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**A Notary Gardner**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—  
 The question of party organiza-  
 tion of the next House of Repre-  
 sentatives is very much in doubt.  
 The Republicans have 214 mem-  
 bers; there are 213 Democrats;  
 two independents; two progres-  
 sives; one prohibitionist; one So-  
 cialist; two contests. A majority  
 is 218. Presumably the Democrats  
 are united on Champ Clark. Up  
 to a few days ago it was supposed  
 that the Republicans would be  
 unanimous for James R. Mann.  
 But Gardner of Massachusetts has  
 "spilled the beans." He gives as  
 his reason that Mr. Mann, by  
 virtue of having endorsed the let-  
 ter of President Wilson to the  
 nations at war has forfeited his  
 support. "As far as I am con-  
 cerned, I will tolerate no such  
 leadership any longer. I believe  
 the happiness of the world re-  
 quires the destruction of the dy-  
 nasties of the Hapsburgs and  
 Hohenzollerns," says Gardner. But  
 Gardner has broken house before,  
 and it will be remembered that  
 he was one of the principal critics  
 of a neutral policy during the  
 early days of the war. An inves-  
 tigation before the committee on  
 rules of the House of Representa-  
 tives last January brought out  
 the fact that Mr. Gardner and  
 his family have been heavy in-  
 vestors in General Electric stock,  
 which is one of the concerns that  
 has been receiving millions of  
 dollars worth of contracts from  
 the Navy Department. He be-  
 longs to a very small group of  
 men who cling to the primitive  
 belief that the pathway to civiliza-  
 tion is at the end of the sword.

**The Postal Savings Bank**

When people began to observe  
 the first operations of the Postal  
 Savings Bank, and discovered  
 that their deposits were all placed  
 in the local banks by the post-  
 masters, there followed a good  
 deal of discussion as to why the  
 depositors should not take their  
 money direct to the local bank,  
 inasmuch as these institutions are  
 under the direct supervision of  
 federal and state authorities. The  
 bankers must have eventually de-  
 cided that the new system was a  
 good thing for them; and since  
 they have ceased to oppose postal  
 savings there has been a big in-  
 crease in the postal banks.

**The News Print Shortage**

The investigation by the Fed-  
 eral Trade Commission indicates  
 an approximate shortage of paper  
 of twenty per cent below the  
 normal consumption. Print paper  
 is selling the country over at six  
 to nine cents a pound. The paper  
 manufacturers have been attend-  
 ing the hearing and have pre-  
 sented their side of the case with  
 cock-sureness that whether right  
 or wrong, they could not be  
 reached. E. W. Julian, a well  
 known New York newspaper writ-  
 er, who represented great inde-  
 pendent business interests at the  
 hearings, says that "the real pep-  
 per box of the hearing was John  
 Walsh, a brainy lawyer from Wis-  
 consin, who is chief counsel for  
 the Commission, and who kept the  
 high-salaried lawyers on the other  
 side guessing every minute." Mr.  
 Walsh is making a splendid rec-  
 ord in his work of digging out  
 facts for the Commission.

**The Stock Market**

Wall Street is a bad guesser,  
 even though the sages of Amer-  
 ican finance make it their head-  
 quarters. But it is the one place  
 where men can not figure out  
 peace with profit. The "stock  
 gamblers are very much opposed  
 to the present peace movement,  
 and are especially bitter over any  
 suggestion that emanates from  
 Washington.

**Another Two Billion Dollar Con-  
 gress**

When the first "billion dollar

the country was started, and  
 the memory of most voters. Gradual-  
 ly the figure has been growing  
 and at the last session the ap-  
 propriations swelled upward to-  
 ward the two billion mark, which  
 was a hitherto unprecedented fig-  
 ure. It is probable that the pres-  
 ent session will appropriate al-  
 most as much. Congress is asked  
 to vote \$379,000,000 for the Naval  
 appropriation bill. This is \$66,-  
 000,000 more than last year. That  
 the appropriations this season  
 will be so large as to insure a  
 great bond issue is generally ac-  
 cepted as true.

**The High Cost of Food Stuffs**

Food embargo legislation; legis-  
 lation for Government pricefix-  
 ing; legislation to prevent specu-  
 lation in food stuffs, and legisla-  
 tion to make it possible for the  
 Government to seize goods when  
 a "corner" is attempted, is pend-  
 ing before Congress. The new  
 issue of the Congressional Record  
 shows that there is genuine activ-  
 ity in the attempts to meet these  
 conditions. The times are fraught  
 with great consequence, and re-  
 sponsibility rests heavily upon the  
 shoulders of the lawmakers.

**Congress and Prohibition**

To submit a constitutional  
 amendment to the states requires  
 a two-thirds vote of Congress. A  
 careful poll has recently been  
 made of the Members, and it is  
 said that the proposition cannot  
 pass the present session. How-  
 ever, Congress legislates directly  
 for the District of Columbia, and  
 a majority vote will make the city  
 of Washington dry. It is claimed  
 that if the measure now pending  
 comes to a vote that prohibition  
 will prevail in the National Cap-  
 ital.

**President an Early Riser**

There is an old saying that  
 "early to bed and early to rise"  
 makes somebody a good and  
 healthy citizen. President Wil-  
 son is doing the best he can to  
 live up to the old adage. It is  
 said that he gets up before six  
 o'clock every morning and the  
 day is well divided between pleas-  
 ures and duties. Despite the  
 activities of the social season  
 pretty good hours are kept by the  
 White House family.

**The Light House Service**

The Light House Service main-  
 tains aid to navigation along 47-  
 192 statute miles of coastline and  
 river channels. This is done by  
 employing 5,791 persons in the  
 lighthouse service and 5,521 em-  
 ployees connected with depots,  
 lighthouses and vessels. The total  
 number of side maintained at the  
 end of the last fiscal year was  
 14,947. Of these 5,323 are lights  
 of all classes and 584 are fog sig-  
 nals.

**CITATION FOR  
 PROBATE OF WILL**

THE PEOPLE OF THE  
 STATE OF NEW YORK  
 By the Grace of God Free and  
 Independent.  
 To Bridget Dougherty (And-  
 over, N. Y.), Michael Dougherty,  
 Patrick Dougherty, Daniel  
 Dougherty, Peter Dougherty  
 (Shamrock, Okla.), Anna Curri-  
 gan, Bridget Laughney, Catherine  
 Dougherty (Lima, O.), Anna  
 Dougherty Weagar, Edward D.  
 Dougherty, P. John Dougherty,  
 Lea F. Dougherty, Dennis J.  
 Dougherty, Agnes Dougherty,  
 Bridget Dougherty, (Sugar Notch  
 Pa.), Martin Dougherty, Peter  
 Dougherty (Sugar Notch, Pa.),  
 Mary Dougherty, Catherine  
 Dougherty, (Sugar Notch, Pa.).

WHEREAS Michael Dougherty  
 who resides at Andover, N. Y.,  
 has lately applied to the Surro-  
 gate's Court of our County of  
 Allegany, to have a certain in-  
 strument in writing, relating to  
 both real and personal property,  
 duly executed as the last Will and  
 Testament of JAMES F. DOUGH-  
 ERTY, who was at the time of  
 his death a resident of Andover,  
 N. Y., be proved.

THEREFORE, you and each of  
 you are cited to show cause be-

**Sign Boards**

By Man

In my Father's house are man-  
 sions.  
 No wonder we have made Jes-  
 us our very God, Who would not  
 love the lovingest man that ever  
 glorified the earth by dreams of  
 home!

Why, God is—home-folks.  
 How hungry-hearted the rabbi  
 until Jesus spoke the word of  
 Father-love.

In the midst of a thousand evi-  
 dences of a gentle Father, no one  
 had ever dreamed a God such as  
 it is our wonderful privilege  
 know.

They thought He was to be  
 placated; appeased; sought with  
 sacrifices; prayed unto with  
 whetlips and stricken heart  
 dreaded; feared.

And the hungry heart of God  
 was trying to find a home in hu-  
 man hearts, and found no abiding  
 place until Jesus gave Him  
 home and because thereby the  
 outshining of God, very Son, the  
 Word, one with the Father and  
 finally, because in the heart

**HOM**

Oh, blessed be God for Home  
 Through a golden web of d  
 They look upon us  
 And our poor-limping steps  
 Why, one would think they  
 For the dance of a May mo  
 Oh, their dreams and their  
 Were too beautiful, too vast,  
 Ever to come true, Comrade  
 But blessed be God for heart  
 That wish (this is love's only  
 The broad-road, the star-road  
 The trails of the sky-road

There is a place  
 Where the door is always open  
 Where the candles are always  
 It is the House of Home-folk

Oh Fathers and Mothers of t  
 You dared the dread temple  
 And waited at the thrice-sea  
 For God's chalice of being.  
 And warm of His cherishing  
 Quick of His kiss  
 He gave to you the keeping  
 Who dare God's gifts,  
 Must keep a trust with Him  
 Who adventure the highway  
 Must walk the Sun-way  
 Who learn the secrets of De  
 Must lodge in His House th

Oh Fathers and Mothers,  
 Did you know when you dr  
 A rouse with God  
 At the shrine of Life's inn  
 In the Garden of Joy  
 How gray the Road of Sorro  
 How heavy the Road,  
 How bleak the Hills of Shan  
 (Where the Red Wolves run  
 When our days and deeds  
 Were unrolled from the wh

For, buffeted, bruised and  
 And hurt of the hurley of li  
 Grimed of the dark,  
 Fleeted at by Failure,  
 Flouted by ghosts  
 Of That-Which-Never-Shell-  
 Desolate in a desert of peop  
 Hungering for life's laugh  
 Denied the salvage of crumb  
 Oh, blessed be God  
 For Home Folks;  
 For the kindly silence of H  
 For the glad "good mornow  
 For the golden web of drea  
 Love's hand weaves about u  
 The love that gives them se  
 Of the man and woman God  
 That we might be  
 For the song of the flutes;  
 For the Open Door;  
 For the sweet loves of the E  
 On the Open Road.

fore the Surrogate's Court of o  
 County of Allegany, at the Su-  
 rogate's Office in the Village  
 Belmont, N. Y., on the 19th d  
 of January, 1917, at ten o'clo  
 in the forenoon of that day, w  
 the said Will and Testame  
 should not be admitted to pr  
 bate as a will of real and pe-  
 sonal property.

IN TESTIMONY WHERE  
 OF, we have caused t  
 Seal of the Surrogate  
 Court of the said Coun  
 of Allegany to be hereu  
 to affixed.

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