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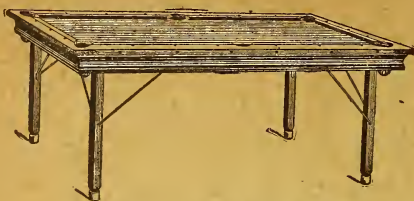
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Christmas This Year.

We won't have the same heart for, or in, Christmas this year. That is natural. And it is well for us, for if we are candid with ourselves we will concede that we have been overdoing Christmas. A simpler Christmas will be good for us. When we will give more thought; when we will eat with more reason; when, above all, we will think more of others. For the thoughts and hearts of thousands will be overseas. It is a new experience for us; a new kind of Christmas; but it will be a far more worth-while Christmas than many Christmases we have thoughtlessly spent.

But if our hearts are a bit sad, if our hearts are afar off, we must not forget those for whom the day was primarily intended—the children. The shadow of war must not fall upon their happiness of the day. Temper the day for ourselves, we should and must; but what we withhold from ourselves let us give in larger measure to our own children and, next, to those children whom our boys at the front have left behind. Those we should seek out, each in his or her own way and according to his or her ability and means.

For them the day must spell cheer. With father away, some other hand must stretch forth and help her who is left behind with the children. It is a wonderful year, this Christmas, to make it a children's Christmas. Let us efface ourselves and make the day gladsome and full and happily tired for the little ones. For such He asked should come to Him!

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Has Christ Failed?

In these war days we are very apt to say that "Christianity has failed." But just what Christianity do we mean? A merely nominal Christianity? Yes, of course it has failed; it failed before the war; it always will fail! A pious Christianity? Sure. A soulless Christianity? Of course. A Christianity that thousands have professed and failed to live? Certainly. All these forms of Christianity have failed. So do the same kind of banks and business fail. But does that mean the idea of a bank or the idea of a business is a failure?

Because we misuse a spring, or pollute it, and it brings on disease and the end of human lives, is that the fault of the spring or of the water? We might, with equal truth, say: "Water has failed." But has it? We know very well it has not. And exactly the same is true of Christianity—that is, the Christianity of Christ.

Christ has not failed; His doctrines have not failed. It is our failure to accept Christ and His doctrines that is so evident our wrong conception of Christ's real Christianity that is at fault. It is we who have failed; not Christianity; not Christ.

We want to remember this distinction at this Christmastide when we would say that "Christianity has failed." For if we say that, then why celebrate Christ's birthday? We don't celebrate the birthdays of failures. And which one of us is ready to say at this Christmastide, with all the weight of war upon us that Christ has failed?

A Traveler's Prayer.

By LOYAL LINCOLN WIRT.

As oft I take the iron trail,
I pray thee, Lord, no quest may fail.
No word unkind through all the miles,
No face behind except in smiles.

Help me the burdens find and lift;
Put courage into lives adrift;
Beguile a laugh where lurks a tear;
Give all who strive and fail, a cheer.

A Prayer in Time of War.

My, but this one is modern. Read our grip verse. "O our God, wilt thou not judge." No use trying to get God on your side. A man must have a queer notion of Deity who tries that. *No prayer will ever make the Eternal swerve from the right.*

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Christmas Times Passed and Gone.

By JOHN D. WELLS.

Christmas in the Long Ago! Ho, my lazy-dazy
 Don't the recollections of it fairly drive y' crazy?
 Everyone distracted an' their blood a-runnin' high,
 Brimmin' with the feelin' of a Christmas drawin' nigh!
 Greasin' up your Sunday boots an' oilin' of your hair,
 Toggin' in your Sunday clothes with more than common care,
 Fixin' up for Mosher's dance that happened once a year,
 Bringin' in the Christmas time on tidal waves o' cheer!

Crispy nights an' frosty ones, a cutter painted yellow,
 Fashioned plenty small enuff for a gal an' fellow—
 Trustin' to the fambly hawss that seemed t' understand
 Journeys through the winter nights and drivin' singlehand;
 Gal an' fellow spoonin' like as not, an' blamydon,
 Nothin' but the blinky stars an' moon a-lookin' on—
 Nothin' but the stars an' moon t' hear 'em promisin'
 T' see the Baptist preacher 'fore it's Christmas time ag'in!

Fun an' frolic runnin' loose! A ban on melancholy!—
 Law, we did n't used t' have no mistletoe or holly,
 That's a new ideer an' of doubtful tendencies—
 Then a fellow stole the kiss that rightfully was his,
 Stole the gal, as like as not, an' then went toe-an'-heel
 Dancin' down the center in an o' Furginny reel,
 Gallivantin' back ag'in an' then reverse, an' law,
 Never gettin' tired whilst the fiddler would saw!

Dance an extry set or two by the light of mornin',
 Settin' out for home again jist as day was bornin'—
 Figger any way y' want, I guess you allus found
 Quickest way t' git her home was longest way around!

Can't y' train your hearin' jist t' listen through the years
 Till the sound of sleighbells kind o' jingles in your ears?
 Can't y' see the faces o' the folks y' used t' know,
 Christmas friends an' sweethearts of the Long Time Ago?

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The most deplorable consequence of war is not loss of life, but loss of the finer qualities of manhood. There are certain noble virtues which war seemingly tends to develop, but there are many others which it tends to break down and destroy. To guard and strengthen these higher virtues is the main purpose of the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, and no one familiar with its work can question that it is a most effective agency. No higher service to the country could be rendered than the conservation of our manhood, and to have a share in such a work is a rare and beautiful privilege. Many of our boys may come back to us maimed and broken in body, but we must see to it that the inner life, which is the real strength and beauty of manhood, shall be kept unstained and unbroken. The material losses which may come to us we can and will quickly repair. It must be our constant care that there shall be no loss nor deterioration in the higher range of spirit where loss is irreparable.

Beating Father in the Pig Game.

Twelve-year-old Frank Burgess—whose father had made him a present of a pig—got hold of some pamphlets issued by the Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture, giving explicit instructions as to hog-raising. Frank's father laughed at him for "fussin'" with the pig. "Just let 'em grow up," was his advice. But the boy followed the government instructions, gave his pig a clean pen, plenty of green fodder, and kept the porker clean.

The boy's father raised the rest of the litter in the usual way, feeding them whatever he happened to have, and keeping them in a dirty pen.

In the fall Frank's pig weighed 385 pounds, and he sold it for \$60. Only one other pig of the litter survived. It weighed 65 pounds, and father sold it for \$10.

The following year Mr. Burgess took his boy into the pig business with him on equal shares, securing the pigs and providing the feed, and letting Frank care for them. This arrangement proved so profitable that they have since paid the mortgage on their little Georgia farm and bought more land.

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When the 30,000 membership campaign was on last fall the Concord R. R. Department placed 264 new members on its roll. The memberships of this army of railroad men are renewable December 1. We ask every man, who possibly can, to re-enlist, and when this cannot be done we want to secure a recruit for every lapse. It will be recognized that to renew the 264 members will be some task, and so gentle reader, if you are one of the bunch, don't be a slacker, but put your renewal in at once. Through the year we have kept our membership almost at the high point reached last November. It would be a great achievement if we could "KEEP THE RANKS FULL." In the meantime it will help mightily if you decide to renew without solicitation.

New Memberships and Renewals.

G. Lyons, J. P. McKenna, W. H. Messer, C. F. Fletcher, J. P. Kelley, E. B. Chandler, G. V. Buckland, W. J. Moore, G. C. Robinson, H. L. Whitcomb, A. Moulton, Harold Fowler, Frank Fox, R. M. Wheeler, J. Bissonnette, E. B. Hall, James Farley, J. H. Fontaine, L. W. Tighe, Earl Barrett, J. J. O'Brien,

R. F. Hartwell, F. H. Colby, A. H. Delaney, H. B. Goulding, E. R. Brown, J. A. Bergin, J. F. Fitzgerald, D. H. Evans, Fred Blackwood, A. O. Russell, G. F. Mulligan, Noyes Bond, F. H. George, G. K. Pebbles, C. J. Pebbles, H. H. Dudley, George Hastings, R. B. Hatt, A. M. Heard, W. F. Thayer, A. H. Hale, H. Drew, E. J. Kelley, G. A. Wyman, J. A. Lithgow, J. A. Lizzotte, Fred Richardson, L. F. Spaulding, John Johnson, A. M. Osborn, Ernest Gage, C. C. Titcomb, H. W. Cook, J. P. Murphy, J. Flanders, B. D. Robinson, G. H. Wilcox, H. Drown, W. E. Ingram, J. H. Robinson, J. S. Chadwick, Robert Lawrence, L. Drew, H. J. Levine, F. McFarland, W. Beauschane, Thomas Nawn, R. A. Duemling, R. G. Reed, E. H. Burney, J. B. Foley, H. E. Hammond, B. E. Baraby, G. F. Saltmarsh, F. L. Newhall, Forrest Ambrose, R. F. Band, W. A. Aseltine, T. F. Linehan, B. H. Bartlett, Michael Leary, E. C. Dunklee, W. A. Stevens, A. J. Menard, J. F. Spellman, Thomas Bishop, H. H. Webber, E. E. McIntire, M. S. Fellows, J. Lorraine, S. J. Drake, H. D. Collins, Robert Totten, G. S. Wiggin, H. C. Hayward, M. P. Wallace, A. C. Gile, J. H. Burrows, W. J. McDonald, L. A. Killam, F. A. Blake, J. H. Moran, F. P. Carpenter, W. R. Homans, L. H. Gardner, Cecil Pollard, L. P. Roy, R. J. Fraser, F. H. Foster, G. E. Kenney, G. E. Chapman, S. Wallace, Fred Crowson, R. E. Henderson, J. E. Sutherland.

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President Wilson, on being informed that the fund was greatly oversubscribed, telegraphed congratulations to Dr. John R. Mott, General Secretary of the Council: "My heartfelt congratulations on the remarkable and gratifying results," the President's telegram read. "I think it is a national blessing."

Concord did her bit and went "over the top" with a total of \$23,165. We are proud to be a citizen of no mean city.

One of the boys said recently: "The day I left, my mother took me alone

into the kitchen and put both her hands on my shoulders, saying: 'Son, let me get your eye. It breaks my heart to see you go. I'm not afraid of bullets or military discipline. I'm proud to have my boy give his life for our country, but I fear most the awful moral conditions. Can you come back, if God permits you to return, as clean as you are now? When you do return, we'll come into this kitchen to stand as we are now. You will not need to tell me if you are clean. I'll see it in your eye. Can you keep clean, my boy? Can you do it for your mother?'"

He is not back home yet, but this is what he said to one of the camp secretaries the other day: "Thanks to the New Testament you gave me and your standing by me, 'I can look anybody in the eye.'"

The great British soldiers' song since "Tipperary" was sung out has been "Keep the Home Fires Burning." Next to it was "Pack Up Your Troubles in the Old Kit Bag and Smile, Smile, Smile." Jack Virgo's song "Smile Whenever You Can" has been sung all the way round the world from Silver Bay ten years ago. This new temperance song written by Virgo, tune of "Tipperary," is "going":

Sign the Temperance Pledge for little
Mary

Ere to the front you go,
When you're tempted you must be
wary,

Play the man and just say No!
Quick march from the canteen,
Don't mind what chaps say;
Sign the temperance pledge for little

Mary
At the Y. M. C. A.

A Bishop of Men.

The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford is one of the many bishops of England who has found his greatest audience of mén in the Association camps. He said the other day, "During the last two or three years I have begun to wonder whether I was a bishop or a traveling secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

"I think that everybody throughout England is indebted to the Association. Go wherever you will into the village cottages, or into the homes of working men of our East London—what do you find? The mother or the wife, as they nearly always do, brings out the last letter received from Tommy or Jack, and what do you find at the top of that letter? The Red Triangle! Not only that. What do you find in the contents of the letter? Oh, if I could only tell you what I have seen and read! When the dreaded telegram has come to the young wife, or to the mother, the last letter is again handed me to read. What has been the one thing that has gladdened her heart? 'I know I wasn't quite straight. I didn't live as I ought to have done. But out here last Sunday night I went to the service of the Y. M. hut here. We sang the hymn 'Jesus, Lover.' When I was a lad, mother, you used to sing it. I heard the story of the Cross and Christ. I know I have not been straight, but there that night I looked to Jesus, and found in Him a resting-place.'

"Messages like that are the one thing that comfort the mother, that send a thrill through the wife or daughter.

In many a hut not only in France but in Egypt, India, Mesopotamia, in our own land, many a lad has found *Christ*, and it has helped him to live straight. That is the work of the Y. M. C. A. Give it your prayer, give it your sympathy."

Auxiliary Notes.

The Woman's Auxiliary pledged \$100 to the war fund and voted that each member be asked to contribute 50 cents. The committee appointed to see the members have the task well in hand.

Judging by the "pep" put into the Monday night rehearsals of the members who are to present a new play in the near future, it's going to be one of the "events of the season."

The men of the Bible class are to be favored with real home cooking at the Bible class suppers Monday evenings. The ladies have very kindly consented to take charge.

The Auxiliary observed the week of prayer with a series of home prayer services and one at the building after the regular meeting, all of which were very helpful and inspiring.

A fine lot of gifts for the railroad men in the service was received from members of the Auxiliary and other ladies' societies connected with the men on the road, and were turned over to Supt. Mooney to be shipped to our boys so that they will receive them by Christmas.

Building Notes.

At its last meeting the Committee of Management voted \$100 for the Red Triangle war fund. It was also voted that all men who were members when they entered the army or navy service be granted full membership privileges for the duration of the war and be continued on our membership records.

The week of prayer was observed jointly with the City Association and the evening lobby service was well attended by the men.

The first session of the Bible class opened auspiciously with 17 men present. The course for the season will be "Wrecks and Heroes" and Mr. Fred Heath conducts the class, which will meet for lunch at 6 o'clock every Monday evening, class session closing in season for the men to keep any engagements they may have for the evening. Come in and be a hero and bring that friend of yours with you.

A beautiful hand-engrossed roll of honor of men who have entered the war service from the Association, the work of Mr. Fred Heath, chairman of our Committee of Management, has been presented by him to the Association, and has been suitably framed and is on display in the lobby. The list to date includes: C. W. Bracey, G. E. Buckley, W. W. Briggs, E. F. Bowe, A. R. Cate, C. R. Carleson, R. G. Dow, A. W. Fletcher, J. L. Greenleaf, P. G. Hamel, C. H. Hutchins, W. H. Hunter, H. L. Harvey, A. D. Ham, J. P. Hayward, L. H. Harriman, M. J. Haggerty, J. A. Larouche, F. P. Mitchell, W. A. McDonald, W. F. Silver, W. F.

Spaine, G. E. Smith, H. W. Smith, E. A. Wood, H. E. Wright. Other names will be added from time to time as they enter the service.

James Wallace, of Manchester, made a short call on "Sank" Kimball this week.

G. H. Stearns is rooming with us again after an absence of many moons.

Seems like old times to see Thompson and Wheeler back again.

Shop Meetings.

Owing to conditions in the machine shop, which make it almost impossible for a speaker to make himself heard, it has been thought best to hold but one shop meeting each week. The mill-room being most central for men of all departments, services will be held there every Wednesday noon from 12:20 to 12:50.

Strong speakers have been secured and the following men will deliver addresses during December and January: December 5, 12, Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig; December 19, 26, Rev. Raymond H. Huse; January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Rev. W. Judson Setzer.

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Shop Happenings.

Miss Louise Hook, Miss Margaret Rowe, Miss Mildred Kelly and Miss Ruby Maxam were in Boston recently and took in the “Follies of 1917.” It is their unanimous opinion that there isn't much improvement over 1916.

The clerks all over the B. & M. system have been organized as a part of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and the mechanical department clerks are organized as Bay State Lodge, with headquarters at Lowell, Mass., for the entire system. They are also affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

Willis P. Lyna and Carl Magnerson made a flying visit to Boston and failed to connect with the last train north. We hear they passed the night on the bowling alleys of the Boston R. R. Y. M. C. A. Wonder why? They won't tell.

Ben Loveren holds the record for a war garden, being credited with raising 4,000 head of cabbage. Ben should join hands with “Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch.”

Mr. Maxam, of the stores department, is in the market for a self-locking milk bottle.

We hear someone has more than a friendly interest in the copper market.

Miss Pauline Hill is substituting at the office for a few weeks.

Does n't Carl look fine in long pants?

Capt. Parker, of the air-brake gang, was out among the woods the last of the week looking for big game and succeeded in bagging a deer.

Lucien Bean, of the tool room force, left last Saturday for the vicinity of Wentworth, where he will spend two weeks camping out in the open, looking for a big buck and other game.

Fred W. Burnham was a visitor “down the line” on Sunday last.

Frank Silva and Darius Turcotte have left on a two weeks' vacation which they will spend up around the Lost River region in North Woodstock, and hope to bring back some good-sized game.

Thomas Harrison has entered the service in the west side erecting shop under Frank E. Ferrin.

Edward Lassonde, formerly of the boilermakers' force and now in the U. S. aviation corps, has been home on a few days' furlough.

Cleon Perry, apprentice, drew the first honors on the hunting field for the shop men, and has been busy ever since telling how it happened that the eight-pronged buck came his way.

Forrest Band, formerly apprentice here, now located at the Somerville shop, was a shop visitor Saturday looking up his old friends.

Frank Sears has been out for a few days on the sick list.

**BALL  BAND
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Smith, of the casting house force, was a lucky deer hunter the last week, having succeeded in getting one.

Elmer H. Farrar, foreman of the brass room, has returned to work after a two weeks' vacation, spent "round about."

John Stohrer was in the shops recently looking up his old-time friends and telling of the soldier's life at the cantonment.

Horace Hammond took a motor trip to Haverhill, Mass., and had an enjoyable trip.

"Bill" Lyna, of the motive power office, has been out looking for deer, but reports no luck in seeing or stopping one as yet, but is expecting to do better in the near future.

"Con" Lyons, of the boilermakers' force, is out on an enforced vacation, caused by getting a piece of steel in his arm.

"Jack" Foley, of the shop force, has been on the sick list for a few days.

Walter Gilbert, who was formerly in the stores department office before enlisting in the navy, was home recently. He is now stationed in New York City on the battleship New York in one of the gun crews. He has seen considerable cruising and is enjoying the life very much so far and is in good physical health.

Ira W. Sanborn has been on the sick list for a few days.

With Railroad Men.

With a total mileage of but 160 miles, the P. & L. E. railroad company has appropriated money for fitting up quarters at Glasport, Pa., making the fifth Y. M. C. A. along its route. It is called the "Little Giant."

The Canadian Pacific is to open a new building at Brownsville Junction, Me., the ninth in ten years.

Two appropriations for additions at Bridgeburg, Ont., and Detroit have been made by the Grand Trunk.

Two Harbors, Minn., is to have an addition costing \$18,000, provided by the Duluth and Iron Mountain.

Rubea Humphrey, St. Louis' executive, has been appointed a member of the National Defense Committee and Car Service Commission, and is meeting regularly with officials of 28 railroads, having in charge all of the welfare work for soldiers in that territory.

A re-enlistment campaign, to recruit a new member for every "slacker" who has dropped out since the great campaign for members a year ago, is being promoted by railway systems throughout the country.

The October-November issue of the *Railway Association Magazine* will be a patriotic number, and 40,000 copies will be given every man in the service by various railroads.

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Recapitulation of the World's War and What's Going On in Our Country.

DOMESTIC.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue of the Treasury Department begins its probe into capital in order to impose corporation and excess-profits taxes as provided in the War-Revenue Bill.

J. Carroll Beckwith, the American artist, dies suddenly at his home in New York. He was sixty-five years old.

To relieve the shortage Washington announces that 100,000,000 pounds of Louisiana sugar will be started for the refineries in New York, Philadelphia, and Boston. Another 100,000,000 pounds will go to other parts of the country.

Claus Spreckels, president of the Federal Sugar Refining Company, declares that there are 35,000,000 pounds of refined sugar held in warehouses in New York for shipment to the neutral countries of Europe. These governments have agreed to release it in this country for distribution at cost, but the Federal Food Commission, according to Mr. Spreckels, will not permit this as the price would be a quarter of a cent a pound higher than the wholesale price fixed by the government.

Following a day of wild selling the governing committee of the New York

Stock Exchange adopts a rule checking short sales.

The Boston Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Karl Muck leading, plays "The Star-Spangled Banner" as the closing number at the public rehearsal in Symphony Hall before a large and curious audience. Major Higginson, founder of the orchestra, stated that Dr. Muck had placed his resignation in his hands, but that it had not yet been acted upon.

Southwestern coal miners' representatives reject the proposal to penalize strikers, and, defying Fuel Administrator Garfield, abruptly break off negotiations and leave Washington for their homes.

The United States Shipbuilding Labor Adjustment Board announces a uniform minimum wage scale for the Pacific Coast shipbuilding yards—a guide for the shipyards of the country. The decision results in an increase of 10 to 30 per cent, over the old scale.

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Fuel Administrator Garfield announces his plan for commandeering 10 per cent. of the entire coal output of the country as it is brought out of the mines. This amount is to be set aside to relieve emergency needs, subject to the control of the administrator.

John F. Hylan, the Tammany candidate, is elected mayor of New York City by a sweeping vote. The state goes for woman suffrage, making the thirteenth to swing into line.

President Wilson signs an order authorizing a flat advance of forty-five cents a ton in the price of bituminous coal at the mines on recommendation of Fuel-Administrator Garfield.

Fuel-Administrator Garfield starts an action to abolish the great electric advertising signs on Broadway to save the coal that furnishes the electricity.

In order to avert the menace of enemy aliens the Washington authorities are considering plans for rounding them up and shipping them to points at least 100 miles inland.

A man supposed to be a German spy is found by secret service agents secreted in the crow's-nest of a United States transport. When arrested he tore into small bits a paper that was afterward pieced together and information of a vital nature, according to the agents, was discovered.

London reports that the Germans evacuate the whole section on the Aisne front for a distance of thirteen miles. After a retreat of a mile they make a temporary stand, but are being closely followed up by the French forces. Vigorous artillery fighting is continued in the Chavignon sector. War material captured by the French since October 23 includes 200 heavy field guns, 222 trench cannon and 720 machine guns. On the Aisne front two enemy surprise attacks are repulsed. During the battle of Malmaison French aviators fight 611 aerial engagements, bringing down sixteen enemy airplanes and destroying three captive balloons.

Associated Press dispatches announce that the French advance in pursuit of the Germans on the Chemin des Dames has attained an average of a mile and a half, the southern bank of the Ailette being reached. Craonne, Ailles, Cerny, and Courtecon are now occupied by the French.

Passchendaele on the point of the ridge northeast of Ypres, dominating the plains of Flanders, is taken by the Canadian forces in a brilliant dash. The enemy had been ordered to hold the position at all costs.

London dispatches announce that the Italians have been forced to abandon their entire line along the Tagliamento. The retreat is reported as being conducted in an orderly manner.

THE CENTRAL POWERS.

Berlin reports that Count von Hertling has accepted the Imperial Chancellorship.

A Copenhagen dispatch states that Norway has presented to Germany a note in connection with the sinking of Norwegian steamships in the convoy of neutral merchantmen, and calling attention to the fact that a year ago, after the sinking of Norwegian steamships in the polar seas, Germany was notified that Norway would consider any new case a violation of the laws of humanity.

The German war office announces that as a result of the thrust at the Rhine-Marne canal North American soldiers were brought in as prisoners.

Details of the attack on the trench held by the American infantry on November 3 state that the United States troops were cut off from relief by a superior force, and, though they fought gallantly, were finally overwhelmed by numbers.

Washington dispatches state that 500,000 more men will be summoned for the selective draft army of the United States before spring.

The American soldiers wounded in the German rail are reported to be doing well in the base hospital. The artillery duel still continues. The American congressional party visits the zone where the troops are billeted.

Secretary McAdoo announces that the subscriptions to the second Liberty Loan amounted to \$4,617,532,300, in which 9,400,000 men and women of the country participated.

The American war mission, headed by Col. E. M. House, arrives safely at a British port. They will attend the inter-Allied conference for the purpose of coördinating all resources in a supreme drive against Germany.

Ninety per cent. of Americans are made in America but ten per cent. are foreign-born. In Chicago there are newspapers in ten languages and church services held in twenty-six. There are more Irishmen in Boston than in Dublin, more Serbians in Pittsburgh than in Belgrade, and more Italians in New York than in Rome. In one block in New York, you can find in its fourteen hundred inhabitants twenty different nations represented. "Houses nowadays," some one said, "are built by Italians, owned by Jews, and paid for by Irish tenants."

A Christmas Catch.

"What did Jack get for Christmas?"

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OVER THERE WITH AMERICA'S ALLIES.

Dispatches from the French front report the German artillery as unusually active, shells of all calibers raining down upon the American positions. A second raid was anticipated but did not develop.

Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the British Admiralty, announces in Parliament that between 40 and 50 per cent. of the German submarines operating in the North Sea and the Atlantic and the Arctic oceans have been sunk, and that during the last quarter the enemy lost as many under-sea craft as during the whole of 1916.

London reports two successful air raids by Allied aviators on towns in Rhenish Bavaria, eighty miles from the French border. Eight persons are reported killed and twenty-one injured in a German air raid on London.

British forces in Palestine resume their offensive, London announces, occupying Beersheba, despite determined resistance, and capturing 1,800 prisoners.

An announcement from Berlin, by way of London, states that the German forces have begun a retreat from the Chemin des Dames north of the Aisne River and east of Soissons where the battle-line approaches nearest to Paris. The withdrawal is believed to have been caused by the tremendous pressure of General Pétain's troops.

London reports that large German forces are being rushed to the Trentino front for the purpose of triking the flank and rear of the armies of General Cadorna which are now massed on the west bank of the Tagliamento River in fighting contact with the van of Field Marshal Mackensen's invading army. A fleet of Zeppelins is reported to have left Lake Constance for the Trentino, and German troop trains for Trent are being doubled. Already heavy artillery fire on both sides is reported as each side is feeling out the other's positions.

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