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SCRANTON, DECEMBER 21, 1901.

As a Christmas offering to the newsboys The Tribune tomorrow will give as many free copies as may be wanted for street sales. There is no limit to this proposition. Every newsboy in or out of the city can share in it. The only condition is that on Thursday no returns of unsold papers will be accepted. Out of town boys wishing to make use of this offer must send in their orders today. An energetic hand can in this way earn a substantial Christmas present and we have no doubt that the reading public will be glad to help him earn it.

The Junior Educational Contest.

ELSEWHERE appears the announcement of gift-winners in The Junior Educational Contest. This little holiday competition has aroused large and wholesome interest among our young friends and the only regret arising from it is that all could not participate in the awards. Yet the contest, we feel, has been beneficial to all participants. It has taught them how to use the dictionary, widened their acquaintance with the English language and cultivated studious habits. Those who have not won a place among the twenty-six successful contestants had in every case a fair chance, and in after years they will find that they have profited much by the study and experience involved. To bear defeat gracefully is a lesson that cannot be learned too early in life. It learned now it will hereafter be most valuable.

Our congratulations to the winners. They have earned success by working hard and patiently. They will find that the same qualities which enabled them to win in this contest will prove helpful to them in the larger contests that await them in mature life. To one and all we wish the compliments of the season.

Secretary Long very properly places the stamp of disapproval upon the efforts of newspapers who are endeavoring to write him out of office.

The Wiser Plan.

ACCORDING to one report, at a meeting of street car strikers held in Carpenters' hall on Sunday night the Citizens' alliance and its members were unmercifully attacked. The members, it is alleged, were called "murderers, robbers, blackguards and thieves," and the recent manifesto of the alliance was cast aside as absurd.

We cannot understand what this means. The alliance has laid no straw in the path of honest labor. Its condemnation of boycotts and lawlessness has been sanctioned by the more reputable labor leaders in the community and repeatedly the street car employees' union itself has disclaimed and discontemned any recourse to lawlessness in its behalf. Why, then, this sudden attack upon the Citizens' alliance? What has that body done that its members should deserve to be called murderers, thieves and robbers? Since its offense cannot have been in calling for the stopping of lawlessness, in which call it simply joined with the labor unions, there must be other reasons for this attack. The public would like to know what they are.

Would it not better become the labor organizations throughout our valley to co-operate with the Citizens' alliance and with all other influences working for the upholding of law, order and the fundamental rights of citizenship than to bandy abusive words, which do not in the slightest degree deter those who intend that Scranton's future shall be secured?

There is absolutely no call for excitement or passion in this matter. The Citizens' alliance holds no menace over the head of labor. It could not, if it would, injure any workman who obeys the law, minds his own affairs and does not interfere with the rights of his fellow-craftsmen. The man whose garments are clear of stain need not worry in the slightest degree about the "murderers, thieves and robbers" in the Citizens' alliance.

Whether there is war or not, the citizens of Argentinia propose to have a little fun in the shooting gallery.

The Octopus at Work.

PRIOR to his retirement from active business last spring, Andrew Carnegie rendered to the board of directors of the Carnegie company \$4,000,000 to be held in trust. The income to be used as a pension and relief fund for his old employees. This fund was not intended to be used as a substitute for what the company has been in the habit of doing in such cases, but its object was to go still further.

The regulations drawn up by the advisory committee appointed to launch

the administration of this trust fund, the income from which exceeds \$200,000 a year, provide for taking care of employees of the Carnegie company who may be disabled by accident in the service of the company, or who may, after long and faithful service, become incapacitated for further labor, and for the widows and young children of employees who are killed in the service, or who have died after long and faithful employment and left their families in need through no fault of their own. All those who are needy or in want or injured through service and by no fault of their own, or who have served long and faithfully, will have the privilege of application to the benefits of the fund, and all such applications will receive the most careful and thorough consideration.

So much for that octopus. Now for another. The United States Steel corporation is about to make all heads of departments partners in the business. This announcement was made by Charles M. Schwab at a banquet of the Bankers' club of Chicago. Mr. Schwab said: "It is the intention of the United States Steel corporation to give every man in charge of a little branch of business, even a department of business, not only a salary, but a percentage of the profits, which will be paid to him in cash, and which he can invest in the securities of the company if he wishes. Commencing with the first of this coming year, it is our intention to operate every one of our great departments on that basis."

These are types of men at the head of great industrial institutions and illustrations of the new spirit which is gaining ascendancy in the executive offices of our large corporations which some leaders of labor are foolish enough to think they are able to successfully combat. Never have labor leaders made a greater mistake.

The fitness of Mr. Crane for responsibility is demonstrated at the start by his unwillingness to take chances upon being misquoted by the ubiquitous interviewer. It is a pity he could not accept.

South America's Latest Row.

THE newspapers from time to time have contained references to friction between Chile and Argentina but few American readers have understood much about it. Now, however, that this friction has entered a warlike stage, it becomes necessary to inquire into the causes.

As explained in a Washington letter in the New York Tribune, the trouble is due primarily to Chile's longing for additional territory. In 1843 Chile took possession of the Straits of Magellan and adjacent territory, disregarding a protest from the Argentine government, and from that time forward she has been pushing outward her boundary lines at Argentina's expense, each time with a show of diplomatic skill in treaty interpretation that made resistance difficult. War almost came in 1878, but it was averted through the good offices of the United States minister at Buenos Ayres, General Osborn. Three years later a treaty was signed laying down general rules for the demarcation of the frontier but there were various delays, extending to 1890, before the work of surveying began.

At once there was trouble. The surveyors were unable to agree. Almost a war followed, but in 1893 a protocol was signed that again took the edge off the situation. The main point of difference, then and since, was in interpreting the language of the treaties. "The Chileans hold that the continental divide forms the proper boundary line, while the Argentines maintain that the line of demarcation is the cordillera of the Andes, extending from crest to crest. The protocol of 1893 stipulated only that all lands, lakes and rivers east of the highest crests of the Andes which divide the waters shall belong forever to Argentina. But in that region low elevations in the valleys form the water parting offener than the ridges of the cordillera, while the Andes themselves consist of a dozen nearly parallel chains, hence these conflicting claims are almost irreconcilable, especially with Chile anxious to push outward. The whole matter was finally referred to British arbitrators. They took the case five years ago and have never reported.

"The situation today," says the New York Tribune's Washington letter, "must best be appreciated by the statement that in all the controversy Chile has nothing to lose and everything to gain. If the Argentine line is upheld, Chile will remain in unimpaired possession of all the points where it has had sovereign rights, but if the decision should favor the Chilean line, Chile would obtain possession of several Argentine military posts and flourishing colonies which are at present peopled and worked by Argentine people, and considered an integral part of the Argentine territory from its earliest history.

"When the question was submitted to arbitration it was understood that a perfect status quo should exist, but this was broken in 1899, when a Chilean force occupied a position to the east of the Argentine line. This aggression gave rise to a strong protest from the Argentine government, and an agreement was signed at the close of 1900, by which the two governments undertook not to execute nor to allow to be executed any act which by its civil or military character shall cause new agitation in the two countries, which might perturb the cordial relations that both governments have so firmly resolved to maintain.

"The present crisis arises from an infraction of this agreement. It appears that notwithstanding the obligation of both countries to respect the status quo, Chile has been discovered to have been building roads across the cordillera to the east of the Argentine line, at the same time throwing bridges over ravines and gorges at certain strategic points, establishing colonies, with shops and boats and all the necessary paraphernalia for the transportation of troops, far beyond the eastern valleys within Argentine territory. Chile claims that the roads have been built to facilitate the work of the surveyors, that they are not for strategic but for purely scientific purposes and general utility, and, besides, that they

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

"Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would come there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kitchen' and I in my room,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon, on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Gave a luster of midday to objects below;
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,<
First a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver, so busy and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name:
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now Prancer and Vixen!
On! on! on! on! on! on! on! on! on! on! on! on!
To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall,
Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all!
As dry leaves before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the housetop the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys and St. Nick.
As they left no one here but good old St. Nick."

And then in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pacing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry.
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke, it creased his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old fellow,
And I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself.
A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And he piled all the stockings then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, on the chimney he rose.
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a whisker,
And I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"
—Clement C. Moore.

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