

SMITE DOWN WRONG

AND GIVE THANKS TO GOD, SAYS
PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

IN THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

Executive Pens Notable Document in
Appointing November 26 as An-
nual Day of Thanks.

Washington, D. C., Special: The President's Thanksgiving proclamation is as follows:

Once again the season is at hand when, according to the ancient custom of our people, it becomes the duty of the President to appoint a day of prayer and of thanksgiving to God.

Year by year this nation grows in strength and worldly power. During the century and a quarter that has elapsed since our entry into the circle of independent peoples, we have grown and prospered in material things to a degree never known before, and not now known in any other country. The thirteen colonies which straggled along the seacoast of the Atlantic and were hemmed in but a few miles west of tidewater by the Indian-haunted wilderness, have been transformed into the mightiest republic which the world has ever seen. Its domains stretch across the continent from one to the other of the two greatest oceans, and it exercises dominion alike in the Arctic and tropic realms. The growth in wealth and population has surpassed even the growth in territory. Nowhere else in the world is the average of individual comfort and material well-being as high as in our fortunate land.

For the very reason that in material well-being we have thus abounded we owe it to the Almighty to show equal progress in moral and spiritual things. With a nation, as with the individuals who make up a nation, material well-being is an indispensable foundation. But the foundation avails nothing by itself. That life is wasted, and worse than wasted, which is spent in piling, heap upon heap, those things which minister merely to the pleasure of the body and to the power that rests only on wealth. Upon material well-being as a foundation must be raised the structure of the lofty life of the spirit, if this nation is properly to fill its great mission and to accomplish all that we so ardently hope and desire. The things of the body are good; the things of the intellect better; but best of all are the things of the soul; nor, in the nation as in the individual, in the long run is character that counts. Let us, therefore, as a people, set our faces resolutely against evil and with broad charity, with kindness and good will toward all men, but with an unflinching determination to smite down strong strife with all the strength that is given us for righteousness in public and private life.

Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, do set apart Thursday, the 26th day of November, next, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer, and on that day I recommend that the people shall cease from their daily work, and, in their homes or in their churches, most devoutly to thank the Almighty for the many and great blessings they have received in the past, and to pray that they may be given strength so to order their lives as to deserve a continuation of these blessings in the future.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this 31st day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-third.

FORGED MORTGAGE

Was Given to Indiana Farmer and He Is Out His \$2,500.

Noblesville, Ind., Special: George Mendenhall, a well-known farmer, living near here, lost \$2,500 in a bogus transaction involving a forged mortgage to an eighty-acre farm. A stranger, representing himself to be Jacob L. Louby, of Clinton county, this state, informed Mendenhall that he had purchased the McKay farm and that he was in need of \$2,500 to make certain improvements. After satisfying himself that the transaction was legitimate, Mendenhall accepted a mortgage on the farm to guarantee the loan and gave Louby the cash. When the latter had gone, Mendenhall learned that the document was worthless and that he had been fleeced out of \$2,500.

REVOLVER DUEL IN GEORGIA.

Sheriff Slays Two Brothers After Being Mortally Wounded.

Lafayette, Ga., Special: In a terrible revolver fight with two brothers, John and Charles Henderson, Sheriff John Carlock was mortally wounded but continued to fire upon his adversaries until both were dead.

The Hendersons operated a coal mine near here and the sheriff was called on to serve warrants on them for minor offenses. The men refused to accept service and opened fire on the officer. The brothers were both shot in the heart and the sheriff died later from a body wound.

Wealth Don't Count in Football. Concord, Mass., Special: Eleven sons of fathers whose aggregate wealth reaches well up toward the \$100,000,000 mark, were beaten here by an ordinary high school football team. The defeated team represented the famous Groton school and in the center of the line played Archie Roosevelt, third son of the President of the United States. Archie plays the best football of any of the brothers, but his prowess could not save his team from defeat.

JAPS HUNT TREASURE.

Syndicate Organized to Explore the Deep for Lost Treasure Ship.

Tokyo, Cable: Japan has caught the submarine treasure-hunting fever, and is interested in a scheme to recover a ship's cargo sunk off Uraga in 1867, and said to be worth \$300,000.

Two previous attempts have been made to reach the treasure ship, which is reported to contain \$30,000 in silver, a great quantity of copper, valuable bronze work, furniture and gold and silver articles shipped by a nobleman.

Now that a new syndicate has taken the matter in hand, there is more chance of success in reaching the treasure. The vessel is believed to have been an armored cruiser, purchased from Germany by one of the Samurai clans for use in the civil war, but was run ashore under the German flag when the present regime was established and the war ended.

GOTHAM SOCIETY QUEEN

GIVES UP REIGN WHEN DEATH CALLS MRS. WM. ASTOR.

ENDS REMARKABLE SOCIAL CAREER

Backed by \$500,000,000, She Gave Such Notable Functions that the World Stared.

New York, Special: Mrs. William Astor, aged 78 years, the first and only leader New York society has ever known, died Saturday at her home, No. 84, Fifth avenue. Oxygen had been constantly administered for more than 24 hours in the hope of strengthening her through the crisis, but a severe attack of heart trouble brought her life to a close.

Mrs. Astor's illness was the return of a complaint from which she suffered a little more than a year ago and which was the first symptom of a breakdown in her long and unique career as the ruler of society in this country.

Great wealth, practically half of the millions of the Astors, was behind Mrs. Astor in her social rule, and she spent with free hand. Any one aspiring to her place in society will have to enjoy an enormous fortune to duplicate some of her famous entertainments.

Mrs. Astor's advanced age never would have been suspected from her social activities and appearance up to the time she was first stricken with heart trouble, almost two years ago. Although 77 years of age at the time, in appearance she was a well preserved woman of about 50 and of tireless energy.

The death of Mrs. Astor will have but little effect upon the great Astor fortune, which, in its combined strength, is estimated at more than \$500,000,000, as the will of her husband left her the Fifth avenue home; Beechwood, her Newport villa, and an income of \$50,000 a year. This was increased later to \$70,000, but Mrs. Astor always had at her command the fortunes of her children to draw upon should her expenditures exceed her private income.

John Jacob Astor II, who died in 1870, left his son, William Waldorf Astor, about \$150,000,000. His brother, William Astor, the husband of Mrs. Astor, who died in Paris in 1892, had a larger family to share his wealth and left his son, John Jacob Astor, about \$65,000,000. Since the deaths of these two men the fortune has increased enormously with the advance in the value of their great holdings of real estate in this city.

For twenty years Mrs. Astor ruled New York society with an iron hand. She had almost absolute power to make or mar the ambitions of those who sought her social patronage. Her visiting list was the index of the socially elect.

Mrs. Astor's ancestry goes back to 1636, when Jacob Janse Schermerhorn, founder of her father's family in this country, settled on Manhattan.

William Schermerhorn, her father, was a merchant prince at the beginning of the last century. Soon after her death she was married to William Astor, who died in 1892.

Siren Is the Noisiest.

Washington, Special: Examinations by naval experts in wireless telephony as to the sound which will carry the greatest distance develops that the steam siren under seventy-two pounds of steam pressure will emit a blast which may be heard forty miles, the sound of which is carried twenty miles.

Kentucky Quarrel Fatal.

Lexington, Ky., Special: A double tragedy occurred at Heidelberg, in Lee county, Sunday. Ephraim Angel and Harvey Ross engaged in a fight, and as a result Angel was shot and killed and Ross was so badly injured that he is not expected to recover. The cause for the trouble is not known.

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Deadly Fumes Kill Twenty.

New Orleans, La., Special: Deadly fumes from Mexico's great oil well fire 60 miles from Tampico have killed more than 20 workmen during the past few days, according to Capt. Michael Henrichsen, of the steamship City of Mexico. Battling to save what they could from the wreckage, American oil men, after spending more than a million dollars, finally succeeded in extinguishing the blaze.

Sunday Killing in Saloon.

Concord, Mass., Special: Diederich F. W. Nahrwold was shot and killed in his saloon here Sunday. The police say it was an accident. While Dennis Kelly, intimate friend of Nahrwold, was examining the gun he pulled the trigger, he says, thinking that all cartridges had been fired. One, however,

was there, and crashed through the saloon screen and entered the body of Nahrwold, causing death in an hour.

Kelly and Nahrwold's son Fred were arrested, but released later.

STILL IN THE AIR

THAT ABRUZZI MATCH DEPENDS ON ROYALTY'S CONSENT.

DUKE MIGHT BECOME AMERICAN

Nobleman's Only Plan Would Be to Take Out Papers if Queen Mother Blocks Match.

Elkins, W. Va., Special: The marriage of Katherine Elkins, daughter of United States Senator Stephen B. Elkins, to the Duke of the Abruzzi depends entirely on the success of the nobleman in eliminating the opposition which is still manifested by some members of the royal family, notably the queen mother. If these relatives of the duke can be induced to give their consent the beautiful daughter of Senator Elkins will become the bride of Italy's royal explorer and scientist.

If this consent is withheld the marriage will not take place, for the simple reason that Miss Elkins will not run the risk of incurring the hostility which might possibly follow such an alliance. At the present time no engagement exists between Miss Elkins and the duke, and there will be no engagement until such time as the duke can assure Miss Elkins that she will be welcomed to Italy by the members of the royal family.

Miss Elkins will decide for herself what her future will be. Neither her father nor her mother will interpose any objections to the marriage, always provided that the unanimous consent of the royal family is obtained by the duke. No effort is made to conceal the fact that Miss Elkins and the Duke of Abruzzi love each other. It is admitted that they do. It is pointed out, however, that should she consent to such a marriage, Miss Elkins would make sacrifices. The freedom which she enjoys in this country would be denied her in Italy. She would not object to the restraint thus placed upon her if she were assured of a hearty welcome by her husband's family. Until such time as that assurance is given there will be no engagement.

The duke has not yet received the consent to his marriage from all of his relatives. For that reason, if for no other, he is not planning to visit America in the immediate future. For the same reason Miss Elkins is not making any plans for the wedding. She has neither bought nor planned her trousseau and she has not asked any of her girl friends to act as her bridesmaids. She has not consulted with Cardinal Gibbons with a view to becoming acquainted with the religion of the duke. The cardinal has been a visitor at the Elkins home for many years and should he appear there tomorrow the family would not consider that visit significant.

It is believed here that the duke will succeed in overcoming the opposition to his marriage. This opposition is centered in the queen mother, and from all that can be learned here she steadfastly adheres to her original position.

It has been suggested in some quarters that unless Queen Margherita relents the duke will marry without her consent. While defiance of court etiquette is not looked for, it is probable that such an attitude on his part would avail him nothing, for Miss Elkins would not be willing to marry in the face of open discord.

BURGLARS' VICTIMS UNITE.

Form Society in Chicago and Will Offer Rewards to Policemen.

CHINAMAN CAN KEEP ONE WIFE.

Washington Officials Order Rich Man's Second Spouse to Quit Country.

San Francisco, Special: A vigilance committee of 100 to suppress burglary is being organized in Chicago. The new society is to have 100 members, all of whom have suffered at the hands of burglars, so that they will not grow soft-hearted and relent when a mauler is caught.

The vigilantes plan to use all sorts of unusual means to free Chicago of second-story workers and Jimmy wielders. A reward offered to every policeman who catches a burglar and secures enough evidence to have the man convicted, is expected to be one of the most effective methods.

KILLING BIRDS EXPENSIVE.

Country Loses \$800,000,000 by Death of Insect Eaters.

New York, Special: William Dutcher, president of the National Association of Audubon Societies, declared at the annual meeting of the association in the American Museum of Natural History, that Americans were robbing posterity and permitting an annual crop loss of \$800,000,000, due to destruction of insect-eating birds. He called for a fund to fight the commercial bird killers in every State Legislature.

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Yarmouth Sinks: 23 Lost.

London, Cable: The bodies of several members of the crew of the steamship Yarmouth, bound from Rotterdam to Harwich, have been picked up in the North Sea and parts

of the wreckage of the vessel were

found in mid-channel. The crew of

the Yarmouth consisted of Captain

Avis and twenty-two men and it is

practically certain that all were lost.

The cause of the wreck is a complete

mystery as the weather has been fair

since the Yarmouth left Rotterdam

and the trip should have required but

eight hours.

Ship Takes 318 Whales.

Victoria, B. C., Special: The steam

whaler St. Lawrence has followed the

Orion to port, and the work for the

present season off the west coast of

Vancouver is now abandoned. Two

whalers took over six hundred whales

during the summer. The St. Lawrence

operated from Kyuquot and broke

the world's record. She took

318 whales, including 241 humpbacks,

sixty-six sulphur bottoms, ten fin-

backs and one sperm whale. The

crew's earnings range from \$300 to

\$400 a man for the season.

Hallowe'en Costs \$250,000.

Belton, Texas, Special: Fire started

by Hallowe'en roasters destroyed

the Belton compress and 10,000 bales

of cotton. The loss will exceed \$250,000, which is covered by insurance.

Twenty residences were damaged and seventeen loaded freight cars burned.

Gold Found in Congo.

Brussels, Cable: Reports received

from R. D. Mohun, leader of the

American Expedition in the Congo, states

that he has discovered rich deposits of

gold, tin and copper in the Manyema

district.