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DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 13.—One man and eleven children burned to death in a fire which destroyed a boarding house near Royal Oak, a suburb to this city, today. Three others, one woman and two children, were badly injured and may die.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The new quadruple treaty designed to preserve peace on the Pacific, was formally signed today by the plenipotentiaries of the United States, Great Britain, France and Japan. The signatures were affixed in the ante room of the office of Secretary Hughes. The incident was without formal ceremony and there was no one present except the plenipotentiaries, their secretaries and chief advisors.

regarding the Yap question, be consummated before the four-power agreement is made binding.

The British delegates began signing twice, once for the British empire and once for the Union of South Africa, which had no delegates at the conference. The French followed the British signatures, then the Japanese completed the formal approval of the treaty at eleven-twenty.

The American delegates to the armament conference were the first to sign the treaty, the signatures coming in alphabetical arrangement, and after the delegates had signed the document then the seals of the various governments were affixed shortly after eleven o'clock.

Except for the reservations, which are expected to be completed within a few days by the signatures on the Yap treaty, the new Pacific agreement now requires only the parliamentary ratification of the various governments to make it effective.

The American official copy of the document goes to the White House for transmission by President Harding to the Senate. It is believed among the delegates and Washington officials that the pact will be forwarded to the Senate soon.

STOCKMEN ASK II FOR PROTECTION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—A flat tariff duty of twenty per cent ad valorem on livestock, cattle, hides, fresh and prepared meats, was asked today of the Senate finance committee by Col. Ike T. Pryor, of San Antonio, speaking for the American National Livestock Association.

This duty, it is claimed, would keep out cheap grown meat in competition to American grown meats.

G. C. Murphy, a former citizen of Rannels county, but who has been living in Oklahoma for four years, has returned to Rannels county, coming in this week.

80 MEMBERS FOR W. T. CHAMBER

Ballinger has again backed the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to a greater strength than any city of its size in West Texas, according to Field Manager B. F. Bennett, who was here completing his work at this place Monday.

"You have increased your membership," and taken the lead over your neighbors," said Mr. Bennett, and he handed in names of new members which makes a total of 80 for the city. Each membership carries dues to the amount of \$10 for the year, which places the West Texas commercial organization under obligations to Ballinger, and it goes without saying that the obligations will be fulfilled.

Following are the names of the additional members, the others having been published:

- Security Title Co. and C. S. Miller, one.
- Dr. J. W. Blasdell, one.
- Halley & Love sanitarium, one.
- Hardin Lumber Co., one.
- DeMerville Sheet Metal Works, one.
- A. P. Serratt's City Wagon Yard, one.
- City Market, one.
- J. E. Pierie, one.
- C. W. Brauch, one.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The American reservations attached to the four-power treaty, which was signed today, contained provision for domestic questions of the various powers, and will not be considered within the scope of the treaty. The reservations are in two parts. The first which declares that the treaty shall in no way be binding in regard to the policy of the United States toward mandate of the islands in the Pacific.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Declaring that the four-power pact had "all the inequities of the League of Nations, and none of the virtues claimed for that document," Senator LaFollette today announced that he was prepared to do "all that is within my power to prevent its ratification."

LEGION GETS A BONUS PROMISE

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 13.—The enactment of the veterans adjusted compensation bill will be completed in congress within ninety days, according to information given National American Legion Commander McNider by Senator McCumber, author of the bill, it was announced at Legion headquarters today.

MORSE ARRAIGNED ON CONSPIRACY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Charles W. Morse was arraigned today in federal court on a warrant charging him with conspiracy to defraud the United States.

Big shipment of Christmas Trees, will be here positively in plenty of time. Place orders now. Jeanes & Co. 8-tfd

MURDER TRIAL DRAWS CROWD

BROWNWOOD, Dec. 13.—R. W. McNurlen went to trial here today charged with murder in connection with the killing of R. K. Thompson on January 7th of this year. Thompson was shot at McNurlen's home here and died on the following day.

The court house, as was the case in the Miller trial last week, was crowded to the limit at the beginning of the trial this afternoon, but there seemed to be absent the intense interest which was a feature of the Miller case from the start to the finish.

ROBBERS LOOT MAIL POUCH

WACO, Dec. 13.—A mail pouch containing a quantity of mail, most of it directed to Waco parties, was rifled last night at Aquilla. The pouch was found cut open and the letters gone, and other contents scattered over the floor.



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ANNUAL MEETING OF FARM BUREAU

More than two hundred farmers from every community in the county, gathered here Monday to attend the annual meeting of the Farm Bureau, and pledge their loyalty to the association and see it through in the undertaking started to lift the farmer out of the slipshod way of doing business.

In discussing various questions brought before the meeting no criticism was heard, but loyal support was manifested by all the speakers, and the organization begins the second year of its existence in this county with new officers being elected and a program of work outlined for the coming year.

Lynn Stokes was elected president to succeed W. W. Farmer, who had to give up the place on account of being a member of the state executive board. Elmer Batts was elected vice-president; F. T. Rushing, treasurer; and the secretary will be selected by the board of directors which is composed of John Heck of Wilmett; J. S. Neely, of Winters; F. L. Harper, of the Valley Creek country; and Fob McWilliams, of Ballinger.

Another meeting will be held here next Saturday, at which time delegates from each local in the county will be sent here to elect delegates to the state meeting at Dallas on January 4, 5 and 6. The locals over the county will meet Friday night to elect delegates to the meeting here Saturday.

L. C. Whitehead, of the Biological Survey, addressed the farmers following the business meeting on the question of pest extermination, dealing particularly with the rats and rabbits. He advised the farmers to cooperate in ridding the country of both rabbits and rats, detailing the great destruction these pests are causing farmers throughout the country. The Farm Bureau will take up the question of rabbit drives later, and carry out a program of extermination.

S. J. Enoch, who organized the Farm Bureau here, and who canvassed the county for cotton contracts in making up the pool, also addressed the meeting.

Goodfellow Committee to Accompany Santa Claus

A committee has been selected to accompany Santa Claus on his trip to the needy homes of Ballinger on Christmas Eve, and all that is necessary now to make Santa's visit to the poor children, and poor helpless old folks, is for the more fortunate to furnish the finances.

At the proper time Mike Boyd, Mrs. J. W. Blasdell and Mrs. E. A. Jeanes will canvass the city, locate all those deserving of a visit from St. Nicholas, and that includes every child where the jovial old gentleman would not otherwise visit. These three have agreed to see that Santa Claus does his work well in expending the Goodfellow fund.

The entire amount in the Goodfellow fund will be turned over to the committee to be used in making the needy children of the

city happy, and if there is a balance left after Santa Claus makes his visit, it will be turned over to the United Charity Board.

Merchants have agreed to make special prices on fruits and candies in providing Santa with these things, and it is expected that special prices will be made on shoes, stockings, etc., where Santa Claus finds that such articles are needed, and the money made to go as far as possible in relieving gloom.

Since the committee has been named, and as the time is growing short, Goodfellows should come in thick and fast. Be a Goodfellow and help to make some child happy.

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Rumors of Union Men to Strike Causes Gloomy Talk

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—New York's industrial horizon assumed a more pessimistic outlook today. Three great strikes which would involve more than one hundred thousand men in the metropolitan area appeared against the background of three important labor disputes which are already in progress.

reduction in wages the railroad men state that their position in regard to the proposed cuts resulted in an unanimous vote demanding an immediate increase of seventeen per cent in wages.

Rumblings of wage disputes flow in from three different quarters. The coal miners are already in turmoil, while the railroad maintenance of way and shop craftsmen, and building trades are contesting efforts for wage reductions and the threat of general strikes grows larger as the question is passed up to the workers.

PITTSBURG, Kans., Dec. 13. Militant women marchers in the Kansas coal fields went into action again before daylight today and stopped the miners from working in three mines. The women marched in a violent manner this morning and several motor cars were wrecked in the melees which followed and several persons were injured.

Instead of submitting to the

Mrs. R. A. Henshaw, of Madill, Okla., is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. DeWitt.

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SOCIETY

B. Y. P. U. Entertains

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King, 610 Park Avenue was the scene of much merriment Friday night, December 9th. The Senior B. Y. P. U. entertained with a "Comical" social. The house was decorated throughout with large Christmas bells, ferns, roses, poinsettias and other decorations to make a real Christmas scene.

Each guest was dressed to represent some character, some of which were: Charlie Chaplin, Martha Washington, Jiggs, Maggie, Mrs. Katzenjammer, Puritan girl, Grecian girl, Dutch girls, clowns, maids, lords and many others which were amusing. The first thirty minutes were spent in getting acquainted and a general inspection of all the costumes which caused much laughter. Mrs. Katzenjammer, alias Miss Zeldia Storbbe, was among the large crowd of queerly dressed boys and girls, considered the most comical, surely she made a pretty good Mrs. Katzenjammer as seen in the funny paper.

The program was opened with several musical selections given by the Symphony Orchestra of the B. Y. P. U., which consists of nine instruments, and said music was one discord all the way thru. The most comical musician was Charlie Chaplin, who carried his small harp in a large suit case which answered for the instrument case.

Among the games played were: Being introduced to President and Mrs. Harding, which was entirely new to everyone and was played in the spacious library and everyone given a chance to be introduced to the president and wife, and truly they were a comical sight to look upon. Then each one had to confess their sins to the Priest (Mr. E. D. Sansing) one at a time to kneel down before him and say "Lord, Lord, what have I done," (with head reverently bowed), the Priest replied, "You have acted the fool." This was especially designed to catch the preacher, who was dressed far beyond recognition, and he meekly replied "I know it," and took the joke along with the rest in a jovial manner. Other games were the Marshmallow game, Drawing game, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree game, Airplane ride, in prompt speeches, and others were highly enjoyed by all and a number of prizes given. One of the best jokes of the evening was played on Louis Hale and Charlie Branch. They were blindfolded and seated in chairs in the center of the crowd. Their arms were folded and with the aid of several handkerchiefs and a black crayon one of their arms each were dressed to represent a baby. You can imagine the boys' surprise when the blindfolds were taken off and they each found themselves nursing something which represented a baby.

At the close of the program dainty refreshments of hamburgers and tea in tin cups, were served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King, Miss Tholma Holt, Lucyle Yeager, Mrs. W. E. Branch, Edna Mae Lowery, Mary Altha Leach, Lenice Philpot, Henry Leach, Floyd Todd, John Philpot, Lillian Neas, Grace Neas, Ina Belle Dodson, Ray Cochran, Susie Hale, Edwin Swindell, Garland Dickinson, Ed Sansing, H. S. Robertson, Ola Lee Daugherty, Blanch Yeager, Zeldia Storbbe, Rev. Alvin Swindell, Mrs. Alvin Swindell, Charles Branch, Gladys Swindell, Odie Barrington, Mrs. W. C. McCarver, W. C. McCarver, H. P. Pittman, Mrs. H. P. Pittman, Mrs. R. F. Henshaw, Miss Haley, Mary Dark, Rowena Watson, Lee Ziegler, Mrs. Lee Ziegler, LaVisa Eskridge, Simma Street, and Louis Hale.

Class Meeting

Mrs. C. E. Simpson's Sunday school class met in a class meeting, Friday evening Dec. 9th, at the home of Mrs. W. F. McKown on Eleventh Street.

After discussing plans for more and better work, several piano selections were rendered by Misses Smith, Guin and Mills, and readings were given by Mrs. Simpson, which were enjoyed by all.

Delicious refreshments, consisting of hot chocolate and cake, were served and all departed feeling that they had had a very pleasant and profitable evening.

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A Holiday Romance

By T. B. ALDERSON

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TWO feet deep of snow. Why, it's a regular Christmas gift for me!" observed Rolfe Darlon hopefully, as he awoke from a night of profound slumber and glanced out through the street window of the chill bleak lodging house where he was one of wanderers who had no other home.

As he descended to the well-heated office room of the institution he paid little attention to the lounging crowd of idle and battered men. He paused only to address an old man with a pair of crutches by his side. He slapped him in a friendly, familiar way on the shoulder.

"If I can only get a snow shovel," he observed, "I will see to it that your meals and lodging are well provided for over Christmas."

"Bless you, my friend!" murmured the other gratefully. "You have been very kind to me," and Darlon left him with a genial good-by and started forth for a day of hard, earnest work.

Darlon was passing some cottages adjoining one another when the door of the nearest one was opened and a pleasant faced lady beckoned to him.

"You look as if you were seeking work," she said. "Would you clean off this sidewalk and a path to the coal shed for half a dollar?"

By the end of an hour he had his task completed.

"You must come in and share our lunch, if you will," invited the young lady. Chancing to glance through the window he noticed in the next yard a



Springing Free of the Roof.

young girl battling with the heavy snow with a frail broom.

"She doesn't make much progress," he observed to his hostess. "If you will lend me your shovel I will soon clear a path around the house for her."

He lifted his cap politely, explaining his purpose. Alice Brill, young, frail, grateful, bestowed a winning smile upon the friend in need. She announced frankly that they could not afford to pay for the service offered.

"You needn't worry about that," he declared lightly. "It will make me feel the better for doing a little act of kindness, so near to Christmas."

Darlon regarded Alice Brill with more than ordinary interest. He had heard the girl and her father in the next house discussing their neighbor. It seems that the father of Alice had sold some store property in the town for over four thousand dollars, representing about all he had in the world.

He had hidden it in his bedroom and Brill awoke next morning to find his little fortune gone.

Darlon worked sturdily at sidewalk and garden paths and had pretty nearly completed his task when Alice came out on the rear step.

"I wonder if it would be too much to ask you to get the ladder and climb up to the kitchen roof and push off the massed snow there."

Darlon was only too glad to grant the request. He was pushing the last shovel of snow over the eave troughs when he startled Alice, who had come out again to watch the progress of his work, by springing free of the roof, waving a dark object in his hand.

"I found it lodged in the gutter spout, where it must have fallen from the hand of the thief," he announced breathlessly. "It is a pocketbook filled with money."

Just that it was, and Rolfe Darlon, a welcome spectator to the wild delight of the Brills, lingered long in the house, blessed by the gratitude of Mr. Brill and his beautiful daughter. What more natural than that they should invite this cherished guest to Christmas dinner, for a royal one they were sure of now, but Darlon surprised them and congratulated him self in appearing neat, trim and in a new suit, for at the lodging house that evening he found an unexpected letter from his estranged uncle containing a liberal remittance and asking him to return to the home roof and forget that they had ever quarreled.

Merry Christmas, indeed it was for that little group, and when Rolfe Darlon bade Alice Brill good night after a day of rare enjoyment and happiness, he wondered if the ardent hope of his soul might become a reality before another yuletide celebration in his winning of a Christmas bride.

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SHOW MOVING PICTURES TO THE PRISON INMATES

HUNTSVILLE, Tex., Dec. 13.—Diversion is offered the convicts in the Texas state penitentiary at Huntsville in a number of forms.

Motion pictures are shown to the prisoners each Sunday afternoon, while religious and song services are held each Sunday morning in the prison chapel.

Music is played frequently throughout the week by the prison band, both in the chapel and in the outdoor bandstand.

Athletic contests form a large part of the prisoners' recreation. There is some outdoor gymnasium equipment in the prison yard, such as swinging trapeze and rings. The men have boxing gloves and sometimes have boxing contests, with roped off ring, referee and timers. The contests are fought by rounds and according to rules recognized by the sport.

The prisoners also play croquet, dominoes, pitch rings and play "catch." There is not sufficient room for a ball game in the grounds, though such games are held on different farms of the Texas prison system during the season.

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TOM GREEN COMING WITH ART EXHIBIT

The rural schools of Tom Green county are preparing an art exhibit for the Conecho-Colo-rado Teachers' Institute convening in Ballinger on December 19. The showing will be in charge of Miss Emma Blanchard, local art supervisor. One of the most complete displays ever collected in the county will be sent to Ballinger to be shown in competition with a similar exhibit with other county members of the association.

All teachers are urged to get their material ready at once. The art work will be mounted by Miss Blanchard provided other teachers haven't the material or are not expert at such work.

Miss Blanchard will go to the institute for one day, taking with her a display from her classes in the city schools to illustrate a lecture to be given by her before the teachers.—San Angelo Standard.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio is a constitutional remedy taken internally and acts thru the blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circular and testimonials.

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STATE IS URGING MODERN FARMING

AUSTIN, Dec. 13.—Greater diversification, more fertilization, more intensified farming and reduction of the cotton acreage are the chief activities which the state department of agriculture expects to see among farmers of Texas this winter. Independence for the farmer, such as he never had before, the department said, is expected to result from these activities.

The efforts to place before the farmers of the state the advantages of diversified farming probably will begin in earnest after the first of January, 1922, the department announced. As many farmers as possible, in all parts of the state, will be reached under plans of the department.

The diversification plan includes the raising of more hogs, chickens, cows and garden products and less cotton.

"The farmer of Texas should endeavor to raise more than enough poultry, dairy, meat and garden products to supply his demands," a statement from the department said. "The surplus can be sold in the local market, with independence from the effect of the cotton market as a result."

One farmer in Van Zandt county has three cotton crops on hand, according to George B. Terrell, state commissioner of agriculture, but he has raised sufficient vegetables, poultry and meat products to carry him through the season.

Diversification, the department said, would "bring about an independence never before had by the farmer and at the same time help to raise the price of cotton."

During the winter many farmers, in addition to preparing their land for the next season, probably will engage in terracing, a method of reclamation, the department said. The last legislature made it necessary to end the terracing activities of the state department of agriculture, according to department officials but it is believed that the farmers of the state have become sufficiently educated in the method to continue it.

The financial situation facing the farmers this winter is believed by department officials "not to be encouraging," they said. However, loans from the War Finance Corporation are expected to aid the agriculturist.

"Fair Melrose." Melrose abbey by moonlight is a sight that is difficult to forget, and from there a short ride takes the traveler to Abbotsford, the home of Sir Walter Scott, where the study in which the great Scottish poet wrote "The Lady of the Lake," "Marmion," and others of his well-known poems and novels, is practically in the same state as when he died. His velvet coat and cap with a small eagle's feather at the side, the inkstand on the table, with the quill pens beside it, and his letters, with the small silver caster from which Sir Walter sprinkled sand on the paper to dry the ink, are all there to interest the traveler. Another sort of drive can be taken to Dryburgh abbey on the banks of the Tweed, where the poet is buried with his two favorite hounds at his feet. The ruins of the abbey are situated in a wood on the high banks of the river which rushes by at a great rate and teems with salmon in the summer.—New York Times.

Oldest Greek Letter Society. The Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest of American college Greek letter societies. It was founded in 1776 in the old "Raleigh Tavern" at Williamsburg, Va., by forty-four undergraduates of William and Mary college of whom John Marshall was one. Branches were established at Yale in 1780 and at Harvard in 1781 and today there are branches in nearly all the principal colleges and universities. The Phi Beta Kappa is now simply "an agreeable bond of meeting among graduates." Meetings are held at the various colleges at commencement time, when students having the highest standing in the graduating classes are elected members.

Great Portrait Painter. Gilbert Charles Stuart was an American portrait painter, born in Narragansett, R. I., in 1756. He became the protegee of a Scottish painter named Alexander, whom he accompanied to Edinburgh, but was set adrift by the death of his patron, and for some years led a wandering life in London and America, till his great gift as a portrait painter was recognized. In 1792 he returned to America and painted portraits of Washington, Jefferson and other noted Americans. He died in 1828 and is buried in one of the tombs in the old burying ground on Boston Common.—Indianapolis News.

ANGELO GROCERYMAN IS REPORTED MISSING

(San Angelo Standard) His nerves unstrung from illness, M. M. McAllister, manager of the H. O. Wooten Grocer Co. in San Angelo until last March, disappeared Wednesday afternoon in San Antonio where he had been visiting his mother, and had not been found Friday when Sam Behringer, now Wooten manager, received the following telegram from K. Burt, brother-in-law of the missing man:

"Max McAllister left here destination unknown. Wire me collect if he is there."

Mr. Behringer replied that Mr. McAllister had not been seen in this city. The wholesale groceryman was last seen in San Antonio going West on Dunning Avenue. His failure to arrive at Mr. Burt's office when expected caused search, in which the police joined, to be instituted without success. Friends here presume that Mr. McAllister's mind became temporarily deranged due to his protracted illness, for which he spent a part of last spring at Mineral Wells, and that he has wandered to some unfrequented locality.

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