

NEWS IN GENERAL

Clementine Princess of Belgium has sent out an appeal to Americans for contributions to buy Christmas gifts for Belgian soldiers. All contributions are to be sent to the British Gifts for Belgian soldiers' Fund, Hotel Cecil, Strand, London.

The Supreme Court held constitutional the law of 1912, under which it is unlawful to import moving picture film of prize fights for public exhibition. The decision was announced in a suit arising over the exclusion at Newark, N. J. of a film of the Willard-Johnson fight at Havana.

One hundred and ten persons were killed in an explosion in the Belgian munitions factory at Havre a few days ago. The exact cause of the explosion has not yet been determined. The investigation has developed that one of the buildings contained boxes of ammunition which came from the United States some time ago. In one of these boxes was an apparatus designed to cause deflagration.

George W. Herbert, a farmer living near Hagerstown, Md. will have freshly-picked strawberries from his own vines for his Christmas dinner. Last Wednesday Mr. Herbert picked a pint of ripe berries from his patch of 200 plants, which are of a hardy variety. There are more berries on the vines, and Mr. Herbert expects them to be ripe for Christmas.

Chancellor Von-Bethmann-Hollweg's speech in the German Reichstag, a few days ago, has practically put an end to all talk of an early peace, so far as Great Britain is concerned. Several high officials said the remarks of the German Chancellor should convince even the most ardent pacifist that the end of the war is not in sight. The London newspapers not only took the same view, but a certain portion of the press declared that peace prospects are now more remote, as the result of Bethmann-Hollweg's speech than at any time since the war began.

The American International Corporation, recently organized by New York interests connected with the National City Bank and other prominent financiers have announced the purchase of the entire remaining fleet of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, consisting of seven steamships. In this venture the corporation has secured the cooperation of William R. Grace & Co. importers and exporters between the United States and South America, who are represented on the board of the new international corporation. Incidentally, by this step, the last fleet of vessels under the United States flag on the Pacific Ocean will not suffer complete disintegration.

En route to new homes in Chicago and on middle western farms, 400 women and children, refugees from the war swept countries of Europe, arrived at Ellis Island last week. They were in charge of Father John Deville of Chicago. The party came from Rotterdam with tales of horror and suffering in the war zones of Belgium, Russian Poland, Galicia and the Balkan states. Mrs. Anastasia Korchipitz of Sarnok near Czernowitz, will join her husband near Wilmington, Del. She told how she had lived three weeks in the cellar of her home with the family cow, which she had driven into the cellar just before the Russians had entered the town. She said that she had lived on milk and potatoes while the town changed hands nine times; at last she sold the cow to an Austrian officer for passage to America. Mrs. Glein of Detroit, said she saw an Austrian officer kill her grandmother with his sword, in Russian Poland. The women said suffered terribly from hunger and exposure when the Austrians razed whole villages to clear the range of their guns. A majority of the refugees are Belgians.

Spanish Music at Christmas. Weird music in the home is a part of the Christmas festivities in Spain. In northern Andalusia the people play the zambomba, a flowerpot perforated by a hollow reed, which wetted and rubbed with the finger gives out a hollow, scraping, monotonous sound. In southern Andalusia the pandero or tambourine is the chief instrument.



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Odd Christmas Beliefs

INDIANS say that the best time to catch a deer is on Christmas night at 12 o'clock, when they believe the deer kneels.

Some of the Germans believe that those born on Christmas day have the power of seeing spirits and even commanding them.

A popular saying in Spain for Christmas day is, "The bird of dawn singeth all night long to frighten away all evil things."

In Roumania it is the custom to bless the Danube at Christmas, and a procession consisting of priests and people dressed to represent Biblical characters moves through the streets singing chants, and so to the banks of the river. The ice is broken and a small wooden cross thrown into the water. Any one who can recover the cross is regarded as extremely fortunate and sure of good luck for the remainder of the year.

Christmas celebrations in Mexico begin Dec. 17 and continue until Dec. 24. Each night a festival is held, nine in all, an invitation being sent out to these "posadas." "Posada" means "inn," typifying the way the holy travelers, Joseph and Mary, sought in vain for rest and shelter.

On the Trail

I PEEKED around a bit last night. I thought I'd like to get a sight of old man Santa Claus. I come a-sneakin' down the stair (And hid behind the parlor chair, As still as a mouse, my nose With butter on their nose.

I sat, and sat, and sat, and sat, All crunched up like a Hottentot, And skurriedly breathed at all, 'Twas awful dark and kind of weird, And as the hours disappeared I felt myself a-gettin' scared At noises in the hall.

And now, old Sandy hove in view, He wore a shaggy coat and two big goggles on his eyes, He wore a pair of motor mitts As fuzzy as a pussy kit, And wool cap like my mother knits For daddykin's surprise.

He whispered once or twice, and hum He cackled like a settin' hen Or like a rooster does, "He'll never know me now!" said he While fixin' up the Christmas tree, But old man Sandy can't fool me—I knew just who he was! —Carlyle Smith in Denver Republican.

Mechanical Toys Are Not New. In all ages of the world's history children have loved toys. History records the fact that figures of animals, such as horses, goats and dogs, were found among the toys made of pottery years before the Christian era. Even the mechanical toy is not a new invention, for in ancient Greece, where moving statuary astonished or amused both rich and poor, there was scarcely an Athenian house which did not possess a mechanical toy of some sort.

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