

## MADE BAD BILLS.

Misspelled Word Betrayed Counterfeit Currency.

WERE IMPORTED FROM ITALY.

Stoker on Steamer Caught by Secret Service Agents When He Was Trying to Sell Spurious Money to One of Them.

New York, Dec. 8.—The secret service division of the treasury department made one of the most important arrests it has made in a counterfeiting case in many months when Caesar Paotetti was taken as he stepped from the Anchor line steamer Italia in New York. On Paotetti were found 2,500 five-dollar counterfeit bills. According to the secret service officials, these bills were made in Italy, and Paotetti merely acted as the agent in bringing them over here for disposition.

The engraver spells the English word "treasury" "treasurrg."

Five hundred of the bills were unloaded on New York about a month ago. Paotetti was the boss coal stoker on the Italia and is charged with trying to sell 500 more of the bills to a federal agent for \$875 in regular money.

The counterfeit contains signatures of the president and cashier of the Mechanics and Metals bank, which look real and which have passed even through the windows of various New York banks and business houses.

The quality of the paper, the scroll work, the series numbers, will pass for the real thing. The engraver's mistake was the misspelled word "treasurrg." The red and blue strands of silk that well born bills from Washington show were copied so carefully with ink that they appeared also to be real. "All one tore the bill across the strand."

Before putting the bills in circulation the distributors first took care to crumple them and cover them with grime.

It was evident the notes had been printed from engraved plates. The federal agents decided there wasn't a counterfeiter among the American crooks now at large with skill enough to turn out so clever a piece of work. Chief Richard Taylor, head of the local secret service office, decided the work probably had been done in Italy.

When the Italia got here the work of the agents had progressed so successfully that Paotetti was caught in a trap set for him. He is held in \$15,000 bail.

## MRS. SHONTS' JEWELS SEIZED.

Customs Officers Hold \$15,000 Worth. "Mistake," She Says.

New York, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Theodore P. Shonts, wife of the president of the Interborough company, arrived by the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse and got into trouble, for the second time in the last several years, with the customs people. Mrs. Shonts had in one of many trunks a jewel case containing what Deputy Surveyor John Racz-Klewicz estimated to be jewelry valued abroad at about \$15,000. She made no mention of it in her declaration; also she made no effort to conceal it. Mrs. Shonts said she had no intention of cheating the government.

Among the jewelry was one pearl necklace, one diamond necklace and a diamond pendant, all of which Mrs. Shonts admitted she had obtained from a jeweler in Paris. She said she supposed the jewels were not dutiable because she had exchanged for them other jewelry that had paid duty here when originally imported or had been manufactured here.

Collector Loeb and Surveyor Henry will pass judgment on the matter. The jewels are being held.

## MEYER CUTS NAVY ESTIMATES

\$318,000 Pay For Clerks Unnecessary, Says Secretary.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Secretary of the Navy Meyer has reduced the navy estimates by \$318,000, bringing the increase of "pay of the navy" from \$2,722,490 down to \$2,404,490. This brings the total estimates including the building program down to \$128,624,158. On going over the estimates it was discovered that the sum of \$318,000 had been estimated as pay for paymasters' clerks. These clerks are now warrant officers, however, so that their pay is included in the item of "pay for the navy."

The separate item of \$318,000 was therefore a duplication and has been eliminated.

## Equitable Officers Meet.

New York, Dec. 8.—Only routine business was done at the meeting of the stockholders and policy holders of the Equitable Life Assurance society. J. P. Morgan made no announcements whatever in regard to his plans in the matter of the rumored absolute "mutualization" of the society. All the directors were re-elected.

## Sonora Girl For \$20,000.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 8.—Sonora Girl (2:14), the famous trotting mare who won the Transylvania stake in 1907, has been sold by Miss Lotta Crabtree to C. W. Moore, owner of the Cromore farm, St. Claire, Mich., for a price reported to be \$20,000. She will be shipped there immediately.

## CLEAR BALLINGER.

Republicans' Report Greatly Differs from Democrats'.

BIG FIGHT IS TO COME SOON.

In the House the Minority Finding May Be Accepted, but In the Senate the Members Will Stand by Secretary of the Interior.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The majority members of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee absolutely clear Secretary Ballinger of the charges of misconduct made against him by Gifford Pinchot and others and sustain his administration in every particular. The majority report submitted to congress is in striking contrast to that made last September by the minority members, who held that Mr. Ballinger was unfit for office and ought to be dismissed.

The fight over the two reports now will be carried into the senate and the house. The minority members of the investigating committee decided to maintain that their report drawn last September is the bonafide report of the investigating committee and that the document submitted just by the majority members is without standing.

The minority members will contend that their report was made by a majority of the committeemen who attended a meeting regularly called by the chairman in St. Paul last September and that such is the only "majority report" entitled to consideration by congress.

Several of the Republican members of the committee were absent from the St. Paul meeting, and the Republicans hold that the Democratic report was a "snap affair."

One Republican, Representative Madison of Kansas, an insurgent, joined the Democrats in the report they made three months ago condemning Secretary Ballinger. With the assistance of Representative Madison the Democrats controlled the St. Paul meeting by a vote of 5 to 4, and when the regular Republicans realized what the Democratic game was some of them withdrew from the meeting so as to prevent the presence of a quorum.

A special rule will have to be adopted in the house before the fight over the reports can be carried to the floor, but the Democrats believe they will be able to get enough votes. In the senate the question can be brought up without difficulty.

Friends of the administration expect to see a bitter contest and perhaps a good deal of mud throwing over the two reports. They expect Gifford Pinchot to stir up further trouble.

The majority report sent to congress was signed by Senators Nelson of Minnesota, chairman; Flint of California, Sutherland of Utah and Root of New York and Representatives McCall of Massachusetts, Olmsted of Pennsylvania and Denby of Michigan, all Republicans.

## SENT TO IDENTIFY LEWIS.

Sergeant Who Knew Murderer Goes to Identify Body at Foster, R. I.

New York, Dec. 8.—After consulting with Commissioner Flynn, Inspector Russell sent Sergeant Kane to Foster, R. I., with directions to see the body of William H. Lewis when it was exhumed and to make sure whether or not it was that of the William Lewis for whom the police are searching in connection with the body found in a trunk in a tenement house.

Sergeant Kane knew William Lewis and is positive he can tell if the body of the man who died in Foster is the man wanted.

Inspector Russell received a letter from the chief of police in Providence telling what he knew of the man who died in Foster. The letter contained newspaper clippings of the suicide of his wife and said that Lewis seemed to think that he was being followed.

## E. V. W. ROSSITER IS ILL.

No Immediate Danger For Head of New York Central.

New York, Dec. 8.—E. V. W. Rossiter, president of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad company and for many years financial adviser to the road, lies critically ill at his home in Flushing. He is suffering from an acute attack of liver trouble, and on the advice of his physicians his family has been summoned to his bedside.

For nearly half a year Mr. Rossiter has been in poor health, but has been away from active business only two weeks. It was said at his home that, although Mr. Rossiter's condition is grave, no immediate alarm is felt.

## His Luxurious Pillow.

"When sleeping cars first came in," said a railroad man, "the bedclothes in the berths were very scanty. On one of these early cars one night after everybody had turned in and the lights were low a loud voice called from an upper berth:

"Porter, got a corkscrew?"

"The porter came hurrying down the aisle.

"Boss," he said in a scandalized tone, "we don't allow no drinkin' in the berths. It's against the rules."

"Oh, it ain't that, porter," the voice answered. "I just want to dig out a pillow that's sort of worked its way into my ear!"

## UNDER THE HOLLY BOUGH.

By WAYNE HENRY.

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YE who have loved each other,  
Sister and friend and brother,  
In this fast fading year,  
Mother and sire and child,  
Young man and maiden mild,  
Come gather here,  
And let your hearts grow fonder  
As memory shall ponder  
Each past unbroken vow.



Old loves and younger wooing  
Are sweet in the renewing  
Under the holly bough.

YE who have nourished sadness,  
Estranged from hope and gladness,  
In this fast fading year—  
Ye with o'erburdened mind,  
Made aliens from your kind,  
Come gather here.



Let not the useless sorrow  
Pursue you night and morrow,  
If e'er you hoped, hope now,  
Take heart, uncloud your faces  
And join in our embraces  
Under the holly bough.

## SANE CHRISTMAS NEXT.

Why Should Indiscriminate Gift Giving to Grownups Continue?

Is the movement for a safe and sane fourth of July to be followed by one for an economical Christmas? Do the majority of people feel that the Christmas present has been as much overdone as the firecracker, the toy cannon and the pinwheel?

It must be understood in the outset that the movement to curtail Christmas giving has no relation to the children. The joy of the little ones in their Santa Claus and his bounty is too beautiful a thing to disturb. It is only the presents to the grownups, to every Tom, Dick and Harry with whom one happens to be acquainted, the presents that are a burden and a bore both to giver and recipient, that it is proposed to abandon.

Frequently these are given through a sense of duty and cannot be afforded by the donor. Just as frequently they are not needed by the one on whom they are bestowed. Thus the outlay is not justified. It is a deprivation to one without any corresponding benefit to the other. The recipient in turn feels it a duty to make presents to the giver, presents that perhaps he can as little afford and that his friend as little needs. Thus both have had to make sacrifices for which they have received no equivalent good. It is this sort of giving when we expect a return, this giving through a sense of past or prospective obligation, against which there is widespread revolt. It is not in harmony with the Christmas spirit. It is commercial, onerous and lacking in spontaneity. It makes us dread the return of the holiday when we should welcome it with joy.

Fortunately the habit is dying out. Without any preconceived movement to that end it is still being dropped by mutual consent. A has reached the point of insolvency where he doesn't give a hang whether B remembers him or not. He will not rack his brain and deplete his pocketbook buying unwelcome things for B, only to cause B in turn to hurt, perhaps grudgingly, equally unwelcome things at his own head. All unknown to A the same insolvency has been working in the heart of B, and the irrational custom falls of its own weight. In consequence the day on which we celebrate the birth of the Son of Man ceases to be a bargain counter exchange.

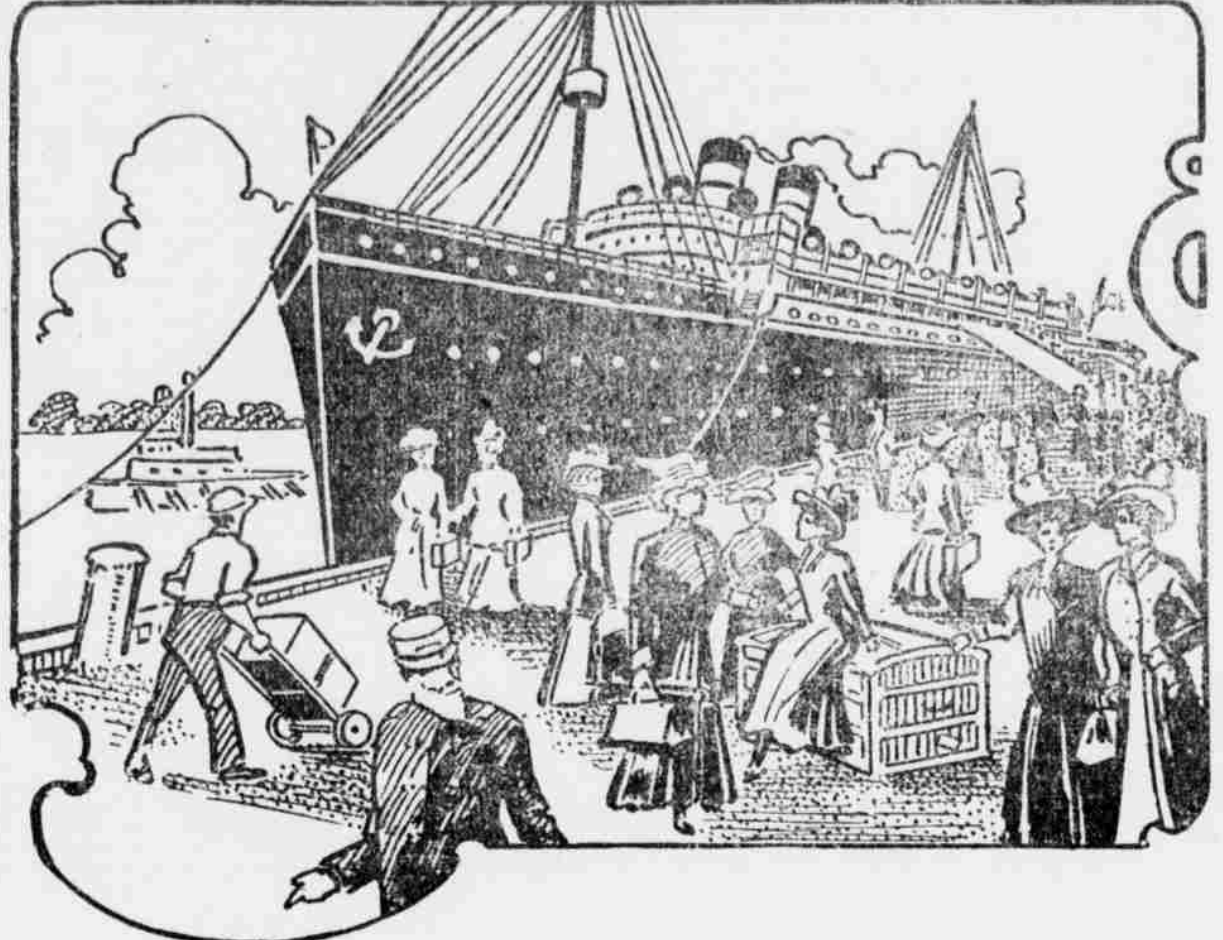
With the children it is different. We give to them for the pure joy of it, without any hope of return. We enter into their joys and partake of the Christmas spirit by sharing it with them. Thus we unconsciously fulfill the command of him in whose honor the day is celebrated and veritably become as little children.

J. A. EDGERTON.

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