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The night before Christmas everybody is for good roads.

And those who live by blood and iron shall perish by blood and iron.

Only twelve more days to dread the neckties you will get at Christmas.

The question now arises: Will Santa Claus roll the Christmas stockings?

It is difficult to set the world to rights when everybody is clamoring for his "rights."

A scientist claims that respiration is an evidence of character. The breath often is.

Insurance against handitis is the latest. However, the victim generally is fully covered.

It is reported that the former kaiser will marry again. The woman must be crazy also.

About the only difference between a hobby and a job is that you get paid for the job.

If the nations disarm, somebody can make a fortune by buying the surplus swivel chairs.

Of all glad words that are now on deck, the gladdest are these: "Enclosed please find cheque."

A wife is usually inclined to be skeptical when her husband says she looks well in last year's suit.

The man who "lies down on the job" should not be surprised if he is stopped upon by a hustler.

We are fast arriving at the time of year when the Christmas tree salesman trims the consumer.

A naturalist says that all Nature detests decayed vegetation. This is especially true of the dead-beat.

China: A densely populated area inside a Great Wall, entirely surrounded by spheres of influence.

Lloyd George believes that he has passed one more crisis in Ireland. But there may be others in the bush.

We are for the naval holiday. It will be fine to put over one holiday the bankers can't celebrate by closing.

Well, the munition makers can turn to the making of automobiles without lowering their batting averages.

Our idea of an optimist is a man who is thankful that he has made enough this year to pay the tax on last year's income.

Some of our United States friends are Irish patriots because they love the green, and some because they love the long green.

Fifty per cent. of college girls become spinsters, says a professor. Whether it is a dreadful fate depends on the point of view.

By royal proclamation England will devote three and one half days to the celebration of Christmas. It is evidently the intention to have plenty.

Lloyd George is coming to the Washington conference. As he is no longer a young man, he has decided not to wait until the Irish question is definitely settled.

IRELAND AT PEACE.

Tuesday was a memorable day in more ways than one, for in addition to seeing the overwhelming defeat of the discredited Meighon government, it also saw a settlement of the troubles in Ireland, after a long period of warfare and strife.

Under its new constitution Ireland will assume a status somewhat similar to that of Canada. The creation of a new "Irish Free State" within the Empire, while a little farther in advance of what was expected, means another addition to the chain of free nations which go together to form the unbreakable whole of the greatest Empire the world has ever seen.

The future of the country now lies entirely in the hands of the Irish people. With a constitution of their own, with their own policies regarding finance, tariff and defence, the leaders of Ireland have a splendid opportunity to show that they were really fitted for the tasks which they sought in their demands for absolute freedom.

The problem of Ulster is one which has yet to be solved. Under the new regime, Ulster can either remain within the Irish Free State or stay out of it, as she desires. Before one month passes, Ulster must decide whether to go in with the South of Ireland and make a united country, or whether she will revert to the status which existed before the settlement was reached.

A PROVINCIAL BYE-ELECTION. With the federal general election now a thing of the past, interest in things political will for a time centre in the first bye-election in Ontario since the Drury government came into power.

CONTEST PROMISES TO BE A CLOSE ONE.

With the Conservative securing the large vote in the city, and the other two about equal, and the two farmers having the bulk of the rural vote. In the last election, in 1919, the Liberal member was the only farmer in the field.

The Drury government is taking no chances with this seat, and practically all of the cabinet ministers are to take an active part in the fight. Meetings have already been arranged at which Premier Drury, Hon. Manning Doherty, Hon. Peter Smith, Hon. H. C. Nixon, Hon. W. E. Raney, Hon. F. C. Biggs, Hon. Harry Mills and Hon. Beniah Bowman are to speak.

BLOWING HOT AND COLD. The election has had, as the Whig predicted, a most baneful effect on the Old Woman of Princess Street. She has lost her poise completely. She is now, more than ever—if that were possible—all things to all men.

And now let us introduce to our gentle readers a shining example of the Standard's consistency. On the back page of its same Saturday issue it published an article under the heading: "Reed's Election Likely Protested."

The readers of the Standard must have a hard time following its conflicting arguments; they surely can have no faith in its opinions or in its news columns. Our esteemed contemporary is one of those who do not believe in letting its right hand

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

KINGDOM IS WITHIN: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold the kingdom of God is within you.—Luke 17: 21.

know what its left hand is doing. And that left hand does do some funny, funny things.

ALONG LIFE'S DETOUR

BY SAM HILL

Real Melody. There's lots of high-class music in the world. And highbrows they can tell you what it means: But the music that does most appeal to me is the jinkle of the dollar in my jeans.

With the Multitude. Have you finished your Christmas shopping yet? What! Haven't started? Oh, well, neither have we. Have you thought of any good New-Year's resolutions for January first? Neither have we.

We're Gonna Learn To Dance It P. D. Q. "Most young men would rather embrace a pretty girl than an opportunity."—Sam Hill. If you're anxious to embrace the girls Don't pass this opportunity: Just take a chance with the shimmy dance. And you'll hug the whole community!

That's One Place, Anyway. "Old-fashioned Grandma — "You just can't find modesty anywhere these days. Now, when I was—" "Flippant Flapper—"Here's a Dictionary, Grandma. You can still find it there, among obsolete words.

Short, Sad Poems. Marriage Vows. Married rows. Divorce pow-wows. "To Prevent Accidents" A superplump lady was hurrying (even as a well-loaded truck hurries) along the crowded sidewalk when her eye caught an attractive window display.

More Personal Liberty. The hunter now is far afield, A-chasing frightened rabbits. But even there the Volstead law Keeps tab upon his habits.

Daily Sentence Sermon. Never be afraid to take a chance on—going right. News of the Names Club. We can't help but wonder if Dell Gully of Owenton, Ky., doesn't have her moments of depression over her name.

Why? You owe me ten, you know you do; I need the coin most terribly. A hundred times I've written you. Old pal, why don't you answer me?

HERE'S HOPING. I hope the nations may decide to junk the implements of might, and scrap the battleships that ride the waters, spilling for a fight; for such an outcome we have cried since this great confab boomed in sight.

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thirst, for long calm years of useful arts; but if we'd have it men must first scrap evil passions in their hearts. Oh, we may sink our ships at sea, and turn our swords to pruning hooks, and mold our shotguns so they'll be acceptable as shepherds' crooks, but man will find an enicker-ence if he is bound to scrap, gad-zooks! Disarmament's a noble plan, well worth the highest statesmen's while, but it must be an also-ran, and carnage still must be in style, until we rid the heart of man of hatred, jealousy and guile.

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