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THIRTY-ONE DEAD IN TRI-STATE STORM

FOUR NATIONS HAVE DIVERSE VIEWS ON SUBS

Italy Only One of Big Five Willing to Accept Any Proposition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. — An American effort to compromise the submarine controversy failed of immediate success today before the arms conference naval committee when Japan refused to depart from the 5-5-3 ratio proportion of the submersibles of her fleet and action was deferred pending advices from Paris.

When the committee adjourned after four hours' debate, to meet again next Tuesday some members of the American group appeared discouraged over the prospect of an early agreement on submarines, although negotiations are to continue.

British Efforts Fail.

The American compromise plan, presented after the British effort for complete suppression of submarines had been shelved, proposed 60,000-ton limitations for Great Britain and the United States instead of the original American figure of 90,000 each and virtually a status quo for the other three powers.

The British delegation, failing to obtain favorable action on the suppression of submarines, accepted the American suggestion. The French group indicated it would be unacceptable but deferred full answer pending Paris advices. Japan flatly held out for the full 54,000 tons in submarines under the original American 5-5-3 ratio plan.

Italy Willing.

Italy accepted the compromise plan, conditioned on a submarine tonnage on a parity with France. The Italian delegates contended that 31,500 tons would be th correct limitation for both France and Italy. The French delegation indicated it would not oppose a parity with Italy in submarines as well as capital ships but withheld approval of any tonnage limitation of less than 90,000 ton figure suggested by French experts. Under a status quo, France would have about 42,000 tons in subversibles.

The American group made it plain that while it had great sympathy for the British viewpoint in opposing all submarine warfare, it was inclined to agree with the American advisory committee that submarines were a legitimate weapon. It was said the matter had been discussed with President Harding and that the willingness of the American delegation to take part in an international discussion of submarine warfare on a wider basis than the present conference had been indicated.

The American Plan.

Under the American plan the submarine ratio of the five powers would be:

Great Britain, 6; United States, 6; France, 4; Japan, 3, and Italy 2. The Italian proposal for parity with France at 31,500 tons would change this to approximately 6-6-3-3 distribution, while if the Japanese build up from their present strength to 54,000 tons, as they suggested, they would have almost an equality with the reduced American and British flotillas.

FLETCHER TO JOIN ROBINS?

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—William F. Baker, president of the Philadelphia National league baseball club, gave out a statement today that he had no information that Arthur Fletcher, former shortstop of the Phillies, intends to return to baseball. The report that the Brooklyn club was negotiating for Fletcher, Baker said, was news to him.

SEVENTY FEET THROUGH THE AIR

There is perhaps more excitement to the square inch in ski-jumping than in any other winter sport. The skiing season is now in full swing in the Northland, and every year more and more Americans are taking up this thrilling Norwegian sport. The jumper shown in the photo is taking off for a leap of seventy feet on Citadel Hill, Quebec. Like diving off a skyscraper, ski-jumping is perfectly safe.

DEATH, WOUNDS, CAPTURE, FATE OF THREE NEW YORK HIJACKERS

Four Persons Killed, Six Injured in Gotham's Annual Christmas Crime Spree.

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Instead of a city of good will, New York became a center of violence last night and today.

Police records showed that in the last twenty-four hours, four persons had been killed and six injured in a series of robberies and assaults in the city proper and neighboring communities. In two instances, however, bandits fell into the clutches of the police, who asserted they had wrung confessions from their prisoners.

An armed man entered the Bronx home of Carl Mollar, jeweler, motally injuring him and seriously wounding his wife. A man giving the name of Alric Weling was captured after a block's chase by a motor truck driver.

Two Cases "Closed."

The police closed the case of two holdup men who last night raided a United cigar store in the Bronx and wounded two detectives. One bandit, shot dead, today was identified as Nelson Levy, with a long criminal record. Joseph Catts drove up this morning to a hospital in Englewood, N. J., and reported he had been shot by highwaymen. He was detained on suspicion that he was the other bandit who had participated in the Bronx robbery and who had been shot. Captain Wines of the detective force declared this afternoon that he had been identified and that he had confessed taking part in seventeen robberies, in most cases involving United cigar stores.

The police were still searching for the holdup men who shot Leon Soppili dead in his Bronx saloon last night, while in New Jersey a posse was searching for a man held responsible for the brutal murder of a 5-year-old girl in a New Brunswick hotel. The assailant of Phillip Honeywood, member of a titled English family, also was still at large.

PEACE ON EARTH HEADQUARTERS LOCATED HERE

Ranger, in contrast to the crime wave that raged in the Eastern cities, passed her Christmas Eve in a mild and meek manner. The holiday spirit was not lacking, the weather was appropriate, but the police blotter was void of the usual fight, drink and assault charges.

With the exception of one personal encounter and a theft, no arrests were made during the day and up to press time last night. The two arrested were released after paying small fines, leaving the hoosegaw without roomers for the night.

The lack of fire calls throughout the day was also noticeable. Usually the fireboys are kept busy during Christmas Eve through the carelessness of boys using fireworks. Fire Chief Murphy reported that his department was on the lookout for such calls but had failed to receive a single one during the day.

SIXTY-ONE MILES ON GALLON OF GAS CLAIMED FOR NEW MOTOR CAR

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Joy for the joyriders and speed fiends.

The Department of commerce is advised that at a show in London a nine horsepower automobile was exhibited that is sold on a guarantee to make sixty-one miles on one gallon of soline and to make sixty miles an hour. It is priced at about $900 American money.

THEIR PAPERS TODAY ARE GIFT OF DAILY TIMES TOTS NEWSIES

To show appreciation for the faithful work of the newsboys, who have day after day, rain or shine, appeared to sell their quota of papers, the Times today has given them their usual "draw" free of charge. On the loyalty of these youngsters has depended a great deal of the volume of the street sales, which, of course, is a factor in the success of the Daily Times.

As a consideration to its employes the Times will not issue an edition Monday. Since the Daily Times made its first appearance on June 1, 1919, the people have been advised of the happenings daily, with the exception of the two Christmases. Monday will be the third day Ranger has gone without her paper. However, it will be on the job Tuesday afternoon, as usual.

LABOR IN ASSAULT MEXICAN POLITICIANS

By Associated Press.

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 24.—A telegram received by the San Antonio Express from Mexico City says:

"A riotous demonstration against members of the liberal party occurred at the entrance to the chamber of deputies in Mexico City this afternoon. President Heri of the chamber was knocked down by a missle and the police and guards had difficulty in rescuing him. The demonstration was laid to members of the various labor union groups."

SIXTY-SEVEN-CENT FINE IS HIGH LIMIT IN JAGS' PARADISE

SHARON, Pa., Dec. 24.—A man can get drunk in this state and can only be fined 67 cents for his dereliction. In the event of being short the 67 cents, he can be remanded to jail for twenty-four hours, but no longer.

This legal advice was given the county commissioners today by their counsel, Attorney T. C. Cochran, who cited a "blue" law enacted in 1794 to prove his contention.

The question came up when two drunkards were sent to Mercer jail for thirty days. After Attorney Cochran had showed the illegality of the sentence, the county commissioners ordered the two prisoners turned loose and also refused to pay the expense of the constables who made the arrests.

Numismatic Society Buys Ranger Scrip

SELF-STARTING PHONES NOT DUE UNTIL FEBRUARY

Extra Gang Behind Schedule; Will Take Holiday Before Starting.

The delay caused some time ago in the completion of the telephone company's new plant here by an error in the installation of the switchboard, will extend over into February, it was learned at the company office last night. The error in the installation work necessitated in a large part of the work already completed being torn away, telephone officials stated the first of the month, but explained that the force of electricians would be increased and the work probably completed by the first of the year.

Assistant Manager Worley of the local office stated last night that the extra force of electricians which were to have been brought here from Cisco had not completed the work on the new plant there until Wednesday and although they had reported here for duty, would not begin work until after the holidays. It will require about thirty or forty-five days to complete the local plant, he estimated.

MAIL IT EARLY PLAN LIGHTENS POSTAL BURDEN

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Officials of the postoffice department left their desk tonight announcing that the American people had begun to practice "mail early for Christmas."

While the nearly one-third of a million persons in the postal service staggered under a load viewed as statistically the largest volume of Christmas mail in history, reports from a thousand division and subdivision offices showed plainly, it was declared, that the mails have been smoothly and with dispatch and above all without the usual "peak."

COPS WILL AUCTION BANDIT TO STATE WITH DEATH SENTENCE BID

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Clyde Timmons, who, according to the police, has confessed holding up a train on the Oregon Short Line railroad near Salt Lake City last August, may be sent back to Utah for trial and face a possible firing squad. The police were considering this move tonight following announcement by United States Commissioner Mason that Utah's statutes provide the death penalty for train robbery. Timmons was captured when he attempted to rob and kidnap the wife and daughter of James Callahan, former manager of the White Sox.

BASEMENTS FLOODED.

By Associated Press.

McALESTER, Okla., Dec. 24.—The hardest rainstorm that has occurred in many months visited this section Friday afternoon. The rain continued for several hours. Gutters and storm sewers were taxed beyond their capacity and many basements were flooded.

Scheme Is Attracting Nation-wide Publicity Through Trade Journals.

Ranger scrip is obtaining world-wide fame and publicity as evidenced by the receipt of a check from the Numismatic association, seeking to purchase one of each of the denominations issued by the Ranger Retail Merchants' association.

Waldo C. Moore, president of the association, in a letter addressed to M. O. Burt, secretary of the Merchants' association, stated that his organization was for the purpose of preserving to posterity money in all forms from the beginning of barter. The check, which was for $16, to purchase one $1, one $5 and one $10 scrip note, was drawn on a Cincinnati bank. Moore said that he heard of Ranger scrip through a trade journal published in Detroit.

In addition to the three pieces of scrip, Mr. Burt wrote a lengthy letter explaining the details of the plan.

$28,212 NOW ISSUED.

Up to Dec. 23, $28,212 in scrip had been issued. This is secured by assigned deposits amounting to $56,742.18. The limit of the amount of scrip to be issued as set by Ed Hall, state banking commissioner, is $50,000. It is thought by officers of the merchants' association that this maximum will be reached before the depositors are paid.

Owing to the fact that the Farmers & Merchants bank has been sealed by the state liquidating agent for the holidays, the association cannot issue any more scrip until after the bank is unsealed on Jan. 3.

Application for scrip, however, will be received at the association's office in the Guaranty bank building during the absence of the liquidating agent and scrip will be issued as soon as the bank is unsealed.

ANTI-SALOONER DENIES LEAGUE WANTS OFFICES

By Associated Press

AUSTIN, Dec. 24—Governor Neff will be one of the principal speakers of the state convention of the Anti-Saloon League of Texas, to be held in Fort Worth on Jan. 17 and 18, Atticus Webb, superintendent of the organization, announced here today after a conference with the governor. Dr. P. A. Parker of Montgomery, Ala. general superintendent of the national Anti-Saloon league will also address the convention.

The purpose of the convention is to discuss plans for law enforcement in Texas, Webb said. He denied that the purpose of the convention was to select Anti-Saloon league candidates for state and county offices in Texas. Such a report has been scattered over the state, he said.

TWO SAFES ARE BLOWN BY CHICAGO YEGGMEN

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Safeblowers cracked two safes in the offices of the Rudolph Wurlitzer Music company factory during the night and obtained a large sum of money, according to reports to the police today. The loss is being checked up by officials of the firm.

KINDA COOL.

By Associated Press.

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, Dec. 24—Sioux City today experienced the coldest weather of the winter, the thermemeter registering 10 below zero.

Merry Christmas!

With a feeling that the tense financial situation is past and prosperity looms ahead in the coming year, and the optimism springing therefrom showing itself in a general air of cheerfulness and well being, Ranger today can in spirit and in truth repeat the hearty greeting, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." The words themselves are conventional, but in their very formalism is their merit, for they are the essence of simplicity, and whole volumes could not carry the message better.

So to Ranger and Rangerites, the Daily Times adds its voice to the chorus:

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you."

ARRESTED IN WARSAW AS WALL STREET BOMB-PLOT SUSPECT

Wolfe Lindenfeld, former New Yorker, who is under arrest in Warsaw, Poland, as a suspect in the Wall street bomb disaster. Lindenfeld was traced to Poland by two secret service agents who gained his confidence by posing as Communists. He is said to have confessed to knowledge of the plot.

TEXAS WOMAN KILLS HUSBAND, THEN HERSELF

J. T. Connally Shot in Temple While Asleep in Long Beach, Cal.

By Associated Press.

LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 24.—Jewell Thomas Connolly, 52 years old, said to have been a prominent banker and farmer of Lockhart, Texas, was shot and killed here today by his wife, who then turned her weapon on herself, dying almost instantly, according to reports to the police.

Connolly, it was said, arrived last night to spend Christmas with his family. According to his daughter, Lena, he was taking a nap when Mrs. Connolly seized a revolver and shot him through the temple.

Mrs. Connolly, who was said to have undergone an operaiton some time ago, was believed to have been mentally deranged, the police said.

BIG PROPERTY OWNER.

By Associated Press.

LOCKHART, Dec. 24.—J. T. Connolly, who was fatally shot in Long Beach, Cal., today by his wife, who then took her own life, was well known here, where he has resided for a number of years. He was a director of the First National bank, a member of the school board and owner of several thousand acres of farm land in Caldwell county. Connolly left here several days ago to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Connolly and their daughter, Lena, who were residing with Mrs. Connolly's mother in Long Beach.

FIRE DESTROYS FIVE-STORY BUILDING IN IOWA CAPITAL

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 24.—A Christmas fire caused damage at more than $500,000 here tonight, resulting in the complete loss of the contents of the Bankers Loan & Investment company's five-story building at Sixth and Central streets. The greatest loss was suffered by the Teetor Adding Machine company, which occupied the third and fourth floors. B. W. Rawson, president of the adding machine company, estimated its loss would exceed $600,000. The Western Life Insurance company, which occupied the fifth floor, suffered the loss of valuable records.

For a time the fire threatened the Bristol apartment house and the Chamberlain Medicine company. Both buildings suffered small losses.

WIND BATTERS MISSISSIPPI VALLEY TOWNS

Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi Report Deaths and Heavy Damage.

By Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24. — Twenty-five dead, scores injured and huge property damage is the toll of a storm which struck Eastern Arkansas and toured through Mississippi and Louisiana during the early hours of today, according to incomplete information from the devastated area tonight. Wires were down and virtually all communication with the storm centers was cut off.

The village of Spencer, Union parish, La., about fifteen miles from Monroe, was almost entirely leveled, with a loss, it is reported, of seven lives.

E. L. Segan, Mrs. Mary Spain and six negroes were killed near Bastrop. Twenty-five were reported injured in that neighborhood.

Three negroes were killed and more than a score injured when the storm struck two plantations near Greenwood, Miss., early today.

William Turner, a well-wnown planter, and four negroes were also killed on a plantation near Mark, Miss.

VILLAGE IS DESTROYED.

MONROE, La., Dec. 24.—Spencer, a village on the Monroe & Little Rock railway, sixteen miles from Monroe, in Union parish, was wiped out by storm today, seven persons being killed and twenty-five injured, according to reports received here.

COLD WEATHER STOPS RAIN AND FLOOD DANGER

By Associated Press.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 24. — While a decided fall in temperatures late today halted the almost continuous rainfall during the last twenty-four hours, probably removing danger of a general flood, the Hocking valley section tonight reported the worst flood since 1907.

From Athens reports tonight were that hundreds of families have been forced from their homes in the valley between Logan and Hockingport and that half a dozen villages were experiencing inundations. A large railroad trestle was swept away near Gloucester and many trains have been canceled, seriously interfering with holiday travel. Still higher water tomorrow is expected. No loss of life has been reported.

LONG TERMERS WITH GOOD RECORDS GET CHRSITMAS PARDONS

By Associated Press.

AUSTIN, Dec. 24. — Eighteen Christmas pardons were granted today by Governor Neff to convicts in the state penitentiary. These, added to those heretofore granted by the governor, made an aggregate of eighty-six granted since he became governor.

The convicts pardoned today are: Henry Bowens, Tom Green county; George McKnight, Harris; Earl Stone, Polk; Lee Smith, Tarrant; Lewis Ashford, Walker; Pleas D. Blaylock, Erath; George Carrell, Crockett; Lewis Palmer, ——— county; Luis Tare, Tom Green; Lewis Hardy, Erath; Earl Carrington, Tarrant; Osavo Canales, Victoria; Sim Perry; Harris; J. B. Merrick, Tarrant; Harrison Herndon, ——— county; William Louis; Liberty; Nicholas Linden, Jefferson; R. V. Tompson, Uvalde.

The governor said that the majority of the convicts were long termers and were pardoned after he had personally talked to them on his recent tour of the state prisons.

William Louis, a negro, among the pardoned convicts, has served twenty-eight years.

The governor also announced he would not grant pardons because of outside influence but would do so solely on the record of the convict while serving his term. He was emphatic in his statement and declared that outside influences were worth little in comparison with the actual records of the men while serving sentences.

RANGERITES DONATE $2,000 TO MAKE CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR ALL

Previously received	$912.57
Commercial Drug Store	10.00
CHEER JARS	
Harry Atwood's	92.88
The Fountain	.89
Jameson's Market	2.42
P. O. Cafe	2.34
Texas Drug Co.	3.14
Peoples State Bank	3.79
Crawford's Pharmacy	.86
Liberty Cafe	.87
White Front Cafe	.12
Gholson Hotel	2.05
Ranger Cafe	3.78
Chili King Cafe	2.70
Oil City Pharmacy	1.00
Harmon's Drug Store	.89
Ranger Times	.92
Oasis Confectionery	.32
Total	$1,041.54

At least one "meanest man" lives in Ranger, possibly two. For two of the Times Christmas Cheer jars were stolen by someone who appropriated the contents to his own ends. One was taken a few nights ago from Martin & Wade's restaurant. It was estimated to contain two or three dollars. Another was taken from the Commercial drug store between 2 and 4 o'clock this afternoon. The Commercial promptly covered the loss with a donation of $10 to the Cheer Fund.

Total collections from the Cheer Fund jars totaled $128.97, in addition to several dollars reported early in the week. Patrons of Harry Atwood donated more liberally than those of all the rest of the places put together ,he bringing down a jar filled with bills and silver which added up to $92.88.

Total $1,041.54.

The Cheer Fund jars make a grand total of $1,041.54 raised by donations to the Times Christmas Cheer Fund and by the Rotary Newsie Day. This money will be turned over to the Child Welfare club and expended in the interset of all who need aid.

It is estimated that altogether, more than $2,000 will have been spent on Christmas cheer in Ranger.

In addition to the Child Welfare club's activities, the women of the Methodist church spent about $275 for toys and clothing for dependent children. The Salvation Army estimates that it will spend between $400 and $500 on similar work, and Ranger lodges and other church organizations also have devoted funds to the promotion of holiday happiness.

In all these activities, the welfare and happiness of the children has been the paramount object.

Toys and clothing furnished by the Methodist women women were placed on the church Christmas tree, distributed over the city by members of the Child Welfare club along with Cheer Fund, baskets containing provisions for Christmas dinners. Approximately $275 has been used by the Methodist congregation for this work. The Cheer Fund, now almost $1,000, is being used both in providing for the destitute families and in seeing that no child is overlooked. Any funds left over from this work will be used by the club in carrying on the relief work during the year.

"Army" Tree Tonight.

The Salvation Army will largely confine its Christmas work to the children and has arranged to uphold all the best Santa Claus traditions at its Christmas tree Sunday night, when hundreds of packages containing candies, nuts, toys, etc., will be distributed to every child who comes to the Salvation Army hall on South Austin street . Captain F. F. Mullins stated that 300 are expected but that the supply of presents will provide for more and that all children who come will be welcome. Between $400 and $500 has been set aside or expended by the Army for its tree and no pains will be spared to provide a good time for the kiddies.

Relief work is also being carried on this Christmas among special charity cases by the Elks' lodge, and although as the result of the tieup of the lodge's charity funds in the bank, the work is not conducted on as extensive a scale as in former years, members have generously donated sufficient funds to provide for numerous destitute families and individuals.

The Santa Claus spirit is also being observed in the Ranger churches. Children of the Christian tabernacle and First Presbyterian churches were entertained last night at Christmas trees at the respective churches and interesting programs carried out. The children of the Methodist Sunday school will have their Christmas at the church Friday night.

GRAIN TO BE BOUGHT TODAY FOR RUSSIA

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24—Purchase will begin today of American grain for the relief of the famine stricken peoples of Russia, for which an appropriation of $20,000,00 is made in a bill on which congressional action was completed Thursday.

Secretary Hoover, as chairman of the American relief administration, made this announcement immediately following receipt of word of the conclusion of congressional action. He said that grain would be moving to Russia under the governmental appropriation within eight or ten days.

HUGHES ASKED TO HAVE BRITAIN STOP RUM FLOW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Dry leaders, moving to keep imported liquors out of the United States, have proposed to Secretary of State Hughes that this government ask Great Britain to help put a stop to smuggling operations from British possessions to this country.

William Jennings Bryan, spokesman for the drys, told Secretary Hughes that Volstead law enforcement has failed to reduce the imported wine and liquor supply. Mr. Bryan earnestly appealed to Mr. Hughes to initiate discussions with British diplomats with a view to some arrangement with British authorities that will shut off the whisky supplies coming from British possessions.

Actions Indefinite.

Hughes has Bryan's plan under consideration. Immediate action upon it is not expected.

The move of the high officials concluded that smuggling of liquors from the Bahamas and over the Canadian border, has become the really serious phase of prohibition, because it is not physically possible for the government to stop smugglers' operations.

Official reports estimate that scarcely more than one-tenth of 1 per cent of the smuggled liquor brought through Atlantic ports and inlets is detected.

Bryan's hopes, it is declared, are that the state department may obtain an expression of opinion from the British that may favor adoption of a "working arrangement" whereby British authorities may co-operate actively with American officers in checking the smugglers.

DALLAS AUTO MAN IS INSTANTLY KILLED WHEN CAR HITS INTERURBAN

By Associated Press.

LANCASTER, Texas, Dec. 24.—Oscar E. Dunlap, Jr., 34, president of the Ferris-Dunlap Auto Supply company of Dallas, was instantly killed near here tonight when his automobile collided with a northbound interurban car. Dunlap was on his way to Waxahachie to spend Christmas with his parents, Judge and Mrs. O. E. Dunlap.

The interurban car was derailed but as it was said not to have been traveling fast, it was stopped before any of the passengers were injured. The automobile was completely demolished and Dunlap's body was badly mangled.

Mrs. Pat Conway is the town jailer at San Angelo, Texas.

MOONSHINERS' SHOT IS FATAL TO CONSTABLE

DALLAS, Dec. 24—Constable John E. Covert, who was shot while raiding a whisky still near Pine Bluff, in the western part of Van Zandt county, Thursday morning, died in a local hospital late today.

After the shooting the officers arrested two men and charged them with operating a still. One of the prisoners later escaped.

HOME BREW 'TASTES LIKE HELL, BUT GIVES HEAVENLY FEELING'

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—"It tastes like hell, but makes you feel like heaven."

That was the description of a home brew concoction George E. Lehman of Mount Vernon gave Judge Appell in city court. George said his drink consisted of wood alcohol and wood naphtha.

The judge figured Lehman had had punishment enough and suspended sentence.

JAPS WILL CUT ARMY IN HALF

By Associated Press.

TOKIO, Dec. 24.—The diet opened today. Formal opening ceremonies will be held Monday.

Reduction of the army by one-half and the cutting down of the period of military service from two years to one will be part of the program of the Kukumonto, or national liberal party. The needs of the empire and the people, leaders of the party declared today, demand the development of agriculture and industry, in which the youth of the country can be more profitably employed.

It is declared by Dean Frank T. Breene, of Iowa University college of dentistry, that women are much better fitted for dental work than men.

CUBANS MAKING MOLASSES INTO MOTOR CAR FUEL

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—"I'm out of gas. Let me have five gallons of molasses this time."

If the owner of a car were to make this remark at an American service station, there would be a hasty phone call for the police patrol.

In Cuba, the same request would merely provoke a smile and secure for the driver five gallons of the automobile fuel now used in the majority of Havana cars.

Charles E. Hires, Jr., of the Charles E. Hires company, Philadelphia, who has lately returned from the company's sugar plantation in the island, says that the passing of the eighteenth amendment automatically destroyed Cuba's market for millions of gallons of molasses. This molasses was formerly refined in America and distributed to the brewing companies. When the brewers ceased to brew, molasses became a drug on the Cuban market temporarily.

Now a large percentage is being converted into denatured alcohol and forms the base of a new automobile fuel used by practically all of the cheaper, and many of the more expensive cars in Cuba. This fuel sells for 29 cents a gallon against 50 cents a gallon for gasoline.

"In spite of the bottom having dropped out of the sugar market, and of prohibition in the United States," remarked Mr. Hires, "there are seemingly as many cars on the streets of Havana as there were a year or two ago. Cuba has found a market for her molasses crop. What does not go into automobile fuel, is turned into pure alcohol and shipped to South America where there is no eighteenth amendment. If Cuba can work out her excess sugar problem as satisfactorily she has nothing to worry about."

The grand jury at Lancaster, Pa., has recommended that better accommodations be arranged for women forced to attend court as jurors.

Miss Mary L. Trescott, recently appointed a referee in bankruptcy at Scranton, Pa., is the first woman in that state to be thus honored.

BURNED CHILD NOW HAS GOOD CHANCE TO LIVE

Little Leota Kindle who was seriously burned Friday night following the explosion of an oil lamp which she was carrying, was reported as being much improved last night. She is resting better and her temperature has not increased. The attendants at the Ranger General hospital report that she has a very good chance to recover.

At first it was thought that she would not live, but later it was learned that the burns which cover her entire body are not very deep.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Dec. 24.—Louis Devoe, 19, of Waterbury, Conn., was carried here by woodsmen, after being lost in a swamp for six days without food or firearms.

He suffered hardships which will probably result in the amputation of several toes from freezing. The boy had set out without a compass to meet his father at Strongs, Mich.

RESERVE BANK SALARIES ATTACKED AS TOO HIGH

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 24.—The large salaries paid officials of the New York Federal Reserve bank and the $25,648,409, which the bank plans to spend for new quarters, are made the subject of a protest by John Skelton Williams, former comptroller of the currency, in a letter Senator Lee S. Overman of North Carolina.

The salaries paid to many officers of the New York bank have been increased as much as 500 per cent according to the bank's own figures, Mr. Williams says. The responsibility and ability of these men, he adds, is not such that they could command such remuneration elsewhere, nor are they worth that much to the bank.

Mr. Williams especially protests against the spending of $25,648,409 on a building. He charges it is to be erected on a cost plus basis, but that the contract was given without even calling for bids. He asserts a building amply equipped for the bank's needs could be erected at a saving of between $10,000,000 and $15,000,000.

Practically all the work in Morocco is done by women.

With a Deep Sense of Gratitude We Extend to Our Friends and Patrons the Season's Greetings

—The loyalty of our friends has meant a great deal more to us this year than ever before, passing as we have been through a period of post-war adjustments, which has meant a considerable sacrifice to many.

—Let us look forward to the New Year with a great deal of optimism, confident that it holds an abundance of prosperity for us all.

—May your share be a full realization of your best hopes.

Hill Office Supply Co.

PRINTING AND STATIONERY
212 Main Street

A Merry Christmas To All

—On this day we take great pleasure in extending to all our friends and patrons our Best Wishes for a Happy and Enjoyable Christmas.

—May you receive this day bountiful gifts, and may every minute be a smile.

Ranger Cafe

"The Best Place to Dine"

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THE ENTIRE STOCK OF

Haltom Your Jeweler

TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION IN THE LOBBY OF THE PARAMOUNT HOTEL

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Sale Starts Tuesday, December 27, 1921

The firm of **C. W. HALTOM, JEWELER,** needs no introduction to the people of Ranger as **HALTOM** is one of the oldest Jewelers in the city and every article is backed by the **HALTOM GUARANTEE.** You will not find the kind of Jewelry at this sale that is usually sold by "Fly by Night Jewelers." **HALTOM'S** name is guarantee enough.

Owing to the small pace occupied in the Texas Drug Co. and the interrence by an Auction Sale with the business of the Tex Drug Co., Haltom has temporarily leased the Pamount Hotel lobby.

Sale will continue til surplus stock is disposed of and required amount cash is raised.

FREE A beautiful piece of Roger's Silerware given to the first 50 ladies attending he opening sale

HALTOM
YOUR JEWELER

G. N. STARK, Manager

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AMAZING MEDLEY OF COSTUMES MINGLE IN BEAUTIFUL SETTING AT SHRINE CLUB'S MASQUE BALL

The midwinter social season was brought to a gorgeous climax Friday evening at the formal costume masque ball given in honor of the newly created nobility.

The Summer Garden had been transformed into a thing of beauty, a dream garden of roses and cedar and sheltering palms whose boughs and leaves dripped with fresh fallen snow. From bowers of roses and hanging baskets of ferns, grape vines, bearing luscious fruit, fell in careless abandon into a long pool of real water, sunken in the snow.. Across the pool and in the background was a perfect Shrine emblem, fashioned of real fruit and silver, and back of this was a grove of cedars and vines partially screening the marine band. Cedars also encircled the ball room, their boughs laden with snow. Snow also covered the entire ball room floor from the center of which rose a mass of cedars, arching their crystal laden branches to the four corners of the room. Between these arches were many other arches of red and green and white. The effact was that of an enormous umbrella canopy. From the many arches and in keeping with the harmony of the general color scheme, red, green and white ribbons were gracefully draped in undulating waves beneath whose surfaces rose and pale green lights lent an added charm to the beautifully costumed guests.

Dashing Costumes.

Charming were the ladies and handsome were the men, brilliant were the jewels and costumes, which were many and varied. There were maids of the days of long ago, sweet, demure lasses of the Colonial period; dashing, gorgeously attired senoritas and senors and cabalerros of Old Spain. There were girls of the Dolly Varden type and girls of the Priscilla type, chorus girls, ballet girls, bathing girls, gypsies, witches, pierrottes and of course, Pierrot, old maids and the girls of the type of our grandmothers, dressed in long small hoop skirts and pantalettes. The Queen of Hearts was there and with her was the original flower girl. There were men of Chile and Japan and the far away Orient and men from the Holy Land and who brought back sailors and marines and soldiers in regulation uniform—all contrasting vividly with the scores of men in regulation evening attire and ladies in beautiful evening gowns. The latter were terribly frightened during the evening on account of several bandit chieftains being present.

There were many strikingly beautifully evening gowns worn at this affair and many pretty jewels. All of the college set were there, too; many bringing their house guests along with them. All of the old-time pep and enthusiasm were notably present.

Santa Claus came late and in his wake a kind father of the cloth. This reverend father was terribly shocked and much distressed over the display of bare arms and shoulders until his mask accidentally slipped and everyone discovered that the reverend father was none other than the president of the Rotary club, E. J. Barnes.

Dancing at 10.

After an hour's reception and trying to discover who was who and during which time the reception committee was so well masqued that they did not know who each other was, the doors of the ball room were thrown open at 10 o'clock and the band, playing the inspiring strains of the "Stars and Stripes Forever," opened the ball with the grand march. The march was led by Dr. Carl Wilson and Mrs. Arthur H. Kinard and many beautiful figures were formed as the hundred or more couples passed through its mazes. During the march, handsome programs were given each guest. The color scheme was carried out in the programs, which enumerated sixteen dances and four extras.

After the grand march and before the program dances began there were two dances during which the judges made decisions to whom the prizes for the best costumed lady and gentleman should be given. The gentleman's prize was awarded to Chas. Terrell, costumed as "Conquest" of the "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse." The lady's prize was awarded to Miss Margaret Bradberry of Norman, Olka., who is the guest of Miss Elizabeth Moffett. Miss Bradberry was gowned in an exquisite Spanish costume of multi-colored satin and black old lace with mantilla and hose to match. She carried a tamborine and a black plume fan and wore jewels of jade set in jet.

Many out-of-town visitors were present from Cisco, Eastland, Breckenridge, Mingus, Strawn, Thurber, Caddo, Fort Worth, Dallas, Abilene, points in Oklahoma and other adjoining states.

Among those who registered in the guests' book were: Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Tunnell, Miss Bessie Wilson, A. O. Steinweg, Hy P. Manus, G. W. Huffman, R. L. Bruce, Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Craig, Aubrey Jameson, Miss Rosalie Jameson, Mrs. G. W. Huffman, Miss Laura Schmuck, Dr. H. S. Owen, Miss Mary Bonner Campbell, Robert J. Bates, Miss Jewel Jones, T. E. Douglas, Henry B. Vaughn, Mrs. Chas. Hunt, Mrs. L. E. Douglas, Leonard L. Hudson, Mrs. Robert L. Bruce, Miss Kate Vernon, Geo. L. Armer, E. S. Moore, Miss Dorothy Sturgis, John Milford, Mrs. James R. Kerr, F. H. Hanshaw, Leslie Hagaman, Miss Ruth Hagaman, Gilbert W. Reineman, Miss Helen Brown, Miss Jessie Bishop, Miss Rita Davenport, Curtis F. Corzelius, F. A. Brown, Miss Marion Stubblebine, Mrs. F. A. Brown, Mrs. Virgil Williams, Tom Barlow, Mrs. Tom Barlow, P. M. Templin, H. H. Bueley, Scott Hill, Mrs. Scott Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Ben A. Owens, Mrs. L. C. Rhoads, C. E. Day, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lacy, H. A. Cobb, Jr., Clyde Kilpatrick, Miss Margaret Bradbury, C. Ernest Terrell, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Cole, Jr., Miss Douschka Bobo, Mrs. S. W. Bobo, William E. Eason, Miss Marion Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kinard, Paul G. Teal, W. H. Stubblebine, Miss Helen Gholson, L. M. Wilson, B. Lipman, Al Holloway, Miss Elizabeth Moffett, Wilbourne B. Collie, Mrs. H. S. Cole, Sr., Miss Dora Mayne Cole, G. C. Wood, Mrs. G. C. Wood, J. J. Kelly, J. Lloyd Clem, Miss Laura Henry, Cliff Wilson, Miss Ruby Wilson, Miss Alpha Winston, L. C. McFall, James Mathews, E. E. Paxton, Miss Lila Koonce.

The program committee was Messrs. R. B. Waggoman, R. O. Bundick, R. V. Galloway.

The reception committee was composed of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hagaman, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Gholson, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Dreinhofer, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Humes.

The chaperones for the ball were Mrs. Caleb O. Terrell, Mrs. L. S. Kinard, Mrs. H. B. Wilson, Mrs. James A. Davenport, Mrs. Arthur George Jury.

The entertainment committee of the Ranger Shrine club consists of Dr. Carl Wilson, chairman; A. G. Jury, W. Paul Lacy, Chas D. Wells. It is to this committee that the Shrine club and all Ranger society express its appreciation for the most elaborate event ever given in Ranger.

Delicious iced fruit punch was serced until the unwelcome strains of "Home, Sweet Home" ended the fourteenth dance at ? o'clock in the morning.

Miss Florence Bryant hoboed it from Los Angeles, Cal., to New York doing all manner of work and frequently riding the rods on freight trains.

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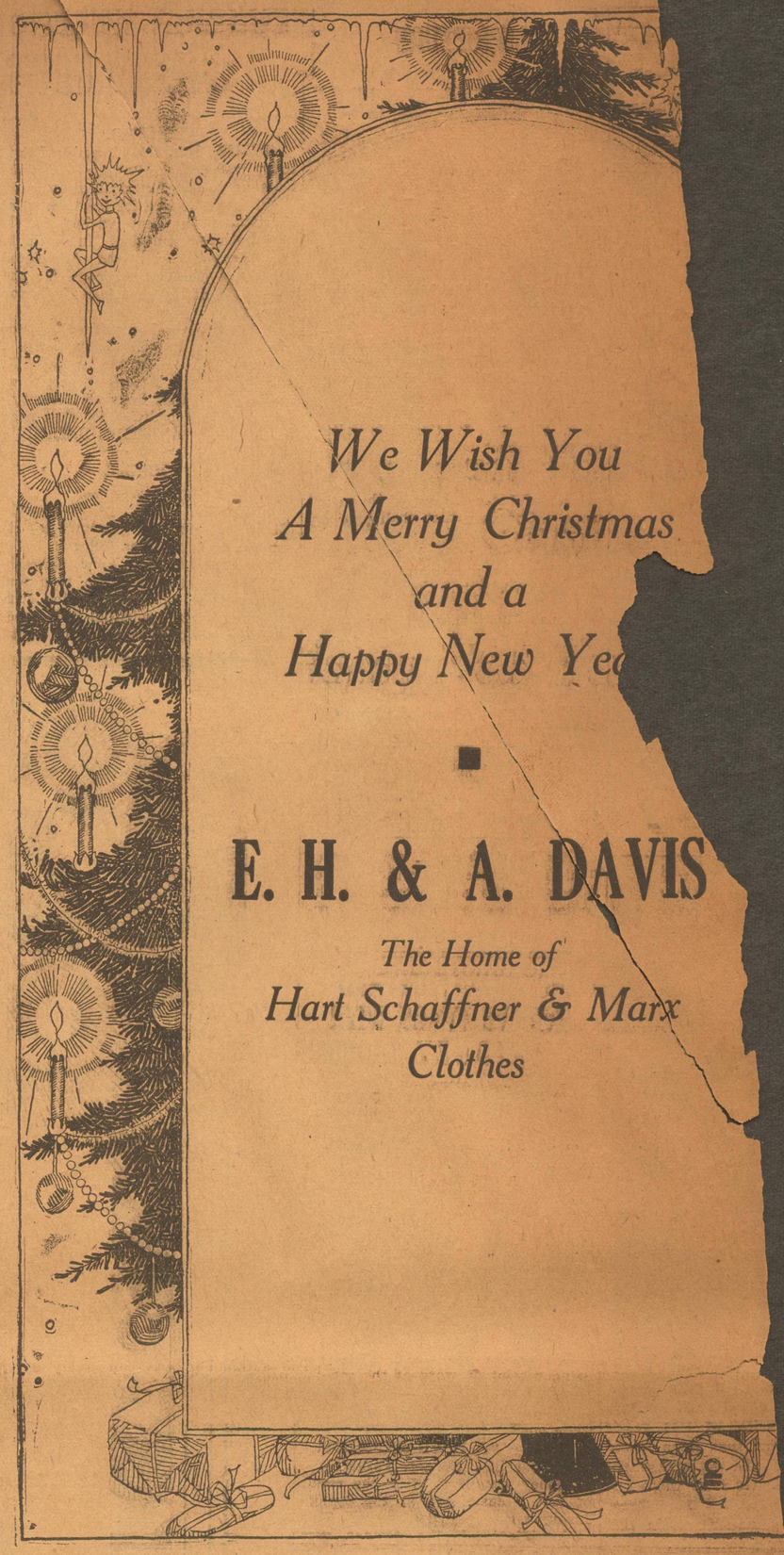

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Matthew 2:1-12.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

Saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

When Herod, the king, had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

And they said unto him. In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet.

And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

When they had heard the king they departed: and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood, over where the young child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

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FOREIGN RULERS SEND SEASON'S GREETINGS TO AMERICAN PEOPLE

BRIAND.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Premier Briand today issued the following Christmas message to the American people:

"It is a pleasure for me to send at Christmas my best wishes to the great American nation. In particular I express through the Associated Press my most ardent hope for the realization of the American ideals for peace.

"France, who has suffered so much from the war, will always work to maintain peace in the world. She thinks, as the American people will understand, that her own security is an essential condition for that peace.

"ARISTIDE BRIAND."

EBERT.

By Associated Press

BERLIN, Dec. 24. — President Ebert's Christmas greeting to the American people is as follows:

"Yuletide and New Years throughout history have been for men and nations alike the occasion for self-communion and spiritual retrospection—a period when each is wont to make pause and strike a true balance between the measures of human aspirations and the volume of their achievements. The last year has witnessed the noble endeavor, especially on the part of the people of the United States and their President to again bring a world which is out of joint into the spirit of Christmas.

"In the present hour of their struggle for national existence the German people warmly welcome every gain recorded in the progress toward world betterment and on this Christmas morning they permit themselves to express to the American people and their distinguished executive their heartfelt wishes for the successful consummation of their noble endeavor in behalf of peace on earth and reconciliation among nations."

One hundred and fifty-one trades and professions are represented by fathers of young women students at Radcliffe college.

Buenos Aires has a profitless hotel for women.

HOSPITAL STAFF HAS CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY

The nurses and doctors of the Clinical hospital enjoyed a nice, homey Christmas tree last night in the Guaranty bank building. There were lots of presents for all and everyone forgot all their sorrows if doctors and nurses have such and enjoyed themselves immensely.

A negative answer was given to a question asked by a reporter of the Times regarding egg-nog, but maybe doctors are not allowed to prescribe for themselves.

DRESSES AS HUSBAND TO LOCATE BOOTLEGGERS

CHICAGO, Dec. 24—Dressed in her husband's coat and trousers, with his hat pulled over her face, Mrs. Emily Pittelkow visited the suspected source of his supply of moonshine.

"Herman Pittelkow is sick, and I want to get a pint for him," said the "man," appearing at the kitchen of her neighbor, Mrs. Mary Wojnicki. Mrs. Wojnicki and her son, Joseph, sold her the whisky, Mrs. Pittelkow says.

MISS NELLIE'S INDIGESTION IS THE REAL REASON WILLIE FAILED!

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Grades handed out to high school and college students on their final exams frequently depend more on the temper and digestion of the grade teacher than on the contents of the papers, Ben D. Wood, assistant to Dean Hawks of Columbia university, declared today on a report of examinations research conducted at the university.

He cited the case of one examination paper, graded as a test by 114 teachers. It received marks all the way from 28 to 92 per cent. Another paper, graded by 142 teachers, showed a difference of opinion ranging from 4 to 98 per cent.

The old type of examination, he declared, has been archaic and unfair and must be thrown overboard. In its place he urged substitution of a method which takes care of principles of mental measurement and which makes use of modern technical devices.

While the new German constitution expressly states women enjoy all the rights of male citizens, it is necessary to pass a new law to permit them to become official floor traders and brokers on the floor of the bourses.

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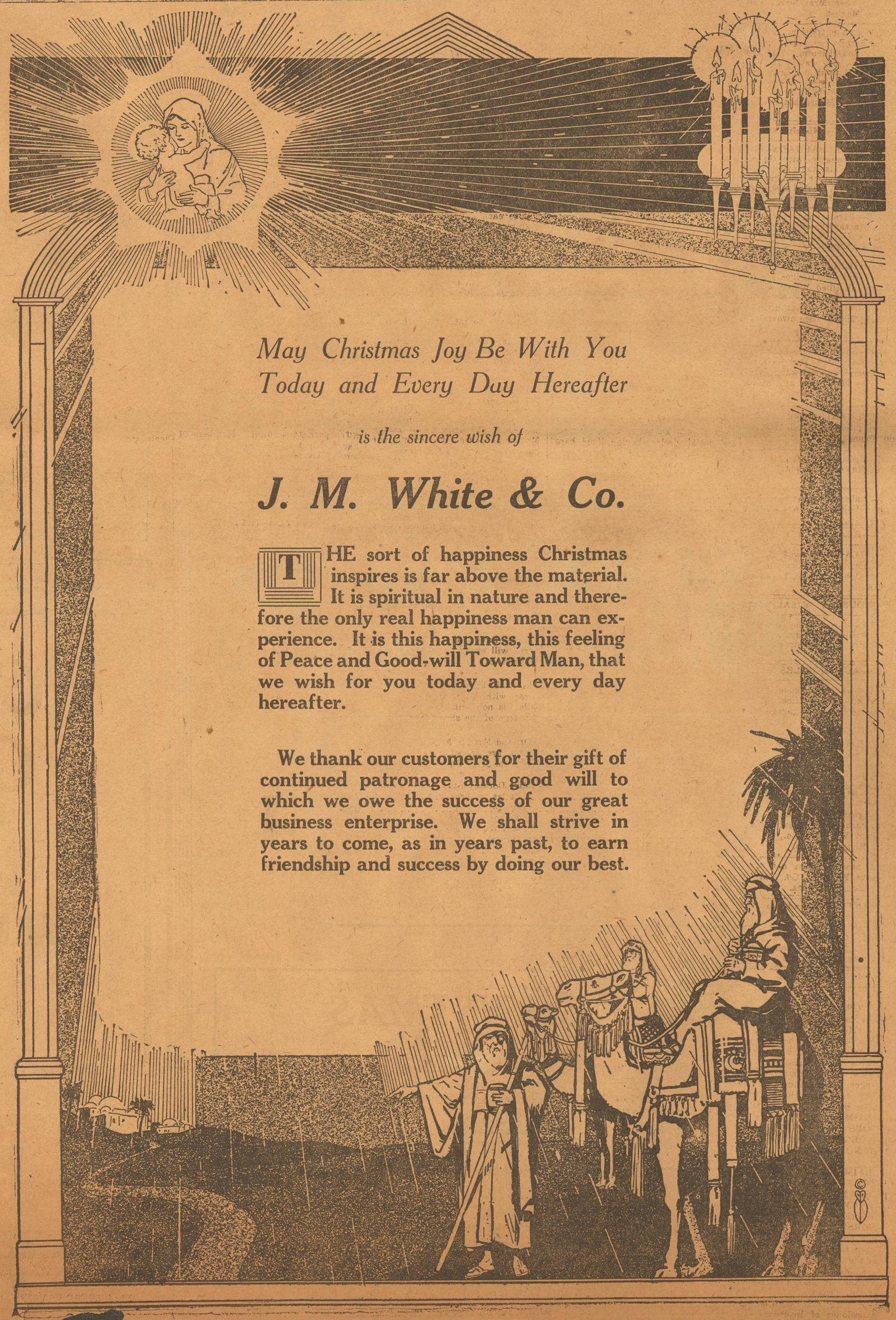

May Christmas Joy Be With You Today and Every Day Hereafter

is the sincere wish of

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THE sort of happiness Christmas inspires is far above the material. It is spiritual in nature and therefore the only real happiness man can experience. It is this happiness, this feeling of Peace and Good-will Toward Man, that we wish for you today and every day hereafter.

We thank our customers for their gift of continued patronage and good will to which we owe the success of our great business enterprise. We shall strive in years to come, as in years past, to earn friendship and success by doing our best.

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1—LOST AND FOUND

LOST, Strayed or Stolen—White Pointer, with dark brown spot; liberal reward for return to Dr. T. L. Lauderdale's residence.

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN—Black mare, 8 years old, both hind feet white; white streak on head; reward. 421 Hodges, phone 123.

LOST—Friday night, Dec. 23, on Mineral Wells-Caddo road, tan suitcase containing children's clothing. Liberal reward if finder will communicate with W. E. Davenport, Box 847, Abilene, Texas, or leave at Times office, Ranger.

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GARAGE—Elm street, next door to Ranger Daily Times. See owner, 313 S. Rusk.

FOR SALE—Several diamond rings, different sizes; also one 19-jewel Waltham Riverside model watch. Will sacrifice. See Mr. Baum at Baum's Booterie.

FOR SALE CHEAP—Small feather bed and two pillows. 502 S. Marston st., Ohio Rooms.

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PIANO for sale—Bargain; must sell before 1st. Call 216 Lawrence St., Page addition.

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WANT TO HEAR from owner having farm for sale; give particulars and lowest price. John J. Black, Texas st., Chippewa Falls, Wis.

15—HOUSES FOR SALE

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FOR SALE—One 1921 model 5-passenger Buick; will sacrifice. E. L. Norris, Prairie Pipe Line garage, Tiffin, Texas.

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18—WANTED—Miscellaneous

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21—LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS AND CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the Farmers & Merchants State Bank has been closed and is now in my hands for the purpose of liquidation.

All persons having claims against the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Ranger, Texas, must present such claims and make legal proof thereof on or before Feb. 15, 1922.

ALL CLAIMS OF GUARANTEED DEPOSITORS MUST BE PRESENTED AND LEGAL PROOF THEREOF MADE NO LATER THAN FEB. 15, 1922.

ALL CLAIMS OF GUARANTEED DEPOSITORS PRESENTED AFTER FEB. 15 SHALL NOT BE ENTITLED TO PAYMENT OF ANY PORTION THEREOF OUT OF THE DEPOSITORS' GUARANTY FUND.

All claims and proof of claims must be presented to the special agent in charge at the banking house of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Ranger, Texas, or mailed direct to me at Austin, Texas.

ED HALL,
Commissioner of Insurance and Banking of the State of Texas.

SOCIETY
AND ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN

MRS. R. B. CAMPBELL, Editor Telephone 418

Merry Christmas All

Christmas is today, and I am glad, for I've never lost my faith in Santa Claus, and I was just as anxious to see what he brought me, as were the children, and today, while I, surrounded by those I love best in all the world, under my own roof, in my home town, am enjoying my Christmas, my thought will steal back to you, my new friends, and across the miles I stretch the hand of friendship, and wish you every one a Merry Christmas.

The premier event of the past week, was of course the Shrine club masquerade ball, the brilliancy of which but adds another laurel wreath to the honors already accorded these most excellent hosts.

That there will be something doing most every minute of the coming week is indicated by the way it starts this evening, with the reception at the Summer Garden given for Elks, Shriners and Masons, beginning at 11 and followed by dancing beginning at midnight and continuing throughout the "wee sma hours."

Looming large upon the social horizon is the Elks' informal dance for Elks and Shriners, to be given on New Year's Eve at the Summer Garden. Judging from past social successes of this lodge, we can safely predict that it will be a most fitting climax to the old year, and a most rousing beginning of the New Year.

Mmes. Clyde Craig, Arthur Kinard and Walter Burden will entertain at the Gholson Wednesday afternoon and night. This promises to be one of the largest private parties of the week.

LOWE-LACY NUPTIALS.

A wedding that is of unusual interest to Ranger society folks was that of Miss Marguerite Lowe and Mr. Paul Lacy, which was solemnized Friday evening at 8 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lowe, 909 Foch street, Rev. M. F. Drury performing the beautiful ring ceremony. There were no attendants and the ceremonial rites were witnessed by relatives and a few intimate friends. The wedding service was followed by a dinner at the Lowe home.

Following the dinner the bride and groom attended the Shrine dance, where they were showered with congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Lacy left at midnight for a honeymoon trip to Fort Worth, Dallas and Kansas City.

The bride was married in a beautiful dinner gown of peach colored chiffon. Her going-away gown was taupe grey cloth with moleskin trimmings, with which she wore a rose hat. Much interest has been centered in this event on account of popularity of the bride and groom. Mrs. Lacy is well known in both business and social circles, having lived here for several years, and having held a very important position with a local bank. Mr. Lacy comes from Dallas, but has been here for some time and is associated with the Texas & Pacific railway business office. They have a wide circle of friends in Ranger who wish them well and that "they may live happy ever afterwards."

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TELEPHONE OFFICE CHRISTMAS TREE.

A Christmas tree party was given last night by the young women operators of the Southwestern Bell Telephone company at the company offices on Main street. Fifty or sixty, including the families and friends, were present. An interesting program of singing, recitations and other forms of entertainment was carried out, followed by dancing.

A number of presents were exchanged among those present and delivered from a tastefully decorated Christmas tree.

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REBEKAHS ENTERTAINED.

The women of the Rebekah lodge were entertained Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Nellie Reed at her home on Hunt street. Several games of 500 were enjoyed, after which a delightful luncheon was served.

Those present were: Mmes. Reynolds, Williams, Shell, Marlow, Heister, Chilton and the hostess.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Reynolds, after the holidays.

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PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Swift of Cisco spent Christmas with their son and daughter, Wade Swift and Mrs. A. A. Edmonson.

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Mrs. E. C. Dadisman is spending the holidays in Wichita, Kan.

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Mr. and Mrs. Giles Harris and sons, Wiley and Samuel, of Eastland, are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Laurice Jacobs.

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Sam Cain of Taylor is a Christmas guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Laurice Jacobs.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Abnev, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Mary, have gone to Sweetwater, where they will spend Christmas with relatives.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Cohen of Eastland are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. M. Alexander.

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Pete Padgett of the Chestnut & Smith corporation, who underwent an operation at the Ranger General hospital recently, is in an improved condition.

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Miss Margaret Lavery is spending the Christmas holidays in Tulsa, Okla.

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Edward Harrigan will spend the Christmas holidays in Fort Worth.

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Steve Gilbert has gone to Fort Worth for the Christmas holidays.

CHRISTMAS

"What is it than best express
The spirit of the happiness
We always feel at Yuletide?
It is a simple little word
Which every day is often heard;
It hath a meaning wide,
And to each day within the year
It gives a truly Christmas cheer—
That little thing called love

"May laughter and love and contentment
Grow on your Christmas tree;
And at the top the light of hope
For the year that is to be."

Gay colored lights—glittering tinsel—the laughter of children—the tree.

Home, holly and mistletoe—bulging stockings by the fire in the living room—red and white candy canes—little packages tied with red and green ribbons—Mother.

Dad carving the turkey and spilling gravy on the tablecloth, the family laughing at baby as she sucks the drumstick—teasing Mother because she didn't put enough sugar in the cranberry sauce—hearts gay and homes filled with Christmas cheer.

Holly wreaths hung in windows—mistletoe wreather with ribbons—the green of cedars, poinsettas, greens and reds everywhere, even to the humblest home, all mute tokens of The Day, a fitting tribute to Him whose birthday we commemorate—

This is Christmas.

Harold Lavery, of of Houston, will spend Christmas with his sister in Ranger.

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A. D. Lavery and family of Fort Worth will spend Christmas with A. E. Ernst, 818 Cypress st.

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T. M. Bickham, who has been connected with Volk Shoe company of Dallas, is now with the Boston store in charge of the shoe department.

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Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Boles of Breckenridge are spending the Christmas with Mrs. J. T. Pipkin.

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Miss Dorothy Sturgis left Saturday for Dallas, where she will join her parents for a few days and then go to Hillsboro, the family's old home. She will return to Ranger for a few days before resuming her studies at Sullins college, Bristol, Va.

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J. T. L. McNew, assistant professor of civil engineering at the A. & M. college, with his wife, will spend Christmas in Ranger with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. McNew.

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Mrs. Etta Cherrie of Enid, Okla., is spending Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. C. Q. Rogers, of Hodges street.

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Mrs. Ernest Glazner and children are spending the holidays with relatives in Weatherford.

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Mrs. B. Cowsert is with relatives in Cleburne and Waco for the holidays.

The Fried Oyster.

Use large oysters and look them over carefully for bits of shell. Wash and then roll in highly seasoned corn flour. Let dry off for 10 minutes and then dip in prepared egg and then roll in fine bread crumbs. Stand aside to dry for 10 minutes. Fry only three or four at a time in hot fat. Care must be taken to have the fat sufficiently hot. Usually about 370 degrees Fahrenheit will do. If you do not use a fat thermometer to test the fat, then try it with a piece of bread in the following manner. Place a crust of bread in the fat and begin to count 101, 102, 103, etc., until you reach 110; the bread should be a deep golden brown. Then proceed to fry the oysters, keeping in mind that more than three or four in at once will reduce the temperature of the fat and thus permit the oyster to soak up the grease.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY EVENING.

Reception at the Summer Garden, for Elks, Shriners and Masons, followed by dancing, beginning at 12 o'clock midnight.

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TUESDAY.

Amusu club meets with Mrs. Lander.

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WEDNESDAY.

Mmes. Craig, Kinard and Burden's afternoon and evening party at the Gholson hotel.

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SATURDAY.

Elks' New Year's dance.

CUPID BLINDFOLDED BY ORDERS OF COURT

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Although the record in Tombs court reads "sentence suspended" in the case against Harry C. Anderson, charged with following in silent adoration for more than two years Miss Bessie Gitnik, the young man feels that in reality he received a hard sentence yesterday when Magistrate Renaud said:

"You are not to write or telephone to her, and if you pass her on the street look the other way."

Thus has persistency, so often effective in wooing, petered out in the case of Anderson, who promised the magistrate he would no longer feast his eyes upon the pretty person of the young Brooklyn stenographer.

Probation Officer Planz reported that Anderson is mentally and physically normal, has no criminal record and is of "good habits." He said Anderson told him he hoped up to the time of his arrest that Miss Gitnik would return his love. He had sent her presents and theatre tickets, all of which she had returned to him.

Yet they were not strangers to each other. They once worked together for Park & Tilford. She gave up that position to get away from Anderson, and later the Gitnik family moved to Brooklyn to escape the girl's persistent suitor. Members of her family tried to reason Anderson out of his love for the girl, but he persisted until he was arrested upon her complaint.

OYSTER DISHES

Variations For Fried Oysters—Some of the changes to be rung on frying the popular bivalve are to dip them in mayonnaise before rolling in equal parts of extremely fine bread crumbs and flour. These are delicious. Another way is to marinate drained oysters in lemon juice, melted butter and pepper sauce, turning the oysters in the bath occasionally; then roll in bread dust, egg and milk mixed, bread dust again before plunging into the kettle.

Oyster Shortcake.

A good "supper" dish is this oyster shortcake. Make a rich, light, baking powder biscuit dough and bake it in a layer cake tin. Split and butter when it comes from the oven. Scald the strained liquor from the oysters. Make a white sauce in the usual way, using two tablespoons each of flour and butter to one and one-half cups scalded milk. Add the oysters to the hot broth and cook until edges curl; skim, season with a tablespoon of butter, salt and cayenne to taste; take out the oysters and lay on the halves of shortcake. Blend the sauce and liquor and pour over when putting together. Sprinkle with minced parsley.

Angels on Horseback.

This is one of the favorite savories. Slice thinly some fat bacon, dust an oyster with a little cayenne and roll it in a slice of bacon, and slip each as done on a toothpick. Fry them only just enough to crisp the bacon and serve each on a triangle of fried bread, just touch with a squeeze of lemon juice. They are also nice baked in a hot oven for about 10 minutes.

Deviled Oysters.

Drain and thoroughly dry two dozen oysters, season with salt and pepper to taste and roll in the following dressing, then bread crumbs, place in a broiler and broil five minutes on each side.

Dressing—Cream a tablespoon of butter with a generous pinch of English mustard, one teaspoon Worcester sauce, a teaspoon of lemon juice, yolk of one egg and salt and pepper to taste. Mix with a Dover beater. When the oysters are done serve on toast with maitre d'hotel butter.

Broiled Oysters, Virginia Style.

Heat the griddle very hot and then pat the oysters dry, place on griddle and let brown slightly; turn on the other side. Lift when slightly brown, place on a piece of toast. Baste with a tablespoon melted butter and garnish with finely chopped parsley and a slice of lemon.

HUBBY PROVES TO BE WOMAN WHEN ARRESTED

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—When three police inspectors took into custody late today in a State street bank, a nattily dressed "man," accompanied by his "wife," they paved the way to an interesting hour at headquarters.

The couple broke down under questioning, and as their story unwound they revealed that the husband was a woman who, a search of records showed, was not unknown to the police.

Their story included a touching courtship and "marriage," after which the "wife" chose to live with her "husband" of but a few months and keep the amazing secret to herself.

When the true facts became revealed, the "wife" said, she decided to continue the false role to avoid sensation and humiliation before her friends.

Though known as John William Hathaway, the "husband" really is Ethel Kimball, formerly of Somerville, it is said. The girl who thought she was becoming "Mrs. Hathaway" says she is Margaret Acchtler, also of Somerville. The latter explained that she had a real husband a number of years ago, but that he had disappeared and she believes him to be dead.

The "husband" Ethel Kimball is held on a charge of attempted larceny, the arrest resulting from a visit to headquarters of Clarence Sogehomm, of Allston, who was trying to sell an automobile to the pair. He became suspicious of their actions. The couple were in the State Street trust when the girl husband was taken, having just obtained a book of blank checks, police say.

At the bank a scuffle resulted and during the excitement one of the pair was heard to exclaim to the police: "You would not strike a woman, would you?"

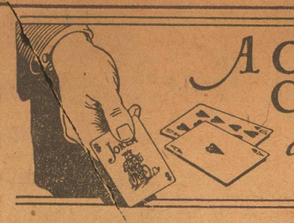
After persistent denials at headquarters the confession resulted.

DOCTOR ORDERED SILK STOCKINGS, GIRL'S ALIBI

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 24.—Offenders against the dress rules imposed by the girl students at the high school are finding the girls' council more stern this year than last.

One girl who insisted that her health required her to wear silk stockings was ordered to produce a statement to this effect from her physician by the next session.

The rules prohibit silk stockings, peekaboo waists, paint, powder, high heels, etc.



A Column for Card Players and Question Box—
Conducted by Hoyle, Jr.

Auction Bridge—No. 11

"One Man's Weakness May Be Another Man's Opportunity"

Auction Bridge No. 11.

"One man's weakness may be
Another man's opportunity."

It is an undisputed fact that luck at cards will run with certain players in straight deals at any game. Such luck is called "gamblers' luck."

Therefore, about twenty-five years ago, Mr. Cassius M. Paine devised and patented an apparatus for playing duplicate whist. This device is a tray for holding a deck of cards dealt into four hands. Each table playing is allotted a certain number of these trays, and the hands, after being played, are returned to their original compartments in the trays, which are then passed to the next table. In this manner, all of the players seated toward the north at all tables play the same hands in the course of the contest; all those seated toward the south, east, and west do likewise.

This form of play was adopted by The American Whist league for all of their contests. Later, when Bridge made its debut into the world of sport, and also when Auction Bridge superseded it, the same plan was followed. During the world war, Mr. Milton C. Work conceived an idea whereby a large sum of money might be raised by using this scheme, and the "Red Cross Contest," using trays, was the result.

Now again Mr. Work has come forth with a new plan for charity card playing, called "Par Auction," implying "hands of equal value." By this scheme, the experts in many cities in the United States are playing identical hands of Auction for charities. The auditing of all score cards at a central station will reveal the best player. The plan is this: Two decks of cards are so marked that twenty-four picked hands may be dealt, twelve from each pack, and these hands are played in turn by different players. While this scheme is very ingenious, it will not be interesting for more than four sittings of the contest, inasmuch as the hands, which are freak or interesting combinations sent in by devotees, will be remembered and the play, therefore, will become monotonous. When trays are used, and new sets of hands are arranged at different times, the play is not so likely to lose its interest.

The test of skill in Auction is generally made by four as evenly matched players as possible, so that with "Par" deals or duplicate hands provided by using the trays, the play shows each one's judgment, observation, keen perception, and skill as they are brought into use, and proves the truth and appropriateness of the quotation at the head of this article. For it is one man's weakness that proves the other man's opportunity. With exactly the same amount of value in each hand, the condition is the same as that obtained by giving several persons the same tools and materials with which to make a given article. In either case, the expert will turn out a finished product or score, and the novice will end with failure.

As an example, in the following hand it is a question as to what may be bid as an opening:

Dealer's Hand.

Spades—A., o.
Hearts—A., K., Q., oo.
Diamonds—A., oo.
Clubs—ooo.

(Note: "o" indicates small card under ten.)

There would be a choice for bid here, depending upon the previous score. If beginning a new game, bid No-Trump first, then according to other bids made. If another player makes it Two Clubs, dealer should change to Two Hearts. However, if One Heart would make game, then name Hearts at once.

Questions and Answers.

Q. What is a fourchette?

A. A fourchette (fork) means the cards next above and below the card led. Nine is led, and the next player holds ten and eight. The correct play is to cover the nine with the ten and force the eight up in value.

Q. What is meant by forcing discards?

A. When declarant finds he has a losing card and several trumps, he generally should lead trumps, making the adversaries discard, in hopes that they will make an error and discard the cards above his losing off-suit card. In a No-Trump, make all good cards in both hands before opening other suits, for every discard costs the hand something, and may be advantageous to you.

SCOUT TROOP WILL MAKE CAMP AT HUMBLE DAM

Twenty or more boys of Troop A, Boy Scouts, will leave at 10 o'clock Monday morning for a two-day camp and hike at the Humble dam on Leon river. The troop will be in command of Assistant Scoutmaster J. W. Harrington. The scouts will spend the two days in tents and cook their own meals. Military discipline will be observed and Monday night a guard will be posted about the camp. The troop will be taken to the camping site in automobiles furnished by the Rotary club.

The camp is the second taken by the troop this year, several days being spent some months ago at Winston springs. The troop is planning to hold a ten-day camp this summer.

At her coronation as Queen of Persia in 1701, Sophia Charlotte wore jewels worth more than a million dollars.

TOO MANY PAGANS IN DENVER, SAYS PASTOR

DENVER, Col., Dec. 24.—Characterizing Denver as the "hardest" town in America, the Rev. Robert T. Caldwell, pastor of the fashionable Mont View Boulevard Presbyterian church, has resigned. He said he had spent $2,400 and worn out an auto for six years for the privilege of preaching here.

"I think there are as many pagans assembled here on the hill as can be found in a similar area anywhere," Dr. Caldwell declared, as he read his resignation to his congregation.

'POUND PARTY' XMAS TREE AT FIRST BAPTIST

In addition to the Christmas sermon which will be delivered by Rev. W. H. Johnson, the Christmas program of the First Baptist church will include appropriate exercises by the Sunday school, and a big church Christmas tree.

The pastor will deliver his sermon at the morning services starting at 11 o'clock. Sunday night will be devoted to the exercises and the tree.

Two boxes will be placed at the door of the church Sunday night to receive gifts for the poor. All members attending will be expected to bring gifts in the nature of food and clothing; the gift to weigh at least a pound.

The program for the exercises follows:

"Ignorant Dolly," Miss Dixie Neal.
"On Going Home for Christmas," Paul Dresser.
"Before Christmas," Nona Hunt.
"Christmas Kid," Alayne Stroud.
"Just Before Christmas," Louise Pitcock.
"A Dubious Old Kriss," Marguerite Adamson.
"Santa at Home," Anna Lou Walker.
"Lazarus and the Rich Man," Lila Brashier.

Following the rendering of the program the young folks will be taken to the Christmas tree, where there will be presents for all members of the Sunday school.

DRY CHRISTMAS BREAKS HEART OF TURKEY TRADE

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Prohibition has put a serious crimp in the yuletide turkey business, commission merchants wailed today.

The public consumes only about half as many fowls during the one-half of 1 per cent holidays of the present as it did in the damp Christmas seasons of yore.

Back in the days of the corner saloon, in some circles a man was not considered a good citizen if he didn't cart several turkeys, geese or ducks home.

IOWA EVANGELIST PREACHES TONIGHT AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. Lafayette Huff of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who is a guest at the home of H. E. Clewell, will occupy the pulpit at the Christian tabernacle tonight. Rev. Mr. Huff has for the last ten years been a noted evangelist in the Middle West cornbelt and is said to be an entertaining as well as instructive speaker.

Ranger church-goers are invited to the services.

Rev. J. G. Winsett, the pastor, will preach a Christmas sermon at the morning hour, and services will begin at 10:30, in order that the congregation may be dismissed by 11:15. Sunday school will begin at 10 o'clock, as usual.

DOWNFALL OF 1,000 GIRLS "TRACED" TO JAZZ MUSIC

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Jazz music is why girls go wrong, the Rev. Philip Yarrow, head of the Illinois Vigilance association, charged today.

"From the dance palaces of Chicago," said the Rev. Yarrow, "from the dance rooms in country towns, come girls whose entrance into the life of moral subnormality was accompanied by the sex exciting music of the jazz orchestra."

The minister said his association in the last year had traced the downfall of 1,000 girls to jazz music.

"Feeble-minded morality is the first result of the weird, neurotic strains of the so-called jazz orchestra," he said.

"Mid the distracting notes of the saxaphone and the weird beat of the tom-tom, conduct was witnessed not hitherto seen outside of the old levee district."

29 OF 42 YEARS SPENT IN JAIL; GETS 7 MORE

DETROIT, Dec. 24.—Twenty-nine of Leo Pope's 42 years have been spent in prison, he told Judge Tuttle in federal court, pleading leniency of the sentence.

He was found guilty of complicity in the theft of $17,000 worth of tires from a freight car. He got seven years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth.

One-fourth of the stockholders of the General Motors company are women.

EXTERMINATION OF GAME LAID TO IMPROVED GUNS

By Associated Press.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 24—Natural game in the Southwest is rapidly disappearing. New types of firearms and the desire of many persons to slaughter game have resulted in the complete destroying of a number of animals in the Southwest and many other animals and birds are almost extinct, according to J. E. McLellan, an El Paso taxidermist, who is said to have kept in close touch with animal and bird life for many years.

Mr. McLellan mentioned the grizzly bear as an example. Grizzlies never were very plentiful, being slow breeders, but they should have been retained as the pride of the southwestern wilds, he said. But according to Mr. McLellan, at the rate hunters are killing them they soon will be only curiosities.

"A female bear has one or two cubs a year and the little ones should remain with their mother eighteen months or more," he said, "yet it is not uncommon for hunters to kill the mother bear with her young.

"Every one knows what happened to the deer family before the deer were protected, but, at that, protection came too late. Our native deer soon will be exterminated at the rate they are being killed. The black tail type soon will be as scarce as the buffaloes which once roamed the southwestern plains in countless herds."

Miss Dorothy Gee, a native of Canton and who is now in charge of the credits and loans of the oriental department of one of the leading banks in San Francisco, is said to be the only Chinese woman banker in the world.

Season's Greetings

—It is with pleasure that we today send this message of Best Wishes to our friends and customers.

—We feel we are deeply indebted to you for the splendid support you have given us during our business career in Ranger and thank you one and all.

—May your Christmas be a Merry one and the New Year bring you much Happiness

Joseph Dry Goods Co.
Ranger's Foremost Department Store

Merry Christmas.

Christmas Greetings

—To our many customers and friends whom it has been our high privilege to serve in the past as well as to those we hope to serve in the future, we extend our sincere thanks for the past favors and our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year.

Ranger Transfer & Storage Co.

It is with great pleasure that we wish you a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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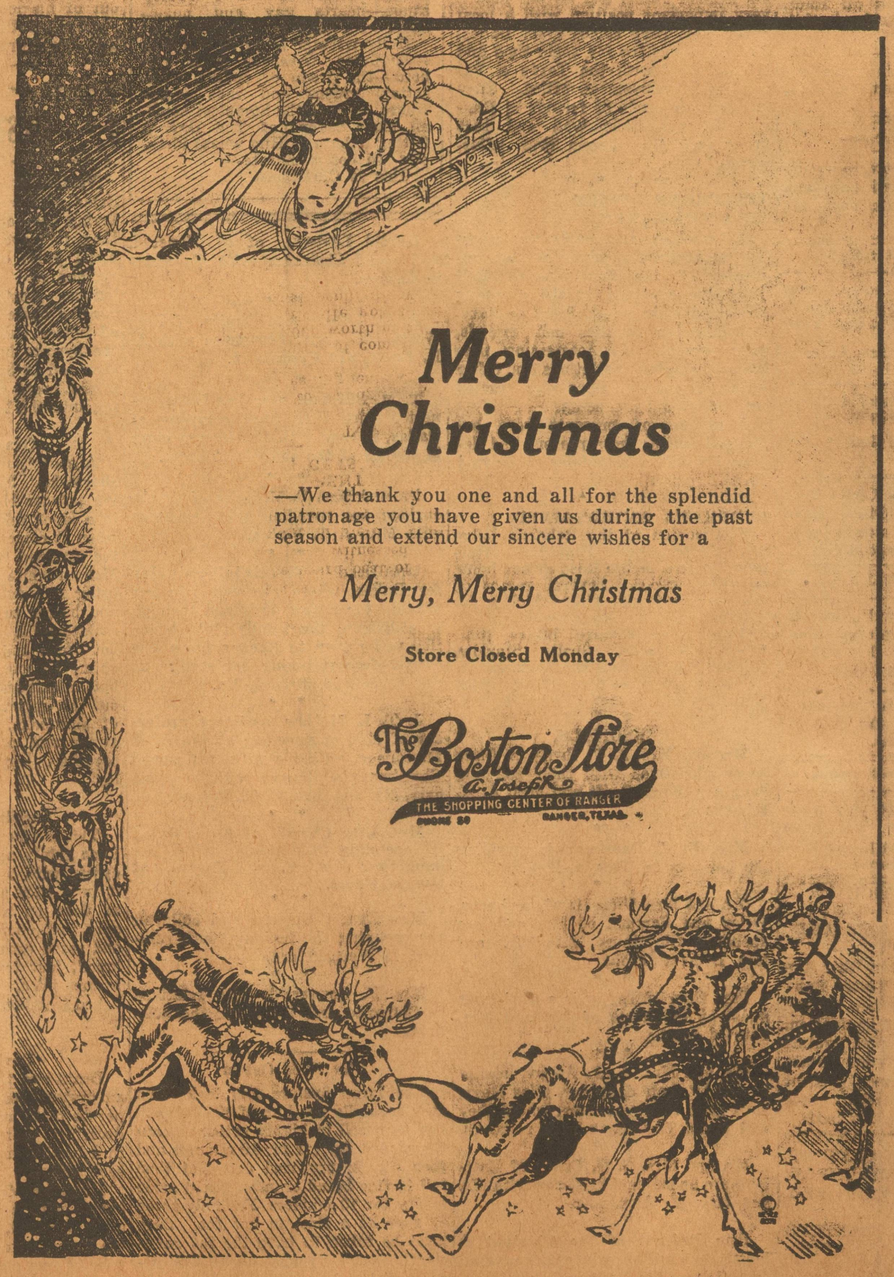
The Best Place to Trade



Merry Christmas

—We thank you one and all for the splendid patronage you have given us during the past season and extend our sincere wishes for a

Merry, Merry Christmas

Store Closed Monday

The Boston Store
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THE SHOPPING CENTER OF RANGER
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At the Theatres

TEMPLE — Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Betty Compson in "Ladies Must Live;" also comedy.

MAJESTIC—Christmas and Monday, "Nobody's Fool," featuring Marie Prevost, news reel and comedy, and Tom Colfers Musical Comedy and Quartette. Tuesday and Wednesday, "A Trip to Paradise," with Bert Lytell," news reel and comedy, and Tom Colfers Musical Revue and Quartette. Thursday and Friday, "Black Beauty," big seven-reel super-special (all-star cast), and comedy; also Tom Colfers Musical Revue and Quartette. Saturday, "The Golden Hope," with Edith Storey, comedy, news, and Tom Colfers Musical Revue and Quartette.

LIBERTY — Sunday and Monday, Charlie Chaplin in "The Kid," and other attractions.

WHISKY FOUND IN TREE; PUT THERE 40 YEARS AGO

WINSTED, Conn., Dec. 24.—While cutting a large chestnut tree which stood near the cemetery in Nepaugh, G. W. Mason, of that village, discovered a pint bottle filled with whisky. The bottle had worked down several feet from an opening above.

The flask is said to have been placed in the cavity in the tree by Calvin Moranders, of Nepaugh, forty years ago. The liquor is now in possession of his son, Frederick, who will keep it for use in an emergency.

THREE FEDERAL JUDGES UPHOLD ALIEN LAND LAW

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The constitutionality of the California anti-alien land law forbidding aliens ineligible to citizenship from owning or leasing agricultural land was upheld by a court of three federal judges.

Several other states have enacted laws patterned on the California act. The decision was given in a case involving the leasing feature of the act. It said:

"Such a leasehold is an interest in agricultural land and nothing in the treaty with Japan secures to Japanese subjects residing in this country the right to possess, acquire or enjoy agricultural land or an interest therein."

TOO SMALL TO FIGHT.

Tommy: "Father, one of the chaps said I looked like you."

Tommy's Pa: "And what did you say?"

Tommy: "Say? I didn't say nothin'. He's a good bit bigger than me!"

FLEETS IN NEVADA, PALM TREES IN ALASKA; BUT 'TWAS LONG AGO

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Alaska was once a land of sunshine and flowers. Ferns and palms, such as now thrive in lands far to the south, once flourished in the sub-tropical climate of her valleys and lowlands.

But that was millions of years ago, before man existed, according to the United States geological survey, which has made a study of the fossil flora. Deep down in the coal beds have been found fossils of plants, which indicate that Alaska was ages ago, a land of luxuriant loveliness.

Dusky savages of a remote past, or perhaps members of that enlightened race of cliff-dwellers, once looked across the waters of a huge lake in what is now northwestern Nevada.

Rude fleets perhaps wended their way in a primitive commerce across the great inland sea, which once spread over 8,400 square miles, also according to the survey.

Geologists have given the great body of water, which was present in "comparatively recent geologic time" the name of Lake Lahontan, in honor of Baron La Hontan, one of the early explorers of the head waters of the Mississippi river.

The deepest part of Lake Lahontan, 880 feet, was the site of the present Pyramid Lake, a small remnant, so that its surface stood about 500 feet above the surface of Pyramid lake.

A field of sand dunes, formed since the inland sea disappeared, now covers a large area a few miles north of Winemucca, Nevada. The dunes are gradually moving eastward, and their steady march has necessitated a number of changes in the roads in recent years. In some places telegraph poles have been buried so deep that they have had to be spliced in order to keep the wires above the crests of the sand dunes.

LIBERTY
AT THE LAMB
TODAY and MONDAY
Charlie Chaplin
—in—
"THE KID"
The Wonder Picture of the Day
Come and laugh with us
OTHER ATTRACTIONS

MAJESTIC
Today and Monday
Feast Your Eyes On the newest Beauty of the screen

Carl Laemmle presents
MARIE PREVOST
In the sparkling comedy-drama of a beautiful girl who knew all about men—until she met the man who knew all about women
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NOBODY'S FOOL
Story by ROY CLEMENTS Directed by KING BAGGOT
A UNIVERSAL PICTURE
—Also—
BIG MUSICAL COMEDY
DON'T MISS IT

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THE TOGGERY
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FOR SERVICE
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HOME OF PARAMOUNT AND REALART PICTURES
Today, Monday and Tuesday
BETTY COMPSON
—in—
"Ladies Must Live"
PETTED KITTENS!
—With claws! Lolling in pleasure and purring through an idle life.
—A story of those who would rather be "ladies" than women.
—The life they lead. The things they do. The price they pay. A photoplay sensation!
Cast Includes:
MARCIA MANON, MAHLON HAMILTON, ROBERT ELLIS, CLEO MADISON and LEATRICE JOY

WAY DOWN EAST
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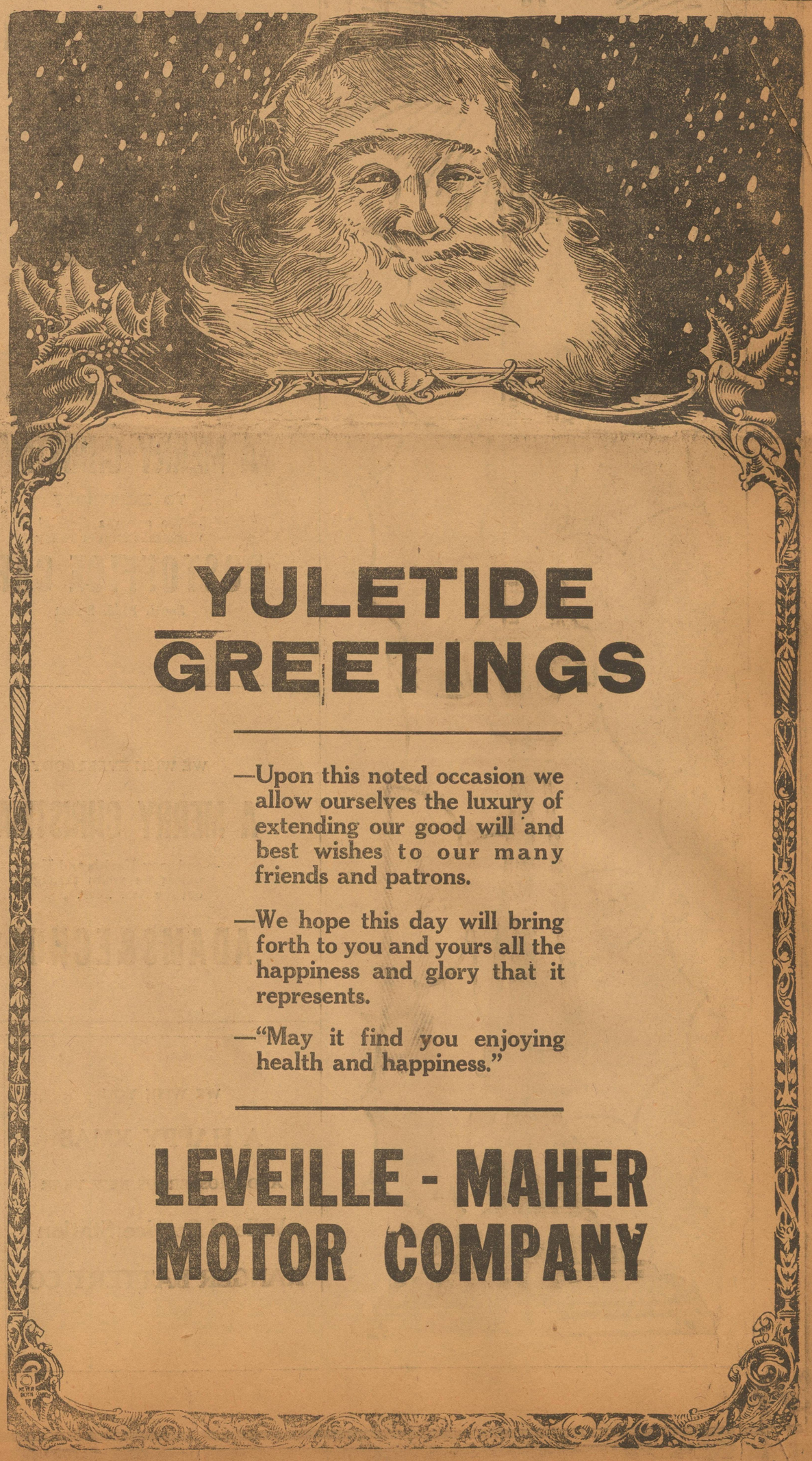
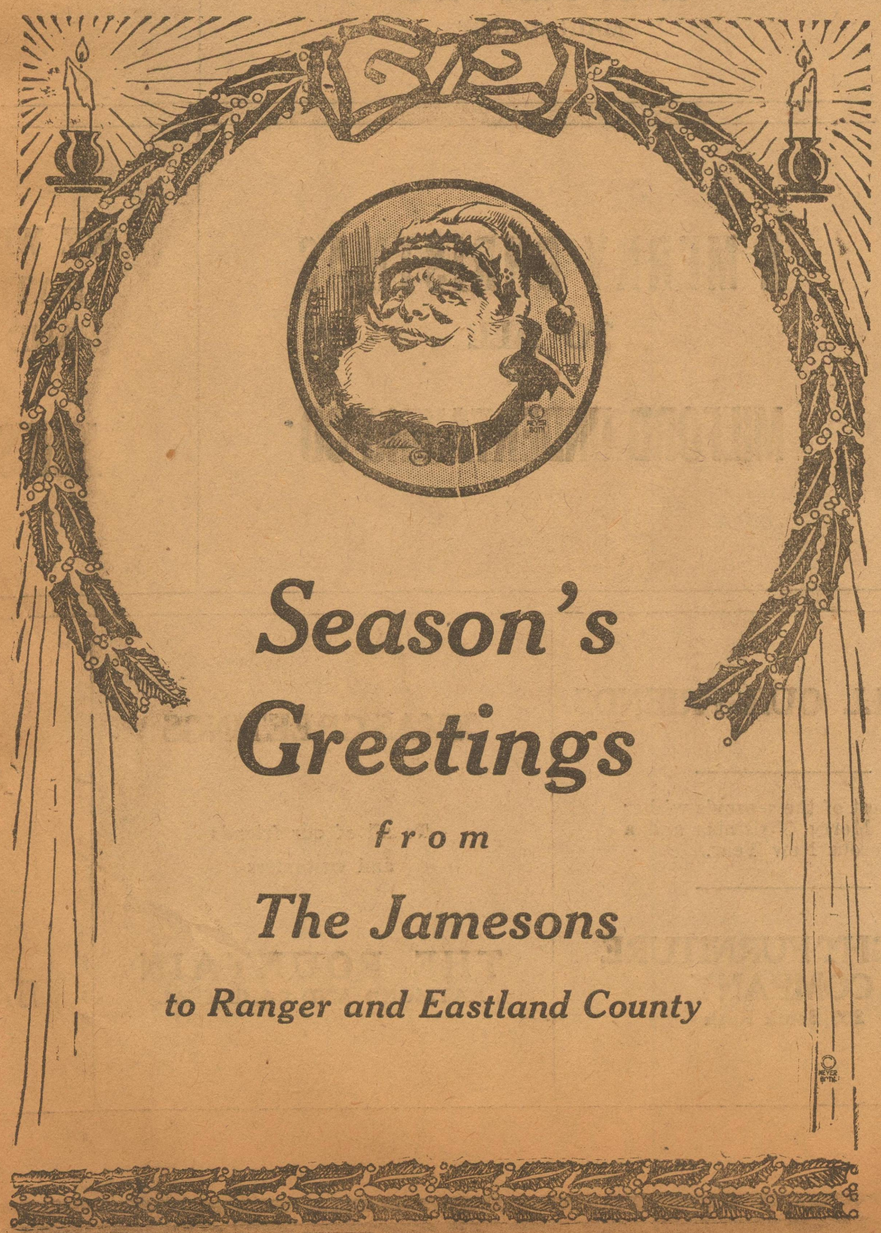
—A—
Christmas Midnight COTILLION
—at the—
Summer Garden Tonight
Doors Open at 11 O'clock
Dancing begins promptly at 12 o'clock
—The dancers will no doubt be glad to know that "Red" Box will play Saxaphone tonight.
Cake and Coffee Served Throughout the Morning
—Invitations have been mailed out to Masons, Elks and Shriners. If you have not received one, see Mr. Teal at The Fountain.
Ladies Must Be Accompanied By An Escort

Times Want Ads Pay


YULETIDE GREETINGS
—Upon this noted occasion we allow ourselves the luxury of extending our good will and best wishes to our many friends and patrons.
—We hope this day will bring forth to you and yours all the happiness and glory that it represents.
—"May it find you enjoying health and happiness."
LEVEILLE - MAHER MOTOR COMPANY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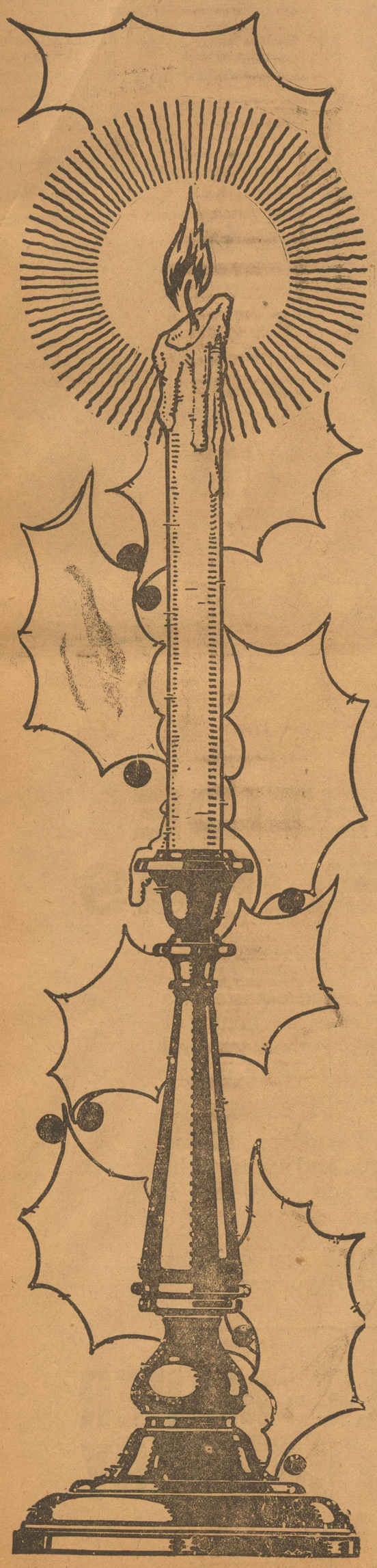

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To All Our Friends
and Patrons

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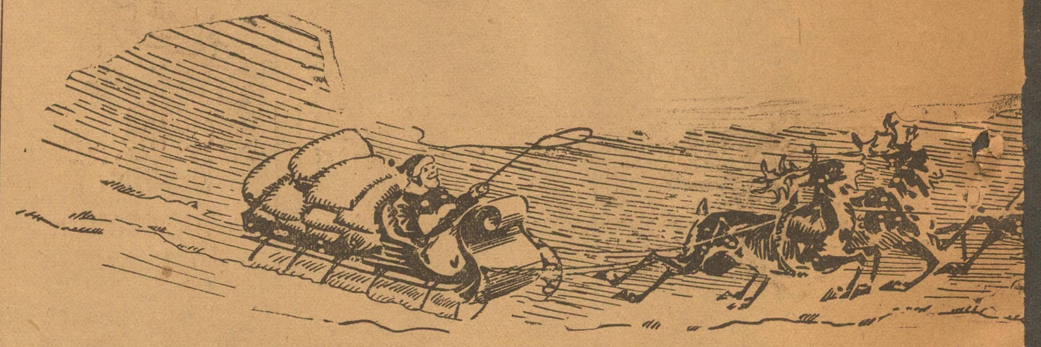
ARTHUR G. JURY, Manager



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TO EVERYBODY

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HAPPY NEW YEAR
Is Our Wish to All

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TO

J. H.

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WE WISH EVERYBODY

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

—and may Health and Happiness be yours throughout the New Year.

ADAMS&ECHOLS

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

TO 'ALL'

MILFORD UNDERTAKING CO

WE WISH OUR
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JONES-COX HA

WE WISH YOU

A HAPPY XMAS

AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Willard Service Station

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TO 'ALL' OUR FRIENDS

The best of the season's wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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To all of our friends
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THE FOUNTAIN

RAYMOND AND PAUL TEAL

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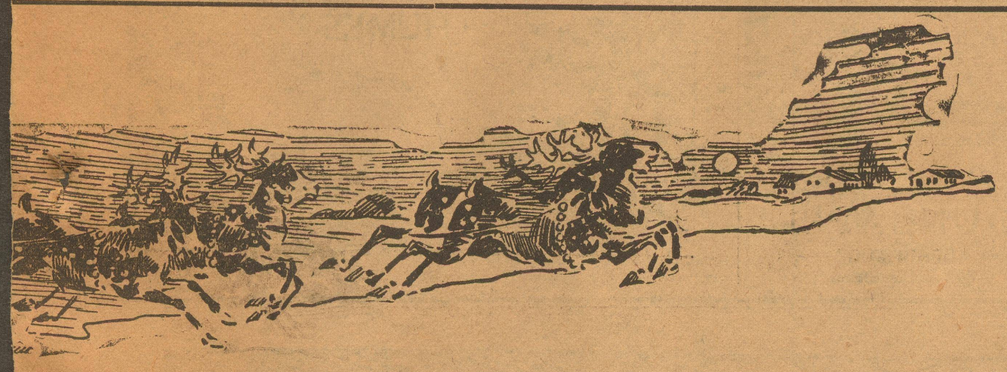

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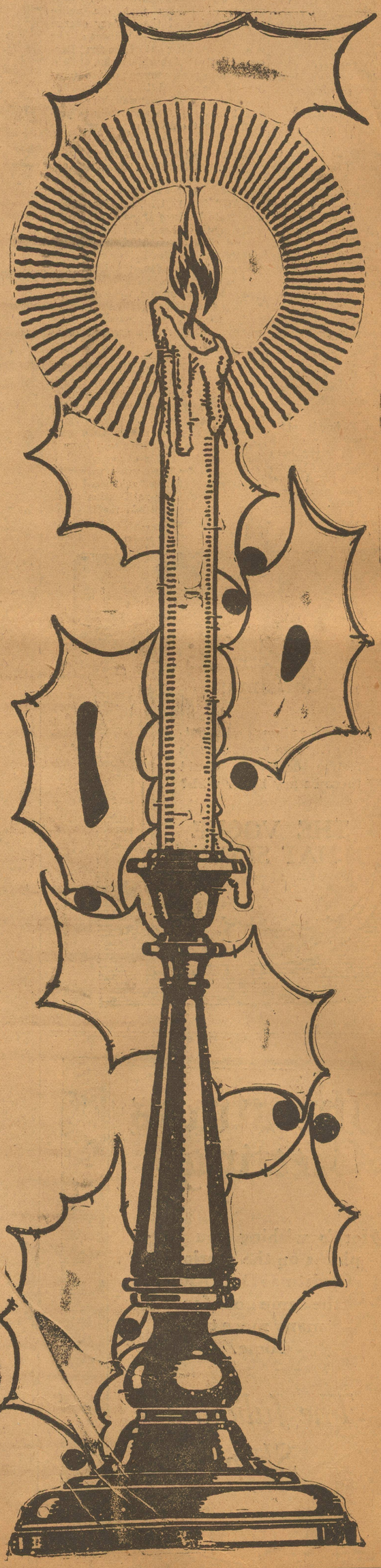

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JUDGE SCORES HIGH COURT FOR SETTING BOND

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Circuit Judge Robert W. Hall in unmistakable terms, expresses his opinion of the state supreme court's "meddling" in St. Louis criminal matters after he received through the mail a mandate from Jefferson City ordering him to release Vincenzo Bullaro, confessed abductor of 7-year-old Dominic Di Franco a month ago.

Bullara confessed that he had kidnaped the Di Franco boy and planned to hold him for $5,000 ransom. The had was found in his home. The supreme court, after hearing an application this week of Verne Lacey, attorney for Bullaro, for a writ of habeas corpus, fixed the defendant's bond at $20,000.

In the court chambers after the mandate had been received and the order for the release made, Judge Hall said:

Intimidates Witnesses.

"We might just as well let down the bars and let the criminals run this town. The supreme court seems to know much better than we do how to handle the criminal situation for us.

"There is no use for us to try to stop crime in St. Louis if the supreme court permits trifling bonds. This particular case is a capital offense.

"All that bonds are good for are to intimidate witnesses. As soon as these defendants are released on bonds and get on the street, the state's case is lost. I wonder if the supreme court knows the facts in this case better than I do."

At the time of Bullaro's arrest Judge Hall refused to accept bond upon the advice of Circuit Attorney Howard Sidener, on the grounds that it was a capital offense.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Dec. 24.—Cider is the Gordian leak of the Volstead vat even in the humble life of the bumble bee.

The vicinity of a Redlands cider press, popular gathering place of human kind, has in recent weeks been made dangerous by swarms of bees, which having freshly imbibed from the pulp piles, go wild and cause havoc among cider patrons.

SEVEN OKLAHOMANS BURNED IN FIRE AT DUKE

DUKE, Okla., Dec. 24.—Seven men were seriously burned and the entire business block of Duke was destroyed Thursday night by fire. The blaze started in a meat market. A stiff breeze caused the fire to spread rapidly. The town has no fire fighting apparatus.

Five of the injured men were taken to the Mangum hospital and two to Altus. Those burned were W. R. Thurman, L. B. Heidenreich, D. A. Smith, W. M. Cunningham, Roy Schrimscher, R. B. Hainey and C. A. Render. These men were in a hardware store engaged in carrying stock to a place of safety when a gasoline tank of an automobile exploded.

TRIAL OF ARBUCKLE MAY BE POSTPONED FEW DAYS

By Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 24.—District Attorney Matthew A. Brady announced Friday that the police court hearing of the perjury charge against Mrs. Minnie Neighbors of Los Angeles, growing out of the first Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle trial, might necessitate postponement of the opening of the second trial of Arbuckle on a charge of manslaughter from Jan. 9, although he was ready to proceed on that date if necessary.

ILLINOIS BANK ROBBED OF MORE THAN $10,000

By Associated Press.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Dec. 24.—The State Bank of Dupo at Dupo, six miles south of here, was held up and robbed of between $10,000 and $12,000 by five bandits Friday afternoon. George C. Lindeman, president, several employes, including one woman, and several customers, were compelled to lay face downward on the floor while the robbers scooped up the money. The robbers escaped in an automobile.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Curtailing the world series games from nine to seven, adopted at the big league meeting here, will involve much work for the advisory council. According to President Heydler nearly fifty rules pertaining to the series will have to be changed. These changes will be formulated by the council within the next two months and submitted to the major leagues for ratification at the annual spring schedule meetings.

LOVE BROKE HIM, SO THREE SHOTS END TWO LIVES

BOSTON, Dec. 24—A young woman about 20 years old was killed by an unknown man who then turned the revolver on himself last night as the two sat at a table in a Chinese restaurant at 22 Harrison avenue.

The girl died almost instantly and the man a few minutes later. Police had been unable to identify the couple early today.

No one actually saw the shooting. The couple occupied one of the stalls adjoining the main restaurant They had been there but a few minutes when three shots were heard and waiters and patrons rushed to the stall . They found the girl slumped down in her chair. One bullet had entered her breast and another her forehead. The man was stretched on the floor, shot through the head. Police ordered him removed to a hospital but he died en route, without uttering a word.

Police declare the girl may be Pearl Payne of Charlestown, but have failed thus far to complete the identification. This supposed identity is based upon one of the three notes found in the man's pocket. It was addressed to "Mr. Rogers," and said:

"I am sorry to say that I was only fooling when I said that I was sick. It is all because of Pearl Payne. I loved her too deeply and have spent all my money. I am broke and am going to kill both of us.

"NICK."

SOVIET CLAIMS FINLAND IS AIDING INSURGENTS

RIGA, Dec. 24.—The Russian Bolshevik government has sent a new note to Finland calling for "exact and unequivocal fulfillment" of its previous demands for withdrawal of alleged Finnish aid to the insurgents in Karelia and expulsion from Finland of General Boris Savinkoff (General Savinkoff, a member of the former Kerensky government of Russia was recently expelled from Poland at the request of the Soviet government.)

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Dec. 24—Judge Clare C. Edwards Friday announced he would not hand down his decision on the motion to quash the indictments against Governor Len Small and Vernon Curtis of Grant Park, Ill., before Wednesday or Thursday.

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