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Don't Forget

The happiest day of the year.
When buying presents don't
forget,
As often as you can
To purchase Union Label
Goods—
That is the proper plan.

Your Home Duty

Undoubtedly many of the hard
earned dollars spent by the
working people of Newark during
the Christmas holidays will be
sent out of town to swell the
coffers of the big mail order
houses or spent with some out-
of-town house-to-house canvass-
er or peddler.

In both instances the money
leaves town never to return.
This is not fair to Newark busi-
ness men, and it is not infre-
quently the case that the pur-
chaser pays as much or more
for an inferior grade of goods
than first-class articles could be
bought from reliable mer-
chants at home, who pay taxes
and employ Newark labor.

It's up to the men employed
by home merchants and manu-
facturers to reciprocate and
spend their money in the home
town.

Get Your Tags

New automobile license tags
must be used by car owners on
and after January 1st, and no
extension of time will be grant-
ed this year as has been fre-
quently done in the past.

Chief of Police Dewitt advises
motorists to buy their tags be-
fore the expiration of the time
limit as the city police will be
instructed to bring prosecutions
against those failing to comply
with the regulations.

It will be advantageous to
those who have not already done
so to provide themselves with
tags before the first of the year
rolls around, and thus avoid the
rush which always ensues on
the last day, when the sale is
closed, which will positively be
January 1st, 1927.

J. T. Girard, at the central
filling station, has an abundant
supply of licenses, and the sta-
tion will remain open until six
o'clock in the evening until De-
cember 20, in order to accommo-
date shop and factory employees
who are unable to call during
the day. Members of the New-
ark Automobile Club may secure
new license plates at the club
headquarters.

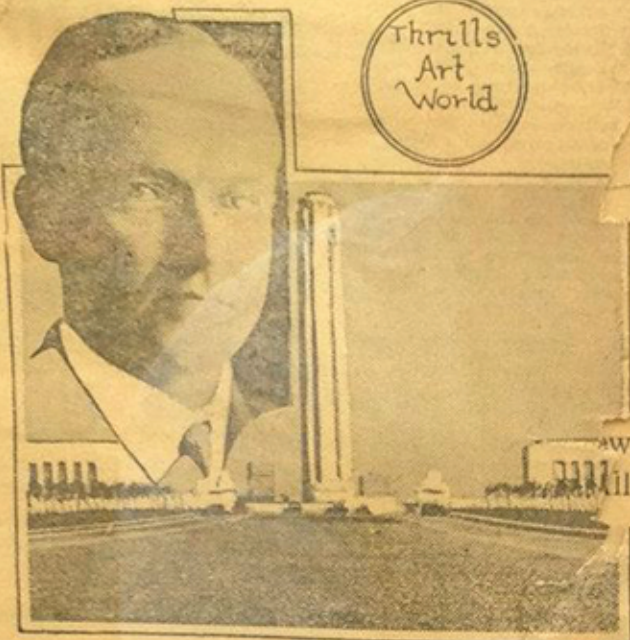
The main thing for auto own-
ers is to see that they are in
shape to comply with the re-
quirements of the law on the
morning of January 1st, 1927,
so do it now, don't delay until
the last moment.

Christmas Seals

A gallant fight is being waged
all over the country against tu-
berculosis, that arch enemy of
the human race, and encouraging
progress is being made in the
effort to prevent and overcome
the progress of this dread dis-
ease.

Hundreds of thousands of dol-
lars are annually raised to aid
in this war of extermination by
the sale of Christmas seals, and
an effort is being made this year
to outdo the results of previous
sales. Friends of the cause in
Newark are sparing no efforts
to place our city in the front
ranks on the honor roll to the

Coolidge Dedicates Majestic Memorial As Inspired Crowd Stands in Silence



Four hundred feet of history is
"written" in the stone frieze
adorning the magnificent Liberty
Memorial recently dedicated by
President Coolidge in Kansas City.
Delicately traced characters depict
the pageant of the ages. From an-
cient Greece, through the Renais-
sance to the present age the sym-
bolic figures march in graphic
procession. On a succession of
terraces the monument extends
along a 600 foot front. Rising
sheer 217 feet from the platform
topping the terraces the huge
shaft with its great winged angels
forms the central figure. From its
top issues a pillar of cloud by day
and a pillar of fire by night. Steps
leading up to the platform are
flanked by great sphinxes. At
either end is a beautiful stone
bulwark—war museum and a
memory hall.

"After every war," says Presi-
dent A. E. Dickinson of the Indi-
ana Limestone company "there is
a wave of memorial building.
Thousands of tons of stone have
already gone into monuments. This
one is an achievement. When Kan-
sas City dedicated the site of this
\$2,000,000 memorial five years ago
eighty-three thousand citizens
pledged support to erect a lasting
tribute to peace."

For the entire structure Indiana
limestone was chosen because of its
durability and adaptability to ar-
tistic treatment. The architect,
H. Van Buren Magonigle, designed
the entire memorial. Robert Aitken
did the guardian figures; Edith
Magonigle executed the historical
frieze. Kansas City's art center
made possible by a \$20,000,000 be-
quest will surround the mem-
orial. The entire art world is con-
gratulating the city.

Thirteen Per Cent of Retail Sales Are Made on the Instalment Plan

Total Credit Purchases Last Year Estimated to
Have Exceeded \$5,000,000,000

In a recent issue of The Labor Review it was asserted that virtually
every day's wage in each week is paid out in the form of obligations on instalment
purchases.

The Literary Digest in a recent issue shows conclusively that credit buy-
ing has reached tremendous proportions in this country. In fact, last year
figures show it had reached \$5,000,000,000, or 13 per cent of all goods sold
at retail. It is further disclosed that there are 1500 discount compa-
nies whose sole business is the financing of instalment sales.

The Wall Street Journal, April 30, 1926, said: "Instalment buying
apparently won a permanent place in the reading and conversation of
mass men, being either a new Magna Charta or a modern adaptation of
Black Hand, according to the point of view."

While comparative figures on retail credit buying for last year are
available, the Farmers' Loan & Trust company, of New York, in a re-
cent survey presents this estimate of the business done in the principal lines
on instalments in 1924:

	Retail Value	Value Sold Time Payment
1. Automobiles	\$2,910,082,505	\$2,182,561
2. Washing Machines	88,000,000	65,000
3. Vacuum Cleaners	69,000,000	44,850
4. Phonographs	70,000,000	56,000
5. Furniture (approximately)		765,000
6. Pianos	100,000,000	40,000
7. Jewelry	400,000,000	100,000
8. Radio	300,000,000	39,000
	\$3,937,082,505	\$3,293,411

"The total instalment sales for 1925 are conservatively reckoned at
\$5,000,000,000 out of a total of \$37,000,000,000 in cash and credit sales and
clude, in addition to the lines mentioned above, such merchandise as ad-
machines, books, clothing, electrical appliances, farm implements, furs, h-
ing systems, kitchen cabinets, motorcycles, refrigerators, sewing ma-
chines and typewriters. In fact, a western economist says he knows of 'no com-
modity of any importance which a man cannot buy on the instalment plan.'"

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

HAPPY fatigue. Rushing,
hurrying, sitting up late.
Doing up bundles. Posting
packages. Delivering presents.
Getting so tired-out you don't
know how you can ever finish
and then a new vigor and energy
and Christmas spirit coming
over you so that you feel you
can continue more than ever.
Wondering whether it will snow
and the snow arriving just in
time for Christmas, the stars
twinkling down on the white,
white earth. Bright red apples
with the real flavor of the coun-
try. Memories of other Christ-
mases and New Year's, blurred
at other times somewhat, but
poignantly vivid in the happi-
ness of Christmas-tide. This is
the Christmas season.—Mary
Graham Bonner.
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TOO MANY APPEALS AGAINST LABOR L

New York—Workers injured in
dusty should not be victimized
by numerous appeals against com-
petent decisions, representatives of
State's Attorney General told
New York Industrial Survey Com-
mission.
While abolition of the right of ap-
peal was not favored, it was point-
ed out that these delays continue for
six months to two years, while
injured worker has no income.

Treasury Wild Cat De

Richmond, Va.—John Skelton
Hanna, comptroller of the currency
under the Wilson administration,
known as the "treasury wild cat,"
here of heart disease. While he
was in federal office he had a stor-
y career because of opposition to re-
forms employed by certain banks.
Financial interests contested his re-
signment and he was not confirm-
ed by the senate. After his retire-
ment he attacked the steel trust for its
prices, low wages and concealment
profits.

NATURE'S GIFTS

NATURE is busy at Christ-
mas time getting ready her
presents. Sometimes she is de-
layed a little, again she is ahead
of time, but invariably she be-
stows exquisite gifts upon peo-
ple.

There are the trees and the
fields, bare, bleak and ugly after
the radiance of autumn has left
them. Nature garbs them for
Christmas as part of her lavish
gifts to human kind.

The trees are covered with
snow, and icicles of crystal
beauty ornament ledges, eaves
and rocks. Sometimes the trees
are glittering with nature's ar-
tistic blending of snow and rain
and ice so that they gleam as
jewels upon the winter scene.

Fields are covered with snow
and rest softly and kindly
upon their great, brown surfaces
and many colors dance in spar-
kling reflection between the
sun's rays and the white snow.
Nature wishes us a Merry
Christmas in so lovely a way!—
Mary Graham Bonner.
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Growing Power Brings With It More Respect

The Farm Bloc in Congress No
Longer Taunted and
Laughed At

Washington, D. C.—The farm
bloc in Congress is being treat-
ed with respect. No longer is it
being treated as a laughing stock,
receiving end for taunts and
abuse.

Since the memory of man runneth
not, we have had legislative blocs,
but many of these were unnoticed.
They were formed by bankers and
business men.

At the last session of Congress,
when the farm bloc began to develop,
angry protests at this un-American
procedure were heard.

But the farm bloc opponents are
losing.

The reason is plain. This group
has grown in power and discipline.
It shows what it wants, and announces
it. It falls there will be no tax reduc-
tions for the wealthy.

W. K. Wess brings ridicule and mis-
representation.
Power, backed by intelligence and
determination brings respect.

Might does not make right, but
might makes it possible to secure jus-
tice.

Organized workers can testify to
this truth.

Meetings of Local Unions

Local Unions of Newark will
meet in Labor Hall, 27 1/2 W. Main
Street as follows:

FRIDAY, DEC. 17
B. & O. Carriers Union No. 705.

SUNDAY, DEC. 19
Musicians Union No. 122.
Order Railway Conductor No.
166.

MONDAY, DEC. 20
Bricklayers Union No. 114.
Printing Pressmen's Union No.
245.

TUESDAY, DEC. 21
Ladies Auxiliary to Machinists.
Molders Union No. 205.
Sheet Metal Workers Union No.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22
Newark Federation of Labor.
B. & O. Local Federation.
Painters & Decorators Union 356.

THURSDAY, DEC. 23
Bakers Union No. 172.

FRIDAY, DEC. 24
Ladies Auxiliary No. 166 to Car-
penters.
Carpenters' Union No. 136.

Every member of these organiza-
tions is urged to attend their union
meetings.

More Cotton, More Ignorance; More Ignorance, More Cotton

Birmingham, Ala.—The South
is paying a terrific toll for plac-
ing its children in cotton fields
instead of schools, says the Pro-
gressive Farmer.

"Just the other day," says this pub-
lication, "we picked up a Southern
daily newspaper and found the front
page heavily featuring news about
the low price of cotton and needed
remedies. We then turned to an in-
side page and found a report of a
meeting in one agricultural county in
which the farmers had voted against
a longer school term because, for-
sooth, they 'can't spare their children
from the fields!'"

"Here is the vicious circle that
curses the South:
"We keep our children from school
in order to make a surplus of cotton—
"And then this surplus of cotton

makes prices so low—
"That then we are so poor we can't
spare our children time to go to
school—"

"And so more cotton makes more
ignorance, and more ignorance makes
more cotton—and so on ad infinitum!
"If the Southern states had had
compulsory education laws like those
of other states for 40 years, we could
have plenty of cotton, could have
maintained cotton prices on far high-
er levels, and could have had a citi-
zenship just as well educated as that
in the North or West. In other words,
we could have had just as much money
and far more knowledge."

"Isn't it time to quit sacrificing
our Southern childhood and Southern
intelligence on the altar of 'King Cot-
ton'—and especially when such sacri-
fice only piles up unwanted surpluses
that bring disaster rather than pros-
perity?"

ROBERT G. HOUSTON



An especially posed portrait of
Representative Robert G. Houston,
Republican, of Delaware.

Dr. Lorenz Is Anti-Volstead

Beer Is the Best Medicine for
Stomach Says Famous
Vienna Surgeon

New York City—Dr. Adolph Lorenz,
the famous orthopedic surgeon
of Vienna, has landed in the United
States for his seventh visit. This
great surgeon and physician believes
that "beer" is the best medicine to
keep the stomach in good working or-
der.

This visit of Dr. Lorenz again
brings hope to the maimed, who again
look forward to a future in which
they, too, may be able to walk. His
marvelous skill in straightening
crooked limbs, giving spines their
right curvature and correcting other
deformities has brought happiness and
usefulness into lives that otherwise
would either have been snuffed out
or have been hopeless cripples.

MRS. EMILY TOMPKINS



Mrs. Emily Tompkins of New York
is the newly elected national presi-
dent of the Ladies of the Grand Army
of the Republic.

Railway Labor Wins Out Under Mediation Law

Conductors and Trainmen Get
Substantial Increase in
Test Case

New York—Eastern railway
conductors and trainmen have
won in the first test of the Wat-
son-Parker federal railroad act.

Wages have been advanced 7 1-2 per
cent by a board of arbitration. The
board was created following a failure
of the Railroad Mediation Board to
adjust differences. The increase will
approximate \$15,000,000 a year. The
increase asked for \$1 a day, which
would amount to about \$38,000,000 a
year.

Edgar E. Clark and William D.
Baldwin, representing the public, voted
with the two brotherhood members,
E. P. Curtis, general secretary, Or-
der of Railway Conductors, and Dan-
iel L. Cease, editor of the Railway
Trainmen, official magazine of the
Order of Railway Trainmen. Dissent-
ing votes were cast by the two rail-
road representatives.

Mr. Clark is former president of
the Order of Railway Conductors and
former member of the Interstate
Commerce Commission. Mr. Baldwin
is connected with the Otis Elevator
Company. These two were appointed
by the Railroad Mediation Board
when the railroad managers and em-
ployees failed to agree on neutral
members. A feature of the award
was the board's recognition of "the
peculiar, exacting, hazardous and re-
sponsible character of the services
performed by these employees."

CARPENTERS MEET

Oyster Supper and Dance Last Week
a Big Success

Carpenters Local No. 136 royally
entertained the members of the
Ladies' Auxiliary at an oyster supper
and dance in Federation of Labor hall
last Friday night, at which about two
hundred were present.

A brief session of the Local Union
was first held, after which a splendid
oyster supper, with all the accom-
paniments, was greatly enjoyed.

A fine orchestra furnished music
for the dance which followed from
eight o'clock until midnight, at the
close of which the gathering regret-
fully left for home, with the firm con-
viction that the committee in charge
knew their business from start to
finish. The committee consisted of
C. J. Baker, chairman, W. O. Ferguson,
Jesse Shimmel, George Horton, Homer
Cooper and Roy Clark.

The Carpenters never fail to make
a success of everything they under-
take, and the event of last Friday
evening was no exception to the rule.

Shout for U. S. Ships; Patronize Foreigners

Washington, D. C.—American busi-
ness men could build up a merchant
marine if they patronized American
vessels instead of foreign ships.

President Coolidge drops this hint
in his annual message to Congress.
The chief executive is diplomatic in
his indictment, but the inference is
plain.

"Our merchants are altogether too
indifferent about using American
ships for the transportation of goods
which they send abroad or bring
home," he said.

It might be a good idea for the
anti-horse-thief vigilantes of the
good old days to reorganize or re-as-
semble and devote their energies to
catching hit-and-run motorists.