

## JAP SANTA WILL VISIT AMERICA WITH NEW TOYS

Japanese Quick to Take Up  
Christmas Industry Where  
Germany Quit to Fight.

## OLD PLAYTHINGS ARE COPIED.

Here is another article by Mr. Gibbons in the series, "How the War Is Being Fought in America."

BY FLOYD P. GIBBONS.

"Omedeto Christmas."  
This is the holiday greeting Chicagoans will receive from the new patron saint of the Yuletide—the Japanese Santa Claus who has been brought to Chicago by the war in Europe. The phrase is used by the Japanese for "Merry Christmas."

The days of the Teutonic Kris Kringle and his thousands of assistants in the toy factories of Germany are over, say the toy dealers. Japan has achieved an industrial victory over the land of the Kaiser.

The "Made in Germany" sign that used to adorn the magic lanterns, doll babies, mechanical toys, and picture books, has been changed to "Made in Japan." With the outbreak of the war the toy industry jumped half way around the world and landed in the far east.

Competitors of Americans.  
American toy manufacturers who looked forward to full sway in the toy field that had been stripped of cheap German labor, have found that their new competitor is as strong if not stronger than the old one.

In seizing the foreign toy market, Japan has once more proved her right to the phrase, "the greatest imitator in the world." The Japanese have taken all of the German toys and duplicated them. Not only that, but they have added all of the Japanese toys.

So instead of a German Christmas the coming holiday will be a "Japanese" Christmas for the children of America, as far as imported toys are concerned.

"Ever since the outbreak of the war the Japanese have been copying German toys and making them by the millions to supply the world," says H. Ichikawa of the Chicago firm of Takito, Ogawa & Co., Japanese Importers at 223 West Madison street.

Overcome Dye Shortage.  
"At first we encountered the same difficulty that the entire world did—the lack of coal tar dyes—but we surmounted it by developing vegetable dyes for the coloring of the toys."

"We even adopted the German industrial system of farming the work out to hundreds of families, all members of which could put in their spare time making copies of the German toys."

"Our labor is as cheap as German labor was, if not cheaper, and we were able to bring the toys to America almost as cheaply as the Germans did. On account of custom duties, however, there is an increase in price of about 10 per cent."

War Reflected in Toys.  
In the new toys the Japanese have kept up with the military spirit of the times. The old fashioned pop cannon that discharged a cork tied to a string has been replaced by a machine gun which, by the turning of a crank, sprays forth bolts of dried peas with terrific effect upon the ranks of wooden soldiers.

Airships and war automobiles are all in battle gear and equipped with miniature armor shields for the protection of the toy gunners. Warships and submarines have not been overlooked in the effort to make Japanese to outstrip the Germans in the mechanical toy production.

Furniture and chinaware for doll houses are being produced with the same decorations that were used by the German toy makers. The dolly carved of wooden dolls, machines, and animal toys have all been duplicated, as well as the stuffed rag dolls.

Toys Retain Old Appearance.  
"The Japanese have been clever enough to eliminate everything 'Japanese' from the toys. The dolls are dressed in American cut clothing and the soldiers in facsimile of the American or English uniforms."

On account of the scarcity of tin in Japan wood has been used as a substitute. Railroad cars, music boxes, and even many of the mechanical toys have been reproduced without metal.

In paper and celluloid toys, such as parasols, kites, artificial flowers, colored caps, and "favors," the Japanese have continued in their well established field with the addition of "water flowers." These are small pills of wooden shavings which, when placed in water, blossom out in various shapes and designs of many colors.

American Toys Popular.  
Probably the greatest American rivals of the foreign toys are the construction outfits, which carry an appeal to American children who have progressed beyond the building block stage and now demand steel beams or wooden spars with high miniatures of modern bridges, buildings, or machines can be erected.

In their efforts to popularize the Japanese toys the foreign manufacturers have not overlooked a fact that George M. Cohan used to his great financial benefit. In other words, wherever it is possible an American flag waves forth from every Japanese toy destined for this country.

One of this variety is a box containing a number of warships, all of which fly the stars and stripes. The box is labeled "Uncle Sam Navy," and below that the following phrase: "Unsinkable—made of wood."

Is this Japanese humor?

## Cap and Mrs. Streeter in Nobby Stage Costumes.



Mrs. Streeter was gowned—the word is used advisedly—in an old rose colored silk dress, with embroidered figures across the bosom. There was a chiffon neck with a red velvet collar. Her hat was black—a la Gainsborough—with two gray ostrich plumes. A black band around the crown was caught with a silver buckle.

She wore black shoes with white leather tops and black buttons. Her coat was of black Alaska seal skin plush, trimmed at the bottom, arms, and neck with regular fur. She wore jewels sparingly.

On the stage she carried a bouquet of real flowers with a distinct and natural smell. Cap Streeter wore the conventional.

## BIG BROTHERS APPEAL FOR BOYS TO ATTEND DINNER.

Association Hopes to Have 1,000  
Youths Eat Christmas Meal and  
Sends Out Call.

WANTED—1,000 BOYS WHO WILL EAT roast beef and turkey with the Big Brothers' association. Waifs, orphans, and good boys.

This is the call that went out yesterday from the Big Brothers' association dinner, which was held in the Boston Oyster house, and Gustav Pollock, president of the association, sounded the key note.

The association, which took care of 350 boys last year, is afraid that it will not have enough boys to feed this Christmas, and for that reason the appeal for more boys was sent broadcast.

Several Chicago lodges, headed by the Chicago lodge of Elks, compose the Big Brothers' association, and each member of these lodges is doing all in his power to make the annual dinner a success.

Already a large fund has been secured to take care of the boys, and contributions are being sought by the members in the hope of giving to the boys the greatest Christmas celebration that has ever been given to them. A continuous entertainment for the boys who attend has been arranged for, and a committee which has charge of this has been visiting some of the foremost men of all professions to entertain the boys.

Planned War Bride  
FLIER AND THEN DEATH.

Otto Werner Admits Stealing Thousands to Finance Speculative Plunge to Aid Sister.

Otto Werner, who was arrested in Omaha in September with \$15,000 in his money belt, papers showing he was a German reservist and memoranda of a \$100,000 fund which he said he was raising for the Kaiser, will enter the bride's room this morning to begin serving a year's sentence on a charge of operating a confidence game.

Last night he told a different story. He had planned to speculate in war stocks with the money, he said, to aid his sister in Germany. After that, he said, he intended to end his life.

Werner is 48 years old. He has the appearance of a prosperous German business man. He has been so weakened by a chronic illness that doctors say he has not long to live. He pleaded guilty in Judge Turner's court to taking \$17,000 from the Creamery Package Manufacturing company at 30 North La Salle street, by whom he was employed as an auditor.

"It doesn't matter," he said wearily to sit open a letter addressed to William Alfred Burford, her husband. And this is what she read:

"Yesterday was such a long day. I looked for a phone message from you, but discovered the phone was out of order after I listened for the phone for about an hour. Dear Bill, don't forget me 'cause I love you. Rose."

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Curiosity once caused somebody to open a box and let all the evils out of the world. Curiosity also caused Mrs. Gertrude Burford of 1035 Ardmore avenue to slit open a letter addressed to William Alfred Burford, her husband. And this is what she read:

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## DOUGHTY 'CAP'N BRAVE ON STAGE

Street and His Valiant  
Wife—in Wonderful Get-  
up—Win "Hands."

There was a momentary hush, just as hushes usually are momentary; the orchestra leader swung his baton, just as leaders usually swing their batons; the musicians struck up a martial air, just as musicians usually do; the audience sat, just as audiences usually sit; and out came a brand new two gallon hat with Capt. George Wellington Streeter under it.

And he said:  
"Ladies and gentlemen—  
And there was applause. Not wild, untrammelled, care free, raucous applause, but the applause that follows the next act. Then the congregation in McVicker's theater put on its "show me" face and waited.

No. 1 for the Grand Old Flag.  
There was applause of two kinds—No. 1 and No. 2. There was No. 1 approbation when the lecturer (the captain is assisted by a lecturer) explained that the flag atop the captain's palace in Streeterville—built with while we discuss to explain that in addition to a lecture the captain is assisted by motion pictures—when the lecturer explained that the flag, while slightly battered, still is there.

No. 1 applause always accompanies such a reference and this incident was amplified by "The Star Spangled Banner" which the orchestra struck up with most timely fitness to the occasion.

Also there was applause when the captain said Streeterville was wet when he found it—history says it was slightly stormy that day—and he hoped it always would remain wet. But this was No. 2 applause.

He'll Run Against "Big Bill."  
"They tell me," this spoke the captain, spreading his frock and thrusting his hands into the pockets of his trousers, "that 'Bill' Thompson is a goner to run for president on the dry ticket."

"Well—  
"All I gotta say is that if he does I'll be a candidate for president of these United States on the wet ticket."

He drove these words home.  
"Now then," quoth the dominant spirit of the District of Lake Michigan, "we'll show you some of the products of the district."

Forthwith came motion pictures of the Streeter domicile both interior and exterior. Inside sat a group of the captain's friends busying themselves prodigiously with pint bottles of something that makes Arthur Burrage Farwell furious. Along came the captain and passed round a box of cigars. Great good feeling was plainly registered on the faces of the celebrants.

Then there was an exterior where the captain harranged a gathering of his constituents. A search of the social register has failed to reveal their addresses, though the lecturer pointed out that the apartments in the background are on the captain's property.

All Honor to His Valorous Wife.  
"And now," said the captain, "I'm gonna introduce a woman that never failed in her duty to her home, her family, or her husband—Mrs. Streeter."

It looked for a minute as if the applause was going to be No. 2. But when a bewildering mass of plumes, surmounting a gorgeous seaish coat, propelled by a pair of patent leather shoes embellished with immaculate spats and governed by a blushing face, came out and hooked on to the captain's arm and bowed—  
The applause was No. 1.

## 'TRIBUNE' BRINGS SPEEDY JOY TO MIEHLKE HOME

Published Proof of Citizenship  
Causes Release of Chi-  
cagoans.

## UNITED STATES OFFICIAL ACTS

Over in London a man by the name of Brown received a telegram. He hurried to a cable office and dispatched a message. A messenger boy delivered it last night to THE TRIBUNE.

A reporter jumped into a telephone booth and called "Yards 5078." A girl listened to the reading of the message.

"O! Good! Fine! Wait till I tell them!" she shouted to the phone. Then the reporter heard her happy announcement to others in the room.

"The United States ambassador has made the British release papa. He proved his citizenship. He's free. We can tell mother now."

Learn of Father's Freedom.  
That is how the eight daughters of Emil Miehlke, wealthy Chicago contractor, learned last night at their home at 8818 South Albany avenue that their father had gained his freedom from the military prison at Edinburgh, Scotland.

Miehlke and Herman Krauss, another Chicagoan, were taken from the steamer Kristianafjord ten days ago by the British authorities. Although their passports were correct, the British demanded proof of naturalization.

Sunday the daughters appealed to THE TRIBUNE to reproduce photographs of their father's naturalization papers and rush copies of the papers to England to prove the elder Miehlke's citizenship.

The papers were mailed early yesterday, but in the meantime the United States embassy in Washington called confirmation of THE TRIBUNE's proof, which brought about the release of the two Chicagoans. THE TRIBUNE's London correspondent rushed the news by cable to the anxious family.

How the Glad Tidings Came.  
Here is the cable just as it was received: Received at 8:45 a. m. LONDON 74 (Cable) TRIBUNE, Chicago.

Following representations American embassy military authorities release permit proceed destinations Herman Krauss and Emil Miehlke both Chicago who taken from steamer Kristianafjord enroute New York Bergen as suspicious persons leaving Washington established bona fides as naturalized Americans Miehlke was proceeding Germany settle an estate Krauss going Norway business ship was taken Kirkwall for search Miehlke Krauss were oftaken escorted to Edinburgh where called for American consul who reported embassy which communicating Washington established bona fides procured release.—Broom, 6:30 p. m.

Mrs. Miehlke, who is critically ill, had not been informed of her husband's arrest.

## WILL PERMIT STICKERS ON ALL CHRISTMAS PACKAGES.

Postoffice Department for Holidays  
Only Suspends Regulation Making  
Such Parcels Unavailable.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 22.—[Special.]—In order to facilitate the handling of Christmas mail, Postmaster General Burleson today temporarily suspended the postal regulation making packages unavailable when they bear stickers or stamps other than government postage on the address side.

This will permit those who purchase Christmas gifts to place their own parcels without fear of having the packages held up.

In suspending the regulation, however, the postmaster general particularly requested patrons to cooperate with the department and not to affix such stamps as the address side of the package will remain in effect from Dec. 1 to Jan. 1, inclusive.

## UNFROCK MAN WHO MARRIED DAVIS AND EUGENIA KELLY.

Letter Day Saints Take Action  
Against the Rev. Henry Carr,  
Who Will Be Given Church Trial.

New York, Nov. 22.—[Special.]—Because he married Al Davis, the dancer, and Miss Eugenia Kelly when the former had been divorced the Rev. Henry Carr of Elk Mills, Md., a minister of the reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, an outgrowth of the Mormon church, has been unfrocked. He will be given an ecclesiastical trial, probably within a month.

The action was taken at a conference of ministers at the home of Presiding Elder Ephraim A. Squire in Brooklyn Saturday night.

## CLAIMS LORIMER IMMUNE.

Attorney Says He Is Entitled to  
Discharge in Bank Case for  
Want of Prosecution.

That William Lorimer need not appear in court to answer the charges of conspiracy for the part he played in wrecking the La Salle Street Trust and Savings bank, is the position taken by Albert Fink, the former senator's attorney. According to Fink, his client is entitled to discharge for want of prosecution.

At the state's attorney's office the prosecutors who convicted Munday at Morris last week declared Lorimer had waived already any rights he had under that statute.

Nevertheless, the prosecutors have decided the trial of the former senator shall begin on Dec. 31 or soon thereafter.

## GETTING OUT THE OLD OVERCOAT.



## LIFE IN THE BIG CITY

DESK SERGEANT FRANK CROWLEY of the Lake street station was speculating on the chances of a long winter or a rise in hard coal or something when J. C. Ruhl walked in.

"I lost my floss," said Mr. Ruhl. "Congratulations," said Sergeant Crowley. "I knew a feller once—  
"I do, too," said Mr. Ruhl. "I know who got 'em."

"You better not let him catch you," warned the sergeant.

"Better not let him catch me?" yelled Mr. Ruhl. "Say, you better not let me catch him."

"I don't get you," said the sergeant. "HE STOLE THEM FLEAS!" cried Mr. Ruhl.

"Well, ain't he entirely welcome?" queried the sergeant. "I'd give him a bounty."

"Say, boss," said Mr. Ruhl, "them fleas was trained fleas. I left 'em with him while I was in the hospital and he starved 'em. Then he stole my clothes. His name's S. A. Kerr, and I want a warrant for him."

"All right," sighed Sergeant Crowley.

HE was going home if her legs held out. A policeman saw her making short treks and long rests. He was interested because she was chic despite her fears. A red sweater, knitted hood, blue cotton dress, and tan shoes and stockings were worn with distinction.

"I's free years old, and I's lost," she wailed when the policeman gathered her to the vast comfort of his arms. She was asleep before she reached the Rawson police station, where she will be held for the claimant. The officer found her at Wabasha avenue and North Paulina street.

Big Reductions Urged.  
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## POTTS REOPENS RISK RATE WAR

Would Oust Underwriters  
in Move to Save \$2,400,-  
000 a Year.

Rufus M. Potts, state superintendent of insurance, reopened his old war against the Chicago Board of Underwriters for lower insurance rates for Chicago and Illinois generally, yesterday.

Colin C. H. Fyffe and A. A. McKinley, acting ostensibly for the Illinois Manufacturers' association but in fact for the state officials, appeared before State's Attorney Hoynes and got permission to use Mr. Hoynes' name in a petition to oust the organization, charging an unlawful combine and that unreasonable rates now in force resulted in a restraint of trade.

The petition, which is for quo warranto proceedings, will come before Judge Thomas Taylor Jr., next Monday for argument.

Part of His Program.  
This action is a part of the Potts' program, announced shortly after taking office under Gov. Dunne, that under a non-discriminatory rating which he would work for the policyholders of the state would be saved \$2,400,000 annually.

At various times he has filed suits against all the companies operating in Illinois, contending that the Illinois insurance bureau, which rates Illinois property for all the companies, is a tool of the Western Union and the Western Insurance bureau, the two large companies operating in the west. This is the first attack that has been made on the Chicago board of underwriters, which is an organization of agents, with jurisdiction in Cook county.

Supt. Potts charges in his petition that the organization, representing all the larger insurance companies doing business in the territory, is responsible for fixing the rates, which are higher than adjacent states, despite records which show that the Illinois loss ratio during the last thirty-three years has been lower than any state except Wisconsin, which is practically the same.

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## WIDENER ESTATE AND NORRIS TAX.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 22.—[Special.]—The probating in Philadelphia today of the will of the late P. A. B. Widener aroused great interest in the subject of an inheritance tax. The estate is estimated at from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000. If the larger sum is correct, and if the Norris inheritance tax bill, which Senator Norris of Nebraska will introduce at the approaching session of congress, were a law, the Widener estate would pay into the United States treasury the sum of \$35,750,000. Under the Norris bill, an inheritance of \$50,000,000 is exempt. Above that sum there is a strongly graduated percentage of taxation.

Here is how the Norris bill would work if the Widener estate were subject to its provisions:

Amount.	Per cent.	Tax.
\$ 50,000	1	500
100,000	2	2,000
1,000,000	3	3,000
10,000,000	4	4,000
100,000,000	5	5,000
25,000,000	10	25,000
1,000,000,000	15	100,000
5,000,000,000	20	1,000,000
10,000,000,000	30	3,000,000
15,000,000,000	45	6,750,000
16,000,000,000	60	9,600,000
20,000,000,000	75	15,000,000
\$70,000,000		\$35,750,500

Senator Norris regards the Widener estate a good illustration of the need for an inheritance tax.

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 22.—The will of the late Peter A. B. Widener, admitted to probate today, leaves the greater part of his estate, estimated between \$50,000,000 and \$70,000,000 to his son, Joseph E. Widener, in trust.

Joseph E. Widener is given complete authority over his father's collection of paintings and art works, considered one of the most valuable in America. He is given discretion to present the collection, valued at several millions, to Philadelphia, Washington, or New York.

After making numerous bequests to members of the family, the will directs that the residuary estate be held in trust until twenty-one years after the death of the last survivor of these descendants who were alive at the time of P. A. B. Widener's death.

The will makes no charitable bequests. Mr. Widener having given much of his wealth to this purpose in his lifetime.

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## HOYNE'S MEN TO WORK ON BOTH STRIKE ANGLES

Prosecutor Appoints Assist-  
ants to Investigate Both  
Sides of Labor Trouble.

## 4 MURDER SUSPECTS HELD.

Two assistants in the prosecutor's office have been selected by State's Attorney Macley Hoynes to investigate the garment workers' strike from the viewpoints of both the employers and the strikers. O. L. Lightfoot will work on the strikers from the workers' angle, while John F. Hittig will take the employers' side of the struggle.

According to Mr. Hoynes, some ten witnesses of the Guskowski murder have been interviewed by members of the prosecutor's staff. These witnesses will go before the grand jury.

Police Are Criticized.  
The police handling of the strike received criticism from opposition editors. They were backed on charges of doing nothing to the strikers in the picket line Circuit Judge Barrett forced the police to prefer charges against four men under threat of issuing writs of habeas corpus for their appearance.

All of the four suspects are Russians. They are union men and students. They were booked on charges of murder on complaint recorded to the wife of the murdered union man, William A. Cunnea, attorney for the strikers, applied for the writ when the police refused to produce the prisoners at the opening of the coroner's inquest.

The prisoners are: John Laynick, 19 years old, tailor, 1803 Emerson avenue; Nicholas Lototski, 21 years old, tailor, 938 North Robey street; Peter Korach, 22 years old, tailor, 863 North Leavitt street; Alexander Aravov, 28 years old, tailor, 1440 South Truman avenue.

Two Called Sluggers.  
Lieut. Michael J. Loftholm of the Rawson street police station activities Laynick and Lototski as "sluggers." He says that on Nov. 12 both of them were arrested on a street car at Ashland and Milwaukee avenues and charged with assault and battery on complaint of Thomas Grunshaw, a Russian, 28 years old, tailor, 1440 South Truman avenue.

Although the police declare that they have secured a "confession" and many "admissions" from the men, the attorney for the prisoners says that none of them has talked with the police.

The witnesses, including the two brothers-in-law of the murdered man, have identified the men as members of the party of eight or nine that entered the saloon and started the assault," said Lieut. Loftholm. "In addition to the two prisoners have admitted kicking the union man when he was down."

"None of the men arrested had been in that saloon that night," said Attorney Cunnea after an interview with his clients. "Several of them told me they never heard of the saloon."

The men charged with the murder of Guskowski will appear for preliminary hearing this morning at the East Chicago police station. The inquest was continued until Wednesday.

Ministers Go to Scene.  
At a dinner in the City clubhouse the members of the Ministers' association passed resolutions "encouraging members to lend support to the striking garment workers by taking places on the picket lines." At the conclusion of the dinner, members visited in a body the various nonunion factories on the west side.