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It looks and feels like Christmas today and another week should prepare every one for the big event. Just a week to shop in.

You can't do it very early any more but you can still do it by shopping in the Decatur stores. They are by the way open in the evenings now for your convenience.

With less than a week in which to work the fund for the Good Fellows is just half what it ought to be. Don't put it off any longer.

Charles Cox and Ralph Kane, who assisted in the prosecution of D. C. Stephenson are asking for fees of \$100 a day each, totaling about \$15,000. It costs the state a stack of money to convince some folks who think they are the law that they are mistaken.

Battling Siki, Semegalese negro, who drank gin and whiskey while training for his big fights, who whipped the French champion-Carpentier, and who made and spent several fortunes, was finally "got" by a bootlegger who shot him in the back. The negro was but twenty-five years old, but his career of vice and his associations with those of low degree brought the inevitable finish.

A week from tonight is Christmas eve and every thing points to a merry one. The snow is here, every one is busy, plans are being made for the usual celebrations in churches, lodges, schools and homes. Of course much of the shopping is to be done yet and the next few days will be busy ones but the job can be done. Follow the advertisements and announcements in the Daily Democrat. They will help you make your selections and plans.

There were nearly four per cent less marriages the past year than the previous average while the divorces increased three and a half per cent. There were 1,178,206 marriages and 170,867 divorces, about one divorce for every seven marriages. Texas had the largest number of divorces while strange as it may seem, the wild state of New York, was one of the lower ones in the list with one divorce for every twenty-three marriages. If the increase continues we may reach a point where its a fifty-fifty proposition.

Send your card of acceptance in for the alumni banquet. If you have mislaid it, call Miss McCrory and tell her to put you down for a ticket or two any way. If you have not received an invitation, you are welcome any way if you have ever attended high school. That makes you eligible. Please remember also that wives or husbands of those entitled to membership are invited and expected, the idea being to make it a happy occasion for every one. Did you read the program? Doesn't it interest you? Lets make the attendance over three hundred.

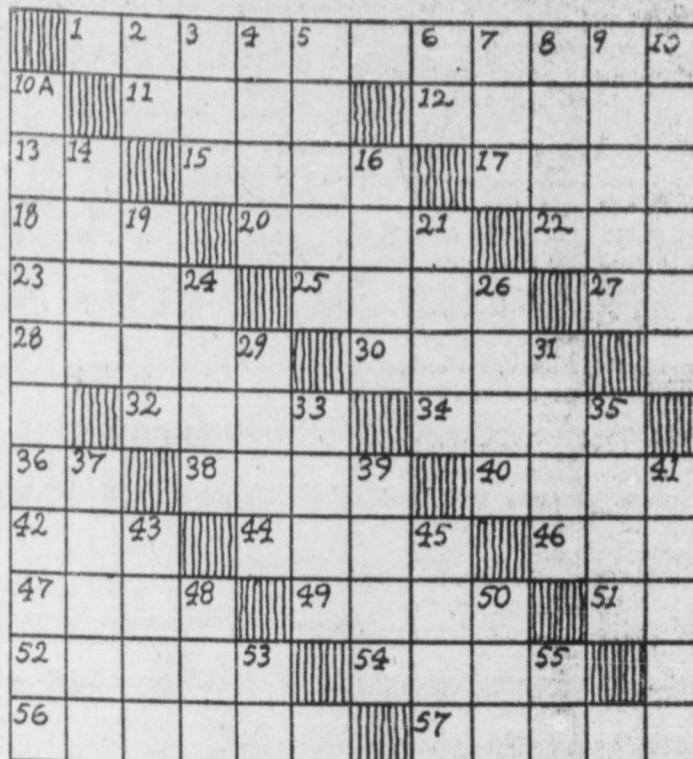
A domestic beet sugar company announces construction of a fourth new factory during the present year, the new plants being located in Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming. Since the erection of a beet sugar factory at Scottsbluff, Neb., in 1910, the growth of the industry has been rapid and next year close to 100,000 acres will be under beet cultivation in Nebraska. These simple facts give an idea of what the growth of an indispensable industry means to farming. The sugar beet industry has been a farm developer in many states and has safeguarded this nation against a foreign sugar monopoly.—Goshen Daily Democrat.

They will talk and scrap in congress and perhaps do nothing which will really aid the farmer. If they want to bring actual prosperity to this country for years to come they can do it by earnestly and honestly trying as hard to do something for the farmer as they do to please the big business man. After all, the biggest man and the most important in this nation right now, is the farmer, for he controls the raw production and he needs actual and not theoretical assistance now. He should have a sure market for his product and not provisions for further loans. If he has a money making business he can finance himself.

The news story of proposed appropriations for postoffice buildings, given out from Washington the other day, included \$98,500 for Bluffton. Since that city has a building recently completed at a cost of \$60,000 or thereabouts, everybody wondered why and what the story meant. The Bluffton News wired Congressman Vestal who replied that the report was an error and was probably included by the chairman of the committee because a bill introduced several years ago included the same item. It should be understood that these bills are introduced in a somewhat haphazard manner and are then gone over, corrected and changed to suit conditions and suggestions. The only matter of dependable interest is the fact that those cities in the bill will probably be taken care of finally.

Decatur, Indiana, Thursday, December 17, 1925.

DAILY DEMOCRAT CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



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Horizontal.		Vertical.	
1—Train pullers	11—Fury	2—Conjunction	6—Methods
12—Sea	13—Skyward	3—Vehicle for hire	7—Frozen water
13—To boast	14—Comfort	4—Giant	8—Kind of meat
15—To open a keg	16—	5—Preposition	9—Comforted
16—Enough (poetic)	17—	10—Derisive looks	11—
17—Confederate general	18—	12—Motor cars	13—To improve a street
18—Across	19—	14—Precious metal	15—A—
19—Moving at a low speed	20—	16—A—	17—
20—Physician (abbr.)	21—	18—A—	19—
21—Large fruit from a vine	22—To blow a horn	20—Combination of letters	21—
22—To pull	23—To blow a horn	24—Base	22—Division of a city
23—To flow in drops	24—To exist	25—To thrive	23—Stain
24—Pedal digits	25—To annoy	26—To obliterate	24—To ensnare
25—To pull over the ground	26—Retained	27—	25—Rodent
26—Sea eagle	27—Den	28—One of a fabled race of small	26—Slippery fish
27—Additional amount	28—	29—beings	27—You (Elb.)
28—Informal written composition	29—	30—	28—Note of scale
29—Chinese money of account	30—	31—	29—
30—A sextet	31—	32—	30—
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Just Folks
by Edgar A. Guest

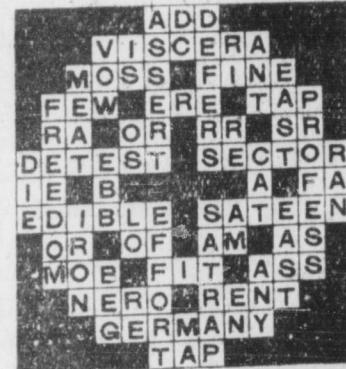
PRAYER FOR A LITTLE GIRL

Dear Lord, our little baby bless
And fill her life with happiness.
Protect her through the coming years
And keep her lovely eyes from tears;
Keep her from pain and let her stay
perfect as she is today.

Dear Lord, watch over her, lest she
Shall catch some ugly fault from me;
Guard her from selfishness and pride,
From anger at some whim denied,
And as the swift years come and go,
As perfect as she is today.

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Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

Special Preparation
For Naval Aviators
Called Unnecessary

Washington, Dec. 16.—(United Press)—Specialization of line officers of the Navy as naval aviators for a full career is both undesirable and unessential, Rear Admiral W. R. Shoemaker, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, informed Secretary of the Navy Wilbur in his annual report today.

"The aviation problem, technically, as to the knowledge required, is no more specialized than the operation of any other type and is even less than the requirement is some of the technical branches of the line in which specialization is not necessary now," Shoemaker asserted.

Shoemaker recommended that beginning with the 1926 class of the Naval Academy, after the completion of two years of general line duties subsequent to graduation, a number of graduates, considered by the Bureau to be the current officer-pilot requirement for the aeronautical organization, be detailed to that duty for five years. With the course in aviation at the Naval Academy, Shoemaker pointed out, the Bureau now has a selective means of determining the available material in each class for detail to naval aviation.

Prominent New York
Banker Is Missing

New York, Dec. 17.—(United Press)—Alfred Benscher, prominent broker, has been missing from his office and home since Dec. 1, the state attorney-general's office revealed after alleging that Benscher owed his customers approximately \$500,000.

The firm of Alfred Benscher and company is closed and an injunction has been issued in supreme court against the company and against Benscher as an individual.

According to Deputy Attorney General Kaufman the Benscher firm "bucketed orders."

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KDKA, East Pittsburgh, 309, 8.30 p.m. (EST)—Half hour with Brahms
WIP, Philadelphia, 508, 8.15 p.m. (EST)—University of Pennsylvania
glee club.
WNYC, New York, 526, 8.30 p.m. (PCST)—KGO, Oakland, 361, 8 p.m. (PCST)—KGO players in "Delinquents"
WJZ, New York, 454; WRC, Washington, 469; WGY, Schenectady, 380; WCAD, Canton, 263—8 p.m. (EST)—Joint program, including U. S. army band and Levittow's salon orchestra.

(The Daily Democrat—Your Paper—)

German Rum Runners
See Big Profit In
Holiday Liquor Trade

By Frederick Kuh
(U. P. Staff Correspondent)
Berlin, Dec. 17.—(United Press)—

Despite the tightness of the rum blockade along the U. S. Atlantic coast, German rum runners are hopeful that they will make a harvest from their "holiday trade" with the states.

In view of reports of recent rum runner activity out of Hamburg, Bremen and Danzig, American agents of the prohibition enforcement forces have been redoubling their vigilance, though hitherto they have met with no success in catching German rum-runners with the goods. Informed American circles allege that the U. S. customs officer in Germany lacks the necessary staff of detective-assistants to ferret out the Volstead-scoffers.

Experts declare that at least four adroit sleuths must be at the disposal of the American authorities in Germany; if rum-running from this country is to be checked. At present, however, this task is left to the consular and Treasury department officers abroad, whose time is consumed with routine business.

"Until the Treasury department details a squad of enforcement agents to Germany," it is asserted, "German rum runners will continue to thumb their noses at American legislation."

Christmas styles in rum-running are "back to nature," as the trade slogan goes. That is, the conventional disguises are being abandoned and the smuggled liquor is being transported without camouflage. Previously, rum-runners resorted to the ruse of label-

ling their cases "pottery," "Chinaware" or "crockery." But this trick was found to be useless. Once the stuff reached an American port, the customs inspectors quickly penetrated its disguise.

And so the Christmas fashion has returned to running the blockade with open liquor shipments and landing, unseen, at some nook along the New England coast.

Informers continue to "tip off" the American consulates here regarding impending departures of rum-departures from German ports. But these tips have often been calculated to direct the American authorities away from the real scent.

O. E. Gilliom, of Berne, was a business caller in the city this morning.

Investigation Of Nation's
Foreign Policy Demanded

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—(United Press)—A full investigation of the administration's foreign policy was demanded in a resolution introduced in the senate today by Senator Reed, democrat of Missouri. The resolution would require the senate foreign relations committee to ascertain if any foreign government, citizen or corporation has been spending money to influence the foreign policy of the government or senate; the ability of the various foreign governments to pay their war debts and the extent to which firms in the United States have made loans to foreign debtors.

THE CORT

Tonight—Tomorrow

"THE EVERLASTING WHISPER"

A Wm. Fox Attraction with
Tom Mix and Tony, the wonder horse.

A drama of love and hate in the western

wilds. Action—Speed—

Thrills—Romance

"A CLOUDY ROMANCE" good comedy

10c — 25c

SATURDAY—Buck Jones in "A DESERT PRICE."

SUNDAY ONLY—Buster Keaton in "GO WEST."

Acclaimed the Christmas
Gift Store by Young and Old

Ol' Santa sure favored this store in making it headquarters for the finest line of Christmas gifts in the city.

For The Kiddies

—Express Wagons, steel bodies
—Sleds
—Cannon Ball Wagons
—Automobiles
—Tricycles, rubber tires
—Kiddy Cars

—Electric Trains

—Sleds

—Winding Trains

—Skates

—Tricycles, rubber tires

—Other Toys



—Electric Sewing Machine
—Electric Washers
—Monogram combination
Ranges, finest on the market
—Kitchen Cabinets
—Roasters
—Viko Aluminum Ware<br