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MAKING FRIENDS? WHAT!

The great American financial jugglers of world affairs have been lending more money of late and making us more of the kind of friends debtors usually develop into, especially when they have not much expectation of paying back. The big bankers have lent or arranged to lend a hundred millions to Belgium, several millions to Greece and big loans to Nicaragua for railroad repair work and to help them get their coffee crop to market. At the rate, the bankers are going the whole world will soon owe us money and what goes with indebtedness usually—grudges. They'll want to tell-us about it with bricks or worse sometime. This is no world for a poor innocent rich pacifist nation, little or big. And by the same sign, it's no time to let the army and the navy deteriorate. There's even talk of a big loan to Mexico. What a rascal Uncle Sam will be in the next war!

INDIRECT IMMIGRANTS

According to reports plenty of immigrants are still coming into the country, although under the new restriction law the big liners are not landing so many direct from Europe. Those who are coming in now are mostly from across the border in Canada. They come to that country first and after learning something of what life means in the free lands of the west, because they have to first get citizenship papers there, they move on to the United States. They are mostly northern Europeans of good stock and are not smirched with red or yellow or pink or any other of the well known perils. In fact many of them are better citizens than a lot of the long haired men and short haired women who in this country howl the loudest about their "inalienable rights."

TIME IS SHORT

Only a few more days until the big day. If you haven't done your Christmas shopping early, there is still time, but it is rapidly shortening. If you have gifts to buy or parcels to mail get going; get them started on their way. Not many folks are killed in last-minute Christmas rushes, but often much time and real satisfaction and loads of patience are sacrificed by procrastination at this season. Let's hurry. And, by the way, will somebody ask Santa to put a spelling book in the stocking of the "bird" who persists in spelling it "Xmas?"

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W. F. Hypes Visits War Torn Land; Report Says He Meets Many Adventures

W. F. Hypes, general sales manager for Marshall Field and company, and president of the Y. M. C. A. of Chicago, is having some strenuous experiences in war-torn China according to a letter just received by local "Y" officials from L. K. Hall, national boys' work secretary of the association for China.

The trip from Peking to Hankow was made by Mr. and Mrs. Hypes just before the railroad was torn up by conflicting military forces. It took nine hours and a half to make the fifty two mile trip from Hankow to Soo Chow without any food or drink enroute, owing to the rough treatment of civilians by military tuchuns, and that same night Mr. Hypes was thrown from his rickshaw onto a pile of rocks.

Missed Big Dinner

When Mr. Hypes arrived in Foochow in the evening, according to the report, he was just too late to participate in a forty course feast, which the prominent people of the city were attending in his honor. "In spite of all this," says Mr. Hall, "Mr. Hypes rose to the occasion and made the best speech he has made in China. He speaks well on all occasions but you ought to hear him after he has missed several square meals.

"As a fitting finale for the day, Mr. Hypes was thrown out of his rickshaw on to a pile of rocks but got up and continued on his way, with only a few inches of epidermis missing.

"The next forenoon, after visiting the highest pagoda in China Mr. Hypes found that the station agent could give no information regarding the arrival of a train due at 2 o'clock, but which finally arrived at 7 in the evening.

Crawls Over Coolies

"The train was so crowded that it was necessary for Mr. Hypes to crawl through the windows of the coach by climbing over the backs of some coolies, who came to the rescue, because the doors were locked. In doing so, Mr. Hypes sprained the knee which he had not skinned on the rock pile. Once in, however, we happened to find a recent newspaper and forgot our troubles, reading by candle light how Walter Johnson walked off with the bacon in the world's series.

"We arrived in Shanghai at 3 o'clock in the morning. To prove that Mr. Hypes does not let anything bother him, he appeared in church at 11 o'clock, looking as fresh as though just returning from a restful vacation, and sang one of his beautiful solos."

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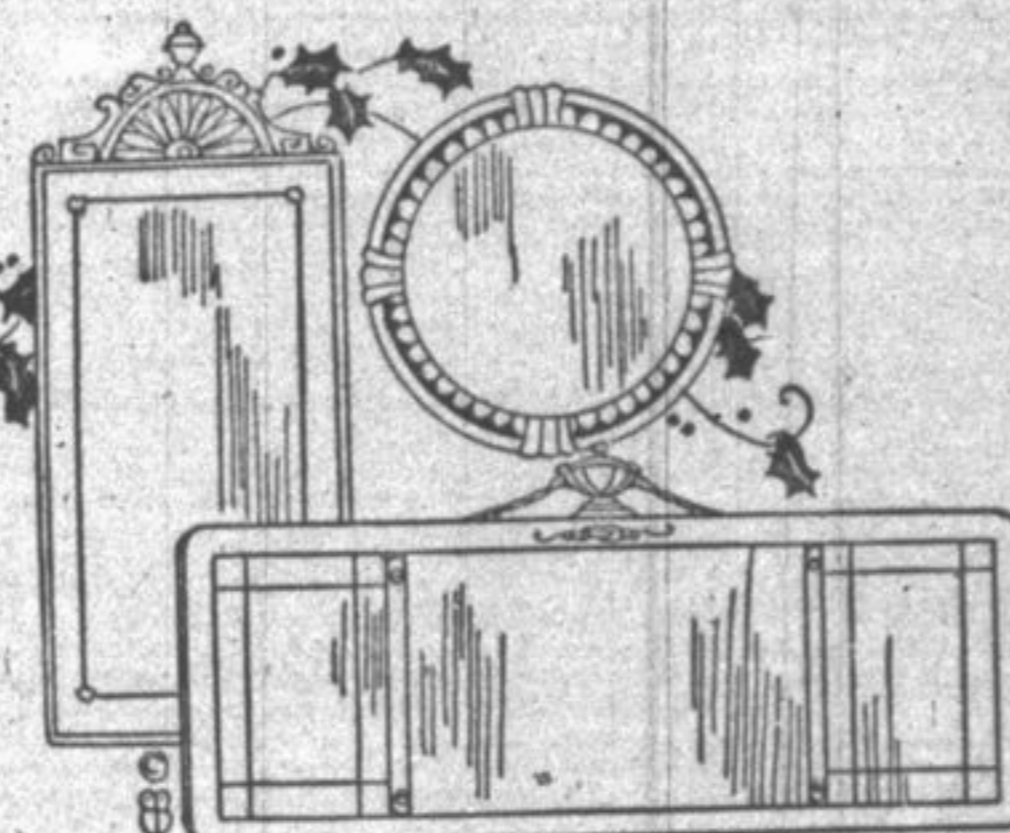
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