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This article is one of six, in which the authors explain their views of the situation. The remarkable thing about it is, that each gives a different cause.

Secretary Lyman J. Gage attributes the trouble to the weak currency system.

He points out that nations which have provided for flexible and elastic currencies are not worried by "crisis" or "panics."

Prof. Sumner finds that the great causes of the panic are the indiscriminate denunciation of financial methods indulged in by "muck raking" writers, and by public officials. And Mr. Lawson sees the cause of the trouble in "fictitious" wealth, by which expression he means Wall Street operations. Fictitious wealth, he says, and the improper manipulation of Wall Street by a few speculators, have caused the panic. He foresees still greater disaster unless this "fictitious wealth" is put out of existence.

And thus doctors disagree. To the lay mind the mystery remains a mystery. Why should all, of a sudden, values drop, work be stopped, money be withdrawn from circulation, and business become paralyzed without any sign of war or famine, or pestilence, or any other calamity in sight? But while people are trying to fathom that mystery, many are asking themselves whether a few modern Pharaohs have it in their power to open and close the avenues of business at will, just as the ancient despots of Egypt could command the granaries of the people and make them slaves, to escape famine? To what extent are free nations, in fact, dependent upon the caprices of their great financiers?

ATTACKING AUTOCRACY.

Considering the composition of the third Douma, the announcement that that body has voted to eliminate the word "autocrat" from the reply to the imperial address, is rather surprising. It proves that the spirit of liberty is brooding over the chaotic conditions in the empire.

The answer of the Russian government to this attack upon the position of the Russian ruler relative to his subjects, will be, presumably, that the Douma has transcended its powers and entered a domain foreign to its purpose.

The assembly was called together, it will be said, for the purpose of co-operating with the Czar, and under the direction of the Czar, as a crew under the captain of a ship, and not to define the prerogatives of the ruler. The truth is, the Czar now needs the endorsement of the Douma for certain plans for raising money by loans in foreign countries. He needs an obedient, subservient assembly, willing to support his autocratic government, and not to question the divine right of autocracy to exist. It was elected with that view.

Will the Czar now dissolve this Douma and order the election of another? Or, will he pronounce representative government a failure, and refuse to call together the national representatives again?

It is not probable that the Douma can accomplish a great deal. It is broken up in several groups and each group is again subdivided. All in all the liberal factions have about 70 votes, while the so-called Rightists command 200 and the Octobrists about 120 votes. Houghton considered, there is a Center group with moderate liberal tendencies, a radical Left wing and an extremely Conservative right wing. The Octobrists form the center. Conservative members with liberal tendencies realize that the great desideratum now is to preserve the institution of the Douma and strengthen it for future work, rather than risk its existence at this time. In view of this fact, the prevalence of radicalism in the vote upon the question of the elimination of the word "autocrat" from the reply, is rather a surprise. It is a bold attack upon the autocratic form of government.

THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

Washington Star.

Shop early. The woman who shops early is in better temper to make judicious selections, has more time to devote to making purchases, a less rumpled assortment of goods to choose from, and above all is apt to receive more effective and considerate service from the clerks. Women are prone to making early shopping resolutions and are prone to breaking them. Really, the rule might be worth the effort of a good trial.

In addition to the utilitarian feature of early shopping there is the humanitarian feature. A New York woman has formulated the following rules for the Christmas shopping:

First—Do as much as possible of your shopping before December 1.

Second—Have it all done one week before Christmas.

Third—Shop early in the day.

Fourth—Carry home as many parcels as possible.

Fifth—Do not ask to have parcels delivered on the day of purchase.

Sixth—Do not ask to have articles sent home on approval.

Seventh—Do not shop during lunch hours, thus shortening the hour for the clerks.

There is so much common sense in the rules that all women might adopt them with profit to themselves, the merchants and the clerks.

On the subject of loaning money when you do good to nobody, instead of profiting in the banks where it will be safe, discreet and safe and assist at a circulating medium, the Union Press furnishes a local illustration that is pat. Some people, it may be thought that these statements are exaggerated and that all talk about people sewing money into their clothes, putting coins into their stockings or hiding currency under the carpet is not founded on fact. A good example to the contrary is that of the case of the late John Welch, an esteemed and hard worker citizen of Utica who was found dead on the street at an early hour yesterday morning. He was employed in one of the industrial establishments of the city and was on his way to work. Examination showed that sewed and pinned inside his clothing in different places was a sum of money aggregating \$425.00. How the remains were found by a dishonest man it would have been an easy matter to have taken this money and no one would have been any the wiser, the only man who knew of its whereabouts being dead.

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RELIGION IN NEW YORK.

New York has a rather peculiar question to consider. It seems that the board of education has issued an order forbidding the singing in the public schools of any song or carol containing the words Christ or Christmas. This, it is said, is done to please certain Hebrews of that great city. The Hebrews, it is noted out, have many votes, and not a few of them are very rich, and it is thought best not to ignore them in this matter.

The protesting Jews and the board of education certainly have the logic on their side, but it may be taken for granted that the stoutest champions of non-sectarian schools never expected to see such an application of their contention. It would seem that even Jews could permit their children to listen to a Christmas carol, since the center of these songs is no other

than the Greatest of the Hebrew race, the Son of David.

It bigotry is carried on to this extent, a time may come when separate schools will have to be established for the children of parents of different faiths. But what will then become of the American public school system, of which all are justly proud? It is not safe to permit intolerance to triumph, for, like the camel, if it is suffered to stick its head through the opening it will soon push the entire body in and occupy the entire tent. It is like the prince of darkness who, if he gets hold of a finger will seize the whole hand. There is too much nervousness about the question of religion in schools. As long as there is no attempt to make proselytes to one faith or another, or to antagonize any church or denomination, there is no danger.

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