Coburg, Oberfranken, BY, 96450, Germany; Son of Ernst Paul HORST and Maria Barbara Barbara Horst Husband of Carita von Horst and Irmgard von Horst (Source: [Geni](#)).

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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMT_Royal_Edward] [Ultimately employed by **Field Marshal Frederick Sleigh Roberts, 1st Earl Roberts**; and **Viscount Alfred Milner**, co-founders of the British **Pilgrims Society** (1902)]

[<https://www.essexregiment.co.uk/powgships.html>]

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