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THE WEATHER

Weather conditions in Wichita Falls for the past 24 hours as reported by the Wichita Falls Electric company observation bureau were as follows: Maximum 50, minimum 14, 5 p. m. 22; precipitation 0; northwest breze, average wind velocity 8 miles per hour, maximum wind velocity 15 miles per hour; barometer 29.47.

Entire Roof of Bob Waggoner Building Burned Away

45 BURN TO DEATH NEAR HOBART, OKLA.

Three Dead, Others Feared Lost In Stamford Fire

NATION READY TO ENJOY ITS WHITE HOLIDAY

Snow and Cold Weather to Prevail Over Most Of United States

WILL BE COLD HERE

Weatherman to Provide a Typical Yuletide Atmosphere This Christmas

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The country in general tomorrow will enjoy an old fashioned white Christmas with plenty of snow and cold weather to add to the festivities, weather reports indicated tonight.

A second cold wave coming close on the heels of last week's sub-zero temperatures, held sections of the far west and northwest in its grip and was moving eastward. The center of the cold area, however, still was in the Rocky Mountain section and it appeared improbable that the bitter cold of last week would reach the middle-west tomorrow.

Light snow was predicted for most of the middle western states tomorrow with little change in temperature.

Taberdash, Colo., with 62 degrees below zero established a claim to a real arctic thermometer reading. The southwest region expected a clear sky, a soft blanket of snow and near zero temperatures for its Christmas day.

BLIZZARD SWEEPS PACIFIC COAST.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Dec. 24.—The day before Christmas was unusually cold in the Pacific states and tomorrow promises to be of the same brand. In the Pacific northwest rivers that had not been frozen for many years were covered with ice.

Oregon reported extremely low temperatures, Madras registering 40 below zero.

WINTER RULES IN WICHITA AGAIN.

Christmas festivities in Wichita Falls homes last night were warm affairs, but outside King Winter again took charge with an icy hand.

C-o-l-d, and getting colder, whispered a chill north wind as it swept through and around the city streets.

Christmas day as Wednesday night were along seemed destined to be a bleak one as far as the weather is concerned, contrary to bureau reports that Christmas in north Texas probably would be fair.

And as dawn drew near the air became more biting, and the wind more spitting with the possibility of snow or sleet before Christmas night is over.

FIGHT ON GAS SALE.

May Have Hearing And Oust Foreign Corporations.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—With a ruling by Thomas J. Brown, chairman of the Missouri public service commission, that if interests of consumers are involved in approval of the sale of the Kansas City Gas company to the "Doherty interests," a hearing will be held in Kansas City, and the joining of Kansas interests in the effort to oust foreign service corporations from Missouri and Kansas took on added importance today.

The companies specifically attacked are the Cities Service Company of New York, the Henry L. Doherty company ow New York, and, in Kansas, the United Gas Improvement company of Pennsylvania.

DUNDEE CHURCH BURNS.

Baptist Destroyed by Fire of Unknown Origin.

DUNDEE, Texas, Dev. 24.—Dundee's Baptist church was razed by fire of unknown cause Tuesday night, and is a total loss, Christmas tree and all, amounting to about $4,000. There was no insurance on the building.

Plans are already being laid for the re-building of the structure, and construction is to begin in the near future.

The church's congregation had its Christmas tree regardless. The Methodists and Baptists gathered in the formers' church Wednesday night, for a big Christmas party.

NOT TO EVACUATE.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The allies will not evacuate the Cologne district of Germany on January 10, as previously agreed, Premier Herriot officially announced the troops must remain because Germany has not fulfilled his obligations.

THE WEATHER

OKLAHOMA Thursday and Friday fair, slowly rising temperature.

EAST TEXAS: Thursday fair, not quite so cold in north portion; Friday fair, slowly rising temperature.

WEST TEXAS: Thursday and Friday fair, slowly rising temperature in north and east portions.

Stamford Inn Razed By Flames

STAMFORD, Texas, Dec. 24.—Three lives are known to have been lost and several other persons are unaccounted for as a result of a fire which late tonight destroyed the Stamford Inn, one of the oldest hotels in west Texas. A man named Lotspeich, said to be a cotton buyer working for the Anderson-Clayton company of Houston was one of the victims, and two children named Winters, who with their parents were stopping at the inn, were the others.

The hotel register was burned and it was impossible at an early hour this morning to accurately check the list of missing. Officials expressed the fear, however, that several other guests of the hotel might not have escaped.

The flames are thought to have started in a Christmas tree on the third floor of the hotel. They spread rapidly and threatened for a time to consume several residences nearby. Heroic work by the Stamford volunteer fire department, however, checked them.

Aged Man Hurt When Run Down By Factory Car

W. J. Ham, 75, Struck at Ninth and Brook Early Wednesday Night

W. G. Ham, 75, is in the general hospital with a severe scalp wound and other injuries, the extent of which is not known, as a result of being run down by a street car at the corner of Ninth and Brook at 7:30 Wednesday evening. While Mr. Ham's injuries were not regarded as grave at the hospital last night it was stated that due to his age they might easily assume a serious aspect today when the man's reaction to the hurts became more pronounced. His head was cut badly, and he suffered severe bruises, in addition to one or two other minor cuts.

According to witnesses of the accident Mr. Ham was walking across Ninth street, when he was struck by the street car. Starting from a point near town to his home at 1316 Twelfth street he had become lost, wandering far out of the way to the corner of Ninth and Brock, where he evidently did not see the car until it was too late to get out of the way.

A Merkle ambulance carried the injured man to the hospital. He was reported resting very well last night. Mr. Ham lived with his daughter, Mrs. C. C. Collier, at 1316 Twelfth street.

OHIO CHICKEN EMBARGO

Chickens and Turkeys Banned Absolutely By Decree.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 24.—An absolute embargo on the shipment of live chickens and turkeys into Ohio was declared by State Director of Agriculture Charles V. Truax today following reports made to him that several carloads of fowls believed to be infected with the European pest had reached seveal Ohio citis from other states. The order also prohibits the removal of dressed poultry from cars enroute through the state except under supervision of inspectors.

AMNESTY BILL BEATEN.

But French Government's Defeat Does Not Presage Resignation.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The amnesy bill came back from the chamber of deputies to the senate this afternoon and was the cause of Premier Herrot's government being defeated by 11 votes, a question regarding an amendment bringing out 154 votes against the government's 143.

As the government had not made the vote a question of confidence, M. Herriot's defeat did not presage the resignation of the ministry.

"CROSSED SALES IN N. Y."

Stock Brokers Manipulate Things to Evade Taxes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—"Crossed," sales of large blocks of stock in the past day or two on Wall street in which they were bought and sold by the same house in one transaction, are believed to have been made for tax purposes. A block of 20,000 shares of Reynolds tobacco "B" stock, involving more than $1,520,000, was sold at 76¾-8. Yesterday, 15,000 shares of Pacific oil were "crossed."

FIRE HITS GOTHAM.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24. — A cheerless Christmas eve for many of the small merchants in the heart of Brooklyn's shopping district was ushered in today with a fire whose loss totaled half a million dollars, destroyed most of a block.

SANTA CLAUS RIDES INTO A CHILLY XMAS

St. Nick Sets Things Aright For Joyous Day In Wichita Falls

ALL TO CELEBRATE

Kiwanis, Salvation Army And Others to Have Trees and Parties

Christmas day and all the joys of Yuletide it carries has arrived.

Santa Claus rode into Wichita Falls last night on a bleak winter wind, appeared at various churches during their Christmas programs, later scampered down numerous chimneys and slipped in through other modes of entrance known only to Santa, filled stockings with gifts, cheering the hearts of young and old alike, and then breezed back to toyland before dawn.

But Santa's coming back today. He didn't call on all of Wichita Falls' youngsters last night. He'll be at the Kiwanis Christmas party this morning and at the Salvation Army citadel tonight, where the largest Christmas festivities for the poorer kiddies ever staged in the city is to be held. Santa departed merely to restock his toy bar.

But before he leaves again he may see the unusual in Wichita Falls for a Christmas day. Weather reports last nighe declared a severe cold wave expected with the possibility of sleet or snow. Christmas of 1924 may be a white Christmas for Wichita Falls. In that case the Salvation Army party will be moved indoors. Otherwise, ap

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AMATEURS LOOT TOWNS

Officials Do Not Think Work That of Valley View Yeggs.

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 24.—Robber raids on the towns of Paradise, Wise county, and Britton, Ellis county Wednesday night, were not perpetrated by members of the same gang, in the opinion of local officers, who are inclined to believe the two raids merely coincidental.

Barney Finn, identification superintendent of the Fort Worth detective bureau, went to Britton, about 20 miles southeast of here yesterday morning in search of finger prints and other clues, returned yesterday afternoon and reported to Detective Chief Jackson that the attempted robbery of the bank and railway station were obviously the work of unskilled criminals.

REFORMED "CON" MAN?

Seek "Yellow Kid" Weil, Famous Chicago Crook, After Swindles in Ohio

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Joseph "Yellow Kid" Weil, Chicago confidence man who announced his reformation after emerging from the penitentiary, is being sought by the authorities for questioning in connection with the swindling of H. L. Kutter of Hamilton, Ohio, it was disclosed today.

The circumstances surrounding the operations of "Dr. James R. Warrington" in Cincinnati last summer so closely resemble the methods of Weil in his palmy days that the authorities here are deeply interested.

WALL STREET CELEBRATES.

Stock Market Catches Spirit and Develops Buoyant Tone.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—With Wall Street about to celebrate one of the most cheerful holidays in its history, the stock market today caught the yuletide spirit, and Christmas eve was ushered in with prices riding the crest of another buying wave.

Pre-holiday influences, however, continued to retard trading. Total sales barely exceeded a million shares, but the market closed with a buyoant tone.

ANDERSON AT HOME

Rearrested, Released Under Bond, Now At Home For Few Days.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—William H. Anderson, former state superintendent of the anti-saloon league, spent tonight with his family at his house in Yonkers.

Anderson, released from Sing Sing prison this morning on parole after serving nine months of a year's sentence for third degree forgery was brought by detectives to New York where he was admitted to $5,000 bail on four indictments charging grand larceny and extortion.

MRS. B. H. RAND HERE.

Mrs. B. H. Rand of Houston is in the city spending Christmas with her daughter, Miss Leone K. Rand, night superintendent of the Wichita General hospital.

Flames, Smoke and Water Bring Heavy Damage

Fire breaking out at 1:30 o'clock Thursday morning on the roof of the Bob Waggoner building swept away the top of the structure and, combined with smoke and water, caused a loss that will probably run to $100,000 or above. Neither Bob Waggoner, owner of the building, nor the manager could be located at an early hour for an estimate.

The estimate of $100,000 was made off-hand. It will easily run to that, it was said, although it might be double the amount.

Firemen were unable to successfully combat the stubborn blaze which sent out dense clouds of thick black smoke and not until the entire roof had burned itself away were they able to put effective streams of water on the embers. The flames, which were of unknown origin, but which are presumed to have broken out in small room housing the elevator machinery, spread rapidly over the entire top of the structure. The thick tar coating proved fuel that was rapidly licked away.

The loss in the building, hurried inspection revealed at 2:30 this morning, may reach staggering proportions as a result of the virtual flooding of the structure. Water dripping down from above was standing three inches deep on the lower floor, while on the sixth and seventh floors it was much deeper. Furniture, office equipment, books, records and papers, unless they were inside fight safes, are probably entirely ruined.

A faulty water system in the building itself was blamed by firemen for this. Water was cascading down the stairways before firemen were called and as the flames on the roof above ate their way from the starting point to the outer wings the floor the flood increased. A water pressure line from the fire department pumpers flooded all the pipes in the building.

After the roof had burned away the supports caved in onto the top floor, causing additional damage. What this may be is problematical.

A general alarm brought out every available piece of fire apparatus in the city to combat the blaze and two lines were carried to the top, one up a fire escape at the eastern end of the Eighth street side and the other up the northern nd of the Scott avenue side. At the edge of the parapet, however, the fire fighters were driven back by the heat and smoke.

They then sought to carry lines up through the interior of the building but were blocked at the entry way to the roof. The small hole giving egress to the roof was a seething mass of flames and on the narrow, winding stairway a man could not live.

As news of the blaze spread tenants of the building hurried to town and salvaged what they could. Those occupying offices on the top floors hurriedly removed books and other perishable articles. A large crowd of sightseers, also, braved the freezing temperature and stood on the Scott and Eighth street corner while firemen battled with the flames.

Fire Chief J. L. McClure was unable to make an estimate of the loss. He stated that the damage from fire alone would not be of such large proportions but that there was very plainly a heavy loss from water. Clouds of smoke that rolled into the upper stories from the roof also take a property toll, the chief said.

At 3:15 the blaze had practically burned itself out and firemen were unable to make their way to the edges of the roof and get high-pressure lines on the remaining flames. Clouds of smoke and an occasional burst of flame was present below. The fireproof fire was present blewo. The fireproof construction of the building is all that saved it from utter destruction, it was declared. The flames stopped when they hit the masonery and steel work of the walls and floors. Crack and crevices, however, failed to hold the tons of water that poured out from the water system and which were later augumented by streams from fire hoses.

One man, Bailey Kenley, who was at work in the building, was burned about the right arm and shoulder when live steam shot out of the building fire hose instead of water which he expected to find. Kenley noticed the blaze and rushed to the top with a hose in an effort to combat it. The smoke, however, drove him back after he had been burned.

Fire officials planned as the flames receded to start an investigation in an effort to learn the cause of the blaze.

"Mad at Nobody," Says Hight Given Sentence for Life

Mrs. Sweetin Cries Out "If They'd Only Hanged Him!"

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Dec. 24.—Bitterness, hate and sorrow remained in the heart of Mrs. Elsie Sweetin as she was led from the court room today after hearing a jury pronounce her guilty of the murder by poison of her husband, Wilford Sweetin, and sentence her to 35 years in prison. Her co-defendant, Lawrence M. Hight, received a life sentence.

"If they had only hanged him," she cried to Sheriff Grant Holcomb as she was led back to jail through the Christmas shoppers, "I wouldn't care."

Love Turns to Hate.

Her alleged infatuation for Hight, 51-year-old preacher and grandfather, seemed turned to hatred. On the witness stand she had attempted to place all the blame on him, telling the jury he had won her love and then betrayed her to the officers.

As Mrs. Sweetin was led from the court room her thoughts were divided between the man who had "won her and told" and her three children left homeless.

Wish They'd Hanged Her.

"I would as soon have been hanged as to have one year in prison," she said. "I told my lawyer, Mr. Smith, to tell the jury to send me to the gallows or home to my children and he did. But they would not do it."

Meanwhile Hight was in an evident happy frame of mind. He expressed satisfaction with the verdict and said: "I ain't mad at nobody."

Motions were made for a new trial for Hight and Mrs. Sweetin and a hearing was set for January 3, but it was indicated that at least as far as Hight was concerned the motions would not be pressed very vigorously.

FOUR DIE IN AUTO CRASH.

B. and O. Flier Hits Machine On Indiana Crossing.

WASHINGTON, Ind., Dec. 24.—Four persons were killed and another probably fatally injured when a south bound passenger train on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad hit a small touring car near Shoals, according to information received here.

The dead: Bertha Chapman; Maggie Chapman; Mrs. Flora Demond; Mrs. Clarence Ritchie.

LABOR PROSPECTS FAIR.

New A. F. L. Head Says That They Are "Reasonably Satisfactory."

COSHOCTON, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Prospects for labor, considering the country at large during 1925, are "reasonably satisfactory," William Green, newly elected president of the American Federation of Labor, declared here today. Mr. Green is here spending the holidays with his home folks.

NO PAPER TOMORROW

In common with the rest, The Record News today will remain closed in order that its employes may observe a Christmas Day unbroken by the demands of work.

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For this reason no editions will be published Friday morning, Dec. 26.

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To its friends in Wichita Falls and throughout the country and state The Record News extends its most hearty and sincere seasonal greetings, with the wish that to you and yours may the day truly be

MERRY CHRISTMAS

THE WICHITA FALLS RECORD NEWS

BODY EXHUMED AS LAW PROBES YOUTH'S DEATH

"Millionaire Orphan's" Demise on Eve of Marriage Starts Investigation

LOVER TELLS STORY

Says McClintock's Guardian Cooled After Engagement

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The body of William Nelson McClintock, 21-year-old "millionaire orphan" who died three weeks ago while his fiancee waited with a marriage license to wed him, was exhumed today and tonight the authorities spent their Christmas eve in hurrying an investigation to determine if the heir to the ill-fated McClintock millions died from natural causes.

Death Ends Romance.

While workmen at Oakwoods cemetery were cutting through the cement covering of the great bronze casket with pickaxes and sledges, Miss Isabelle Pope, pretty school teacher who was to have married the young millionaire, sat in the state's attorney's office and falteringly related the story of her romance which was ended by death.

As soon as the body had been disinterred it was taken to a morgue where an autopsy was immediately performed under the direction of County Coroner Oscar Wolff. The results of the post mortem examination will be made public tomorrow after a conference between the coroner and several doctors who were present. In the meantime a coroner's jury to hold an inquest was impaneled and the inquest was then continued to January 20.

Estate to His Guardian.

Young McClintock, who, according to the death certificate, died of typhoid fever, left nearly his entire estate, valued at upwards of $2,000,000, to William D. Sheppard, a lawyer-chemist, whose ward he was. By the terms of the will Miss Pope, who would have become his wife, received an annuity of $8,000.

Sitting close to her father, the sorrow which befell her still plainly written on her face, Miss Pope today reviewed her association with young McClintock, beginning with their school day romance.

Miss Pope admitted with apparent reluctance that her visits to McClintock when he was ill was discouraged by the Sheppards because they were "disrupting" the order of the household.

When the sick youth asked for an immediate marriage she said she consented but was informed by Sheppard that a marriage license could not be secured in Illinois unless both the contracting parties appeared at the marriage license bureau. She said she late found that to be incorrect and secured the license herself. Mrs. Sheppard also was less friendly with her after her engagement to Mrs. Sheppard's ward was announced, the girl said.

SANTA'S VISIT POSTPONED.

May Come Next Year, if Present Plans Work Out.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Santa Claus was unable tonight to deliver one Christmas present in the form of education each year to 200 boys and girls, but steps were taken tonight to find a man whose testimony may make possible the delivery of the gift next Christmas eve.

Letters were sent out to 3,000 county clerks throughout the country tonight asking their aid in finding a man who more than a year ago witnessed the signature of a document purporting to the last will of Darwin B. Jennings, eccentric millionaire recluse. By the terms of the will, two-thirds of the $6,000,000 estate was to be left for the creation of an educational endowment for the education of young people. It is estimated the income from the endowment would be upward of $200,000 a year.

IRRELIGION IS DEPLORED.

Communistic Lack of Faith Attacked By Zinovieff, Russian Leader.

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Coincident with the advent of Christmas, Gregory S. Zinovieff, chairman of the executive committee of the third internationale, today made a significant pronouncement concerning the communistic campaign against religion. He admitted the communists had gone too far in their propaganda against existing religious rituals and their efforts to establish atheism.

PUBLISHERS DECRY MAIL RAISE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—In seeking to make the postoffice department self-sustaining the government is undertaking to make certain classes of mail users pay for special privileges granted by congress to other classes, Arthur J. Baldwin, president of the National Publishers Association declared today before a joint congressional postoffice subcommittee.

Flames Sweep Rural School Entertainment

HOBART, Okla., Dec. 25.—Trapped and with all frantic efforts to escape proving both pitiful and futile when the lone exit of the building became jammed, more than 45 persons were burned to death in a fire which completely destroyed a country school house, seven miles south of here, during a Christmas entertainment late Wednesday night. Thirty-four dead were taken from the ruins of the structure, and no trace can be found of between 10 and 15 people who have not been accounted for. Sixty injured, more than half perhaps fatally, it was estimated at 2 o'clock Thursday morning, are in local hospitals.

The school house, a one-story frame building, was packed to capacity when the fire broke out from a lighted candle on a Christmas tree. In an instant the tree and the flimsy structure were in flames. A panic ensued, and the crowd fought to escape through the only door. Persons in front found it impossible to open the door, which was supposed to swing on its hinges inward, because of the pressure of the frightened mob pushing from behind. The terrific force registered against the door caused it to jam to such an extent that by the time it could be opened the entire building was a mass of flames. Approximately 20 escaped from the burning trap without injury.

Water was not obtainable, and the small band which escaped found it impossible to even attempt to rescue a number who had succumbed to smoke on the very brink of freedom from the seething furnace.

The exact number of the dead and missing could not be ascertained this morning at 2:30, nearly five hours after the fire. Officers are making a check of the community to ascertain the number and identity of persons missing, but between 45 and 50 are believed to have been burned to death.

Ten babies are said to have been cremated with Florence Hill, teacher of the school, and a man who was playing the role of Santa Claus. The latter's name was not available at this hour. There were others burned entirely with exception of pieces of their skulls. No list of the dead and missing as yet can be obtained.

The school is known as district school number 42, and the community in which it is located, as Babb Switch. It is about 75 miles southwest of Oklahoma City, in Kiowa county.

The heavy sleet and snow which has blanketed the community for several days has made trnsportation and communication difficult, and full reports of the disaster are not available yet. The little settlement is without facilities to care for the injured, and most of them have been brought to hospitals and homes here. The heavy snow made rescue work slow and difficult.

The list of the seriously injured who were brought to the Physicians and Surgeons hospital here late last night follows:

Claude A. M. Bolding, H. E. Keenan, Earl Griffith, Mildred Noah, J. D. Harris, Apal Hill, Willie Hill, Ethel Hill, Gladys Harris, Oscar Nohone, Mack C. Dedrik, B. H. Bryan, Mrs. K. T. Noah and P. Glydis. Other injured were brought to the hospital still later, while between 15 and 20 have been taken to the Myles hospital here, but their names were not available.

The list of dead included: Mrs. Florence Hill, Paul Philas, Opal Peck, Bud and Harry Pidgers, P. O. Coffey and wife and two children, A. M. Coffey, A. C. Jackson, Powell and Eugene Bolding, John Duke, Jr., Martha Duke,

5 DIE AS DAM BREAKS

BRISTOL, Va.-Tenn., Dec. 24.—Five lives were lost and much damage was done to property near Saltville, Va., tonight when the dam on the north fork of the Holston river near the plant of the Mathieson Alkali works broke, according to telephone advices received here by the Herald Courier. Many homes near the plant were reported washed away in the deluge and scores of persons were said to have narrowly escaped death.

Telephone operators at Abingdon and other communities in this section were kept busy notifying persons in the danger zone. The river was out of its banks in several places it was reported.

Ma Gets No. 1 License

First 1925 Automobile License Is Handed Governor-Elect.

TEMPLE, Texas, Dec. 24.—License No. 1, under the state highway commission system of registering automobiles, has been issued to Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, governor-elect, it was announced in Belton today.

BABE STILL CRITICAL.

DUNDEE, Texas, Dec. 24. — The condition of little Dorothy Brock, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brock's three-year-old child, who suffered painful burns Tuesday afternoon when her clothes became ignited by flames from an open fire place in the Brock home six miles north of here, was no better tonight. The baby has been in a critical condition since the accident.

STEAMER SINKING.

BALBOA, Dec. 24.—The steamer Anglo-Egyptian, bound from Vancouver Gibraltar with a load of wheat, was beached here today after springing a leak in bump-

WOMAN BEATEN TO DEATH

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 24.—Kicked and beaten to death the body of Mrs. Sophia Alexandrowicz, 28-year-old mother of five children was found beside her bed by her husband when he returned home today.

Her husband, Adam, was arrested and questioned.

RECORD NEWS PRINTERS

They whose hands touch every letter that forms each word of 364 editions of The Record News that appear from day to day from Santa to Santa, wish for all its readers that

Omnipotent Hands

may bring to them a

Happy Christmas

and a

Prosperous New Year.

Country Faced By Coldest Holiday Season In Years

Zero Weather With Snow And Sleet Spreads Over Much of Continent

TEXAS INCLUDED

Temperatures Due to Drop Still Further By Thursday Night

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The weather bureau reiterated today that Christmas will be cold almost generally over the United States with snow on the ground over most middle and northern sections east of the Pacific states.

Although precipitation has occurred almost generally from the plateau region eastward within the last 24 hours, the weather will clear in the lower Ohio valley, Tennessee and the east gulf states tonight and in the south Atlantic and portions of the middle Atlantic states tomorrow. The rain will probably change to snow except in Florida and along the south Atlantic and east gulf states.

Rises in East.

The temperature has risen in the Atlantic and east gulf states, but much colder weather has overspread the upper lake region, the lower Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys and the plains states, the plateau region and the central and southern Rocky mountain regions, while colder weather will overspread all sections east of the Mississippi river within the next 24 hours.

Cold wave warnings have been issued for the east gulf states and small craft storm warnings are displayed from Bay St. Louis, Miss., to Apalachicaola, Fla., and from Jacksonville, Fla., to Cape Henry, Va.

TEXAS GRIPPED BY COLD WAVE AGAIN.

DALLAS, Dec. 24.—Texas was in the grip of another cold wave today with still lower temperatures forecasted. It was snowing today in portor Thursday by the local weather stations of West Texas and the Panhandle. The thermometer stood at 25 degrees above zero at Dallas and the forecast said "the mercury would not really begin to drop until tonight or Thursday morning." It will not be quite so cold as the wave last week, according to the prediction.

COLD BUT NO SNOW IN OKLAHOMA AREA.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 24.—If Santa had hoped to drive into Oklahoma on a field of freshly fallen snow tonight he was disappointed last night for only trace was reported throughout the state. A crust of ice resulting from the sleet storm of last week, however, still enveloped much of the state.

Temperatures ranged around the zero mark last night in the northern part of the state with little change expected tonight. The mercury here rescended to seven above.

The forecast for tonight is four below to six above in the northern half and 2 to 10 above in the southern half.

COLDEST CHRISTMAS IN YEARS IN MID-WEST.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The coldest Christmas in recent years for Chicago and zero weather for the western and middle states was promised today. Plenty of snow was predicted to accompany the temperature drop.

The new cold wave, coming on the heels of last week's bitter cold, was attended by winds of increasing velocity that might reach blizzard proportions by Christmas night, weather observers said.

The low temperatures will prevail for several days with continued snows, weather men said.

FRUIT DAMAGE IN NORTHER HITS COAST.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—A northeast wind that reached a velocity of 55 miles an hour at San Pedro harbor has played havoc with some shipping there today and in the interior it left its mark on the orange and lemon groves in damaged trees and bruised fruit.

CLAY CASE IS HEARD.

Bank in Henrietta Once Involved in Litigation Over Lory Estate.

An aftermath to the closing of the Merchants and Planters National bank at Henrietta more than a year ago was heard in the 93rd district court room Wednesday where a suit brought by Clay county and the state of Texas against Mrs. Ella May Lory, executrix and sole heir to the estate of J. J. Lory, deceased, was settled on the basis of an agreed judgment.

By the terms of the plaintiff's petition, this judgment amounted to $45,376. Lory was one of the boudsmen on the bond furnished by the bank when it was made county depository. Judgment was asked on the basis of losses sustained by the county due to the insolvent condition of the bank.

POLICEMAN KILLED.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Jacob Uhle, traffic policeman, was shot and killed today by a man who robbed the Frenchman street branch of the Maine bank of $13,000.

VICTOR RADIO CONCERTS.

John McCormack Scheduled for New Year's Night.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Two famous grand opera stars have capitulated to the demands of millions of radio fans. New Year's night artists of the Victor Talking Machine company will give the first of a series of bi-weekly concerts, it was announced by officials of that company and of the American Telephone and Telegraph company.

John McCormack, who has frequently refused to sing for the radio, and Lucrezia Bori are scheduled to give two numbers each on the initial program.

E. R. Johnson, president of the Victory company, frankly said his concern was making its radical change in policy purely for advertising purposes.

FREIGHTER IN DISTRESS.

Reported in Trouble Off San Pedro Early Today.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—An unidentified freighter was reported in distress near Battleship Row, off San Pedro, early today. The ship had a heavy list and was fighting a fifty-mile gale, the report stated. Tugs were dispatched to her aid from San Pedro.

KILLS HIS WIFE.

HOULTON, Wis., Dec. 24.—William Clark, 60, a laborer, killed his wife, aged 36, in their home here today by striking her with a hammer and then slashing her body with a butcher knife. He then slashed hi own wrists.

Clark, weak from the loss of blood was arrested and rushed to Hudson, Wis., where he was lodged in the county jail.

O. U. PREXY MARRIES.

Weds Instructress in Education; On Honeymoon Now.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 24.—James S. Buchanan, president of the University of Oklahoma, and Miss Katherine Osterhaus, instructor in education at the university, were married last night. Bishop Francis C. Kelley, head of the Oklahoma diocese of the Catholic church, officiating. They left shortly after the ceremony for Dallas, Fort Worth and other Texas points on their honeymoon trip which will extend over the Christmas holidays.

BUENOS AIRES XMAS TREE.

Hot Summery Night Makes Ideal Background for Wintry Fir Tree.

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The municipality of Buenos Aires last night introduced a novelty in Christmas celebration when it opened a big Christmas fair in the Plaza Congress.

A lofty, brilliantly lighted Christmas tree was a much admired feature of the decorative scheme. The wintry appearance of the tree on the prevailing hot summer night seemed greatly to appeal to the fancy of the perspiring crowds which gathered at the Plaza.

DEPUTY SHERIFF KILLED.

Mississippi Officer Shot While Raiding Whiskey Still.

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Dec. 24.—Deputy Sheriff Murdock McIntosh of Green county was shot and instantly killed today by Dennis Waggoner while raiding a whiskey still near Leakesville, according to information reaching the sheriff's office.

COOLIDGE SENDS GREETINGS.

President Remembers Disabled Veterans With Holiday Messages.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Among the first Christmas greetings to go out from official Washington today were those sent by President Coolidge "to the men whose disabilities tell most eloquently of their sacrifices in the armed forces of the nation."

The president sent his message through the Disabled American Veterans and it amplified greetings broadcast to the army and navy by Secretaries Weeks and Wilbur.

ROBBER PLEADS GUILTY.

"Gentleman Thug" Gets 25-Year Sentence in Penitentiary.

SHAWNEE, Okla., Dec. 24.—James Overstreet, alleged "gentleman robber," pleaded guilty to robbery with firearms in connection with the holdup December 10 of the Federal National bank here and was sentenced to 25 years in the state penitentiary by Superior Judge L. G. Pittman here today.

U. S. TO FIGHT PLAGUE

Coolidge Signs $100,000 Bill to Combat Fowl Disease.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Coolidge today signed the bill appropriating $100,000 to enable the department of agriculture to combat the European fowl plage and other diseases which have led to an embargo by New York and other eastern states against live poultry from the middle west. The department's campaign already had been inaugurated.

CHINESE RESPECT TREATIES.

New Government Declares Intention of Observing All Pacts.

PEKING, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The new Chinese government today declared its intention of respecting all existing treaties, while expressing the hope that execution of resolutions agreed to at the Washington conference would not be long delayed.

In a note replying to the note from the protocol powers delivered December 9 the foreign office expressed gratification for the assurances the powers gave of their support for the present provisional government. The Chinese note promised that China would continue to respect all treaties, conventions and other engagements as in the past.

CHRISTMAS DINNER IN JAIL.

Vagrant Requests Sentence to Get First Meal in 30 Years.

DENVER, Dec. 24.—A. N. French, 60, thanked Police Magistrate White today when given a sentence of 10 days in the jail for vagrancy.

"Thank you, Judge," he said. "I am willing to do 10 days just to get a chance at a Christmas dinner. I hope you have cranberry sauce and fixin's. I have not had a real dinner on Christmas for 30 years."

French appeared at the police station last night, declared he heard inmates of the city jail would have a real Christmas dinner and asked to be locked up. The desk sergeant complied with his request.

It is easier to be reconciled to Wall Street if you won't try to beat it at its own game.

THEY TURN ON ZINOVIEV.

His Wife Leads Raid That Captures Him in Notorous Resort.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A wave of feeling against Gregory Zinoviev, president of the executive council of the communist internationale, was reported sweeping Leningrad, following his capture by a mob in a notorious resort, an Express dispatch stated today.

Zinoviev's wife led the raiders. According to the dispatches, Zinoviev was beaten into insensibility.

ANALYZING STOMACH.

Coroner and Chemist Probing Death of San Antonio Couple.

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 24.—Under instructions from Coroner R. Neil Campbell, Herman A. Nestor, a chemist, is analyzing the contents of the stomachs of Mrs. Sophia Schnelle, 75, and her son August H. Schnelle, 42, who were found dead in their home here last night. Meanwhile, Miss Agnes Schnelle, 40, daughter of the dead woman, is in a serious condition at a hospital. Hospital authorities stated at noon she has been irrational since she was brought to the institution and that her condition is very serious.

SLASHES WIFE AND SON.

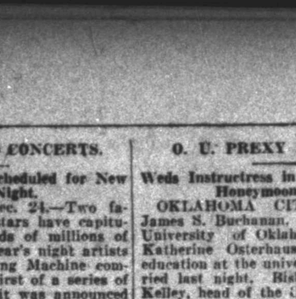
Razor Figures in Assassination Attempts in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Catherine Diehl, 42, and her son, Gustave, 16, were severely slashed about the throat early today when her divorced husband, Gustave Diehl, Sr., attacked her with a razor, their son being injured when he ran to the aid of his mother.

May your Christmas be filled with good cheer and your New Year brimful of prosperity.

We wish to thank our patrons for their part in our success, and to assure them of service in 1925.

Wichita Falls Finance Co., Inc.



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A Prosperous New Year

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AMERICAN PRINTING CO.
708 Eighth

May the Last Days of the Old Year Give You a Joyful

CHRISTMAS SEASON

and as you pass on from this happy event may you be ushered into a New Year where the fragrance of the flowers of success may be with you each day.

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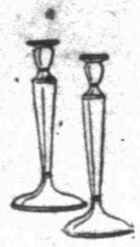


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Included in this sale, at these great reductions, is our entire stock of fine furniture and room suites, and the house full of exquisite glass and craft ware you saw in our studio before Christmas.

By taking advantage of these economy prices, you can secure fine things for your home at low prices. Ware imported from Japan and Oriental countries, from Germany and all over the world. Floor and bridge lamps, china, boudoir novelties, desks and desk seats, console sets, console mirrors, vasses, ash trays, statuettes, jewel boxes, everything goes in this sale.



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NEWSIES' TREE ONE BIG TREAT

Record News Boys Enjoy Big Christmas Party Wednesday 4 P. M.

All the newsies of the Record News force frolicked around a huge Christmas tree Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock and enjoyed real Christmas cheer.

Old Santa was there, and he showered gifts, goodies and merriment on the little guests who enjoyed a hilarious time. Candy, nuts, oranges and other goodies were presented to the newsies and an abundance of fire works helped make the occasion a real boys' Christmas.

The great Christmas tree was presented by Piggly-Wiggly stores and lighted and decorated by the Wichita Falls Electric Co.

Circulation Manager V. O. Hatcher presented each newsie with a savings bank so that they might open savings accounts according to the City National bank plan.

Candy and goodies for the party were furnished through the courtesy of Wade and Thompson and the Busy Bee Candy Co., and other presents were furnished by the Record News Company.

WADE AND THOMPSON DONATE THE CANDY.

Wade and Thompson, wholesale confectioners, in the basement of the Masonic temple, contributed a valuable and enjoyable bit of the Record News boys' Christmas when they sent to the Record News office Wednesday a large packing box filled with mixed Christmas candy.

In the assortment were candy, fire crackers that caused much jollity among the newsies. The following letter was attached:

"The Record News News-boys: Please accept this small remembrance from those who wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Yours sincerely, Wade & Thompson."

ALIENS MENACE FARM SECTION

Foreign Bands Raid Property Near Paris, Ill.—Trouble Feared.

PARIS, Ill., Dec. 24.—Lawless foreigners who work in the Indiana mines are making life unbearable for farmers across the line in Illinois. The miners, many of whom barely can make themselves understood in the English language, are not naturalized citizens.

Most of them own motor cars, and when they want food supplies or anything else the farmer possesses, they drive up to an isolated farm house and take it. Saturday a foreign miner, with two companions, drove to a farm yard, selected the largest hog, killed it and took it away. There is no redress, and if the victims protest too loudly their houses and barns are burned and members of the families beaten.

Three years ago conditions reached an intolerable point and a marauding party of foreigners, raiding a farm, was fired upon by the farmers, led by the sheriff. Two of the foreigners were killed. Since then many houses and barns have been burned in retaliation, and the raids are now of almost daily occurrence.

JAP WEALTH INCREASES.

Big Gain Comes Since Present Emperor Ascends Throne.

TOKIO—Japanese national wealth is 101,977,480,000 yen, according to Hideomi Takahashi, noted statistician, and it has increased nearly twenty-fold since Commodore Perry made his famous visit to the country seventy-one years ago.

The greatest increase has come since the present emperor ascended to the throne in 1912. At that time the national wealth was estimated at 37,523,470,000 yen. This had grown to 93,025,780,000 yen in 1921, and during the last three years, despite the earthquake, an increase of 8,951,700,000 yen has been recorded.

Although Tokio is the capital and the largest city, it is not the richest in Japan. Osaka, with a total wealth of 4,712,650,000 yen, claims this distinction. Tokio's wealth is estimated at 3,142,800,000 yen.

STUDENTS ALL OVER WORLD.

Bible Institute Scholars to Be Found in Many Places.

CHICAGO.—Moody Bible institute, since its foundation in 1886, has trained and sent to foreign mission fields 1,252 men and women, 917 of whom still are in active service, according to a report of the institute. Within the last few months, sixty of the Moody students have sailed to foreign fields under the direction of twenty-seven boards. Forty-five are now under appointment, with as many more having made application.

Ten thousand other Moody students have been sent to all parts of the world as pastors, evangelists, Bible teachers and rescue mission workers.

TO COMPLETE VALUATION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The recommendation of the interstate commerce commission that the physical valuation of railroads be completed in the next two years appears likely to receive the support of President Coolidge, according to senators who discussed the subject with him today.

Additional appropriation of $1,270,000 is estimated by the commission as necessary for continuance of the work during the next fiscal year, with $1,778,000 required in the year following. The senate interstate commerce committee today requested Budget Director Lord to approve the appropriation.

INDICTS ROUGE, BOBBED HAIR

Vicar of St. Paul's Calls attention to Bigamy Risks Men Run.

KINGSTON, England, Dec. 24.—Rev. A. Wellesley Orr, vicar, of St. Paul's church, Kingston Hill, has come out against the use of paint and powder by women. Writing to his parishoners the vicar says:

"Even while we are signing the marriage registers in the church vestry the bride may get in a few minutes work before the mirror with a powder puff, scissors and a bottle. The man who came into church in love with a blushing blonde takes out on his arm a blooming bobbed brunette.

"Some wives are so constantly changing their appearance that their husbands live in perpetual dread of being arrested for bigamy."

NEW HEAD OF ENGRAVING.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Alvin W. Hall, head of the planning unit of the bureau of engraving and printing, was appointed today director of the bureau to succeed Maj. Wallace A. Kirby.

Former Wichita Falls Girl, Aided By Medic, Wins Name In Pictures

Aided by the skill of a plastic surgeon who took the tilt out of a saucily upturned nose, Miss Marie Wood, formerly of Wichita Falls and now of Los Angeles, Cal., is carving her way to fame via the cinema ladder.

Miss Wood and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee C. Wood, left Wichita Falls about two and one-half years ago and went to the west coast where the former launched out on a movie career. Regarding her success there the Los Angeles Examiner in a recent edition had the following to say under a large, three-column picture:

Film careers, like horse races, may often be won "by a nose." This is the experience of Miss Marie Wood.

For some time Miss Wood has been trying to get ahead in the movies. Extra parts were not hard to find for her. But when it came to obtaining a real part, which would pay enough to make her figure her income tax—that was different. Parts were offered Miss Wood, but after the directors saw the "tests" the camera man made they shood their heads and she went back to the ranks of the extra girls.

Miss Wood is pretty. Every one tells her so. She proved it to her own satisfaction last summer by winning the bathing beauty prize at the Balboa Beach pageant. The directors said she had a good figure and a good profile—except—

And right on that little word she invariably lost her chance to climb another step in the ladder to stardom. The "except" applied to her nasal appendage. It had the sauciest habit of turning up at the end. It was the kind of a nose for a girl who loves the out of doors and all that, but for classical close-ups—well, how can any one look classical with a turned-up nose?

So that is why Miss Wood paid a little visit to Dr. W. E. Balsinger, who makes over faces for actresses and pugilists.

Today she is beginning to figure how it will feel to ride in her own limousine and say, "Home, James" to a chauffeur, for two real honest-to-goodness parts have been offered her and she is as sure as anything that the camera tests will pass her into the realms of the elect.

AIR FREIGHT SERVICE.

Commercial Express Started By Swedish Companies.

STOCKHOLM—A regular commercial express and freight service by air to neighboring countries is the latest development in the use of airplanes here. The freight service has actually started over the line between Stockholm and Heisingfors, Finland, and thus augments the air traffic between those two countries, which has hitherto been limited to passengers and mails. The distance to Heisingfors is about 240 miles across the Baltic Sea, a good day's run for a small steamer. Th epeculiar utility of air shipping as demonstrated by the fact that the first cargo carried half a ton of medical supplies which were delivered in Helsingfors three hours after being taken on board here.

It has been announced that next spring express and freight shipments will be carried to Copenhagen and Hamburg direct, with air connections for Berlin, Paris and London.

CAN'T HAVE SHORN LOCKS

Decree From Superintendent Says Hair Must Grow.

OSWEGO, N. Y.—All teachers in the public schools with bobbed hair must let it grow.

That's the decree promulgated today by Superintendent Frederick Leighton following a council of war by the board of education. A formal resolution to that effect was not adopted, but it was the sense of the superintendent and the members of the department that something of that kind should be adopted.

About 50 per cent of the teachers, particularly the younger ones, have bobbed hair and the amount of "fixing" that it requires in class, taking up time that might be put to better use, was commented upon.

APPLES, 90 CENTS EACH.

Fruit Sells High in Best Berlin Groceries.

BERLIN.—Fancy apples in the first class shops have been selling here this fall as high as 90 cents each. They are from France, without blemishes, and apparently raised with great care.

American apples, chiefly from the Pacific northwest, were retailed here a year ago in great quantities, but as yet none has appeared this season. Dealers say the American apples will be along for the holidays and the choicest ones will probably sell for 10 and 15 cents apiece. Ordinary apples, however, German-grown, may be purchased from the push cart dealers in the streets for from 10 to 15 cents a pound.

PIERCE ARROW STAGE LINE

Lv. Wichita	8 p. m.
Lv. Electra	9 p. m.
Lv. Vernon	10 p. m.
Lv. Chillicothe	11 p. m.
Ar. Quanah	12 mid.
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Lv. Chillicothe	10 a. m.
Lv. Vernon	11 a. m.
Lv. Electra	12 noon
Ar. Wichita Falls	1 p. m.

Cars Leave Office
519 Eighth St.

GET U. S. FOOD BY MAIL.

German Housewives to Have Best of Products.

HAMBURG.—The German housewife is soon to be given the opportunity of ordering American food by mail and having it delivered to her doorstep by fast freight from a general distributing warehouse to be established in Hamburg. The promoters of the scheme promise that the system will be in operation within a few weeks, and this despite the opposition that has arisen among members of the grocery trade organizations who contend that the mail order business will work great hardship upon them.

The sale of American lard, bacon, flour, dried fruits, canned goods, evaporated milk and a large assortment of other staples is to be handled by a consumers' co-operative society organized for the purpose. It is proposed to serve families all over Germany.

WARN AGAINST RATS

State Health Department Urges Precautionary Measures.

AUSTIN, Texas.—Dr. Malone Duggan, state health officer, and V. M. Ehlers, state sanitary engineer, have returned from Houston where they conferred with the health authorities relative to taking protective measures in connection with the arrival of ships from bubonic plague infested ports. Rat guards and other means, they said, are being used to prevent any infected rats from escaping to land.

Dr. Duggan and Mr. Ehlers visited Houston after reports had been circulated that rats infected with bubonic plague had been found at New Orleans.

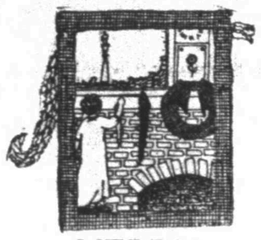
GREATEST BUILDING YEAR.

Construction in United States in 1924 Totals 5,750 Million Dollars.

CHICAGO.—Total building operations in the United States in 1924 amounted to approximately 5,750 million dollars, according to S. W. Straus & Co. in an estimate based on official reports from 350 cities and towns.

"The year of 1924 has been the largest building year in the history of the country in point of financial requirements," the Straus report states. "Last year the volume was 5,500 million dollars, but aggregate operations this year, based on the amount of plans filed and building permits issued, exceeds the 1923 total by about 4½ per cent. In 1923 the gain in comparison with the previous year was 24 per cent.

"Inasmuch as building costs averaged about 3 per cent less in 1924 than in 1923 the gain in actual new construction work was correspondingly larger than the increased financial outlay would indicate."



MERRY CHRISTMAS

I wish to extend the season's greetings to all my friends and customers, and thank them for making this my merriest Christmas since 1919.

JEWELRY ON EASY PAYMENTS
Dave Paul
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Christmas

At this Happy Yuletide Season we gladly take this opportunity to express our appreciation to our customers for their patronage. We are glad of the opportunity of serving them.

With hearts full of gratitude to a beneficent providence for a boundless harvest, the officers and employees of this institution offer to all continuous, courteous, efficient service and wish for all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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Christmas Greetings

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Again we come to that joyous Yuletide season, when the whole world is reminded of the Birth of the Christ Child.

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Christmas means more than the giving of gifts—it commemorates the Birth of the Savior of the World.

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The thought of Christmas kindles in our hearts the flame of tender memories—memories of our childhood days, when Santa Claus reigned as king of a mythical world.

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Christmas-tide—a time when we joy in bringing happiness to others, either with gifts, cheerful words or other tokens of "good will."

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To the great army of loyal friends, who by your patronage throughout the years have gained for us Success in the highest measure—we bring to you the season's greetings and wish for each and every one of you

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THE REPETITION OF AN OLD PLAINT

The short session of congress has been greeted with the repetition of an old plaint. It has been asked the old question: "Why cannot the executive and legislative branches of government get along together?" As usual, a hasty solution is sought to an ancient disagreement before an answer is given to the question asked. The proposal is made to give seats upon the floor of both houses of congress to cabinet members that they may explain the policies of the executive. In this way it is supposed that "harmony" would be secured and "responsible" government established.

"Responsibility" as here implied is synonymous with that upon which Mediaeval feudalism was founded. It is a responsibility to be taken for granted, as the excuse for assuming tremendous power. The "harmony" implied is of the same nature. It is an absolute quality purchased at the expense of legislative discretion. Congress would need to meekly acquiesce in the plans of the executive or the supposed responsibility of the system would be destroyed. After hearing explanations of executive policies, congress would either have to accept or reject in toto what was proposed to it. This certainly is not the correct idea of harmonious interplay between two equal and coordinate branches of government.

Returing to the complaint of disagreement between congress and the executive, the plain truth is that complete agreement between them is neither necessary nor possible of attainment. It was accepted as a matter of course by the farmers of our institutions that the executive and congress would have their disagreements. What was sought was to bring them back to a point of reconciliation, and to prevent one from dominating the other.

Superficial reasoners may criticise the characteristic features of the American system of government, but it is recognized by thoughtful commentators that our system has, on the whole, worked well from the time of its inauguration to the present. So much cannot be said for European systems of government. They have practically all become lop-sided. Great Britain failed in her attempt to establish pure praliamentary rule, and had to content herself with the substitute known as "cabinet government." France came out of her various revolutions with a constitution of power, not of liberty. Her parliament can amend at will the organic law; her cabinet has more power than the British when it is supported by a parliamentary majority. Germany had until recently an absolute monarch and her national legislature has not as yet shown itself able to function along democratic lines.

Our country has put the legislative and executive branches upon an equal footing, each having to derive its power from a soverign people. At times the president has enjoyed a greater share of the people's affection than congress. At other times, congress has unquestionably enjoyed the greater degree of popular confidence. The American system of government, however, has at all times maintained its proper balance, and doubtless will continue to do so in spite of mistaken criticism.

SAVINGS AND WEALTH

New England leads all other sections of the United States in per capita savings, according to the American Bankers' association. But that doesn't mean New England is our richest section. Out in the west and down south, where per capita savings bank deposits are much less than in New England, wealth is increasing much faster. Opportunities for investment keep the westerner's money moving. Lack of such opportunities keep the New Englander's money piling up in bank. When he gets enough of it, if he is a wise New Englander, he will send it west for investment.

What Today Means to You

CAPRICORN

Today's planetary aspects are alternately good and adverse. The vibrations, at times, are stimulating, and encourage all social or family reunions; at other times, they are depressing and tend to excess, and extremes. In order to be able to pass not only a Merry, but a Happy Christmas, it will be quite necessary to have yourself at all times well in hand so that when a sense of exuberance develops you must refuse to abandon yourself to it completely, just as, when the moments of doubtful introspection occur, you must not allow yourself to become unduly depressed. The day's happiness will be found in steering a sane middle course.

A child born today will be robust and strong during its infancy, but will during later childhood be subject to many and serious ailments. At this period of its life intellectual studies must not be stressed and it must be given as much outdoor exercise as possible. It will be amiable, magnetic and faithful, and of a happy disposition. It will enjoy luxury and ease, but will be able to adapt itself to other conditions. It will be idealistic and sensitive, kind and generous. It will like music and art, and get much enjoyment from both. It should not marry hurriedly.

If today is your birthday you are just, conscientious, methodical and discreet. You love travel and good literature and are an intelligent and a fluent talker. You assimilate what you read, and gather information by observation. You are true and loyal to your friends, and devoted to the ones you love.

You are a little bit too meticulous to be popular, and devote so much attention to details as to overlook at times big and important issues. You are apparently not cut out for assuming entire charge of a large enterprise, but are eminently successful in discharging the duties of a subordinate position.

Successful people born on this date are:

Clara Barton, social worker; Theodore L. DeVinne, printer; Patrick S. Gilmore, musician; Frederick Dielman, artist; Francis Blake, inventor; Elbridge T. Gerry, lawyer.

More Truth Than Poetry

GUILE

I'm almost more than six years old,
An' I believe, the same as you,
That all those stories that are told
About old Santa Claus ain't true.
But when my parents says to me:
"He'll come tonight, as sure as fate,
And bring a great big Christmas tree,"
I clap my hands, and say: "That's great!"

There might have been a Santa Claus,
'Way back a lot of years ago,
But he don't come here now because
I've watched to see him, and I know.
Last year I sat up half the night
To catch him when he came around,
But when at last the sky got light,
I hadn't heard a single sound.

But it's exciting, just the same,
When you get up and go down stairs,
To make believe you think he came
And piled up presents on the chairs.
And if you know your parents bought
The engine an' the water gun
They tell you dear old Santa brought,
It isn't going to spoil your fun.

And so when there's a lot of fuss
Around the house when I'm in bed,
And everyone's mysterious
And whisper everything that's said,
I do not talk or move about
But lay there and pretend to snore,
For they'd be sad if they found out
That I am a child no more.

THE EXCEPTION

We are against a prohibitive tariff—except on saxophones.

SOME GOOD IN EVERYTHING

Anyway the cross word puzzle has helped us to forget the Banana song.

THE BENEFITS OF PHILANTHROPY

Those great bequests by Mr. Duke and Mr. Eastman are going to enable a few colleges to improve their coaching staffs.

By Dr. Frank Crane

HOW YOU ARE TREATED

It is an invariable law that you will be treated about as you treat other people.

Action is equal to reaction, and what you give to the world is about what you get.

Prudence Penny, the household economist, says that she finds the way she is treated in any company depends upon the state of mind she brings to it. People go at her about the way she goes at them.

"If I am lonely," she says, "it was I who drove hearts away. If I am bitter, it was I who skimped the sugar bowl. If I am persecuted, it was I who brought it on by my cantankerousness.

"The loving are loved, the generous are helped, the considerate are considered.

"The bully, by and by, is bullied, and the smasher smashed. And the end of the hog is the slaughter house."

This is the law that is too often overlooked. We hear every day complaints by people about the way they are treated. As a matter of fact, they are treated about the way they treat other folks. You get what you give in this world.

In fact, the universe is an organization that has been going on for a long while. It was running long before we came on the scene, and it will be doing business at the old stand when we are dead. Our business is to adjust ourselves to it. We cannot change it.

If our life is filled with a spirit of devotion to our fellow men, if we find pleasure in serving them and in doing them good, we can rest assured that that spirit in some way will come back to us, and we shall be treated helpfully. If our attitude is one of criticism and finding fault with things as they are, we ourselves shall be criticised and found fault with, and we will come to the end of the chapter with all the dissatisfaction we have had for others visited upon our own heads.

A spirit of good fellowship and optimism, of cheer and kindness is the best paying investment we can make for the world. For it is eternally true that in what measure we mete it shall be meted unto us.

Sub Rosa

CHRISTMAS DAY

This song, I am sure, will take everyone who reads it back to his Sunday school days:

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!

Hark! the herald angels sing
"Glory to the new born King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumphs of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King."

Hail! the heaven born Prince of Peace!
Hail! the son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings,
Mild, He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King."

Merry Christmas!

Pointed Paragraphs

If he says cross word puzzles are too easy to interest him, he may be either an expert or a darned liar.

We build better than we know. The cotton plant doesn't know it is producing wool and olive oil.

Now that the smoker and barber shop are invaded, there's no place for risque stories except the magazines.

Correct this sentence: "He's just wonderful, mother," she declared, "and money doesn't matter, after all."

A sordid materialist is any man who makes as much as you'd like to make.

An occasional woman thinks it sex equality if he works for her and she works him.

There are fewer lame ducks in evidence now, but just as many quacks.

A village is a place where a bachelor with $1,200 wonders if he is loved for himself alone.

Radicalism: "He's rich; swat him." Reactionaryism: "He may grab some of it; swat him."

Sinbad struggled to shake off the old man of the sea. "Darn these snoopers," he said.

A born strategist is a small boy with long curls who gets gum in his hair.

It's a funny language. Cat gut comes from sheep, and Wall Street makes goats of the lambs.

Cleaning Up



Dorothy Dix

Must Man Be Kept Guessing to Be Kept in Love?—The Young Wife Who Has Never Been Taught the Value of Money—Shall She Remarry Her Divorced Husband?

Dear Dorothy Dix—Why must a man always be kept guessing to keep him interested in a woman? Why can't a girl be admired, or loved for herself and not for her fickleness that keeps a man tearing his hair over her? I have had many men in love with me, but I have never been able to hold one, and I think the reason is that I showed them too plainly that I liked them, and that I was anxious over their failure to call. In other words, I did not keep them guessing.

A SKEPTICAL YOUNG LADY.

Answer:—You can lay down no general rule on the subject because all men do not feel alike about it. Some men like women who are uncertain, coy and hard to please, while others prefer the woman who throws herself at their heads and who flatters their vanity by making them feel that she is in love with them.

So whether it is the part of wisdom to keep a man guessing or not depends upon the man.

Of course, generally speaking, men enjoy the love chase. They like to believe, at least, that they have pursued some timid dear who has fled from them through all the mazes of courtship, and that they have captured her at last by their superior prowess. Such men do not care for the woman who is herself a man hunter and who will get them if they don't watch out.

In dealing with this type of man, it is fatal for a woman ever to let him find out how much she cares for him, for the minute he is sure of her he loses interest in her.

She also queers her game if she calls him up on the phone and tries to make dates with him. Nothing bores him so much as having a woman keep tabs on him and make him keep appointments with her when he wants to do something else. The idea of a girl sitting up waiting for him to come to see her does not allure him. The woman he would break his neck to go to see is the one who has so many men after her that he has to use diplomacy and finesse to get a stray half hour.

But there are other men who never think of being in love with a girl until she shows that she is flattered and pleased at their attentions, and that she is in love with them. So you have to study your man and adapt your technique to his individual idiosyncrasies.

DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—My mother never taught me about how to handle money. She never showed me in any way how to manage so as to get the most out of money I spent, so since I have been married I have just blundered along generally making a mess of things. My table money never holds out, my allowance never holds out, and yet I never have anything to show for what I have spent. I want to be a good and thrifty wife, but I simply don't know how. My husband is the best of men, but he won't help me. He says that when he works and earns the money it is my place to manage it. What shall I do? A FRIEND.

Answer:—It is a shame the way the average girl is forced to cut her financial teeth on the thin pocketbook of a young husband. It is hard on her and it is cruelty to dumb animals to the man because he cannot afford to have his small salary wasted by a young and untrained wife who has no more idea of the value of a dollar than she has of the theory of relativity.

Up to the time she is married not one girl in a hundred, unless she is a business girl, has ever been taught anything about how to spend money so as to get the most out of it. As a matter of fact, she has never spent any money at all because her mother has bought her all she had, and so when she becomes the disbursing agent of a family she tackles a job for which she is utterly unprepared.

That is why so many young couples go on the rocks during the first years of their married life, for nothing in the world gets on a man's nerves so much as seeing his hard-earned money wasted and thrown away, nor does love's young dream last long when the ways and means committee in a household are in a perpetual fight.

When a girl's parents have failed to do their duty in educating her in how to spend money, it is the husband's business to try to make good her deficiency. It is up to him to explain to her definitely just how much income they have and help to budget out their expenses, and he is a wise man if he will go over her little accounts with her every day, and praise her for the saving she has made, and bolster her up in sticking to her budget, and not robbing one account to help out another.

The budget plan is the only successful plan on which to run a household. Friend, and if you will write to any of the household magazines they will tell you where to get a system of budget envelopes, or perhaps your own savings bank will furnish them to you.

DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—I am a woman 35 years old with a daughter 14. I divorced my husband two years ago. Now I have a chance to marry another man, but my former husband wants me to remarry him and start over again for the sake of our daughter. Do you think a man can change and do right in such a short time?

UNSETTLED WOMAN.

That is a question you must settle for yourself. No other human being in the world can tell you what you should do in such a situation. You know your husband's character, and are better able than any one else to judge how sincere his repentance is, and how much faith is to be put in his promises, and whether he has the strength to hold to a good resolution.

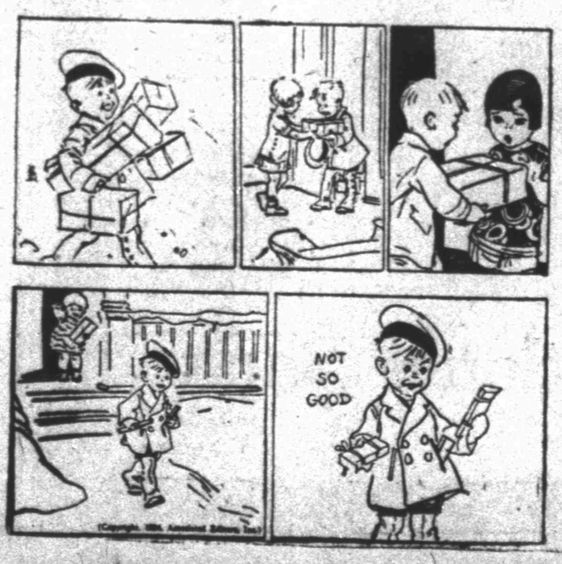
It may be that the shock of losing you, of finding out that you had the nerve and courage to leave him when he mistreated you, brought him to his senses. It may be that his loneliness when he found that he had lost his home, and his wife, and his child made him realize the blessedness of family life, and that he will be careful not to jeopardize that again.

In many cases divorce brings a man and woman to the knowledge of how much they really cared for each other, and their remarriages are ideally happy, for they profit by the lesson they have been so bitterly taught.

Of course, in your case the one to really be considered is your daughter, and there can be no question that she will be far better off with her own father than with a stepfather.

DOROTHY DIX.

Pantomime —By J. H. Striebel



UNCOMMON SENSE

By JOHN BLAKE.

Sprints.

To every person in reasonable health there comes now and then a feeling of well being and energy.

That is the time for a sprint.

It is the time to catch up with neglected work, to get a little ahead of the game, and to put oneself in that satisfactory state of mind resulting from "something attempted, something done."

It is only by an occasional sprint that one gets very far ahead in the long hard effort that must be made if he is to get far enough ahead in the world to count for much.

But it must be remembered that a sprint must be made from a favorable position in the race.

If you sprint when you are too far behind you will sprint until your breath fails you.

Only those who are well along can make their sprints count.

Only the horse who is nearly neck to neck with the horse ahead of him can make a sprint win the race.

Most of life is steady going, which means conservatism of breath and energy, which together constitute endurance.

Only muscles long accustomed to regular work, and fed by a heart and lungs that function with mechanical perfection can be put effectively into a sprint when it is apparent that that little extra effort will "put something over."

I have known business and professional men to work for years without ever accomplishing anything that attracted attention, but keeping up with their competitors right along.

Then of a sudden they concentrated all the energy they had into some particular achievement, and by the time their rivals found out what they were doing they were so far ahead that overtaking them was practically impossible.

The brilliant speech, the unusual book, the big business triumphs all may result from sprints, but the sprints could never have been made had there not been long hard years of preparation for them.

In that respect they are much like the "push" that sometimes gains miles of territory and decides the issue of a war, after there has been long stabilization of the lines.

No such push is possible to an army that has not been thoroughly disciplined, excellently equipped, and made ready to put the last pound of energy into the final big effort.

The chap, who has been lagging behind, will help himself by steady going, gaining a little every day.

The time for the sprint will not come till he is well abreast of the others. Then, if his training has been right there will come a time when he feels ready for the big burst of exertion that will put him ahead, and if he has the right kind of fighting spirit in him, he will make it.

Sprints are exhausting and sometimes almost killing, but there are occasions when they are the only way to win. And when they do win, they are worth all the effort that they cost.

HOW IT STARTED

Mince Pie.

In the mince pie that is so important a factor of our Christmas dinner, we have one observance of the season that has a logical, that is, a Christian, origin. The pie, with its filling of sweets and rich spices, is symbolic of the offerings made to the infant Christ by the wise men who had been sent by Herod to follow the star when "opening their treasures they offered unto him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh."

Directly, our mince pie is a survival of a Christmas custom of the middle ages, when in all large houses there was placed upon the festive board an immense pie of meat and sweets made in the shape of a basket or cradle representing the manger at Bethlehem.

Merry Christmas

We extend our heartfelt thanks, and our sincere good wishes to all our patrons and customers.

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Greetings

As we near the close of this year we feel grateful to all our friends and patrons for the liberal patronage they have given us.

May the Yuletide season and the New Year be Merry and Prosperous.

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Phones 4351-4352

Christmas Greetings

In this season of good cheer may you and yours be joyful; may your mind be brighter, your heart be lighter; and may the blessedness of giving and the joy of receiving warm your very soul.

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Christmas Dinners And Family Reunions Rule Day In Wichita Falls

King Turkey is ruler of the universe today. Christmas with all its possibilities is here and a jolly array of Christmas dinners, family reunions and parties are at hand. Socially inclined Wichitans are all gaity and joyousness and all that the word implies.

In almost every Wichita Falls' home with the probable exception of where local people are spending the holidays with relatives elsewhere Christmas dinners are being served today. One family reunion which is an annual event and has been since the marriage of all the children is that of the Cecil family who, since the arrival of the grandchildren, is so large and the attendance depended upon so great that two large turkeys are usually prepared.

At Weaver Home.

This year the dinner will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Weaver and the guests will include Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McCurdy and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Taylor and family, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Cecil and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Cecil and family and Mrs. C. A. Wright and children, all of this city, and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Adams and children of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bachman are another couple who will entertain with a family reunion when their children and grandchildren will make up the dinner guests. They will include Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Bachman and daughter, Pearl Florine, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bachman and W. A., Jr., and daughter, Linette and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rankin and daughter, Jo Ann. This family will also have as an added pleasure the annual Christmas tree for the family children.

Leave for Clarendon.

Mrs. C. M. Doke will have for Christmas dinner, the Doke children, including Misses Bessie and Jessie Doke and Marshall Doke and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dodge. Mr. Doke and son, Homer, left Christmas eve for Clarenden where they will spend Christmas with Mr. Doke's mother.

Another annual custom enjoyed by two Wichita Falls' families is the Christmas tree for the M. D. Rowe and Walter Cline children on Christmas eve, followed by the family dinner on Christmas day. This year it was arranged at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rowe on Buchanan street.

Christmas dinner this year for the Jeff Waggoner family will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Jones instead of the Waggoner home on account of the illness of one of the small Jones boys. Others present will include Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Richardson and Jose and T. J. Waggoner.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Fisk on Lucile street, this year will have for their dinner guests Mrs. Fisk's parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hughes and Miss Juanita, J. R. Fisk of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brollier of Electra, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hughes and daughter, Sabre Sue and Winslow Beckman.

Today's Poem

OH, MOTHER MINE

Oh, Mother, mine, on Christmas day,
My thoughts shall be of you.
I know there'll be a happy time
And pleasures, not a few,

But, somewhere, deep within my heart
There'll be an empty place
That nothing on this earth can fill
But the smile on your dear face.

Your gentle voice, reminding me
Of little things I've done
To make this life a happier life—
Ah, that's my victory won.

For when you tell me, mother, dear
That you know all I feel;
And knowing all, you yet can see
The part of me that's real—

Then life is golden and it's just;
No matter 'bout the rest.
I'll think of you this Christmas day
As noblest and as best.

As forgiving and as gentle,
As encouraging and as true.
Yes, Mother, dear, this Christmas day
My thoughts shall be of you.
—MRS. J. S. PITMAN.

This poem was written by Mrs. J. S. Pitman, who is well known in the city as a talented entertainer and reader. It is her Christmas custom to write a bit of original verse as a personal gift to her intimate friends. The above is her 1924 tribute to her mother.

MISS FORD HOSTESS TO HOMECOMERS.

Miss Leah Ford was hostess Tuesday evening in honor of the boys and girls who have arrived home from school for the holidays.

The beautiful Ford home on Alma which was decorated in the yuletide suggestions of holly, Christmas green, and bells, was open to the younger set from eight to eleven o'clock. A delicious salad plate was served to the guests.

Those calling during the evening were Misses Emma Elizabeth Miller, Elizabeth Carrigan, Janie McCallister, Elizabeth Wood, Flora Bruce Greenwood, Rebecca Miller, Ina Myrl Robinson, Evelyn Stampfli, Frances Ann Saunders, Buelah Gardner, Herma Pounds, Mary Hamilton, Mary Tancred, Mary Evans, Mary Ferguson, Ruth Moore, Neva Black, Louise Scott, Helen Knotts, Helen Snyder, Jeanette Moore, Wilton Wade, Frances Ford, Evelyn Barker, Maude Smith, Anna Bruton, Margaret Blum, Lillian Herschey, Stella Winters, Alma Willis, Marie Johnson, Nell Fisher, Sadie Fisher, Helen Grisham, Faye Fisher, Thelma Fisher, Doris Brown, Reva Ray Brown, Frankie Addicks, Retta Barnard, Helen Bullitt, Elizabeth Couper, Ana Belle Couper, Jewell Millican, Dorothy Dale, Marguerite McDonald, Katherine Marcus, Jeanette Moore, Judith Sherrod, Adelle Jarrell, Si Lewis, Elizabeth Weldon, Donna Mitcham, Berniece Golke, Mary Louise Cox, Elisie Marie Cotton.

Edward Smith, John Ray Duke, Herschel Johnson, Melvin Hobbs, Leslie Nolen, Duncan Clark, Willis Clark, Clyde Strauss, Elton Felder, Dillard Hughes, Donovan Weldon, Conan Cantwell, Claude Miller, Jack Martin, Jerome Kennedy, Preston Woods, Morris Norton, Winthrop Rogers, J. B. Faught, Gregory Rowe, Tom Mike Miller, J. B. Ferguson, Peddy Jones, Don Cameron, John Tyson, Charlie Fuller, Steve West, Lemule Peters, Malcom Harrison, Herbert Mayfield, Kenneth Nelson, Wallace Bright, Regan Doublin, Leslie Carter, Joe Bashara, George Camp, Steve Ford, Sam Bashara, Herman Stayton, Clifton Clay, Robert Catter, and J. B. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pridgen have as their holiday guests, Miss Edna Harbin, Miss Velda Ragsdale, A. C. Harbin and Clyde McCollum of Garland, Texas, and Miss Naunie Brown of Grandfield, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McDonald are in Cordell, Okla., for the Christmas holidays, visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Holloway are spending Christmas with friends in Dallas.

Miss Frances Dashner is home from Trinity university at Waxahachie to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George Dashner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Will Gray are spending the holidays with relatives in Childress.

Mrs. S. E. Travathan is reported ill at her home on Taylor street.

PHILATHEA CLASS ENTERTAINED.

Mrs. J. T. Bentley entertained members of the Philathea class of Grace Methodist church at her home, 1507 Austin, Monday evening, December 22, with a Christmas party. The rooms were artistically decorated with red crepe paper and Christmas green. A small Christmas tree formed the centerpiece for the dining table. One of the interesting features of the evening was a grab box in which all class members took part. Mrs. W. L. Dalton, teacher, was presented with two hand painted vases and Mrs. C. A. Andree, assistant teacher, with a flower bowl, from the Philathea. Rev. Leslie Miller gave a very interesting and worthwhile talk on "Keeping the Christmas Spirit Throughout the Year." Delightful refreshments were served to the following: Misses Faye Adams, Sara Watson, Mildred Corkhill, Dorothy Dalton, Ethel Andree, Clara and Margaret Corbell, Lora Lile, Irene Swain and Eva King; Mesdames W. L. Dalton, Virgie Lowe, Ruth Vandegriff, J. T Bentley, C. A. Andree, Leslie Miller, Octavia Underwood, Estella Karrenbrock; Messrs. W. L. Dalton, J. T. Bentley and Rev. Leslie Miller.

MRS. FLATT HOSTESS TO SIX ARTS CLUB.

Mrs. Lester Flatt was hostess to the Six Arts club at her home Tuesday afternoon when the hours were pleasantly spent in the usual manner. A Christmas tree was a feature off of which each club member received gifts.

A salad plate was served to Mesdames C. M. Doke, John Lindsey, O. W. Gilbert, I. W. Oakey and W. R. Thompson.

MRS. BURNSIDE IS HOSTESS TO FRIENDS.

Complimenting Misses Ruby Brooks and Elizabeth Billinger, Mrs. N. A. Burnside entertained with a party and dance at her home Monday evening. Decorations suggestive of Christmas were used in profusion and the hours were pleasantly spent in games and dancing.

Refreshments were served at a late hour to the honorees and Misses Fay Brown, Louise Bachman, Elbys Burnside and Bob Thornton, Joe Sherrill and Aubrey Bachman.

DEMOLAYS WILL CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS.

The Demolays have their annual celebration, beginning Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. There will be a special ceremony, 25 candidates will be initiated and new officers will be installed. In the evening they will have a dance at the Wichita club with the Green River orchestra furnishing the music. Chaperones for the occasion will be Mesdames A. Kahn, H. O. Cravens and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Allen.

MRS. G. D. RAYMOND ENTERTAINS CLASS.

Mrs. G. B. Raymond was hostess to her piano class of more than 30 pupils in the parlors of the Y. W. C. A. Wednesday afternoon from four to six o'clock. Refreshments were served in the Mary Margaret inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Eckerty of Fort Worth are the guests for the holidays of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Lindsay.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Blanton have gone to Munday to spend Christmas with Mr. Blanton's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hallmark and small daughter, Louise, have gone to Knox City to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Richardson have gone to Paducah to spend Christmas

MUCH OBLIGED, MR. P. B. M.

Record News Staff All Smoked Up on Christmas Cigars Wednesday Night.

The Record News was written, edited, set in type, assembled, stereotyped, printed and delivered last night to the accompaniment of smokes made possible through the Christmas courtesy of P. B. M. company which sent over a bulging box of perfectos for the staff.

Much obliged, Jack, and Merry Christmas.

NO FUNDS AVAILABLE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Requests that the government provide transportation for the thirteen Americans taken from Wrangell Island to Vladivostok by a soviet ship have been met by government officials here with the explanation that the government has no funds which could be expended legally for that purpose.

GETS HIS FREEDOM.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 24.—A day of freedom, his first in 24 years, will be the Christmas present John Bellestein, oldest prisoner in point of service in the Kansas prison, will get tomorrow.

Warden A. V. Anderson was notified this morning that Governor J. M. Davis has granted Bellestein a one-day parole. Relatives from Kansas City, Kansas, will come for him in the morning and he will return to the prison tomorrow ni



"A stitch in time," says Careful Carrie, "saves embarrassment."

CAPTURE SERBIAN TROOPS.

Statement Alleges Unnatural Act by Albanian Army.

SOFIA, Dec. 24.—A statement issued by the Albanian consulate here alleges that Albanian government troops, retaking Krouma, in the Kossovo district, from the insurgents, captured a detachment of Serbian regular troops with field and machine guns from the Serbian arsenal.

POPE CELEBRATES XMAS.

Thousands of Pilgrims Look on as Prelate Opens Holy Year in Rome.

ROME, Dec. 24.—With thousands of pilgrims and sightseers looking on, Pope Pius today opened the celebration of the Holy year. With three light taps of a jewel set gold hammer he knocked in the jubilee door of St. Peters.

When the ceremony began at 11 o'clock, every seat in the royal boxes was filled, royalty, nobility and distinguished guests being present.

Maybe Mr. Coolidge's idea is to get a surplus and declare a stock dividend.

The Day In Washington

Congress was in recess.

Postal rate increases continued the subject of hearings before a senate committee.

Associate Justice McKenna's early resignation from the supreme court was forecast.

The White House issued a formal statement on the comment made there in regard to Ambassador Jusserand's speech on the French debt.

The situation of the Americans removed from Wrangell island by a soviet transport was taken up with the state department, which decided the government could not legally expend money for their transportation home.

COOLIDGE SIGNS BILL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Coolidge tody signed the omnibus pension bill granting pensions to a number of individuals who have served in the armed forces of the country.

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WISH YOU
A Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

The continued pleasure of serving you at this store, and a full measure of appreciation of your patronage—we will continue to express with every opportunity. We thank you again.

The Thirteenth Month
BEGINS ON FRIDAY
YOUR LUCKY MONTH OF JUST FIVE AMAZING ECONOMY DAYS!

The Christmas month ends today, in your interest and in ours. The FIVE DAYS that remain before New Year's Day form another period of time—another month in the calendar—"The Thirteenth Month." These "Five Amazing Economy Days" will present this "Double-Feature Promotion" that will bring wonderful opportunities for the careful shoppers of our community:

1. The Clean-Up of our Holiday Goods.
2. New Low-Priced Offerings of Wanted "Winter Necessaries."

Friday leads the procession with many "Surprises" that will "Seem Almost Like Gifts" at the low prices they are marked, and each of the "Five Days" will have its own "Surprises" that will give a new thrill to the Yuletide season.

We wish to each and every reader

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TODAY

and then we promise a series of "Five Merry Days" to follow, for every shopper who shares the delightful economies of our "Thirteenth Month" event.

Here are some of the things that you will find on "Friday Morning:"

Warm Blankets $2.95 and $7.95
66x80 Plaid Blankets, in colors of gray, pink, tan and gold.....$2.95
66x80 All-wool Blankets, in pretty plaids; $10.00 value $7.95
SHOWN IN THE WINDOW

Gloves
Ladies' fabric Gloves, gauntless style, in gray and tan.....50c
Ladies' 12-inch length button fabric Gloves, in brown 50c
Ladies' 12-inch button fabric Gloves of brown, white and tan 50c

Woolens (dark shades)
56-inch all-wool Eponge, in brown, navy and French blue, yard...98c
44-inch wool rep and serge, in copen, dark red, black and gray; the yard 98c
36-inch twill flannel, in purple and green; the yard 98c

Brocaded Satin
40-inch Brocaded Satin, in jade, American beauty, and copper .....½ PRICE

36-inch Cordette, in henna, tan and orchid; the yard 98c
40-inch silk and wool Crepe, in gray, royal purple, tans and navy; the yard 98c

Trimmings
One lot of Trimmings, consisting of fancy bands and braids .....½ PRICE

Art Department
Linen luncheon sets to be embroidered; size 36x36 .....$2.98
Brown linen center pieces to be embroidered 98c
A fairly large assortment of finished embroidered models on sale at .....½ PRICE
Yellow and green linen scarfs, 75c

Braissieres
Of lace and satin combination, also brocaded; each $1.65
All lace Brassieres.....98c

Corsets
One lot of Warner and Red Fein back-lace Corsets. These are discontinued and will be closed out at .....ONE-HALF PRICE

Munsingwear
Munsing knit unions for cold weather; low neck, no sleeves, ankle length, in colors of flesh and white; each $1.00

Wash Blouses
Odds and ends in Wash Blouses, of dainty voile, English broadcloth, in colors of white and tan....$2.00

Children's Dresses
Children's gingham and cotton crepe Dresses, in sizes from 2 to 6 years; made of good quality French ginghams, in solid colors and checks. All have touches of hand embroidery and bloomers come with each Dress. Colors of pink, blue, orange, tan, copen, yellow, rose, brown and red.....$1.00
Tan navy serge Dresses for children, in sizes, aged 8, 10, 14. Some are trimmed in braid and some are embroidered in yarn $3.00

Women's two and three Piece Suits

4 Three-piece Suits made of best quality charmeen with blouse of printed rashanara and braided canton; all are navy.
1 Three-piece Suit of valdyne, in navy with gray squirrel collar. The Dress is of the same material combined with crepe fille.
1 Two-piece Suit of navy poiret with long coat and embroidered pockets.
These Suits were formally priced as high as $125.00; to be closed out at.....$35.00
15 Two-piece Suits, in black, navy and tan. They are plain, tailored models, made of beautiful quality charmeen, picotin, rep and twill. The coats are both short and long styles, trimmed in buttons. Formerly priced as high as $98.75; to be closed out at $25.00
3 Two-piece Suits, made of fine quality velour. They have fur-trimmed collars and are in colors of taupe, henna and black. On special sale at $15.00

Sale of Dresses Formerly Priced up to $49.50, Special $14.75
Beautiful Dresses, in the latest styles, made of charmeen, poiret twill, flannel, satin crepe, canton crepe, in colors of black, brown, tan, red, henna and copen. Some are trimmed in braid while others are fur-trimmed and embroidered.

Gowns and Pajamas
One lot of Outing Gowns and Pajamas, for women and children; slightly soiled 75c

Lounging Robes
Ladies' corduroy Robes, in plain and breakfast coat styles, in colors of red, henna, copen, purple, rose, brown and lavender.....$3.85 and $5.85

Children's Robes
Children's corduroy Robes, sizes 4 to 14 years, in pink, rose and copen.....$2.85 to $3.85
Ladies' Blanket Robes, trimmed in satin and silk cord of rose, lavender, tan, navy, brown and copen.....$3.85, $5.45, $7.45

Blanket Robes
Children's Blanket Robes, all satin trimmed, of lavender, gray, copen and navy.....$3.85

Fibre Silk Sweaters
Fibre Silk Sweaters, tuxedo style and a few slipovers, of black, brown, navy and all high colors $2.00

All Silk Sweaters
Tuxedo style, in navy, black, brown, orange, green, copen and purple $5.00

Luggage on Special Sale
Wheary, Indestructo and Hartmann Wardrobe Trunks, with cretonne and fabricord washable linings, in a big variety of patterns. Good, durable and heavy bound—
$19.50, $32.50, $49.50, $55, $59.50

Hosiery
There are many numbers in our Hosiery department that have been greatly reduced. Here are a few numbers: Artcraft, full fashioned, medium weight silk, lisle top, in all ahe season's accepted colors..$1.49
Black Cat Full Fashioned Mercerized Lisle Hose, in smaller sizes. Colors of black, brown and white 49c
Wayne knit mercerized lisle Hose with mock seam, in black, brown and white 19c

Boys' Sweaters
In slipover, coat and v-neck styles, in colors of camel, beaver, oxford, cardinal navy and other good colors. Sizes 2 to 16 years—
$3.85, $4.65, $5.85, $6.85

Boys' Blouses
One big lot of Boys' Blouses, in percales and madras; odd patterns. Sizes 6 to 12 years 79c

Men's Hats
Black, brown and gray, silk lined; $5.00 value $2.95
Crofut & Knapp Cloth Hats, in tan and gray; $6.00 value.....$3.95

Men's Sweaters
Brushed wool, coat style, in brown, tan and gray...ONE-HALF PRICE

Men's Shirts
Made of English broadcloth, madras and prints, in stripes and white. They have both collar attached and neckband, and are made by Eable, Clements, and Broadway and Ritz.
$2.50 Values.....$1.85
$3.00 Values.....$2.15
$3.50 Values.....$2.45
$4.00 Values.....$2.85

Men's Pajamas
Made of outing, in colors of blue, tan, white and stripes.
$2.50 Values.....$1.95
$3.00 Values.....$2.35
$3.50 Values.....$2.95
$4.00 Values.....$3.35
$4.50 Values.....$3.85

Outing
27-inch Outing, in colors of solid blue, pink and light and dark plaids 12c

Gingham
Short lengths in light and dark plaid 10c

Percale
36-inch Gold Band Percale, in blue and white figures, and gray and black figures 15c

Flannelette
27-inch chic Flannelette, of tan, pink, and blue, in figures.....23c

Pretty Shoes in Broken Sizes Priced at $5.00

24 pairs black patterns.
11 Pairs in field mouse kid.
14 Pairs in black satin.
4 Pairs in tan calf.
13 Pairs in tan kid.
5 Pairs in black satin with high heels.

100 Pairs Pumps, Straps and Oxfords specially priced at—
$2.50

11 Pairs in brown kid.
28 Pairs in black suede.
8 Pairs in tan calf with two straps.
21 Pairs black patent with high heel.
And many others too numerous to mention.

Watch for the 13th Month Daily Special

P. B. M. Co. DEPARTMENT STORE.

Sale Starts Promptly at 8:30 Friday Morning

Top O' Morn Stuff

"Football will tone down its aerial game." Yeah, so will Ban Johnson.

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Washington has just grabbed Dutch Reuther. With Gregg, Coveleskie, and Mogridge, the world"s champions are getting together a fine collection of old masters for the Boy Manager to work with.

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Instead of "The Old Fox", they'll be calling Clarke Griffith "The Ragman," his war-cry being, "Any old pitchers today?"

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Maybe the idea is to make Walter Johnson feel like a recruit so that he'll stay longer.

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How did this youngster, Jeff Pfeffer, get by the Ragman? Pfeffer started only yester-year—1923.

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Anyhow, it looks like a busy year for Bull-Pen Marberry.

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Paul Prep says Ban may have been all up in the air and all that, but by this time he has found out where LAND IS.

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That tennis-playing Swedish actress, who beat the king the other day, continues Prep, must be an ace.

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And he says further that when she invades America she ought to be a great card.

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Although by her pictures, Mr. Prep came back to add, I would call her a queen.

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The Bohrer Brake.

Dr. Extrucius J. Bohrer comes through with an idea for a patent emergency brake, which stops the automobile automatically as soon as the bumper tosses a pedestrain for a goal. The eminent dentist wants the state highway moguls to make it compulsory equipment on every motor car.

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Sounds like the foundation of another great American fortune, the Bohrer Autmatic Bumper Brake company. So far, Dr. Bohrer has only the idea. The mechanical problems require further work.

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The Breaks.

Quite a break of the game for Shocker to go back to the Yanks, after a lot of inside bidding and trade-talking. The Shock started with the Yanks in 1916, and after two seasons he was passed down the line to St. Louis.

The New York castoff achieved his nationwide distinction as a member of the Browns, and today the Yankee fans the lugging themselves because the club was able to get back the castoff in exchange for Bullet Joe Bush and two promising youngsters.

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The Crossword Title.

Yale and Harvard have resumed dictionary relations. The Elis will meet the Crimson on January 4 at crosswords. This is the first contest of the kind between the two institutions since the 1876 spelling bee.

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The 1876 meeting resulted in a sweeping victory for Harvard. In 1877 the Standard dictionary came out and Yale wanted the Standard used in the 1877 battle. Harvard insisted on the Century. One word led to another, and finally negotiations were called off.

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The old grads still speak of the 1876 struggle as the "Battle of the Century."

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Those great old Bees have long since passed into history, but they left their mark on college wearing apparel. The nine-inch white starched cuff, as part of the spelling uniform, was introduced by the championship spelling bee team of 1871.

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The 1872 rule-book limited cuffs to three inches, and the referee was authorized to inspect every warrior's cuff before the first word was fired. No writing was allowed on the cuff, except the player's name or number.

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Dr. Bohrer says we are all wrong in stating that California's yell, "Give 'em the ax, the ax, the ax!" is a revised version of the old Yale "Breaka co-ex," or whatever it was. Dr. Bohrer claims that the California yell was first used by Lafayettte at the time of the French Revolution.

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Most of the magnates demanded a showdown of Ban Johnson, but McGraw wanted to make it a showup.

TY TO PLAY ONE MORE YEAR

Georgian Says He Will Begin to Taper Off Coming Season.

Ty Cobb, the greatest ball player of all time, will play one more season, after which he will cease to be an active athlete, though he doubtless will remain in the game as a manager for years to come, according to a statement he made to Bert Walker of Detroit.

Unless the whole outfield goes to pieces next season and it is absolutely necessary for the great Georgian to get in there himself he will play less than 100 games says Walker.

In making this declaration the Peach is fully cognisant of the fact that if he establishes new records next season they will not count unless he has played in at least 100 games. It is for that reason that he deliberately plans on not playing enough to establish himself as the leader in any department next season.

"I exect to have a good enough outfield next year so that I will not be obliged to play very much myself," said Ty. "I am sure I will not play in 100 games. Most of my playing will be in the early part of the season. As soon as my other outfielders get into their stride I shall take myself out. In the following year I play still less, if at all, but I will in no sense be a regular."

This is the first authorized statement regarding the future career of the wonderful ball player and may be accepted as final. Ty will round out his 20 years as a major league star and then retire, growing old gracefully. He will not attempt to run up records that may never be approached, although it is doubtful if most of his achievements will ever be matched as they stand today.

A jockey may win a derby, but he'd be foolish to try to wear one.

Bob Shawkey raised a beard during his hunting trip to Canada. Don't miss the coming superfilm, "Valentino and Shawkey, in 'The Smith Brothers.'"

Nurmi Expects To Clip Record In Initial Race

Finnish Runner Confident After Recent Secret Trials

JOIE RAY CHIRPS UP

American Believes He Will Defeat Finn in First Meet

By DAVIS J. WALSH
I. N. S. Sports Editor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Considerably encouraged by his recent discovery that American indoor tracks were not created for the purpose of presenting spavined shanks to visiting foreigners, Paavo Nurmi stated today he has decided to break the world's indoor record for the mile on the evening of January 6, his first competitive appearance in this country. The great Finn makes only one stipulation: that when the big moment arrives, Joie Ray be as good as he claims himself to be.

Joie has let it be known that he is back in the form that made him unbeatable indoors several years ago. He is alleged to have intimated he might even get so far as to beat Nurmit in the latter's first race on an American track. The Finn has not deemed it necessary to state that he will defeat Ray. He merely announces that he will clip off an additional second or so, the rest of it being taken for granted.

Changes Mind.

Nurmi's announcement was made following a series of time trials on a local indoor track. These must have been eminently satisfactory for less than two weeks ago he promoted a semi-panic at the Finnish-American A. C. by intimating that he might return home on the first teamer.

Additional confirmation of Nurmi's condition and consequently his changed attitude is contained in the statement of the veteran athletic follower who declared today that Nurmi had run the fastest two miles he had ever witnessed in a trial at the 256th field artillery armory in the Bronx. This man saw Ray do 9:08 2-5, the fastest time ever made by human feet.

Just what Nurmi did in his trial is a deep, dark mystery of the kind featuring the unexplained presence of the lady's lipstick in the murdered man's shaving mug. Not so much as an incautious whisper has been accorded any one of Nurmi's trials in this country. This would seem to indicate that the young man is stepping fast and the writer can vouch for the fact that when this condition prevails Nurmi couldn't be beaten in a swamp.

Ray Expects to Win.

Ray, however, was counting on Nurmi's unfamiliarity with indoor tracks when he allowed that it was entirely possible that he, Joie, would win that first race. But he frankly stated that thereafter the Finn, becoming accustomed to the boards, would be unbeatable.

The truth of the matter is that both of them probably are running to their best and although he couldn't beat the real Nurmi, the best day he ever lived, it is a fact and not ifction that Ray was in poor physical condition at the Paris Olympics.

It might be mentioned also that neither of them is given to loose conversation. They have developed an immoderate amount of self affection but rarely fail to make good their claims. If Ray thinks he might beat Nurmi because of the latter's unfamiliarity with indoor running, he will come comfortably close to doing it. If Nudmi says he will crack a record, they might as well start printing a new book right now.

NEW CHAMPION IS ONE OF FAMILY OF 14 CHILDREN

Eddie ("Cannonball") Martin's rise from ring obscurity to the world's bantamweight championship is another romantic story of the ring.

Four years ago Edward V. Martino, the newly-crowned champion, fought two four-round bouts in one week, for which he received the sum of $80.

He is a pugilistic product of Brooklyn, having started his fistic career there as an amateur. Since his first professional appearance, Martin has appeared in sixty-five bouts, the sixty-fifth one being his victory over Abe Goldstein in New York.

On his climb to the championship, he won 37 bouts by decisions, scored 22 knockouts. His only two defeats were on decisions in his first two fights.

"Cannonball" is a well educated young fistman, being a graduate of the Commercial high school in Brooklyn. The new champ is one of a family of fourteen children, and it was through his desire to provide for his brothers and sisters that he took to the fight game. He has just passed his 21st birthday.

LIKE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

That's the Attitude These Sporting Gents In Regard to Each Other.

George Kelly defeated Vincent Dooley in a Philadelphia Pocket Billiards League game. "I am glad a Dutchman didn't win," said Dooley.

Gus Copulos scored a double win over Earle Lockabaugh. "I am glad a Greek cue expert was my conqueror," stated Lockabaugh.

Andrew Ponzi defeated Willie Beckler, 100 to 48. "The Italians for me every time if I have to lose," said Beckler. "They make you like it."

Edouard Horemans defeated Jacinto Varxas, 400 to 171. "Hooray for Belgium!" said Vargas. "These South Americans are hard to beat," admitted Horemans.

Erich Hagenlacher split even with K. Susuki. "I am glad a Japanese didn't cop," remarked Hagenlacher. "I'm off the Dutch," replied K.

Can't Challenge Billiard Champ.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—According to the new rules for championship play just issued there will be no challenge match for the world's 18.2 balk line billiard title until after October 1 of next year. The championship tournament will be held in Chicago from February 23 until 3, next, after which the ultimate survivor will be immune from challengers unti lthe following October.

WHO CAN STOP GRANGE?

Sewanee, coached by Mike Bennett, can afford to elevate one eyebrow when anybody mentions the irresistibility of Harold Grange. For Sewanee stopped Vanderbilt and Vanderbilt stopped Minnesota and Minnesota stopped Grange. Therefore—

Has Collins Been Rewarded or Just Made Goat By Sox Bosses?



By NORMAN E. BROWN.

The first impulse of every fan, on receiving the word that Eddie Collins had been named manager of the White Sox, was to cheer long and lustily. Collins is one of the greatest players of all time. He is one of the "biggest" men the game has known—a man of unimpeachable character and loveable personality. The honor was but a just reward, they agreed.

But now comes the day of cold reason.

And it begins to look to many folk as though Mr. Collins had been handed a gold brick, much after the fashion of several other men who have preceded him as manager of the team.

Consider these facts:

The White Sox finished last in fielding.

They finished sixth in batting.

They had but one real winning pitcher.

They had no regular catcher.

They had no regular shortstop.

Their first baseman ranked fifth in fielding.

And

The club owners have apparently made no effort to strengthen the team while every other club in the league has accomplished something to that end.

Collins is signed to a contract extending but one season.

What's the idea here?

Edward Trowbridge is recognized as one of the brainest, keenest baseball men that ever donned a uniform. There is no reason to doubt but what he will be as great a success as a manager—if given the opportunity—as Speaker and Cobb have turned out to be.

Collins is nearing the end of his playing career. Should the White Sox owners decide to make another change next spring the veteran will find himself out of a job.

For a man who has given nine of the best years of his baseball career to the team Collins seems to have been handed a doubtful reward.

Kept His Head Up.

The great second sacker joined the team in 1915, when Connie Mack broke up his $100,000 infield after the catastrophe of October, 1914. Eddie had been in the big show nine years then. He went from the campus of the University of Columbia to the Athletics in 1906 and soon became a recognized star.

Collins kept his head at Chicago under varying and ofttimes trying conditions. Had the managership of the club been made attractive to him when Kid Gleason stepped out Collins would have taken it. That would have been the propitious time to reward him. He had already filled the White Sox coffers with dough and won the good will of the Southside fans for the Sox owners—when said good will had been sorely tried by the rottenness pulled by some other members of the club.

But Comiskey, for reasons of his own, prepared to dabble in managers for a while. One suspected reason was that he figured Collins would be there at any time to call to the manager's office when all other experiments and publicity stunts had failed.

The hope of fandom now is that Collins will surprise even Comiskey and produce a fighting, winning ball club in some way from the material at hand and force the recognition long due and long denied him.

"Near-Great" Goes When Corsairs Release Pfeffer

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—Jeff Pfeffer, veteran hurler joins the list of out-of-it tribe. The Pittsburgh Pirates gave him his unconditional release the other day.

Pfeffer fell a bit short of taking his place as one of the great pitchers of the game but he showed streaks of pitching over varying periods that stamped him as one of the near-greats. And his career has been an exceedingly interesting one.

Jeff peddled his wares in both big leagues. He broke into two world's series and set freak records in both.

Jeff started his career with a loud and distinct bang. In his first year in the league ranks he won 18 games and lost but 12 for the LaCrosse team in the Minnesota-Wisconsin league. The next year, however, he failed to set such a good average, winning 13 and losing 16 games for the Fort Wayne club in the Central circuit. The Browns gave him a trial next season but decided he wasn't ripe and sent him back.

The next season found him with Denver and Grand Rapids. The following season he showed the Michigan city fans some pitching. He won 25 games and was belted but eight times. Before the season ended the Dodgers grabbed him and gave him a fairly permanent home. He remained with Uncle Robinson until the middle of the 1921 season.

His first full season—that of 1914—with the Dodgers was one of his best. He copped 23 victories and lost but 12 games that year. The next year he won 19 and lost 14. Then came the campaign of 1916, the one Dame Fate had decreed should see the triumph of the Brooklynites. Big Jeff stepped in and won just 25 games. He lost but 11. His pitching was one of the brilliant features of the team's play that year.

The next year he dropped into the losing class, however, in 1918 pitched but one game and lost that.

He seemed done for good. The next year, however, he surprised even the astute Mr. Robinson by winning 19 games. The next season, a pennant year once more— Jeff won 16 games while losing nine.

The next year he moved to pastures new, going to the Cardinals. He went to Smoketown last year. In the years since 1921 he has met with varying success.

Pfeffer's world series achievements were old though not brilliant. In the 1916 clashes he was sent into four of the games against the Red Sox. He received credit for winning one game and dodged the blame or credit for the other three. Against the Indians in the 1920 games he pitched only three innings and received no credit either way.

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Wichita.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain execution issued out of the honorable county court at law of Wichita county, on the 18th day of November, 1924, by the clerk of said court for the sum of three hundred thirty-six and 93-100 dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor of Adrion & Rosser, a firm composed of Bert Adrion and S. A. Rosser, and against J. B. Jamison, in a certain cause in said court, No. 5089 and styled R. A. Toone Sash and Door company vs. Bert Adrion, S. A. Rosser and J. B. Jamison, placed in my hands for service, I, Frank Morgan, constable precinct No. 1, Wichita county, Texas, did, on the 18th day of November, 1924, levy on certain real estate situated in Wichita county, Texas, described as follows, to wit: 560 acres of land in the G. W. Childress survey, abstract No. 32, Wichita county, Texas, said 560 acres of land being all of said G. W. Childress survey, except 180 acres owned by J. M. Roberts, said 180 acres owned by the said J. M. Roberts being fully described in deeds from C. Lombardi to J. M. Roberts, which deeds are filed of record in the deed records of Wichita county, Texas, to which record reference is here made, and levied upon as the property of J. B. Jamison and that on the first Tuesday in January, 1925, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the court house door, of Wichita county, in the city of Wichita Falls, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said execution I will sell said above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. B. Jamison.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wichita Falls Record News, a newspaper published in Wichita county.

Witness my hand, this 9th day of December, 1924.

FRANK MORGAN,
Constable Precinct No. 1, Wichita County, Texas.

Firpo Due For Comeback, Belief Of Boxing Critic

Argentine Goes to Europe For Recess, But Will Return

HE'LL MEET ROMERO

Dempsey Slated to Take on Winner in Outdoor Scrap

BY SPARROW M'GANN
Special Correspondent, The Record-News.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 2 - In these days of big business in the realm of pugilism, nothing that stands out as worthy of notice happens by chance. There is always someone behind the scenes pulling wires.

Luis Firpo's unexpected trip to Europe is a case in point. That trip did not happen by chance and it did not happen because Firpo himself thought up the idea of a European journey. Firpo, in fact, did not know he was going as late as last Sunday.

And the trip is not costing him a cent either, according to the inside talk you hear along the great white way. It is a present from some good friends who doped out the idea that the way Luis has been going at present, the best thing that could happen to him would be to get him out of the country until the latter part of next month. Then after he had exhausted the pleasures of Paris and Monte Carlo and had become a thoroughly tired out young man he would return here in a mood for hard work while at the same time the public would have forgotten his shortcomings, or at least be willing to give him a new deal.

Luis Will Work Hard

And hard work is what Luis is going to get. Firpo has given his word, in fact signed an agreement, they say, to this effect. Firpo's word as a matter of fact was good enough. He has got his faults but also he has got his virtues and one of them is an Indian habit of sticking to a promise once he gives it.

When Firpo gets back Jimmy DeForest is going to train him—Jimmy has already been engaged for the job—and the talk is that Jack Johnson, who did more to improve Luis' boxing than any other man, has been retained as head professor in Luis' quarters.

Late in February Firpo will be named as one of the principals in a big indoor show at the Madison Square Garden, of course, and his opponent probably will be Romero Rojas. The one who wins will figure in one of the biggest, if not the biggest, outdoor bouts of the coming season.

Don't make any mistake about this big Chilean, this Romero, who is being groomed for big money stuff. He is far from being a shine. Any man who can knock kicking that tough young guy Jack Sharkey, and hold off Renaut—irrespective of whether or not the Chilean merited the decision he received over the Canadian fighter—is promising to say the least.

Romero He-Fighter

Romero, in short, is a leather skinned mixer with a jaw like granite who can wallop to the king's taste. It has been his inexperience that has brought about such defeats as he has suffered rather than the great ability on the part of his conquerors.

Romero is coming and Firpo's future is by no means behind him. He has got a lot of good fights left in him. If he had not become so independent and had not ignored Tex Rickard, he would have made a much better showing against Harry Wills than he did. Careful attention and strict training will put him in line for some good stuff in the next two years—always provided, of course, that Romero does not stow him away.

There will be a lot of press agent stuff about this encounter between the two South Americans but in spite of that the writer wants to say that the battle between these wallopers is one batle that he surely wants to see.

It is a sure thing that Dempsey and Gibbons are going to mix. Dempsey is already doing light training. It will be an indoor fight. And then for the outdoor season the great show will be Dempsey against Firpo or Romero.

Rockne Adverse To Cutting Down Of Aerial Game

"It Saved Football in 1906; Now They Try to Put It Out"

HOUSTON, Dec. 24.—Knute Rockne, mentor of the Notre Dame university football team, cut loose on the proposed changes of the grid laws today. Although in favor of some of the minor changes in the football rules, he spoke in no uncertain terms when the abolishing of the forward pass was brought up.

The driver of the four horsemen made it plain that he was against any rule that would cut down the open game and that he believed when a rule of this kind was passed it would be the first step toward killing grid contests.

"If they will glance back through the pages they will find that in 1906 the forward pass saved the game, and now they are trying to put it out. Until the overhead game was brought into play everybody was hollering about the game being too brutal, and it was.

"Then the forward pass came. It cut down the flying wedge and all the 'man killing' style of play. It brought football back and pushed it to a front rank in the sporting world and now they are talking about robbing the game of the style of play that has made football what it is," Rockne said.

Another rule that the Notre Dame coach opposes is the one that will do away with the allotted time for periods and bring in the 40 plays. Each period will be made up of 40 plays and when these are complete the period is over, regardless of the time it takes to execute that number.

"Our lives are made up of time and why should we change from using that system in football," Rockne asked. "It has been successful at all times and the only argument they have to offer for wanting the change is that some of the time keepers are 'crooks.' In answer to this I will say that when one of these men are found they should be pushed on the outside and men brought in to keep time who will pull the trigger when the time is up."

Following the discussion of the rules, Rockne cut loose with a few things about his team.

CITATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Wichita County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Wichita county, a copy of the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all persons interested in the welfare of Marie S. Huper, a girl, 27 months old, and Wilhelmina, a girl 3 months old, know ye that Ella C. Huper was by the county court of Wichita county, Texas, on the 22nd day of December, A. D., 1924, duly appointed temporary guardian of the persons and estates of said minors, which appointment will be made permanent unless the same shall be successfully contested at the next term of said court, commencing on the first Monday in February, A. D., 1925, the same being the 2nd day of February, A. D., 1925, at the court house thereof, in Wichita Falls, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said minors may appear and contest such appointment if they so desire.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Wichita Falls, Texas, this the 22nd day of December, A. D., 1924.

(Seal) ALMA Y. MILLER, Clerk.
By M. F. YEAGER, Deputy.

Friends in business are as precious as friends in social life and during this holiday season I desire to express my gratitude to my friends for their loyalty and wish that your Christmas may be merry and the New Year one of prosperity.

Geo. Wm. L. Spencer, Opt. D.

705 Obio Ave. Wichita Falls, Texas



To All Our Old Friends
To Our Many New Ones

Merry Christmas

May this Christmas be a happy one for you; and may your journey through the coming year be one full of success and happiness.

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—Is indeed more the merrier because it has been our good fortune, through our liberal weekly payment plan, to make many Wichita Falls folks happy with the gift of Jewelry this Christmas.

—We are grateful for the liberal patronage tendered us during 1924, and look forward to further serving you in 1925.

ZALE JEWELRY CO. INC.

Eighth and Ohio.

Missouri Locks With Trojans In Coast Title Today

Both Elevens Chipper and Frisky Prior to Game

PRACTICED IN SECRET

Brisk Grid Weather Greets Teams in Workouts Wednesday

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Feeling chipper and frisky to the man, members of the Missouri football team were given a light routine workout today to condition them for tomorrow's gridiron clash with the University of Southern California eleven.

While the lads from Missouri were preparing to work off whatever kinks remaining in their muscles from the long jaunt to do battle with the locals, Coach Henderson and his trusty U. S. C. team had disappeared from the ken of mortal man, to all intents and purposes.

Feeling that his charges might get unduely excited over the approaching game, Henderson whisked them away in automobiles late yesterday to an unnamed training ground. Several new problems of attack and defense were to be perfected by the U. S. C. players while in seclusion, it was said.

The Missourians had light workouts late yesterday within a short time after their arrival in Los Angeles and announced themselves as well pleased with the brisk weather.

The Tigers are trained to perfection, declared Coaches Gwynn, Henry and Kipke today.

"All we've heard about California's anti-football weather sounds like a poor steer," said Kipke, speaking for the trio. "For if the present weather continues, I don't believe the change of climate will bother us to any great extent."

It is reported that the Southern California squad will go on the field tomorrow 3 to 2 favorites over the visitors. This, however, was scoffed at by many as being odds to be expected when local pride is back of wages on either football games or marbles.

PITCHING NOT SO GOOD, ACCORDING TO HORNSBY

Rogers Hornsby, champion batsman of the National League, is modest about his swat achievements. When Hornsby again showed the way at the bat in 1924, making the fifth time he had led the National League in succession, he set a new record for that organization. Hornsby's many batting feats of last season make him stand out as one of the superior batsmen of all time in baseball. To which he merely says: "The pitching hasn t been so good the last two or three years. When the twirlers get going again it isn't going to be so easy to turn in .400 batting averages."

GOLF as Champions Play It

The custom of cramming clubs head first into bags seems to prevail among golfers who travel on trains. What is your opinion of this? Does it protect and preserve the club, or it is injurious?

Answered by
BILL STRACHAN,
Wichita Falls Country Club Professional.

My idea in packing clubs for travel or shipment is first to wrap the heads carefully with a medium heavy paper, then to place them, without cramming, head down in the bag. This method preserves them with the greatest safety, I find. If the clubs are placed in the bag with heads upward, and projecting from the bag, they are liable to injury. The clubhead has greater protection in the bottom of the bag, provided it is not jammed too tightly against the other clubs. The paper wrapping gives added protection.

The Return of Honus Wagner

Baseball's Last Ditch Rallies

Walter Johnson this fall has had his name on every lip which has framed a word about baseball. The world's series comeback of Big Barney looms so grandly that it seems we will remember it vividly when 20 years more of baseball annals have been written.

Seven years ago another great baseball figure, a man perhaps as universally loved and respected as Johnson today, performed a great comeback under different circumstances. When we pinned Chilly Doyle against a column at the Waldorf and asked him for the greatest comeback he ever saw, he didn't hesitate a moment.

"Honus Wagner!"

Chilly beats a nimble typewriter on baseball subjects for the Gazette-Times, Pittsburgh. His baseball thinking naturally has a Pirate angle. He has followed the Pirates for a dozen years, and has exulted and wept as the Pirates of 1921 and the following years made their annual drive for the bunting only to be knocked loose from their perch each autumn by the gentle Giants.

In other words, Chilly is a man who has suffered.

Anyhow, he turns the crank back to 1917. Wagner, like Johnson, was an age-old baseball figure. Every fan above 15 years of age has in the back of his skull a memory-picture of the great big bowlegged shortstop whose name will always glisten in baseball's hall of fame as one of the greatest ever.

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Honus started in 1901, with Louisville. The season of 1917 would have been his seventeenth consecutive summer in the big leagues, but Honus didn't report at the Pittsburgh training camp. He had retired.

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The Creaking Hinges.

For the last couple of years the famous bow legs had been creaking at the hinges. Wagner was "through," but his personal popularity with the fans had forced him into the game that last year, 1916.

He was formerly the most dreaded hitter in a league of dour bludgeon stalwarts. **In 1916 he dropped to .287.** It was a bad year for hitting. In view of the current averages, it is hard to grasp the fact that in 1916 only six National league regulars managed to hit in the .300 class!

Wagner didn't report to the Pirate training camp and that was the foreword to the worst year a Pittsburgh team ever had. The Pirates started the season weakly and became weaker. Jimmie Callahan was manager, but the fans didn't blame him.

They blamed Wagner!

The Dutchman's home was Pittsburgh. The neighbors were outspoken in their comments. A vast force of public sentiment worked on Honus, urging him to jump back into the Pirate infield and rescue the tailenders' cause.

Well, he is a very human mortal, Wagner. He stood just so much of this wave of public emotion. Then, without a bit of preliminary practice, he reported to the Pirate ball orchard on the eighth of June, and that afternoon Manager Callahan assigned him to play first base, the weakest spot of the league's weakest team.

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Chilly Doyle says the fans took pity when the old man's legs began shrieking under him as he tried to gobble the throws at first base. But before the game was over they were shouting with wild glee. Wagner got three hits and Pittsburgh won!

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A Battle Against Time.

That was the great comeback. There was no world's title at stake, as with Johnson. Merely the helping of a tail-end team, hopelessly last. Chilly says he thinks Wagner's individual heroism would have brought the Pirates out of the cellar if the rest of the team had remained intact.

But it was Pittsburgh's bad year. Soon after Wagner joined the club, Bill Hinchman, the only .300 hitter in the line-up, broke his leg sliding to home plate. After that the Pirates were a broken reed.

Wagner's retirement had been spoken of by many smaller minded folk as a holdout process to get himself the managerial appointment. But on June 30, when Jimmie Callahan resigned, Wagner accepted the job with a public statement in which he insisted that he was only the temporary manager.

Two weeks later Hugo Bezdek became manager and Wagner finished out the season until his legs gave way.

The Wagnerian comeback had to be seen to be appreciated. It was as game a battle as has ever been fought, the battle of a veteran to lick his own infirmities. The figures don't show it.

GEHRIG GETS CHANCE TO PRODUCE IN 1925

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Lou Gehrig, the ball mauling lefthanded pitcher the New York Yankees grabbed from Columbia university a couple of years ago, will receive the chance to show his stuff with the Yankees the coming season for two reasons:

First, because Walter Pipp may be traded before the coming season opens.

Second, because the Yankees must either keep Gehrig now or trade him to another big league club. They can't send him back to the minors again and keep a string on him.

Gehrig will get his chance as a first baseman and slugger extraordinary, however, and not as a pitcher. When little Huggins sent the kid away the first time to Hartford it was with instructions that he center his efforts on betering his stick work and his first baseing. Being a lefthanded thrower at first and a lefthanded batter he is doubly valuable on a ball club.

Babe Ruth is one of the biggest boosters of Gehrig. The Original Bambino says that Gehrig is the best hitter he has ever seen. Maybe Babe has never socked a homer before a looking glass but the remark goes for something anyhow.

NAVY MEN ARE HEROES.

Risk and Lose Own Lives in Vain Attempt to Save Invalid.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 24.—Three naval men who lost their lives in the swamping of the naval ambulance seaplane at the Hampton Roads naval air station yesterday, died in a vain effort to save the life of Landrew Williams, civilian, who lay ill on a stretcher in the forward cockpit of the machine, survivors and comrades of the men who witnessed the accident declared today.

All the naval men in the plane knew that she was doomed to founder the moment she came down upon the water, it was said, but their solicitude for their charge kept chief petty officers E. M. Keyser and A. S. Manwaring and P. S. Gavin, hospital apprentice, from making the dive that would have enabled them to swim to safety. The heroic efforts of the men were described by a comrade as a "thing to remember all your life but it seems too bad that it was done."

TWO RINGS BLOWN AWAY.

Gas Blast In Kansas City Wrecks House and Loses Gems.

KANSAS CNTY, Dec. 24.—Two rings, valued at $1,200, were blown into No Man's Land today when a gas explosion tore out the entire wall of a duplex. Miss Amie Louise Tyler, a teacher, had hung the rings on a gas jet to hide them from burglars. Mrs. Millie Alston, washer woman, whose lighting of a hot water heater caused the explosion, was blown out of the basement with her clothing afire.

Refinement isn't always a help to an athlete. Many a boxer would do more damage in the ring if he could get out of the fashionable custom of wearing gloves.

Our all-American triple-threat selection for next week—S. Claus of Arctic.

Ten Major Clubs Train In Florida In Spring Of 1925

Three Teams to Camp In California and Two In Louisiana

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Ten major league clubs will train in the everglade regions of Florida during the 1925 spring season while there will go to California and two will get in condition in Louisiana. Georgia, native state of Ty Cobb, will cast its sun upon the remaining entry, the Detroit Tigers.

Florida is steadily gaining as a popular resort for big league clubs to condition themselves for the season's campaign. In 1923 seven teams trained there, while two more were added in 1924.

Five each of the National and American league clubs have chosen Florida. Only two national teams have shifted their training scenery this year. The Yankees moving from New Orleans to St. Petersburg, Fla., Chicago going from Winter Haven, Fla., to Shreveport, La.; the Browns shifting from Mobile, Ala., to Tapon Springs, Fla., the Athletics swing into Fort Myers, Fla., from Montgomery, Ala., and the Red Sox moving into the Yankee camp at New Orleans from San Antonio, Texas, a mecca of teams in years gone by, which is ignored entirely by the big leagues next year while Alabama harbored two teams last year, will be without big league training in 1925.

The complete list of training camps follows:

American League.

Team	1925 Camp
New York	St. Petersburg, Fla.
Cleveland	Lakeland, Fla.
Chicago	Shreveport, La.
Detroit	Augusta, Ga.
St. Louis	Tarpon Springs, Fla.
Philadelphia	Fort Myers, Fla.
Washington	Tampa, Fla.
Boston	New Orleans, La.

National League.

New York	Sarasota, Fla.
Cincinnati	Orlando, Fla.
Pittsburgh	Paso Robles, Calif.
Chicago	Catalina Islands, Calif.
St. Louis	Stockton, Calif.
Brooklyn	Clearwater, Fla.
Philadelphia	Braden, Fla.
Boston	St. Petersburg, Fla.
SPORTS	

GOLDSTEIN HELD TITLE FOR LESS THAN A YEAR

Abe Goldstein's reign as the world bantamweight champion did not last a year. He won the title on the night of March 21 this year from Joe Lynch.

Four years before he took the title Goldstein was knocked out by Lynch. When he fought Lynch again Goldstein won the championship on a decision in a fifteen-round bout in New York just as he lost the crown to Eddie "Cannonball") Martin.

Martin's victory over Goldstein marks the sixth time in the last four years the title has changed hands. Goldstein is the only boxer to lose a world championship in the ring this year.

The only other division that lost a titleholder was the featherweight class. This crown was forfeited by Johnnie Dundee and his successor will not be determined until Danny Kramer and Kid Kaplan meet in January.

Rickard Seeks Greb-Delaney Go

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A bout between Harry Greb, champion, and Jack Delaney, challenger, for the middleweight title, is being sought by Tex Rickard, it was announced today. Red Mason, manager of Greb, had an extended conference with Rickard yesterday and was said to have reached an agreement with the promoter. Mason, however, declared that he preferred to talk matters over with the champion before making a definite decision.

CASHIER ARRESTED.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 24.—W. A. Brunley, 35, formerly cashier of the People's Bank and Trust company of Baldwin, Miss., was arrested here today as a fugitive from justice and was being held pending the arrival of Mississippi officers.

Sully Loses On Foul To Maloney In Boston Scrap

BOSTON, Dec. 24. — (INS) — Jimy Maloney of South Boston won on a foul from Sully Montgomery of Fort Worth in the third round of their scheduled 10-round bout here last night.

Maloney forced the fighting. Early in the third round Montgomery brought one up from the floor and struck Maloney below the belt. The South Boston lad dropped to the canvas and never came back.

From now on Ban Johnson will play inside left for the American league.

PAID UP POLICIES.

Paid up life insurance policies through Grover Monroe, Wichita Falls agent of the Travelers Insurance company, were the Christmas presents Perkins-Timberlake company gave its employes, 125 in all, Wednesday.

THEFT CHARGES FILED.

Charges of theft of property under $50 value were filed yesterday morning against Gladys Johnston, 23, arrested after alleged shop lifting at a local department store Tuesday afternoon. This was the first case of the kind to come before the local authorities during the past Christmas season.

May Your Cup of Gladness Be Filled to Overflowing at this season.

SINGER SEWING MACHINE CO
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Your kind co-operation and support has contributed materially to the success of this bank, and we will ever strive to make our service merit your continued patronage.

Accept our heartiest, sincere wishes for a merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

Security National Bank
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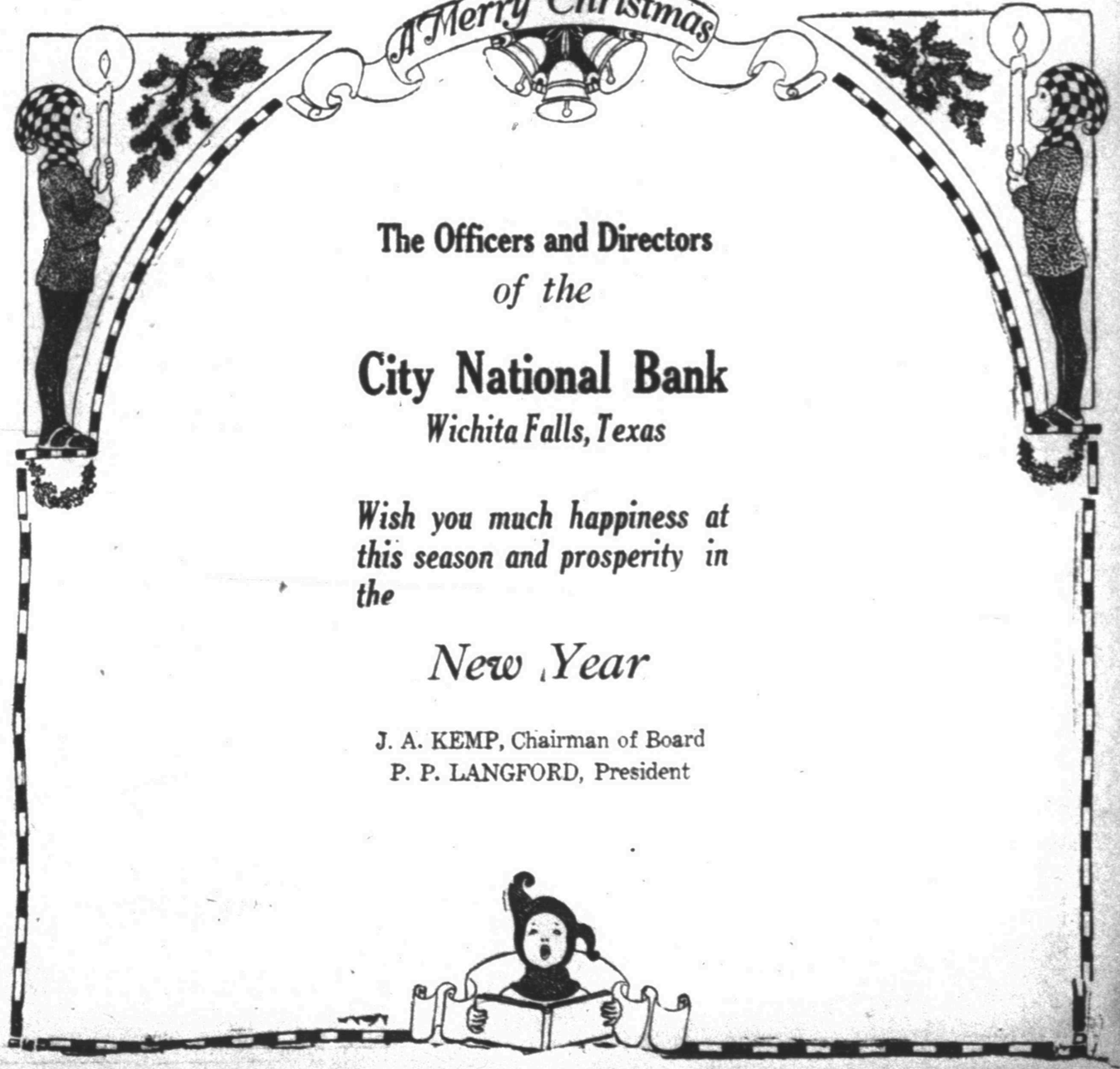
Business doubled again this year. Hoorah! Hoorah! With 312 satisfied Christmas customers to boost for 1925 Watch Us Go.

We take this opportunity to thank our many friends and customers for their patience, courtesy and liberal patronage. We want to thank those that called for appointments and expressed their desire to—

Let Story Take It

Business was more than anticipated and we were obliged to stop making promises after Monday, the 15th. Everybody at our house wishes everybody at your house

A Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year
J. L. STORY & COMPANY



The Officers and Directors
of the
City National Bank
Wichita Falls, Texas

Wish you much happiness at this season and prosperity in the
New Year

J. A. KEMP, Chairman of Board
P. P. LANGFORD, President

PLANE CRASHES; EIGHT ARE DEAD

Passenger Airplane Falls; Kills Seven Passengers And Pilot

CROYDEN, England, Dec. 24.—(AP)—A Christmas tide tragedy occured today at the airdrome here when the seven passengers and the pilot of the big Imperial Airway express H DH-34 were killed when the airplane banked and crashed to the ground soon after it had taken off.

The passengers, who were on their way to Paris for Christmas, were hardly aware that they were well in the air when the machine suddenly banked over Purley Down in a gust of wind, went into a nose dive and burst into flames through the explosion of the gasoline tank. All eight in the machine were burned to death and the machine was completely destroyed. There were two women among the passengers, five men passengers including Dr. Borbosa Lima, a Brazilian, and Cedric D. Trudgett, representative of the Chilean Review, and the pilot.

An eye witness of the tragedy said the plane, flying low, suddenly banked, cleared a nearby house and then staggered in the air. Almost immediately a gust of wind caught the plane, its tail shot up, it went into a nose dive and fell like a stone. Immediately the machine touched the ground it burst into flames.

TWINS TO GRIM REALITY.

Fiction of O. Henry Has Modern Version in New Jersey Case.

NEWARK, N. J.—O. Henry wrote the story and people termed it fiction. In his story it was a policeman who met his friend by appointment after years of separation to find him a common burglar and arrested him. John H. Syron and John J. Horeau had no idea ther were only figures in an old plot that repeats itself with variations.

Syron and Horeau went to war in the same outfit. Off the coast of Ireland they jumped overboard from a cutter to rescue a man from drowning. Both were decorated for it. After the war they were separated. Syron became a messenger for the Weequahic Trust company. He married and had three children. Horeau was employed as a detective by a surety company, which bonds bank employes. This week Syron was sent with $3,000 in cash and $725 in checks to deposit in the Merchants and Manufacturers National bank. It was charged he deposited only $1,000 and the checks. Horeau was put on the case by the surety company. He caused the arrest of Syron.

CAPTAIN IN STEERAGE.

Master of Lusitania Hates All Pomp and Ceremony.

LONDON.—Captain William T. Turner, captain of the Lusitania when she was torpedoed by a German submarine during the world war, traveled steerage when he emigrated to Australia recently.

By traveling steerage he put his principles into practice, for he dislikes luxury in any shape or form.

During the period in which he commanded various Cunard luxury liners, he became known as the "invisible captain" because he kept away from gaiety aboard ship and always spent the whole of his voyage superintending the navigation of his vessel.

TURNOVER HELPS PROFIT.

CHICAGO.—President E. A. Cudahy of the Cudahy Packing company says in a statement to be issued to shareholders that the company's net profit for the year is $3,252,229 based on total sales of $205,750,000, representing an inventory turn-over of slightly more than ten times in the course of the year. The frequent turn-over, Cudahy says, enabled the company to sell its products at an average profit of a quarter of a cent a pound.

TRAIN SCHEDULE

M-K-T LINES

Eastbound

		Leaves
36	"Katy Flyer" to St. Louis, Kansas City, Dallas and San Antonio	6:45 a. m.
32	"Texas Special" to Kansas City and St. Louis	4:00 p. m.
38	"11 o'Clock Katy" to Dallas, San Antonio and Houston	11:20 p. m.
	Westbound	Arrives
37	"11 o'Clock Katy" from Houston, San Antonio and Dallas	6:15 a. m.
31	"Texas Special" from Galveston, San Antonio, St. Louis and Kansas City	2:25 p. m.
35	"Katy Flyer" from St. Louis and Kansas City	9:00 p. m

NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

	Northbound	Leaves
54	To Forgan, Wellington and intermediate points	7:15 a. m.
52	To Elk City and Oklahoma City	7:00 p. m
	Southbound	Arrives
53	From Forgan, Wellington and intermediate points	7:15 p. m.
51	From Elk City and Oklahoma City	6:45 a. m.

Kentucky Babe a Genius In Rags; Her Talent To Be Carefully Developed

LOUISVILLE—A barefoot child, 7, clad in tattered homely garments, sat at an old battered piano playing her heart out on the yellow keys while her mother lay dying.

Strains of such beautiful music as she hardly could believe possible in such surroundings reached the ears of Miss Edna Herman, a Cincinnati social worker, who sat in another room of the inn in the mining camp of Srtaight Creek, Bell county, Ky.

Miss Herman questioned the child and learned she had never been taught to play the instrument. The social worker became interested and later, when the mother died, she adopted the musical prodigy and has dedicated her life to the proper development of her protegee's wonderful gift.

Now on Road to Fame.

This musical marvel, hailed in New York and elsewhere as a genius, is Lena Pope, 12 years old, now a student of the Lexington College of Music. She already is well on the road to fame, has done concert work and is destined to study in New York and probably Europe, according to her benefactors.

Two years ago she played before Romeo Gormo and was described by the artist as having the "positive pitch." She was 10 years old then.

December 2, Lena, upon invitation of Kentucky women in New York who had heard of the "mountain marvel," appeared in concert before the Kentucky Women's club of New York. Presidents of the various music clubs of the city sat on the front row and heard her play. All pronounced her a prodigy and twenty invitations were showered upon her to play before the clubs, but the briefness of her stay prohibited her accepting.

A Hearing by Damrosch.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Frederick C. Wallace of New York and Paris, Ky., Mrs. Arthur Sinclair of Lexington and New York, and her friend, Henry Harkness Flagler, the child was given an audience before Dr. Frank Damrosch, director of the Institute of Musical Art of New York. He said she had remarkable musical "feeling," and expressed the hope means would be provided to continue her studies.

Damrosch asked if she could sing. When the child responded the director marveled at the sweetness and quality of her voice. He asked where she had been taught to sing. He was told that Lena never had been taught, but had listened to celebrated singers. Damrosch said her voice was that of a genius.

COLOR CUT-OUT



1. King Hrothgar's Hall.

(It was the custom, in the old stories like this one, not to bring in the hero until after the story had gone along for a while. It is for this reason that Beuwulf himself does not appear until the fifth day.)

(Drawing: King Hrothgar).

Once, in times long past which men still sing about, but no longer remember, the lived a king, Hrothgar, king of the War-Danes; he was a good king.

A very mighty warrior was Hrothgar and when he was crowned with success and glory in many battles it came into his mind that he would command his men to build a mighty feast hall wherein his nobles and people might make merry. So he ordered the hall built, promising many gifts to the builders thereof.

And all the people labored: it was thus that the greatest of all halls was built within the space of a single season; a hall, Heorot, by name. Then did King Hrothgar summon his people, when all was finished, to come to his mighty feasting place.

REDS EASIEST TO SEE.

Danger Signals Most Easily Distinguishable at Distance.

WASHINGTON — To settle the question of which lights are most easily distinguished at a distance and to bring about standardization of colors for traffic signals, the bureau of standards, department of commerce, has conducted exhaustive tests.

"Red signal lights are easily distinguished from other colors at a distance and require the lowest intensity for unmistakable recognition," the report of the bureau sets forth. "Green signals come second on the list of colored lights easy to identity."

King's

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ALLIED COUNCIL PUTS MEET OFF

Set Saturday as Date For Convention; Cologne Questions Cause

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The meeting of the allied council of ambassadors now has been put off until Saturday, principally to give time for the experts to complete their draft of the note relative to the evacuation of Cologne which will be submitted to the council and after ratification delivered to the German government.

M. Laroche, chief of the political department, and M. Fromageot, chief legal adviser of the foreign office, worked all day yesterday on the note with General Desticker, Marshal Foch's chief of staff, and had a long conference with Premier Herriot last evening.

The armaments control commission will not have completed its investigation until after the tenth of January and consequently will not be able to make a full report containing its final opinion on the execution of the disarmament clauses of the Versailles treaty by Germany until after that date.

IRELAND LOSES REPUTATION.

Country Where Spuds Grow Has to Import Them.

DUBLIN—Ireland, home of spuds, has lost her reputation as a potato growing country.

To the great surprise of everybody, the last crop reports and imports and export figures showed that Ireland now produces fewer potatoes than her population consumes. Thousands of tons of "Irish potatoes" have to be imported into the country every year.

This Is the Day
we wish our friends and patrons

Merry Christmas

For all the years to come.

ELITE STUDIO

710½ Indiana

We Wish You a Joyful Christmas and a New Year Filled With Happiness

To the many greetings which we know have come to you, let us add ours. Each person connected with this business joins in the season's greetings to all who have patronized us or spoke to a friend in the interest of this business.

WE APPRECIATE OUR FRIENDS

Wichita Cleaning and Dye Works

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Cordial Christmas Greetings

We extend to our customers the season's best wishes and desire at this time to express our appreciation for business of the year now drawing to a close.

WE WANT TO SERVE YOU IN 1925.

And pledge anew our best efforts to meet your every requirement in our line. Our aims for 1925 are for a better service and better values.

Harman Drug Company

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Christmas Greetings

For each of our many friends we wish the merriest of Christmases and the Happiest and most prosperous of New Years.

We find our happiness in the knowledge that throughout the year which is drawing to a close we have had the privilege of serving you and of contributing something toward your comfort and well-being.

W. B. McClurkan & Co

Merry Christmas

Wishing You One and All

A Merry Christmas

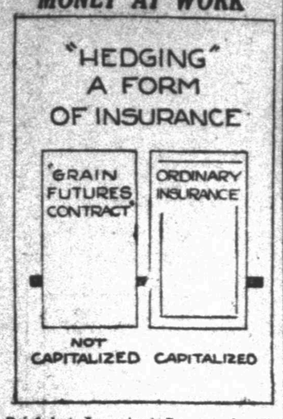
When the merry bells ring out on Christmas morn, we wish that the spirit it symbolizes will guide you throughout the year to a better appreciation of the value of friends whose friendship you prize.

We thank you for the opportunity you have given us to serve you the past year and a sincere wish for a merry Christmas goes out to our

FRIENDS, PATRONS, AND EMPLOYES.

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DEPARTMENT STORE

MONEY AT WORK



Brief but Important Lessons in Finance, Markets, Stocks, Bonds and Investments.

What is "hedging" and how does it work?

"Hedging" is the only form of insurance which is not capitalized. It protects from loss, due to the fluctuations in the price of grain.

For example, a country elevator, wishing to hedge on wheat would go about it in this way—using 1 bushel for the purpose of illustration:

PURCHASES—
1. Bought cash wheat Sept. 30, —at $1.50.
4. Bought Dec. wheat Oct. 10, —at $1.52.

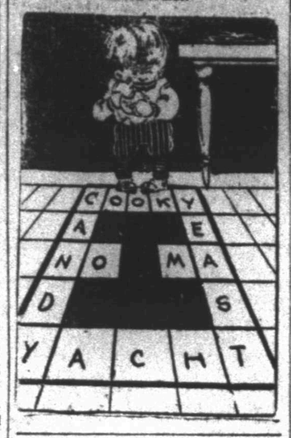
TOTAL PURCHASES $3.52

SALES—
2. Sold for Dec. delivery, Sept. 30,—at $1.52.
3. Sold cash wheat Oct. 10,— at $1.50.

TOTAL SALES $3.02

Nothing has been gained or lost on the transaction, and the storage house, or elevator, has eliminated the risk of fluctuating prices. The transactions take place in the order numbered.

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Willard STORAGE BATTERIES



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IF YOU will look real closely, you will note that merry old Saint Nick is delivering a large gift of ice for the lucky family.

Now, we would hate to think he would only "come but once a year" with this kind of a food-saving and pleasure-giving gift.

We hope he comes many times a year to your family—icelcally speaking—and that on Christmas Day his pack will be loaded with the best of all sorts of other things grown-ups and kiddies like. May it be your best Xmas!

PEOPLES ICE CO.
101 Pecan Phone 5081

DUMB DORA

—By Chic Young



"THE NEBBS"

Merry Christmas

—By Sol Hess



BARNEY GOOGLE AND SPARK PLUG

A Matter of Life and Death

—By Billy de Beck

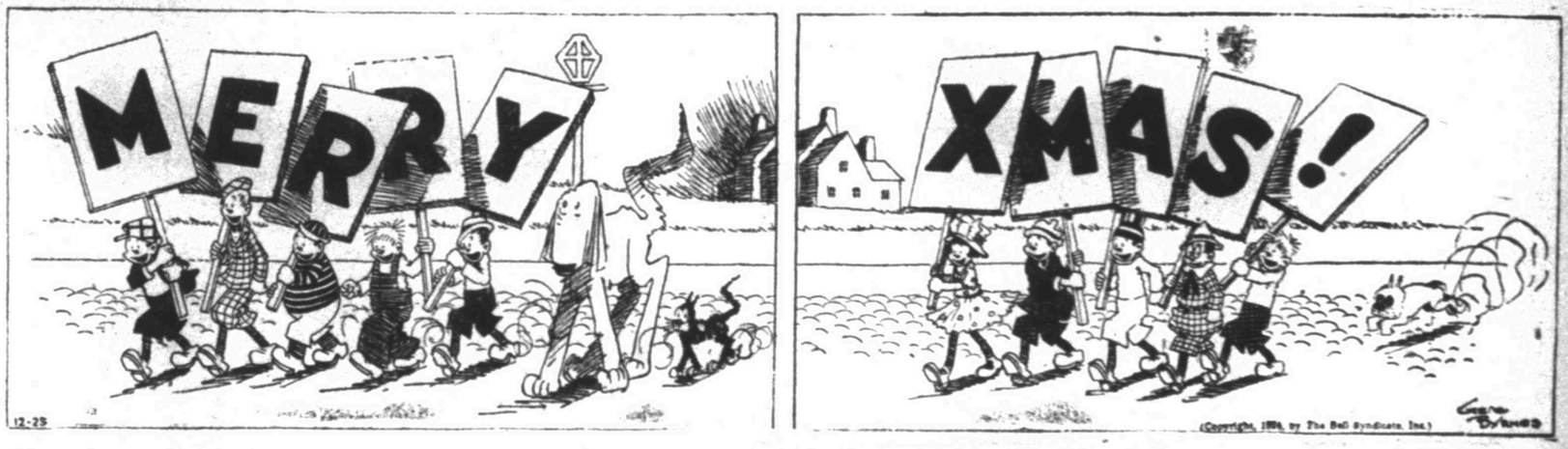


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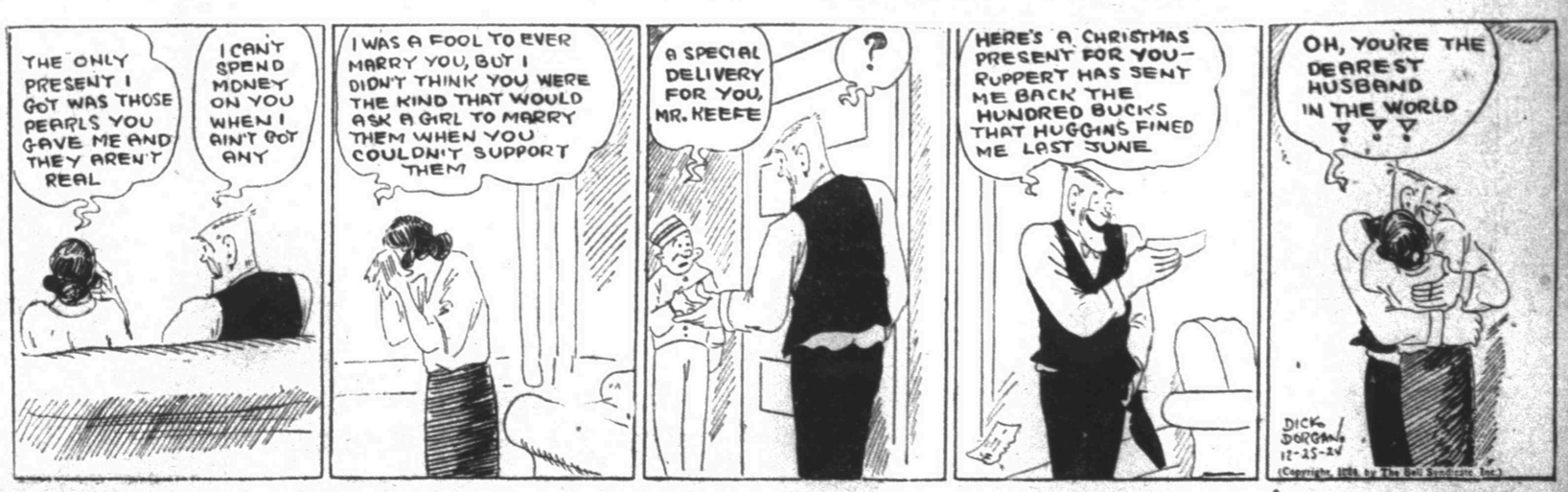
—By Gene Byrnes



YOU KNOW ME AL

The Adventures of Jack Keefe

—By Ring Lardner



C. HEAD IS IN HAPPY MOOD OVER FUTURE

Predicts Good Times For Railroads in Year To Come

WELL ORGANIZED

All Lines Operating On a Business-Like and Efficient Basis

Editor's Note: This is one of a series of articles written by the business leaders of the nation especially for International News Service. In it Mr. Markham gives an unusually well-conceived idea as to what the railroads face in 1925.

By C. H. MARKHAM,
President of the Illinois Central Railroad.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The business outlook is better at the close of 1924 than it has been in several years. We seem to be entering upon an era of industrial and commercial activity that promises to carry American business to new high levels of production and prosperity.

The railroads are ready and eager to contribute their part to bringing about these beter times. Their facilities are in good condition. In the last few weeks they have proved almost equal to the greatest car movement ever required of them. They have made remarkabl improvements in th economy and in the efficiency of their service, and they have bettered their relations with thir employes an with the public. The question of government ownership has been settled by the election.

Ready To Go.

The railroads are in readiness to move forward with the progression of American business.

It is estimated that the gross income of the farmers of the country—with whom originates a large part of the demand for the products of industrial and commercial operations—will be about one-half billion dollars greater for the 1924-25 season than for the 1923-24 season, and this sum will find its way back into the channels of commerce and trade.

It is especially reassuring that agricultural recovery has been most pronounced where it was most needed—in the wheat producing sections of the northwest. The wheat growers have made excellent crops and have realized on them at better prices. These and other facts—the acceptance of the Dawes plan for the settlement of Europe's economic problems and the termination of the election uncertainty—indicate that business will continue to increase.

A Challenge to Roads.

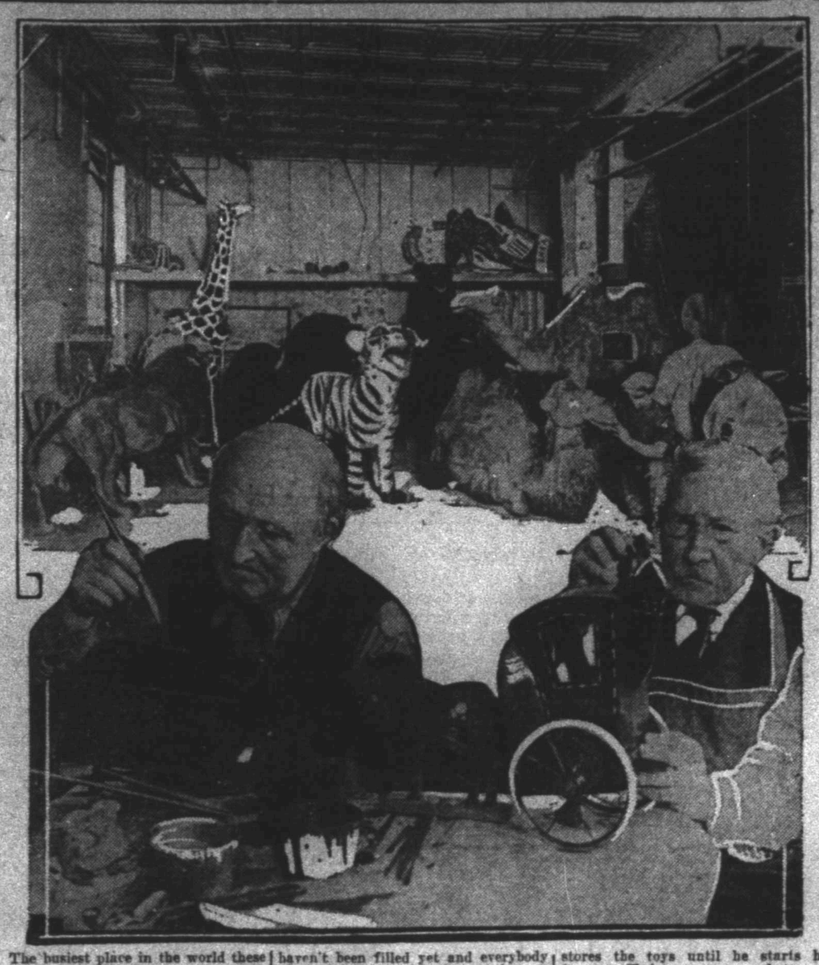
The promised growth of the country's business is a challenge to the railroads to keep pace with it by constant enlargement and improvement of the facilities. In 1923 and 1924 the railroads have spent more than two billions, one hundred and thirty-six million dollars for improvements and enlargements of their facilities and they have made plans to spend another one billion, one hundred million dollars for similar purposes in 1925. They must continue to make billion dollar per year expenditures upon their facilities. They have been forced to borrow larg sums of money to make their recent expenditures and it is a favorable comuentary upon the railroad situation that they have been able to make their borrowings in most instances under very favorable terms.

In the future, however, they must raise more and more of their new capital through sales of capital stock to investors who are willing to accept the risks of business and this will require the strongest kind of railroad credit.

Notwithstanding the substantial increase in the gross increase of railroads in 1924 they bid fair to end the year without the large reduction in the amount in their net operating income that early in the year seemed probable. This condition has been brought about by reason of the great economies which have been put into effect. However, it should be borne in mind that the roads ned to improve their credit, not merely hold the ground they have already gained.

RIOTS IN GLASSGOW.

GLASSGOW, Dec. 24. — Dismal slum streets filled with police and frantic men and women—evicted tenants in Glasgow's rent war—rang with the sound of shattering timber today when several thousand sympathizers tore down the barriers to tenantless dwellings and restored the evicted families to their homes.



The busiest place in the world these days, as christmas draws nearer every hour, is the workshop in toyland of Santa Claus. For there are thousands of requests from the little folks which haven't been filled yet and everybody in Santa's work shop knews that no little ones should be disappointed The photos from toyland show one corner of the vast storerooms where Santa stores the toys until he starts his journey Christmas ever and two of his kindly helpers painting toys.

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proximately 1,000 youngsters will gather around a huge Christmas tree placed in front of the citadel on Seventh street, for it is that number of children Santa and the Salvation Army have arranged to entertain and present with presents this evening.

The Kiwanis party is scheduled to begin at 10 o'clock this morning and carry through till noon. A large Christmas tree was placed in front of the Strand theatre on Scott avenue yesterday and is in readiness this morning for the festivities. The Kiwanians have already provided food, clothing, stoves, wood, toys and other needed gifts for 26 poor families, but the big function is slated this morning when woolen sweaters and toys will be presented 250 youngsters who have been invited to attend the party.

All Kiwanis will be there, and a carefully prepared Christmas program is to be rendered by various Kiwanians. One feature of the program will be the singing of Christmas carols by Camp Fire girls. An orchestra for the occasion will be supplied by Wylie Day of the Strand.

Names of the needy children who will attend the party were furnished by various Kiwanians who supplied the 26 families the organization took care of in a Christmas way, and by Wichita Falls school teachers who were acquainted with he home status of the youngsters.

The Salvation Army party is to start at 6:30 this evening, but shortly before this hour there is to be staged a costume parade through the business district of the city by a picked group of 75 children. This, according to Salvation Army officials, will be the first of its nature ever held in Wichita Falls. After the parade, all are to repair to the citadel to meet Santa and receive their gifts. There will be a short program after which exactly 1,000 Christmas packages and toys will be brought forth for the children. The packages will contain candy, nuts, an orange and an apple each. Each little girl at the party is to receive a doll with her sack, and each boy is to be given a pocket knife or some other type of gift satisfactory to the masculine youth.

Tonight's boy and girl party is the follow-up of the family Christmas festivity of yesterday by the Salvation Army. About 200 baskets and sacks of foodstuffs were given to the same number of families in need Wednesday at Salvation Army headquarters. With each gift by the Salvation Army, Frank Kell gave a sack of flour.

But what's the rest of Wichita Falls going to do while the two big parties are under way today? For one point, those who were visited by Santa last night will devote most of the morning to enjoying presents received. Few people will work today, and others will still be on the lookout for Santa's visits through the mail. But those who are depending strongly on Uncle Sam to bring them all or part of their gifts today may find their Christmas lengthened a day or so, for postal employes must be given a holiday, too, and there will be but one mail delivery today. Presents late in arrival will not be delivered until tomorrow. Postoffice men will take the afternoon and night off to enjoy Christmas along with the rest of the city.

FIGHT MAIL INCREASE.

Farm Bureau in Arms Over Prospective Rate Lift.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. — Proposals to increase fourth class parcel post rates to bring in $12,000,000 annually, although the postoffice department cost assessment showed a loss of only $7,000,00 in handling this class of mail, were described in a statement tonight by the American Farm Bureau Federation as "an effort again to saddle onto the farmers an unjust proportion of government expense."

NEW EXECUTIVE ELECTED

El Paso and Southwestern Head Takes Post With S. P.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Thomas M. Schumacher, former president of the El Paso & Southern Railroad, today was elected executive vice-president of the Southern Pacific company, which recently acquired the El Paso system.

Coolidges Plan Day Of Quiet In Nation's Capital

President and First Lady Take Part in Washington Christmas Eve Party

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Angels song at Bethlehem was caroled tonight from the White House to a nation at peace with the world and with good will toward all men.

The chief executive of the nation and the first lady of the land joined with a white vested choir and with thousands who thronged the White House grounds in observance of the recurrence of another Christmas eve.

At Public Party.

Previously the president and Mrs. Coolidge following another custom they inaugurated at their first Christmas in the White House a year ago had visited one of the public parks near the executive mansion and with another large group witnessed the lighting of a national community Christmas tree.

Mr. Coolidge himself, pressed the button that flooded the tree, a forty foot spruce transplanted from the Adirondack mountains of New York.

SOVIET CHURCH LOSES.

New York Judge Upholds Claim of Russian Orthodox Organization.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The attempt of the soviet church of Russia to take over control of the Russian orthodox church and its properties here failed today when State Supreme Court Justice Ford upheld the claim of the Metropolitan Platon Rajtesvensky to the leadership of the Russian-Greek Catholic church in North America and the Aleutian Islands.

COMMUNICATION SEVERED

Tirana, Capital of Albama, Cut Off By Battles.

BELGRADE, Dec. 24.—Communications between Tirana, capital of Albania, and Scutari, the ancient seat of government, were cut and the Albanian situation remained in doubt today.

Official confirmation of the capture of these two cities by rebels was lacking, although the reports were received from several sources.

WINBURN IMPROVING.

Local Man, Stricken With Pneumonia, Believed to Have Passed Crisis.

George W. Winburn, Jr., local plumber who has been critically ill at his home, 2400 Eighth street, for the past ten days, was reported last night to have shown improvement. Mr. Winburn was stricken with bronchial pneumonia and for several days his condition was grave. While he is not yet out of danger, it is believed that the crisis has been passed.

MAY DISSOLVE PARTY.

BELGRADE, Dec. 24.—The Serbian government, according to reports here, has decided to introduce a bill in parliament for the defense of the state providing for the dissolution of the republican party. Arrest of leaders of the party were reported imminent.

M'KENNA WILL RETIRE.

Associate Justice of Supreme Court Expects to Leave Bench.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Associate Justice McKenna of the supreme court expects within a few weeks to retire from the bench. He said today however, that the question had not yet taken final form and that circumstances might influence him later to modify his plans.

XMAS TREES FOR BIRDS.

Topeka, Kan., Feather Flocks To Enjoy Holiday Treats.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 24. — Even the birds are to have Christmas trees here tomorrow. The Topeka Audubon Society today arranged with Boy Scouts to hang strips of suet on trees in the city parks and elsewhere as a Christmas present to their feathered friends.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A large Wall street brokerage house sent this greeting to its correspondents today:

"The market wishes you a merry Christmas with a happy and prosperous year to follow, if you have horns and hair, and not fur and claws."

POPPING CORKS SPREAD CHEER THROUGH PARIS.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The popping of corks and the clinking of glasses in the boulevard cabarets and restaurants tonight mingled with traditional carols, classical oratorios and other sacred composition as Paris celebrated the advent of another Christmas.

There was midnight mass in every church in Paris. There was also other music of varying shades and decrees of syncopation, according to the diversified tastes of the population. For in Paris, Christmas eve is composed of two well defined and separate celebrations, one providing food and drink for the body and the other artistic and religious nourishment for the soul. No statistics ever have been brought forward as to which celebration attracts the largest number.

CHRISTMAS CHEER LOST.

Prohi Officers Make Big Haul In New York Harbor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Coast guard officers tonight captured 19 prisoners; a British schooner, three motor boats and liquor valued at more than $500,000 here. The British schooner, Patara, with seven prisoners and 6,000 cases of alleged champaign, liquors and whiskies was brought to the barge office.

It is predicted that bread will be sold at twenty-five cents a loaf in England within a few months.

DON'T MISS

Playing with Fire
The Story of a Social Climber
by Lucille Van Slyke

The Story of a Country School-Ma'am With Great Ambitions.

This Tale of Her Struggles and Her Triumphs, How she won wealth, position and finally love.

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To You All

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Old As the Hills Is State Regulation

Just as we laugh now at statutes of 350 years ago so will our descendants laugh at us

It may be small comfort in the American business man to know that his government, in "regulating" him, is giving him no new medicine. Regulation, price-fixing, control of markets by law—all these are as old as industry itself.

If there is any human being that stubbornly and successfully resists regulation, it is the Englishman. But even the Englishman was formerly subjected to a regimen of governmental regulations, both petty and great, compared with which our present regulations are mere dust in the balance. Take one concrete example—the wearing of woolen clothing. In substance, his government said to him:

"You shall wear wool. And if you will not wear wool when you are alive, then, damme, you shall wear it when you're dead."

The story of English wool is a fascinating one, covering four hundred years of stirring history. Condensed in its simplest and briefest form, this sterry runs about as follows:

Wool for four centuries was the pet industry of England. Laws were made to prohibit the wearing of the beautiful Indian calicoes. Yet the ladies and gentlemen followed the whims of fashion, then as now. Fashion, fickle as it was, proved more potent than political statutes. We must go to the old chronicles to get the true picture of the people's dress styles. By far the ablest, the quaintest and the most interesting of these chroniclers is Holinshed. Writing away back in the time of Queen Elizabeth (1577), he gives us some peppery comment on the fickle styles of his day:

. . . the phantastical folly of our nation (even from the courtier to the carter) is such that no form of apparel liketh us longer than the first garment is in the wearing, if it continues so long, and be not laid aside by the fickle-headed tailors, who covet to have several tricks in cutting, thereby to draw fond customers to more expense of money. . . . And as these fashions are diverse, so likewise it is a world to see the costliness and the curiosity, the excess and the vanity, the pomp and the bravery, the change and the variety, and finally the fickleness and the folly, that is in all degrees, insomuch that nothing is more constant in England than inconstancy of attire. . . . In women also it is most to be lamented, that they do now far exceed the lightness of our men (who nevertheless are transformed from the cap even to the very shoe), and such staring attire as in time past was supposed meet for none but light housewives only is now become a habit for chaste and sober matrons. What should I say of their daublets with pendant codpieces on the breast full of jags and cuts, and sleeves of sundry colors? . . . . Their farthingals and diversely colored nether stocks of silk, jersey, and such like, whereby their bodies are rather deformed than commended? I have met with some of these trulls in London so disguised that it hath passed my skill to discern whether they were men or women.

The ups and downs of the "pet industry" of England are best pictured in the quaint words of the merchants, politicians and writers who actually saw these vicissitudes with their own eyes. Let me present the story, therefore, largely by quoting the original documents.

A poetic London writer of the seventeenth century called wool the "Golden Fleece of England." A gentleman who signed himself "W. S." writing in London in 1656, used these strong words: "Wool is the Strength, the Revenue and Blood of England." John May, a deputy Aulnager, writing in London in 1613 on "A Declaration of the Estate of Clothing now used within in this realm of England, etc.," refers to Wool Sack in the House of Lords, as a "customable use" which "has always been observed." As early as the reign of Edward III (1337) a law was passed prohibiting the export of wool under penalty of death. At the close of the sixteenth century the export of any wool was absolutely prohibited under penalty, and to prompt their vigilance in preventing such exports, the judges, king's council, and masters in chancery were seated on wool sacks.

Even Josiah Child called wool the "foundation of the English riches," and declared that all possible means "ought to be used to keep it within our own kingdom." It was easy and natural for the lawmakers to conclude that England's prosperity depended upon the wool industry, and therefore all English subjects should wear wool, willy-nilly. By the same token it was deemed wise to force Ireland to throttle her own wool industry, for Irish wool and yarn came to England to depress prices.

The subservient Irish parliament acceded to the "request" from England, and no more wool left Ireland, except the liberal amount smuggled out. A "tract concerning the present state of Ireland, wrote in England, but first printed in Dublin, 1729," contains the naive but prophetic statement, "It is a received opinion, that it were better for England, if Ireland were no more."

Wear wool," said the English law, and the English people, both high and low, did wear wool, with perfect content. That is, they wore wool, till something new came to their attention, and the new cloth was calico. It was the bright colored, thinner, cooler Indian calicoes that caught their fancy. The cotton industry in India was in a high state of perfection three thousand years ago, and perhaps long before that. Fine fabrics were made there a thousand years before the Romans invaded Britain when the Britons wore skins of wild beasts. The Indian cotton fabrics even in ancient times wont the poetic description of "woven wind."

Defoe Attacks Calico.

The long controversy of English wool versus India calico was much complicated by the fact that the mighty East India company was reaping great profits by bringing the calico to England, and this pampered and powerful company stood too close to the government to be in the least interfered with. Nevertheless the wool interests succeeded in getting many a law passed to force the wearing of the wool.

In a "Scarce Pamphlet by Daniel Defoe," printed in London in 1720, we find a typical attack on the importation of calicoes. After explaining that "printed and stafined callicoes" were used and worn by all sorts of people and that this decreased by the same quantity the consumption of English woolens, and that English silver was shipped out to pay for these calicoes, he continues: "If ever the use and wearing of calicoes and silks comes to be prohibited, all this mystery of iniquity will be discovered or will discover itself."

To make matters worse he found that some women had more than one dress. "There are many thousands of women," he said, "who have two or three several suits of callicoe at a time, for morning gowns, wrapping gowns and mantuas and such like."

England Bleeds, India Prospers.

Defoe bolsters his argument with an extremely forceful statement of the then dying mercantile theory:

To judge of this (East India trade), you must consider Europe one body, one nation, or one general interest in trade, and set the East India trade against it as another. The East India trade exhausts the whole treasure of Europe, and destroys thereby their trade; carrying every year such immense sums of money in specie out of Europe into India, that the whole body must feel the want of it very sensibly. In return of which they bring their chief manufactures and their growth, and fill these parts of the world with gaiety and trifles, and rob them a second time of the employment of their people.

Thus, he says, these East India imports rob the people of England of their coin and starve their poor. He next employs the simile of a man bleeding to death:

Thus, in a word, Europe, like a body in a warm bath, with its veins opened, lies bleeding to death, and her bullion, which is the life and blood of her trade, flows all to India, where 'tis amassed into infinite heaps, for the enriching of the heathen world, at the expense of the Christian world.

In the debates in parliament for the year 1680 (November 9) is found a light on the mercantile theory exactly in harmony with Defoe's views. Says the petition before parliament:

The people in India are such slaves as to work for less than a penny a day; whereas ours here will not work under a shilling; and they have all materials also very reasonable and are thereby enabled to make their goods so cheap as it will be impossible for our people here to contend with them.

The only remedy, says Defoe, is the forbidding of the use and wearing of printed calico;

. . . 'Tis a particular to the calicoes and East India goods, that they are chiefly used for upper garments; if they were less exposed, it would be more difficult to restrain them, but as it is, 'tis easy to do it.

But it was not "easy to do it," as the lawmakers found when they enacted laws conflicting with the styles in dress. Many such laws were passed, but only one typical law will be cited here, the statute of George I. This act recites;

That the wearing and using of calicoes printed, painted, etc., did manifestly tend to the detriment of the woolen and silk manufacturers, and to the increase of the poor in the kingdom; and therefore enacted, that after December 25, 1722, none should wear in Great Britain any garments of printed, etc., calicoe under penalty of 5 pounds, etc. That after this time no such calico should be used in any chair, bed, etc.

But the English people liked calico, especially for summer wear. "The woolen trade," says a writer in London in 1678, is very much hindered by our own people, who do wear many foreign commodities instead of our own. Instead of green, say, that was wont to be used for children's frocks, is now painted and Indian-stained, and striped calico . . . yet our English ware is better and cheaper than this, only it is thinner for the summer.

The Shameless Dandies.

"Flaunting in calico shirts" was a practice of the foppish gentlemen which even Macaulay condemned. He wrote:

And was it not a shame to see a gentleman whose ancestors had worn nothing but stuffs made by English workmen out of English fleeces flaunting in a calico shirt and in a pair of silk stockings from Moorshedabad?

He also spoke disparagingly of a "growing taste for such frippery."

A pamplet of 1696 said Indian muslins and silks were: becoming the general wear of England. Fashion is truly termed a witch; the dearer and scarcer the commodity, the more the mode: 30s. a yard for muslins, and only the shadow of a commodity when procured.

Daniel Defoe complained that "the general fansie of the people runs upon East Indian goods."

A pamphlet of 1728 stated the case in this way: The late acts prohibiting the use and wearing of printed calicoes either in clothes, equipages, or house furniture, were, without question, aimed at improving the consumption of our woolen manufactures, and in part had an effect that way. But the humor of the people running another way, and being used to and pleased with the light, easy and gay dress of the calicoes, the calico printers fell to work to imitate these calicoes by making the same stamps and impressions, and with the same beauty of colors, upon linen.

This same pamphleteer blames the ladies for the irrational fashions, and for their "ungovernable passion for fashions." They have injured English manufacturers. He despiars of any reform. The ladies claim "English liberties as well as men, and they expect to do what they please and dress how they please." So the ladies had their way, and England finally made a fabric entirely of cotton, when spinning was perfected.

The sanest opinion on the woolcalico controversy was that of Sir Josiah Child, written in 1694:

All our laws that oblige our people to the making of strong, substantial (and, as we call it, loyal) cloth of a certain length, breadth, and weight, if they were duly put into execution, would, in my opinion do more hurt than good: because the humours and fashions of the world change, and at some times in some places (as now in most) slight cheap light cloth will sell more plentifully and better than that which is heavy, stronger, and truer wrought; and if we intended to have the trade of the world, we must imitate the Dutch, who make the worst as well as the best of all manufacturers, that we may be in a capacity of serving all markets and all humours.

Wool Shrouds by State Edict.

And in a similar vein Dr. Devanant (London, 1696-7), arguing that 'it is wrong to try to force consumption at home, but the "natural" way is to produce cheaper in England, and "undersell" all comers in the markets abroad.

When the lawmakers saw that they could not make the living wear wool, they passed an act aimed to secure the more effective observance of the grim old law of 1666, which enacted that every dead person should be buried in a woolen shroud. "If the people while alive were so perverse and unpatriotic as to prefer foreign to domestic fabrics for their vestments, they should at all events not be allowed to carry their fripperies with them to the grave."

But how tenaciously the lawmakers clung to the fond idea that England might secure a monopoly of the world's wool trade. The belief persisted that English wool was the best in the world; that it could be kept at home so that even smugglers could not get it out; and that the exportation of woolen cloth would enrich the kingdom.

By the statute of the 8th of Elizabeth the exporter of sheep, lambs, or rams was for the first offense to forfeit all his goods forever, to suffer a year's imprisonment, and then to have his left hand cut off in a market town upon a market day, to be there nailed up; and for the second offense to suffer death. By a statute of Charles II the exportation of wool was a crime subject to the death penalty.

Of this edict, Adam Smith wrote:

Our woolen manufacturers, in order to justify their demand for such extraordinary restrictions and regulations, confidently asserted that English wool was of a peculiar quality, superior to that of any other country; that the wool of other countries could not, without some mixture of it, be wrought into any tolerable manufacture; that fine cloth could not be made without it; that England, therefore, if the exportation of it could be wholly prevented, could monopolize to herself almost the whole woolen trade of the world; and thus, having no rivals, could sell at what price she pleased, and in a short time acquire the most incredible degree of wealth by the most advantageous balance of trade.

This doctrine Adam Smith points out to be "perfectly false." English wool was not necessary to the making of fine cloth; fine cloth was made entirely of the Merino wool from Spain. "English wool cannot be even mixed with Spanish wool as to enter into the composition without spoiling and degrading, in some degree, the fabric of the cloth."

That smugglers succeeded in carrying on a brisk trade in exporting English wool, in spite of the death penalty, is evidenced by the pamphlet of Joseph Trevers, printed in London in 1675, entitled "An Essay to the Restoring of Our Decayed Trade, Wherein Is Described the Smugglers, Officers and Lawyers Frauds, etc."

It is well known that the smugglers are none of the meanest persons in the places where they dwell. . . .

Indeed smuggling was quite a decent profession, as well as a profitable one, and even the lawyers and sheriffs had their share in it.

Reading the story of the wool trade as told by those who took part in it, one is reminded of a certain negro spiritual of ours which runs:

Nobody knows the troubles I've seen!
Sometimes I'm up!
Sometimes I'm down.

The wool trade was sometimes up, sometimes down, wholly irrespective of the laws on the subject. It was "up" under Elizabeth; it was "down" under James I. Foreign wars, debased coinage, religious persecutions, were some of the factors in the problem.

A man who signed himself "A Merchant," writing in London in 1719, at a time when the wool trade was in a low state, addressed himself to the complaining weavers who were out of work, and exposing the fallacy of having the government help them out of their troubles:

'Tis plain, indeed, that all of them have not work, or are not employed in such work as they ought to be; otherwise we should not see such numbers of them committing such brutish actions in the streets as would be a scandal to any civilized nation. . . . But however, to examine the matter thoroughly, viz., that the wearing of printed calicoes is the occasion of their wanting work. . . .

If this were so, he argues, wool would be cheap in price, but wool is scarce and dear. He continues:

Beside, the prices of printed calicoes do so far exceed the prices of woolen or worsted stuffs, that they do not interfere with them; for those that buy stuffs buy them for cheapness, which I am sure cannot be said of those that buy calicoes; of which truth our wives make us sensible, to our cost. . . . May not many other trades make pretenses as well as the weavers? May not the maltsters and brewers rise up against the vintners because they sell a foreign commodity, which hinders the sale of malt liquors? And may not the alehouse-keepers against the distillers, because their spirits not only hinder the sale of their beer and ale, but enliven, heat and fuddle sooner and more effectually? And why may not the weavers of Norwich and Coventry rise against those of Spittlefields, because their stuffs and silks hinder the sale of their crapes and tammies? And why not the butchers against the fishmongers? and so on to the end of the chapter.

When the British manufacturer saw that the people would wear calico, regardless of statutes and penalties, these manufacturers—or at least of the more crafty ones—called their woolens "Manchester cotton." This disguise fooled very few. Then linen was stamped to look like cotton. But finally economic evolution, like a law of fate, was accepted. Machinery for spinning and weaving cotton fabrics was invented. Slowly but surely wool was crowded into second place in the commerce of English cloths, and last of all, India began to take cotton goods from England.

The objectionable ingredient in a cheap restaurant's soup is thumb.

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RIPE
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PICKLES
Large Sour, each 5c
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DINNER FOR YOU
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RELISHES
ASSORTED OLIVES AND CELERY
ROAST TURKEY OYSTER DRESSING
CANDIED YAMS AU GRATIN POTATOES
FRENCH PEAS
SALAD
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Happy New Year
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"All A Mistake," Convict Learns; Merry Christmas

Stands By Brother-In-Law Who Slew Wife and Then Distrusted Him

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24—A hand shake and wishes for a "merry Christmas" ended an alderman's hearing in the office of the warden of Western penitentiary today at which a convict appeared as plaintiff against his brother-in-law—brother of the wife he had killed—who had stood by the prisoner in his trial and made every effort to obtain a pardon for him.

The names of both men were withheld but it was learned that the convict was serving a 20 year sentence for the murder of his wife and a man in a little town in Washington county about three years ago. During the trial the brother-in-law obtained council and maintained that under the circumstances his sister's husband was justified in his deed. Then when sentence was imposed, he took charge of the estate, invested the convict's money and earned more money on the investment.

A few days ago the convict learned his brother-in-law had purchased a ticket to Europe. He became suspicious and charged embezzlement of his funds.

At the hearing today the accused man satisfactorily explained the condition of the prisoner's estate and the convict brought the hearing to a close choked a bit as he wished his brother-in-law a merry Christmas and received the assurance that efforts for a pardon would be renewed.

HE BEGS TO GO TO PEN.

Negro Gets Two-Year Term on Minor Charge When He Might Have Got 20.

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 24.—Robert Hill, negro pickpocket, got his Christmas present from the supreme court late yesterday and today is safe behind the walls of the state penitentiary, one of the few men who ever begged to be sent to prison.

Hill will serve two years.

Hill was being tried at Clayton for the robbery of a bank at Chesterfield, Mo., and county juries have a way of handing out ten, twenty and thirty years for such crimes. Hill has been at liberty on a bond, appealing from the two-year pocket picking sentence. He suddenly lost all interest in the appeal and attempted to surrender. But the authorities refused to take him and insisted on trying him in the bank robbery.

Hill's attorney, Sigmund Rasa, came into court with an application for a writ to get Hill into the penitentiary.

NAYLOR-COLLINS CHARTERED.

Lumber Company Capitalized at $50,000 In Austin.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 24.—Chartered, Naylor-Collins Co., Wichita Falls, capital stock $50,000, lumber; incorporators, G. D. Collins, H. J. Naylor, L. Collins.

Walker Construction Co., Wichita Falls, capital stock $5,000; incorporators, M. D. Walker, J. C. Mytinger, E. C. Buelteman.

You might as well endorse notes. If you're that easy, somebody else would get it anyway.

If he talks to her for hours about himself, he loves her; but not as much as he loves himself.

A THREE DAYS' COUGH IS YOUR DANGER SIGNAL

Chronic coughs and persistent colds lead to serious lung trouble. You can stop them now with Creomulsion, an emulsified creosote that is pleasant to take. Creomulsion is a new medical discovery with twofold action; it soothes and heals the inflamed membranes and kills the germ.

Of all known drugs, creosote is recognized by the medical fraternity as the greatest healing agency for the treatment of chronic coughs and colds and other forms of throat and lung troubles. Creomulsion contains, in addition to creosote, other healing elements which soothe and heal the inflamed membranes and stop the irritation and inflammation, while the creosote goes on to the stomach, is absorbed into the blood, attacks the seat of the trouble and destroys the germs that lead to consumption.

Creomulsion is guaranteed satisfactory in the treatment of chronic coughs and colds, bronchial asthema catarrhal bronchitis and other forms of throat and lung disease and is excellent for building up the system after colds or the flu. Money refunded if any cough or cold, no matter of how long standing, is not relieved after taking according to directions. Ask your druggist. Creomulsion Co., Atlanta, Ga.—Adv.

A Feeling of Security

You naturally feel secure when you know that the medicine you are about to take is absolutely pure and contains no harmful or habit producing drugs.

Such a medicine is Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, kidney, liver and bladder medicine.

The same standard of purity, strength and excellence is maintained in every bottle of Swamp-Root.

It is scientifically compounded from vegetable herbs.

It is not a stimulant and is taken in teaspoonful doses.

It is not recommended for everything.

It is nature's great helper in relieving and overcoming kidney, liver and bladder troubles.

A sworn statement of purity is with every bottle of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root.

If you need a medicine, you should have the best. On sale at all drug stores in bottles of two sizes, medium and large.

However, if you wish first to try this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention this paper.

BRITISH IRISH AT OUTS.

Delicate Problem Raised Again By Latest Dispute.

GENEVA, Dec. 24—(AP)—The delicate problem of the relations between the component parts of the British empire has been raised anew by Ireland's throwing down the gauntlet of diplomatic revolt against the mother country. Ireland today added to the strenuous subject of Christmas events already before the league through the Albanian and German problems, by notifying the Geneva peace organization that she entirely dissents from the views of Great Britain denying Ireland's right to register the famous Anglo-Irish treaty, which transformed Ireland into a state of free men.

TWO DEAD IN SAN ANTONIO

Man and Mother Found With Bottle of Camphor Near.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 24—A. H. Schnelle and his mother, Mrs. Sofia Schnelle, 75, 825 East Guenther street, were found dead in a bedroom at their home at 7 o'clock tonight. Mrs. Schnelle's daughter who was found unconscious in the room is in a critical condition.

A bottle labeled "spirits of camphor" was found near the bodies.

Trotzky, Maligned and Exiled, Still Keeps His Peace

Russian Red Leader Now a Storm Center in Soviet Ridden Nation

MOSCOW, Dec. 2 —(AP)—Although Trotzky now is out of the political arena and far removed from the bitter party strife of Moscow, attacks upon him, both from within and without the communist party, continue unceasingly.

No man in American public life, even in the heat of the bitterest election campaign, has had to face such a merciless fire of censure and condemnation as has been directed against the soviet war chief for the last six weeks.

All Blame for Him.

All the sins and short comings and faults of the bolshevik regime have been visited upon his head.

Throughout the fusillade Trotzky remains silent, alone and broken in the Caucasus where he has gone to restore his health. Although he is in admittedly poor physical shape, there is no note of sympathy for the man who hitherto has ranked as next only in fame and power to Lenine.

It is inaccurate to say that Trotzky has been either expelled from the communist party or banished from office as foreign dispatches have announced. The present campaign against him is confined wholly to politics which probably will continue until the communist party congress meets in March and pronounces final judgment on his alleged heresy in departing from the orthodox communist principles and violating party discipline. Whatever the issue may be, some time probably will elapse before he returns to his duties.

An interesting aspect of the present stage of the capaign is the fact that the attacks are directed toward Trotzky's personal characteristics and his numerous dissensions with the communist party during the last seven years which are now revealed.

Tried to Resign.

Various bolshevik leaders have made known for the first time that Trotzky tendered his resignation many times—whenever the central committee of the party attempted to interfere in any branch of his activities, especially in his administration of military measures during the civil war. In no case was his resignation accepted, but he was forced to submit to party instructions.

Coincidental with the discussions of his theories and peculiarities of the revolution efforts are being made to destroy his personal popularity among the masses and the red army by making it appear that his part in the bolshevik upheaval was a relatively minor one as compared with the collective effort of the communist party as a whole.

So thorough is the campaign against him that no phase of his political life is spared in order to convince the peasants, workers and soldiers of his alleged lack of supremacy during the revolution.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

TO EVERYBODY

S. R. Glidewell

Jeweler

813-B Indiana Ave.

PALACE Theatre

Tuesday, Dec. 30th

Nicoall, Welch and DeMilt PRESENT

LAWRENCE WEBER'S LITTLE JESSIE JAMES WITH THE JAMES BOYS & PAUL WHITEMAN BAND

The hurricane musical comedy, bringing complete destruction to the blues.

A tornado of melody and mirth.

The most versatile chorus in the history of the theater.

Prices $1, $1.50, $2, $2.50 Plus Tax

Merry Christmas!

—We extend our hearty good wishes for a joyful Christmas and a New Year filled with success and prosperity.

Noble-Little Hardware Co.

713-15 INDIANA AVE.

To our many friends and patrons

WE EXTEND CORDIAL

YULETIDE GREETINGS

Wish you every happiness this

Christmas

and each day throughout the

New Year

NASH-KING MOTOR CO.

Distributors Nash Automobiles

1012-14 Scott Ave. Phone 6808

Merry Christmas

May this be the happiest holiday season you have ever known.

The Army Store

609 EIGHTH ST.

Christmas

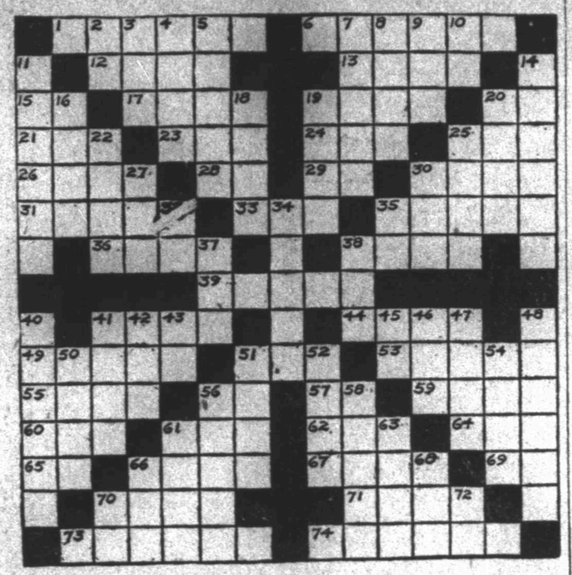
At this Christmas season, we pause to extend our sincere thanks to the housewives of Wichita Falls for their hearty acceptance of Belle of Wichita flour.

The favor with which they have received this product of our mills has aided greatly our success during the past year.

To every hearth fire in Wichita Falls this Yuletide, and to friends out of the city, we pledge our Christmas wish for joy and mirth during the holiday season, and a New Year of peace and plenty.

WICHITA MILL & ELEVATOR CO.

Cross-Word Puzzle



Yesterday's Puzzle Answered.

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Every number in the form represents the beginning of a word reading either horizontally or vertically. If there is a black square to the left of the number, the word is horizontal; if above it, the word is vertical. The same number may of course, begin both a horizontal and a vertical. The definitions for the correct words to fill the form are found below, with numbers corresponding to those on the form. Run through the definitions till you find one that you recognize, and put it in its proper place on the form, one letter for each white square. This will furnish several cross-clues to the words linking with it at right angles. Continue in this manner till the form is completely filled. If you have solved the puzzle correctly, it should read both horizontally and vertically with words corresponding to the definitions.

Tetracrucifform

A mystical design combined with everyday words shorter than the name it bears.

Horizontal.

1. Unsteady.
6. Appoint.
12. Remotely.
13. Besides.
15. Upon.
17. Worry.
19. Bang.
20. Fourth tone of musical scale.
21. A bark or yelp.
23. Pooh!
24. Climbing plant.
25. Purpose.
26. Poisonous sap of Malaysian trees.
28. Toward.
29. Perform.
30. Hireling or serf.
31. A drink made of wine, water, and lemon juice, sweetened.
33. Employ.
35. Made of oak.
36. Black.
38. Practical application of knowledge (plural).
39. Without life.
41. Temporary quarters.
44. Gain.
49. Foolish.
51. Priest's vestment.
53. Heaths (Scot.)
55. Faithful.
56. Either.
57. Advertisement (abbr.)
59. Province of Greece.
60. A small deer.
61. Energy.
62. Bony rod attached to the spine.
64. A bird.
65. One, or any.
66. Ornamental plant.
67. Used to allure a fish.
69. Unit of printer's measure.
70. Poison.
71. To invade suddenly.
73. Desist.
74. Medicinal herb.

Vertical.

2. God of midday sun.
3. Aside from a main track.
4. Complete dress.
5. Vast.
7. Proviso.
8. Put to death.
9. Doctrine or system.
10. Depart.
11. A large serpent of America.
14. Mourn.
16. Back of the neck.
18. Familiar pronoun.
19. Lateral.
20. Elegant.
22. Male servant.
25. Inquires.
27. Total.
30. Consume.
32. Therefore.
34. Shallow.
35. Else.
37. Surface of fibres.
38. Consumed.
40. Pertainin to stars.
41. Guide.
42. Beverage.
43. Possessive pronoun.
45. Part of "be."
46. Grieve.
47. African river.
48. Take.
50. Common metal.
51. Host.
52. Sharp point.
54. Element of poetry.
56. Appointed.
58. Record of daily events.
61. Slender plant.
63. Prejudice.
66. Resinous substance.
68. It is.
70. Happen
72. Execute.

NO COTTON FUTURES, GA.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 23.—Nineteen indictments charging violation of the Georgia law prohibiting dealing in futures, today were returned against New York brokers by the Fulton county grand jury.

STEAL CARS; GO WEST

Louis Trio Held For Violating Dyer Act In California.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23—Charged with stealing five automobiles to make their way to California, Leslie Crump, Ethel Whitt and Eugene Henderson, all of St. Louis, were held for alleged violation of the Dyer act when they arrived here today. The trio are said to have stolen cars in St. Louis and several other cities.

DIRIGIBLE TRIP DROPPED.

LAKE HURST, N. J., Dec. 23.—The projected Christmas eve flight of the dirigible Los Angeles over New York City was called off by the navy department in a message sent to the Lake Hurst naval air station tonight. No explanation of the change in plans was contained in the message.

Merry Christmas

—Our wish is that all our friends and customers have a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Kaufman & Levin

706 Ohio

A Merry Xmas to All

We desire to express our hearty appreciaton of your patronage during the past year and trust that our service to you has been such as will merit its continuance. May your Christmas be a merry one and may the bright lights of prosperity attend you unfailingly throughout the new year.

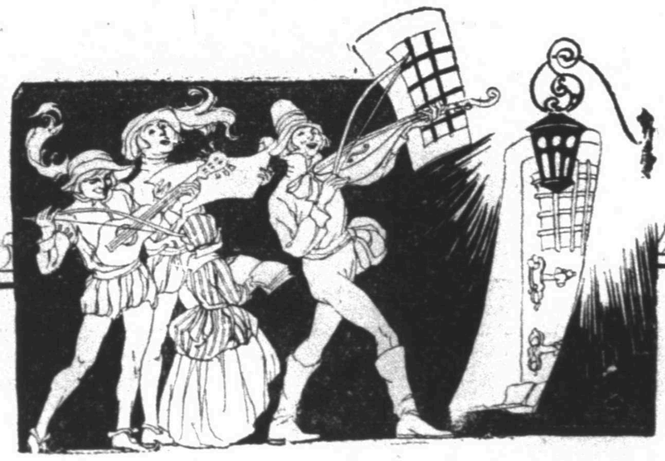
Williams-Dwyer Co.

704 Ninth Street Phone 3226

A Hearty Christmas Greeting to You All.

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9TH ST AT 824 INDIANA



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wichita Falls Electric Co.

To Our FRIENDS and CUSTOMERS

The success of our business during the year 1924 is attributed to the generous patronage and cordial friendship received from folks of this community. To each and every one who has been instrumental in forwarding the progress of this store, and to every other citizen of Northwest Texas, we extend a hearty Christmas wish and hope the New Year will be filled with health, happiness and prosperity.

Ludlam & Riggs

"Correct Dress for Men."

Eighth Street At Scott Avenue

Next door to Tipton's

Fifth Avenue the Foremost Thoroughfare in American Life

In a century the avenue has grown northward from Washington Square through what in 1824 was open country, and now has become "a great business street of dignity and importance and an index to the prosperity and power of the United States."

J. George Frederick in Current History:

Fifth Avenue in the city of New York, if not one of the oldest or most picturesque streets or one of those most thickly clustered with historical associations, is nevertheless known throughout the world as distinctive of American life. Because it has been so long the most fashionable street of the Western Hemisphere, is is intimately connected with significant phases of American social and national history. With the close of the first century since the famous thoroughfare was opened and the attendant celebrations which took place in November, 1924, the moment is opportune for a brief historical survey beginning that day in 1824 when the city fathers, sitting in a little old building, and regarding the matter as mere routine business, passed an ordiance opening up the avenue from the Washington Arch to Thirteenth street.

At that time the area in which Fifth avenue had its beginning was one of vacant lots, with country homes, fields, marshland and woods—still marked with Indian trails—stretching up beyond this "farthest north" of the future great city. The assessed valuation of this Fifth avenue section—the first Manhattan knew of the now imposing world renowned name—was then only $14,000. Such a paltry sum at that time would have laid the foundation, if invested in Fifth avenue, of a fortune a hundred years hence for grandchildren to enjoy that would have totaled $8,128,000.

Many decades ago the site of the Waldorf-Astoria was occupied by what would appear today to be a very common brownstone mansion at the corner of Thirty-third street and Fifth avenue. The rest of the block was quite empty. This was the Astor residence, and Astor was the man who more than any other possessed the faculty of visualizing the rapidity with which land values would increase in New York. When the Waldorf-Astoria changed hands for more than 12 million dollars, that property went out of the Astor ownership for the first time in all these many decades.

Developed Rapidly.

The centenary of Fifth avenue occurred just about the time of the completion of new assessments of the city real estate values, and after an elaborate and difficult computation, it became possible to disclose the principal facts as to the valuation of the different sections along the thoroughfares as follows:

Section	Year of Valuation	Old Valuation	1924 Valuation
Arch to 13 st	1876	$ 14,600	$ 8,128,000
13th to 23d st	1876	405,000	29,541,500
23d to 34th st	1833	246,500	61,974,000
34th to 49th st	1838	138,000	71,807,000
49th to 86th st	1841	227,000	238,811,000
86th to 110 st	1841	175,000	25,787,000

The avenue was opened up in sections as the city grew northward and attained its full growth only when Central Park was completed and the avenue stretched to its northern terminus along the eastern side of the great park. Its first character, as a street, was, of course, residential, and became the line of travel of the aristocracy from the southern part of the city. From Greenwich Village flowing from Washington Square along the avenue, the wealthy residence section moved at a pace scarcely known in any other city as large as New York. In most of the great cities of the world the residential areas occupied by the rich are much more stable; but in New York the restless pressure of new social classes that arose in rapid succession found expression in the seizure of the better residential sections by the socially ambitious. From the Civil War onward until more recent times Fifth avenue was a fairly stable residential area of the aristocracy; but it was maintained as such only by offering the greatest resistence to the ever-expanding needs of the business community around it.

Society Was Routed.

When the retail establishments began to move into the avenue, its career as an aristocratic residential street was ended. Shoppers of the upper middle classes were attracted in large numbers, and the last stand of the wealthy New Yorkers who wanted to live on Fifth avenue shifted to a zone in the Fifties and above Fifty-ninth street and along the park. The story of this last stand of the wealthy residents is one of unlimited wealth brought into the breach, but all to no avail. The leader in this struggle was John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who lived on West Fifty-fourth street, near the avenue. His pride was a rock garden in the rear of this home. When the retail establishments which had spread along the lower part of Fifth avenue gradually pressed upon the Fifties and in fact appeared to select it as an especially attractive section because of the presence of wealth, Mr. Rockefeller made one of the most determined and expensive fights of his career. His agents watched carefully every move of the property owners in the section and were on the spot promptly when anyone among them appeared to think of selling. In competition with every possible buyer, Mr. Rockefeller never hesitated to pay beyond the known value at the current assessment of a property, and usually secured it. He had acquired fully twenty-four parcels of property at a cost of over 10 million dollars and appeared to be winning the fight when, despite his great wealth, he had to capitulate. While his agents were napping some one bought a property which overlooked his rock garden. Mr. Rockefeller lost heart, but was not ready to yield until a census was taken to ascertain the attitude of property owners throughout the entire section in the Fifties, which it was aimed to pre-empt for residence purposes. The figures were thoroughly dampening to any ambition for exclusiveness, for 30 per cent of the property owners were indifferent as to whether or not business encroached upon the zone, 54 per cent were definitely ready to surrender to the oncoming rush and only 7 per cent were with the protagonists of exclusiveness. The power of the dollar thus overcame the forces of snobbery and "society" was routed from its last stronghold on lower Fifth avenue. On upper Fifth avenue along Central Park a parallel struggle with a parallel result was meanwhile taking place. The sightseeing cars have for decades been pointing out the mansions of the exceptionally rich now in this section of Fifth avenue—the palaces of Vincent Astor, Harry Payne Whitney, Otto Kahn, Henry C. Phipps, Harry F. Sinclair and the old residence of Senator Clark of Montana. These men had relied upon making a successful fight to limit the height of buildings to seventy-five feet in the territory. But with the rapid development of the apartment house other strong forces began to work to open up the section to this kind of building.

The Association's Work.

Fifth avenue, is nevertheless, a proud and wealthy and a restricted street—the first street of the land. It deserves this characterization, not only because of its history and its associations, but because of the most sagacious management of its inhabitants. There is probably no group of merchants in the world that has co-operated with such success, nor combatted more triumphantly such handicaps as have the business men who formed and carry on the Fifth avenue association. Their methods and ideas have become models for similar efforts throughout the United States and abroad. The association was the creation of a man with artistic instincts, as well as business capacity. Robert Grier Cook, who founded it, was the first to appreciate not only the possible artistry of the street but the business wisdom of maintaining its prestige and character.

Fifth avenue is a great potential paradise for beggars. Constant vigilance is necessary to keep them off the avenue. Almost one thousand arrests a month take place; or about thirty every day are necessary for the protection of the avenue from mendicants.

The uniformly good taste of the window and front displays on the avenue is a matter of frequent note. By common agreement the merchants of Fifth avenue restrict the number and kind of signs used. In addition, these merchants have agreed not to have window displays lighted at night. They are entirely willing to give Broadway a monopoly of blazing electricity. Another feature of Fifth avenue is that the association does not desire crowds of people on the avenue at night or on Sundays.

The Fifth Avenue association maintains an anti-nuisance committee of fifteen members, who have taken the oath of service in the city's sanitary reserve, and wear badges of authority which enable them to act peremptorily in their vigilance work of protecting the avenue. They endeavor to eliminate uncovered refuse receptacles, the dropping of waste matter, expectoration on the sidewalks, unnecessary smoke from buildings and motor cars, and other nuisances. They discourage and prevent signs, bill posting, noises trucking and sidewalk shipping abuses, and loitering. Executives from the association make inspections every day, both day and night, to keep the avenue up to these preciously maintained standards. In addition, the association makes ample preparations in advance for especially prompt snow removal.

New Trade Centers.

The most striking triumph of the association was the co-ordination of action which resulted in the exodus of the garment factories from Fifth avenue and the formation of the garment capital, a zone in another part of the city on Seventh avenue. Prevention of factories in a zone reaching from Thirty-fourth street north to Central Park between Seventh and Third avenue, was the result of agreement. No manufacturing plants were to be permitted in the entire zone. A district on Seventh avenue centering around Thirty-sixth street was developed, and now is a skyscraper district, splendidly adapted for the concentrated, specialized textile industries.

Fifth avenue now, from Thirty-fourth to Fifty-ninth street, maintains its character without hindrance. Even the recent coming of Woolworth's 5 and 10 cent stores and Childs restaurants, although somewhat proletarian in character, have in no way detracted from the dignity of the avenue.

Some new trade centers are now finding their equilibrium in well planned zones. Madison avenue has had an interesting development and is beginning a silk center at Thirty-fourth street. A jewelry center is taking shape in the neighborhood of Forty-seventh street and Fifth avenue. Maiden Lane is losing its century-old jewelry prestige in favor of the new center uptown. The entire retail zone is being reanimated by some of the building developments on upper Fifth avenue. The widening of Madison and Lexington avenues, the elimination of the Sixth avenue elevated spur and other improvements within this zone tend to enhance its value. One of the definite evidences of the Fifth Avenue association's foresight has been its thorough co-operation with merchants in other parts of the zone for the general good.

The Rise In Value.

Robert Grier Cooke, who, when he died, had been president of the Fifth Avenue association for seventeen years, had recently returned from a tour of Paris, Berlin, London and Edinburgh, where he studied civic conditions. In London he learned that a Bond Street association had been formed along the lines and under the inspiration of the Fifth Avenue association. Regent street had also been engaged in forming such an association. Mr. Cooke found that the fame of Fifth avenue was very wide abroad and that its reputation as a street rested quite as much upon its sagacious management as upon its unique charatter and history.

The proof of the value of the careful development of Fifth avenue lies in the extraordinary rises in value that have occurred. Some of these are classic instances of how land values increase. The history of the southwest corner of Thirty-fifth street and Fifth avenue may be taken as one of more than usual interest. August Belmont, in 1852, bought it for $35,000, little more than one-half of the commission on the sale of the same property in 1905 at $1,100,000. Again the northwest corner of Forty-second street and Fifth avenue, which in 1902 was leased for twenty years at rental of $53,000, was in 1921 re-leased at $395,000 a year; a sum equivalent to 5 per cent interest on $7,900,000. Probably the one and one-half miles of midtown Fifth avenue represents more valuable real estate than any similar district throughout the world.

Fifth avenue is today a great democratic business street belonging to no particular group, but becoming like most other American institutions, free from the snobbery of class and based upon the actual conditions of an ever-widening wealth distribution. It is a great business street of dignity, importance, pleasure-giving artistry and usefulness, and an index to the prosperity and power of the United States.

THE MULE IS "COMING BACK."

Kansas Authority Finds a New Demand for Animals.

HAYS, Kan.—The mule is staging a "come-back," in the opinion of John O'Laughlin, mule dealer, and Ellis county's representative in the state legislature. And when the subject of conversation is mules, Mr. O'Laughlin generally is recognized as an authority in western Kansas.

For the last two weeks Mr. O'Loughlin, whose business now is selling motor cars, but who for 40 years bought and sold mules, has been motoring over a large territory, including southern Kansas and central Oklahoma, just to discover what is doing in muledom. On his return home he declared that the mule is regaining his lost prestige—being resurrected from mule oblivion, as it were, and put on a par for general utility with farm tractors, perhaps. At least in spots.

"I find Kansas City is developing again into a 'mule center'," Mr. O'Loughlin said. "In fact, there is more buying and selling of mules now than in a number of years. Mule buyers from eastern points and from the Pacific coast are now coming to this territory to buy their mules."

JAIL CLAIMS A "SCION."

New Favorite at Wellington, Kan., Sought as Thief.

WELLINGTON, Kan.—Michigan authorities were on the way to Wellington tonight to take back to Ludington Earl C. Madole, alias J. H. Hammond, 23, arrested here on charges of larceny, embezzlement and motor car theft. Officers here said he would waive extradition.

Early in December Madole came to Wellington and boasted, police said, he was J. H. Hammond, scion of a multi-millionaire family of Detroit. Rumors of his alleged wealth soon were heard about town and he became popular. Leading citizens played golf with him, feted him and spent money lavishly on the visitor.

Thursday a cloud rose over his social horizon. He was convicted in police court on a statutory charge. In his room at a hotel, letters were found which established his identity. Ludington authorities were notified.

SILVER PLATE ON EXHIBIT.

Treasure Taken From Austrian Castle Now Displayed in London.

LONDON.—Hundreds of pieces of solid silver plate, part of the vast treasure of silver and silver gilt from the castle in Gmunden, Austria, of the late Duke of Cumberland, have been placed on show in a London salesroom. It is said that the castle was at one time equipped with enough silver to serve 1,000 guests without duplication of pieces, and that the collection included 9,600 solid silver dinner plates. The total weight of the silver was estimated at ten tons.

There's small choice. If you're brutal to a bore you feel ashamed; if you're not he comes back.

THEY ALL PAY NOW

"Preference" Passengers On Big Liners to Pay Full Rates.

NEW YORK.—Leading trans-Atlantic passenger line operators have abolished the preference system whereby socially or professionally prominent people have been able to ride the ocean in first class accommodations upon payment of steerage rates of fares.

The action was taken by the trans-Atlantic passenger conference representing the United States Line, the United American, North German-Lloyd, Cunard, White Star and French lines.

Officials said that "preference" passengers had come to comprise upward of 50% of all first class traffic, that abolition of preference would save the steamship operators hundreds of thousands of dollars each year; and that actors and society folk who almost invariably rode "preference" because of their publicity value to the lines, would be hardest hit by the new regime.

FORGOT FILM STAR'S JEWELS

Husband of Dorothy Gish Admits Error and Pays Customs Penalty

NEW YORK.—Jewelry worth $8,500, belonging to Dorothy Gish, motion picture actress, which was seized by customs officials on her arrival here from Europe last month, was returned to her husband, James Rennie, today, after he had sent to the collector of customs a check for $12,900.

Rennie said that he had forgotten to list the jewelry on his wife's declaration blank, which he had filled out for her at the time he made his own, and accepted full responsibility for the omission.

The difference between the value of the jewels and the amount paid for their redemption represented the duties plus the penalty imposed by the government, customs men said.

BANDITS GET SENTENCES

Illinois Thugs Sent to Long Terms in State Penitentiary.

WATERLOO, Ills.—Arthur Hornberger, 18, North Venice, Ills., Jesse Stoneking, 23, St. Louis, Mo., Cyrus Brinkley, 33, and Arthur Edgar, 32, both of East St. Louis, Ills., who were convicted of tht $11,000 robbery of the First National bank of Columbia, Ills., Sept. 3, last, have been sentenced to from 10 years to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary at Chester, Ills.

C. Green and J. Ripley, said to be implicated in the robbery are held at Shawnee, Okla., waiting trial in connection with an $18,000 bank robbery there.

MANY DEAD IN MOSCOW?

Sanguinary Fighting Over Issue of "Trotzkyism" Is Reported.

BUCHAREST.—Meager dispatches filtering through from Odessa indicate that a condition bordering on civil war exists in Moscow over the issue of "Trotzkyism."

Terrific fighting between opposing forces is reported to have resulted in many dead and wounded.

Leon Trotzky, commissar of war in Russia, is reported to be backed by the red army. A climax to Trotzky's differences with his soviet compatriots came when Trotzky had his soldiers arrest Stalin, general secretary of the communist party. Stalin was placed in jail charged with having falsely accused Trotzky of being a traitor.

Rykoff, president of the council of soviet commissars, went personally to the jail and sought to have Stalin released. The soldiers on guard defied him.

This, according to reports, brought a clash between the Trotzky and Rykoff factions. Government troops were reported to have stormed and completely wrecked the barracks of the Trotzky followers.

APOLOGY FOR ILLEGAL RAID

Oregon Dry Official Must Make Amends to British Ship Master

PORTLAND, Ore.—An international complication had been avoided, it was announced, when George Cleaver, state prohibition commissioner agreed to apologize to the master of a British vessel, the London Merchant. Cleaver and 25 assistants raided the London Merchant Wednesday night and seized the ship's liquor that had been under seal. Cleaver then was arrested on a federal warrant charging illegal search and seizure.

The state officer agreed, in the presence of the United States attorney and the attorneys for the British vessel, to return all liquor seized; write a letter of apology to the vessel's captain; admit he exceeded his authority; admit a mistaken view of his powers as a state officer, and admit his raid was not based on evidence of law violation.

The incident had been reported to the British consul before the letter was drafted and it is expected the federal charges will be dropped.

WINS VALUABLE RING.

Court Decision Gives $15,000 Jewel to Man to Whom It Was Willed.

ANAMOSA, Iowa.—Court decision has given George Keefe Bleakley, Leavenworth, Kansas, possession of a rare ring valued at $15,000. The ring was willed by Manville Chaplin and called for his antidotes three. to a relative but the will was contested.

It was shown the ring had been given to Chaplin by Mrs. Marietta Keefe with the understanding that, at his death, it was to go to her brother, Bleakley.

MUSICAL RADIO TIMEPIECE.

Stockholm to Give Correct Hour Through Air by Means of Chimes.

STOCKHOLM.—Stockholm is planning, after January 1, to send high noon to all amateur radio stations in the kingdom, and to do so melodiously.

Instead of the metallic click at second intervals, ending with the prolonged signal at the exact hour, as is done in the United States, Swedish listeners will hear the tuneful ring of the city hall chimes, pride of the municipality, and recently completed at a cost of $4,000,000.

POLICE VIENNA STREETS

5,000 Officers Stop Threatened Riots By Unemployed

VIENNA, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Five thousand mounted and foot police patrolled the streets from early morning until late tonight to prevent rioting by the unemployed.

The unemployed, aggregating 20% of all branches of organized labor, passed a resolution which declared if doles were not increased in time for Christmas they would spoil the fun of every one else.

A DEMAND FOR $2.50 PIECES.

Christmas Givers in New York Pay High for Quarter Eagles.

NEW YORK.—The $2.50 gold piece has become so scarce and in such demand among Christmas givers that it is selling for $2.80 and $3 at banks here.

The Federal Reserve bank has only a small supply of the quarter eagles on hand because these coins have not been minted since 1915 and are disappearing rapidly from circulation.

And so there is "less friction" in prohibition enforcement. Greasing the palms seems to help.

Winter is a season when a car at the side of the road doesn't mean camping or vamping.

At times you wonder whether S. R. O. stands for "Standing Room Only" or "Some Rotten Orchestra."

Old King Cole was a merry old soul; a merry old soul was he. He called for his moonshine liquor bowl, and called for his antidotes three.



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Wichita Falls.

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Cotton HOLIDAY MARKET PRICES ARE FIRM | Grain WHEAT TOUCHES NEW SEASON'S HIGH | Stocks COPPER VALUES GO TO NEW PEAKS | Livestock CATTLE STRONG; HOGS ACTIVE

Cotton

NEW YORK COTTON.

Cotton futures closed barely steady.

	High	Low	Close	Prev. Close
Jan.	23.80	23.31	23.50-55	23.37
March ...	24.01	23.75	23.90-95	23.78
May	24.33	24.11	24.25-30	24.15
July	24.46	24.26	24.37-40	24.28
Oct.	23.97	23.73	23.97	23.74
Dec.	23.43	23.25	23.33	23.38

Opening: January 23.35; March 23.80; May 24.13; July 24.34; October 23.78; December 23.33 at noon.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—While manifesting holiday characteristics so far as business was concerned, the cotton market today displayed a good deal of firmness at times, chiefly in response to belated covering of shorts for over the holiday. At best levels of the day, active months were 23 to 32 points net higher; January reaching 23.69 and March 24.01, but part of this was lost near the close under realizing. Final prices were 9 to 23 points net higher with the tone barely steady.

The market opened steady, 8 points lower to 5 higher. More than the usual amount of interest was shown in the December position which terminated at noon with a sale of 23.33 after having sold up to 23.43 in the forenoon, or 5 points net higher. A good deal of the trade in that position represented late covering. For a time the market displayed heaviness, January sagging to 23.31 and March to 23.75, or 3 to 6 points et lower, due to the selling by spot interests, New Orleans and commission houses. Rains throughout the central and eastern belts, together with a forecast of more cold weather in the southwest also increased the selling pressure in October. Mill interests bought cotton on weak spots and developed an oversold condition among room traders, which eventually resulted in a strong upward movement continuing almost to the close.

Exports today 33,671, making 4,087,766 so far this season. Port receipts 45,469. U. S. port stocks 1,620,567.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Cotton futures closed steady at net advances of 15 to 17 points.

	High	Low	Close	Prev. Close
Jan.	23.79	23.46	23.73-75	23.58
March ...	23.94	23.54	23.88-90	23.71
May	24.51	23.95	24.17-20	24.01
July	24.28	24.04	24.26-27	24.10
Oct.	23.60	23.40	23.56-60	23.41
Dec.	23.60	23.53	23.55	23.65

Opening: December 23.57; January 23.46; March 23.58; May 23.96; July 24.03 bid; October 23.30 bid.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Although the cotton market was largely a holiday affair today it developed a fair degree of activity in the afternoon mainly on covering by January shorts, owing to reports that trade interests are prepared to promptly stop all January notices that may be issued. The advance was also a slight recession from the highest near the end, the close showed net gains of 15 points on January and 17 on March.

At the start the market was a shade easier owing to the fact that Liverpool came in lower than due.

First trades showed losses of 6 to 13 points and right after the call, January traded at 23.46, March at 23.54 and May at 23.95 or 6 to 17 points below the previous close. These prices proved to be the lows of the day. The advance became more rapid in the afternoon and trading more active. At the highest of the afternoon, January traded up to 23.79, March to 23.94 and May to 24.51 or 26 to 40 points up from the lows. There was a mild recession at the end and the close showed net gains for the day of 15 to 17 points.

The initial cause of the improvement was the prompt stoppage of about 17,000 bales of December notices which were circulated. The December position went out at noon at 23.55.

Later on the market advanced on coverings by January shorts who had become uneasy over reports that trade interests holding the long contracts in January were prepared to demand delivery. The first notice day for January will be Friday, December 26, and large tenders are looked for both here and in New York.

Exports for the day totaled 33,671 and exports for the season passed the four million mark today, reaching 4,023,408 bales.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON SURVEY.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24. — Some eleventh hour liquidation in December and liquidation in January in advance of first notice day upset the market a little at the start. At the lowest values were only 12 to 13 lower than the previous close. The resisting power of the market and promptness with which the notices for December tenders were taken up soon checked the selling. Rumors to the effect that large spot interests were prepared to take up all cotton tendered on January next Friday had a reassuring effect and checked the liquidation in that month. As a result of this values rallied 33 to 36 points from the low in the afternoon and ended with a small net gain.

About 17,000 bales were tendered on December here before noon. When trading stopped, and the notices were stopped as fast as issued.

Rumors were also current at the start that about 50,000 bales of the cotton taken up on December would be re-tendered on January next Friday. There was also talk of large tenders in New York.

Reports that all cotton tendered either here or New York would be stopped by large spot interests and the strength of the other markets were the sustaining influences in the late trading. Heavy export movement and fact that exports have passed the four million mark nearly two months ahead of last year was also helpful.—Fenner and Beane to Flowerree and Co.

LOCAL COTTON.

Spot up slightly on the last trading day before the holiday in all market, bringing the price to around 22.85 for middling staple in northwest Texas markets Wednesday.

DALLAS COTTON.

DALLAS, Dec. 24.—Middling cotton, 23.00; Houston 23.70; Galveston 23.80.

Grain

CHICAGO GRAIN.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—In a lively upturn during the late transactions, wheat today overtopped any prices which December delivery or May had heretofore attained this season. Rye also touched a new high price record for 1924. Announcement of 4,132,000 bushels falling off in the world's available supply of wheat was a stimulating factor. Wheat closed strong, 2¼c to 3¾c net higher, May 1.76⅞ @1.76¾ and July 1.50⅝ to 1.50¾, with corn ⅛ to 1¼c up, oats showing ⅛ to 1¼c advance, and provisions varying from 7c decline to a rise of 27c.

Corn prices gains were due to the wheat market bulge, an influence which finally more than offset talk that corn crop shortage had been discounted for at least the time being. Oats, even more than corn, were responsive to wheat strength.

Lard was weakened by packers selling but meat prices were bid up sharply.

Wheat—	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	1.70¾	1.73⅝	1.69⅝	1.73
May	1.73⅛	1.76¾	1.72⅝	1.76¾
July	1.49	1.51⅝	1.48⅝	1.50⅝
Corn—				
Dec.	1.24⅝	1.24⅝	1.23⅜	1.24⅛
May	1.29⅝	1.29⅝	1.28⅝	1.29⅝
July	1.29⅞	1.30⅛	1.29⅛	1.30¼
Oats—				
Dec.	.58¼	.59¼	.58⅝	.59¼
May	.63⅜	.64⅛	.63	.64⅛
Rye—				
Dec.	1.48	1.50	1.47⅜	1.50
May	1.51⅛	1.56¼	1.51⅛	1.55⅝
July	1.34⅜	1.36⅜	1.34⅛	1.36⅜
Lard—				
Jan.	16.50	16.55	16.45	16.55
May	16.95	16.95	16.82	16.92
Ribs—				
Jan.	15.22	15.37	15.22	15.37
May	15.62	15.77	15.62	15.75
Bellies—				
Jan.	—	—	—	15.85
May	—	—	—	16.35

KANSAS CITY CASH GRAIN.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—Wheat: No. 2 hard 1.64¼@1.79¼; No. 2 red 1.81@1.85.

Corn: No. 3 white 1.17@1.17½; No. 2 yellow 1.18@1.18½.

Oats: No. 2 white 59½@60c; No. 3 white 58½@59c.

CHICAGO GRAIN.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Wheat: No. 3 red 1.81¼.

Corn: No. 4 mixed 1.19¼@1.20; No. 2 yellow 1.20.

Oats: No. 2 white 60@60¼c; No. 3 white 56½@58½c.

Livestock

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Cattle 9,000; strong to 25c higher; best yearlings 11.50; fed steers 8.50@10.50; fat cows and heifers fairly active at upturns; weighty kosher cows 6.75 and better; canners 2.85@2.75; bologna bulls 4.00@4.25; vealers to packers 10.50@12.50; outsiders 12.50@13.50.

Hogs 26,000; fairly active; mostly steady; top 10.60; butchers 10.10@10.45; mediums 9.85@10.00; lights 9.25@9.75; sows 9.60@9.90; pigs strong to 25c higher; bulk 7.75@8.25; estimated holdover 10,000.

KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—Cattle: 4,000; calves 800; higher; top yearlings 11.00; best heavies 9.75; fed steers 7.25@9.50; butcher cows and heifers 3.50@6.00; canners and cutters 2.25@3.25; bologna bulls 3.50@4.00; top veals 10.00, mediums and heavies 4.50@7.50.

Hogs: 10,000; uneven; bulk of sales 9.50@10.00; packing sows 9.50@9.60; stock pigs 6.00@7.00.

FORT WORTH LIVE STOCK.

FORT WORTH, Dec. 24.—Cattle: 300, including 50 calves; steady; beeves 3.50@8.00; stockers 3.25@6.50; cows 2.75@4.25; heifers 3.25@7.75; yearlings 3.50@9.25; bulls 2.50@3.25; calves 2.00@7.00.

Hogs: 600; steady; top 10.35; bulk 10.44@10.15; sows 8.50@9.25; pigs 7.00@8.00.

Sheep: 50; steady; lambs 12.00@14.00; feeders 10.00@12.50; yearlings 9.00@11.50; wethers 7.00@9.25; ewes 7.00@8.50; stockers 3.50@5.00.

LATEST STOCK PRICES

	Sales (In Hundreds)	High	Low	Close
Allied C and D...	14	84½	83½	84½
American Can ...	131	156	152½	154⅝
Am Car and Fdry.	1	188	188	188
Am Inter Corp.	1	32½	32½	32½
Am Locomotive ..	41	100	98⅝	99⅝
American Sugar ..	57	53⅝	52¾	53
Am Tel and Tel..	8	129⅝	129⅛	129⅝
Amo Tobacco	16	87⅛	86⅝	87⅛
Am Woolen	31	64⅝	62⅜	64⅜
Anaconda Copper	209	45	44	45
A T and S Fe...	40	118	117	118
Atlantic Coast L	10	149	149	149
Baldwin Loco ..	51	130⅜	129⅛	130¼
Baltimore and O..	35	79	77⅞	78⅝
Bethlehem Steel ..	10	50	48	48⅝
California Pet ..	13	23¼	23¼	23¼
Canadian Pacific ..	4	150⅛	150⅛	150⅛
Cen Leather pfd.	1	19	19	19
Cerro de Pasco ..	91	52⅛	51	52⅝
Chandler Motor ..	5	36	35⅝	35⅞
Chesapeake and O	50	93⅜	92⅝	93⅜
CM and SP pfd..	11	26⅝	25⅞	25⅞
Chi and N'western	23	71½	70⅜	71⅛
C R I and P....	30	45	44½	45
Chile Copper	27	35⅝	34⅝	35⅜
Coca Cola	17	79½	78⅝	78⅝
Congoleum Co....	56	16	15⅝	15⅝
Consolidated Gas	55	76⅝	76⅛	76⅝
Consolidated Tex	36	4	3⅝	3⅝
Continental Can ..	29	67⅝	66	67⅜
Corn Products	54	49⅝	49⅛	49⅝
Cosden Oil	31	25⅝	25	25⅛
Crucible Steel	12	73⅝	71⅝	73
Cuba C Sugar pfd	79	59¼	57⅞	59⅛
Cuban Am Sugar.	29	29⅝	29⅜	29⅛
Davidson Chem ...	22	45¾	44¼	45⅛
Dupont de Nem...	123	141	136⅝	140⅛
Erie	7	31	30⅝	31
Famous P-L	10	92⅝	91⅝	92⅜
General Asphalt ..	8	97	96⅝	97
General Electric ..	68	293⅜	291	293
General Motors ..	362	63⅜	61	63½
G N pfd	60	73⅝	72⅝	73⅜
Gulf States Steel..	13	85	83¼	85
Houston Oil	8	75⅝	75⅛	75⅝
Illinois Central ..	5	115⅛	115⅛	115⅛
Inter Harvester ..	9	105⅝	104⅛	105⅝
Inter M M pfd...	13	43⅝	43	43½
Invincible Oil	2	14⅜	14⅜	14⅜
ellp Sp'field Tire..	15	17⅜	17⅛	⅛
Kennecott Copper	195	55⅛	53	55⅛
Lou'le and Nash..	1	106	106	106
Mack Truck	63	117⅜	115⅛	117⅛
Mariand Oil	34	87⅛	86⅛	84
Middle States Oil	32	1⅜	1⅛	1⅛
M K T	40	72⅜	71⅜	72⅛
Mo Pac pfd	26	73¼	72⅜	73
N Y Central	45	118⅛	117⅝	118⅝
NYNH and H....	76	31⅛	30½	30⅝
Norfolk and W'rn.	141	131	128½	130
Northern Pac	20	70⅝	70	70⅜
Pacific Oil	81	52	51⅛	52
Pan-Am Pet "B"..	230	62⅛	60⅝	62⅜
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Pennsylvania	34	48⅛	48⅛	48⅛
Phillips Petroleum	25	35⅞	35½	35⅝
Producers and Ref	5	27⅛	27⅛	27⅛
Pure Oil	34	29⅛	28⅝	29⅛
Reading	39	74⅛	72⅝	74⅛
Republic I and S	5	56⅛	55½	56⅛
Sears Roebuck ..	10	145¼	145	145¼
Shell Union Oil..	55	21⅛	20⅝	21⅛
Sinclair Con Oil..	23	16½	16⅛	16⅛
Soc Steel	1	81⅛	81⅛	81⅛
Standard O of Cal.	33	61⅛	60½	61
Standard O of NJ.	131	30	38⅝	38⅝
Stewart Warner ..	54	70⅛	67	70⅛
Studebaker Corp ..	118	45⅜	44⅛	45⅝
Tennessee Copper	34	8⅜	8⅜	8⅜
Texas Company ..	32	40⅞	40⅝	40⅝
Texas and Pacific	22	45⅝	44⅝	45⅝
Tobacco Prod'ts .	4	71⅛	71⅛	71⅛
Transcontinental O	7	4	3⅞	4
Union Pacific	19	149⅛	148⅝	149
U S C I Pipe	135	163	157	160⅛
U S Ind Alcohol.	27	85⅛	83⅜	83⅝
U S Rubber	32	40⅛	39¼	40⅛
U S Steel	182	118⅝	117⅝	118⅛
Utah Copper	2	84½	84½	84½
Virginia C C pfd.	1	2¼	2¼	2¼
West'house Elec ..	11	68⅛	68⅛	68⅝
Willys O'land pfd.	45	74	72⅜	74

Financial

CALL MONEY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24. — Call money, firm; high, low, ruling rate and closing bid 4½; offered at 4¾; last loan 4¼; call loans against acceptances 3½. Time loans, firmer; 60-90 days 3¼@3¾; four-six months 3¾@4; time commercial paper 3¼@3⅝.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24. — Foreign exchanges, steady; quotations in cents: Great Britain demand 470, cables 4.70¼, 60-day bills on banks 4.67½; France demand 5.39, cables 5.39½; Italy 4.26¾ and 4.27½; Belgium 4.97 and 4.97½; Germany demand 23.81; Holland 40.31; Norway 15.01; Sweden 26.93; Denmark 17.60; Switzerland 19.39; Spain 13.91; Greece 1.81; Poland 19¼; Czecho-Slovakia 3.02½; Jugo Slavia 1.51; Austria .0014¼; Rumania .51½; Argentina 39.25; Brazil 11.50; Tokio 38⅝; Montreal 99 23-32.

LIBERTY BONDS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—United States bonds closed: Liberty 3½'s 100.28; first 4¼'s 101.12; second 4¼'s 101.18; government 4¼'s 104.14.

	Inds.	Rails
Wednesday	115.75	101.39
Tuesday	114.82	101.07
Week ago	113.43	102.82
High 1924	115.75	102.96
Low 1924	90.27	81.00

Sales 1,083,700 shares.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Christmas spirit pervaded today's stock market which closed with a strong tone after being reactionary in the earlier days of the week. Twenty one stocks, nearly one-half of them copper issues, attained new peak prices for the year. Trading, however, was of the usual pre-holiday character the day's sales barely exceeding one million shares, making it the smallest full session of any since the post-election boom started. Steady accumulation of the copper issues was in further reflection of the unexpected resumption of dividends by the Anaconda Co., and further stiffening of red metal prices, which now average 14⅞ cents a pound for 1925 deliveries.

American Smelting and Refining led he advance in the copper shares climbing more than 5 points to 95⅝, the highest price since 1917, when it sold above 110. Other issues in that group to break through their previous top prices were Anaconda, Kennecott, Cerro de Pasco, Inspiration, Magma, Federal Mining and Smelting, U. S. Smelting, Butte and Superior and American Zinc preferred.

All the standard issues closed higher on the day, American Can standing out with a gain of two points at 154⅝.

One of the interesting features of the session was the brisk demand for general Motors and Du Pont, suggesting accumulation by powerful interests. Du Pont registered an extreme gain of 4 points at 141, while General Motors touched a new top at 63⅜ and gain of nearly 3 points.

Ludlum Steel scored more than 4 points to 46¼ and a new high in anticipation of an important announcement concerning the company's corporate affairs. Other issues to sell at the year's best prices were Allis Chalmers, Texas Gulf Sulphur, Mack Truck first preferred and Hudson.

Except for gains of nearly 5 points in Ann Arbor common and a good demand for Norfolk and Western, which sold about 2½ points above last night's close, there was little interest in the rail group.

Call money held steady at 4½ per cent with the principal banks showing an inclination to conserve their cash in order to make a good showing in year-end statements. Loans in the "outside market" were reported to be at the rate of 4 per cent. The time money and commercial paper markets held steady with business quiet.

Foreign exchange trading was extremely dull with the principal European rates showing only nominal changes. Demand sterling was quoted just under $4.70 and French francs ruled around 5.39 cents.

CROPS HURT BY COLD.

Outdoor Operators Brought to Stands(ll) Throughout United States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. — Crop and weather conditions for the week ended yesterday were summarized today by the department of agriculture as follows:

Because of cold weather and rains or snows seasonal outdoor operations were at a standstill, except in the south and more eastern states where conditions were favorable for farm operations. In parts of the southwest an unusual amount of plowing for spring planting has been accomplished.

The cold wave moderated before it reached the more southern districts and the damage there to winter truck and other vegetation was small. In the immediate gulf coast sections further rain fall was beneficial and showers were helpful in northern Florida.

Unprotected vegetables were frozen in Arkansas and tender vegetation was killed in Texas.

Warm weather was somewhat unfavorable for citrus fruits in Florida, while on the other hand minimum temperatures of 24 to 26 degrees were reported from the lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas, though the extent of damage has not been determined.

NEW ORLEANS SPOTS.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Spot cotton quiet 15 points up; sales on the spot 467 bales; to arrive none; low middling 22.25; middling 23.75; good middling 24.25; receipts 17,286; stock 448,183.

LIVERPOOL SPOTS.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24. — Cotton spot small business; prices steady. Strict'y good middling 14.09; good middling 13.74; strictly middling 13.54; middling 13.24; strictly low middling 12.94; low middling 12.54; strictly good ordinary 12.14; good ordinary 11.84. Sales 4,000 bales, including 3,700 American; receipts 34,000 bales, including 20,700 American.

SHORE BOAT CAPSIZES.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Dec. 24.—(AP)—There was no loss of life and nobody got wet when a shore boat of the U. S. S. Idaho tied to the ship's boom capsized in the harbor here today in a 35-mile wind. The explanation is that nobody was aboard the craft when she turned over.

Seasons Greetings

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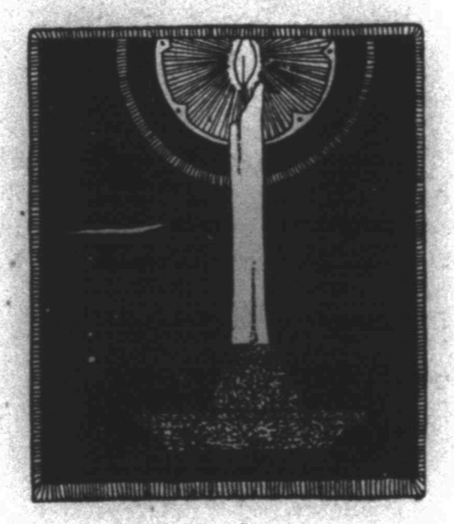


Christmas Greetings and A Happy New Year

To our many patrons and customers, we wish to express our sincere gratitude for the past prosperous year.

And we extend to you, good wishes for a merry Christmas and a splendid New Year.

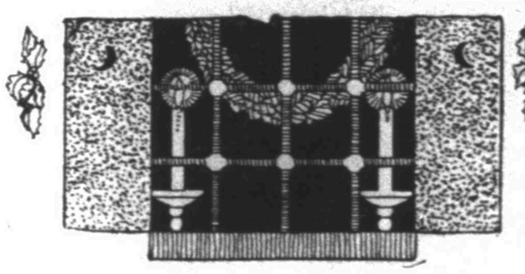
Dr. Manning, Dentist
710½ Indiana Ave.



Best Wishes

To you whose loyal support is responsible for our splendid growth, we extend our thanks and best wishes for a Happy Yuletide season.

H. G. SMITH
Division Freight and Passenger Agent.



Christmas Greetings

To our Friends and Patrons who have played such an important part in our success. We are indeed grateful and wish for you all a Christmas of joy and happiness.

Kruger Jewelry Company

"Where Trading Is a Pleasure."

A Merry, Merry Christmas

To the Big Family of This "Old Reliable" Company.

Reaching back through the space of years our "family" of patrons looms up as a big one. Some of you have grown to riper ages and even some have children who have grown up in the friendship of this business and they too are our patrons.

To know that we have given you the best of our ability in conscientious service and true values always brings peace of mind and satisfied hearts. As we look to the New Year we are thinking and planning of better means to please you and to en large our "family circle' of pleased patrons.

Wichita Home Insurance Co.
Phone 5721
Banking Room
Morgan Bldg.

These Advertisers Have a Cheery Christmas Greeting for You

Classified Rates

Effective June 1, 1924
Rates—Payable in Advance
1 insertion, per word....1½c
3 insertions, per word.....3c
7 insertions, per word 6c
30 insertions, per word 25c

Minimum Rates

One time 25c
Three times 50c
Seven times $1.00
Thirty times $3.00

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We will not assume responsibility for more than one incorrect insertion. When your ad first appears, check it for any possible errors.

All discontinuance orders must be made in writing.

Daily Close

Copy for Classified Ads must be in this office before 6 o'clock p. m. on the day previous to their appearance to be properly classified.

Sunday Close

Classified ads for Sunday editions accepted up to 7 p. m. Saturday previous to publication.

Ring 4121
Before 5:30 P. M.
and we will send, within a reasonable distance of the office for your want ad. When messenger calls, give him your ad and make payment on above rates.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Monday morning, lady's beaded bag containing vanity, two $10 bills and some change. Reward. Phone 6294.

LOST—Gloves, two right hand buckskin gloves. Phone 5140.

LOST—Brown leather purse on Lake road, Wednesday. Mrs. W. J. Pollard's card inside and some money. Reward. Call 4614.

NURSERY

MOTHER'S care for children. Mrs. Lily Rogers 1005 Tenth St. Phone 6218.

HELP WANTED MALE OR FEMALE

How to get a Position

In business and and how to hold it is fully explained in our "Money Back" position contract. Position secured or tuition refunded, if you take the "World Famous" Draughon training—the training that business men indorse. Write today for special holiday rate.

DRAUGHON'S COLLEGE
The Big School
Wichita Falls, Texas; 10th and Scott

MALE HELP WANTED

SECRETARY, stenographer, bookkeeper to act as office manager, established growing financial institution. Education, diplomacy, experience required. Must give references, state minimum salary first letter. Address Box A-120 Record News.

HELP WANTED FEMALE

EARN $20 weekly, spare time, at home, addressing, mailing, music circulars. Send 10c for music and information. Co-Operative Music Co., St. Paul, Minn.

WANTED—Middle aged woman to do house work. Apply 1700 Britton; phone 7138.

SITUATIONS WANTED MALE

WANTED—Carpenter work of any kind. No job too large or too small. J. B. Ferrat. Phone 5044.

SALESMEN WANTED

TWO SALESMEN—Opportunity for educated, refined, experienced producers with growing home company. Banking rooms, Morgan Bldg. Phone 5721.

PERSONAL

DR. ELMA M. GILL, Spiritualist readings and lessons, daily. 700 Lamar. Phone 6203.

ROOMS FOR RENT

FRONT bed room, nicely furnished, private entrance, close in. Phone 7875. 1005 Ninth.

HILLSIDE HOTEL, all outside rooms, also room in rear suitable for two gentlemen, with plenty of car space. 709 Burnett. Phone 7757.

ROOMS with bath; two blocks from Kemp hotel. 706 Travis.

ROOM AND BOARD

ROOM and board in private home on pavement, carline, telephone. All conveniences. 2006 Ninth St.

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS

FOR RENT—Two nicely furnished rooms downstairs, 309 Burnett. Phone 6023.

HOUSES FOR RENT

FOR RENT—January 1st, (All modern), 6-room house on Eleventh; 7-room duplex on Collins street; 5-room house on Pearl. Stampfli & Woodall, 901 Indiana. Phone 4082.

2012 TENTH, 7-room, garage, servant house, $70.

1301 Marshall, 5-room and breakfast room, garage, $55.

2141 Avenue E, 5-room, no garage, $45.

H. G. HELGERSON. PHONE 2573

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

1910 EIGHTH, new duplex apartment, every convenience, $55.

H. G. HELGERSON. PHONE 2573

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

FOUR-ROOM unfurnished apartment, newly papered; with garage. Phone 2091; 1409 Fourteenth street.

FOR RENT—Beautiful two room apartments. Everything new. Sink in kitchen, with hot and cold water adjoining bath. Close in. Reasonable rent. 707 Burnett.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Season's Greetings to
Our Friends, Patrons
and "Boosters"

EIGHTH STREET QUICK LUNCH
900 Eighth Street

Whole Grain Wheat
"The new delicious Breakfast Food" is now ready for your Table.
(Tested and approved by Good Housekeeping Bureau of Food, Sanitation and Health).
Wholesome and delicious—It's the best of wheat, right from the field, thoroughly cooked and ready to serve! Order in dozen cartons. Call, write or phone
WILLIAM S. KLOSER, Distributor
1006 Eleventh. Phone 3343

OLD MATTRESSES made new. Phone 2412 and sample ticking will be brought to your door. One day service on work. Bell Mattress Co.

WINFREY FIXIT SHOP
Key making and duplicating, gun and lock work. Open safes and change combinations.
We repair nearly any old thing. 816 Scott, with Landon-Hill Co.

APPLES
$1.50 per bushel.
We have a large supply of Jonathans, Winesaps, Ganoes, Roman Beauties, Missouri Pippins and Ben Davis. All of these apples can be mixed together to suit any one. We have a large supply for all dealers at a real low price. Irish spuds, $1.85 per hundred. 1003 Ohio. Phone 3893.

MATTRESSES RENOVATED.
Prices reasonable. Wichita Mattress Co. Phone 4052.

OLD MATTRESSES made new. Phone 2412 and sample ticking will be brought to your door. One day service on work. Bell Mattress Co.

PRACTICAL house moving, raising and leveling. Jack Humphrey. Residence phone 7965.

MATTRESS RENOVATING.
We make old mattresses new and new ones too. We call for and deliver same day. Patton Mattress & Furniture Co., phone 2930.

CLEANING AND PRESSING

RED & FISHIE
Wish All a Merry Christmas.
FISHIE'S CLEANING WORKS
706 Seventh

LET'S SWAP

Trade what you don't want
for what you do.
We trade the old you take
the new
JOHN L. JONES FURNITURE CO.
710-12 Seventh. Phone 6060

CLEANING AND PRESSING

One Day Service
WE NOW EXTEND DELIVERY SERVICE ON CLEANING AND PRESSING TO OUR FRIENDS.
OUR SERVICE WILL SHOW OUR APPRECIATION OF YOUR PATRONAGE.
Wright & Swinney
PHONE 2514 703 OHIO

PLUMBING AND HEATING

PLUMBING, the satisfactory kind done and guaranteed by Chas. D. Hughes. Phone day 6011; night 2224.

PLUMBING that pleases. Mack & Mack, 1112 Ohio. Phones 2052 and 7427.

QUICK, satisfactory plumbing work. Call us first. Phone 6300. Moore Plumbing company.

J. H. Castledine
Plumbing and heating; Pittsburgh heaters a specialty. 907 Van Buren. Phone 4420.

CONTRACTING & REPAIRING

A. C. KING
Building contractor. Estimates made on all kinds of repair work. Phone 3654.

FINANCIAL

MONEY to loan on farms and ranches; 6 per cent. Jas. R. Welch, 418 First National Bank Bldg.

MONEY TO LOAN
On Wichita Falls property. We are also in a position to handle some Vendor's Lien notes. Phone 6268.
J. M. BLAND REALTY CO.
210 First Natl. Bank Bldg.

Money to Loan
We buy salaries and loan on furniture. Texas Credit Co., 605 1-2 7th street, Room 6. Phone 4436.

WE LOAN MONEY
in sums of $1,000 or more on desirable Wichita Falls residence and business property. We will re-finance your present indebtedness and include the paving. Small monthly payment with interest repays the loan.
O. W. HARVEY
225 Staley Bldg. Phone 4680.

Loans to Build
or buy homes. Best terms. Low net interest. Wichita Falls Bldg. & Loan Assn., Morgan Bldg., ground floor, 610 8th.

MOVING AND STORING

RED BALL transfer and storage local and long distance moving, oil field and heavy hauling. Phone 5994.

HOTELS AND ROOMING HOUSE

PALMER hotel, Graham, across street from Roselyn, modern, $1.00 up, weekly rates. Miss E. M. Johns, Prop.

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

Trade what you don't want
for what you do.
We trade the old you take
the new
JOHN L. JONES FURNITURE CO.
710-12 Seventh. Phone 6060.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

FOR SALE—Bass drum. Good condition—$35 cash. L. Jun, 1108 Travis street; phone 2094.

EXPERT violin repairing. Graduating and retoning a specialty. 1002 Eighth street.

WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED—To buy men's suits, shoes and overcoats. 804 Ohio. Phone 6464.

WELDING

ELECTRIC WELDING no preheating automobile blocks, housing, crank cases, frames, etc., welded without dismantling. W. D. Hagerman, 314 Ohio. Phone 4415.

FURNITURE

DON'T sell your furniture until you get our bid. S. W. Womack Furniture. 607 Seventh. Phone 5157.

WE BUY, SELL AND TRADE
DEATON FURNITURE CO.
PHONE 6513
607 INDIANA

BUY your furniture on our easy installment plan. S. W. Womack Furniture. 607 Seventh. Phone 5157.

FURNITURE bought, sold, exchanged. Neal Furniture Co., 804 Seventh. Phone 4785.

SELL US your used furniture. Winter's Furniture Co., 609 Seventh. Phone 4219.

OUR NEW READER SERVICE.
When you are in doubt as to the exact locality of any street or address given in an ad in the Record News just
CALL 4121—CLASSIFIED
and this information will be given cheerfully and promptly.

Trade what you don't want
for what you do.
We trade the old you take
the new
JOHN L. JONES FURNITURE CO.
710-12 Seventh. Phone 6060.

FURNITURE

Just Arrived
IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS
One lot of smoker stands that we have placed the special price of $1.45 on.
Others from $5.50 on up.
A large assortment of telephone tables, game tables and chairs at prices you can afford to pay.
Don't forget while in our store to ask to see the new Wool-O rugs that we have just received.
Star Furniture Co.
Phone 6011 922 Indiana St.

WISHING
OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS
A Merry Christmas
NEAL FURNITURE
804 Seventh St.

"Your Credit Is Good"
WE BUY—WE SELL,
WE TRADE—WE DELIVER
Star Furniture Co.
922 Indiana Ave. Phone 6011

ARRIVED!
The Best Gas Range
ON THE MARKET. ASK US TO DEMONSTRATE THE FAMOUS WESCO GAS RANGE. FOUR BURNER MODEL.
SPECIAL FEATURES
Double oven with rust proof lining. Special heating and cooking features not possessed by any other range on the market. Absolutely does away with fuel wastage.
Enamel parts all white porcelain. Plain smooth doors. No outside hinges.
Enamel drip pan.
Back flue enables you to cook on entire top using only two burners maintaining oven heat 150 degrees.
$75.00 On Terms
WE DO NOT MAKE IDLE BOASTS BUT ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEE THIS AS THE BEST RANGE ON THE MARKET REGARDLESS OF PRICE.
S. W. Womack Furniture
607 7th St. Phone 5157

Here You Are
Special On Rugs—Rugs
Size 3x6 ft. (well made)
For $1.50
Get Yours Now!
S. W. Womack Furn.
607 Seventh Street. Phone 5157

Mick's Suggestions
TO EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS!
In making your gift selections for the home—choose something useful and practical.
Cedar Chests
of selected aromatic red cedar. All sizes from baby chests at $7 to nice roomy chests at $12.50 to $38.50.
END TABLES
Special prices on these popular numbers.
Telephone Sets
(The table and chair) beautifully finished in walnut and mahogany.
A gift that is practical. $9.
GAS RANGES
Mother, wife or sister may need one to cook the "Christmas Turkey" on. Our line of ranges, finished in white enamel and French enamel, is as complete as any in the city. Come in and get our prices.
Easy Terms—We Deliver
Old goods taken in exchange for new.
Mick's Furniture Co.
716 Seventh St. Phone 5528

FURNITURE

SELL US your used furniture. Winter's Furniture Co., 609 Seventh. Phone 4219.

AUTOMOBILES

A FEW GOOD BUYS
IN USED
TRUCKS
TRAILERS
GAINES MOTOR SALES CO.
916 OHIO AVE.

N-O-T-I-C-E-!
WE WILL MAKE SPECIAL PRICES ON THE FOLLOWING CARS IN ORDER TO SELL THEM BEFORE JANUARY FIRST INVENTORY.
1—V-63 Cadillac, 4-passenger.
1—61 Cadillac Touring.
1—61 Cadillac, 4-passenger.
1—61 Caddilac Roadster.
1—59 Cadillac Suburban.
1—59 Cadillac Phaeton.
1—59 Cadillac Roadster.
1—57 Cadillac Touring.
1—57 Cadillac 4-passenger.
1—Buick Touring.
1—1924 Ford Coupe.
1—1924 Ford Roadster.
Munger Automobile Company
909 Lamar St. Phone 6403

WE REPAIR all radiators, modern equipment; complete stock of cores and all parts for all makes.
SUPREME AUTO RADIATOR CO
Phone 2804 605 1-2 Scott St.

AUTOMOBILES

UNUSUAL VALUES IN DEPENDABLE USED CARS

A responsible dealer in motor cars cannot jeopardize his reputation by an irresponsible used car department.

For your protection make your used car purchase from a reputable dealer.

1922 Studebaker Roadster, new paint job, all good tires.

1923 D. B. Coupe, platform spring, all good tires, mechanically perfect.

1924 Ford Coupe, new paint and all good cord tires.

1922 Ford Coupe in fine condition.

1923 Ford Touring, all O. K.

1922 Ford Touring, a snap.

Ford Sedan, one that will make the whole family happy.

For your protection make your used car purchases from a reputable dealer.

McFall Brothers
Phone 4144
Used Car Dept., 809 Ohio Ave.
Used Car Lot, 803 Lamar St.

AUTOMOBILES

An Ideal Christmas Gift For Your Wife
THIS CADILLAC COUPE C57 MODEL) HAS BEEN RE-CONDITIONED AND IS IN PERFECT RUNNING ORDER; BEAUTIFUL NEW PAINT JOB AND LOOKS LIKE NEW. NEW RUBBER ALL AROUND. COME AND SEE IT.
Lincoln 4-Pass. Touring in excellent shape mechanically. Has new paint and new rubber—used for a while as demonstrator.
Buick Roadster (Lots of mileage in this one).
Lincoln 7-Pass. Touring, in A-1 mechanical order, upholstering and paint good, practically new rubber.
MARMON SEDAN
that "just needs an owner"—in dandy mechanical condition. Tires, paint and upholstering all in A-1 shape. Such a car could well be added to your Gift list.
We will arrange terms.
Langford Motor Co.
(Lincoln—Ford—Fordson)
Indiana at Sixth. Phone 4191

FORD SEDAN—Excellent mechanical condition, Timken bearings, Bosch distributors, new seat covers, paint and tires. Lock steering wheel, $300 if taken before Christmas. Day phone 5116. Night phone 2276.

WE WISH
All our friends and patrons a very Happy Christmas
L. & M. Auto Market
907 Scott.

FRIENDS,
CUSTOMERS,
AND EVERYONE
Yule Tide Greetings
Security Motor Sales Company
714 Ninth St.

HUDSON-ESSEX Used Car Bargains
57 Cadillac Roadster.
1923 Dodge Brothers business man's type.
1924 Chevrolet Coupe.
1923 Hudson Speedster.
1923 Essex 4 Coach.
1923 Essex 4 Touring.
1924 Hudson Speedster.
1923 5-passenger Studebaker Sedan.
TERMS
OPEN EVENINGS
1104 Scott Ave. Phone 7828

We will buy your car
SECURITY MOTOR SALES CO.
714 Ninth St. Phone 2015

AUTOMOBILES

Auto Spring Co.
SPRINGS FOR ALL CARS AND TRUCKS.
STANLEY SELF-OILING GUARANTEED SPRINGS
822 OHIO AVE—PHONE 2427

Unusual Values IN Used Hupmobiles
1921 Nash Sport model, excellent rubber, Burbank top, fine mechanical condition, looks good, runs good, is good.
1923 Sport Touring Car.
1923 Touring.
1922 Touring Car.
All of these cars have been completely re-conditioned, given new paint jobs and are in A-1 mechanical shape.
These cars were taken in on New Hupmobile Sales and are excellent buys.
"ONCE A HUPMOBILE OWNER ALWAYS A HUPMOBILE OWNER"
Motor Sales Co.
611 Ohio Phone 2598

Christmas Is Here and so is the time to buy a Good Used Ford
COME AND SEE THESE
GOOD COUPES
1922 to 1923 Models
$250.00 to $375.00
TOURINGS
All models $75.00 to $300.00
ROADSTERS
All models $100.00 to $295.00
SEDANS
$150.00 to $250.00
DELIVERIES
In good condition $150.00 to $250.00
TRUCKS
The best of condition, with most any kind of body $100.00 to $250.00
GOOD CARS AND EASY TERMS
Langford Motor Co.
Lincoln—Ford—Fordson
Indiana At Sixth. Phone 4191

YOU CAN GET
A BARGAIN—
If you hurry.
SPECIAL PRICES ON
OUR USED CARS
FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS.
L. & M. Auto Market
907 Scott Ave.

One Ford Touring
Car, 1924 model, driven five months, in first class condition. Bargain for quick sale.
Munger Auto Co.
Phone 6403 909 Lamar

FOR SALE—1924 two-door Ford sedan. First $300 cash buys same. Call 7258.

W. F. Lampe & Co.
Auto Painting, Top-Curtain Makers
Agents For Kory Klosure
Phone 4664 612 Sixth st.

OIL WELL SUPPLIES

GOOD used pipe for prompt shipment: 20,000 ft. 8-in., 75c; 15,000 ft. 6-in., 50c; 40,000 ft. 4-in., 25c; 40,000 ft. 2-in., 8c. Texas Supply Co., Houston, Texas.

ENGINES
1—25 H. P. Superior gas engine.
1—20 H. P. Superior gas engine.
1—25 H. P., F. & M. oil engine.
1—6 H. P., F. & M. engine and water pump.
All in A-1 condition and cheap.
CALVERT SUPPLY CO.
Phone 2085 Virginia and Pecan Sts.

WANTED—Rotary rig; must be good condition and a bargain for cash. See F. E. Hardesty at 205 Chenault building.

REAL ESTATE

THOUSANDS OF SENSIBLE PEOPLE ARE WAITING TO CO-OPERATE WITH YOU THROUGH RECORD NEWS CLASSIFIED ADS. ADVERTISE YOUR NEEDS. LOOK FOR YOUR WANTS. PHONE 4121 BEFORE 5:30 DAILY FOR MESSENGER TO CALL FOR YOUR ADS. WICHITA FALLS RECORD NEWS "THE PAPER WITH THE CLASSIFIED ADS."

MYTINGER & WALKER'S LOOKOUT

Cordial Christmas Greetings
To Everyone!
Mytinger & Walker
"Most of the Best For the Least"
706 City Natl. Bank. Phone 6900

LODGE DIRECTORY

Wichita Falls Council No. 160 R. & S. M.—Stated meeting first Monday night of each month at 7 p. m.
Ed Bunnenberg T. I. M.
W. J. Webb Rec.

Wichita Falls Commandery No. 59—Stated conclave first and third Thursdays of each month.
JAMES H. BAUHMAN, E. C.
W. J. WEBB, Rec.

Wichita Falls Lodge No. 692 A. F. & A. M.—Stated meetings first and third Friday nights in each month.
J. W. Lyle, W. M.
W. J. WEBB, Secy.

Wichita Falls Council No. 1473 K. of C.—Meets each Monday at 8 p. m. 1500 9th St.
C. E. WALSH, G. K.
212-14 Morgan Bldg.
CLEM GALLAGHER, 800 Harrison, F. S.

Wichita Falls Chapter No. 302 R. A. M. Stated convocations, second Friday night in each month.
W. E. Hiles, H. P.
W. J. WEBB, Sec'y.

Faith Lodge No. 1128, A. F. & A. M. Stated meeting the first and third Tuesday nights of each month. Visitors cordially invited to attend. 813 Scott street.
Will confer the fellow craft degree Friday, Dec. 26th, 7:30 p. m., W. H. Caldwell, S. W., in charge.
Third birthday party, Faith lodge, Monday, Dec. 29th, 8 p. m., all members and their families invited and requested to attend. A splendid program will be given and it will be an enjoyable evening for all who attend.
Stated meeting and examinations Tuesday, Jan. 6th, 7:30 p. m.
THOS. R. WYNN, W. M.,
G. W. CURD, Sec'y.

Wichita Falls Chapter No. 237 of the Eastern Star meets first and third Tuesday nights in each month.
MRS. MARGARET BRADLEY, Phone 5706. W. M.
MRS. NENA FRITZ McGLINN, Sec'y. Phone 2029.

Wichita Falls assembly No. 17, Order of the Rainbow for girls, sponsored by the Wichita Falls Chapter No. 237, meets second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p. m. in Masonic Temple, Miss Margaret Coleman, worthy advisor; Miss Dorothy Coleman, secretary.

Pat Carrigan Post No. 120 American Legion — Meets every second and fourth Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Legion Hall, 812 1-2 Ohio Ave.—VOYLE N. ARMSTRONG, Post Commander; R. J. CLAYPOOL, Adjutant.

Haskat Temple A. A. O. N. M. S.—Meets second Tuesday each month at Faith lodge rooms in Chenault Bldg., 813 Scott. All visiting Nobles invited to attend. Recorder's office 812 Scott street. Phone 3804.
L. G. HAWKINS, Potentate.
AL ELLIS, Recorder.

Wichita Falls Lodge No. 1106 B. P. O. E. meets 1st and 3rd Monday at Elks club corner Eighth and Scott Sts. Visiting members invited to attend.
C. E. JOHNSON, Exalted Ruler.
R. C. ENGLISH, Sec.

Wichita Falls Camp No. 5901—regular meetings 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights, Labor Temple.
J. T. James, Council Commander.
R. J. CLAYPOOL, Clerk.
Office 2337. Res. 6471. 113 7th

FURNITURE

It's a Great Pleasure to Be
Wishing all a
MERRY CHRISTMAS

S. W. WOMACK
FURNITURE
607 Seventh St. Phone 5157

FRIENDS—CUSTOMERS

WE WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS

RILEY FURNITURE NO. 2
New Location—816-18 Ohio

THE SAME GLAD GREETING
Given in most
sincere manner
Happy Christmas

MICK'S FURNITURE CO.
716 Seventh Street.

AUTOMOBILES.

Not only on Christmas but the whole year through we wish you the best of luck and happiness.

SUPREME RADIATOR CO.
605½ Scott

Good Luck, Good Health, Good Fortune

THIS IS OUR
CHRISTMAS WISH FOR
EVERYONE

Gaines Motor Sales Co.
916 Ohio

SPECIAL NOTICE

Just Luck!

NEIGHBOR, BROTHER, FRIEND:
WE WISH YOU JOY, WE WISH YOU WEALTH
THE BEST OF LUCK, THE BEST OF HEALTH;
AND ALL THAT IS GOOD ALONG LIFE'S WAY,
ALL YOU COULD WISH FOR YOURSELF TODAY.

Texas Lumber Co.
1110 OHIO AVENUE

If Your Christmas
Is As Complete As We Wish It to Be

You'll Have the
BIGGEST ONE YET

ANDREW YOUNG
704 Lamar

REAL ESTATE

VIC STAMPFLI B. B. WOODALL



We Can't Shake the Hands
Of All of You

But Take This Means to Say
HAPPY CHRISTMAS
and "THANK YOU TOO!"

Stampfli & Woodall
Realtors
Wonder Bldg. 901 Indiana



IT'S TIME TO WISH

The Same Old Familiar
Wish All Over Again.
And we do wish for all
a most happy Christmas.

Cline's Commercial College

WELDING.



Greetings Friends

We Hope This Will Be the Happiest
Christmas You've Seen.

W. B. REEVES
621-23 Ohio

Just This Line or Two

TO WISH A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
TO YOU

W. D. HAGERMAN
Electric Welding 314 Ohio

STATON & STATON
REALTORS

EXTEND TO YOU SINCERE
WISHES FOR

A Joyous Yuletide!
712 Eighth Street

REAL ESTATE

WE HAVE SAID IT BEFORE

We say it again—

CHRISTMAS PEACE BE YOURS!

N. O. MONROE
220 First Nat'l Bk. Bldg. Phone 2454

Friends I Greet You

and hope your day will overflow with Christmas Joys

E. J. HARRISON
(INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE)

Merrie Christmas

EVERYONE

May Happiness Abound With You on This Glad Day

J. M. Bland Realty Co.
210 First National Bank Building

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

And a Happy New Year to all
MY FRIENDS AND PATRONS

M. W. McGINNIS
(Realtor)
11 Basement City National Bank

HOPING THAT—

Christmas 1925 will find you in a home of your own, we wish all a happy Yuletide.

Hehlike-Baker

REALTORS
Kemp Hotel (Eighth Street)

INSURANCE

At This Glad Season

We Greet Our Friends and Patrons

With the Wish for a Most Joyful
Christmas.

CRAVENS & COLLIER
712 Eighth Street

Coolidges Miss Calvin Jr. This Christmas; No Christmas Tree For White House And Little Ceremony

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Memories of Christmases in other years before the family circle was broken crowded in upon President and Mrs. Coolidge today as they prepared for their second Christmas in the White House.

With the approach of the holiday bringing fresh reminders of the loss of Calvin, the younger son, who in years past contributed much to the season's merriment, the preparations made were with a view to the simplest observance. There will be no Christmas tree and no guests other than Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Stearns of Boston, who arrived today and who through long association have come to be regarded by the president and his wife as almost members of the family.

Although Mr. Coolidge by executive order released all government employes from their work at noon and government business virtually ceased at that time until Friday, he himself has arranged to spend the greater part of the afternoon at his desk. Mrs. Coolidge has accepted an invitation to assist officers of one of the city's charitable organizations in the distribution during the afternoon of Christmas baskets to the poor.

Two of the features of the White House Christmas eve of last year, however, are to be continued. The president, accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge, after dinner tonight, will walk across to Sherman Circle to be present at the lighting of the national community Christmas tree, a live spruce nearly 50 feet in height, brought down from the Adirondack mountains and planted there a week ago by several national organizations. Mr. Coolidge will turn a switch to light the tree.

This ceremony will be followed by the singing of Christmas carols from the White House portico by the choir of the First Congregational church, which the president and his family attend. The people of Washington have been issued a general invitation to come to the White House grounds.

PITY THE POOR PORCUPINE.

Forest Ranger Comes to Defense of Maligned Animal.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—The porcupine is the most maligned animal in natural history fiction with the possible exception of the skunk, according to Guy Powers, United States forest ranger in Glacier National park. He says:

"Many stories have been told about porky throwing his quills at people and animals from a distance of several feet. As a matter of fact, no porcupine ever threw a quill at anybody in his life, and couldn't if he tried.

"If you took hold of a porcupine the quills, which are very lightly fixed in the skin, will come out and stick in your hand, but that isn't porky's fault. If you take hold of a live wire, you must expect to get burned.

"The skunk also is a much abused animal. I never heard of him annoying anyone unless they annoyed him. If let alone he is perfectly willing not to create a stir, and will even make friends if opportunity offers. On many occasions I have had skunks come into camp for food, and I even made a pet of one and carried him around for weeks without disastrous results."

INSIDE—

MAN SLAYS WIFE AND SELF.

Also Wounds His Mother-in-law in Shooting Spree.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Peter McLarney of Randolph today shot and killed his wife and wounded his mother-in-law and her brother and killed himself.

Angered because of failure to effect a reconciliation with his wife who returned to Randolph from New York soon after an absence of several months, McLarney, 25, sought her out at the home of a friend and shot her dead.

McLarney then proceeded to the house of his wife's mother, Mrs. Grace Anderson, and shot her in the side. Her son, John, who attempted to protect her, received a bullet wound in the jaw.

An alarm had been sent out and Deputy Sheriff Bragg appeared on the scene. The two exchanged shots and McLarney turned his revolver on himself inflicting a fatal wound.

After all of his other illusions are gone, there still remains the one that he is important.

A hick town is a place where everybody knows what people are mad at one another about.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
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The undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Dr. J. F. Reed (John Fleetwood Reed) deceased, late of Wichita county, Texas, by Judge B. D. Sartin, judge of the county court of said county, on the 13th day of October, A. D. 1924, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to him within the time prescribed by law at his residence, 701 Keystone building, Houston, Texas, in Harris county, where he receives his mail, this the 26th day of December, A. D., 1924.

C. C. AVERILL,
Administrator of the estate of J. F. Reed (John Fleetwood Reed) deceased.

MAN CRAZED BY THEFT.

Makes Two Attempts at Suicide; Arrest Imminent.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Caleb S. Jackson, street railway official, who invested insurance funds in Arkansas oil stocks, was today under restraint at the city hospital after two attempts at suicide.

No charges have been placed against him and he is not under arrest. Police officers, however, guarded him. Yesterday the police found him with his arms gashed with a razor, in the gas filled kitchenette of his home. At the hospital he tore off his bandages.

Jackson has resigned as treasurer of the Eastern Mutual Insurance company and as vice president of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway company. The insurance company is a subsidiary corporation which handles workmen's compensation insurance for the railway.

EXCESS EARNING HEARING.

Gulf Coast Line Revenue Up Before I. C. C. at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Notice was given by the interstate commerce commission today that it would begin hearings April 2, next, on the question of how much excess earnings the New Orleans, Texas & Mexico railroad and its subsidiaries, generally known as the Gulf Coast line, have obtained in recent years.

Under the transportation act the government is entitled to recapture one-half of the excess earnings which any railroad corporation may receive in one year above the 5 3-4 per cent return on the value of the property which it uses in transportation.

HEAVY GOLD PRODUCTION.

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Dec. 24.—Gold produced in the Fairbanks district and handled through the First National bank here amounted to $894,182 in the fiscal year of 1924, ended December 15, or $231,276 greater than in 1923, R. C. Woods, manager of the bank, declared in an annual report published today.

THE BEST OF ADVICE

This Is the Wonder Age.

Progress is inexorable. In the same newspaper we read that geographers, traveling comfortably in automobiles mounted on caterpillar tractors, are charting the Sahara desert, the great unknown, for the first time; that we may now talk across the Atlantic by radio telephone; that quicksilver may be transformed into gold—unprofitably at present, however; that chemists are saying that they expect to bring the human body under their control in the future.

And as to the latter, let us believe with them. Nothing is more wonderful than the strides made in the last few years by chemistry. No one can imagine the new marvels practitioners of this science will accomplish. Remember that from a prosaic lump of coal chemists now extract dyes that kings would have fought for in olden times, flavoring extracts, medicines, explosives.

Do not fear that we shall ever lack the necessities of life. The chemists will give them to us when nature fails.

With each step onward, the world becomes more "materialistic," to use a popular phrase. The inexplicable is explained. A few more of humanity's one million and one fears vanish.

There are enormous numbers of persons to whom the material world is altogether contemptible: who can see nothing in a handful of garden soil, or a rusty nail, but types of the passive and the corruptible.

To modern science the handful of soil is a factory thronged with swarms of busy workers; the rusty nail is an aggregation of millions of particles, moving in a dance of infinite complexity yet perfect measure; harmonic with like performances throughout the solar system.

Huxley says that if there is good ground for any conclusion, there is such for the belief that the substance of these particles has existed and will exist, that the energy which stirs them has persisted, and will persist, without assignable limit, either in the past or the future.

Surely, as Heraclitus said of the kitchen with its pots and pans, "Here also are the gods."

"Little as we have, even yet learned of the material universe, that little makes for the belief that it is a system of unbroken order and perfect symmetry, of which the form incessantly changes, while the substance and energy are imperishable." That is Huxley's conclusion.

NOW IT'S SILENT BAN.

American League Prexy Seems Victim of Too Much Loud Speaking.

Ban Johnson is chastised and told to go forth and talk no more. The rotund president of the American League has had an irritating way of expressing himself on baseball matters. He had some ideas about the last scandal that came so near stopping the world series between the Senators and Giants. In fact, Ban even wanted the series called off so that the bribery charges would have the right of way. Johnson continued to air his opinions.

The controversy developed into a sort of personal feud between Johnson and Judge Landis. In the recent joint meeting of the two leagues in Chicago Landis was upheld while Johnson was rebuked.

Evidently Johnson is a victim of too much loud speaking. There's something fundamentally wrong with professional baseball however, if it can't stand up under criticism.

The groom endows the bride with his worldly goods, and she endows him with her friends.

A true optimist is a man who expects to find good news in an envelope that has a front window.

In a hick town a millionaire is a large portion of ego entirely surrounded by envy.

A normal woman is afraid of all worms except the one who brings her his pay envelope.

Fortunately, old dad can make money despite his inability to work the fifth-grade problems for Billy.

Appearance counts for little. You wouldn't think, to look at a muskrat, that he will be seal some day.

State and County to Concentrate on Small Fry Liquor Dealers While U. S. Agents Go After Wholesale Sellers

By ROBERT S. THORNBURGH
I. N. S. Staff Correspondent.
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Responsibility for local enforcement of prohibition laws during 1925 will be passed to the city, county and state authorities, while the federal forces concentrate their efforts on the "big fellows" whose operations run into the realm of high finance.

Federal prohibition director Roy A. Haynes made this statement to International News Service today in an interview outlining his plans for the next year.

"Get the source, get the big fellow," will be the watchword of the federal authorities.

Co-Operation Is Needed.

"Co-operation of the federal, state and municipal governments will be the slogan for 1925," Haynes declared. "That will put the federal prohibition unit in a position to eliminate the sources of illicit whiskey supply and attack the big problems that confront us. I am confident we shall accomplish much more toward better enforcement of the law.

"The federal government has been pledged to the support of the local authorities throughout the United States in the new year's campaign. This co-operation has been more in evidence during the last year than ever before and we have every confidence that it will reach the desired plane in 1925.

"This co-operation is essential in arriving at real prohibition. It was the plan of framers of the Volstead act that the petty violations should be taken care of locally and that the federal government, while exercising supervision over this enforcement, should concentrate on situations involving major violations."

Sources Are Closed.

Haynes believes that the source of so-called "good liquors" have been closed effectively during the past year and that today it is difficult to obtain anything but poisonous whiskey.

"Comparing today with 1920, more than 12,500,000 gallons of whiskey were withdrawn from bonded warehouses in that year. Withdrawals in 1924 amount to about 1,900,000 gallons," Haynes said.

"This great source of liquor for the illicit traffic virtually has been closed."

The only way the drinking fraternity now has to meet the demands are synthetic gin and moonshine, according to Haynes, who added that this variety of beverage alcoholics is "pure poison."

Haynes said that 99 per cent of the liquor confiscated by federal and state agents in the last year has been of a quality highly dangerous for human consumption.

Reports from New York and other wet centers that Scotch is selling for $1 a quart were derided.

"A good label doesn't mean a good drink," said Haynes.

"Even the liquor that is now being smuggled in is bad," according to Haynes. "Seventy-five per cent of this so-caled liquor is nothing but synthetic alcohol," he declared. Much of it is manufactured right on rum row."

DR. OTTO EICHEL DIES.

On Temporary Service With League of Nations When End Comes.

GENEVA, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Dr. Otto R. Eichel of Albany, N. Y., director of vital statistics of the New York department of health, died today from pneumonia. He was on leave for temporary service with the league of nations, of which he was chief of the epidemiological intelligence and statistics section. He was one of the 25 Americans holding fellowships in the Royal Statistical Society of England and gained prominence a few years ago for his conclusions based on a historical study of influenza cycles.

O. K. ON PRESCRIPTION LIMIT.

U. S. Court Upholds Volstead Act's Liquor Restriction on Doctors.

NEW YORK.—The United States circuit court of appeals today unanimously upheld the constitutionality of that provision of the Volstead act, which limits the amount of whiskey a physician may prescribe for a patient to one pint every ten days.

"Wanted A Kick," Now He's Got It Out Of Robbery

High School Boy Helps Hold Up Store and Goes to Jail as Cops Appear

WICHITA, Kans.—"If he wanted a thrill, I guess he got it. Now he can pay for it."

In these words, C. P. Peters, well-to-do stock broker, formerly of Louisville, Ky., turned thumbs down on his son, Karl, 19, brilliant high school student and candidate for the consular service, who is in jail following a holdup in Kansas City, Kan.

R. M. Markl, detective, is dying of wounds received in a battle with the gang of four.

Young Peters said he had met others in the gang at a hotel where he was living.

"I was lonesome and wanted a 'kick' out of life, I guess," he told police. "I went with them just for the thrill of the thing."

Peters is held in $10,000 bond.

CHURCH ISSUES COME UP.

French Government Confronted With Momentous Religious Issues.

PARIS.—The relations between church and state in France are one of the most important problems of internal policy which the government of Mr. Herriot will be called upon to face during the present session of the chamber of deputies. The radical-socialist party, in its electoral campaign culminating in the victory at the polls May 11, made the complete separation of church and state one of its main planks.

MISTAKE GETS HIM REPRIEVE

Doomed Man's Mother Had Prayed for Respite Until After Christmas

COLUMBUS, Ohio.—A mother's prayers were answered, but Joseph Clarence Kane peered through the bars of the death cell at the state penitentiary and laughed at justice—laughed at life—laughed at death.

A mistake by Chief Justice Carrington C. Marshall of the Ohio supreme court was responsible for Kane being granted 20 more days of life—it also answered the prayer of Kane's mother that he be permitted to live until after Christmas.

Kane was to have been put to death at the penitentiary for the murder of 7-year-old Paul Prologo, but the chief justice's mistake brought a reprieve from Governor Donahey.

The chief justice explained that he had granted a stay of execution of the sentence to pay a $100 fine imposed on Norman G. Kendall, proprietor of the Nemo theatre of Cleveland, for violation of the child labor law and that he had become confused and believed that the stay had been granted to Kane.

The condemned man's mother had appealed in vain to Governor Donahey that he reprieve her son until after Christmas.

"It was an awful crime," she told the governor's executive clerk. "I know he must receive the same punishment others have received. But can't the electrocution be postponed until after Christmas? If he dies before morning, we will be so unhappy."

BRITISH FOR BRITAINS.

English Government Will Use Supplies From Dominions.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—An evening newspaper today gave currency to a report that the Baldwin government, in its anxiety to promote the policy of imperial preference, had decided upon a plan to discriminate against foreign meat in favor of supplies from the Dominions.

According to authoritative information this report is at least premature.

TO GREET JAPANESE MIDDIES.

Navy Will Extend Full Courtesies to Cruisers on Way Here.

WASHINGTON.—Full courtesies will be extended by the navy department in the visit to American waters of the trio of Japanese cruisers carrying three hundred Japanese midshipmen on their annual practice cruise.

When the Japanese ships reach San Francisco in January they will be met by Vice-Admiral Henry A. Wiley on his flagship, the battleship West Virginia, with two other ships of the division, the Colorado and Maryland. Special orders have been dispatched designating Admiral Wiley the department's representative for the reception.

The Japanese training fleet is now on the way from Honolulu to Balboa, where similar naval courtesies will be extended by the commander of the canal zone naval district.

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Millions Given Away by Men of Wealth in 1924

Duke, Eastman, Morgan and Many Others Make Huge Cash Contributions

SMALLER ONES, TOO

Gifts Go for Many Causes; Education and Charity Take the Lead

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The year 1924 has been notable for the number and size of benefactions donated and bequeathed by wealthy citizens.

The recent gift of James B. Duke brings the total for the year—with some days still remaining—to over $130,000,000. The gift of Duke, millionaire tobacco and power magnate, stands out as the largest single monetary contribution to the common weal during the year. Duke gave $40,000,000 in the form of a trust fund for charitable and educational purposes.

George Eastman, Kodak king, by giving away $8,000,000, increased his gifts to $40,000,000 and ranks as the second largest giver of the year.

The third largest giver was a woman, and her munificence escaped general attention. She was Elizabeth B. Frasch of New York and Paris, widow of Herman Frasch, the "Sulphur King." She gave $10,000,000 as a foundation for chemical research.

Morgan Gives Library.

Next in order, as determined by the amount of his gift, was J. P. Morgan, who put into the hands of trustees, to be incorporated as a library for the use of the scholars of the world, the famous collection gathered by his father. The nominal value put on the Morgan library was $8,500,000 but, of course, this unique treasure house of rare and precious written and printed relics is practically priceless. Mr. Morgan this year also gave $127,000 to the American Museum of Natural History.

Another gift beyond all reckoning in money price was the bequest to the city of Boston made by the late Mrs. "Jack" Gardner. She left her Italian palace in the Back Bay fens and all the art treasures with which she had filled it during a lifetime of fine discrimination in collecting, to be a public museum and also left the income of a fund of $1,200,000 to maintain it.

Actress's Charity.

Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Frasch were only two of many women who made gifts during the twelve-month. Indeed, the number of large benefactions made by women during 1924 is very notable.

During the year Miss Lotta Crabtree, retired stage favorite and astute operator in Boston real estate, died, leaving about $4,000,000 for public uses. Her will gave $2,000,000 to aid the wounded, maimed, sick and disabled men and women of the World War; $300,000 to a fund for dumb animals; $100,000 to a theatrical fund; $100,000 to a fund for aiding discharged convicts, and $1,500,000 to other charities.

A gift of $1,000,000 was made by Miss Mary Friend Bennett to the Bennett School of Liberal and Applied Arts at Millbrook, Duchess county, N. Y., and another woman, Mrs. Mary Coutts Burnett, gave $4,000,000 to the Texas Christian university, at Fort Worth.

Mrs. Ward's Gift.

Other outstanding feminine benefactors included Mrs. Montgomery Ward of Chicago, who gave $3,000,000 to Northwestern university; the late Catherine E. S. Stuyvesant of New York City, who left the residue of her $1,800,000 estate to found a memorial hospital; Miss Josephine Williams of Hartford, Conn., who bequeathed $1,200,000 to hospitals, and the late Mrs. Mary Richardson of Boston, widow of a famous surgeon, who left $1,000,000 to the Massachusetts General hospital.

Mrs. Arabella D. Huntington of New York City left $670,000 to museums in which she had been interested and Miss Anna L. Heston willed $320,000 to religious organizations. Mrs. Andrew Todd McClintock of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., gave $500,000 to the Andrew Todd McClintock Research Fund. Mrs. Amelia Gertrude Cutter gave nearly $200,000 to hospitals and other welfare institutions.

Aids Harvard Business School.

One of the larger gifts of the year was the donation of $5,000,000 by George F. Baker of New York, capitalist and railroad financier, to the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. An equal sum was given by Colonel W. H. Thompson of Yonkers to the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, to study plant and vegetable diseases.

John D. Rockefeller Jr. gave away during the year something like $4,000,000, of which $1,083,334 went to Union Theological Seminary, $1,000,000 for the restoration of the catehdral at Rheims; $1,403,000 to the Interchurch World Movement and $500,000 to the fine arts department at Harvard university. From the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Memorial Fund a donation of $1,000,000 was made to the Y. W. C. A. and one of $100,000 to Tsuda college in Tokio, Japan.

The lists of other givers who turned over amounts of $100,000 or more for charitable and religious activities runs long. Among the most recent gifts was that of $100,000 by Mrs. Jacob Wesley Wilbur, who turned over to Boston university that amount for extension work.

CHINESE YALE ON STRIKE

PEKING.—Changhai College, a branch of Yale, commonly known as the "Yale of China," is reported in advices here today to be experiencing a student strike due to the refusal of its Chinese faculty to include study of the Bible.

Saud may dispel clouds, but too much sand causes war clouds.

GETS DATA ON BIRD LIFE.

Naturalist Compiles Information On Habits and Work of Fowls.

KINGSVILLE, Ont.—Interesting data on how birds of a feather flock together, and how they return year after year, in the course of migrations, to any port that will provide them with protection and food in a storm, has been obtained by Jack Miner, naturalist, at his bird sanctuary here.

Mr. Miner caught 17 wild mallard ducks in a net, and ascertained that six of the older birds had already been marked with his aluminum tags bearing various verses of Scripture. One bird was at least six years old, having been marked in 1918. All the birds were supplied with new 1924 tags.

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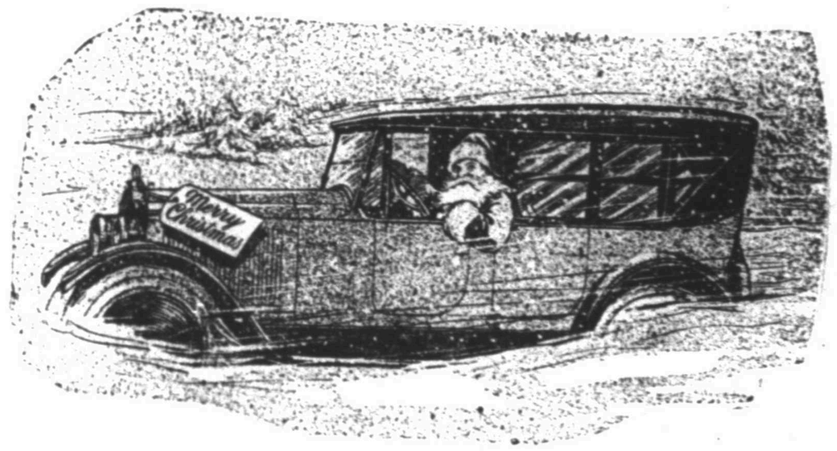
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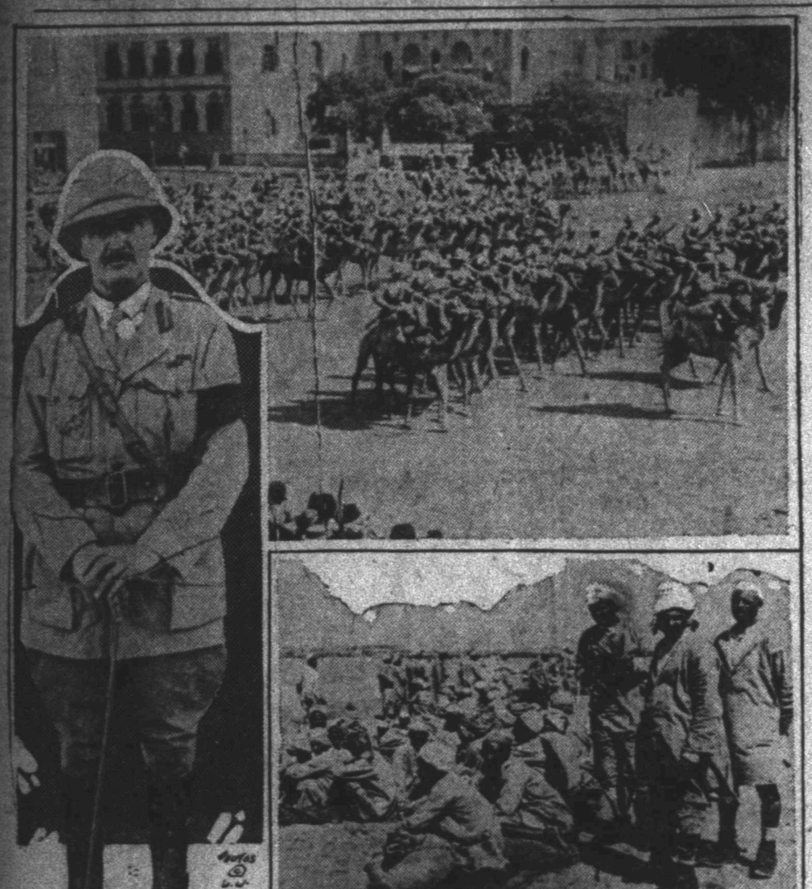
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WORLD WATCHES AS BRITAIN WRESTLES WITH EGYPT.—The serious Anglo-Egyptian situation has attracted the attention of the whole world, due to the refusal of the League of Nations to consider Egypt's protest over the huge demands made by England as a result of the assassination of Maj. Gen. Sir Lee Stack. Egyptian troops are already in rebellion. A British camel corps is seen above, and below is a view of some of the Sudanese soldiers General Allenby (inset) the British commander, must cope with.

PARK POPULARITY GROWS

Winter Sports Send Many to Outdoor Play Grounds.

WASHINGTON. — Growing popularity of the country's national parks, and their use for winter sports as well as for summer vacation visits, are combining to make the parks self-supporting, it was pointed out in the annual report of the national park service.

The parks are being recognized, said the report, as ideal winter playgrounds, with exceptional facilities for skiing, snowshoeing and tobogganing.

Revenues from national parks and monuments last year totaled $663,886, more than $150,000 more than for the previous year. Travel to them increased considerably over the 1923 record-breaking visiting lists in spite of adverse conditions such as quarantines and forest fires.

An urgent need for extending the boundaries of several of the national parks was emphasized, particularly that of the Yellowstone southward to include the Teton mountains and the area which is the breeding ground for the Yellowstone moose; that of Crater Lake park northward to include the scenic Diamond lake region, and that of Sequoia park to include Mount Whitney and some of the Kinks river country.

Now let's have a list showing how much office holders make, and how.

KANSAS BRIDE TRIES SUICIDE

Honeymoon of Conductor and Young Wife Ends at Emporia.

EMPORIA, Kans.—A honeymoon trip taken by Sam Robinson, railway conductor, and his young bride, had a tragic ending here last night when Mrs. Robinson drank poison in an attempt to commit suicide.

The young woman is in an Emporia hospital. She refuses to give any reason for her action. She is 19 years old and her husband is 50.

PRESS PLANT A LIGHTHOUSE.

Miami Herald Paper Building to Serve A Double Purpose.

MIAMI, Fla.—Claimed to be the tallest building in the world in the same latitude, the Miami Daily News tower, now nearing completion, will serve both as house offices and to act as a lighthouse. It will have the distinction of being the only business structure known to fill this dual purpose.

Built on the Spanish style of architecture, the tower will rise 285 feet above the level of Biscayne bay. Atop the tower will be a beacon light, visible fifty miles away, and serving to guide both north and south bound vessels along the Gulf stream. In many other respects the building will be unique in the United States. Designed by a New York firm of architects, it will be a copy of the famous Giralda tower in Seville, Spain.

With walls of stucco, elaborate balconies and iron grill ork, the whims and beauties of old Spain will be wrought into lasting brick, stone and iron.

Location of the newspaper office is ideal from a viewpoint of beauty. It is along a drive way fringed with coconut palms and faces the shimmering blue water of Biscayne bay. Directly in front of it the city of Miami is filling in a new city park at an expense of several million dollars, and all other city improvements are trending in its direction.

AIR RECORD IS RATIFIED.

Aero Club Accepts Mark Set By French Aviator.

PARIS.—The aero club of Paris has officially ratified the new world's speed airplane record of 448.171 kilometers an hour made by Adj. Florentine Bonnette at Istress, December 11. This record of 278.48 miles and hour, superceded the record of 429.025 kilometers of 266.59 miles an hour held by Lieut. A. J. Williams of the U. S. N., made at Mitchell Field, Long Island, November 4, 1923.

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300,000 Out Of Work In Gotham Thru Christmas

60,000 Homeless; Mr. Zero Opens Church to Care For the Needy

NEW YORK.—New York City at this Christmas season has 60,000 homeless and 300,000 unemployed, it was said at the Bowery Y. M. C. A., one of the many agencies that minister to unfortunates.

Association officials said that the number of men aided by their organization during the last two months was double that of the same period last year and that relief agencies had been unable to care for all requests.

Congregational church authorities gave permission to Urban J. Ledoux —"Mr. Zero"—to continue to use the Camp Memorial church as a shelter for homeless men, 250 of whom found refuge one night. The men, he asserted, were in most instances skilled workers honestly seeking employment.

The men who occupied the Congregationalist church maintained perfect order and left a detachment to clean the place after the majority had departed early to look for work.

"Mr. Zero" offered to lead a group of men to St. Marks in the Boeurie, who would offer to do a "gandie dance" as a compensation for a night's lodging. "Gandies," Mr. Zero explained were railroad laborers engaged in shoveling who had a "peculiar move all their own."



Senator Rice W. Means, newly elected senator from Colorado, and his wife are getting acquainted with Washington these days. It is Means first term at the capital.

WOOL SUPPLY TO JUMP

Increase in World Production Noted; U. S. Output Shows Decline.

WASHINGTON.—An increase in the world supply of wool for 1924-25 is indicated here in reports to the department of agriculture. Although there are more sheep in the United States this year than last, however, the American wool clip is expected to show a decrease because of poor feeding conditions. Australia's wool crop is expected to be increased 220,000 bales or 53,000,000 pounds of scoured wool over the preceding year. An expected increase of 200,000 pounds also was reported from New Zealand.

BETTER DAYS FOR SHIPPERS

Institute of Marine Engineers Hears Rosy Picture of Future.

LONDON.—A hint of better things for the shipping trade was given at the recent annual dinner of the Institue of Marine Engineering by Sir Ernest Glover, president in 1923 of the Chamber of Shipping.

There were indications, the speaker said, that ship owners were nearing the end of the slump. Laid-up tonnage today, he said, was a great deal less than at any time during the last 18 months, and "we are on the road to establishing equilibrium between the amount of tonnage available and the amount of cargoes to be carried."

The way of the transgressor is hardboiled.

CLERGYMEN IN STRAITS

British Prelates Find Themselves Embarrassed by Lack of Cash

FOLKESTONE. — Recent years have not been at all easy for many of the clergy of the church of England from a financial point of view, according to the Rev. W. H. Elliott, the vicar of the local church here.

Times have been so hard for some of them that one parson had no new clothes for 20 years. Mr. Elliott cited another case where at the tea-table at a clergyman's house there was never butter, milk or sugar; it was



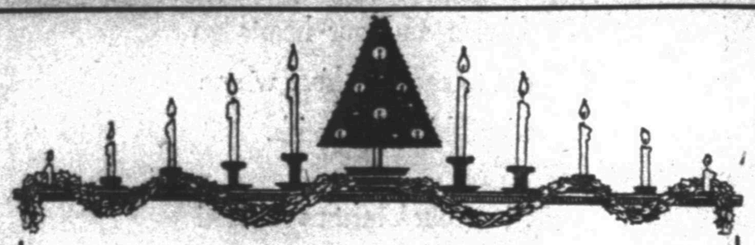
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Insurance Head Sees Prosperity Ahead for Nation

Day Says Companies Will Surpass 1924 Records in The Coming Year

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following story is one of a series written for International News Service by the business leaders of the country.

By W. A. DAY.

President of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York.

Written for International News Service.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—I shall leave it to others to speak of business in general and shall confine myself to my impressions regarding the influence of life insurance on the situation.

As the ompany with which I am connected has transacted a larger business this year than ever before, it it reasonable to expect distinct progress in 1925. And what is true of one company is doubtless true of other companies.

All to Prosper.

And if the business of life insurance shows improvement, that will have a favorable influence on business in general,the fact is now generally recognized that the safest and best promoters of thrift are the life insurance companies and the savings banks, and as we learn to save we shall cease to be regarded as the most wasteful of peoples.

At the present time economy appears to be the watchword of our national government and if a good example is set there it is reasonable to hope that the state governments will endeavor to be less extravagant than in the past.

As a large proportion of the assets of our insurance companies and of our banking institutions are invested in railway securities, it is encouraging that the railroads are to be helped rather than hindered hereafter in their effort to obtain working capital, on the one hand and on the other to increase their transportation facilities for the benefit of the farmer and the shipper of merchandise.

Need Prosperity.

The insurance companies recognize the importance of prosperity among our farmers and are rendering a valuable service in investing in carefully selected farm mortgages.

Improvement in financial conditions abroad will be helpful to us here because prosperity there will benefit us; whereas disaster there would react upon us sooner or later in many injurious ways.

The outlook is certainly hopeful and in my judgment the spread of life insurance will be one of the many influences that will add to the general prosperity which apparently we are destined to enjoy in 1925.

BRITISH POSTS FLOODED.

Christmas Cheer Messages Stop Up Mails in England's Cities.

LONDON.—The post offices of Great Britain are flooded with scores of thousands of Christmas parcels, carrying Yuletide cheer to friends and relatives in all parts of the far-flung British Empire, and officials estimate that the early mailings are 60 per cent above the normal Christmas average.

For some remote parts of the empire, Christmas mails have already closed but to the others plum puddings, cakes, books, hundreds of thousands of toys of all descriptions and other gifts are still on their way in ever increasing quantities.

Christmas As Usual For Them

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—Little Dorothy Daisy and Margaret Mitchell will enjoy the Christmas their parents planned for them.

The baby girls, held as hostage for an unpaid board bill, today were rescued by police and returned to their parents. They were taken forcibly from Mrs. Katherine Parrish, keeper of a private home for babies.

Several weeks ago John Mitchell the father, lost his job. He and his wife agreed to put the children, one year and two and a half years old, in the Parrish home until they were financially able to take care of them. Mrs. Mitchell found a job but lost it.

Using their scant savings, the Mitchells decorated a Christmas tree in their furnished rooms, planning to have the babies enjoy their Christmas at home. Then today they went to the Parrish home to get the little girls, with the promise of payment of the $15 board bill as soon as they could earn it. But Mrs. Parrish refused to let the children go.

The Mitchells went to the police. A stormy scene then took place at the Parrish home, with many threats of violence, but the Mitchells came away with their little girls.

TO VICTORS THE SPOILS

Coolidge Will Notice Campaign Record in Dispensing Patronage

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Coolidge through dispensation of patronage, is recognizing the action of the republican senate conference in reading out of the party Senators LaFollette, Wiscousin, Ladd and Frazier, North Dakota, and Brookhart of Iowa, because of their allegiance in the recent campaign to the LaFollette cause.

The president never has expressed publicly his views with reference to the action of the senate republicans but it was made known today at the White House that he prepared to take notice of this action when it comes to making appointments in North Dakota and Iowa.

WILL EXPLORE NEW CAVE.

Big Cavern in Colorado to Be Scene of Thorough Investigation.

DENVER.—Colorado's newest underground cave, already known to contain 40 rooms, will be explored further with a view to establishing its availability as a national monument. Coloradoans who have penetrated the subterranean passages declare, when exploration work has been completed, the cavern will rival the Cave of the Winds near Colorado Springs, known to thousands of tourists.

The largest room in the cave is 100 feet lang, 30 feet high and 15 feet wide.

CAN REMOVE FISH ODOR.

Fresh Air Will Deodorize Fish Oil, Savants at School Learn.

SEATTLE., Wash.—Discovery that fish oils can be deodorized by passing hydrogen, nitrogen or carbon dioxide gas through them has been announced by Dr. H. K. Benson, professor of chemical engineering in the University of Washington. This eliminates an objection to paints made with fish oils, of which there is a large potential production in the Pacific northwest. Such paints are declared to have unusual durability.

It isn't a leader the democratic party needs now. It's democrats.

Baldwin has many rich endowments, but not that kind of car.





NEW PRESIDENT OF MEXICO AND HIS CABINET—"Carry out the pledges of the campaign. Create faith in the present administration," was the plea of President Calles of Mexico to his cabinet on the first meeting of the newly appointed official family. The new chief executive is shown above with the cabinet. Top row, left to right, President Calles, Alberti J. Pani, secretary of the treasury; Luis N. Merones, secretary of commerce and labor, and Romeo Ortega, under secretary of state. Lower row, Gen. Joaquin Amaro, secretary of war and navy; Dr. Jose Manuel Puig Casaurang, secretary of public education; Luis L. Leon, secretary of agriculture, and Aaron Sachs, secretary of foreign relations.

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We wish to thank our patrons for a very prosperous year.

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Season's Greetings

Christmastide, the trail's end of the old year, is here again bringing memories of old days, old times and friends and our hearts go out to each of those whose friendship we cherish.

May your Christmas indeed be a merry one and your New Year most happy.

WICHITA STATE BANK & TRUST COMPANY
Bob Waggoner Building

Two Courses For Future Shaped In Jefferson Jail

Hight and Lover Placing Disordered Careers In Shape Again

By SONIA LEE
I. N. S. Special Correspondent.

MOUNT VERNON, Ills.—There are two dreams of future being shaped in the Jefferson county court house where Elsie Sweetin and Lawrence M. Hight are standing trial for the murder of Wilford Sweetin.

It may be useless for Mrs. Sweetin to dream of going back to her yellow bungalow. It may be useless for the former minister to plan to return to his old love—horses, but no matter what the jury does, the two accused spend the odd moments in their trials—the moments of moves and countermoves of attorneys, of leisurely recess, in restoring their courses to order.

Going Back to Ina.

"I am going back to Ina," says Elsie Sweetin. "My bungalow is waiting for me. I am going back to face my little world and keep house for my boys. Where else could I go? Let Ina talk. Let the old gossips gossip. It isn't going to hurt me. But I know my friends now and those who just pretended to be my friends. I am going to wrap myself up in my own affairs and live my own life. I'll have my boys and I'll have time to think. If folks want to come to me I'll let them, but I won't go to meet them."

But the pastor who graduated from farming into jockeying and from that into the ministry is thinking of places and employment far afield.

"I don't suppose they're going to let me preach any more, so maybe I'll go back to dealing with roses. And maybe I won't. I'm sort of thinking hard. But I figure on going away."

The only sure thing about the plan to save Europe from alcohol is that America will finance it.

MEXICAN BANDIT KILLED

Posse Surprises Gang As They Raid California Stock Pens.

BRAWLEY, Calif.—Manuel L. Diaz, said to have been the leader of a gang of bandits who for two years have been crossing the Mexican boundary and raiding American farms has been killed at Bonds Corner near here by a posse led by Deputy Sheriff "Buck" Dobbs. Seven other members of the gang escaped in an automobile.

Diaz and his men were raiding a stock barn at Bonds' Corner when they were surprised by the posse. Dobbs put a bullet through Diaz's pistol arm as he raised his gun to fire and a volley from others in the posse dropped him in his tracks before he had run a hundred yards.

The gang is credited with having carried off thousands of dollars worth of cattle and property during the last two years.

TO REVOLUTIONIZE FUEL.

New Discovery Concerning Air May Mean Much for Industries.

AMSTERDAM, Holland.—Director Buciman, of the Dutch Hydrodynamic Institute, believes that Anton Flettner's discovery of the principles by which air currents can be made to produce heat and energy will revolutionize the entire fuel industry. In an article which is causing much comment in engineering circles, he advances the opinon that when once the Flettner system has been applied completely, it will be possible to reduce the world's consumption of coal 90 per cent.

LAWYER SCHOOL COMPLETE

University of Michigan Builds Leading Legal Library in Country

ANN ARBOR.—The Lawyers club, designed by the University of Michigan to be the outstanding place in the western hemisphere for legal research, has completed its buildings. They are the gift of William W. Cook, a lawyer of New York and a Michigan graduate..

The path of glory leads but to a book of memoirs.

It's all over, Mr. Coolidge. Talk when you are ready.



The birthplace of Helen Keller, at Tuscumbia, Ala., is to be preserved by those who regard it as a shrine. It was here that Miss Keller (inset), made her one of the world's greatest blind, deaf and dumb from early childhood, was given the first training that women, a public speaker and author of many books.

TO SEEK POLE ONCE MORE.

Member of Shackelton Expedition Raising Funds for Northern Trip.

LEEDS.—Commander Frank A. Worsley, who participated in Antarctic expeditions under the late Sir Ernest Shackelton, is endeavoring to raise funds for another expedition to the south pole.

He recently told newspaper men his plan was to attack the polar regions from the land, and make his way northward over the pole from the Mackenzie Delta. By doing this, the expedition would not require a special headquarters ship, and more money could be spent on equipment. Transport would be provided by caterpillar tractors.

WILL PAY WAR DEBTS.

Jusserand Says France Expects Preferential Treatment, However.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Jules J. Jusserand, the retiring French ambassador, told an audience here yesterday that France after a moratorium for a "breathing spell," could and would begin repayment of her war debt to the United States. He made it plain, however, that France expected preferential treatment as compared with terms granted by the United States to ober war debtor nations because, he said, France suffered the greatest loss in life and blood, the greatest in fortune comparatively, and finally, "because France was the battlefield."

Correct this sentence: "Our team hasn't scored this year," said he, "but nobody knocks the coach."

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It is our Christmas wish that joy and happiness be yours during the festivities of the week, and that the year 1925 bring you health and prosperity.

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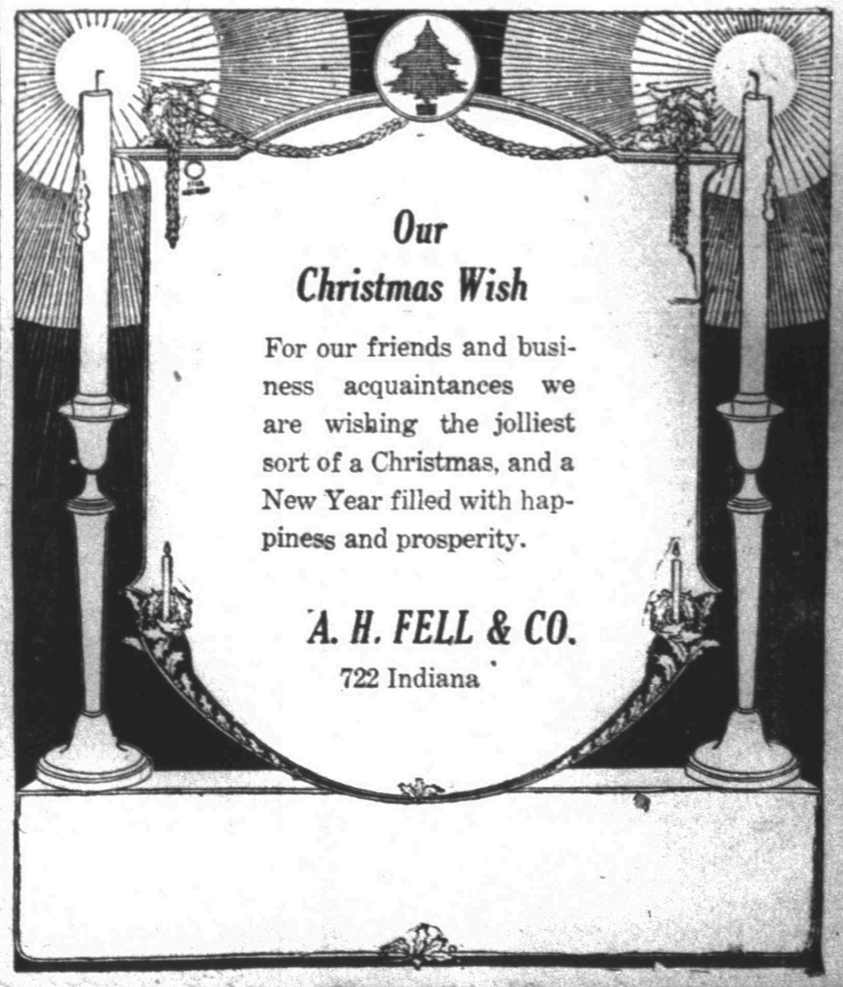
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Sends Her Some Rat Poison Candy And Faces Arrest

Warrant Charges Woman With Attempted Murder; She Denies Allegation

OLEAN, N. Y., Dec. 24.—A warrant charging Mrs. Hilma Ensminger of Columbia, Miss., second wife of George E. Ensminger, a professional golfer, with attempted murder in the sending of poison candy through the mails, today is on its way to the sheriff of Marion county, Mississippi.

Miss Harriett Mosier of this place is in a critical condition from eating the candy. Wrapped in a package containing Christmas greetings, the candy was sent as a gift to George E. Ensminger, Jr., who is the six-year-old son of Ensminger by his divorced wife. The boy lives here with Miss Mosier, who is his grand aunt.

Denials that the candy contained poison have been made at Columbia by Mrs. Ensminger. She said the candy had been prepared by herself and a cook. There was some rat poison in the kitchen, she said, but she was positive none of it had been mixed with the candy.

"Merry Christmas and love," read a note in the package. "Would have sent more candy but it didn't harden; will send more tomorrow." In the package besides the candy were a policeman's uniform for the boy, a box of paints and a fig.

THE MULE WOULDN'T "SHOO"

Trots Along Track Five Miles While Train Must Lag Behind.

GRANITE, Okla.—A country mule with sportive tendencies held up traffic on the Orient railroad line near here, while he ambled five miles down the track in front of a passenger train.

The train had left Granite and was traveling fast, when the passengers were thrown into the aisles by a sudden application of the brakes. The mule had climbed onto the track right ahead of the engine and was peacefully trotting along without any thought of the destruction in his wake.

"Shoo!" cried Engineer Pete Miles. The mule paid no attention but continued on his journey. He would trot for some distance until the train almost caught up with him, and then he would break into a run until he had somewhat increased his lead, when he would start trotting again.

Then, when the trainmen had begun to despair, he jumped off the track where a bridge crossed a small creek, and watched the train go past.

And the train was only ten minutes late when it reached the next station.

ARRESTED COUPLE KISSING

New Zealous Paris Police Commissioner Must Answer to Superiors.

Kissing always has been a subject of interest among the French, but the question has become acute with the arrest in Bordeaux of a couple indulging in osculation in the somewhat public confines of a cafe. The action of the zealous police commissioner responsible for this startling event has created consternation in Paris, but there is little likelihood of his example being followed up.

The question has aroused comment and Clement Vaute, who writes a daily column called "Mon Film," in "Le Journal" has this to say of the problem:

"What has surprised you most in Paris?" some one asked an Englishman.

"That," he replied immediately, pointing to a couple in the act of kissing in the open square of the Palace de l'Opera.

"In Anglo-Saxon countries kissing in public is considered shocking. Except in parks, where couples, reclining on the grass, exchange their caresses with perfect disdain for the onlookers and except at the movies, the public kiss is frowned upon.

"In Japan a kiss is considered a disgusting practice, in which white men—and white women—are able to find an inexplicable pleasure. So, the police of Tokio recently seized a reproduction of Rodin's 'Baiser,' and had it destroyed then and there."

Commissioner Carbonnel, of the Bordeaux police, also refuses to countenance the sweetheart's embrace — at least in public. It was purely and simply for that reason that he arrested and marched off to jail a young couple whom he surprised in a restaurant indulging in this display of affection.

But cupid has just had his revenge on this austere disciple of Themis. The commissioner, who possibly never has hummed the tune, "A Kiss Is Such a Sweet Little Thing," has been requested by his superiors to relinquish his position and will soon appear before a disciplinary council.

If the meek inherit the earth soon, they will inherit a few situations wherein meekness doesn't pay.

Man Lashed to Mast In Attempt to Save Boat And Cargo From Grave

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Whether the "ghouls" of the passes or old Davy Jones gets the cargo of liquor that went to the bottom last week with a deep sea schooner of Breton Island, depends upon the ability of the rum runners to salvage the cargo before the coast guards can drop dynamite on the wreck, it was indicated today.

The boat, half submerged and with the body of a man lashed to the rigging, was sighted last week by Tony Rosetta, a boatman of Biloxi. The name of the schooner could not be obtained, but it is understood the federal officers have the boat catalogued and have checked it off as "sunk."

According to the story brought here the boat with a crew of eight men was returning from rum row with 300 cases of whiskey. Just off Breton Island it ran into a stiff squall which tossed the smack about for hours in the shallow water. She sprang a leak Thursday night and a demand became general among the crew to abandon the ship and make for the nearby island in the one life boat. One tale was that the crew drew lots to see who would ride out the storm and save the boat and cargo. The man was lashed to the rigging by his comrades before they shoved off for the island.

Another tale, purported to come from one of the survivors, is that one man dreaming of possibilities of owning his own boat with a valuable cargo, remained aboard, lashed himself to the mast and took a chance in riding out the storm.

At any rate if the coast guard finds the hulk a menace to navigation dynamite will be used to scatter it.

The wreck is easily accessible to smugglers who make the island their headquarters.

NATIONAL HYMNS JAM AIR.

European Radio Listeners-in Hear Strange Medley at Night.

DANZIG—It is a strange medley of national airs which reach the ears of listeners-in in this free city on the Baltic between 10 and 11 o'clock each night.

Russia, Poland and Czecho-Slovakia, equipped with powerful stations, hurl the strains of their national hymns over their borders. Berlin supplies Deutschland Uber Alles," London broadcasts "God Save the King," and Paris sends "The Marseillaise."

Moscow has the loudest band and the best sending station of all. Every night at 11 o'clock it scatters the "Internationale" for three-quarters of an hour.

Well, man's inhumanity to man made some darned good football games

M'Coy Due For His Christmas Dinner Behind Cell Bars

Glovester Loses Chance For Freedom by Holiday; Jury Is Released

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—"Kid" McCoy sat in his cell in the county jail today while the jury which will determine his fate on a charge of killing Mrs. Theresa Mors was liberated until after Christmas, when instructions from the court will be read.

Arguments were completed yesterday with the prosecution demanding a verdict of first degree murder, punishable by hanging. The case was not submitted to the jury, however, Judge Crail declaring a recess until Friday.

In his closing argument Deputy District Attorney C. Ostrom declared it was not pleasant, on the threshold of Christmas, to be demanding the death penalty for any man, but "if we have not law enforcement, what is to become of us?"

HE LOSES COWS.

MUSKOGEE, Okla.—Alleging that several of his best cows suffered loss of weight and hair as a result of drinking water from creeks that had been contaminated by oil, John P. Rhodes, stock raiser, has filed suit for $8,000 damages against three oil companies in district court here

METHODISTS WILL BUILD

Southern M. E. Women to Put Up Big Structure At Sequoyah, Ark.

AUSTIN, Texas.—Southern Methodist women of the 12 conferences west of the Mississippi river are planning the erection of a woman's building on the Western Methodist Assembly grounds at Mount Sequoyah, Ark., according to word received here from Mrs. C. F. Elza of Little Rock. Mrs. Elza is chairman of the board of control of the body having the plans in charge.

The proposed building, Mrs. Elza said, will cost $25,000, the initial $1,000 of which has been contributed by the Methodist women of the Little Rock conference. The remainder is expected to be contributed by the other participating conferences including four in Texas, one in Arkansas, two in Oklahoma, two in Missouri and one in Louisiana. A campaign to secure the funds, Mrs. Elza indicated, will be prosecuted early next year. The project, she also said, has been approved by the women's missionary council, which is the woman's church-wide organization of Southern Methodism, and by the board of missions.

The building, Mrs. Elza's announcement said, "will rank with the most attractive of the many new buildings being added to the grounds of this great vocation center for interdenominational groups of the middle west.

FINDS RELATIVE BY RADIO.

Oklahoma Woman Learns She Has a Half-Brother in Texas.

M'ALESTER, Ok. — Found by radio!

That is the story told by Mrs. T. H. Smith of Halleyville, near here, who just has found her half-brother—a relative she did not know existed.

She was left with her mother's family at the time of her mother's death. She lost trace of her father and grew into womanhood and was married.

A week ago she and some friends were listening to a concert from a Fort Worth radio station. Reports from those getting the concert were being read, and among the list was one from William Hearn of Paris, Texas. Mrs. Smith's maiden name was Hearn, and she became interested. She wrote the Paris man.

He paid her a visit. A picture of their father removed the last doubt as to their kinship.

BELLS, NOT HORNS, FOR CARS

Jerusaleum Takes Action on Ever-Increasing Motor Traffic.

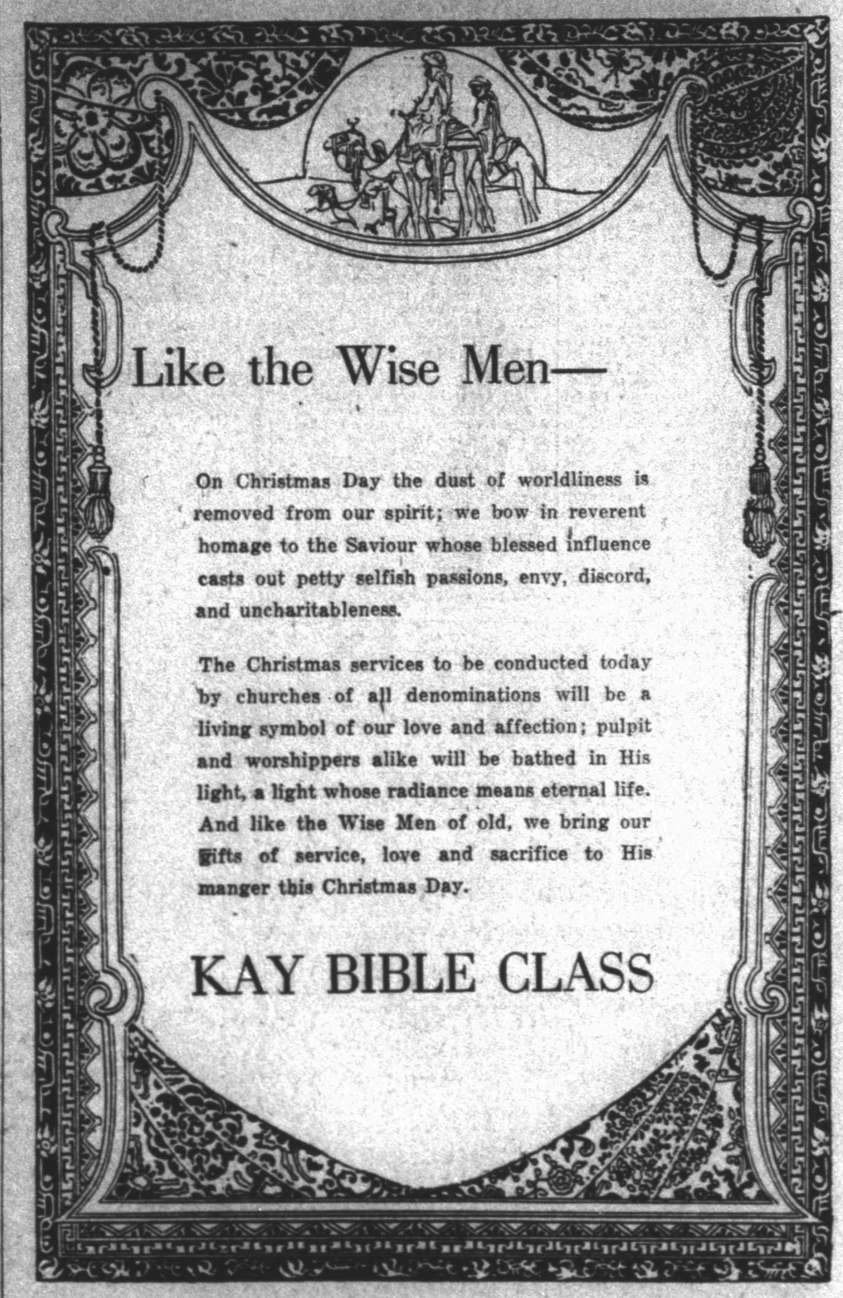
JERUSALEUM — The growth of motor traffic in Palestine since the war has increased so greatly the municipal government of Jerusaleum has been compelled to take steps to curb the mad careening of motor cars through th ecrowded streets of the cities. Also it will stop the harsh honking of horns, which are distasteful to a population accustomed to living in the medieval quaintness and quiet which were characteristic of the Holy City before its modernization began.

Decrees have been issued providing drastic punishments for speeding and reckless driving, and stipulating after January 1 all motor car horns must be replaced by bells. The latter, the government declares, are more in character with the spirit of Jreusaleum.

NO MORE TEXT BOOKS NOW.

$1,200,000 Worth of Contracts Awarded Already.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 22.—Following a conference with the attorney geenral's department and Dan Moody, attorney-general elect, the state text book commission today decided not to adopt any more tex books at this time. Contracts already awarded will reach $1,200,000, but these must be approved by the attorney general, the commission decided.

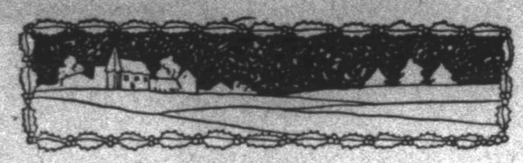


Like the Wise Men—

On Christmas Day the dust of worldliness is removed from our spirit; we bow in reverent homage to the Saviour whose blessed influence casts out petty selfish passions, envy, discord, and uncharitableness.

The Christmas services to be conducted today by churches of all denominations will be a living symbol of our love and affection; pulpit and worshippers alike will be bathed in His light, a light whose radiance means eternal life. And like the Wise Men of old, we bring our gifts of service, love and sacrifice to His manger this Christmas Day.

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Down Through The Ages

Has come the Story of the great star in the heavens which guided the three wise men to that humble manger in which the Christ child was born.

Though nearly two thousand years ago, that birthday is still the guiding star of civilization.

With a feeling of gratefulness for your good will, we wish you a very—.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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HOME FURNISHERS



To You a Merrie, Merrie Christmas

We want all our customers and friends to take this as a personal wish for a very merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year to come.

We are thankful indeed for the patronage our old friends have extended and for the new friends our store has made.

For the coming year we have set our goal of service and helpfulness to the individual at a high mark, for in that way we hope to show our appreciation to our ever-increasing clientele.



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—TO—

ONE AND ALL

whose friendly support and patronage during this year has contributed so greatly to the success of this store and myself. I extend my cordial and appreciated thanks.

A. MARKS.



Miss Natalie Hammond, debutante daughter of John Hays Hammond, famous mining engineer, takes exceptions to the statement of Dr. Kate Walter Barrett, feminist, that mothers should continue to choose their daughters' mates. "Girls nowadays are qualified to do their own choosing —and most of them seek mental cavemen," she asserts.

STAMPS SELLING HIGH

Big Sums Realized From Auction o Valuable Old Collections

PARIS.—A total of $18,686,329 francs has been realized from the 11 auction sales already held of the Renotiere collection of rare postage stamps, and there still remain enough stamps for a twelfth sale.

The eleventh sale brought 1,984,640 francs. A blue 81 para Rumanian Moldavian stamp of 1858 was sold for 51,000 francs.

The first woman governor, as we recall it, was Eve.

Coffin Medal to Northern Texas Traction Co.

It Wins Award in 1924 for Its Efforts in Behalf of Better Service

FORT WORTH, Texas—In recognition of its efforts to improve the electrical railroad industry as a whole and to increase its attractiveness to the riding public, the Northern Texas Traction company has been awarded the Charles A. Coffin medal and prize for 1924. The medal, accompanied by a gift of $1,000 to be used for the benefit of the company's employees, becomes the permanent property of the company, the gift of the Charles A. Coffin Foundation.

Started By Electric Co.

The foundation was created by the General Electric company in memory of its founder and president, the late Charles A. Coffin, the income from which will be used to further both the electrical railroad and the central lighting industries of the nation. The award is made annually by a special committee appointed by the American Electrical Railway association, after examination of briefs submitted by competing companies. The Fort Worth company, which operates both the city street lines and two high speed interurban lines, was chosen from among nine street railway companies.

Eight Factors Used.

The eight principal factors used to determine the award follow:

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Outstanding success in gaining public good will.

Economies which have been introduced in operation resulting from original ideas.

Economies in operating viewed as a measure of the extent to which the company has taken advantage of new developments in operating and maintenance practiced and equipment originating with others.

Improvements in construction practice which have resulted in reduced cost, reduced maintenance or a greater reliability of service.

Particular success in conducting a safety program and actually reducing the number and seriousness of accidents.

Outstanding accomplishments in developing good relations between management and employees.

Special accomplishment in financing which reduces the cost of new capital, such as the distribution of securities among customers and employees, rearrangement of the financial structure, etc.

BRITISHERS TAKE CRUISES.

England's Elite Take Tip From America and Begin Sea Journeys.

LONDON.—Following the example set by many Americans, Britishers are developing the habit of going on sea cruises, so much so that several of the principal shipping companies are assigning large steamers to carry parties on cruises for three weeks or a month.

Would-be travelers gradually are realizing that such trips are economical, and that better weather generally can be relied upon in the Mediterranean and Scandinavia than has been experienced this year in England.

30,000 TO LOSE WORK

Japanese Retrenchment Policy to Throw Many From Employment.

TOKIO. — Thirty-eight thousand government employes are to be discharged in the execution of the Kato ministry's program of retrenchment, the details of which are now being worked out by the cabinet. Officials of higher rank to be let out number 20,000, while 18,000 are of lesser standing, such as employes of government arsenals and works.

Color combinations of two kinds of leather continue to be popular for both men and women's wear in France.

JAPS SAY "WE LIKE YOU."

Expressions of Cordiality Delivered at White House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The expressions of cordiality by representatives of the American and Japanese governments were carried forward today by a call at the White House by Isaburo Yoshida, Japanese charge d'affaires, to convey his appreciation of the statements recently made by President Coolidge and Secretary Hughes welcoming the appointment of a new Japanese ambassador to the United States.

Man's inhumanity to man makes thousands hesitate at the curb.

CLOSED ALL DAY CHRISTMAS

To give our employes an opportunity to enjoy a real holiday.

We wish all a merry Christmas, and will be open again Friday.

Brown's Restaurant
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To Those We Serve and to Those Who Serve Us

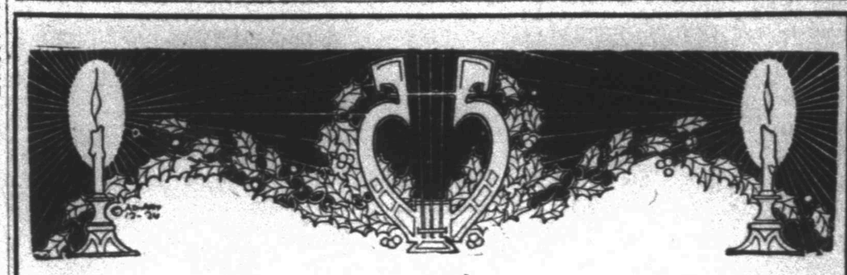
We extend to you the compliments of the season and wish you a full measure of lasting pleasure originating during the Christmas season and lasting through the days of the New Year.

And let us thank you, too, for your patronage of the past.

Wichita Ice Co.

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A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

It is with a genuine spirit of Yuletide cheer that we express to our many friends and customers our hearty greetings, and a Christmas wish for their happiness, their prosperity, and their growing success with the coming year, 1925.



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On this day light up your candles of usefulness and make it the happiest of all the year. To our friends and patrons we wish a Christmas of cheer and a New Year filled with happiness.

As the old fades and a year of proseprity appears, we offer thanks for the custom we received. It is our pledge that the new year will see a greater Maxwell's, a larger store, finer stocks and better service than ever. In that way can we show our thanks.

Maxwell & Son

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Our earnest wish is that this holiday season may be the forerunner of a New Year of exceptional prosperity, unsurpassed in happiness and good health.

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POLICE THRIVE AS LEGGERS

Indict One-Third Weehawken Force for Illicit Liquor Traffic

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 24.—Almost one-third of the personnel of the Weehawken police force is under indictment in connection with the operations of the alleged bootlegging ring in that city. Hudson county grand jury yesterday indicted Captain John Dillon and Lieutenant Edward John Kirk on charges of malfeasance. Of the 14 persons thus far indicted, 11 are members of the Weehawken police department.

The finding of true bills against these police officers, the raiding of 47 alleged saloons in Jersey City and Newark by federal agents from New York City and the charge made by Samuel Wilson, assistant superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league of New Jersey, that there are "a few hundred open saloons here" furnished the high lights of the prohibition enforcement situation.

David J. Allen, former assistant purchasing agent of the Atlanta federal penitentiary, and John J. Coyle, former Hudson county assemblyman, were held in $10,000 bail each for extradition to Schenectady, N. Y., on charges of larceny. They are alleged to have obtained from Rocco Perreta $6,500 on the promise to obtain the release of 630 cases of liquor from a New York warehouse.

LANTZ LEAVES OFFICE.

Murphy Takes Over Affairs of U. S. Clerk.

An inspector and auditor is at present engaged in checking up the accounts of Deputy United States Clerk J. A. Lantz, preparatory to turning over the affairs of the office to R. E. Murphy, named successor to Mr. Lantz at the last meeting of the federal court.

Mr. Lantz will retain his position as United States commissioner, but due to a recent decision in Washington is not permitted to hold both offices at once.

He will engage in law practice here.

CLASS TO MEET TUESDAY.

Speakers to Gather at Junior College for Regular Class.

The next meeting of the public speaking class will be held at 7:30 o'clock next Tuesday evening, according to announcement by Judge B. D. Sartin, at the music room of the Junior college.

Last week's meeting was postponed on account of adverse weather conditions and no meeting is being held this week on account of the holiday season.

Cupid Holds Up Crack Passenger Train In South

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 24.—Cupid has added railroad schedules to his list of mirth provokers.

Today the New York-New Orleans limited, crack train of the Southern railway, is steaming toward New Orleans after having been detained 30 minutes in Atlanta last night by the artful archer.

On the train is Miss Ruby Smith of Dallas, who will become the bride of Charles McCombs, Dallas attorney, when the train arrives in New Orleans and her bridesmaid, Miss May Weir, also of Dallas.

The two young women, who had been visiting in New York, stepped off the train in Charlotte, N. C., yesterday for a breath of fresh air and allowed the train to continue its journey southward without them.

By explaining their predicament to railroad officials in Charlotte a special coach was attached to the second sectio nof the train and the first section was held in Atlanta until they arrived here.

Thank You Saul!

Saul Lebenson, folowing his annual custom, sent a huge Christmas box to the Record News office Wednesday containing a gift for each of the ten ladies employed by the firm and the 43 men.

The advertising department, the editorial rooms, the accounting department, the circulation department, the composing room men, the press room and the stereotypers all received remembrances from this popular Wichita Falls merchant.

Two dainty madeira linen handkerchiefs were in the ladies' gift boxes, while the men received silk dress ties. The gift card inclosed in each read:

"Accept this as a token of our full appreciation of the many courtesies shown us during the past year. We extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

HOLD UP FAMOUS CLUB.

Bandits Get Jewelery and Money Valued at $3,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Six armed men early today entered the Sheridan Park club in an exclusive residential section, tied and gagged the steward and held up and robbed 50 members of jewelery and money estimated at $3,000.

Only three of the members reported their losses to police, the remainder stating they preferred not to risk the publicity of complaining to authorities.

The club is located near the residence of Mayor William E. Dever.

SAYS REPORT AIMS AT PRESS

Publishers Lay Claims Before U. S. Senate Postoffice Committee

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. — A charge that the postoffice department's cost ascertainment report was especially aimed at newspapers and periodicals was made today before the senate postoffice sub-committee by Arthur J. Baldwin, president of the National Publishers' association.

Appearing at public hearings to oppose the $10,000,000 advance in second class mail rates under the administration bill to take care of pay raises for postal employes, Baldwin said Joseph Stewart, who had charge of the compilation of the report, had an obsessio nthat the second class mail was a big burden on the department.

Referring to the rural free delivery charge against periodicals, Baldwin said congress established this service not for the benefit of the publishers but of the farmers. This service costs approximately $100,000,000 a year.

Baldwin said he was not present to say that the increases in salaries of postal employes are not justified and merited.

It is one thing to get the ox out of the ditch on Sunday and quite another to get a little ball out of the rough.

Local Bootleggers Supply Holiday Trade At Regular Prices And With No Shortage of "Cheer" Expected

Wichita Falls bootleggers last night anticipated no shortage in the supply of holiday "cheer," and held fast to established prices for their wares in the face of what they said was an almost unprecedented demand. While certain brands had become entirely depleted late yesterday afternoon there was still an abundant supply of "Scotch" and "Canadian" on hand at the warehouses, according to prominent members of the trade, to assure a wide choice to suit the palate of every customer.

Prices held to their usual level, as high as $20 for Scotch, probably genuine, and Canadian Club, and as low as $6 a quart for moonshine of questionable origin. Beers, gins and other liquors brought proportional figures. While the figure, $20 a quart for Scotch, was asked and received in some quarters for one bottle lots, the usual figure here was anywhere from $10 to $12.50 a quart.

Drug stores, with the exception of one local pharmacy, reported an unusual run on their supplies early in the week, and so far as is known every store in town was sold out on prescription whiskey last night.

Police officers have been keeping a sharp eye for violators of the liquor laws for the past few days and some arrests have resulted, although the utmost care and secrecy that has been preserved over such transactions has made their work even more difficult than usual.

COURT HOUSE CLOSES UP.

Everybody's Happy When Classes Let Out for Day at Noon.

Desks and tables at the court house yesterday were literally flooded with holly wrapped packages bearing the Christmas spirit to inmates from fellow workers and the outside world.

Employes favored their employer, and employer favored his workmen with gifts. Everybody went home happy at noon not to return until Friday morning, when offices will be open again.

CHICAGO NEGROES FIGHT.

Two Policemen Shot When Investigate Purse Snatching.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Two negro policemen were shot, one fatally, and an alleged negro purse snatcher was killed in a pistol fight late last night between the officers and two negroes they had stopped to question.

The negroes barricaded themselves in a basement in the south side negro district and exchanged more than 50 shots with policemen before they were driven out. One, believed wounded, escaped.

NEED SOLOMON IN BABY MIX-UP

Two Women Claim Child; Accuse Opponent of Theft And Abduction

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Police of two cities are attempting to establish the identity of the two and one-half year old boy abandoned last week in a Camden, N. J., rooming house and claimed by two women, one of whom is held in jail at Allentown, Pa., charged with its abandonment and the other planning to swear out warrants charging the Allentown prisoner with its abduction.

In this city Mrs. Russell Earl Steinling, identifying the child as her son who was kidnaped at Girad Manor, Pa., six months ago, pointed to scars on the baby's body which she said had been received in an automobile accident last Christmas as confirmation. She and her husband convinced the Camden authorities the day after the chubby faced, blue eyed boy was found that he belonged to them and have had him in their possession for several days.

Mrs. Martha Silknitter, under arrest in Allentown, is equally insistent that she is the mother and offers dates and place of birth and care for two years, said to be corroborated by records as her proof. She admits, according to the Allentown authorities, that she abandoned the baby, declaring that she did so because she and her husband were not able properly to care for the child. She also asserts that her child bears scars on its body as a result of a fall from a play horse.

GILLELAND SERVICES HELD.

Marley Body Still Held at Hines Undertaking Parlors.

Funeral services for Ed Gilleland, brick mason, who was killed when a pit in which he was working caved in, throwing a large quantity of dirt in on him and two companions, early Tuesday afternoon, were held from the residence at 1509 Myrtle street, yesterday afternoon, interment following at Rosemont cemetery.

The body of Thomas Marley, companion, who was also killed in the accident, is being held at the Hines undertaking parlor, pending some word from relatives, of whom no trace has been wound yet although their whereabouts have been narrowed to two or three possible localities.

The condition of W. P. Brandon, helper, who was only injured in the accident, is reported steadily improving.



Greetings For The Yuletide

We have made many friends in the seventeen years we have been serving the people of Wichita Falls, and we wish every one of them the best of Christmases and a prosperous, contented New Year.

Our own prosperity we owe to our fine friends, and we thank them all for their patronage. It has been a pleasure to serve them, and we are looking forward to giving them even better service in the coming year.

B. T. Burgess
Jeweler
Ninth and Indiana

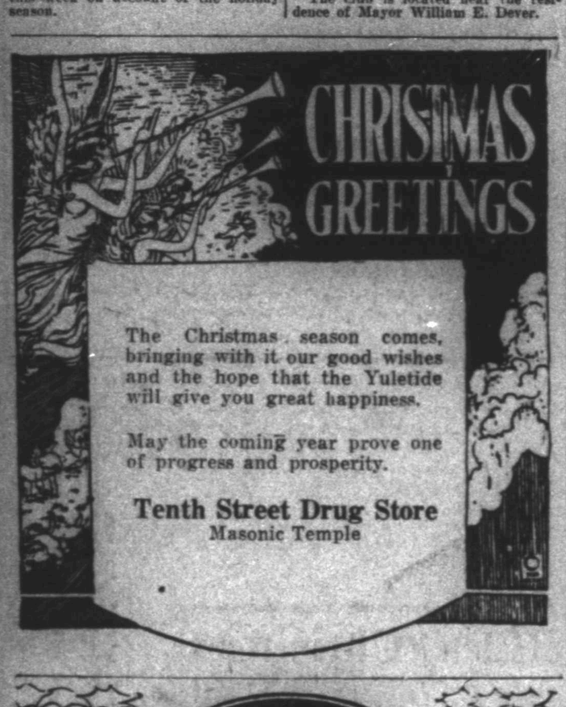


TO OUR FRIENDS—

Accept our heartfelt thanks for your kind patronage during the past year.

Merry Christmas, to you all.

CENTRAL DRUG STORE
LOUIS PINK
Indiana at Ninth



The Christmas season comes, bringing with it our good wishes and the hope that the Yuletide will give you great happiness.

May the coming year prove one of progress and prosperity.

Tenth Street Drug Store
Masonic Temple



Merry Christmas

May your Christmas stocking be filled to overflowing with the good things of life and the day be one of happiness.

Holliday Creamery Co.

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"Ask For It By Name"

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

Here's wishing you the jolliest sort of a Christmas and a New Year filled with prosperity.

Wichita Oakland Co.
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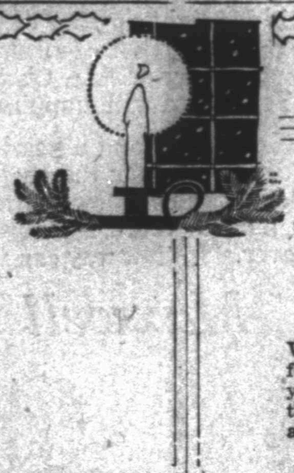
A Merry, Merry Christmas

SHAMLIN'S STUDIO
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May yours be a Christmas of good cheer, and your New Year happy.

City Meat Market
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We want ot thank our friends and customers for their very liberal patronage during the past year and assure them of our earnest hope that the future may bring to them much happiness and prosperity.

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THRONGS PASS IN SILENCE AT ROBERTS' BIER

City Pays a Notable Tribute Thursday to Dead Leader

FUNERAL SATURDAY

Services Will Be Held At Presbyterian Church At 10 A. M.

A glowing tribute was paid Thursday to the memory of I. H. Roberts, one of the city's beloved leaders who died suddenly Wednesday morning at the General Hospital, when hundreds of sorrowing friends passed by the bier as the body lay in state at the First Presbyterian church.

A buard of honor formed of uniformed Boy Scouts of which organization Mr. Roberts was president, stood at attention all through the day as friends from every walk of life passed by. One hundred and fifty Rotarians, members of the Wichita Falls Rotary club went in a body at noon to pay a tribute to a man who had been a charter member of their organization.

And boys, small ones and large ones, bowed their heads and wiped tears from their eyes as they passed by the casket of their leader.

Churchmen There.

Men and women with whom he had worked in the First Presbyterian church, of which he was a member, also came in crowds to view the body of their friend and leader.

Funeral services will be conducted from the church Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, with the pastor, Rev. Nat F. Grafton in charge. Knights Templars will have charge of the service following that conducted by the pastor, with past eminent commanders of the Wichita Falls Commandery serving as pall bearers. Eight close friends of Mr. Roberts will be the pall bearers for the first part of the service. Burial will follow in Riverside.

ORDER TO TEMPLARS.

All Knights Templar are requested to be present at the Masonic Temple Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, Dec. 26, in uniform, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Sir Knight I. H. Roberts.

A place has been reserved for the Knights on the left side of the church. Following the service conducted by Rev. Nat F. Grafton, Knights Templars will have charge of the service, it was announced yesterday.

ROTARY MEMORIAL IS HELD THURSDAY.

A memorial service in honor of I. H Roberts, former president of the Rotary club, was the program given by Rotarians at their regular meeting at the Kemp Hotel Thursday noon. Fred T. Couper was the principal speaker and delivered a eulogy.

He recounted the many deeds of kindness and help Mr. Roberts had wrought during his life in this city and told of his sterling character and worthwhile services here.

Songs appropriate for the occasion were sung by a quartet composed of W. C. Campbell, R. E. Shepherd, John W. Bradley and W. G. Smith.

Following the luncheon, 150 Rotarians went in a body to the First Presbyterian church where the body of Mr. Roberts lay in state. They remained there for a short prayer service conducted by Rotarian Nat F. Grafton, pastor of the church and Mr. Roberts' pastor.

STOCK EXCHANGE CLOSES

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—All activities in the financial district came to a halt tonight in observance of the Christmas holidays which in many issues will embrace the entire week end. The New York stock exchange and all other local securities and commodities markets will remain closed both Friday and Saturday. Banks will be required by law to open on Saturday but it is expected that only routine business will be transacted.

MEXICAN SOLONS TO QUIT WITHOUT PASSING BUDGET

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—(AP)—It is announced that congress will not pass the budget because there is insufficient time remaining in the present session which will be adjourned on December 31.

In the absence of a budget the deputies have approved a bill investing President Calles with extraordinary financial powers.

No Paper Saturday

The Record News, following established custom, will lock its doors all Christmas day and night and give its employees a full holiday. All departments from front to back—business office, editorial room, circulation, advertising, composing room, press room—none will function from the time the Christmas morning paper comes from the press until Christmas of 1925 is past history.

So don't expect a paper Saturday morning—but after that the old order resumes and the Record News will be with you every morning until another Yuletide rolls around.

THE WEATHER



"Papa made me go to bed without supper, and I didn't get none except the sandwich and pie and milk Mamma sneaked up to me."

LYRICS OF LIFE.
By Douglas Malloch.
The Olden Christmas.

Remember the olden Christmas, the Christmas of long ago!—
The sound of the silvery sleighbells, the crunch of the crusted snow,
The glitter of gleaming harness, the patter along the road,
Of prancing and steaming horses, the shout of their happy load!
With many a peal and jingle, with many a merry call,
We came to some place of meeting, some house that was best of all
A beacon at every window, a welcome at every door—
Remember the olden Christmas, the Christmas that comes no more!

No more of the olden Christmas! Why, Christmas is never past!
Of all of the joys of childhood, so few are the joys that last.
But one is the olden Christmas, wherever we chance to roam,
If under the pine or palm tree, or sailing the salty foam.
We still have the olden Christmas, wherever we chance to be,
If upon the highest mountains, if down by the deepest sea.
The land of our home may alter, the days of our youth depart,
But always the olden Christmas comes back to the human heart.

So here's to the olden Christmas, to Mother and home and Dad,
To all of the friends of childhood, to all of the fun we had,
To girls who were sweet and rosy, to boys who were big and strong,
To all of the Christmas laughter and all of the Christmas song,
Who sighs for the olden Christmas, and says that its hours are done,
When here is another Christmas with all of the Christmas fun!
For still its the olden Christmas, wherever a mortal dwells,
And in every song they sing me I can catch th sound of bells.

Local weather conditions for the past 24-hour period in Wichita Falls as reported by the Wichita Electric company bureau: Maximum 64; minimum 37; at 5 p. m. Thursday 59 degrees; no precipitation; southeast breeze; average wind velocity 20 miles per hour; maximum wind velocity 34 miles per hour; barometer 29.12.

OKLAHOMA: Friday fair, colder; Saturday fair.

EAST TEXAS: Friday partly cloudy to cloudy, colder in west and north portions Saturday fair, colder in east and south portions; moderate to fresh west to north winds on the coast.

WEST TEXAS: Friday fair, colder in north portion; Saturday fair.

THE DAY IN WICHITA FALLS.

The Majestic, B. F. Keith Orpheum-Interstate vaudeville, matinee and night.

The Strand, Charlie Chaplin in "The Gold Rush." Fables and Pathe News.

The Olympic, "The King on Main Street," starring Adolph Manjou; also Bobby Vernon in "Slippery Feet." Kinograms and five acts of vaudeville.

The Mission, "The Live Wire," with Johnny Hines, also "The Fighting Skipper."

The Palace, Richard Talmadge in "The Speed King" and Felix, the Cat comedy.

The Garden, Pete Morrison in "Triple Action," also chapter six of "The Ace of Spades" and Fable comedy.

The Gem, Jack Hoxie in "The Rider," and western comedy.

Young Pete Will Have a Quiet Day

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Dec 24.—(AP)—Little Peter Alfred Constantine Maris Salm Von Hoogstraeten, 16 months old, will enjoy his first Christmas tree tomorrow at "Walkiki," the winter home in Palm Beach of his grandfather Henry H Rogers, millionaire oil man, under the watchful eye of his mother, Countess Salm, nee Millicent Rogers.

Seven stalwart detectives will guard the home from intruders and the countess expects to spend a "quiet Christmas" with her son, whose possession promises to be one of the main issues in the suit for separation soon to be launched by Count Salm in New York.

BOILER KILLS THREE MEN

Workers Were Employed On Irrigation Farm Time of Tragedy

LAREDO, Texas, Dec. 24.—Felix Gonzales and Carlos Medina were killed on a farm north of here this morning when the boiler of a pump at an irrigation plant exploded. Gonzales was killed instantly, and Medina died from injuries an hour later. The men were preparing the irrigation plant for pumping water into mains when the explosion occurred.

TWO KILLED ON CROSSING.

Kansas Minister and Sister Meet Death Thursday.

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., Dec. 24—(AP)—Rev. L. D. Thomas, 49, was killed instantly, his sister, Mrs. Hazel Bleakley of Guthrie, Okla., was fatally injured, and Mrs. Thomas was dangerously hurt when a Frisco passenger train struck the car in which the three were riding here this afternoon.

Mr. Thomas was pastor of a local church.

15 MILLIONS IS SALE PRICE OF CHICAGO NEWS

Lawson Estate Will Get Fabulous Sum For Big City Publication

EMPLOYES IN DEAL

News Business Manager Was Backing of Financial Men, as Partners

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Chicago Daily News was sold today to Walter A. Strong, for several years its business manager, for approximately $15,000,000.

The transfer markes the end of the fifty-year ownership of the late Victor F. Lawson and the beginning of a new management in which members of the present departmental organization and editorial staff will share.

Arranged by Mitchell.

The financial plan arranged by John J. Mitchell, Sr., banker and trustee of the Lawson estate, provided for the issuance of $8,000,000 of debenture bonds and $6,000,000 in preferred stock. All of these securities will be owned by Mr. Strong and his associates. Mr. Mitchell as trustee, took the position that the Daily News should not be subjected to stock exploitation and that it ought to be conducted as Mr. Lawson had managed it for a half century.

To Retain Traditions.

Under the new arrangement, Mr. Strong announced the traditions and policies of the paper will be continued under the direction of Daily News Lawson trained men who participated in the successful development of the newspaper. Mr. Strong, the new owner and publisher, contemplates immediate plans for a new building at Madison and Market streets, and a new equipment program. He will have associated with him as editor Charles H. Dennis, for many years managing editor of the Daily News. Hopewell L. Rogers, long with the Daily News, will be treasurer of the company while Mr. Strong, who will hold the controlling interest, will be the publisher.

Associated with Mr. Strong will be the following Chicago business and professional men in th ownership: Sewell Avery; George F. Porter; Frank O. Lowden, former governor of Illinois; James A. Patten; James L. Houghteling; Julius Rosenwald; Robert P. Lamont; Harold Swift; Lou's Eckstein; John M. Smyth; Thomas D. Jones; W. C. Cummins; Miller Brainerd; E. Brown; Walter L. Fischer; Walter H. Wilson; Benjamin V. Becker; Morton D. Hull; Laird Bell; Joseph E. Otis; R. E. Durham; J. V. Farwell II; B. A. Eckhart; Clifford Leonard; James M. Hopkins; S. O. Levinson.

TWO HURT IN DALLAS FIRE

$35,000 Loss Suffered in Christmas Eve Apartment House Blaze

DALLAS, Dec. 24.—Two persons were seriously burned and five firemen suffered minor hurts in a Christmas eve blaze here late today that destroyed an apartment house with a loss of $35,000, partly covered by insurance. Lighting up a Christmas tree "to see how it was going to look" at a Christmas celebration was blamed for th efire.

Those most seriously injured were Stephen J. Bonner, 48, and Mrs. Jane Dent, 51. They are expected to recover. Mrs. Allie Kelly 38, was rescued from a sick bed by her son, Truman Kelly, 20, who carried her through a window to the roof of an adjoining building.

The apartment house was owned by W. J. Cummings, St. Joseph, Mo.

TRIBES SURRENDER

FEZ, French Morocco, Dec. 24—(AP)—News from all sectors of the French front in Morocco reaching French headquarters here indicate that the disintergritation of the Riffian alliance under Abd-El-Krim is proceeding rapidly.

The Senhadja tribes, who hold the strategic region north of Fez, known as the passage of the Riff, have surrendered unconditionally to the French colonel, Noguest.

OFFICE BOY WORKS WAY UP WITH BIG BROKERAGE FIRM

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—With the opening of the brokerage firm of Baar, Cohen and company on January 1, two former Wall street messengers—Jesse Baar and Jacques S. Cohen—will become partners in a New York stock exchange house. Both started their Wall street careers in humble capacities for other large brokerage offices and gradually worked their way to the top. Cohen is 32 years old and Baar 38.

GUARDS TO PEN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Coast guardsmen found guilty in court martial proceedings hereafter will be confined in naval prisons and none may be sent to civil jails, under an executive order issued by President Coolidge. The order it was announced tonight, is effective immediately.

Christmas Here, There Everywhere

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP) President Coolidge took the lead tonight in getting Washington away to a start on its celebration of Christmas.

Accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge, he motored from the White House to Sherman Square to press a button lighting a community Christmas tree. The ceremony, at which the United States marine band provided music for the singing of carols, took place early in the evening.

The president then returned to the executive mansion, which was visited later by the choir of First Congregational church. White House gates were open and thousands of people swarmed into the grounds.

SEASONABLE CHRISTMAS PROMISED FOR COUNTRY

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Wise men of the weather bureau promise a "seasonable" Christmas. In many parts of the country Santa Claus will find plenty of snow, while in the south and along the Pacific coast the usual "green" Christmas will prevail Snow falls are forecast in many sections, but precipitation in its ass welcome form, rain, probably will be noted only in New England, along the northern Pacific coast and in Virginia and Maryland.

Texas will have warmer weather after three days of freezing.

SNOW FALLS OVER MOST OF CENTRAL ONTARIO

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—With a considerable fall of snow last night over western and central Ontario and forecasts for snow in most parts of the dominion real Christmas weather seems to be in prospect. Snow fall or flurries are expected in every province except British Columbia.

Pacific coast cities have mild weather in prospect for Christmas.

SEVERE SNOW STORM HAS ALL IRELAND IN ITS GRIP

BELFAST, Ireland, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Ireland was assured a white Christmas by a snow storm which swept the country today and was especially severe in the northwest.

John Elliott, coroner of Tyronne, made two attempts to make his way through drifts to hold an inquest on two men found dead on a mountain top, but the snow was so deep he was obliged to abandon the attempt.

CHICAGO SPENDS VAST SUM FOR CHRISTMAS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Santa Claus came to Chicago tonight staggering under the weight of a pack valued at between $90,000,000 and $100,000,000 the most costly Christmas in the city's history.

The great downtown department stores closed their doors at the end of the final rush with the announcement that they have done a Christmas business of between $50,000,000 and $55,000,000. It was estimated that the smaller stores throughout the city have duplicated the amount

In the midst of the city's hundred million dollar Christmas, the poor have not been forgotten.

$326,000 RAISED FOR NEW YORK'S CHRISTMAS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Aided by newspapers of the city, which have collected more than $326,000 to aid the needy poor, Yuletide workers in New York were able today to provide for thousands of homes which otherwise would not have been on the calling list of St. Nicholas.

More than 500 immigrants at Ellis Island received their initiation into American customs while listening to a musical program.

ARREST VIOLIN MAKER

He Sent Threatening Matter to President, Is Charge

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—(AP) William Elmer Wolfe, alias David Watson, 50, a violin maker, was arrested by government officers at Oakland today on a charge of using the mails to incite assassination of federal officials. Wolfe had been sought for several years in various parts of the country for sending printed matter to Presidents Wilson and Coolidge and to a number of congressmen, belittling their public acts and suggesting methods of punishment for them.

A complete printing outfit was found in his room, the door of which had been padlocked.

CONVICTS STILL FREE

HOUSTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Reports from posses who are hunting escaped convicts in the Brazos river bottoms said that no traces of the ten who remained uncaptured had been found this morning.

Fifteen convicts Sunday night sawed their way out of a dormitory at the Ramsey farm and thus far but seven have been recaptured. Tuesday morning two men working in the field broke from their guards and got away. Neither has been recaptured.

THE DAY IN WASHINGTON.

Several cabinet members left town for Christmas.

The winter wheat area was estimated slightly less than sown last fall.

Assistant Secretary Andrews reported progress in cutting off bootleg supply sources.

Mrs. Coolidge aided Santa Claus in spreading Christmas cheer among poor children.

Howard Sutherland, former West Virginia senator was appointed alien property custodi

STANDARD OIL IN BIG MERGER ON WEST COAST

California Company Combines With Pacific Oil Co. Says Announcement

STOCK IS OFFERED

800 Millions in Stock Is Involved In Huge Business Deal

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The merger of the Standard Oil company of California and the Pacific Oil company, two of the largest members of the western oil group, subject to ratification by stockholders, was announced tonight by Henry W. Deforest, chairman of the board of the Pacific Oil company. The consolidated company will be directed by the management of the present Standard Oil company of California and the present organization of the Pacific Oil company will be maintained as far as possible. One share of stock in the consolidated company will be issued for each share of stock of stock in the consolidated company The Pacific now has outstanding 3,500,000 shares and the Standard approximately 9,500,000 shares.

All Assets Taken.

All assets and liabilities of the Standard Oil company will be taken over by the new organization which will also assume control of all assets of the Pacific Oil company except 1,229,575 shares of Associated Oil company stock and other assets estimated at $20,000,000 which will be distributed among the Pacific Oil company stockholders. The Associated Oil company now is controlled by the Pacific, but will become independent through the consolidation.

The merger will give the new company control of all producing property of the Pacific Oil company comprising approximately 261,000 acres of land in the San Joaquin valley in California. The present crude oil production of the Pacific is 55,000 barrels a day.

The consolidation will involve exchange of stock with a present market value of approximately $800,000,000.

SANTA CLAUS IN PARIS.

Christmas Eve Finds French Capital in a Hub Dub.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Santa Claus slipped into Paris tonight on what promised to be one of the gayest Christmas eves since prewar days. Those who hoped for an old fashioned white Christmas got nothing but a light drizzle with a forecast of rain tomorrow.

All the big theaters were sold out, and the cabarets and restaurants were crowded also. Great crowds swarmed the boulevards from late afternoon.

VALUABLE VEIN IS FOUND.

Pure Lead and Silver Ore Discovered in Idaho Farm.

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, Dec. 24.—(AP)—A thirty-foot vein of practically pure lead and silver ore has been tapped by a tunnel driven approximately 1,700 feet below the outcropping on the Salmon river property of the Walker H. McGinnis Metal company of New York, representatives of the company said today.

The value of the ore is placed at $100,000,000. The mine is located on what is known as the old Livingston property near Clayton, about 65 miles from Mackay.

NO CHEER FOR PHILLY.

Butler's Successor Orders Lid Clamped Tighter.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Philadelphians who have been smiling in anticipation of a "wide open" holiday season, now that General Smedley Butler, Philadelphia's relentless law enforcer, has departed, had their answer today when the general's successor, George W. Elliott, issued orders to "close the town tighter than it has ever been closed."

DAWES CAUGHT IN JAM.

Vice President Hunts a "Thing-a-magig" for His Son.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Vice President Charles G. Dawes was today caught in a jam with 10 000 other last minute shoppers at State and Madison streets, the world's busiest corner.

The vice president explained that he was hunting a "thingamagig" for his son that he had forgotten.

Wichita Falls All Set For A Real Christmas

Railway Car Firm Is Ready to Build Passenger Busses

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The first important entry of the railroad equipment companies into the automotive field was announced today by the American Car and Foundry company, which has organized the American Car and Foundry Motors company for this purpose. The new concern, which was incorporated in Dover, Delaware, yesterday, will own a controlling interest in the Fageol Motors company of Ohio, manufacturers of motor busses and trucks and in the Hall-Scott Motor Car company of Oakland, Calif.

'MA' SAFE FROM A MERE PROBE

Moody Rules That Extra Session Can Meet Only To Impeach

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—(AP)—An extra session of the legislature can be convened by the speaker only for impeachment purposes or for investigation in connection with an actual contemplated impeachment, Attorney General Dan Moody said today in ruling that members attending such a session would have a valid claim against the state for mileage and per diem. He declared the speaker is powerless to convoke the house of representatives for a mere investigation.

Although the attorney general in a measure smoothed the way for a special session by declaring the members could sell their claims after they had accrued, it is regarded significant he said nothing about witnesses having any claim against the state. Asked if witnesses that might be called before a special session could present claims aganist the state for fees and expenses. Moody said, "the opinions of today do not in any wae refer to witnesses. We have not been asked to rule on that point."

GRID STARS TO BATTLE.

Former Lumenaries of Football World To Meet in West.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Football cleats punished two gridirons today as some of the greatest stars in the country went through stiff workouts for the east-west game to be played here next Saturday.

The eastern squad, captained by Bill Ingram former navy star went through practice both in the morning and afternoon. All of the players were in good condition following their arrival yesterday from Chicago.

The western lvn also romped through workouts in the morning and afternoon every man o nthe team appeared to be in the best of shape.

SLAV COMMISSIONS LEAVES.

Debt Funding Body Is On Way to U. S. Conference.

BELGRADE, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Jugo-Slav mission charged with funding the country's debt to the United States left Belgrade today on its way to Washington. The mission will remain in France for a few days to discuss the Jugo-Slav debt to France, since the French government recently conveyed a gentle hint that payment would be welcomed.

URGE SETTLEMENT.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Chris J. Golden, chairman of anthracite miners' scale committee in a formal statement today said that the sixteen Catholic priests of non-English speaking parishes in Lackawanna and Luzerne county who issued a statement last night urging speedy settlement of the coal strike and favoring arbitration do not represent the views of their people, nor their church.

Christmas Eve Passes in Quiet Fashion With Last Preparation

MANY PARTIES

Churches and Charitable Organizations Give Final Fetes

Christmas Eve, with all the hustle and bustle that day has come to mean in the Christian nations, came to Wichita Falls in full blast yesterday. An orgy of last minute shopping that persisted until late at night; a myriad of Christmas tree celebrations, the pre-Christmas give-and-take of friends and business associates on the streets and in the offices of the city—These and all the other usual characteristics of "the day before" were evident in the city. Streets were thronged, shops were packed, offices closed and locked up—or just plain vacant.

Today, Christmas day, will find practically every place of business in the city with the exception of shows, restaurants, drug stores, and the like shut tight. There will be some few church services with special programs for the occasion, but beyond these the day will be comparatively inactive.

Quiet Christmas Eve

Last night, Christmas eve, by reputation a night at which anything requiring police attention is liable to happen, proved very quiet at the city hall. A few minor automobile accidents were reported, a few Christmas "drunks," but there was little else of a criminal nature.

The day was open season for the city's charitable organizations' Christmas services. A Christmas tree celebration at the Day Nursery yesterday afternoon was given to 60 small kiddies and about 25 of their mothers. With Mrs. Charles Carrington as Santa Claus, assisted by Mesdames C. Y. Tully, W. W. Cook and R. J. Goodale, presents consisting of toys, fruit, candy and the like, and a large quantity of clothing were passed out to children who had gathered for the occasion. A donation to the nursery in the form of 25 five-dollar bills for 25 needy mothers of the city had been received earlier in the day by Mrs. aCrrington, and these were distributed at the same time. Large supplies of fruits, groceries, and clothing were dispensed at the celebration, which was regarded as one of the most successful of its kind ever held here. Also assisting in the program were Mesdames E. F. Riley, C. J. Barnard, R. O. Harvey and J. A. Kemp.

Army Has Tree

The Salvation Army held a Christmas tree celebration at its citadel last night. Similar celebrations, and in some instances, religious services, were held at many of the city's churches in the evening.

Companies, at least those who had not already done so, found the day useful for the distribution of bonuses or other gifts to employes. Offices and business houses were strewn with boxes of cigars and candy, the presentation of vender to good customer, in keeping with the spirit of the day.

The business houses of the city reported a record day's trading. It is believed by some that previous totals for Christmas eve shopping would be bettered materially if a check were at all available. Most of the stores kept open until nearly midnight last night, accommodating last minute requests for Christmas goods which had been forgotten until almost too late.

Five Small Negro Children Burned To Death in Fire

QUANAH, Dec. 24.—Five small negro children of cotton pickers on the E. I. Flynt farm, about 10 miles northwest of Quanah were burned to death Wednesday while their parents were in the field. They had been left in the house and were dead before the parents reached the house after seeing the blaze.

The oldest child was about three years old.

WOMAN STRUCK BY CAR.

Frederick Stage Runs Her Down at Eighth and Indiana.

Olive Damerall sustained minor cuts and bruises shortly after 7 o'clock last night when struck and knocked to the pavement at the corner of Eighth and Indiana by an incoming Frederick stage. With the stage, according to the driver, it was a case of trying to beat the amber light at the corner.

The stage driver was being held at the city hall last night pending completion of a $250 bond on a charge of reckless driving.

COMMUTATIONS GRANTED

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 24. (AP)—Christmas commutations were granted by Governor Gore today to Edgar Combs, a life termer in the state prison at Moundsville and the Rev. E. O. Jones, serving five years.

Christmas Eve a Year Ago a Little Different

One year ago this morning Wichita Falls awoke to learn that during the night grim tragedy had stalked around Wichita Falls and driven away Christmas cheer with the numbing blasts of death and destruction.

It was a fearful night, that, and while this city escaped without loss of life, it found one of its principal office structures a mass of sodden architectures; ruined furnishings and a charred mass of timbers where once a roof had been.

The Bob Waggoner building fire represented one of the heaviest fire losses the city has ever sustained—a loss running in excess of $200,000; but fortunately no one was killed or even seriously injured.

Not so at Hobart, Okla., where a Christmas program in a rural school was turned into a shambles when an inflamable Christmas tree fired the structure and in the brief few minutes following snuffed out the lives of some 35 humans—mostly children.

To the south of Wichita Falls another fire took toll when the Stamford Inn, one of the oldest and most famous hotels in Texas, was razed by flame with the loss of three lives.

But this year it was different.

Death of Munsey Offers Chance To New York Democrats for Purchase Of Big Daily For Political Organ

Publisher, Prior to His Death, Discussed Possible Sale Of New York Sun in Case Of His Demise.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Frank A. Munsey feared by republican administrations because of his unwillingness to wear the party yoke, and disliked by the democrats because they considered him one of the principal factors in the rejection of the League of Nations covenant by the senate, carried to his death an extraordinary influence in American politics.

Ever since his espousal of the Bull Moose cause in 1912, he remained a staunch independent, believing that the salvation of American party politics lay in a realigment of elements so that all conservatives would be grouped in one party and all radicals in another. He believed there was a happy mean between the extremes of conservatism and radicalism and when he spoke of a conservative party he really meant a liberal institution.

Believed in New Partys.

The writer had several talks with Mr. Munsey on his political philosophy, and the relationship of his newspapers to politics. He believed the day of new parties was not far off and as late as a few weeks ago spoke confidently of the future and his plans to develop his newspapers for community and national service.

Mr. Munsey at one time was said to be anxious to become ambassador to Great Britain under President Harding but an earlier pledge to George Harvey is said to have prevented the consummation of his wish. It was not a deep-seated desire, however, so far as is known, because he kept referring to the opportunities for independence if detached from any republican or democratic administration.

About his two newspaper properties—the New York Sun and the Mail-Telegram—there has been for the last year an uncertainty due to the belief that Mr. Munsey wished to retire. He brushed aside all such suggestions and is indeed known to have considered a possible purchase of the Chicago Daily News owned by the late Victor F. Lawson and which has just been sold to Walter Strong, business manager of the Daily News.

Party Organs Needede.

It is an interesting coincidence that Mr. Munsey's death should come virtually at the same time that the announcement comes of the disposition of the Chicago Daily News. For in both instances there is a political background.

Democrats of national prominence considered seriously a move whereby the Daily News might become an organ of their political faith. Governor Smith of New York and other democrats are known to have planned its acquisition so that Chicago would have a democratic organ in place of the independent institution founded by Mr. Lawson.

The same situation will doubtless develop in New York City where the democrats would be happy to see the only out-and-out republican newspaper of large circulation converted into a democratic paper or at least one that is independent with tolerance for instead of opposition to the ideas of the democratic city, state and national organizations.

New York Sun to Be Sold?

All this is predicated on the assumption that the New York Sun will be sold which is far from a certainty. Mr. Munsey unlike many others did consider the disposition of his properties after death and told the writer last September that he did not think it was a good thing to leave in an unsettled condition a newspaper property of the size of the Sun. From this it may be inferred that his will when made public will disclose that some of the men intimately identified with the Sun today will have a considerable voice in its future.

As for the New York Mail and Telegram, there have bee nvarious attempts to persuade Mr. Munsey to sell it on the ground that two properties in the evening field in New York under one management could not be as successful as if separated. He did not share this view arguing that each had its own market and that his theory had been proved in London.

Was a Political Asset.

Just what Mr. Munsey's position in newspaper history shall be may be debated because newspapermen will differ as to the influence he wielded. But here in Washington there is no doubt on the subject. He was not the type who showed his hand in politics but there is no question that up to the very week of his death, the Washington administration felt a disposition to seek his favor or at least retain his good will. He was the kind of fighter to be preferred fighting with you rather than against you.

Mr. Munsey was never married and was the type of man whose thoughts were concealed. It is said of him that for several weeks he planned to buy the New York Globe and lunched frequently with Henry Stoddard of the New York Mail, a prospective purchaser of the Globe, when suddenly out of a clear sky the announcement of the purchase was made. He kept business secrets from his best friends.

Merger of Newspapers.

Mr. Munsey's conception of newspapers was that they had become large enough to be considered in a class with railroads or other manufacturing institutions. He merged them because he believed economic laws demanded mergers. He was criticized for extinguishing newspapers but he believed it good business and stuck to his theory to the very end. On the other hand he told the writer on one occasion that it would be a mistake for captains of wealth to buy and sell newspapers in the belief that they could be made profitable without considering the human equation. He said that there would develop some day a sort of trusteeship whereby men of genius in educational writing, in news management and business administration would be given a free hand by owners. He thought that unless an owner possessed all three elements in his own personality he would be better off with a system of three administrators whose power to manage a newspaper properly was not limited by owners. Whether this is prophetic of what will be found in his roll can only be conjectured but it is known he did not relish having his properties ever sold to the highest bidders just because they happened to have the money to acquire them.

The Record News want ads are the medium between buyer and seller. Use them for the best results.

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Wishes You
A Merry Christmas

Special Turkey Dinner

for Christmas
from 11:30 a. m. to 8 p. m.
811 Indiana Avenue

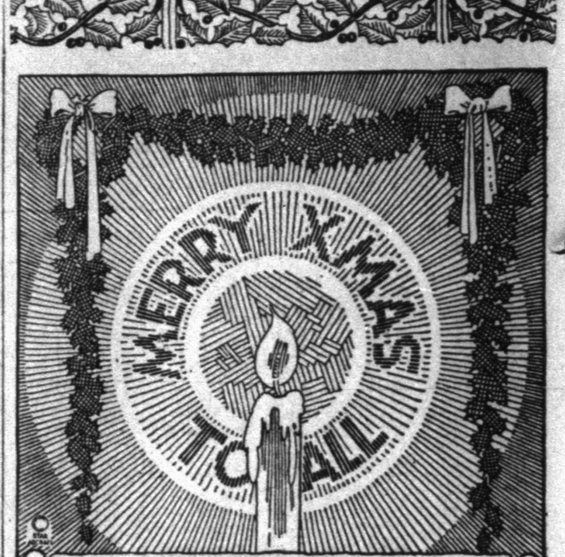


In This Season of Good Cheer

We feel that our obligation to our many friends and patrons for the past year would not be adequately met if we failed to express our deepest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for the prosperous business we have had during the past year.

May each and everyone experience the blessings and joys that he anticipates and feel that it is good to live in this old world after all. Here's hoping we have the pleasure of repeating this same wish in 1926.

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May youm wishes all come true,
A happy and glorious Yuletide
Is the wish we hold for you!

J. L. McCLURE
Chief of the Fire Dept.



Here Is a Sincere Christmas Greeting From Your Public Officials



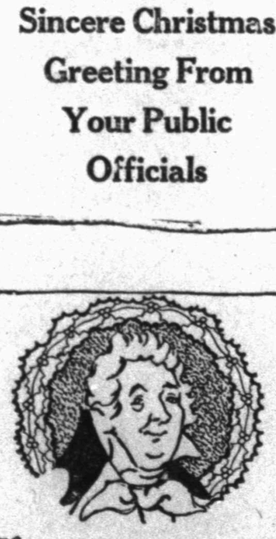
MAY the bells of Christmas ring for you
Three golden chimes so clear and true,
One for happiness and one for wealth,
And the third that you abound in health!

C. C. BUNNENBURG
Superintendent of Parks



May you spend this Christmas Day
In joyous feasting and happy play!
May good health and wealth be yours,
And happiness crown all your hours!

GEORGE HODGINS
Chief Police



HERE'S OUR CHRISTMAS WISH FOR YOU—
HEALTH AND WEALTH AND FRIENDS SO TRUE,
HAPPINESS AND EARTHLY BLISS—
COULD MORTAL WISH YOU MORE THAN THIS!

C. L. BRADFORD
Constable



We wish for you on Christmas Day
A good fat bird to crown the feast,
Gifts and joy and lots of play,
Success and happiness increased!

R. E. SHEPHERD
Mayor



OUR CHRISTMAS WISH!

May the candle of Happiness burn through the year,
Dispelling each sorrow and bringing you cheer!

ORAL JONES
Finance Commissioner



On this bright and cheery Christmas Day,
We greet you all in the old-fashioned way!
Merry Christmas!

ARTHUR C. HOWARD
Tax Assessor

GEN. BUTLER TO TELL ON MAYOR

Big Hotels in Philadelphia Were Protected For Booze, He Says

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—(AP)—General Smedley D. Butler, dismissed by Mayor Kendrick as head of the Philadelphia police, said today that publication of his diary would "raise a ruction."" He kept it during the two years he was director of public safety and recorded, among other things, conversations with the mayor and other city officials.

The general said that a broadside in which he alleged the mayor was a protector of big violators of the prohibition law was only a preliminary blast.

"I"m going to keep right on with the attack until I get ready to stop," he added, "and I won"t stop until I prove my case."

Will Recall Letter.

General Butler let it be known that he would endeavor to recall his letter of resignation from the marine corps which he submitted Monday in order to remain here. He plans to visit Washington early next week for a conference with Major General John A. Lejeune, commandant of the corps, who has indicated that he is anxious to have the general remain in the service.

In making public letters which passed between himself and Mr. Kendrick and Joseph P. Gaffney, city solicitor, the general attempted to show that it was because he would not "go easy" on the big hotels that he was "fired."

Butler said that he wanted the Ritz-Carlton hotel padlocked for liquor law violations and the dance licenses of the Bellevue-Stratford and the Walton hotels revoked for the same reason, but that the mayor disapproved.

David P. Provan, manager of the Ritz-Carlton, is under $1,000 bail for a hearing on charges of violating the prohibition laws as a result of a raid on two rooms of the hotel where a private party was being held.

BANKER IS SHERIFF

LARKSDALE, Miss., Dec. 24.—(AP)—H. H. Hopson, wealthy planter and banker, was sworn in late today as sheriff of Coahoma county, substituting for S. W. Glass, who earlier today recused himself pending the outcome of grand jury investigation of the lynching here Saturday night of Lindsey Coleman, negro.

ARMISTICE SIGNED

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 24.—(AP)—An armistice is reported to have been signed between the Drust tribesmen and the new French high commissioner in Syria, Henry De Jouvenel.

Flashes of Life

CAMBRIDGE—Because of "sentimental mush" on the program the Harvard Glee club has withdrawn from a forthcoming intercollegiate glee club contest in New York.

WASHINGTON — "I'm scard. Won't you take me in your lap?" a tiny crippled asked Mrs. Coolidge when a flash light flared as she was making a Christmas tour of a hospital. She kissed away the tears and the tot smiled.

SEVILLE, Spain—It is not as pleasant on the ramparts of Seville just now as "Carmen" would indicate. Floods due to heavy rains have driven some people from their homes and many olive groves are under water.

LONDON—Andre Charlot, theatrical producer, thinks if Paris wants to keep her reputation for gaiety she must watch New York. "For sheer levity, both in costume and subject matters, the Parisian stage has nothing on New York."

LONDON—For the conveniece of women wearing Russian booths the hotels are supplying their rooms with boot jacks and the stores are selling them trimmed with dainty ribbon.

TAMPA—There's going to be a lot of bull throwing here New Year's Day. The champion matador of Spain is coming from Spain and eight matadors and 27 bulls from Mexico. Spring swords that won't hurt the bulls will be used.

NEW YORK—Oscar Straus, an immigrant boy who became a member of the cabinet, a diplomat and a member of the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague, is entering his 76th year optimistic about peace. There were 75 candles on his birthday cake yesterday.

LONDON—Lord George is to have a meeting for women only shortly at which to expound his scheme for state exproporiation of farm land.

NEW YORK—Told by returning travelers: A laundress for the Roosevelt expedition in Thibet has been divorced six times and is rich as the result of roweries. (Suydam Cutting, a member of the expedition). France needs a dictator and Clemenceau is the only man for the job. (Whitney Warren, designer of the New library at Louvain). Some blacks in Abyssinia are turning white because they live in solid rock three stories under ground, (Rosita Forbes, explorer.)

NEW YORRK—"Nick F." race track plunger who made $800,000 at the New Orleans track three years ago, is broke and suffering from pneumonia.

NEW YORK—In five months F. E. Moskovico has made a paper profit of $631,000 in an option on Stutz stock. At Charles M. Schwab's behest Moskovico became president of the company last August with an option for purchase of 10 per cent of the stock or 263,000 shares, at the then market price, $10. The last closing price was $34. The option runs until February 15, 1927.

3 Youths Rob Bank, Are Later Arrested

HUTCHINSON, Kan., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Three Hutchinson youths, all under 18 years old and an adult negro robbed the Cheney State Bank shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon, the quartet confessed to police following their arrest here late today. They are Dal Matin, 17, business college student; Charles Grounds, 18; Harold Grounds, 17, brothers, and Clyde Harrison, 34, negro ex-convict. The arrests followed an exciting motor car chase from the scene of the bank robbery, 45 miles southeast of here. C. O. Bombolt, assistant cashier of the Cheney bank followed the bandits to Hutchison in his automobile.

The loot, $505, in cash, was recovered from Harrison.

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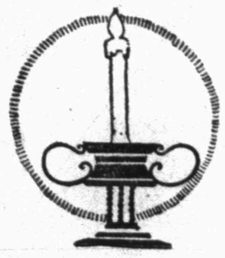
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May your Christmas be filled with good cheer and happiness.

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Merry Christmas

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Christmas



Today, Christmas, the day of good cheer and felicitations, The Municipal Gas Company departs for the moment from the paths of commerce to wish everyone the fullest measure of happiness for the glorious Christmas-tide.

We sincerely hope that your Christmas will be filled with joy and happiness and that good fortune will appear in each day of the coming year.



MUNICIPAL GAS COMPANY
"A Partner With the Public"

Magnolia Pays $185,000 For Two North Texas Oil Leases

WIRT FRANKLIN PARRISH LEASE SOLD, $155,000

Hester - Hawkins - Ferguson Sell Hill-Roberts Lease For $30,000

Magnolia Petroleum company has completed two purchases of production in North Texas involving an acquisition of about 230 barrels of settled production for a consideration of about $185,000. Final arrangements in the transaction were made late Wednesday and early Thursday morning.

The first of the pieces bought was in the Hill and Roberts district in south Wichita county, where a 40 acre tract with nine wells owned by Hester-Hawkins-Ferguson brought $30,000. The tract is on the Wilkins farm, and is located in the H. Balch survey of Wichita county.

The other piece and the larger was the Wirt Franklin Parrish lease in section 26, H&TCRRCO survey, in the district commonly known as the "Parrish-White" area, north Archer county. Eighteen wells and 200 barrels brought $155,000.

News Of The Fields

Texas Panhandle

Rock et al, No. 1, Phillips, in section 41, H&TNRRCO survey, block 24, Wheeler county, when deepened from 2,293 to 2,296 feet in sandy lime increased from 20 barrels a day to 125 barrels flowing.

Haskell County

Kouri No. 2, Ballard, Haggard survey, Haskell county, is reported shut down at a depth of 2,210 feet in a shale, over the holidays, with the formations reported running high.

Oldham District

Petroleum Producers and Primrose Refining company are spudding on their No. 2, Wade, just a location south of the No. 1, producer, in the SP&IRCO survey, abstract 415, west of the Oldham district, in west Archer county.

Consolidated Oil company will not start another well at present on its block west of this production, it is announced.

SE Baylor County

Petroleum Producers-Cranfill are spudding on their No. 6, Mills, a location south and east of the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of block 2427, TE&LCO survey, southeast Baylor county.

West Archer County

Broethar-Silkwood - Brashear were bailing late yesterday afternoon in their No. 1, Parkey, located in the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of block 39 of the Dallas county school lands, west Archer county. Sand was at 1,490-1,501 feet.

North Young County

Carey et al, are reported to have a 50 barrel well or thereabouts in their No. 1, Graham, in the southwest corner of section 193, TE&LCO survey, about three-quarters of a mile west of the Peter Kemp pool in northwest Young county. Sand was encountered at 1,104-07 feet.



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RESUME COAL NEGOTIATIONS

Will Seek to End Hard Coal Wage Despute Next Thursday

HAELTON, Pa., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Wage negotiations looking toward an end of the hard coal strike will be resumed in New York next Tuesday. This announcement was made late tonight by Alvan Markle, chairman of the operators and miners joint committee who said that "any basis for settlement" could be brought before the conference "by either party."

In a formal statement, Mr. Merkle said,

"The anthracite sub-committee will meet in New York on December 29, 1925, at 3 p. m. Resumption of negotiations is agreeable to both miners and operators. At this meeting any basis for settlement may be brought before the conference by either party."

HOTEL BANKRUPT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Shoreham Hotel, one of the oldest and most prominent establishments of the kind in Washington, situated near the White House, passed Tuesday into receivership, at the request of the Shoreham corporation, which has been operating it.

Competition of lower priced hotels and the summer slump occasioned by the congressional recess were given as reasons for the request.

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STANDARD OIL PAYS IN STOCK

Certificates for 25 Percent Given All Holders for Christmas

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Standard Oil company of New York today gave its stockholders a Christmas present by declaring a stock dividend of 25 percent.

In making the announcement the directors said:

"The company will distribute on or about February 1, one share for each four shares of stock held by a stockholders of record January 15, and send checks for the value of fractional shares, based on the average stock market price, ex-dividend, between January 15 and 30. No fractional certificates will be issued."

This action follows the consummation of the merger of the Magnolia Petroleum company into the Standard Oil company of New York by exchanging four shares of Standard Oil for one of Magnolia or a cash payment of $181.23 a share for Magnolia.

The Standard Oil of New York stockholders recently increased authorized capital from $235,000,000 to $375,000,000, consisting of 15,000,000 shares of $25 par value. Prior to the recent offer of exchange the Standard Oil company owned about 70 percent of 1,802,471 shares of Magnolia stock outstanding. Assuming that all of the remaining 30 percent is converted, the Standard Oil company's outstanding share capital will be increased to 11,620,876 shares, and the payment of the stock dividend will bring this amount to 14,537,345 shares, leaving less than 500,000 shares of the authorized stock unissued.

U. S. DELICACIES FOR ENGLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—John Bull's Christmas stocking this year will be stuffed with 1,600 shiploads of Christmas fare from the markets of the world.

The cargoes include apples from California, Oregon, Washington and Canada and grape fruit from Florida.

SANTA DIES IN MICHIGAN FIRE

Kiddies Shout With Glee As He Falls Under Heart Attack

PORT HURON, Mich., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Santa Claus is dead. He died last night in the exictement attendant upon Christmas exercises at Harbor Beach in the Methodist church. Santa Claus' real name was William Johnston.

They never knew, those hundred eager children with bright eyes and laughing lips that they were to see Santa die before their eyes. They could not see behind his smiling face and flowing white whiskers and know that a heart, made weak by years of labor, was undergoing a great strain. And so when Johnston fell dead they shrieked and cried.

In the crowd were Johnston's wife and three children. His body was taken to an undertaking establishment. The festitvities continued.

Western Farmers Seek Direct Way To Sell Products

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The congressional farm bloc will not be content if the administration confines its program for solving the farmers' difficulty to the pending cooperative marketing measure.

Leaders from the western farm belt are preparing to wage a fight for some direct means of disposing of farm surplus through an export corporation.

Their plan apparently goes much further than any either President Coolidge or Secretary Jardine has been willing to approve. Both have expressed oppositon to proposals involving price fixing or the buying and selling of surplus crops through a government agency. That the administration is considering the surplus crop problem, however, was disclosed with the announcement by Mr. Jardine that he intended to call a series of conferences with leaders in agriculture and economics to seek a solution through cooperatiev organizations of farmers.

WOMAN IS BURNED

PALESTINE, Texas, Dec. 24.—Mrs. J. E. Engram, aged 72 years, died here early Thursday morning as a result of burns sustained about 4 o'clock Friday afternoon when her dress ignited from a stove. She was visiting a sister, Mrs. H. Doyle, and was in an upstairs room at the time of the accident. A nephew on returning from school found her in a state of coma at the foot of the stairway where she had fallen after heroic efforts to extinguish her flaming clothes.

KEEP DOWN EXPENSES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Dry agents seeking to keep the prohibition lid on during the Christmas and New Year holidays must also keep an eye on their expense accounts, prohibition officials announced today.

Orders will be issued, it was stated, which will ban such generous ideas as "buying the whole house a drink" to get evidence.

The new idea is the result of expense accounts of the two Washington agents who spent nearly $1,000 to obtain evidence against two minor hotel employes.

LOST PAINTING FOUND.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—An original Rubens, "The Drunken Hercules," which had been lost 100 years, has been rediscovered in Dresden in the private gallery of the former King of Saxony.

Wilhelm Von Bode and all other great art experts of Germany say the picture is one of Rubens' best preserved works.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

Your kind cooperation and support has contributed materially to the success of this bank, and we will ever strive to make our service merit your continued patronage.

Accept our heartiest, sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year

SECURITY NATIONAL BANK

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WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Old Kris Kringle is with us again. Young and old alike eagerly look forward to his arrival. His is a mission of good cheer, peace and good will on earth. All good luck to him.

Although commonly called old he is about the liveliest young fellow of our acquaintance and always has been. And may he ever remain so.

And now, let us extend our heartiest Christmas Greetings to you and to each member of your home and to the members of more than two million homes throughout the 44 states, whom we serve in our 676 stores.

Let's make it general: A Merry, Merry Christmas to All

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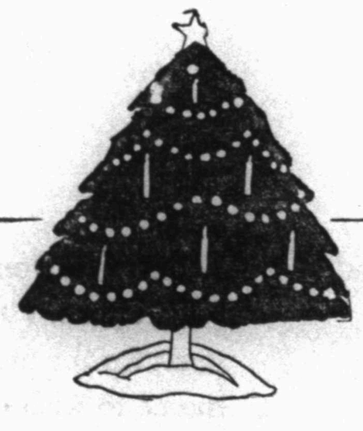
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May yours be a Christmas of Good Cheer, and your New Year Happy.

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Christmas Joys To You All!

As year after year rolls by, we realize more fully that success in business is about almost entirely built on good will, co-operation and service.

It is with a full realization of your loyal support and patronage that we express our appreciation for the part you have played in making the passing year both profitable and pleasant and pledge ourselves to serve you more efficiently and with more courtesy in the future than has been possible in the past.

May this be a Christmas undimmed by sorrow or grief, and may you and yours enjoy prosperity and happiness to the extent that your cup will overflow.

Wichita Falls Traction Co.



A Happy Christmas

Our Best and Most Sincere Wish Is That You Have a Very Merry Christmas.

Krugers

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SOCIETY

Mrs. Creighton Hostess For Division Party

Mrs. Frank Creighton entertained members of division three of the Christian Ladies' Aid society with a Christmas party at her home on Taylor street Wednesday afternoon when colorful decorations in keeping with the season furnished the setting.

Favors were cleverly arranged candies on poinsettia blossoms. During the afternoon, games and contests were enjoyed also an informal program which included two voice numbers by Mrs. Joe Dickey, and two violin solos by Mrs. Joe Crouch accompanied at the piano by Mrs. R. E. Shepherd.

Lovely pot plants were presented Mesdames Creighton and J. H. Hickman by Mrs. S. L. Conn, in behalf of the division in appreciation of their services as leaders of the division.

Those present were Mesdames T. T. T. Reese, J. M. Isbell, S. L. Conn, J. F. Hickman, J. E. Strong, L. E. McConnell, E. E. Fisher, Paul Barnett, Harley Snider, R. E. Shepherd, P. B. Curd, Joe Crouch, C. E. Bailey, Joe Dickey, T. M. McDaniels, S. P. Jones, T. M. Conrey, J. W. Pond, and Mrs. B. H. Hobbs of Leavenworth, Kansas.

Woolverton-Maxwell Wedding Announced

Announcement is made of the marriage of A. H. Woolverton of this city to Miss Alice Maxwell of Austin, the wedding taking place in Dallas at the home of the bride's uncle, Dr. and Mrs. A. V. Lane on Maple avenue Tuesday evening.

The ceremony was read by Dr. Carl G. Gregory in the presence of numerous friends and relatives. Mr. Woolverton was attended by Russell B. Kerboy of this city as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Woolverton will make their home in this city.

Personals.

Mrs. Al Booth will arrive Sunday to be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kemp and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gamble and son Dillon, left Thursday for Geary, Okla., to spend the holidays with Mrs. Gamble's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dillon. They will remain until after New Years.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Roberts left Thursday for Fort Worth to spend Christmas with Mrs. Roberts' sister, Mrs. J. M. Barkley, formerly to this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Blalack who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar P. Haney and Mrs. C. J. Lyons, have returned to their home at Prospect, Texas.

Mrs. Calvin R. Keith has gone to Decatur to spend Christmas with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Deen of Norman, Okla., are guests of Mrs. Deen's sister, Mrs. Leonard Grayson. Mrs. Deen will be remembered here as Miss Gladys Van Vacter.

tives. Mr. Williams accompanied wife as far as Dallas and will join her in Austin for the week-end holiday for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Elms who have been visiting their nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Ellis, left this week for El Paso where they will spend a while during the extreme winter season.

Richard Gibbons of Southwestern university in Georgetown, is home this week and will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gibbons on East First street.

Murrell Van Cleave has arrived from San Francisco, and Henry Van Cleve from the State university at Austin, and will spend the holiday season with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Van Cleave in this city.

The friends of J. B. (Doc) Jordan are greeting him on our streets this week on his return from Greenville where he is a student in the theological department of the Methodist college in that city, this year.

W. D. (Jew) Bent, one of Burkburnett's popular citizens, is reported very ill at his home near the Tidal Western refinery, with which he is employed. His many friends are hoping for him a speedy recovery.

WILLING WORKERS IN HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

The Willing Workers club of the Pythian Sisters enjoyed a delightful Christmas tree celebration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gloger on West Main street Monday night.

The house was decorated in brilliant holiday colors and emblems and was featured by a large tree filled with gifts for young and old of the little band.

An interesting little program opened the festive occasion as follows:

Prayer: Mary Cleo Gloger.
Reading: Margarite Allen.
Duet: Mrs. Hubert Clary and Mrs. Touchum.
Reading: Miss Ruby Lowery.
Quartette: Mrs. Clary, Mr. Sarton, Mr. and Mrs. Martin.

AGENTS EXPENSIVE.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Declaring that federal prohibition agents have no right to destroy property, Magistrate Carney yesterday held Capt. Herbert E. Smith, assistant federal administrator for eastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey, in $7,500 bail for the grand jury. The other prohibition agents were held in $2,500 bail each. The defendants are charged with having destroyed 2,200 barrels of beer in a raid on the plant of the Premier Brewing and Cereal company Dec. 10. All furnished bail.

Smith, who is also a deputy warden at Eastern penitentiary, was the particular target of the magistrate at the hearing.

"He has been running wild," Carney asserted, "and it's time somebody stopped him."

CLUB BOYS TO FEED LAMBS.

SAN SABA, Dec. 24.—Lamb feeding is to be tried by San Saba county agricultural club boys the coming season. Club activities heretofore have embraced all classes of agriculture, poultry and pig raising. Feeder lambs never before have been included.

ROLLER SKATING all day Christmas at 217 Indiana.

Burkburnett

FERGUSON FAMILY IN HOLIDAY REUNION

Among the many family reunions planned for the Christmas season, none are more extensive or interesting to Burkburnett friends than that planned for the J. L. Ferguson families, consisting of ten adult children and their families. All will meet at the home of a sister and her husband, Mrs. B. E. Norris in Electra with the exception of one son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ferguson of Mineola, Texas. The other families to assemble on Christmas day in Electra are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McGuire and Miss Bonnie Jean; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ferguson; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Fowler; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ferguson; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ferguson and the father, L. E. Ferguson, all of Burkburnett. Also Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gorden and Virginia Anne Gorden of Elgin; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Roach and children of Chickasha, Okla.; and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ferguson of Electra.

BURK CHURCHES IN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Among the Christmas celebrations in the Sunday schools of the city, announced this week are the following: the First Baptist will have a "White Christmas with a program by the junior department on Wednesday night.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will observe the season with a Christmas tree for the children and a program featuring a number from each class.

The Central Christian church will entertain with a tree for their Sunday school pupils and a program of songs and reading and Christmas exercises, on Christmas eve Thursday at seven o'clock.

CLASS TEACHER IS PRESENTED A LAMP

Mrs. J. W. McGuire, teacher of the Young Matrons class in the First Baptist church, was the honores of her pupils Sunday when the class program was featured by the presentation of beautiful floor lamp, Mrs. C. M. Dennison made the presentation with a worthy tribute to the faithfulness and good service of their beloved teacher. There are about seventy young women in this remarkable division of the Baptist Sunday school.

PERSONALS.

Ben Davis of A. & M. college arrived home this week for the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Davis.

Dr. and Mrs. S. G. Cruse will spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Edwards in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Prinsing will leave the latter part of the week for a Christmas visit with their parents and other relatives in Miles, Texas.

Francis Felty of the First National Bank will leave this week for Big Springs and perhaps El Paso where he will spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Ed Williams and daughter, Ann Williams, left Monday for Austin where they will spend the holidays with parents and other relatives.

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WISHES YOU A
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DINNER
Turkey, dressing, cranberries, celery, mashed potatoes, coffee, tea or milk.



MERRIE CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR

May your Christmas be a truly happy one, and the New Year one of health and prosperity. For your liberal patronage this past year, we are indeed grateful.

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806 Eighth Street — Kemp Hotel Bldg.



Historical Data On Russia Throws New Light on Part That Czar Played In Events Prior to 1914 Hostilities

France and Russia Were Not Hatching War Plot At Time Fighting Started, Claim Historian.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Dec. 24.—(AP)—A copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Russian ministry held July 24, 1914, which shed new light on the part Russia played in the stirring events preceding the World war, has been found in the Hoover war library here and has been translated by Robert C. Binkley, reference librarian.

These minutes which Mr. Binkley says have nto been cited in all the ten years efforts to fix responsibility for the war, are said to show that Russia, instead of helping to precipitate the war by urging Serbia to resist Austria, as has been charged, took exactly the opposite course. They represent Foreign Minister Sarzanov as advising Serbia to refrain from armed resistance and the other ministers as approving this advice.

The document also records that the ministers gave their approval to Sarzanov's proposal to get in touch with the other European powers in an effort to persuade the Austro-Hungarian government to grant Serbia a delay in her reply to Austria's ultimatum resulting from the assassination of the Archduke Francis Ferdinand at Sarajevo. The meeting of the Russian ministry was held the day after Austria issued her ultimatum so there might be time for the powers to investigate the documents in connection with the Sarajevo assassination which the Austro-Hungarian government had in hand; to approve his advice to Serbia that in case she should be unable to protect herself to refrain from armed resistance to invasion by Austria-Hungary and instead to announce that she yielded to force and entrusted her fate to the judgment of the powers; to authorize mobilization of Russian military and naval forces "according to the progress of events;" to gather stores of war materials and to authorize the minister of finance to begin at once the withdrawal of funds then in Germany and Austria.

Council Met With Czar.

A later entry indicates that the day after the meeting the council held a long meeting with the czar at his palace, at which he approved all these actions, broadening the scope of the mobilization plans and joined with his ministers in the decision to put the whole nation into a state of preparation for war.

The minutes also inferentially absolve France of any suspicion of that country's collusion with Russia in preparing to force war at that time because of the fact that Viviani and other French government heads had been in conference with the Russian government at St. Petersburg up to the day befroe the Austro-Serbian crisis. If Russia was hatching no plot obviously France could not be participating in one, is the deduction made by Stanford historians.

LONG FIGHT SUCCESSFUL.

PEKING, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Marshal Feng Yu-Hsiang's long fight for complete mastery of Chihli province moved near a successful termination today when his troops entered Tientsin the great port and commercial center of North China having brushed aside the last barrier, the army of General Li Ching-Ling, civil governor of the province.

JAP COUNSELLOR DIES.

TOKYO, Dec. 24.—Keijiro Okana, vice president of the Japanese privy council, died here Wednesday.

A Merry Christmas

Make this Christmas more joyous with a box of our Delicious Candies

Drop in Today for A Box For HER

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722 Indiana

TO OUR

Friends and Customers

The success of our business during the year 1925 is attributed to the generous patronage and cordial friendship received from folks of this community. To each and every one who has been instrumental in forwarding the progress of this store, we extend a hearty Christmas Wish and hope the New Year filled with Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

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CORRECT DRESS FOR MEN
Eighth Street at Scott Avenue

A Merry Christmas Is Our Wish To You--



The Parisian
FOR SMART STYLES



A Merry Christmas Is Our Wish To You

and a Happy New Year

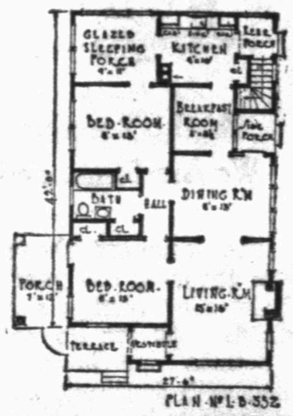
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CLOTHIERS
612 Seventh Street



Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

To the Patrons whom it has been our pleasure to serve, we extend our most sincere greetings.

Wichita Produce Co.
1107-1109 Ohio Avenue



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Home and industrial builders who need financial assistance will find us prepared to meet legitimate requests for deferred payments. Long-Bell resources and building experience are at the service of the builder. An unexcelled collection of home plans await your selection. Long-Bell nationally known lumber products enable you to build substantially and with lasting satisfaction.

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WE are truly appreciative of the many courtesies which have been extended to us by all during the year just closing and there is much pleasure in wishing one and all

A Merry Christmas
AND
A Happy New Year

May we hope that our friendly relations with all continue unbroken thru the coming year.

A. Marks
Ladies' Ready to Wear
Millinery

60 Youngsters Enjoy Christmas Treat At Day Nursery Thursday

Sixty small kiddies of the Day Nursery were made happy Thursday afternoon when the Christmas spirit pervaded the home and a brilliant Christmas tree was arranged for them with appropriate decorations and numerous gifts of toys, fruits and candies to say nothing of the more material things of life such as warm mittens and stockings.

Nothing was lacking to make the picture complete. Beside the tree stood good old Santa Claus with his smiling face garbed in holiday costume of red and white. Mrs. Charlie Carrington acted in this capacity, and as the throng of small boys and girls entered the room with eager faces and bright eyes, they were told to shake hands with Santa.

Gifts Distributed.

While the band was grouped around the tree, their eyes filled with admiration, gifts were distributed by Mesdames C. Y. Tully, W. W. Cook, and R. J. Goodale, assisted by Mrs. Rebecca Carrington and her helpers.

Others assisting in arranging the tree were Mesdames E. F. Riley, C. J. Barnard, R. O. Harvey and J. A. Kemp.

And the mothers of the kiddies were not forgotten. For the same spirit that prompted the Christmas tree also remembered that in all probability, a little more money would be needed by the mothers at this season of the year. So bright and early Thursday morning, the phone rang at the Day Nursery, and a kindly voice asking for Mrs. Carrington, told her that 25 five dollar bills were being sent down for 25 mothers, and three more, for herself and her two helpers, bringing the sum total of the amount to $140.

Bountiful supplies of groceries, fruits and clothing also found their way to the Nursery all day Thursday, according to Mrs. Carrington, who remarked that "Wichita Falls citizens are nothing if not charitable. If any one has any doubt along this line, I hope they will just come down here and pay us a visit," she said.

FREEMAN SUES CITY.

A suit against the city of Wichita Falls was filed in court proceedings Thursday asking damages of $4,000. The suit was filed by S. A. Freeman and wife who allege that they were owners of a one-story brick residence on Front street, and that the had been authorized to move to house to another piece of property while the property was under litigation.

It is also alleged that in moving the house, damage was done to its market value to the extent of $4,000. They contended also that the city moved out all the furniture before the house moving began, and that the city has kept possession of the property since that time, four weeks ago. A judgment was asked because they alleged they were compelled to rent another house for $10 per week for a period of six weeks.

CAL SEEKING SOLONS' HELP

President Meets Senate Leaders to Discuss Arms Conference

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—President Coolidge in his efforts to find a way to accept the League of Nations invitation to the preliminary discussion of a disarmament conference plan has sought the views of congress leaders as to the best method of procedure.

He conferred yesterday with Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee and Senators Moses, Republican, New Hampshire, and Lenroot, Republican, Wisconsin, as to whether congressional sanction should be given in advance of preparation in the preliminary Geneva meeting at which an effort will be made to draw up an agenda for the projected world arms conference.

The request for such sanction would take the form of a bill carrying an appropriation to defray the expenses of American participation. Opinion at the capitol as to the admissability of this course appears now to be divided, but Senator Lenroot told the president that most senators favored acceptance of the invitation.

Senator Borah and others of the irreconcilables in the League of Nations fight hold that acceptance should be conditioned upon a very thorough understanding that the proposed disarmament conference would not consider European security pacts and that this country would not enter into any kind of agreement which the League of Nations would be called upon ultimately to put into force.

MEXICO TO ARM.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—Five million pesos will be immediately expended for the purchase of coast defense guns by the government. Three small ships for coast patrol, airplanes and cavalry remounts will be purchased.

This first appropriation will be followed at once by others in an effort to equip the army on a thoroughly modern basis.

Corn is attacked by 300 different insects.

DEATHS

MRS. MINNIE GORDON.

Mrs. Minnie Gordon, age 60, of Vernon, died yesterday afternoon at the general hospital at 12:40 o'clock, following a lingering illness. The body was being held at the Hines mortuary last night, pending advice from relatives.

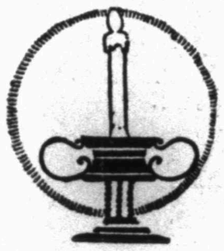
MRS. NANCY PALMER.

Funeral services for Mrs. Nancy Palmer, age 74, who died early yestereday morning at the home of her son, R. B. Palmer, at 1511 Fifth Street, were held yesterday afternoon from the Hines chapel, the Reverend S. A. Barnes of the Floral Heights Methodist church officiating. Interment followed at Rosemont cemetery.

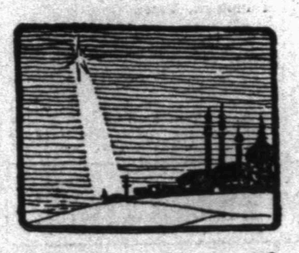
CLIFTON JOHNSON.

Clifton Johnson, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Johnson, living about three miles north of Wichita Falls, died yesterday morning at nine o'clock, following an extended illness. Funeral services will be held from the Merkle chapel at three o'clock Saturday afternoon, burial to follow at Riverside. Young Johnson was survived by his parents and several brothers and sisters.

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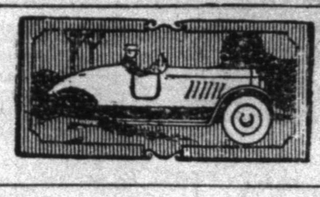
A Merry Christmas

We are glad to have served you, and may it be your pleasure to enjoy not only this Christmas day, but many, many more as well.

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AUTOMOBILE NEWS



CREDIT CRITIC IS ANSWERED

In answer to the criticism of automobile time sales. A. R. Erskine, president of the Studebaker Corporation of America, says:

"Without desiring to justify the abuse of credit, the automobile industry must vigorously use and defend it against unwarranted attack.

"The whole business structure of the nation and our present standard of living are supported by credit, and principally by consumer credit.

"Credit to consumers and time payments are made operative by our finance companies, rediscounting through our banks and trust companies, which normally supply commercial credits. Combined, these financial institutions comprise the greatest banking system ever created and supply machinery for the conduct of business and credit which is a marvel of efficiency and effectiveness.

"Manufacturers, merchants and financiers fully realize today, as never before, that the wheels of business can not be kept turning, on a broad scale, without mass consumption.

"That credit must be available to consumers as well as to producers and distributors of the products of industry and agriculture. Mass consumption is necessary to support mass production and high wages, and mass credit is the Atlas which holds up all of them.

"The United States is primarily an industrial country. Our citizens who live in the great industrial regons north of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers prosper when the plants are operating and suffer when they are not.

"The automobile industry ranks first among all manufacturing industries in the United States; $2,000,000,000 of capital is invested in it. Its wages and salary rolls amount to nearly $600,000,000 annually, and over 3,000,000 persons are employed directly or indirectly by it.

"It discovered and applied quantity production and doubled the wage standard of the country. It was the chief instrumentality ind developing the high standard of living we enjoy today. Its benefits to the country are incalculable.

"Samuel W. Reyburn, president of the Associated Dry Goods Corporation, recently said:

"'Those who adhere to a false idea of thrift, and frown upon the sound economic principle of paying for things as they use them, inflict unnecessary denial upon themselves. The truly thrift yman is the man who organizes his buying in line with his resources, present and future, not the man who hoards for the sake of hoarding.

"'Decent, satisfactory, comfortable living, always within one's means of present and future fulfillment of obligations, is necessary to success in any buiness or calling, and credit is necessary to such a standard of living.

"'No thoughtful man should go hopelessly into debt for luxuries. But the use of credit in loving and in business is the use of the chief instrument for success, because establishment of credit means establishment of the capacity to keep promises and of the right to the standard of living that capacity entitles one to.'

"Post-war prosperity of the United States has amazed the world. We are getting along pretty well today. Savings bank figures disprove claims that the automobile is absorbing all of the money in the country.

"Figures supplied by the comptroller of the currency show for the decade from 1914 to 1924 the number of savings banks decreased from 2,100 to 1,603, but the number of depositors increased from 11 to 14 millions, the total deposits from 4,900 millions to 8,400 millions and he average amount per depositor from $444 to $605.

"Life insurance policies outstanding increased during the same decade from 19 to 86 millions, the amount of insurance ffrom 21 to 64 billion and the average policy from $515 to $742.

"Who wants to go back to the per-war conditions of output, wages and standard of living?"

Christmas In England

By HARWOOD STACY

OUR Christmas customs in America are largely derived and transported from England, but we have modified these customs to some extent. Christmas celebration in Virginia was more identical with that in England, as the Virginians were of Cavalier stock, but the Puritans in New England looked askance at Christmas customs, as a relic of either heathenism or "Popery." In fact, the old Puritans suspected anyone who did celebrate Christmas, and even today, Thanksgiving day is celebrated more than Chris mas in New England.

We of the South, being of Cavalier stock, follow more or less the old English customs, and celebrate the Christmas holidays in much the same spirit as they do in England.

Christmas, to the Englishman, is Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year all rolled into one; and if there is one day in the year that he wants to be at home, it is Christmas day. Only a race that has wandered to every part of the globe can know the true spirit of home-coming at Christmas time.

THERE is a spirit of quietness and tranquility about an English Christmas which is somewhat lacking in our celebration. There are no fireworks or firecrackers—these belong to the fifth of November.

About the twentieth day of December, the schools break up for the holidays. Then starts a riotous time. The ride home in the fog or snow is a real adventure. The trains are always late—but who cares? It is Christmas time, and the warmest welcome awaits the traveler. Then follow parties and feasts.

It usually snows about Christmas time. Larches, first and nines covered with snow make the woods appear to be filled with huge Christmas trees.

The English children use the name "Father Christmas" rather than Santa Claus—which is a more homelike and affectionate expression. The children hang their stockings in their bedrooms—some to the mantel over the fireplace; others prefer the foot of the bed. In Lancashire, the children place their shoes inside the fender.

Just after midnight of Christmas eve the carol singers (known as the "Waits" of olden times) come round and sing under the windows. Among the old, beautiful Christmas carols they sing are "Noel," "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen," and "Good King Wenceslas." It is a fine old English custom. Nobody knows when it started, but it has been going on for hundreds of years, and there is no reason why it should ever be abolished.

THIS custom is followed to a great extent in Virginia to this day, and in South Carolina. Of course, we have the carol singing in the Episcopal church and in our larger cities on Christmas day the big church choirs and choral societies render these cheerful old songs, but there is more romance and charm in the little English country village, where these singers, with the true Christmas spirit, go from house to house singing these cheerful and heartening melodies. In the Middle Ages, the carollers went about dressed in quaint costumes, and this is followed in parts of England to this day.

In the Roman and some of the Episcopal churches, midnight mass is celebrated on Christmas eve. The churches are beautifully decorated with holly, mistletoe and evergreen. The altar is in darkness, but on the stroke of midnight, the chimes ring out, the candles on the altar are lighted, the choir and people burst into the "Adeste Fideles" or "Christians, Awake"—and midnight mass has begun.

Christmas morning in England is the time to go to church, to the sound of the Christmas chimes.

To celebrate the reunion of the family, a Christmas feast is necessary. Roast beef or goose is usually served at Christmas dinner, instead of turkey, as in this country. The roast beef is known as a "Baron of Beef," and is carved at the table. Then follows plum pudding, alight with flaming brandy. Then there are mince pies—an individual mince pie for every member of the family. In the Christmas cake, little silver lucky tokens are hidden—a ring, a bent sixpence and a thimble.

The Christmas holidays last for several days. The theatres make special features at this season and stage celaborate "Pantomimes." If the weather permits, there are special football matches. In the country, sport governs the day, and social activities the night. "Riding to Hounds" is the great winter sport.

THE day after Christmas is known as "Boxing Day," and is a general holiday. Anyone who thinks he is entitled to be remembered for services, such as the postman, or the policeman, calls at the front door for a Christmas box on boxing day.

New Year's Day is not celebrated by the English—it is not even a holiday. However, it is celebrated by the Scotch.

The writer has had the privilege of spending two Christmases in England—the first during the war, which was a memorable Christmas; but those brave, cheerful folk carried on as usual. Many of their soldier boys could not get leave from France at that time and the home folk were busy seending all sorts of packages to cheer them on. The streets of London were purposely darkened at night, on account of the Zeppelin raids, and the London fog put a damper on the city life; but inside the homes those heroic souls kept up the old British customs.

The other Christmas I spent in London was the one after the armistice—a very joyous Christmas English hospitality welcomes every guest. The English are said to be phlegmatic, but their spirit mellows at Christmas time.

3 Lose Lives In Okmulgee Hotel Fire; 13 Escape

OMULGEE, Okla., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Two children and a 19-year-old girl were burned to death, the mother of the two children was critically burned, three others were injured and 13 others barely escaped with their lives when a three story frame hotel, the oldest in Okmulgee, burned here early today.

Burkburnett Elks Treat City's Poor

BURKBURNETT, Dec. 24.—The Elks club led in an all-city Christmas tree celebration here this afternoon, when 761 kiddies of the city's poor were treated to toys, trinkets, and picture show tickets by a committee composed of W. H. Draper, E. G. Allen, Ed. M. Carter, J. L. Long, J. B. McFarland, W. D. Merritt and R. E. Carroll, general secretary of the organization. More than 100 baskets of food were passed out.

The Baptist church and the Presbyterian church held their Christmas celebration Wednesday night, the Baptists serving about 200 people in their "White Christmas," and the Presbyterian church holding their Sunday school Christmas tree with an attendance of about 120.

The Central Christian church held its celebration Thursday night.

INTEREST IN RUBBER

GENEVA, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Considerable interest has been stirred up in Geneva over the decision of the United States congress to appoint a committee to investigate the world distribution of raw rubber. The opinion is voiced that the question of the world supply and distribution of raw materials will inevitably find a place on the agenda of the proposed international economic conference.

NEW YORK—Perhaps those responsible for an order that members of the Princeton Musical clubs wear garters because hose slip when banjos are being thumped are doubting their wisdom. Leaving for Bermuda, the boys all had garters on view below their rolled up Oxford bags and furthermore, an orange and black feather adorned each garter.

State Department Investigates Arrest

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The state department took immediate action today to ascertain the facts as to the arrest at Palmero, Sicily, of Mrs. Ella Briggs, American architect as a German spy.

On the strength of Associated Press dispatches from New York saying that the New York firm which commissioned Mrs. Briggs to do photographic work for it, was forwarding affidavits as to her employment, the department cabled the American embassy in Rome to institute an inquiry and report the results by cable.

The papers from New York probably will not reach the state department until after the Christmas holidays and it has received no word from any other source than press dispatches as to the incident.

HUNG-LIN TROOPS IN RETREAT FROM CHANG

TOKYO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Latest dispatches to the Kokusai news agency from Mukden today stated that troops of General Kuo Hung-Lin were retreating after having been defeated by the army of Marshal Chang Tso-Lin, war lord of Manchuria.

Kuo Hung-Lin, formerly a general under Chang Tso-Lin, against whom he revolted, is reported to have escaped disguised as a coolie and in a Chinese cart. His officers are reported to be surrendering at Sinminfu, 37 miles west of Mukden.

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MANY ATTEND MUNSEY RITES

High Officials Gather For Funeral of Gotham Publisher

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—High government officials, prominent business and professional men and members of society mingled today with type setters, printers and news boys at the funeral services in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine for Frank A. Munsey, newspaper and magazine publisher, who died Tuesday.

Mr. Munsey's nearest relative, a sister, Mrs. John Hyde of St. Petersburg, Fla., did not arrive in time for the funeral. After the services the publisher's body was removed to the chapel of St. Ansgarius where it awaited Mrs. Hyde's arrival for a last view of her brother. She is older than her brother and because of her advanced age she was not told of his illness, at Mr. Munsey's own request.

1,700 Attend.

Approximately 1,700 persons attended the services, which were conducted by Bishop William T. Manning. In accordance with the expressed wishes of Mr. Munsey the rites were simple and there was no sermon.

The services followed the ritual for the burial of the dead contained in the book of common prayer of the Protestant Episcopal church.

The solid bronze casket was banked with floral offerings from those who had known the publisher. All day yesterday and last night the body had rested in state in the chapel of St. Ansgarius, watched over by a guard or honor from among Mr. Munsey's veteran employes.

After Mrs. Hyde's arrival the body was placed in a vault in Woodlawn cemetery. Interment will be next spring at Lisbon Falls, Maine, beside Mr. Munsey's parents.

FOUR INDICTMENTS FOR LYNCHING OF NEGRO MAN

CLARKSDALE, Miss., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Four indictments were returned here today by the Coahoma county grand jury which was convened in special session Tuesday to investigate the lynching Saturday night of Lindley Coleman, negro.

The names and specific charges were not made public pending issuance of warrants and the arrest of the men indicted.

TWO DIE IN GAS FIRE

Explosion Causes Loss of Life In Pittsburgh, Kan.

PITTSBURGH, Kan., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Two children, four and eight years of age, were burned to death and the mother of one was seriously burned here this afternoon in a fire which followed the explosion of kerosene in a can.

Robert Kelly, 4, and Anna Ray Atkins, 8, were the victims.

NAVAL INQUIRY ENDS

Court Investigating Shenandoah Disaster Submits Report

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP) The report of the naval court of inquiry into the Shenandoah disaster was completed by the court today and submitted to Rear Admiral E. H. Campbell, judge advocate general of the navy. It probably will not be made public until next week.

Vacation Makes John D. Jr., Smile



Newest photo of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., taken on his arrival from Europe, shows the smile that two months of rest on the continent has given him.

Hold W. S. Woman As Spy Suspect In Sunny Italy

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Mrs. Ella Briggs, an American woman architect sent to Sicily to make pictures of Italian renaissance architecture for the Architectural Book Publishing company, of New York is under arrest in Palermo Sicily charged with being a spy for Germany it was learned today.

A cable from Mrs. Briggs' brother, who also is in Italy, stated that Mrs. Briggs was being held in jail incommunicado, Paul Wenzel, head of the publishing firm said. The cable he asserted, was the first information the publishers had concerning Mrs. Briggs since she went to Sicily last summer.

The woman architect left here last March with a commission to draw plans for some public buildings in Vienna and the commission to do photographic work for the Architectural Book Publishing company. She first went to Vienna and after completing her drawings there went to Sicily.

HIT SOURCE OF BOOZE SUPPLY

Federal Agents Join Hands And Put Liquor Men To Flight

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP) Progress toward cutting off of the sources of supply—the new objective of prohibition enforcement—was reported today by Assistant Secretary Andrews of the treasury, who has charge of the work.

Reports from the administrators of three districts were made public to support the view, and although the districts were not named, it was indicated that they were along the Atlantic seaboard.

Citing one report as an example of "team work between the district attroney and the prohibition officer," the assitsant secretary declared that 200 cases had been presented to the United States attorney in hat judicial district and that pleas of guilty had resuled in 265 of the number. The remaining 35 asked jury trials and only three of the 35 resulted in acquittals. The period of time in which the results were achieved was not mentioned.

Woman Holds An Important Place In Mosul Dispute

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—There is a woman who looms large in the Mosul controversy, although she strives to keep in the background.

She is Gertrude Bell, the "right hand man" of King Feisal of Irak, who has many Arabian sheiks doing her bidding.

Feisal's kingdom, of which Mosul is a part, is a mandate of Great Britain. Miss Bell officially is known as the oriental secretary to the high commissioner of Irak. But in reality she is the chief British authority in that part of the world. She is a daughter of Sir Hugh Bell, iron master and colliery owner. She was educated at Queen's college, London, and St. Margaret's, Oxford. She was on military intelligence service early in the war at Cairo and later became liason officer of the Arab bureau in Irak. Then she became assistant political officer at Bagdad and after Feisal was established on the throne took over her present position.

Miss Bell has written many books of travel and on politics. She is an accomplished linguist and an indefatiguable traveler.

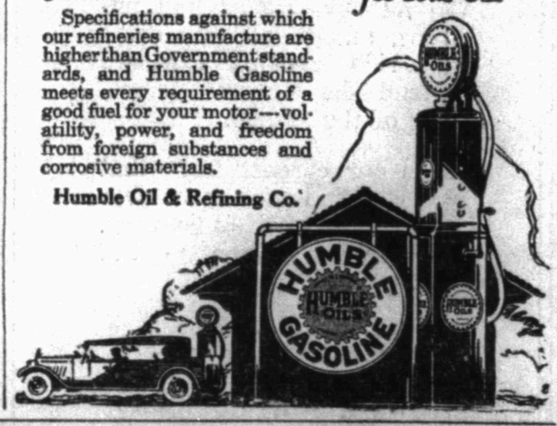
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It is the Christmas wish of the entire personnel of this organization that joy and happiness be yours during the festivities of the week, and that the year 1926 brings you health and prosperity.

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SPORTING NEWS — THE RECORD NEWS — FIRST ACCURATE COMPLETE

Sherman To Put Powerful Eleven Against Bellefonte

SHERMAN, Dec. 24.—The entire strength of the Sherman Bearcats, local high school eleven, will be pitted against the Bellefonte eleven, generally known in the east as the "Pennsylvania Wonders" and recognized as the academy champions of the country, in the colorful inter-sectional clash at Cashion Field here on January 1. Bellefonte's four horsemen, including the captain of the squad, Hood, will be matched against Welch, Caraway, Keith, and other Sherman stars for honors.

Hood Passing Marvel.

Hood is a passing marvel and has one of the biggest factors in the victories of his eleven which has not been defeated in the past nine years. He has gained as much fame in preparatory school circles as Grange has in college and professional football, except that Bellefonte's captain gains through passes and is so strong that eastern sport writers described defeat of other teams as "Hood-Winked."

Forty and 50 yards, one after another, are not unusual gains for this forward passer; and his wonderful overhead attack has dazzled many an eleven. Hood is fast on his feet, a splendid carrier, an ideal interferer and a deadly tackler. Sport writers say he stands head and shoulders over any other members of the eleven.

Whittemore Good.

Whittemore is described as a close second to Captain Hood. His artful dodging and ability to change pace stands out. Daugherty, the right halfback, is another consistent carrier. Williams, the quarterback, shows up finely in running back kicks and in directing his team.

In the game at Boston this fall against Dean academy on Tufts oval, Boston Globe sport writer declared that Bellefonte could not gain at the start through the Dean line consistently, but when it uncovered a wonderful overhead attack Dean was dazzled. The score was 36 to 7, for Bellefonte. This writer declared the "four horsemen outbreak and schoolboy backfield seen in action hereabouts."

MEUSEL HITS EFFECTIVELY

Bob Scored 101 Runs and Drove In Total of 138.

Although he didn't bat .300, and although he didn't come within one hundred points of leading the league in hitting, Bob Meusel did lead the American League in runs batted in.

It's runs hit in, that really win games. One wonders just how effective Bob would have been had he hit around .300, or his natural stride. Meusel's batting average suffered a little past season, but his effectiveness in the pinches did not.

Besides being responsible for 138 runs, Bob also scored 101 times himself. Which shows that although Meusel slipped a little, he did a lot to make the Yankees hard to beat.

Andersen Teaches Munn He's Not A Fighting Man At All

KANSAS CITY, Kan., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Nursing a battered chin, Wayne (Big) Munn today had given up dreams of a career in the prize ring.

Munn concluded that the equipment necessary to success in the wrestling game avails nothing in boxing shortly after he stepped inside the ropes here last night with Andre Andersen, heavyeight boxer of Chicago.

Gloves thudded on Munn's chin and two minutes after the opening of the first round he was counted out. It was his second and final appearance in the role of a boxer.

"I guess I wasn't cut out for boxing," Munn said after the bout. "I'll stick to wrestling hereafter."

Munn showed no aptitude with the gloves, scoring only one solid blow. He had no defense for the short straight jabs delivered by Andersen.

The knockout came after the wrestler had been sent down for a count of nine. Munn, weighing 259, had a 20-pound advantage over his opponent.

Munn's second attempt to turn his brawn into account in boxing was no more disastrous than his first, for he was knocked out by Jack Clifford in 1923 after leaving the University of Nebraska where he played football.

It was then that he took up professional wrestling.

After winning matches from more or less well known grapplers, Munn met the then champion, Ed (Strangler) Lewis in Kansas City last January and won a disputed decision.

A few months later, however, he lost all claim to the title by his defeat at the hands of Stanislaus Zbyszko.

Southwestern Stars Appear in Austin

AUSTIN, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Tom Dennis, captain and all-Southwestern tackle of the Texas Longhorns of 1921, now Austin high school coach, and Jack Meagher, former Notre Dame star end, now coaching St Edward's university, will coach and captain teams that will meet here New Year's day for the city championship. Each team will boast in its lineup a number of southwestern conference stars.

Woodman and McGuire, Texas Aggie halfbacks of 1925, are expected to play for Dennis' team; while "Hook" McCullough, former Longhorn star end, and Oscar Eckhart, outstanding halfback in the Southwestern conference in 1923 when he played for Texas, will perform for Meagher's combination.

FEDERAL DRY AGENTS TO MAKE HOUSTON DRY

HOUSTON, Dec. 24.—Federal prohibition agents today began a drive for a liquorless Christmas, according to George Hammons, south Texas administrator. They began to mingle in the crowds in hotels, dance halls, road houses, and other public places.

YOU KNOW ME AL —By Ring Lardner

Dear Al:

Well Al the bunch got all together the other night and decide it to have a special Christmas tent for the kids and have a Santy Clause and so 4th and when it come down to who was to be the old Nick why they all elect it me anonymous. Im jest tickle to death as you know me Al when it comes to bean with the kiddys. I guest I wont never grow up as I jest always want to play—specially baseball. Well Al I got to go and put on my uniform now as the kiddys is all waiting for there Santy Clause to come out. They has got pepita the elphant all dressed up like a rain dear.

Jack Keefe







Walker Undergoes Operation on Toe

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Mickey Walker, world's welterweight boxing champion, underwent an operation today necessitated by a toe infection.

The operation, involving removal of the entire toe nail, which frequently had caused Walker trouble, was performed by Dr. J. H. Amey, at his private hospital.

The champion will be laid up for a week, according to his representative, Teddy Hayes, but expects to resume training then in preparation for a bout with Tommy Milligan of England, at Madison Square Garden on Jan. 22. Unless complications develop, Walker will not ask for a postponement of that fight, Hayes said.

MARKSBERRY A YANK

COVINGTON, Ky., Dec. 24.—William Marksberry, Covington, who played shortstop with the Kentucky Jockey club team in the Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio semi-professional league, has signed a contract with the New York American league, John M. Dugan, president of the K. I. O. organization, said today. Miller Huggins, Yankee manager, signed Marksberry while on a recent visit to Cincinnati, Dugan said.

GRANGE IN MIAMI

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 24.—(AP)—"Red" Grange and his Chicago Bears, 21 strong held their first workout here today for the Christmas day exhibition game with the Coral Gables "Collegians." The team arrived last night from Chicago.

Grange declared he is in perfect condition to play.

Harvard university plans to establish a graduate school of agriculture.

Joey Sewell Knows Purpose of Heavy Bat, Pitchers Aver

Nothing, to the mind of the average baseball fan, can look more absurd and negligible, than a husky .300 hitter swinging wildly three times and then walking to the bench.

This being the case, Joey Sewell, peppery shortstop of the Cleveland Indians, has had fewer occasions to be the recipient of pitying glances, disappearing remarks and uncouth catcalls than any other player in the American league in recent seasons.

For last year he struck out but four times in the whole campaign. In 1924 he fanned just 13 times and in the preceding season 12 times—a total of but 29 whiffs in three years. Which is a minor number of whiffs, even in these days of prohibition.

Admitted Joey's size—he's a scant pint in size—and the fact that he bats from the first base side of the plate may have something to do with his success in connecting these angles cannot be the only factors. There are several men in the circuit who have these same qualifications. But Sewell, the records indicate, also has an uncanny ability to pick one and connect. He may drive one into a waiting fielder's hands, of course, but he connects—and by that simple act places the opposing team on the defensive, opens the way for possible blunders, and a chance to reach first.

And despite the shortening of the season, the failure of Judge Landis to eliminate circus seats, and the raise given Ban Johnson, the main idea in baseball is to reach first base.

AUTHORESS DEAD

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Mrs. Alice Harriman, 64, author and publisher, died of pneumonia today.

A contributor to many magazines, since 1898, Mrs. Harriman also was the author of several books, of which the two most noted were "A Man of Two Countries," and a volume of poems, "Will Thou Not Sing."

Mary Twain quit school when 12 years of age.

1925 Second Best Season For Ban Johnson's Circuit

CHICOGA, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The American League closed its second best year since its organization in 1925, President Ban Johnson said tonight in discussing the attendance at the American League games this year.

This season's mark fell short about 68,000 of the banner year, 1924, Mr. Johnson said. He did not reveal the figures. The only year which came near to the 1925 figures was in 1920, he said, at the time when it was thought that baseball would suffer because of the 1919 baseball scandal.

Much of the interest last season was due to the magnetism of the two flag contenders, the Washington Senators and the Philadelphia Athletics. Each of these clubs set a record by drawing in the neighborhood of a million customers. The Athletics would have fared better had they not gone into a slump and dropped a dozen games in a row in August, he said.



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Our own prosperity we owe to our loyal friends and we thank them all for their patronage.

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Happy New Year

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SHOES OF INDIVIDUALITY

WACO WILL PLAY ROBSTOWN ON TIGERS' FIELD SATURDAY, SCHOLASTIC LEAGUE DECIDES

Heavy Interest Attached To Cisco-Forest High Game In Big Dam Country This Week-end

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—(AP)—With decision of Waco high school to get back in the high school championship race, the stage apparently is set for Saturday's semi-final contests, which will throw Dallas Forest avenue against Cisco at Cisco and Robstown against Waco at Waco. The victors will meet New Year's day.

Interest centers on the Cisco-Forest battle, principally because the Big Dam Loboes and the Lions showed great class last Saturday in battling to a 13-13 tie. Because the game will be played at Cisco, the Loboes are slight favorites to win.

To stop Coach Loos' Lions, however, the Loboes will have to check a brilliant overhead offense, which the Lions have been perfecting this week. With the flashy White hurling the oval, the passing game of Dallas will be exceedingly dangerous.

Cisco bases its main hopes on the stalwart triumvrate composed of "Pinkie" Alsabrook, a certain all-state backfield performer, "Honk" Irvin, giant tackle, and Captain Grist, sterling center. These men enabled the Loboes to tie with the Lions Saturday.

One of the largest crowds ever to witness a high school football game is expected to assemble at Cisco, for all West Texas is pulling for the Loboes to conquer the north Texans.

If the Waco-Robstown game is played on a dry field, the Waco Tigers will be favored to win, because of the fleetness and shiftiness of their backs. Led by the brilliant Captain Frank Ish, quarterback, the Wacoans are expected to flash a powerful drive that will land them in finals for the fourth consecutive year.

Coach Tyson's Tigers will have to play excellent football to dispose of Coach John Manning's Robstown eleven, a team that gained twice as much ground as Beaumont, though forced to bow, 7-0 to the Royal Purple.

An unusual feature of the game will be the fact that one of the Robstown's stars will play his last game, even though his team should win its way to the finals, for he will be 21 Sunday, and no player of 21 years can play high school football under league rules.

RAY THROUGH WITH AMATEUR TRACK WORK

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Joie Ray, veteran mile runner, declared here tonight he is through with amateur track competitions. Ray, who is employed in the sporting goods department of a local department store, denied reports that he would commence training in January for his seventeenth year of amateur work.

"I have heard a lot of reports to the effect that I am returning to the track, but they are unfounded. I have not issued any statement to this effect and don't intend to do so.

Will 1926 Scramble See Stars Dimmed In Golf Firmament?

As the leading brothers of the professional golfing fraternity hie around the links of the south and tropical west there is a feeling among close followers of the game that the 1926 season will see some of the well known stars of the game fighting to keep from being pushed entirely off the tee of public interest by the younger element.

A few years back, for instance, Walter Hagen, Long Jim Barnes and Jock Hutchison ruled the roost. The others were just background for them in thje big tourneys.

Hutchison was the first one of the trio to slip. He has tried in vain the last four years to draw the limelight by a victory in one of the major tourneys and has failed.

Long Jim Barnes.

Long Jim Barnes seemed about destined to step out of the limelight when he did a comeback by winning the British open title last summer. Just how long Barnes can hold the pace he set that day and in tourneys later remains to be seen. He is 38 and has had a long life in tournament play.

Walter Hagen boasts of but one major title now—the national professional championship. He is still the greatest of all tournament players, due to his sangfroid, his coolness under stress, and his usually absolute control over his shots. But his work last season was anything but typical of his game.

And when Leo Diegel, pride of Canada turned Hagen back in the Canadian open, the former again indicated quite clearly that he is ready to demand a place in the sun. Hagen and Diegel were paired together in the last round. Hagen was two strokes behind the Canadian, but that ordinarily would have made the battle more interesting, with Hagen in his usual form. Hagen's tournament play has been a repetition of coming from behind—outplaying the leader.

But Diegel matched Hagen hole for hole. The man who once won the British open title two out of three years took an eight on the first hole, a par four. From that point on his game was off form. Diegel played brilliant golf through the entire day.

Diegel's game last year proved that he has eliminated the fault that early handicapped him—that of "keeping his feet" at crucial moments.

The Canadian, however, is but one of close to a dozen of the younger set that has been fighting for the limelight the Big Three have held for years. Numbered among the others are Gene Sarazen, Johnny Farrell, Bill Melhorn, Mike Brady, Bob MacDonald and more lately Cyril Walker and Willie MacFarlane.

It's going to be a tough year for the Big Three.

ELLERBE SOLD.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Frank Ellerbe, third baseman of the Kansas City club and formerly with the Cleveland Indians and the St. Louis Browns, was purchased today by the Atlanta baseball club, President Michaelove announced. The price paid for Ellerbe was not made known.

Beaumont-Sherman Football Game Off

BEAUMONT, Dec. 24.—The proposed football game between Beaumont and Sherman high schools to have been played here Saturday, was abandoned at the instrtuction of the athletic council of the local school. No reason was given for the action and the committee which returned from the Austin conference this morning [illegible] attitude. They were reticent to discuss the hearing which resulted in forfeiture [illegible] race, and local fans are wondering if there is any significance attached to that attitude. "We would have been glad to meet Sherman under different circumstances," declared Principal E. C. McDonlad, but just at present we [illegible] not to do so." He declined to comment further on the matter.

At present there are approximately 50 labor colleges in the United States

GALE THAT SWEEPS FRANCE BLOWS OUT.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The gale which had been raging with unprecedented fury during the past few days at last has blown itself out. The full tale of the disaster, however, still is lacking. The telegraph system throughout the country is so badly wrecked that the work of restoration will require considerable time.

Labarba Makes Hit In Gotham Though Not Called Champ

By FAIRPLAY
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NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Fidel Labarba the coast flyweight, has made a big hit in New York without raising his fists. He has personality and pleases all the sports by his familiarity with many games besides boxing—football and basketball chiefly.

Despite his victory over Genaro on the coast, the New York boxing commission refuses to recognize his flyweight title. But Labarba with rare tact, has not kicked about this. While he is in New York, he says, he is under the control of the New York commission and that is that.

This Joe Lazarus, whom Tex Rickard has picked to face the coast lad, has a great chance to boost his reputation by slamming Labarba, as he did back in the days when the two were amateurs two years ago.

Since that time Lazarus has not done much, while Labarba has made rapid strategy. It looks as though Rickard were putzing his master strategy in giving Labarba a chance to make a blazing start.

Then, with interest in Labarba keen Rickard will pull a big show with Fidel as the top line figure.

Come to think Elky Clark, the English flyweight champion, is due to get here any day now. In view of the fact that Ernie Jarvis has been beaten, a go between America's best and England's best ought to draw the crowd.

But the fight would be better when Labraba has attained his twenty-first birthday and it may be held off till then—unless Frankie Genaro howls so loudly and effectively for first chance at the coast fighter that the public supports his demand.

Alabama Eleven Arrives on Coast

PASADEN, Calif., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Alabama's crimson tide footballers rolled into Pasadena today and immediately took on a breakfast which proved that the champions from the south are strong at the groaning board. How they stack up on the gridiron will be determined in New Year's day when they meet the huskies of Washington university at Rose Bowl here.

They came from the train somewhat stiff and bunk cramped, but after limbering up at the breakfast table they set out for the football field and went through a workout which gave an inkling of how they had cleaned up Dixie land.

Coach Wade reported no illness in his squad, which is banking on similarity in weather conditions in California and Alabama to give the tide an edge over the crew from Washington.

Munn Knocked Out Because of Worry

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Wayne (Big) Munn, the heavyweight wrestler who tried boxing last night in Kansas City, with disastrous results, was knocked out by Andre Anderson in two minutes, not so much because he was inferior to Anderson, but because of worry, his friends said here today. They declared the big Nebraskan is expecting an increase in his household soon.

Munn's manager said today that he is satisfied that the wrestler is not yet ready for the fighting ring and should confine his activities to the mat.

Transport animals employed in the World war numbered about 204,000 in 1914 and 827,500 in 1918.



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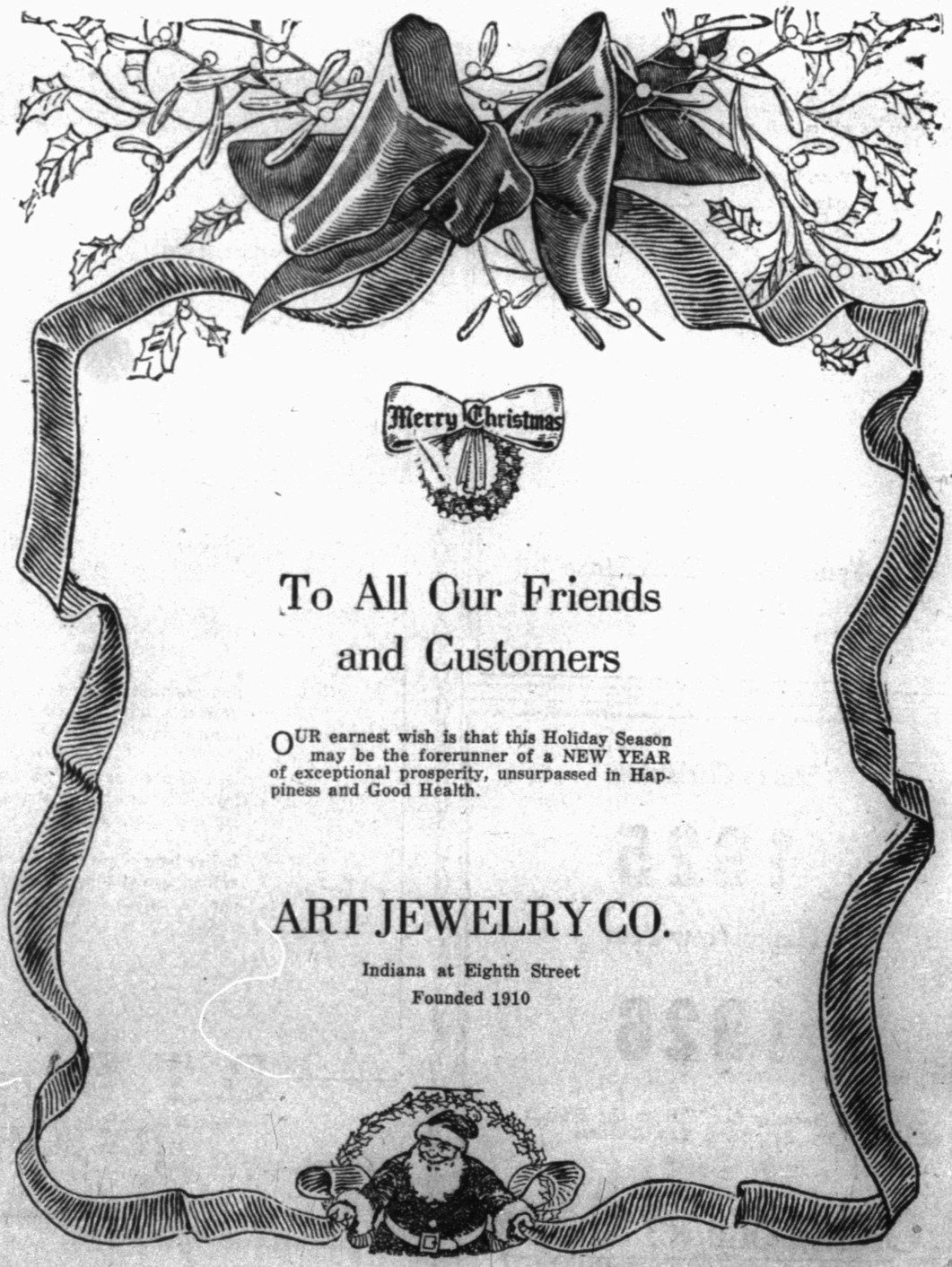
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By Blondy Cross.

Greetings, gents.

In keeping with the hour, accept our best wishes for a hilarious Yule tide and an exceedingly happy New Year.

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To J. Alvin Gardner—Luck to you, old scout. A Merry Xmas, and here's hoping Santa has brought you the nucleus for a champion Spudder team in 1926.

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To R. O. Harvey—Bouquets, too, for you. Congratulations and heavy appreciation for the work you did with the Spudders the past six years.

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To Buddy Tanner—You gave your best as Spudder manager. May this Christmas bring you its best, and may you continue to succeed in the new game you are playing.

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To Fred Brainard and all the Spudder gang from Fitzgerald down in Eagle Lake through George Distel in Indiana. Alex Fetzler out on the Pacific coast to Paddy Martin up in Brooklyn—

May this day be your happiest, and may you return to Wichita Falls next spring primed to sweep through to Wichita Falls' first Texas league pennant.

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To Ping Bodie, Pete Turgeon and Dick Morgan, the Spudder winter colony here—

Best wishes to you. May you enjoy the occasion, but don't wrap yourselves around too much egg nog.

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To J. Will Gray—Hope Santa has treated you right, and by all means, that in 1926 you solve that all important problem which has been worrying you so long: "how far is around and how near is about?"

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To Horace Flatt, the Mathis brothers, Jelly Graves, and the rest of the coon hunters—

We pray that St. Nick brought you a well educated coon dog, a coon to hunt, and an exceedingly nice section of land in which to hunt him.

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To Hugh Cotner—Best wishes and the hope that you have learned by now not to be caught out in the wilds with these same coon chasers. In '26, may you be very successful not only from a business angle but at putting over a strong and well-organized Twilight baseball league.

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To Ludlam and R'ggs, Len Smith, Royce Huddleston et al—

Lots of holly and mistletoe and the full spirit of the occasion these vegetables characterize to you. Good luck. Hope that you can collect for a certain brown and very well-fitting suit of clothes you sold on credit not so long ago.

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To Don Falchney, the ham athlete, Papp Peyton, Freddy and Gerard Boone—

Ditto for you fellows in the way of well wishes. And may Don and Pap stay in condition and strut their stuff on the basketball court this winter.

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To B. G. Sharpe, Foster, and the Stephens boys—

Just imagine we've sent each of you the cleverest worded Christmas card obtainable and then you'll have an inkling of what we would like to write here.

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To McMurray, the Adams brothers, Neal and the rest down at the Elks barber shop—

Many happy shaves to you. Don't mistake bottle in bond for hair tonic today, or vice versa. We wish you success but still hold hopes of matching you out of just as many hair cuts and massages in 1926 as we did the past year.

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To Charley Hull at McClurkan and company—

All the old happiness and prosperity for you. And double thanks for helping me to wind up my Christmas shopping yesterday by extending my credit that 35 plunks.

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To Duke Trammel, one of the cleanest members of the fight fraternity—

The kindest of regards, Duke. May you continue to knock 'em cold, draw good horses and sock away the old bank roll for that time in the near future when you hope to retire from the ring. And may you be wise enough to quit the game before it's too late.

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To Frank (Tommy) Thompson, our composing room foreman and ardent baseball fan—

And the best for you, Tommy. We'll try to please you hereafter by making those composing room dead lines on sports each night.

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To Lawrence Medford and his American Refinery nine—

Ditto on all the apple sauce of the occasion. The best of luck for your club, Lawrence, in the new year and next summer's baseball season.

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To Ad Santel, a wrestler, a gentleman and a scholar—

May you enjoy yourself today in far-away California. Hope you return some day, get a crack at Joe Stecher, and if you don't beat him, don't lose either.

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To Saul Lebenson — More good wishes. That vivid neck adornment and equally oratorical pair of sox you gave me last evening fit into a perfect color scheme for a person of my following.

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To Matty Matsuda, the cleverest welterweight grappler in the world and a true friend—

May this occasion be one of the most pleasant for you down in El Paso. And may you recuperate speedily from your injury received when you wrestled a man who weighs fully 40 pounds more than you do.

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To Doc Landon, E. G. Hill, Neal, Beck, Harris and the rest of the bunch down at the sporting goods store—

The best regards of the season for you. And may you, too, not only be successful in 1926 from a business standpoint, but we hope you are still more successful in the work each of you is accomplishing in Wichita Falls amateur athletics.

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To Frank Quiesser, the former athlete and sportsman who always backs the under dog—

Felicitations of the occasion. More power to you.

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To Oral Jones and W. S. Abbott—

All the well wishes to you, too. And, Oral, here's hoping it won't make you feel bad when we come over to extend that note shortly after New Year's.

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To Bill Strachan—May this Christmas be a bright one for you. And when I say happy New Year, I mean good luck to you in a golfing and business way at the Country club during 1926.

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To Jack Coates—A snappy, Xmas and success to you at the Country club, too.

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To Chief George Hodgins and Capt. Joe Blocker—

Gobs more of the old felicitations. We'd like to pay you a visit but are afraid to go around the city hall sector. May you drop in on us sometime, but not in an official capacity.

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To Ned Trent and his Greasy Spoon—

Lots of customers today, Ned, for Christmas dinner. May a minimum of them get indigestion.

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To Charley Veros—Another ditto to you. You want to hold over a little more chicken and pie hereafter for my midnight lunches.

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To Bubs Mosley and Bud McCallum—

All the old gush and happy regards of the occasion to you fellows.

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To Charley Bunuenberg—Lots of joy and happy go for you, too.

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To Ralph Pittman—Best wishes for today. And we hope, Ralph, that through 1926 when you 'phone us for returns of the Baylor games we can tell you your alma mater has won a few.

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Well, signing off. Lots of fireworks and skyrockets to the rest of you bimbos who know no better than to read this column every now and then.

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To Grover Monroe—More sweet felicitations for you and your "good morning" club. May a very few of your life insurance customers die during 1926.

Streets in London were not paved until 1553.

The birth rate of the United States is decreasing.

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Hidalgo County's Road Bonds Face Battle in Court

EDINBURG, Texas, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Complete returns today from Hidalgo county's $3,500,000 road bond election of Tuesday, give 129 votes over the necessary two thirds in favor of the issue.

The complete vote stands 2,851 for the bonds and 1,361 against.

The heaviest vote against the issue came from the towns along the highway west from Alamo to Mission.

HEAVY CONTRIBUTIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Contributions totaling $41,746,055 by the 1,193,000 communicants of the Episcopal church in the United States, for all church purposes, were recorded in 1925 for the preceding year, it was announced. This was an increase of $2,502,927 over 1923.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



AT this Happy Yuletide Season, we gladly take this opportunity to express our appreciation to our customers for their patronage. We are glad of the opportunity of serving them.

With hearts full of gratitude to a beneficent providence for a boundless harvest, the officers and employees of this institution offer to all continuous, courteous, efficient service and wish for all a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

The First National Bank



Christmas

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A Merry Christmas
A Happy New Year

How glad we are that Christmas brings us the season when we think in terms of Peace, Good Will, Fellowship and Friendship and Love. Glad are we that we have so many patrons, tried and true of whom we may think in the kindest terms. Glad, too, that as we think of those with whom we have dealt in the past year our hearts are filled with gratitude and kind thoughts enter our mind.

May This Be Truly Your
Most Joyous Christmas

And may each day on the calendar of 1926 be a pleasant and profitable one for you and for those about whom you are concerned.

We thank you for every kindness and consideration of the past and trust we may have the opportunity of serving you in the future.

Piggly Wiggly of Wichita Falls Co.



To Those We Serve

We extend you the compliments of the season and wish you a full measure of lasting pleasure originating during the Christmas season and lasting through the days of the New Year.

And let us thank you, too, for your patronage of the past.

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The Record News Review of Markets and Finance

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

NEW YORK.—Stocks strong; American Can soars to new high.
Bonds, firm; renewed demand for rail issues.
Foreign exchanges, steady; French francs shaded slightly.
Cotton, firm; lighter southern offerings.
Sugar, steady; trade buying.
Coffee, lower; commission house selling.

CHICAGO.—Wheat, firm; bullish government report.
Corn, barely steady; disappointing cash demand.
Cattle, lower; especially good graded.
Hogs, firm; urgent shipping demand.

Cotton

NEW ORLEANS FUTURES.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Cotton futures closed steady at net advance of 10 to 24 points.

	High	Low	Close	Prev. Close
Jan.	19.05	18.81	19.00-02	18.76
March	18.60	18.41	18.51-54	18.38
May	18.32	18.16	18.33	18.13
July	18.13	17.93	18.02-03	17.92
Oct.	17.56	17.30	17.49-50	17.39

Opening: January 18.84; March 18.43; May 18.18; July 18.00; October 17.43.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The cotton market was largely a holiday affair today, but there was a fair volume of trading nevertheless during the morning half of the session. The main feature was the fact that it was the first notice day for January deliveries. No notices were issued here which fact together with fairly good cables was responsible for an opening gain of five to eight points. The market gradually advanced during the morning, notwithstanding the fact that notices for 75,000 bales of January were issued in New York. It was soon reported, however, that all had been stopped which caused January here to advance 20 points over the previous close. Other months advanced in sympathy, gaining 19 to 22 points. The market eased off some from the best in the afternoon on evening up before the holidays but January remained relatively strong. The close showed net gains of 24 points on January and one to 13 points on later months.

At the start first trades showed gains of five to eight points and although the market hesitated slightly right after the call on the large issue of notices in New York, it soon firmed up and later in the morning January traded as high as 19.05, March at 18.60 and May at 18.32, or 10 to 20 points above the close of yesterday.

While the January position remained relatively firm during the afternoon the later months eased off some on evening up in advance of the holidays. The close was steady and although the early advance on the later positions was about cut in half, January closed only five points under the high. The market here will remain closed until Monday morning for the Christmas holidays. Exports for the day totaled 11,597 bales.

NEW YORK FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Cotton futures closed steady at net advance of 9 to 43 points.

	High	Low	Close	Prev. Close
Jan.	19.09	18.64	19.03-04	18.60
March	19.16	18.93	19.07-10	18.88
May	18.79	18.50	18.69-70	18.50
July	18.44	18.25	18.36-38	18.24
Oct.	18.06	17.85	17.97-18.00	17.88

Opening: January 18.65; March 18.93; May 18.68; July 18.35; October 17.93.

NEW YORK COTTON.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The advancing trend of cotton prices was continued today until near months crossed the 19-cent level, January reaching 19.09 and March 19.16, while October sold up to 18.07. This represented a rise of 40 points for the day on January and 19 to 28 points on later positions. The close reflected moderate hedge selling and was nine to 42 points net higher.

At the opening practically the entire stock of certificated cotton at New York was retendered on January contracts through the issuance of notices representing between 70,000 and 75,000 bales. Its effect on the market was counteracted by a very good demand for January contracts from spot houses which fact led to active covering by shorts in other positions who had expected that the very large issuance of notices should have a depressing effect on the market and enable them to cover their previous sales at better prices than those prevailing yesterday.

The early strength of the market was increased by a further good demand for January contracts by European houses who had been steady buyers of that delivery all the week. Although trade quieted down somewhat in the afternoon accompanied by moderate reactions from top under realizing, the undertone remained very steady and the market displayed little of the usual pre-holiday dullness.

Cables showed a better tone than expected, reflecting a demand from shorts very similar to that which prevailed here. The weekly cotton statistics usually published on Friday will not be issued until Monday morning and in view of the holiday situation there was little attempt to forecast the volume of takings. Exports today 11,597, making 4,455,748 so far this season. Port receipts 37,535. U. S. port stocks 1,657,750.

CHICAGO SPOTS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Cotton futures closed steady, January 18.95@97; March 18.68@70; May 18.43@45; July 18.10; December 19.05.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Cotton spot limited demand; prices steady. American strictly good middling 10.87; good middling 10.62; strictly middling 10.37; middling 9.92; strictly low middling 9.59; low middling 9.02; strictly good ordinary 8.62; good ordinary 8.02; sales 4,000 bales, including 3,300 American; receipts 13,000 bales, including 1,500 American. Futures closed steady, December 9.74; January 9.75; March 9.71, May 9.72; July 9.71; October 9.52.

HOUSTON, Dec. 24.—The spot market closed steady, 20 up; sales 2,618 bales. Low ordinary 10.60; ordinary 13.10; good ordinary 13.60; strict good ordinary 15.10; low middling 16.60; strict low middling 18.10; middling 19.60; strict middling 20.35; good middling 20.60; strict good middling 20.85; middling fair 21.10.

GALVESTON, Dec. 24.—The spot market closed steady, 20 up; sales 1,533 bales. Low ordinary 9.65 ordinary 11.65; good ordinary 13.40; low middling 16.90; middling 19.65; good middling 20.90; middling fair 21.40.

DALLAS, Dec. 24.—Spots closed steady, 35 up; sales 2,996 bales. Middling fair 20.25; strict good middling 20.00; good middling 19.75; strict middling 19.50; middling 18.75; strict low middling 17.50; low middling 16.00; strict good ordinary 14.25; good ordinary 12.75.

NEW ORLEANS SPOTS.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Spot cotton closed quiet and steady, 22 points up; sales 800. Low middling 16.50 middling 19.25; good middling 20.25; receipts 16,456; stock 482,621 bales.

DIVIDEND REDUCED.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The office of Edward F. Swift announced today that the directors of Compania Swift International in Buenos Aires had voted to reduce the semi-annual dividend from 6 per cent to 4 per cent.

A statement said that the action was taken "owing to the unsatisfactory conditions in the trade" and "to conserve the strong financial condition of the trade."

Compania Swift Internacional is the corporation under which the South American and Australian properties of Swift and company, packers, were segregated in 1918.

The best mahogany comes from Hayti.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Foreign exchanges, irregular; quotations in cents: Great Britain demand 4.84⅝; cables 4.85; 60-day bills on banks 4.80¼. France demand 3.67; cables 3.67½. Italy demand 4.03¼; cables 4.03⅝. Demand Belgium 4.53; Germany 23.80; Holland 40.13; Norway 20.29. Sweden 26.83; Denmark 24.50; Switzerland 19.32. Spain 14.15; Greece 1.29. Poland 11.25; Czecho-Slovakia 2.96; Jugo-Slavia 1.77½; Austria 14¼; Rumania 46½; Argentina 41.37; Brazil 14.20; Tokyo 43⅝; Shanghai 77½; Montreal 99 29-32.

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TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING ON FILMORE ST BETWEEN NINTH ST. AND TENTH ST. AND TO ALL OTHERS INTERESTED.

Notice is hereby given of the intention of the city to proceed with the improvement of Filmore Street, from its intersection with the S. property line of 9th Street, to its intersection with the N. propery line of 10th St. by raising, grading, and filling same and installing concrete curbs and gutters where adequate curbs and gutters are not now installed, and paving with 2 inch Willite pavement on 5 inch concrete foundation, and assessing a portion of the cost of making and constructing such improvement against all lots and parcels of property abutting on said portion of said street and all lots and parcels of property benefited by means of such improvements and the owners of such lots or parcels of property; and such assessments, when levied, shall be a first and prior lien upon the lots and parcels of property assessed, and a personal claim and charge against the owners thereof.

On the 11th day of January, 1926, in the council chamber in the Bob Waggoner building in the city of Wichita Falls, Texas, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., all such owners and their agents or attorneys, or any other persons or parties desiring to be heard, will be fairly heard by the board of aldermen and any protests, objections or claims will be fully and fairly heard, the benefits and damages resulting from said improvements will be determined and the amounts to be assessed against each lot or parcel of property and the owners thereof, are on file in the office of the city clerk and are open to inspection.

The estimated cost of said improvement is $4,074.40.

The estimated amount to be assessed against the property owners is $3,784.00.

The estimated amount to be assessed for curb is $0.50 per lineal foot of curb, and,

The estimated amount of the assessment against property owners and their property for pavement and excavation is $6.30666 per front foot.

All persons, firms, corporations or estates, their agents or attorneys, desiring to be heard in the matter or thing in any wise connected with said improvements, the assessment therefor the benefits thereof, the damages resulting therefrom, or the proceedings connected therewith, shall be and appear before said Board at said time and place.

Done in accordance with resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Wichita Falls, Texas, on the 28th day of September, 1925.

Signed W. E. McBROOM,
City Clerk.

TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING ON SMARSH BETWEEN HOLLIDAY ROAD AND GRACE STREET AND TO ALL OTHERS INTERESTED.

Notice is hereby given of the intention of the city to proceed with the improvement of Smarsh Street from its intersection with the west property line of Holliday road to its intersection with the center line of Grace Street by raising, grading and filling same and installing concrete curbs and gutters and paving with one course reinforced concrete pavement, and assessing a portion of the cost of making and constructing such improvement against all lots and parcels of property abutting on said portion of said street and all lots and parcels of property benefited by means of such improvements and the owners of such lots or parcels of property; and such assessments, when levied, shall be a first and prior lien upon the lots and parcels of property assessed, and a personal claim and charge against the owners thereof.

On the 11th day of January, 1926 in the Council Chamber in the Bob Waggoner Building in the City of Wichita Falls, Texas, at 7:30 p. m. o'clock, all such owners and their agents or attorneys or any other persons or parties desiring to be heard, will be fully heard by the Board of Aldermen and any protests, objections or claims will be fully and fairly heard, the benefits and damages resulting from said improvements will be determined and the amounts to be assessed against each lot or parcel of property and the owners thereof, are on file in the office of the City Clerk and are open to inspection.

The estimated cost of said improvement is $11,705.62.

The estimated amount to be assessed against the property owners is $10,803.70.

The estimated amount to be assessed for curb is $0.50 per lineal foot of curb and,

The estimated amount of the assessment against property owners and their property for pavement and excavation is $6.2898 per front foot.

All persons, firms, corporations or estates, their agents or attorneys, desiring to be heard in the matter or thing in any wise connected with said improvements, the assessment therefor, the benefits thereof, the damages resulting therefrom, or the proceedings connected therewith, shall be and appear before said Board at said time and place.

Done in accordance with resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Wichita Falls, Texas, on the 28th day of September, 1925.

Signed W. E. McBROOM,
City Clerk.

TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING ON FILMORE ST BETWEEN NINTH ST. AND TENTH ST. AND TO ALL OTHERS INTERESTED.

Notice is hereby given of the intention of the city to proceed with the improvement of Filmore Street, from its intersection with the S. property line of 9th Street, to its intersection with the N. propery line of 10th St. by raising, grading, and filling same and installing concrete curbs and gutters where adequate curbs and gutters are not now installed, and paving with 5 inch concrete foundation, and assessing a portion of the cost of making and constructing such improvement against all lots and parcels of property abutting on said portion of said street and all lots and parcels of property benefited by means of such improvements and the owners of such lots or parcels of property; and such assessments, when levied, shall be a first and prior lien upon the lots and parcels of property assessed, and a personal claim and charge against the owners thereof.

On the 11th day of January, 1926, in the council chamber in the Bob Waggoner building in the city of Wichita Falls, Texas, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., all such owners and their agents or attorneys, or any other persons or parties desiring to be heard, will be fairly heard by the board of aldermen and any protests, objections or claims will be fully and fairly heard, the benefits and damages resulting from said improvements will be determined and the amounts to be assessed against each lot or parcel of property and the owners thereof, are on file in the office of the city clerk and are open to inspection.

The estimated cost of said improvement is $4,074.40.

The estimated amount to be assessed against the property owners is $3,784.00.

The estimated amount to be assessed for curb is $0.50 per lineal foot of curb, and,

The estimated amount of the assessment against property owners and their property for pavement and excavation is $6.30666 per front foot.

All persons, firms, corporations or estates, their agents or attorneys, desiring to be heard in the matter or thing in any wise connected with said improvements, the assessment therefor the benefits thereof, the damages resulting therefrom, or the proceedings connected therewith, shall be and appear before said Board at said time and place.

Done in accordance with resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Wichita Falls, Texas, on the 2nd day of Nov., 1925.

(Signed) W. E. M'BROOM,
City Clerk.

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pear before said board at said time and place.

Done in accordance with resolution of the board of aldermen of the city of Wichita Falls, Texas, on the 2nd day of November, 1925.

Signed. W. E. McBROOM,
City Clerk.

"TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING ON POLK ST., BETWEEN AVE. H AND AVE J AND TO ALL OTHERS INTERESTED."

Notice is hereby given of the intention of the City to proceed with the improvement of Polk street from its intersection with the north curb line of Ave. H to its intersection with the N. curb line of Ave. J by raising, grading and filling same and installing concrete curbs and gutters where adequate curbs and gutters are not now installed, and paving with 2 inch Willite pavement on 5-inch concrete foundation, and assessing a portion of the cost of making and constructing such improvement against all lots and parcels of property abutting on said portion of said street and all lots and parcels of property benefited by means of such improvements and the owners of such lots or parcels of property; and such assessments, when levied, shall be a first and prior lien upon the lots and parcels of property assessed, and a personal claim and charge against the owners thereof.

On the 11th day of January, 1926, in the council chamber in the Bob Waggoner building in the city of Wichita Falls, Texas, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., all such owners and their agents or attorneys, or any other persons or parties desiring to be heard, will be fairly heard by the board of aldermen and any protests, objections or claims will be fully and fairly heard, the benefits and damages resulting from said improvements will be determined and the amounts to be assessed against each lot or parcel of property and the owners thereof, are on file in the office of the city clerk and are open to inspection.

The estimated cost of said improvement is $10,294.93.

The estimated amount to be assessed against the property owners is $9,542.77.

The estimated amount to be assessed for curb is $0.40 per lineal foot of curb, and,

The estimated amount of the assessment against property owners and their property for pavement and excavation is $6.65377 per front foot.

All persons, firms, corporations or estates, their agents or attorneys, desiring to be heard in the matter or thing in any wise connected with said improvements, the assessment therefor the benefits thereof, the damages resulting therefrom, or the proceedings connected therewith, shall be and appear before said board at said time and place.

Done in accordance with resolution of the board of aldermen of the city of Wichita Falls, Texas, on the 21st day of December, 1925.

Signed. W. E. McBROOM,
City Clerk.

TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING ON POLK STREET BETWEEN AVE. J AND AVE. M, AND TO ALL OTHERS INTERESTED.

Notice is hereby given of the intention of the City to proceed with the improvement of Polk St. from its intersection with the north curb line of Ave. J to its intersection with the north curb line of Ave. M by raising, grading and filling same and installing concrete curbs and gutters where adequate curbs and gutters are not now installed, and paving with 2 inch Willite pavement on 5 inch concrete foundation, and assessing a portion of the cost of making and constructing such improvement against all lots and parcels of property abutting on said portion of said street and all lots and parcels of property benefited by means of such improvements and the owners of such lots or parcels of property; and such assessments, when levied, shall be a first and prior lien upon the lots and parcels of property assessed, and a personal claim and charge against the owners thereof.

On the 11th day of January, 1926 in the Council Chamber in the Bob Waggoner Building in the City of Wichita Falls, Texas, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., all such owners and their agents or attorneys, or any other person or parties desiring to be heard, will be fairly heard by the Board of Aldermen and any protests, objection or claims will be fully and fairly heard, the benefits and damages resulting from said improvements will be determined and the amounts to be assessed against each lot or parcel of property and the owners thereof, are on file in the office of the City Clerk and open to inspection.

The estimated cost of said improvement is $17,658.25.

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The estimated amount to be assessed against the property owners is $16,290.00.

The estimated amount to be assessed for curb is $0.50 per lineal foot of curb; and

The estimated amount of the assessment against property owners and their property for pavement and excavation is $6.2875 per front foot.

All persons, firms, corporations or estates, their agents or attorneys, desiring to be heard in the matter of thing in any wise connected with said improvements, the assessment therefor the benefits thereof, the damages resulting therefrom, or the proceedings connected therewith, shall be and appear before said Board at said time and place.

Done in accordance with Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Wichita Falls, Texas, on the 2nd day of Nov., 1925.

(Signed) W. E. M'BROOM,
City Clerk.

TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING ON FILMORE STREET BETWEEN AVE. L AND AVE. M AND TO ALL OTHERS INTERESTED.

Notice is hereby given of the intention of the City to preceed with the improvement of Filmore street from its intersection with the N. property line of Ave. L by raising, grading, and filling same and installing concrete curbs and gutters where adequate curbs and gutters are not now installed, and paving with No. 2 Willite pavement on 5-inch concrete foundation, and assessing a portion of the cost of making and constructing such improvement against all lots and parcels of property abutting on said portion of said street and all lots and parcels of property benefited by means of such improvements and the owners of such lots or parcels of property; and such assessments when levied, shall be a first and prior lien upon the lots and parcels of property assessed, and a personal claim and charge against the owners thereof.

On the 11th day of January, 1926 in the Council Chamber in the Bob Waggoner building in the City of Wichita Falls, Texas at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., all such owners and their agents or attorneys, or any other person or parties desiring to be heard, will be fairly heard by the Board of Aldermen and any protests, objections or claims will be fully and fairly heard, the benefits and damages resulting therefrom, or the proceedings connected therewith, shall be and appear before said Board at said time and place.

Done in accordance with Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Wichita Falls, Texas, on the 9th day of Nov., 1925.

(Signed) W. S. McBROOM,
City Clerk

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Hogs, 19,000; active; packing sows $9.25@9.60; killing pigs $12.25@12.50; heavy hogs $10.80@11.30; medium $11.15@11.65; light $11.00@12.00.

Cattle, 6,000; fat steers $8.75@10.00; vealers $11.00@11.50.

Sheep, 2,000; higher; fat lambs $16.50; fat ewes $8.25@8.75; feeding lambs $15.50@16.00.

FLOUR PRICES ADVANCE.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Flour prices soared 40 to 45 cents a barrel here today as a result of the steep advance of wheat prices yesterday. The range in quotations at the mills here jumped from $8.05 to $8.15 a barrel to $8.45@8.60 for family patent flour when sold in carlots.

Tomatoes once were thought to be poisonous.

CADILLAC

The Season's Best Wishes

It is indeed with a hearty appreciation of the loyal support and liberal patronage of our good friends that we take this occasion to thank one and all, and wish for them a Merry Christmas and the utmost in health and prosperity during the coming year.

Munger Auto Co.
905 Lamar Phone 6483

We Wish
to one and all a very
Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year

North Texas Furniture Co.
COMPLETE HOME FURNISHERS

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

In the spirit of the Christmas season, I take this occasion to thank every individual who has in any way contributed to the success of my business this year—the greatest in the history of this store.

To you I am profoundly grateful and 150 employees join me in wishing you

A Merry Christmas
AND
A Happy New Year

Gratefully yours,
SAUL LEBENSON
Proprietor of

SAUL'S
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We will not assume responsibility for more than one incorrect insertion. When your ad first appears, check it for any possible errors.

All discontinuance orders must be made in writing.

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Before 5:15 P. M.
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Classified ads may be given over the phone as late as 6 p. m.

Charge accounts are opened with the understanding that payment will be made when the bill is presented the first time.

LODGE DIRECTORY

Wichita Falls Lodge No. 1105 B. P. O. E. meets first and third Monday at Elks club, corner Eighth and Scott ave. Visiting members invited to attend.
R. A. LOWREY, Exalted Ruler.
H. C. ENGLISH, Secy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Personals 1

HAVE your dogs vaccinated with rabies vaccine by Dr. Zimmerman, 1422 22nd St. Phone 9546.

MRS. C. B. DAILY has taken charge of the Hillside Hotel, 709 Burnett. All outside rooms, hot and cold water. Very convenient. Meals will be served after the first of the year. Phone 7727.

NOTICE to certificate holders of the Wichita Mutual Aid assn. In the future I will not call on you to collect your assessments. E. S. Whitelaw, secy.

Strayed and Found 10

LOST on Indiana between Eleventh and P. B. M. store, a child's grey squirrel choker. Return to 1007 Eleventh. Reward.

LOST—Martin's and Kress store, leather under arm bag. Contain three collect Western Union cards. Small bank book and other valuables. Please phone 3347 for Liberal Reward.

FOUND—Silver cuff link. Owner can have same by identifying. Apply Record News office.

LOST—Boston screw tail dark brindle white chest and feet, has small white diamond on top of neck, answers to name of Jackie. Call 8729 or 7237 for reward.

LOST—Double mink fur at post office. Finder please leave with Postmaster and state reward.

LOST—Yellow cat, name Billy. Reward. Return to 900 Eighth street, Wichita Falls, Texas.

AUTOMOTIVE

Automobiles For Sale 11

FOR SALE—One 1925 Flint 40 touring car, in perfect condition, run less than 9,000 miles. Apply 506 N. Broadway.

FOR TRADE—One Marmon touring, 1923 model for truck. 209 Myrtle St.

Automobile Agencies A

L. A. (JIMMY) VALENTINE, Ford salesman. Phone 4191. Langford Motor Co.

We Will Buy Your Car.
SECURITY MOTOR SALES CO.
Eighth and Lamar Sts. Phone 9015.

Repairing—Service Stations 16

WICHITA AUTO TOP & PAINTING CO., authorized Duco refinishing station. 609 Scott.

ELECTRIC and oxcetylene welding. Welding is all we do, so we should know how. Phone 4415. Electric Welding Co., 316 Ohio.

BUSINESS SERVICE

Building and Contracting 19

GOOD houses built cheap. Hartford. Phone 3495.

CALL 3021 and have your carpenter work done by competent workman, no job too large, none too small. Estimates furnished free.

Cleaning, Dyeing, Renovating 20

BUY your mattresses direct and save from 25 to 35 per cent we make every mattress we sell and sell direct to consumer. We have them from the cheapest to the very best. Get our Kapok mattress and be pleased. See us before buying. Patton Mattress and Furniture Co. Phone 9930.

Dressmaking and Millinery 21

COATS relined, $2.50, alterations, dress making specialties. 908 Fifth. Phone 4674.

H. E. ALBITZ.
Dressmaking, designing, hemstitching and buttons covered. New location, Kimberline. 918 Indiana. Phone 8974.

Heating, Plumbing, Roofing 22

QUICK, satisfactory plumbing work. Call us first. Phone 6300. Moore Plumbing company.

PLUMBING, the satisfactory kind done and guaranteed by Chas. D [illegible] Phone 5444.

DIAL 8246 Quick Service Plumber. Dial 8246.

BUSINESS SERVICE

Heating, Plumbing, Roofing 22

PLUMBING test pumps. Mack & Jack, 1112 Ohio. Phones 9652 and 427.

FURNACE cleaned and repaired; broken parts replaced. LEWIS SHEET METAL WORKS, 209 Indiana ave. Phone 6920.

SCOTLAND PLUMBING CO.—Kahler and Crane plumbing fixtures. Display room, 607 North Broadway. Phone 8343.

Moving, Trucking, Storage 25

PRACTICAL house moving, raising and leveling. Jack Humphrey. Residence phone 7665.

Repairing and Refinishing 29

WICHITA STOVE REPAIR AND SUPPLY CO.
Parts for all stoves. Best service money can buy. 607 Front St. Phone 8356.

WINFREY FIXIT SHOP.
With Landon-Hill Co.
816 Scott. Phone 8213
We repair nearly any old thing.

OLD MATTRESSES made new. Phone 9412 and sample ticking will be brought to your door. One day service on work. Bell Mattress Co.

MATTRESSES RENOVATED.
Prices reasonable. Wichita Mattress Co. Phone 4052.

THE HOME OF GOOD MATTRESSES WHERE YOUR DOLLAR BUYS THE MOST
We make your old mattresses like new; samples of ticking submitted and work returned same day. Our trucks will call for and deliver mattresses and furniture in surrounding towns and oil fields. Try our Kapok mattresses, fully guaranteed.
PATTON MATTRESS AND FURNITURE COMPANY
Phone 9930. 402 Indiana Ave

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted—Female. 32

WANTED—House girl, German or Bohemian preferred. Good salary to right party. Phone 6722. 1101 Brooks.

WANTED—Reliable man and wife to drive Ford to California, to save fare. References required. Phone 5468 or 6316.

WANTED—White girl for general housework. 1627 11th Street.

WANTED—Colored girl to take care of children. 1406 Brittain.

Help Wanted—Male 34

WANTED—School boys to sell papers on the street from 6 to 8 o'clock in the morning. This is a wonderful schooling in salesmanship for the boys and they will earn 2 1-2c on each paper they sell. There will be a veery competent man in charge of the boys at all times. See Mr. Freed at the Record News office.

Help Male or Female. 35

DRAUGHON'S COLLEGE.
Excels in Business Education.
A position for every qualified student. Write for catalog, position contract, and holiday offer.

Name . . .
Address . . .

Solicitors, Canvassers, Agents 35

WANTED—Salesman for local territory for extensive line of calendars, wall pockets and fans. Season commences Jan. 1. Not a get-rich-quick scheme, but a chance for year round employment with a responsible firm where good money can be made. References required. Address Tyler Printing and Calendar Co. Tyler, Texas.

Situations Wanted—Female 36

WANTED—Place to work for room and board by young lady attending Draughons' College. Phone 5656.

Situations Wanted—Male 37

WANTED—Place to work to defray expenses while attending Draughon's College. Phone 5656.

WANTED—Carpenter work of any kind. No job too large or too small. J. B. Ferratt. Phone 5044.

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Business Opportunities 38

GOLD MINE FOR SALE
Best Produce business in Northwest Texas. Will sell at half price. Retired from business on account of my health.
1001 OHIO. PHONE 3393.

BUY your furniture on our easy installment plan. S. W. Womack furniture. 707 Tenth. Phone 5157.

Read the Record News Classified Ad Section.

Wanted to Buy 4

BUY
We will buy all your tow sacks and bushel baskets. 1001 Ohio. Phone 3898.

Money to Loan—Mortgages. 40

CITY LOANS—six to eight per cent Farm and ranch loans, six per cent
JAS R. WELCH
418 First National Bank Building.

PERSONAL loans made in a refined and business like manner, legal interest. 10 monthly payments. Wichita Falls Finance Co. Inc. 806 Eighth St. Kemp Hotel Bldg.

A Classified Ad in the Record News Will Bring Quick Results.

WE HAVE money to loan on farms and ranches. Rates 6 and 7 per cent. Prompt inspections.
L. W. Tarkenton
WEAVER-DAVANAY COMPANY
717 Scott Ave. Phone 7369

TEXAS CREDIT CO. SMALL LOANS CONFIDENTIAL. 605 1-2 7TH ST. ROOM 10. PHONE 4436.

MERCHANDISE

Dogs, Cats, Other Pets 47

DR. L. I. LUCEY.
Licensed Veterinarian. General Practice. Dogs vaccinated with rabies vaccin. Boarding kennel. Res. Henrietta road. Ph. 4954.

SINGERS for Christmas. Beautiful St. Andreasburg Rollers, also Yorkshires. Good singers reasonable, also bird cages. 1807 Filmore. Phone 8016.

Miscellaneous for Sale 51

A PART of Johnson rotary rig with drill pipe and most everything necessary for drilling a well, at a bargain, $1,200.00. TEXAS IRON & METAL WORKS, 205 Mississippi St. Phone 6860.

FOR SALE—Twenty new volumes of Messages and Papers of the President. Cost $100, sell for $25.00. Phone 3319.

FOR SALE—Beautiful Angora kitten, also two lovely canaries. 1002 Burnett. Phone 7845.

Furniture 59

HOUSEHOLD specials. Easy payments. Phone 6355. 1018 9th Street. L. B. Price Mercantile Co. Household specialties.

DON'T sell your furniture until you get our bid. S. W. Womack Furniture. 707 Tenth. Phone 5157.

CASH for your used furniture. Our bid will make you money. Home Furniture Co., 613 Seventh. Phone 3223.

Machinery and Tools 61

FOR SALE—All sizes pipe from 1 to 20-inches, oil well supplies, machinery, collars, couplings, fittings and connections, everything required in the oil fields. Texas Iron and Metal Co., 205 Mississippi. Phone 3860.

Musical Merchandise 62

BARGAINS IN USED AND NEW PHONOGRAPHS.

1—Manaphone, used $25.00
1—Silvertone, used $35.00
1—Silverstone, used $45.00
1—$150 Columbia $75
Slightly used Brunswick in oak $75.00
$150 used Brunswick $90.00
$200 used Consol Brunswick $100.00
1—Sonora, new $75.00
1—Sonora new $85.00
1—Sonora, new $100.00
1—$175 Starr, used $85.00

RIPLEY-JONES MUSIC CO.
814 Scott Street.

FOR SALE—One Empress Expression piano—coin operated—this electric coin piano, suitable for picture shows, cafe or dance halls, one Wurlitzer electric, coin operated $575. Music which pays its way.
RIPLEY-JONES MUSIC CO.
814 Scott Avenue.

TWO GOOD BUYS.
One E flat alto saxophone (silver). $65.
Nearly new C melody saxophone, silver gold bell, $85.
RIPLEY-JONES MUSIC CO.
814 Scott St.

$750 slightly used Grand piano for $500. Terms if desired. 1812 Eighth street.

Wanted—To Buy 66

WANTED TO BUY—Men's, ladies and children's wearing apparel, bring them to the store and we will give you a fair price for them. G. W. Wright. 804 Ohio.

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FOR RENT—One furnished room to couple. 1317 16th St.

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Wanted—Rooms or Board 73

WANTED—Room and board in private home for student. Phone 5656.

Apartments and Flats 74

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UNFURNISHED two-room apartment and sleeping porch. Connecting bath. Garage. On car line and pavement. Close in $25 per month. Apply at Wonder Lunch. Corner Ninth and Lamar.

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Farms and Lands for Rent. 76

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Houses for Rent. 77

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Houses for Sale. 84

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TO EACH AND EVERY ONE
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AUCTIONS—LEGALS

RECEIVER'S NOTICE OF SALE.

The state of Texas, county of Wichita, notice is hereby given by John Gould, receiver, in cause No. 17520-C, styled E. J. Bartels vs. H. B. Poland, in the 50th district court, wherein E. J. Bartels is plaintiff and H. B. Poland, and wife, Linnie Poland, P. B. Roberts, and wife, Mrs. C. H. Roberts, Keystone Pipe & Supply company, a corporation, J. H. Sheets, and H. Carl Wright, are defendants, and judgment rendered in said cause wherein the plaintiff recovered judgment in the sum of $2,347.00, with 8 per cent interest from date of judgment, October 19, 1925, and Keystone Pipe & Supply company recovered judgment in the sum of $255.00, with 6 per cent interest from date of judgment, and also foreclosed the chattel mortgage lien on the below described property in favor of said judgment in the proportions above mentioned; and in said judgment John Gould was appointed receiver by agreement in open court, and was in said judgment granted the authority and was commanded to sell the property covered by the chattel mortgage lien at public or private sale, and time for which said sale to be made being extended so that the receiver may sell same at any time before January 20, 1926, that in pursuance of said order and the power vested in me as receiver by the order of said court, I, John Gould, will sell the below described personal property for cash on the 2nd day of January, 1926, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. at the office of the Peoples Press Publishing company, located at the Labor Temple, 703 Travis street, in the city of Wichita Falls, Wichita county, Texas, to the highest bidder, said property being now located at the place above mentioned, and being described as follows: One No. 8 linotype machine and motor, one Babcock cylinder press and motor, one 9x12 Chandler & Price job press and motor, one 10x15 Chandler & Price job press and motor, one Miller saw and trimmer and motor, one paper cutter, one stapling machine, five make-up stones and stands, 125 cases of type, three rules, one cabinet, and three type stands, stock of printing paper, office equipment, metal and supplies.

JOHN GOULD, Receiver.

NOTICE to property owners of 23rd and Bridwell Streets and others interested.

The board of aldermen of the city of Wichita Falls have received an application for a permit to erect and operate a grocery store at the corner of 23rd and Bridwell Streets and before issuing said permit a public hearing will be held at 7:30 p. m. on Jan. 4, 1926, in the basement of the Morgan building for the purpose of hearing protests against issuance of said permit.

Done in accordance with resolution adopted by the board of aldermen on Dec. 21, 1925.

W. E. McBROOM
City Clerk.

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For a
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AND WE MEAN IT.
WE HOPE YOU DON'T "BREAK DOWN" TODAY
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Prosperous New Year
To each of our Friends and Customers
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If Your Christmas
Is as complete as we wish it to be
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TODAY
and all other days
We wish you
the Best of Luck and
Happiness
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GREETINGS **GREETINGS**

MERRIE CHRISTMAS
EVERYONE
May Happiness Abound With You This Glad Day
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To All
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AND
WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS
AND THE NEW YEAR
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Holiday Greetings!
Following an old time honored
custom
Wish for You and Yours
A Very Happy Christmas
CLINE'S BUSINESS COLLEGE
Wichita Falls
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GREETINGS **GREETINGS**

MERRIE CHRISTMAS
Everyone
May Happiness Abound With You on This Glad Day
ADICKES & WELTY
Realtors
337-339 Harvey-Snider Bldg.

AUCTIONS—LEGALS **AUCTIONS—LEGALS**

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Wichita County: Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to summon Lou Wakefield, George Wakefield, Lula Reed Wilson, Robert W. Wilson, John Fleetwood Damron, and the following named minor children of Carrie Reed Stacy: Lavert Stacy, Geneva Stacy, Beuna Stacy, Ruby Stacy, Myrtle Stacy, Paul Stacy and Pauline Stacy, by making publication of this citation once each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the 89th District Court of Wichita County, to be holden at the Court House thereof in Wichita Falls, on the first Monday in January, A. D. 1926, the same being the 4th day of January, A. D. 1926, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1925, in a suit numbered on the Docket of said Court, No. 17791-C., wherein C. C. Averill, executor and trustee under the will of John Fleetwood Reed, deceased, is plaintiff, and Widows and Orphans Home, Independent Order Odd Fellows, a corporation whose trustees are J. K. Sachse, S. P. Spalding, W. W. Clopton, W. H. Wray and L. L. Lindsey, and Iowa Park Lodge Number 394, Independent Order Odd Fellows, Mary C. Edmiston, Lou Wakefield, George Wakefield, Lula Reed Wilson, Robert W. Wilson, John Fleetwood Damron, and the minor children of Carrie Reed Stacy, deceased, namely, Lavert Stacy, Geneva Stacy, Beuna Stacy, Ruby Stacy, Myrtle Stacy, Paul Stacy and Pauline Stacy, are defendants, and said petition alleging:
This is a suit to construe the last will and testament of Doctor John Fleetwood Reed, deceased. The plaintiff alleges that by the terms of the will certain legacies, bequests and devises and trusts were made and created and that the amount of the estate is insufficient to pay the whole of the same, and the suit is to have the court determine the order of payments, the question of priorities and the amounts and methods of payments, and to whom payments shall be made.
HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL of said court, at office in Wichita Falls, Texas, this the 4th day of December, A. D. 1925.
A. F. KERR,
Clerk District Court Wichita County, Texas.
By E. BERNER, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.
The State of Texas.
To the sheriff or any constable of Wichita county: Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to summon H. W. Moore by making publication of this citation once each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the 89th District court of Wichita county, to be holden at the court house thereof in Wichita Falls, on the first Monday in January, A. D. 1926 the same being the 4th day of January, A. D. 1926. Then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 30th day of November A. D. 1925 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 17773c wherein, Fannie Bailey, joined pro forma by her husband, E. R. Bailey is plaintiff, and H. W. Moore is defendant and said petition alleging that on January 1st, 1923, plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described land and premises situated in Wichita county, Texas, to-wit:
Lot No. five (5) in Block No. twelve (12) of Dr. F. B. Bailey's subdivision of four acres, being blocks nine, ten, eleven and twelve (9, 10, 11 and 12) of the R. L. Miller subdivision of the southwest corner of the Thomas H. Gardner survey in Wichita county, Texas, according to maps or plats of said sub-divisions of record in the office of the county clerk of said Wichita county; said lot No. 5 in said block No. 12 being situated in Wichita Falls in Wichita county, Texas:
That on the date and year last aforesaid, defendant unlawfully entered upon said premises, and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withholds from her the possession thereof, to her damage in the sum of Six Hundred Dollars ($600.00); that the reasonable annual rental value of said land and premises is Six Hundred Dollars. That on March 15th, 1923, plaintiff executed and delivered to defendant a deed covering said property, in which deed a vendor's lien was expressly reserved to secure the payment of a note in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) executed by defendant, and evidencing the purchase price of said land, dated March 15, 1921, due March 15th, 1922, with interest from its date until paid at the rate of eight per cent, per annum; that defendant has never paid said note, or any part thereof, principal or interest; that defendant's residence is unknown.
Plaintiff prays for judgment for title and possession of said land and premises, and that a writ of restitution issue for her rents, damages and costs of suit, and relief, general and equitable.
Herein fail not, but have before said court at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.
Given under my hand and the seal of said court at office in Wichita Falls, Texas, this the 30th day of November, A. D. 1925.
(Seal) A. F. KERR,
Clerk District Court, Wichita County, Texas.
By EUNICE JACKSON, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.
The State of Texas: To the sheriff or any constable of Wichita County, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to [illegible] to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the [illegible] day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Wichita county, a copy of the following notice:
The State of Texas: To all persons interested in the welfare of Helen Biles and Ruth Biles, minors. Know Ye that Mrs. Kate Biles was by the County Court of Wichita County, Texas, on the 12th day of December A. D. 1925, duly appointed temporary guardian of the persons and estates of said minors, which appointment will be made permanent unless the same shall be successfully contested at the next term of said court, commencing on the first Monday in February A. D. 1926, the same being the 1st day of February A. D. 1926, at the court House thereof, in Wichita Falls at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said minors may appear and contest such appointment if they so desire.
Hebein fail not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.
Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Wichita Falls, Texas, this the 17th day of December A. D. 1925.
(Seal) ALMA Y. MILLER,
Clerk County Court, Wichita County, Texas.
By M. F. YEAGER, Deputy.

"TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING ON BROAD STREET FROM EIGHTEENTH TO TWENTY-FOURTH AND TO ALL OTHERS INTERESTED."
Notice is hereby given of the intention of the City to proceed with the improvement of Broad street from south property Eighteenth to north property line of Twenty-fourth street by raising, grading and filling same and in concrete curbs and paving with reinforced concrete and all lots and land benefited by means of the said improvement, and such assessments when levied, shall be a first and prior lien upon the lots and land assessed, and a personal claim and a charge against the owners thereof.
On the 11th day of January A. D. 1926 in the Council chamber in the Bob Waggoner building in the City of Wichita Falls, at 7:30 p. m. o'clock, all such owners and their agents will be fully heard by the Board of Aldermen and any protests, objections or claims will be fully and fairly heard. The benefits and damages resulting from said improvements will be determined and the amounts to be assessed against each such lot or parcel of land and the owners thereof will be determined and an assessment therefor will be levied.
Plans and specifications for the improvement, and form of contract and report of Engineer showing estimated cost thereof, are on file in the office of the City Clerk and open to inspection.
The estimated cost of the said improvement is $20,597.66.
The estimated amount to be assessed against property owners is $28,248.16.
The estimated amount to be assessed for curb is $0.40 per lineal foot of curb and
The estimated amount of the assessment against property owners and their property for pavement and excavation is $3.29682 per front foot.
All persons, firm, corporations, or estates, their agents or attorneys, desiring to be heard in any matter or thing in any wise connected with said improvements, the assessment therefor, the benefits thereof, the damages resulting therefrom, or the proceedings connected therewith, shall be and appear before the said Board at said time and place.
Done in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Wichita Falls, Texas, on the 17th day of August, A. D. 1925.
W. E. McBROOM, City Clerk.

RUSSIA BALKS ON CONFERENCE

Refuses to Attend Peace Meeting of Any Kind On Swiss Soil.

GENEVA, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Soviet Russia's reported refusal to attend any disarmament conference held on Swiss soil has brought about a dramatic political situation in Switzerland.

The whole matter goes back to the assassination by Maurice Conradi, a Swiss engineer, of Vaslav Vorovsky, soviet envoy to the Lausanne conference in May, 1923, and Conradi's subsequent trial and acquittal.

Basing its attitude on the conviction that it was a grave error to allow the Conradi case to develop into a trial and condemnation of bolshevism, the state council of Geneva has addressed a letter to the federal council at Berne asking reconsideration of the Swiss relations with Russia. Fear is expressed that Russian hostility to Switzerland as a result of the Vorovsky incident and the soviet's repeated declarations that it will attend no conferences on Swiss soil, may eventually force the League of Nations to move to some city outside this country.

Conradi assassinated Vorovsky and wounded two of his companions at Lausanne early in May, 1923. He immediately surrendered, justifying his act as one of vengeance for the murder of relatives by the bolshevists in Russia. The assassination created a great stir in Moscow, but nothing to compare with the feeling which followed Conradi's acquittal after trial in civil court in November, 1923. The soviet government pronounced a formal boycott against Swiss citizens, declaring "we shall have no trade or deals with the Swiss, neither shall they come here or our people go to Switzerland. Foreign Minister Tchitcherin was quoted as referring to Switzerland as a "land of murderers."

Hoover Disputes Claims of Paper

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Secretary Hoover contradicted today an assertion by the London Morning Post which said, while defending the British monopoly of rubber, that the United States government had itself sought to restrict wheat production at a time of world need.

"The London Morning Post seems to be misinformed when it states that the United States government endeavored to restrict wheat production in the face of a starving world,' said Mr. Hoover. "The facts are that in 1917 congress, in order to supply the allies and the starving world, guaranteed the price of wheat to the American farmers. Under the guarantee, the normal of 52,000,000 acres was expended in the 1918 crop to 64,000,000 acres, and in the 1919 crop to 76,000,000 acres. An enormous surplus resulted.

"The British government after the armistice in 1918, however, very nearly turned to the large accumulation of cheaper wheat which had been held back in Australia and the Argentine. In consequence the American government was compelled to buy large amounts of wheat in order to make good its guarantee.

"These surpluses were disposed of starving countries in Europe, a large proportion of them in actual charity, and a remainder were sold on credit which under subsequent debt settlements proved to have been about 50 per cent of what the wheat cost the American government.

"The American government has never passed any legislation restricing production. This story probably originates from the fact that the department of agriculture a year after the armistice and after the world famine was passed, did warn the American farmer that there was an over production of wheat in the world and that they should get back to normal."

Dickey's Old Reliable Eye Water relieves sore eyes. Doesn't burn or hurt. All druggists 25c.—Adv.



England Anxious For Longer Life

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The memory of Thomas Parr, who set England's standard of longevity by living to be 152 years old is being invoked in a campaign by the Long Life society in favor of simple living. The object lesson, however, is found as much in the cause of his death as in the manner of his living.

"Old Parr" lived under ten English monarchs, from 1483 to 1635, and the authenticity of the record is attested by a slab in Westminster Abbey, where England's great are remembered.

Until nearly the end of his life he lived on the simplest fare whole grain bread, milk, cheese and fruit, and at 120 he was hale enough to marry a second time. But when he reached 152 his fame reached the ears of King Charles I, who invited him to London and feasted him so that he died.

His slab in Westminster is cited by the Long Life society as a "warning to those who suddenly and drastically alter the habits of a lifetime."

Read the want ads intoday's Record News they will give you some pointers on where to buy that home.

State News Briefs

DALLAS.—Two Dallas motorcycle policemen fought a running duel with two men surprised in the attempt to rob a filling station. The robbers bolted into an automobile and eluded the officers after an exchange of shots.

DALLAS.—Three negro holdup men robbed persons here last night of a total of $78 in two robberies. They leveled guns at their victims. Descriptions of the three negroes were the same both instances.

WACO.—Funeral services will be held here Saturday for L. E. Alexander, who was killed Wednesday afternoon near Marlin as the result of a shooting. Mr. Alexander was shot four times, once in the neck, once in the breast, once in the right arm and once in the shoulder.

WACO.—D. J. Price, general passenger agent of the I. G. N., here yestereday announced the establishment of an early date of a downtown ticket office in Waco and the inauguration of a new fast night train between Galveston and Fort Worth.

WACO.—The Baylor Bear basketball team returned last night from a teur of a number of Southern states, where they played a number of teams, and also a number in East Texas.

BROWNSVILLE.—More than 1,300 children were made glad last night when Santa Claus (himself) superintended the distribution of gifts from the buge Rotary Christmas tree in Washington park. Two bands furnished music for the ceremony and played as the long lines of children moved past the workers of the least known parts of the Arabian desert and personally assisted in establishing the boundaries in a land unknown to the surveyors.

The Old Home Town

W. A. Morrow has gone to Ladonia where he will spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Gertrude Robinson, music teacher in the Fannin school, has gone to Throckmorton to be with her parents through the Christmas holidays.

L. L. Taylor and J. I. Street returned Thursday morning from Dimmitt county where they went on a deer hunt last Saturday. They brought back four bucks, one ten-point, one eight-point, and two four-points.

M. V. May of Corsicana was a Wichita Falls visitor Thursday.

Mrs. Frank Harbison, buyer for the woman's ready-to-wear department of Perkins-Timberlake company, has returned from New York where she has been to the spring market.

E. C. Priebe, Reiter-Foster Oil Corporation, returned yesterday from a short trip to Breckenridge.

Mrs. W. R. White and small son are spending Christmas in Wichita Falls. Their home is in Waltera, Oklahoma.

Aged Man Will Be Isolated for Life

DETROIT, Dec. 24.—(AP)—James Sopher, reported yesterday as missing from the farm house in Shiawasse county where the state plans to isolate him for life as a carrier of typhoid fever germs, was located today at the home of his daughter in Ecorse, a suburb.

The daughter said she and her husband drove to the farm a week ago last Sunday and got the aged man because they believed he was to be placed on a poor farm.

Under the order issued by the state board of health yesterday the state is to pay $15 a month to Harry Drake, a farmer, in whose custody Sopher is to be placed.

Health officials say the Drakes contracted typhoid from Sopher years ago and are immune. They declare 22 cases in Shiawasse and Oakland counties have been traced to Sopher.

Mrs. Drake said today that the $15 a month the state will pay for his support will be a welcome addition to the family resources. Sopher already has spent considerable time on the farm as a helper and handy man.

Dr. Richard Olin, state health commissioner, said Sopher, who is 71 years old, probably will remain a carrier of typhoid for the rest of his life.

CAMEL FEEDS ON MILK.

BEAUMONT, Dec. 24.—An animal show wintering here has purchased a cow to mother a camel born last Sunday. The mother camel gave no milk for the little "ship of the desert" and attendants grew tired of warming bottles for the youngster. It is valued at $2,000.

Both babe and foster mother have agreed perfectly to the arrangement.

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For the convenience of belated buyers we will remain open Christmas Morning
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Ninth and Van Buren
After Christmas Special
SATURDAY ONLY—
Spuds Burbanks, Limit 10 lbs. Per lb. ..... 4¢
Tomatoes No. 1 Can, Limit 4 cans, per can ..... 5½¢
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This is but a tiny greeting
A little word among the many
—We hope that it will add a bit
To Christmas Happiness and Plenty
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To all our old friends
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Merry Christmas
May this Christmas be a happy one for you—and may your journey through the coming year be full of success and happiness.
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COOLIDGE TO VISIT TEXAS

President Tells Republicans That He Is Anxious for a Trip Here

DALLAS, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Every assurance has been given that, if possible, President Calvin Coolidge and other administration leaders will visit Texas during the coming year, Leonard Withington, state director of the organization of the republican party, said today on his return from the capital. Mr. Withington was a member of the delegation headed by R. B. Creager of Brownsville, republican national committeeman from Texas, that called upon the president and other officials, inviting them to come to Texas.

"President Coolidge said he was anxious to visit Texas and would do so if possible," Mr. Withington said. "Vice president Charles Dawes indicated he would come if the sessions of congress did not prevent. Secretary of Agriculture Jardine has definitely said he would try to visit the state probably at the jubilee meeting of the Texas and Southwestern Cattlemen's association next March in Fort Worth. There is also a possibility that Secretary of Commerce Hoover and Secretary of War Dwight Davis will be here."

Mr. Withington said that interest in the east in the growth of the republican party in Texas and the development of a two-party system is intense. He said that people of the east also inquire about the possibilities for new textile mills for manufacture of not only cotton goods but also of woolens.

Mortgaged Plane Brings An Arrest

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—(AP)—H. G. Sandford, wanted by Travis county officers for the alleged deposition of a mortgaged aeroplane, was arrested in San Antonio Thursday when he sold a ten cent handkerchief to the officer holding a warrant for his arrest. Sandiford was working as a salesman in a clothing store and the officer recognized him as the man for whom he held a warrant. Matthew Watson, a former pilot of Sandiford's plane, was the person awarded the judgment some months ago.

METROPOLITAN TO PAY 16 MILLIONS DIVIDENDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—President Haley Fisk of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company announced that dividends totalling approximately $16,500,000 are payable in 1926 to holders of the company's industrial policies. This, as compared with $12,779,000 paid in 1925, showed an increase of nearly $4,000,000.

REWARD FOR ROBBERS

$5,000 Offered For Arrest of Men Getting $47,900 Payroll.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Pittsburgh Terminal Coal company tonight posted a reward of $5,000 for the return of its $47,900 Christmas pay roll taken today in a raid on the company's pay car by six bandits who killed one guard and wounded another. An additional reward of $1,000 each for the capture of the robbers, dead or alive, was offered by the concern. The holdup occurred at Mollenauer, a small mining town near here and the bandits escaped in an automobile.

HOUSTON NEGRO SHOT

Deputy Sheriff Proves Quicker On Draw Than His Opponent.

HOUSTON, Dec. 24.—Deputy Sheriff H. B. Purvis shot and killed Spence Bradford, a negro jitney driver Thursday when Bradford resisted arrest.

Bradford backed into a car driven by a white man. When the man remonstrated, Bradford drew his pistol and cursed and later when Purvis attempted to arrest him the negro drew his gun again bu the deputy was quicker.

AUTHOR DEAD

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—John Tyler Wheelwright, author and lawyer and one of the founders of the Harvard Lampoon, died at his home here last night.

Borah Trains on Bridle Paths for Strenuous Senate Sessions



William E. Borah of Idaho, chairman of senate foreign relations committee, in getting in trim on Washington bridle paths for world court fight. He spends an hour or two in the saddle daily He is seen in Rock Creek Park on a favorite mount.

WEEKS HURT IN TRAIN CRASH

Three Known Dead, Many Injured on Atlantic Coast Line

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Three men are known to be dead, one is missing and several were injured, including John W. Weeks, former secretary of war, as a result of a head-on collision of two Atlantic Coast line passenger trains early today at Gaillard's Cut, near Montck's corner.

A relief train, with doctors and nurses, is en route to the scene.

Herbert T. Parish of Florence, engineer of the northbound train No. 76; J. E. Cummings of Savannah, Ga., engineer of the southbound train No. 85, and C. Baxter of Florence, fireman of the southbound, were found dead in the wreckage. Fireman Williams of the northbound has nto yet been located.

No details were given in reports received here as to the extent of the injuries of Mr. Weeks.

DALLAS DOCTOR SUICIDES

Man Who Married Last July Takes Poison At His Home.

FORT WORTH, Dec. 24.—(AP) Dr. C. L. Spencer, 45, of Dallas, who was married in this city last July, ended his life by taking poison at the home of his brother, H. L. Spencer of this city, today. The body was found by a sister-in-law in the bathroom of the Spencer home. Coroner Hal P. Hughes, who married Spencer last June, held the inquest.

KAYTON IS MA'S GUEST

San Antonio T. N. G. Colonel To Appear At Mission.

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Colonel Louis Kayton of the Texas National guard San Antonio, will be the only house guest at the executive mansion Friday for Christmas festivities. Governor Miriam A. Ferguson and her immediate family are others of the group that will assemble early Christmas morning about the tree in the parlor of the mansion.

WILL FILE PROTEST

MCALLEN, Texas, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Leaders of the faction opposing Hidalgo county's three and one half million road bond issue, which carried by a small two thirds majority Tuesday, will protest the election, it was learned from authentic sources here today.

Warden Of Most Famous Prison In America Takes Active Part In Move To Abolish Execution

Louise E. Lawes of Sing Sing Says Death Penalty Is Not a Deterrent; Favors 20 Years As Minimum for Murder.

BY ROWLAND WOOD.
Special Correspondent of The Record News.
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NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The League of Abolition of Capital Punishment today assured itself of an authoritative campaign against the death penalty throughout the United States, when it announced the election of Louis E. Laws, warden of Sing Sing prison, as its chairman. For the mild, scoft spoken warden of America's most famous penitentiary has witnessed the execution of nearly a hundred doomed men, fifteen of them in the past year.

Incidentally, before he makes his first speech as chairman of the league, at a mass meeting in this city the later part of January, which will usher in an intensive nation-wide drive against the execution of killers, he will have participated in two executions.

Clarence Darrow, the noted Chicago lawyer, whose proudest boast is that no client of his ever has gone to a prison death house, is one of the founders of the League of the Abolition of Capital Punishment, and his shrewd mind is largely credited with the idea of making the nation's busiest execution director chairman of the league against executions.

Warden Lawes long has been an opponent of capital punishment, and every execution at Sing Sing, which he is required by law to attend, sets him firmer against the old biblical law of "an eye for an eye."

"The only possible argument in favor of executing a criminal is that the existence of the extreme penalty will deter other criminals from killing," Warden Lawes reasons.

"My twenty-six years in penal work, six of which have been spent as warden of Sing Sing, and my constant study in problems of penology, have convinced me that executions do not deter."

Warden Lawes' ideas of the proper punishment for murderers is a "life sentence" which cannot even be reviewed with a view to mitigation until the convict has spent twenty years behind the bars.

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We wish to thank our friends and customers for their liberal patronage during the past year, and assure them that with our increased facilities in our new home of an even better service in the future. Wishing also a continuance of our pleasant relations.

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TO ALL.

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3 Volunteer Fire Fighters Killed When Truck Skids

NORWELL, Mass., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Three volunteer members of the Scituate fire department were killed and two others knocked unconscious when their truck skidded and overturned while speeding to a fire here this morning. The dead are:
George Barrows, father of three children.
Hugh McDermott, single.
Frank Hall, father of five children.

CHRYSLER AUTO CO. MAKES BIG GAIN OVER LAST YEAR

DETROIT, Dec. 24.—The Chrysler corporation this year shipped 136,000 cars, an increase of 69 percent over the shipments in 1924.

Use a Classified Ad, Record News. Phone 4121.

Oblivion Stalks Ruins of Ancient Damascus



Ancient Damascus, reduced to ruins some weeks ago by French guns, in alleged retaliation for attacks on French soldiers, may never be rebuilt, but settle into the dust that has claimed most other great cities of antiquity. New photo shows it as it is today, the ruins undisturbed. At right, the "Street Called Straight," famed for its bazars, is seen open to the sky.

FOREIGN RUBBER FIRMS LISTED FOR STOCK DEALS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The New York cocoa exchange, which recently added facilities for trading in rubber, today elected to membership fifteen rubber founders, seven of whom represent foreign interests. Actual dealings in rubber and rubber futures will be started by the exchange early next year at which time the name of the institution will be changed to make it representative of all operations.

ARMOUR PACKING CO. BUYS POULTRY AND EGG PLANTS

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—The aron Poultry and Egg company has sold nine plants in Kansas and Oklahoma towns to Armour and company. The purchase price was not made public but the plants are expected to do a business of about $150,000,000 annually.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY TO IMPROVE LINE IN WEST

ST. PAUL, Dec. 24.—The Great Northern railroad will spend $22,000,000 in 1926 on improvement including $10,000,000 for a tunnel in the Cascades to reduce mileage and grades. The remainder will go for new equipment and betterments on the main line to Seattle. The great Northern is making 110 pound rails standard with 130 pound rails on curves.

HOUSTON MAN'S THROAT CUT

HOUSTON, Dec. 24.—Lloyd Dennison of Houston is in a hospital here with his throat cut. Police are looking for his assailant, who is said to be from Huntsville.

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Senator Lenroot, Now Fighting For Political Life, Missed Presidency By A Mere Slip In G. O. P. Convention

Wisconsin Solon Was Slated for Running Mate of Harding Before Delegates Voted For Coolidge.

BY ROBERT T. SMALL
Special Correspondent of The Record News.
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Leading the fight for President Coolidge's world court plan on the republican side of the senate chamber is a man buffeted by one of the most cruel turns of fate that ever befell a human being. This man is Irvine L. Lenroot, senator from the state of Wisconsin who by all rules and orders of the G. O. P. should today be the occupant of the White House formulating his own international plans and policies rather than attempting to carry out the dictums and dictates of another.

Fortunately for Senator Lenroot he does not appear to be a strongly introspective man. He seems to shake things off rather easily, and yet as he sits there in the senate, one cannot help but picture the thoughts that must go through a head which is called by some one of the ablest in the upper house of congress.

Slated for Vice President.

American memories are not very long, but there are still plenty who recall that at the Chicago convention of the republican party in 1920 Senator Lenroot was "slated" to be the vice presidential candidate with Senator Harding of Ohio. The slate had all been arranged. Supposedly it was copper riveted, as things generally are at a republican convention once the "steam roller" has been wheeled into action and the organization whistle is tooting its signals to stop and go.

Mr. Harding had been nominated after a somewhat hectic struggle between former Gov. Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois and Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood. The Wood and Lowden forces virtually had deadlocked the convention and there was no indication of surrender on either side. Both of these aspirants were given every opportunity to demonstrate their strength and neither had sufficient. Therefore, at the end of the week, the leaders got together and agreed upon Senator Harding as the compromise candidate. At the same time it was agreed that Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin, representing a supposedly liberal wing of the party, should be the vice presidential candidate.

McCormick 'Tire' Failed.

The Harding nomination went over with a whoop. Tired with their all-night and all forenoon conferences the G. O. P. leaders drifted out of the convention hall. It was supposed everything was "fixed" for Senator Lenroot. There was no need to wait for that part of the plan to be executed. Vice presidential nominations never receive a great deal of consideration from the delegates on the floor. Everybody is anxious to go home.

The honor of nominating Senator Lenroot had been placed in the hands of the late Senator Medill McCormick, of Illinois. Medill for some reason unexplained, was quite a few minutes late in reaching the platform and the delegates were a bit restless. Medill made a more or less perfunctory speech and then stepped aside to let the voting begin. Some how or other the situation was bungled. There was no spread of Lenroot wildfire on the floor.

Coolidge Wanted Instead.

Then came the memorable incident when Wallace McCamant, a delegate from Oregon, leaped to a chair on the convention floor and placed the name of Calvin Coolidge in nomination.

Up to that moment there had been no thought of Coolidge for vice president. The Massachusetts delegation had been backing him in a more or less desultory manner for the presidency, but it never occurred to a single member of the Bay state delegation to propose him for second place on the ticket.

The rest is history. Mr. Coolidge was nominated. Mr. Harding died in his third year at the White House. Mr. Coolidge stepped into the American hall of the presidents.

WILD ELKS DAMAGE COTTON FIELDS NEAR BAKERSFIELD

BAKERSFIELDL, Cal., Dec. 24 (AP)—Wild elk are tramping down the cotton fields in the vicinity of Rio Bravo, adjacent to the great Miller and Lux holdings, and are doing much damage to late cotton. The elk come in from the big cattle ranges on moonlight nights and devour the cotton with its oil seed. After eating their fill it is said the elk sometimes as many as 15 and 20 in a band, feel so frisky that they spend the rest of the night in tearing up and down the fields.

6 ARMED MEN TAKE HUGH ROLL FROM MINE CASHIER

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Christmas payroll of the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal company, $47,900, was taken from the pay car by six armed men at Mollenaur, a mining settlement near Pittsburgh, today. The robbers made their escape in an automobile.

FARMER COMMISSION FIRM HAS EARNED BIG PROFITS

SOUTH ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 24.—The Central Cooperative Livestock Commission association will earn $115,000 this year. The association is the largest livestock selling firm in the country, operating at only one market. It handled 23.7 percent of business here. Profits go to farmer members.

Merry Christmas

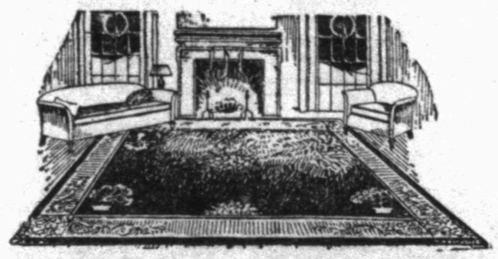
Christmas-tide, the trail's end of the old year, is here again bringing memories of old days, old times and friends and our hearts go out to each of those whose friendship we cherish.

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GERMAN GIRLS CHANGE.

Quit Type Jibs to Become Dressmakers and Milliners.

TOKYO, Dec. 24.—Changing times, changing ideals. The girls in Germany no longer prefer the occupations they once cherished. Such is the testimony of the "adviser for professions," Miss Margarette Schmidt, in Berlin-Mitte. Some years ago girls who had to work turned to typing and stenography. Now they prefer dressmaking and millinery occupations. Contrariwise, there is a lack of deaconesses.

PADLOCK CRUSADE ON BIG RESORTS STARTS IN EAST

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Federal Attorney Buckner has begun his third and largest padlock crusade by a holiday onslaught on 41 whiteway night haunts, some of them favorite society and theatrical resorts.

At midnight last night, Deputy united states marshales, prohibition agents and police began a wholesale service of summons and complaints upon proprietors, who are given twenty days in which to accept "consent decrees" or fight their cases.

FORTUNE TELLING BARRED

CONSTATINOPLE, Dec. 24.—One of the most picturesque trades in Turkey has been banned by the grand national assembly. A law just passed throws out of business the fortune tellers, those who deal in incantations, those who profess the ability to find lost objects or to cure the sick by breathing upon them and those who sell amulets warranted to bring about the desires of the purchaser. Hundreds of women in every city and town daily have sought these fortune tellers.

WOMAN LEGISLATOR DIES

LIBERAL, Kan., Dec. 24.—(AP) Mrs. Minnie J. Grinstead, the first woman ever elected to membership in the Kansas legislature and who seconded the nomination of Calvin Coolidge for the presidency at the Cleveland convention, died here today after a brief illness.

Season's Greetings

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MOROCCAN IS FOR ARMISTICE

Ready to Quit in 30 Days If Peace Plans Are Offered

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Captain Gordon Canning, British reserve officer and envoy from the Moroccan chieftain Abd-El-Krim, has not approached the French government as yet on the question of a peace settlement. Captain Canning arrived in Paris yesterday with a letter from the Riffian leader, authorizing him to receive the peace terms decided on by the French and Spanish last summer.

Thus far he has communicated his credentials and the object of his mission to the press and members of parliament only. His presence officially is not known to the government and doubts are expressed at the quai d'orsay as to the utility of his visit.

Abd-El-Krim is ready to accept some of the Franco-Spanish terms, but desires to discuss the others, Captain Canning informed the correspondent. Krim, he said, was willing to declare an armistice within a month if negotations were entered into on that basis.

3 Boys Perish In Boston As Thin Ice Is Shattered

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Three boys were drowned in two thin ice accidents in the suburbs of Boston today. At Waltham two unidentified boys were skating on the Charles river when the ice broke and both went under. Robert MacDougall, 12, was drowned in Quarter Mile Pond in the Middlesex Falls at Medford. His brother, David, 10, whom he had been drawing on a sled, was saved by three policemen who reached David with a pole. The body of Robert was recovered.

QUEEN CHANGES HUSBANDS REGULARLY, SAYS WOMAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Stories of how divorce is practiced by natives in two remote sections of the world were brought to New York today by travelers arriving on the steamship Paris.

Suy Dam Cutting, first member of the Roosevelt expedition to return to America told of finding in the hill country of Thibet a people known as the Turki, who not only made divorce easy without any court decree, but considered it an honor for a woman to be divorced several times.

The incentive for the woman, he said, was that every time she married she was showered with gifts. The technique of being divorced was a simple declaration that the marriage was at an end.

Woman in Auto Hits Bandit With Thermos Bottle

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—(AP)—But for the timely use of a heavy thermos bottle and quick wit, Mrs. Will W. Williams of Austin might have suffered injury and robbery from an attempt made by a bandit to hold her up on the Austin-Houston highway near Elgin Tuesday night. Mrs. Williams was returning from Houston alone and soon after passing Elgin a man hailed her and demanded a ride. She accelerated the peed of the car but was unable to prevent the man from jumping on the running board. Before the hijacker could steady himself Mrs. Williams struck him over the head with a heavy thermos bottle, knocking him to the roadside, she said.

TULSA PASTOR DONATES TO METHODIST UNIVERSITY

DALLAS, Dec. 24.—(AP)— Dr. John A. Rice, formerly holder of the Old Testament chair at Southern Methodist university, has donated $2,500 to the university as the nucleus of a fund which is ultimately expected to give the school one of the most comprehensive collections of manuscripts and archeological sources relating to the Old Testament in the country, it was announced late Tuesday. The gift has been formally received by Dr. C. C. Selecman, president of the university.

As the storm center of a heated theological controversy at the school in 1922, Dr. Rice resigned and accepted the pastorate of the First Methodist church at Tulso, Okla., which post he now holds.

Dr. Rice's teachings and writings, which precipitated the controversy, related to the interpretation of the Old Testament "by the historical method." A condition of the gift from Dr. Rice stipulates that if trustees of the fund should use for any other purpose than the interpretation of the Old Testament by scientific study and the historic methods, the fund shall be transferred to Emory university, at Atlanta, Ga.

FIREMAN FACES WALL OF FLAME, SAVES OIL WORKER

HOUSTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—G. J. Munhausen is alive today because Fred Williams, hero fireman, faced an advancing wall of fire and brought Munhausen to safety last night.

Munhausen, employed by an oil well supply company, was overcome by gas when an oil vat boiled over. He was alying near the vat, with the boiling and burning oil creeping slowly toward him.

Williams, truck driver at Station No. 2 dragged Munhausen out into the open and others revived him.

BLOOD FAILS TO SAVE BOY WOUNDED; LIVES 38 HOURS

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Sproll Fizer Jr., 13, who was accidentally shot at the Parks home in Pond Springs community, near Round Rock, early Monday afternoon, died at a local hospital late Wednesday after clinging to a thread of life for 38 hours.

Nineteen men, relatives and neighbors of the Fizer family, offered blood for a transfusion at the hospital Wednesday morning but a tarnsfusion from the veins of Sproll Fizer Sr., merely prolonged life for a few hours.

North America's water power is 90,000,000 horsepower.

For 30 Years Loud Speakers And Microphones Have Been in Use By Paris Grand Opera via Telephones

Stay-at-Home Opera Fans Pay $5.00 Yearly for Connection With Theatres to Get Regular Service.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A report made to the department of commerce today revealed the interesting fact that the Paris Granad Opera is today by the use of the microphone and loud speaker, following the same custom in relaying performances to stay at home subscribers that was inaugurated 30 years ago when the telephone was established in Paris back in the 90's. At that early date, arrangements were made whereby subscribers, by payment of a fee could listen in by telephone to any or all grand opera performances. This system has been extended and perfected, with the entrance of the radio improvements into the musical field, and Paris is understood to be the only city in the world so equipped. Among the theatres co-operating are the Opera, the Comedie Francaise, Opera Comique and Gaiete Lyrique.

All Done By Telephone

Stay-at-home opera fans are not required to tune in on one of these theatres but are given the privilege of transferring their connections at any time to any other theatre. The cost of the service is approximately $10 for installation and $5 a year.

Regular telephone lines to the subscribers' house are used and a signal device is arranged, in order that the listener may be informed whenever he receives an incoming call. He may either take the call or inform the "central" that his line is busy.

At the transmitting end, permanent microphones are installed in the theatres with operators who route the music to the desired points. The participating theatres are under long term contracts to provide their entertainment for the telephone subscribers and there never has been any question of discontinuing the transmission. The theatres it is said, do not lose in box office receipts through the plan, as "fans" who hear the operas at home usually come later to hear the performance in person.

Forests can only exist where there is a summer temperature of 50 degrees and an annual rainfall of 30 inches.

Atlanta Police Declare Real War On Black Bandits

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Police reserves patrolling the city in automobiles armed with sawed off shotguns today bore rodcrs to shoot to kill after a night in which fourteen persons were held up and robbed by negroes using automobiles.

Chief of Police Jett annonnced that the patrols will be tripled at night fall. Several of last night's victims were severely beaten by the men who appeared to be carrying out their holdups in methodical fashion. They would rob a pedestrian, hasten to another part of the city and repeat the crime. Net results were small as only a total of $300 was reported lost by the victims.

HATRED FROM WAR GIVES WAY THINKS HIGH GERMAN

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—(AP)—In a Christmas message to the newspapers Foreign Minister Stressmann declares the war psychology of hatred is giving way to recognition of the rights of nations and individuals, as evidenced by the return of the German property in the United States.

He predicts that the German shipping companies which saved themseleves from ruin by combining with American interests will be able within one generation to stand on their own feet again. Germany can repay her ofreign credits within the same period, he believes.

WEDS RICH WIDOW.

Willing Spencer Was in W. S. Diplomatic Service 15 Years.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Willing Spencer of Philadelphia and New Port, R. I., for 15 years a member of the United States diplomatic service, serving as first secretary of embassy at Tokyo and first secretary of legation at Peking, was married today to Mrs. Charles Mather MacNeill, widow of the copper magnate and financier.

Rubber Brokers With Big Profits To Quit Business

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Rubber brokers are beginning to retire with well-filled pockets and the public is wondering whether they forsee a collapse of the boom and are "standing from under."

Baiss and Rogers, who have announced they have decided to close down their business, have been in rubber brokerage for less than four years and are said to have made 1,000,000 pounds sterling in profits. Several other firms say they will retire with the end of this year. Baiss and Rogers have often handled more than 2,000,000 rubber shares for a many as 2,000 customers in a sing day.

BOSTON POPULATION GAIN NEAR 2 MILLION, 5 YEAR

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The popul tion of Metropolitan Boston is 1 808,845, according to Secretary State Cook, as of April 1, 192 against 1,638,986 in 1920 and 1 432,429 in 1910.



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A LESSON OF SERVING

Sometimes it is hard to understand why men of worth; men whose labors mean something to a community should be taken away at a time when the full fruits of their work are just maturing. It seems inequitable, perhaps, that one who has contributed a service worth while should be called away in the dawning of a day that will reveal his real value.

But death has ever been a merciless taskmaster. His grim deletions recognize neither time nor station, and who shall judge that Him who alone has power over death is not shaping his great schemes for the best.

Wichita Falls may lament the sudden passing of I. H. Roberts. The countless thousands here who called him "friend" may mourn at his death. The community may feel an irreparable loss—and indeed it has suffered such; but in the shadow of the grave tomorrow Wichita Falls may find a ray of sunshine that even the pall of death cannot extinguish.

This city can learn, if it will, that true service to mankind is the guage by which a man or a community is measured. In the last analysis it is not the dollar, the political power or the social prestige that determines the status a man will occupy through the ages. Wealth is a fleeting thing; political influence is an unstable thing; social acclaim is a hollow mockery when compared to the deathless tones of the future's homage to true greatness. And this homage and this honor may be won only at the cost of service to another.

So while we mourn the death of Mr. Roberts; while we extend sympathy to those who feel most keenly his passing; we of Wichita Falls may feel, too, that his life among us has been a blessing. Not alone has it been such because of the work he has done but also because of the lesson he has taught. His life has been a living preachment of the gospel of service and brotherly love. It has carried this thought to many in Wichita Falls far more vividly than could a spoken word or printed sentence.

Could he now express it, I. H. Roberts would doubtless leave to Wichita Falls a heritage of service to one another; a heritage of friendship; a heritage of brotherly love.

We lose by his death, but by his life we gained—and by application of the principles he personified we can gain still more.

MITCHELL IN POLITICS.

There's just one reason we'd like to see Col. Billy Mitchell get into the United States senate; and that is to find out how destructive the detonation would be when he ran into Vice President Dawes. Talk about debate, oratory and vocal fire-works! Wow!

Mitchell, it seems, is being "mentioned" as a senatorial possibility now that he has been ousted from the army for five years because he spoke too plainly for the comfort of high army and navy officials. Or rather, his friends in his state of Wisconsin are "mentioning" him for the toga of a senator. His case in that respect is something like the one of Red Grange who, it will be remembered, was boomed for a congressional seat when he was on the crest of his wave of popularity last fall.

Well-versed as he is in military and especially aerial defenses, Mitchell would probably be a misfit in the dignified assemblage of the senate chamber. That august body would be rocked and shaken as it has never been shaken before, no doubt, if he and Dawes should disagree; and even if this latter possibility should not come to pass, Mitchell is no legislator and could therefore serve with but little credit to himself and usefulness to his constituents.

The suggestion that he become police commissioner of New York City smacks more of sensibility—assuming that he could overcome the political pitfalls he would be sure to find if he really sought the place. In that post he might cut a figure, but even this opportunity will probably not come to pass. Mitchell will sooner or later fade from the public eye; his blasts of criticism, if they endure, will lose their effect through repition and the fiery flyer will take his place with others who have momentarily cut wide swaths across the face of the world's pictures.

Uncommon Sense

SHAKING UP

It was once said of an exertmely conservative and unprogressive town in middle western America that what it needed was a few first class funerals.

The men who dictated its policies were the sons of farmers who had fought vainly against the growth of population over their lands but who had been immensely benefited by the increase in values caused thereby.

They stood like rocks against all talk of new streets sewerage. They opposed better transit facilities ,and everything that goes to make a modern city.

They lived on and on, and the funerals were not held.

But one day the town had a fire—a great consuming fire that laid it waste from one end to the other.

And in its rebuilding even the old settlers were stirred with civic pride.

Now that the job had to be done over they wanted it to be done over in the right way, and forgot all about the extra tax bills they would have to pay.

At the end of three years the ruins caused by the fire had been obliterated, and a new and beautiful city stood upon their site.

And the old "shell backs" had grown enterprising and vied with one another to make their city the finest and largest in the state.

Shakeups of this sort are necessary to people as well as to communities.

It is so easy to follow the line of least resistance, to go along in the same way if that way happens to be fairly prosperous that ultra conservatism seems to become set like cement.

Most of us at some stage or other of our lives need a jolt, and the more severe is the jolt the more service it is to us.

I have seen a slump and slump, while he thought he was holding his own ground till his position and his standing in the community seemed about to be swept away from him.

Then, because somebody had told him that he would soon be an old and broken man he became frightened, and fear led him back on the uphill road again.

It is idle to say that men and women are as they are and cannot be made over.

Any one at all familiar with life has seen abundant evidence to the contrary.

But we do go along our ways pretty much in the same direction, be they right or wrong unless sometimes we get a thorough shaking up which enables us to realize our position.

It may be disagreeable while it is happening, but almost always it saves those who experience it from failure, as the fire saved the town I spoke about from falling apart with dry rot, and made alert, progressive citizens of its dull and self satisfied elder statesmen.

HUGH POWER PROJECT FOR THE SOUTH

This is the super-power age. That is, it is the dawn of the super-power age. Now it is said by eminent engineers that the latest project is for the damming of the Tennesse river, with potential super-power that will exceed that of the Niagara Falls and the Niagara river. A noted army engineer who has surveyed the possibilities of the Tennessee river, has recommended a plan for one hundred dams to develop 4,000,000 horse power.

He says that 20 per cent of the potential hydro electric power of the United States is contained in the Tennessee valley. His tables of the Tennessee flow covers 40 per cent of the area of the Tennessee valley. Moreover, he says the war department has expended over $500,000.00 on this survey during the past five years. He predicts that the Tennessee valley will devolp into one of the primary industrial regions of the United States, as the area possesses hugh quantities of raw materials, including coal, iron ore, limestone, phosphate, copper, zinc, marble, hard-wood timber and "is surrounded by cotton and corn fields and the timber resources of the south."

The promoters of the project plan for a hundred dams on the Tennessee river, and they admit that Muscle Shoals power is the corner stone of this vast regional development. They say every dam built in the Tennessee valley will increase the regularity of power at Wilson dam. They say Cove Creek dam alone is the primary power of Muscle Shoals. They say when the power of the valley is half developed, the reserves of water will permit a Muscl Shoals installation of 612,000 horse power to function every day in the year.

They say that lakes formed by the hundred dams will take the place for this region of the great lakes above Niagara. They say that scores of beautiful lakes will be created. They say that Cove Creek lake, 83 miles in area, will have bays which extend like fingers among the mountains of Tennessee. They say a national park of 450,000 acres, to be the largest national park east of the Mississippi, will be created on the heights of the Great Smoky mountains.

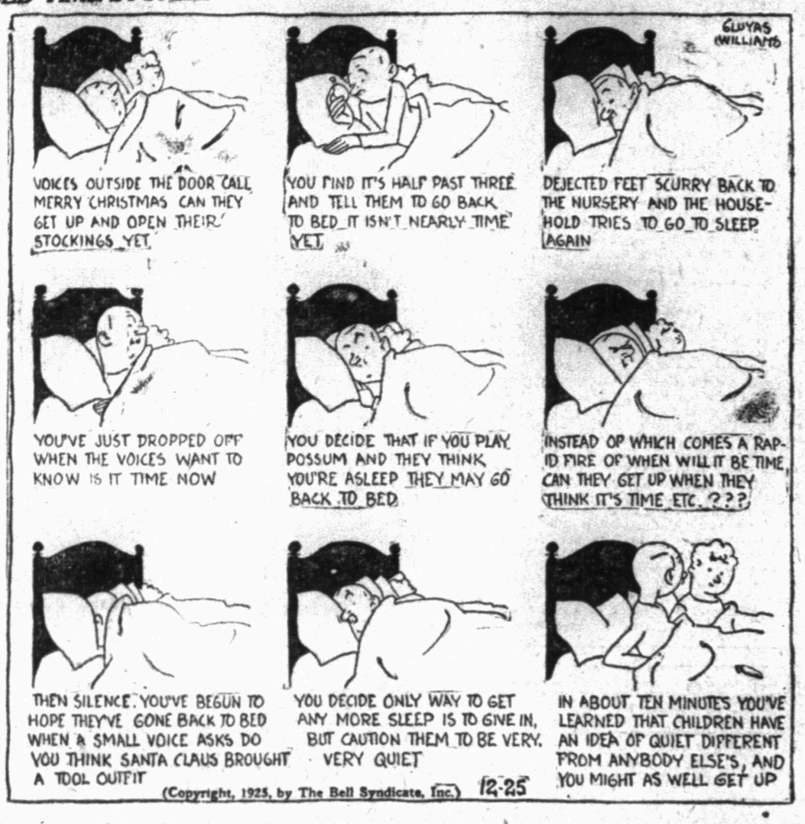
They say that the greatest single development to come to America in this generation, is now beginning in the Tennessee valley. They say the Wilson Dam and power plant, now 95 per cent complete, stands as the most magnificent single creation of American constructive genius, that two navigation locks measuring 300 feet in length, by 60 feet in breadth, are fitted with the most modern machinery, and that the installation of the Wilson dam is equivalent annually to a train of coal cars carrying 50 tons each, extending the 100 miles by rail from New York to Galveston, and this power thrown upon the wires by the hand of a single operator in the switch board room will save the industries of the south $45,000,000.00 in the annual cost of steam power, eqeivalent to $562,000,000 new capital for investment in the south.

They say that the Wilson dam and power house have set an inspiring example for the development of the entire Tennessee valley, and when complete, the job will have cost the American people $55,000,000.00, but there will be no work for the repair man for a long time to come. Furthermore, that statistics indicating the size of Wilson dam, disclose that it is the largest piece of concrete in the world, and more than this, it is a rare thing of beauty.

Texas has many rivers. Texas has the Colorado river. It is the greatest asset of Austin, the capitol city of the commonwealth. Texas has vast quantities of raw material. Texas has coal, iron ore, limestone, phosphat, marble, hard-wood timber, sulphur, granite, petroleum, gas and its curly pines is the pride of the building world. Texas has the vast cotton fields of America. Texas has vast flocks of sheep and goats. Texas is the producing field of the finest wool and finest mohair.

Why not super-power development of the Colorado and the Colorado river valley? Why not super-power development of the Brazos and the Brazos river valley? Why not super-power development of all the rivers of Texas and the valleys of Texas? Texas cannot escape the building and developing influences and activities of the super-power age. It is coming some day.

BED TIME STORIES— AND SO THE DAY BEGINS By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



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"Love Bound In Wichita Falls"

By the Author of 'The Flapper Wife'

READ THIS FIRST:

FLOSSIE and MARY ROSE MIDDLETON are two pretty sisters, the daughters of a widowed mother. They work for the Dexter Oil company.

Mary RoRse is secretary to the sales manager, JOHN MANNERS, and is in love with him. Because of her feeling for him, she refuses a repeated offer of marriage from TOM FITZROY, a successful young doctor.

Flossie, a born vamp, helps keep the office files under MISS MACFARLANE. She is engaged to SAM JESSUP, secretary to the president of the company, HILARY DEXTER. Mary Rose discovers that she is carrying on a flirtation with Dexter, who's married. When Mary Rose makes her return Dexter's gifts of jewelry, Flossie threatens to leave home. Later Mary Rose learns that Flossie has a gold vanity case he's given her, and that he constantly showers her with gifts of perfume and candy. When she scolds Flossie about it, Flossie says it's not her fault men find her alluring and woo her with presents. She accuses Mary Rose of trying to take Manners away from DORIS HINIG, an heiress to whom he's engaged.

And there is no doubt that Manners is falling love with Mary Rose. At last he tells her so, and explains how he and Doris Hinig have drifted into an engagement that means little to either of them. Mary Rose makes up her mind to forget that she loves him, and to be his secretary forever so long as she can't be his wife.

Miss McFarlane complains to Dexter about Flossie's laziness and quits her job when he takes Flossie's part. But Flossie takes her job as department head and hires her chum, ALICE JAMES, to help her. When Alice hints to Sam about the Dexter love affair, Flossie fires her.

One night Flossie comes home at dawn, much the worse for drink and MRS. MIDDLETON, her mother, decides to take her in hand. But it's too late, and Flossie goes her own sweet, jazzy way, staying out until all hours with either Sam or Dexter. She coaxes $.00 of the family savings from her mother for clothes. Mary Rose gives her mother $50 for a winter coat, and Flossie comes along to pick it out.

(Now Go On With The Story)

"Mr. Manners, I'm sorry I'm late. I took my mother shopping," she said to him, not daring to raise her eyes to his. She hadn't looked at him all day.

"I wish you'd look at me when you talk to me, Mary Rose," he answered.

"I—I couldn't talk to you, if I did." Her breath caught in her throat as she said it. He got up and came around the desk to her, put one of his hard brown hands under her chin, and lifted her face up toward his own.

"This is torment to me—having you here, and not being able to take you in my arms," he said to her betwen teeth that were clenched. "I've never wanted anything in my life, the way I want you. You're everything I want."

Months afterward, she remembered what he said to her that afternoon. She held it, close and warm against her heart—her memory of that day—when she thought that her heart was breaking.

That night when she got home, supper was ready in the kitchen. The meat-balls frying on the stove filled the warm air with a rich smell of beef and onions. Baked potatoes were visible in the oven with its open door, and the salad stood in a yellow bowl on the top of the ice-box.

But her mother and Flossie were not in sight. As Mary Rose opened the swing door and went into the dining room, she could hear their voices from upstairs. In her mother's big, shabby bedroom she found them with their neighbor, Aunt Henny Blair.

The three women stood beside the bed, looking down at something that was spread upon it. Mary Rose looked, too, and her eyes opened wide with amazement.

For upon the bed lay, not the black coat, but the pale gray one trimmed with silver braid.

"Why, Mums! How did you happen to buy that coat?" she asked. For the coat with its bell sleeves and short full skirt was far too youthful a garment for Mrs. Middleton.

Her mother gave a nervous little laugh. And even before she spoke, Mary Rose knew what had happened!

"Well, after I looked at the black coat again—it didn't seem quite as nice as it did at first," she faltered. "So I decided not to buy a coat just yet—and I lent Flossie the money you gave me to buy this one. She looked so lovely in it. Now, don't be cross, Mary Rose! She's going to pay me back!"

Without a word, Mary Rose turned on her heel and went out of the room. She knew that she couldn't say what she had to say while Aunt Henny Blair was in the house. Aunt Henny knew too much about Flossie, as it was!

But presently when she heard her go down the front steps and cross the lawn to her own house, she went downstairs. Flossie was in the living room playing "A Perfect Day," on the piano and singing it with all her might and main.

"You should sing 'A Perfect Day,' Mary Rose told her. "It's been a perfect day for you, all right, all right! I should think you'd have been ashamed to take that coat, and let Mother go without one—when you know how she needs one!"

Flossie laughed, as she went on—"and you come to the end of a pe-erfect da-ay—" Then her hand came down on the keys with a crashing discord.

"You'd never have lent me the money, yourself, if you'd died for it!" she said in high triumph. "It makes me laught to think how I put one over on you, Miss Smarty! I heard what you said to Mother this morning about my borrowing that money for a pair of shoes—"

"Borrowing?" Mary Rose repeated scornfully. "Why you just stole that money! You'll never pay it back, as long as you live. And you know it! I suppose there's a pig in every family, and you're the pig in this one!"

Flossie stared at her, open-mouthed. It was so unlike Mary Rose to have an outburst like this. She had expected her to be a little unpleasant about the coat, but not insulting.

"Don't think you're going to get away with this!" Mary Rose went on, "because you're not! I'm going to take it back to the store in the morning, and send out the black one to Mother! They'll change them, for me."

"Yes, unless I wear it tonight!" Flossie came back at her.

"I'll see that you don't—"Mary Rose was out of the room like a flash. She ran upstairs, and put the pale gray coat back into its box and locked it up in the hall closet. She hid the key under the hall matting. Then she went down to supper.

But Flossie was not at the table. "She won't eat with you," Mrs. Middleton explained. "She's going over to have a bite with Aunt Henny. She says you called her a pig, and she'll never speak to you again."

At that moment Flossie came into the kitchen. She swaggered across it, and at the door she turned and looked at Mary Rose.

"You'll be sorry for this!" she blazed at her. "I'll get even with you, if it's the last thing I ever do! You watch me!"

She was true to her word.

The next morning she left the house, a half-hour before Mary Rose did. And when John Manners opened the door of his office at eight-thirty, she was there waiting for him, perched on one corner of his desk like a yellow butterfly.

"You don't like me, do you?" she asked him, when he asked her what she wanted.

"Certainly, I like you. Why shouldn't I?" he asked, wondering what possessed her to be here at this hour, cross-questioning him.

She shook her beautiful head. "No, you don't like me," she repeated, and there was a hint of sadness in the droop of her l. sighed.

"I've done everything I could to make you like me—but you won't even notice me. But that doesn't make any real difference—I still think a lot of you."

She raised her blue, innocent looking eyes and turned their battery full upon him. He remembered then, that she had asked him to take her to lunch, once or twice.

"And please believe that it's because I do like you that I'm telling you this," she went on, twisting her fingers together. "Mary Rose told me something about you—"

He started—Mary Rose!

"She told me that you have a case on her, and that she's been stringing you along, just for the fun of it! Girls do those things, sometimes."

Her voice trailed off, and she got down from the desk. "I must go now, before she comes," she said. "Forgive me for telling on my own sister, but—I couldn't bear to see h r doing this to you. You know she's engaged to Dr. Tom Fitzroy, don't you?"

John Manners shook his head, and ran his hand across his forehead. When he took it away it was wet with perspiration.

"Oh, yes, been engaged to him for years! Crazy about him!" she said. "They expect to be married 'most any day!"

When Mary Rose came in, five minutes later, John was not at his desk.

"He left word that you were to take dictation from Mr. Dexter this morning," Miss Minnick told her. "It seems that Flossie has the files department all tangled up, and Sam Jessup has gone there to try to straighten things out—I knew that crazy kid never could keep things in order. All she thinks about is men—"

"You forget that you're speaking to her sister," Mary Rose said with dignity. "I don't like to hear you say things like that about Flossie."

She picked up her pad and pencil and went down the corridor to Mr. Dexter's handsome office.

"Sit down, sit down," he said to her without looking up. "I'll be ready for you in a minute—" He went on reading his morning mail.

Suddenly the door opened and in came a large, flushed woman in a purple suit and a small purple hat loaded with feathers. Her face was almost as purple as her clothes. Mary Rose hardly recognized her as Mrs. Dexter.

"Good morning," she said politely and stood up to go. But Mr. Dexter barred her path. She looked her up and down with angry eyes.

"So this is the woman! This"—she pointed a gloved forefinger at the shrinking girl. "So this is the woman who's trying to break up my home!"

(CONTINUED TOMORROW.)

THE BEST OF ADVICE



By CLARK KINNAIRD

MENTAL HOUSECLEANINGS

The distinction between education and culture is more divergent than the usual dictionary establishes.

Education is tumbled into everybody's lap; culture is something a few acquire by design.

The education of man, speaking both collectively and individually, is continuous and unceasing. We cannot avoid it.

To the many, education is only EXPERIENCE; to the few, it is CLASSIFIED KNOWLEDGE..... "The totality of the qualities acquired through individual instruction and social training, which further the happiness, efficiency and capacity for social service of the educated," to put it in more formal terms.

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All of us are educated, in the sense that we are experienced, but comparatively few of us have any learning and culture.

Education is meaningless unless it is organized.

It is of no value unless it is knowledge organized in a man's mind and ready to serve him, instantly.

Goethe wisely said that first let a man TEACH HIMSELF and then he will be taught by others.

He observed that with the growth of knowledge our ideas must from time to time be organized afresh. "The change takes place usually in accordance with new maxims as they arise, but it always remains provisional."

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Every man need to have a mental "house-cleaning" regularly. What is true today may be false tomorrow. One hundred years ago it could be stated with certainty that man could not fly through the air in a machine.

The mind, to absorb the new truths, must rid itself of the new falsities.

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It is natural that we more readily confess to errors, mistakes and shortcomings in our conduct than in our thought.

The conscience is humble and even takes a pleasure in being ashamed. But the intellect is proud, and if forced to recant is driven to despair. To what lengths have men gone to avoid confessing their errors!

PETER'S ADVENTURES IN ANIMAL LAND

By Mrs. Florence Smith Vincent



GRAND'THER GANDER SPREADS A LITTLE GLOOM

"Now, Cubbies, remember this one thing," Mother Growly hugged her babies close. "When the time comes for you to set out to seek your fortune be sure you look up as well as down. Bright-Eyes and Hale-N-Hearty were so interested in the folks they met



along the way that they had quite forgotten to watch the skies. So Grand'ther Gander's warning hiss came as a great surprise.

"A storm!" grunted Hale-N-Hearty. 'And coming here!'

"'B-r-r-r. It is growing chilly!' growled Bright-Eyes, and shivered.

"At this moment Grand'ther Gander twisted about his long, slender neck and cocked up one eye at the sky.

"'H-s-s-s! The storm is not coming It is here. A flake just fell upon my bill.'

"The two Bears, however, were not to be daunted by a little thing like a flake. At least, if in their hearts they dreaded a storm, they were not going to let Grand'ther Gander fly away to tell of it. They grunted—

"'Poof! Who's afraid of snow! We like it,' they declared.

"'You like it when it is light as feathers' down, but just wait until those feathers turn to sharp particles that sting like thistles as they fall upon your nose. Just you trudge on and you will find it growing colder and colder, and windier and windier. And many flakes will freeze together, and you will find your coat hung with icicles so heavy that you must needs use all your strength to walk. Chuckle now, if you will, but when that time comes you will laugh out of the other side of your mouth, I promise you. Look! The flock have flown on without me. Wise birds! Well they know this is no time for a Goose to delay, linger and wait, especially if nobody is going to take his good advice. Farewell, Bears. The best of luck, but—but'—

"Tears dropped down Gander's bill and he could not continue.

"'But what? demanded the Bears. And because their feathered friend felt so badly they began to feel badly, too.

"'But I am afraid you will not have it. Oh, dear me, I am quite sure we three shall never meet again!'

"Grand'ther Gander drew in his breath with a sobbing hiss and flapped sadly away."

Next: "The Top o' the World."

Want W. S. Clark To Hear Evidence In Boundary Fuss

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP) Louisiana filed in the supreme court today a motion asking the appointment of a commissioner take testimony in its boundary dispute with Mississippi. The two states joined in suggesting that Jack Thompson, cleark of the federal district court at Jackson, Miss., be designated as commissioner.

15 Firemen Are Overcome in Big Blaze at Boston

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Fifteen firemen weer overcome while fighting a four-alarm fire of undetermined origin which did $65,000 damage to a six-story building on Fullton street at the edge of the market district, this morning.

Radph Melgard, an employe of a gas company, was carried out after he had risked his life by turning off gas connections on the first, second and third floors.

Funeral Held For Mrs. Glenn-Ester

Funeral services for Mrs. Florence Glenn-Eiter who died at the General hospital Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, were held from the Merkle parlors Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with the Rev. Leslie Miller, pastor of the Grace Methodist church officiating.

Burial was at Riverside cemetery.

Mrs. Eiter who was a well-known and popular business woman of this city, and member of the Business and Professional Women's club. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Mollie Glenn, two small children and two uncles, A. J. and C. A. Andres, all of this city.

Six of her cousins and half cousins, Webster Andres, John Andres, Levi Andres, Paul Andres, Will Andres and Floyd Friberg, acted as palbearers.

Col. Mitchell Is Offered Job With W.S. Aerial League

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP) Colonel William Mitchell, sentenced by court martial to five years suspension from the army, has been asked by the Aerial League of America with offices in New York to become its general director and supervise the organization's plans for airways development.

A letter addressed to the colonel by Henry Woodhouse, president of the league, said the colonel's services were sought in connection with plans for establishment of 24 trans-continental, trans-Antlantic, trans-Pacific and Pan-American airways and to build the first two "air cities" in the world on land already purchased for the purpose at San Marcial, Sonora, Mexico, and tracts being bought in Arizona. Colonel Mitchell is expected to decline the offer.

De Molay Class To Be Initiated

Members of the Order of De Molay will initiate a class of 20 candidates at the Masonic Temple this afternoon at the meeting to be held at 4 o'clock according to an announcement made Thursday.

The degree team taking part are asked to report at the Temple at 3:45 o'clock.

The meeting will be held in the Blue room and the ceremonial will follow, according to the announcement. All Master Masons have been cordially invited to attend.

Plans are also being made for the De Molay semi-annual dance to be held at the Kemp hotel Saturday night, according to Jerry Vinson, senior councillor, and chairman of the entertainment committee of the chapter. The Sooner orchestra from the University of Oklahoma will furnish music for this affair.

OHIO STATE BANKS SHOW ANORMOUS GAINS IN YEAR

CLEVELAND, Dec. 24.—For the first time Ohio's 745 state banks report aggregate resources of more than $2,000,000,000. This is a gain of $55,436,167 over this time in 1924.

Booze Crusader And Police Chief Stage Word War

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 24—(AP)—Police Chief James Cavender and John Hammond, former chief, continued to lay down a barrage of statements and retaliatory pronouncements today in their conflict over liquor law eprforcement in Des Moines.

Following their respective and simultaneous raids on nine drug stores of the city yesteredy both issued lengthy statements concerning the other's capabilities, previous actions along enforcement lines and on the circumstances surrounding Mr. Hammond's recent discharge from the city police force as a special liquor investigator.

Mr. Hammond was dismissed from his special post with the city which he assumed after working several months as a free lance, when it was found that there was no fund from which his salary was to come. Chief Cavender charged he failed to produce results.



An Ancient Custom That Will Never Grow Old

The celebration of the festival commemorating the birth of Christ has been observed for many centuries. The all prevailing spirit of peace and love descends upon the people of the earth, exalting them to a plane where they desire to share with others the happiness they feel. In this time of peace and good will we wish present and continued happiness for all.

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Christmas Ushered In At Local Churches With Special Music

Observance of Christmas was featured in the churches of the city throughout the week in programs in which children of the Sunday school and other organizations took part in special musical programs and sermons.

Last night at Grace Methodist church, children of the Sunday school presented the operetta, "Santa Saves the Day," when 50 children of the Primary and Junior departments took part in the presentation before a large audience.

Songs and recitations were given by the following.

George Taylor.
Mrs. I. W Barrenbrock.
Gladys Wisdom and S. S. Class.
Emmett Remington.
Eva King, Mrs. J. H. Simmons.
Nina Ethridge, Hortense Cabiness.
Mrs. B. L. Bryans, Mrs. Earl Neal.
Mrs. T. M. Underwood.
Gladys Wisdom.
Clarence Sones.
Marjorie Dalton.
Miss Cleda Rayner.
Bessie Mae Sharp, Bernetta Ayers, Zena Stockton, Inez Johnson, Myrtle Roberts, Margaret Stewart, Maomi Gresham, Donald Davison, Eugene Wilson, Roland Johnson, William Jones, Wilson Sharp, Roger Miller, Luther McCourtney, Geo. Allen, Dorothy Kelly, Thelma Simmons, Marie Dollars, Blanche Kelly, Melva Oliver, Larine Smith, Emma Taylor, Jeanette Miller, Gean Ann Miller, Ester Watson, Bettie Jane Wilkerson, Mary Ellen Russel, Ruth Gillespie, Lillian Smith, Bertha Gillespie, Francis Jones, Lorine Davis, Chrystal Gresham, Edna Wallace, Blossom Elrod, Rachell Elrod, Mary Belle Kitchason.

Floral Heights Methodist.

"The Prophecy Fulfilled," was the three-act play presented last night at the Floral Heights Methodist by members of the beginners' and junior departments when a large crowd was present for the program.

Those taking part were: Sara Evelyn Morgan, Billy Favers, Joe Corbin, Faye White, June Seinett, Katherine Smith, Bobbie Vigus, Joe Witherspoon, Robert Faver, Madeline McCarty, Dorothy McPhail, Patsy Lou Thornberry, Vera Belle Richardson, Nancy Lou Hanks, Monette Culee, Paul Jones, Wayne Henson, J. W. Thomas, Jr., Wilson Dees, W. H. Gaskin, Jr., Dorothy Johnson, Virginia Reed, Thobe Sehmann, Mary Tom Morgan, Katherine Marie Parks, Evelyn Francis Cowden, Helen Hanks, Lucille Wagonner, Mary Joe Lawrence, Corine Perkins, Frank Alexander, Dayton Curlee, Mary Eleanor Clements, Betsy Curlee, Billy Ellis, Beverly Nan Witherspoon, Mary Katherine Ward, Mary C. Boone, Bobbie Vigus, Robert Faver, Joe Witherspoon, Joseph Cobin and Billy Faver.

Episcopal Church.

A carol service beginning at 11:30 last night at the Church of the Good Shepherd was the opening of the Christmas services and the midnight eucharist began promptly at 12 o'clock.

Earlier in the evening at the parish house, the children of the Sunday school held a program around a Christmas tree.

Sacred Heart Church.

A solemn high mass with sermon and a varied musical program was held at the Catholic church last night, with the Rev. Father Lawrence Hoyt, O. S. B., pastor, in charge.

First Methodist.

A Christmas party for the primary department of the Sunday school and for the beginners and cradle rolls departments also was held at the church Thursday afternoon, while on Wednesday afternoon, the junior department was entertained with the annual Christmas celebration at the church.

Salvation Army.

Thursday was a busy day for the Salvation Army when 200 baskets of food and necessities were distributed among the worthy poor who need assistance at this time of the year. The Army Christmas celebration is scheduled for later in the week.

Yale Evangelical.

"The Pathway of the Star" was the play presented by the members of the Yale Avenue Eangelical church to a good sized audience. Those taking part were Mrs. R. L. Mansell, Mrs. Vela Mae Rousseau, Mattie Cook, Mary Allday, Kathryn Raines, Venta Hosford, Manrice Peoples, Curtis Cook, Roy Higginbotham and others.

First Christian.

Members of the junior department of the Sunday school of the First Christian church were entertained at 5 o'clock when a number of children from the department appeared on the program. Those taking part included: Charles Atkinson, Paul Cain, Margaret Bone, Margaret Dale, Murrell Strong, Velma Thomason, Bryant Creighton, W. J. Spreen, Wilberta Wilford.

Floral Heights Presbyterian.

The undSay school and Christian Endeavor of the Floral Heights Presbyterian church presented an elaborate program at the church last night when the following children took parts on the program which was well received by a large audience:

Mike Newman, Bobby Woodson, Kenneth Bogue, Billie Staley, Willis Belle Richards, Ruth Putman, Naomi Reasor, Mrs. J. R. Eason, Lewis Touchstone, Alta Mae Bogue, Gordon Morris, Ernestine Nell Touchstone, J. T. Morrow, Mildred Ridenour, Mary Helen Shofe, Coralee Morrow, Eileen Zipper, Fay Weaver, Otho Eason, Emma Jewell Allen, Tommy Lee Griffin, Willabel Griffin, Rosa Lee McCarter, Jack Ray, Ida Weaver, Burgess Eason, Miss Ruby Nippon's class, Rosa Lee McCarter, Lyle Shofe, Geneva White, Thelma Davis, Burgess Eason, Margaret McCanless, Rachael Bogue, Lural Allen, Dorothy Davis, George N. Shy.

LUTHERAN CHURCH WILL HOLD SERVICES TODAY

There will be special Christmas services at St. Paul's Lutheran church, Eleventh and Holiday streets, Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock in the English language and at 7:30 in the evening, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Beyer.

The pastor will preach special festival sermons, and the choir will have special.

A fere will offering for the Lutheran's children's home in Winfield, Kansas, will be taken at the morning service. The public is invited to attend the services.

SERVICES AT CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD TODAY

The regular Chirstmas morning service will be held at the Episcopal church this morning at 10 o'clock when the rector, Rev. Fred T. Dauson will speak.

SACRED HEART TO OBSERVE CHRISTMAS AT CHURCH TODAY

Services at Sacred Heart Catholic church will begin at 6 o'clock this morning, followed by services at 6:30 a. m., at 7 a.m., when the children's mass will be said and when the children will sing and receive holy communion. At 8 o'clock another high mass will be held especially for the young people. The Junior choir, assisted by the children from St. Mary's academy, will sing.

The concluding service of the day will be a solemn high mass at 10 o'clock this morning, sung by the senior choir with a splendid musical program, sermon, and final close, with "Apostolic Benediction," with special Papal faculties by the pastor, Rev. Lawrence Hoyt, O. S. B.

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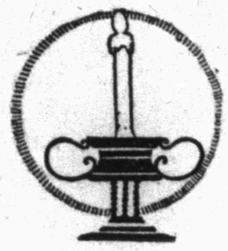
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STRAND OFFERS 'THE GOLD RUSH'

Charlie Chaplin's Latest Masterpiece Opens in Wichita

In "The Gold Rush," called Charlie Chaplin's greatest comedy, and opening today at the Strand under a United Artists corporation release, the world's most famous comedian is seen as a pathetic tenderfoot struggling along with hundreds of others who are in search of gold in the Klondike.

Poetic pathos and whimsical comedy are cleverly blended in this film. There is one scene in which Charlie, a be-draggled bit of humanity, finds a sympathizer and sweetheart—a girl in a dance hall. She dances with the little tramp who beams over her shoulder into the eyes of his rival, a wealthy miner.

Death Expected

There is Jim McKay, a giant as strong as an ox. McKay is enraged and Charlie trembles as the big man menaces him. The little man thinks after all that death is better than the loss of the queen of the dance hall.

To have the right types in Truckee, in Northern California, where many scenes of this picture were produced, Chaplin took out a special trainload of hoboes with well-seared countenances and tattered clothes.

In several sequences it seems an endless line of ragged humanity that is crossing the Chilkoot Pass. A blizzard rages and men are blown about helplessly. They fight on doggedly, as this winding path cut through the snows over a precipitous mountainside, is the gateway to their goal, the Klondike.

A Hermits Life

Then in another stretch there is Black Larsen, who lives in terror of the police. He builds a hut in the Alaska mountains and lives as a hermit amid snow and ice. To this hut comes the pathetic Charlie. He knocks at the door for a rest before plodding along to the land of gold. Larsen does not care who starves, as he is not going to take any chances of the police apprehending him.

The scenes aboard a big steamship are full of human interest. The luxury and comfort of the first cabin are contrasted with the misery, want and sickness in the steerage. There is the little man, who a few years before went on the long hike to the Klondike, and who now aboard the great vessel, is seen wrapped in costly furs. He is unhappy because he has lost his girl. But in the steerage there is a girl returning home from Alaska wishing she could find her dear little tramp again.

Insects have to rise to great heights to drift with the wind.

Olympic Offering Today



BETTY BRONSON AND TOM MOORE IN J.M. BARRIE'S "A KISS FOR CINDERELLA" A HERBERT BRENON PRODUCTION A PARAMOUNT PICTURE

"A Kiss For Cinderella" Screened By Paramount

Another stageland masterpiece has found its way to the screen. Another Barrie classic has been immortalized in celluloid. "A Kiss for Cinderella," one of the most charming stories ever penned by the world-famous J. M. Barriee, and which the beloved Maude Adams glorified on the stage many years ago, has been picturized by Paramount under the personal supervision of Herbert Brenon and is now showing at the Olympic theatre.

Betty Bronson, the brilliant youngster, who jumped from obscurity to international fame as the heroine of "Peter Pan," has the role originally made famous by Miss Adams—that of the wistfully humorous Cinderella. Tom Moore plays the policeman who is transformed into a Prince, and Esther Ralston is again the lovely fairy godmother.

"A Kiss for Cinderella" is a delightful combination of delicate imaginativeness, which will make it dear to the hearts of children and of shrewd insight into human character, which will hold the attention of grown-ups. Fantasy marches side by side with realism; sweet, wholesome humor vies with vivid, appealing pathos; drama and suspense mingle with comedy and thrills; and the picture as a whole is the last word in pictorial beauty and amazing photographic effects.

The plot has to do with the romance of a lonesome little waif, who in spite of her drab surroundings midst the London slums and the drudgery of her job, maintains a cheerful, wholesome, optimistic outlook on life. Having once read the fairy tale of Cinderella, she conceives the idea that some day she, too, will be invited to a magnificent ball where a handsome prince will choose her for his princess. And one of the most gorgeous and fantastic scenes ever flashed on the screen is the representation of this dream ball.

Betty Bronson's work in this picture entitles her to a foremost place in filmdom. Whether as the bedraggled little slavey or as the picturesquely gowned Cinderella, she is a figure so quaintly beautiful and appealing that words alone can not describe her.

But to Herbert Brenon goes the major share of the credit. His was the most difficult task of all, and the fact that "A Kiss for Cinderella," is chock full of entertainment as well as being an artistic success, is due to his intelligent direction and superlative craftsmanship.

PECAN KILLS BABY

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Roy Tobin, one and one-half years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Tobin, died at a local hospital Wednesday after swallowing a pecan hull which lodged in his trachea.

MILDRED RYAN IS NEW FIND

Plays Leading Role in Mission Photoplay Christmas Day

Will Mildred Ryan follow in the footsteps of Norma Shearer, Dorothy Mackaill, Jacqueline Logan, Billy Dove and Clara Bow?

That is the question now going the rounds, due to the fact that C. C. Burr, who gave the above-mentioned stars their initial starts in the famous Torchy comedies with Johnny Hines, chose Miss Ryan to play the leading feminine role with Johnny Hines in the comedian's initial First National picture, "The Live Wire," which comes to the Mission today.

First in "Java Head"

Mr. Burr first saw Miss Ryan in a small part which she portrayed in admirable fashion in "Java Head" two years ago, and ever since then, unknown to his blonde haired edition of Norma Talmadge, he has kept tabs on her work. When "The Little French Girl" was released a short time ago little did the seventeen-year-old Mildred realize that to at least one important person in the audience she was the whole show.

Watching her every move, her every gesture, her screen personality, the depth of her characterization and her charm, Mr. Burr marked these facts down in his memory, and when the opportune moment arrived when casting began for "The Live Wire" Mr. Burr brought her into the fold by giving the dainty Mildred Ryan her first real leading part.

Proves Her Worth.

Under the watchful guidance of Mr Burr and Johnny Hines, Miss Ryan proved her worth remarkably, with the result that her portrayal in "The Live Wire" will probably be the means of a starring contract for her within the next few years.

Commenting on his choice of Miss Ryan, Mr. Burr stated that in his opinion his latest discovery gives every evidence of eventually becoming as great an actress as any of the other stellar feminine lights he had previously started on the road to fame and fortune.

New Bill Ready For Palace Stage And Holiday Fans

Following the "Prologue of Christmas" which has been the "bill" of interest at the Palace since Thursday will be presented a special Christmas program entitled "A Christmas Surprise," by the Mullens Musical Maids Musical comedy company who have enjoyed a long and uninterrupted run of popularity. Special scenery, new music and gorgeous new costumes will enhance the beauty of this interesting presentation. The exceptionally entertaining comedy of the "Christmas Surprise" will be provided by the south's own funniest blackface comedians, Benny "Rabbit" Reed and "Sunshine" Prichard.

Numerous specialty acts accompany the program such as "The Paramount Four Quartet," Johnny Laney steel guitar artist; the Crosser Sisters in a new one of the already famous "sister" acts; the jazz bandits and saxaphone solos by Miss Caldwell and Joe Mullen on the accordian. Numerous other specialties insure a full measure of enjoyment in high class vaudeville and side splitting comedy provided by versatile comedians.

NEW PETS FOR SOCIETY.

Pekingese Dogs Are No Longer Favorites of Society Women.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 24.—Pekingese dogs may soon be displaced as the pets of society women. Their place may be taken by one of two new varieties of dogs, announced by breeders as gaining increasing favor. The latest dogs de luxe, the Sealyham and the Schnauzer, are being sold in Paris as fast as they can be grown. Recently an American woman in Paris paid 80,000 francs ($3,200) for a well pedigreed Schnauzer. "The Schnauzer is a great champion—a sport dog," says a dealer. "He is fine for the automobile; he loves horses and he follows easily behind a bicycle. He is also an excellent dog for exhibition purposes." The Schnauzer has many of the characteristics of the spaniel of Flanders in form and appearance. The Sealyham is of the fox terrier type—a cross between a Scotch and a fox terrier.

LONGEST SURFSIDE DRIVE IN WORLD AT BROWNSVILLE

BROWNSVILLE, Texas.— The surfside drive which is to run 135 miles along Padre Island, connecting Brownsville and Corpus Christi, is to have a telephone station every five miles for the convenience of tourists who might have automobile trouble along the route. Poles for the telephone line have been received here and at Corpus Christi. They are being placed along the island.

The drive, when completed, will be the longest island drive in the world, it is said, and will shorten the distance from Brownsville to Corpus Christi more than 50 miles. Ferries will connect the island with the mainland at both ends, the ferry boats being in service now are conveying material for the road and the bridges.

FORMER REBEL LEADER.

Dr. John McNeill Was Sentenced to Pen After Irish Revolt.

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—Dr. John MacNeill, Irish Free State representative on the boundary commission, where he failed to influence his colleagues and resigned from both the commission and the cabinet, is an Ulster man. He comes from the Glens of Antrim, a small community of nationalist and partly Irish speaking people imbedded in a unionist population. He was chairman of the Irish volunteers, and at the time of the Easter rebellion in 1916 was chief of staff. He issued orders to prevent the rebellion, but too late to avoid the outbreak. He was arrested, tried and sentenced to penal servitude for life. He was imprisoned in Lewes and in Dartmoor and was released by the general amnesty in 1917.

Detroit factories employ approximately 377,000 workers.

At The Mission Friday



Johnny Hines and Mildred Ryan in "The Live Wire"

"PROFESSIONAL HUSBAND" IS CHARGE BY WIFE NO. 48

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—John V. Widemeier, who came into public notice recently through his arrest in St. Louis with the wife of a Chicago furrier, has ben termed a "professional husband'" who has been married at least 48 times, in testimony in an annulment suit brought by one of his wives.

Mrs. Esther Wexler Brooks, concert violinist, who said she had married Wiedemeier in 1924, when he was using the name of Arthur Brooks, told Judge Lewis yesterday that she was the 48th or 49th wife, she wasn't' sure which, and the judge indicated the annulment would be granted.

WIDOW OF DUKE DIES

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The dowager duchess of Argyl, widow of the eighth duke, died today. She was at one time private secretary to Queen Victoria. She marride the duke in 1895 and was his third wife.

Wife of Rancher Is Branded With A Red Hot Poker

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Dispatches from Merced, southeast of here, say Mrs. Charles Sibley, 40, living on a ranch south of there was bound to a chair yesterday by a masked man who stripped her to the waist and burned her back and shoulders with a hot poker to force her to divulge the whereabouts of a letter she had received.

The woman said the man found the letter and left. The woman was released from her bonds by her five-year-old child. When her husband came home he found her in a faint. She will recover. Officers are looking for the man.

CATHOLIC PRIESTS OFFER TO SETTLE COAL STRIKE

SCRANTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—A new move to end the anthracite strike has been made by 16 Catholic priests, who claim they represent in a pastoral capacity 85 per cent of the anthracite miners and who assert that a great majority of the men are tired of the suspension and desire to return to work pending settlement by arbitration.

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Just How Much Free Speech Does The Army Have? New Row Brewing In Ranks May Decide The Question

Chemical Warfare Department Makes Protest On Secretary of State Banning This Kind of Military Operation.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Another row is coming to the surface in the army. It has been brewing for some time and it will raise acutely the question of just how much free speech there is in the military service of the United Statees if any.

The test comes on the attitude of the chemical warfare service of the army which has seen fit to question the wisdom of the department of state in signing a protocol banning chemical warfare. Major General Amos A. Fries, chief of the chemical warfare service is animated solely by the desire to place before the public his conception of the problem. He has done it respectfully by furnishing Washington correspondents with data relating to chemical warfare. He has not done what Col. Mitchell did, namely to accuse the officialse of another department of the government of failing to do their duty. He has simply asked the public to examine the other side of a moot question.

Asks a Rejection.

Yet the effect of his act is to ask congress to reject the protocol signed at the direction of the president of the United States through the department of state. It has been implied that the secreary of state and the secretary of war must reconcile their differences or the president will have to take sides. Recently, however, the Associated Press carries a dispatch attributing to Secretary of War Davis a desire to put an end to friction inside the army and speaks of his intention to curb the tendency of some officers to combat policies some of which "are written into international treaties."

Undoubtedly there are other sore spots in the army but the trouble over the chemical warfare policy is the outstanding one. Mr. Davis has therefore served notice that he does not side with general Fries and that he will not permit officers of the army to combat policies of other departments, at least not in the public prints. If they have recommendations or criticisms to make they must submit the same to their superior officers and when it comes to the secretary of war he in turn is the only one who can fight it out with another cabinet officer. This means that the president is the final arbiter. Congress, of course, can summon officers of the army and navy and by questioning and cross examining bring out facts which in themselves may disclose criticism but the initiative must come from congress.

He Sees a Mistake.

General Fries thinks a mistake in policy has been made and he is appealing to the public through the press to persuade congress to take a contrary view of chemical warfare than the one assumed by the department of state, General Fries in his circular letter to Washington correspondents, said:

"As you doubtless know, chemical warfare will be the subject of much public interest during the present session of congress. An international conference which met at Geneva, Switzerland, April to July, 1925, which was called to consider the supervision of international trade in arms and ammunition, adopted a second and unexpected protocol dealing with chemical warfare. The United States sent delegates to this conference. The chairman of the delegation signed the chemical warfare protocol which, as stated, is a separate protocol from the one dealing with the other implements of warfare.

"Doubtless this protocol will come before the senate for ratification during its present session. Therefore the truth about chemical warfare is of great interest to the public at this time. The public is not informed as to the facts, either regarding chemical warfare's use in the world war or as to developments since the war. The use of chemicals in war has been pictured as one of the major barbarities of modern war, sensational stories have been written about phases of chemical warfare by uninformed persons. Highly imaginative pictures have been drawn of its possible future developments with utter disregard of known facts and without any effort to obtain the facts from those who know them.

Wants Entire Truth.

"The chemical warfare service desires to have the entire truth placed before the public and is ready at all time to place its records at your disposal for this purpose. We will gladly furnish authentic information and we solicit your inquiries. This is a matter of vital importance to the national defense. I am sending with this letter a paper headed 'the truth about chemical warfare' in order that you may have the data and facts with which to refute the many wild misstatements that have been published. Other information is available and will be promptly sent you on request. You are at liberty to use any of this information and I wish to repeat that I offer to furnish you facts about chemical warfare at any time and to any extent."

The enclosure is an analysis of gas warfare and the attempts at treaty making that have accompanied it. It concludes with this query:

"With all these facts in mind shall we today be so utterly foolish as to do that which John Hay and Admiral Mahan refused to do twenty-five years ago? Shall we tie our hands by a treaty whose fallacy was so wonderfully foretold in 1899? What we have got to do is to teach the world that gas warfare is perfectly logical, it is humane; it is powerful, and that the only sensible thing to do is to prepare to use it to the limit of the armed force of the enemy. When we let the enemy know that we will be able to pour down upon him ten tons of chemicals to one that he can pour down on us, we won't have any war."

This method of argument between some one other than the secretary of war may be applied equally to aviation, cavalry uses, tank corps and artillery. Will the secretary of war muzzle them all as he did Col. Mitchell? The army and navy are all agog over the settlement of the issue.

Continuous Show At Majestic Today

Patrons of the Majestic Theatre will have the privilege of attending a continuous show at the theater today, according to the management of the theatre. The program will begin at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Three star numbers are included on this week's bill, including: "In Bargarvia," with Adele Jason; Hawthorne and Cooke in "Make Me Serious," and Mabel McCane in "Life" by Blanche Merrill.

Besides these three, there are two other numbers Lloyd and Brice in "Nonsensical Moments," and Texas Duke, the dog with a human brain. Bargarvia is a fanciful principality with strange customs. The fact that things are done differently usually creates a series of misunderstandings which are responsible for gales of fun. "In Bargarvia" permits admirable opportunity for the introduction of musical numbers. The company of six is headed by Adele Jason, a clever little musical comedy artist.

Hawthorne and Cooke are two comedians on a hunting exposition. Their laughs are their game. They are well armed and their bag is large. Their ammunition is called "Make Me Serious."

Mabel McCane.

When Mabel McCane was a musical comedy star she was known as "Miss Darling Star." Miss McCane's ability is not confined to one line. She is a singing comedienne capable of playing drama and even raises to the height of tragedy. Miss McCane is offering "Life," a group of fetching lilting melodies with bright lyrics and songs that afford opportunity for histrionic as well as vocal ability.

"The Texas Duke."

Texas Duke, the dog with the human brain is a brother of Strongheart who has made himself and his trainer famous in the films. Texas Duke is trained and presented by Frank Gaines.

Texas Duke comes to the Majestic theatre here with an act that shows this famous German police dog at his best. Gaines has set an act that shows the dog to great advantage.

A few nonsensical moments mixed into a day will make that day very much more worthwhile. Lloyd and Bryce are supplying these nonsensical moments.

ORLEANS WRECK FATAL

One Fireman Killed, 3 Others Hurt In Traffic Crush

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 14.—(AP) One fireman was killed and three others injured when a fire truck was wrecked while going to a fire this afternoon. Theodore Hubert died while he was being taken to a hospital. Others taken to the hospital were Earl Burke, Ben Kelly and Al Ryckman.

The truck crashed into a post when trying to avoid a collision with an automobile at a busy intersection.

More than $500,000,000 worth of candies of all sorts are annually consumed in the United States.

Enjoy yourself Christmas at the Roller Skating Rink. Skating all day 217 Indiana.—Adv.

'Glennie Boy's' Big Brown Eyes, Once Dulled From Illness, Now Sparkle Again, Thanks To Nursery Friends

Child Left Fatherless, Has Spent Most of Days With Nurses and Children While Mother Worked

Weaving a story about "Glennie Boy" as he is lovingly called by those who know him, is similar to telling a fairy story, for it has certainly a good ending.

"Glennie Boy" Duty is the name of a little boy almost three years old who has spent a large part of his short life in the Day Nursey. He has laughing brown eyes and curly brown hair. His struggle for existence has been hard, but here's where the fairy part comes in. Had it not been for the kindness of physicians, friends and citizens, he might not be in the land of the living today.

Left Without Father.

When the child was a baby of four months old, his father died leaving his mother with three other little boys, with slightly more than a year's difference in ages. The mother had to work for her living and every morning at 7:30 o'clock, regardless of the weather, she was on the job. She could not take her children with her, so she left them at the Day Nursery where they were cared for during the day.

Then last year, Glennie Boy became ill. He had double pneumonia, and for days and days, it was believed he had little chance to recover, but Dr. O. W. Wilson gave his services to the fatherless child and the baby grew better. The illness affected his ears, and again the child suffered weeks and weeks, but he overcame the disease and is quite recovered now.

47 Children Cared For.

Glennie Boy is one of 47 children cared for daily at the Day Nursery of which Mrs. Rebecca Carrington is superintendent. The nursery is sponsored by the Federated Missionary of the city, which, in co-operation with the Kiwanis club, is having the new Day Nursery building erected. The new building has the foundation laid and the brick work started. When it is finished it will provide more space for the children and give them a more beautiful place to live.

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FIREWORKS EXPLODES

Heavy Damage is DoDne in Hardware Store at Childress, Tex.

CHILDRESS, Dec. 24.—(AP)—An explosion of fireworks here today in the front portion of the Childress Hardware company's store did damage estimated at $500. Sky rockets pierced the big plate glass windows of the store and also windows on the opposite side of the street. No one was injured, as few people were on the street at the time.

Freezing temperature of salt water is four degrees lower than that of fresh water.

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PEW LOSES IN DAMAGE SUIT

He Claims $60,000 From International News Service

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The appellate division of the supreme court in Brooklyn today affirmed the order of Justice Van Siekel in denying Marlen E. Pew of Wading River, L. I., a new trial of his suit to recover $60,000 salary from International News Service.

The decision holds that Pew, former editor and general manager of the International News Service, was guilty of insubordination by refusing on January 5, 1923, to abide by an order asking him to take a leave of 30 days and return at the end of that time to discuss policies with owners of the news service.

Pew's salary was fixed on a sliding scale basis and was to range from $260 to $400 a week, evidence showed. Pew is now the editor of Editor and Publisher.

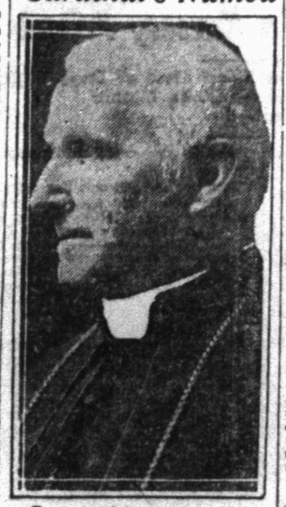
CHILE SWATS FLIES.

American Medical Men Tell Country How to Be More Healthy.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 24.—"Swat the fly" campaigns are new and popular in Chile, as a result of the adoption of the new national health code drawn up by Dr. Long, assistant surgeon general of the United States army. Dr. Long was "borrowed" by the Chilean government to start the work of putting Chile on a healthy basis. He has drawn up a national health code based on that adopted by the United States for the Philippines, with changes to meet Chilean conditions. One of his first steps was to start the Chileans on the road to helping themselves. He has shown them how the common house fly is a disease spreader and the fly-swatting campaign was begun. Appreciable results are apparent. Chilean house flies grow to robust proportions, enjoy long lives and large families and heretofore never have been denied entrance to buildings. Now, however, many weird devices for catching flies have appeared on the markets.

Because he bobbed the hair of a young girl without her parents' consent, a hairdresser of Dijon, France, has been sued for damages by her father.

Erin Fetes as New Cardinal's Named



Erin is celebrating the elevation to the Roman Catholic sacred college of Patrick O Donnell (above), archbishop of Armagh. Ireland has had no cardinal since the death of Monsignor Logue.

TOKYO IS GROWING.

New Census Shows Japanese City Has Population Near 2 Million.

TOKYO, Dec. 24.—According to the census taken in October the population of Tokyo is approximately 1,980,000. There are 1,081,100 males and 898,900 females. This is an increase of 59,000 over the census figures last year. Households total 429,300. The population of Tokyo prefecture is 4,458,000; 2,361,000 males and 2,097,000 females. There are 973,400 households. This is an increase of 201,700 in households and 738,800 in population over the previous census figues.

Hotel rates in Paris exceed those in New York.

Mother And Son Search In Vain For 5 In Family

Among the pathetic stories of Christmas week is that of the separation of a family in this city several weeks ago, and the mother and her oldest son have been seeking in vain for the husband and father and the six other children.

A few weeks ago, the father, mother and their brood of seven came to this city from Oklahoma. They stopped at a local wagon yard. The mother and the oldest son were assigned the part of ging back to Oklahoma in a small automobile truck to bring back the household furnishings that had been left there, it was said yesterday.

They returned a day later, but they could not find any traces of he ones left here. Always on their trail finding where they had just been or had just left, the almost frantic mother has been searching for her husband and children. She told welfare workers that she had traced them in their rounds in the city through Thursday of last week, but could find nothing of them since then. She and her son are now at 405 Travis, and ask information of the whereabouts of the ones whom she can not find.

TYLER JURY NAMES ANOTHER MAN IN MURDER MYSTERY

TYLER, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The portals of the past opened again when it was announced that the grand jury had indicted Ison Green in connection with the death of Herbert Whitman which occurred in the northeastern section of the county in the late summer of 1921.

Whitman's death was attributed to poisoning. He lived near Big Sandy, where the Smith and Upshur county lines meet.

This is the second indictment turned by the grand jury within the month in connection with mysterious deaths alleged to have occurred near Big Sandy, the other being against two Big Sandy citizens in connection with the death of Forrest Elms, who was found dead near the Sabine river bridge close to Big Sandy this year. State ranger J. W. Aldrich, assisted by Deputy Sheriff John Gregory, has been working on these two cases for weeks.

If American wives were remunerated for their home services at the rate of $15 a week, their pay roll would amount to the sum of $17,000,000,000 a year.

SAYS COAST GUARDS WERE USED TO HELP RUM RUNNERS

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 24. (AP)—Shore bootleggers used patrol boats of the coast guard to carry out notes and orders to liquor ships lying at anchor on Rum Row, according to testimony given at the court martial of Boatswain Frank J. Kassidy, commander of the CG-100, on charges of scandalous conduct tending to destroy the morale of the coast guard service. The charges were preferred by Captain Randolph Ridgeley Jr., commander of the coast guard base here.

The principal witness against Kassidy was Boatswain's Mate Anker Thorsen. He testified that "Si" Nathanson of this city had given him a letter to deliver to the captain of the British rum schooner J. Henry McKenzie, now on Rum Row.

Thorsen said that other sailors saw the letter passed to him and he was afraid to turn it over to Kassidy but put it in his pocket and later opened it.

ONE MAN STAGES SHOW.

Two Costumes and Single Settings Needed for Cheap Play.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Arnold Bronnen has written a play, "The East Pole Train," which brings only one actor on the stage. In the immediate future the actor Fritz Kortner will have the unique opportunity of acting for two hours alone. In the first part he will impersonate Alexander the Great, and later some modern hero whose history runs parallel to that of the Macedonian. Off stage will be heard the voices of a crowd, but no one but Kortner will be visible to the spectators. For cheapness of production the piece will be unrivaled, since the only properties needed are two costumes for Kortner and a simplified stage set. Whether the public will be satisfied by the monologue remains to be seen, but the State theater is putting it on.

DISCOVER OLD TUNNELS.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Workmen employed in laying water pipes have discovered in the Rue Mont-Valerien, Suresnes, two subterranean passages, communicating with each other and dating from the eleventh century. Various inscriptions, including "the year 1037," are engraved on the walls of the passages, of which only 20 yards are exposed. Probably, however, they extend to Mont Valerien, which abbey was a favorite place of refuge in the stirring times of Henry I. It is thought that the passages were used by persons fleeing the troops of the duke of Normandy, who became William I. of England, or from the troops of rebel feudal lords.



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MACON TAKING CARE OF NEEDY

Acts of Kindness Will Bring Rewards For Courtesy

BY J. F. WRIGHT.

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MACON, Mo., Dec. 24.—When elderly women start across the street here these days, they seldom fail to find some youth at their elbow ready to help. When tired mothers want to go shopping, there nearly always is some girl in the neighborhood offering to keep the baby.

Macon is enjoying its annual era of kindness for it is just before the time for awarding two cash prizes of $15 each for acts of kindness during the year.

Remembered More

Of course the youth of Macon are kind all the year around for the prize may go for an act in summer as well as the present season, but the nearer the time of award approaches, the more it is remembered.

Macon residents believe the award result in more general consideration for feelings of elder persons than in any other city of the size in the country.

The prizes are interest on $300 left by Henry J. Boatner, a bachelor farmer, who died in 1922.

Every Christmas the awards are made by a committee of citizens usually in a public meeting.

Aid for Mother

When Boatner's aged mother was ill, neighbors brought flowers and did other kind things that, as the Boatners lived sequested lives, deeply impressed the son. Shortly before his death Boatner wrote a note to his attorney directing him to set aside the sum for the annual kindness award. Not being a part of his will, relatives could have caused the note to be ignored but they have carried out the request.

Being unusually courteous just before Christmas grows into habit for many, Macon residents say, and visitors often remark about the courtesies extended them in this little city.

Having a reputation for kindness is better than having a half dozen factories, many believe.

Often the award is made to some person who had no thought of deserving it and the surprise feature makes the presentation of more interest each year.

Trade Takes Beauty From London '400



Hon. Mrs. Richard Norton, known as England's most beautiful society woman, and a member of Prince of Wales' party on his last American visit, is following other British women of prominence into "trade." She has taken over management of a London cinema theater.

Vogue of Flaring Skirts More Than Dress Deep Now

BY ALLEN LAMONT.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The vogue of flaring skirts is more than dress deep. It extends even to the unides. Combinations of crepe de chine in the lighter tints are distinguished at present by the presence of pleated panels at either sides of the panties which stand away from the hips. These pleated motifs are frequently repeated at the cop line of the chemise with a plain panel between them bearing a monogram.

New Shingles.

If a woman wishes to crow over her rivals just now she immediately gets a "cocks comb" shingle. This coiffeur is made possible by a part in the hair low on one side and a high permanent wave undulating sharply upward on the other. This really represents a saving since some hairdressers charge less for waving only the front which is all that is necessary for the cockscomb.

A New Place to Wear 'em.

The bouquet is no longer a corsage bouquet, for smart women have found another place to wear the flowers offered by admirers. They now are worn on the cockers so universally seen. If the cockers be of fur, orchids are frequently worn. If the neckpieces are of wool flowers which will harmonize with the colors of the choker are chosen.

"Collarless."

Any frequenter of cabarets is now reasonably familiar with the undercollarless. Any member should know what is under the surface of society and now it is proper to give a glimpse of what is under the coat. Many of the new coats have discarded the voluminous collars so as to show a bit of the high neck of the jumpers. Many of these are of metal fabrics and exceedingly colorful.

The Best Way to Get What You Want Is to Place An Ad in the Classified Columns of the Record News.

Former Wall Street Office Boys Handle Millions in Cash Now As Partners in Big Brokerage Firm

"Work and Win" Stories Prove Real for Grattan and Giles, New Firm Members, Black, Malone and Giles

By ROWLAND WOOD.
Special Correspondent of the Record News.
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NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Wall Street office boys, whose faith in Horatio Alger had been slipping, experienced a revival of interest in "Work and Win" stories today as the news percolated down to them that two of their number had been promoted, at one fell swoop to partnership in the big brokerage house of Block, Maloney and company.

The bare announcement of the promotions merely said that Frank O. Grattan, "formerly office boy and clerk," and William B. Giles "formerly messenger and quotation board boy" had been admitted to general partnership effective Jan. 1.

But back of the announcement in each case was the typical "work and win" story.

Was High School Boy.

Frank Grattan was a youth of 18, just fresh from high school, when he got his first job in Wall street. It wasn't much of a job—only ten dollars a week—but it was in the business the youth had picked for his life work. He jumped to a better job with another brokerage house, until he found the place he decided to stick.

Promotion followed promotion until young Grattan finally landed as cashier of Block, Maloney and company, where he was handling millions of money and stocks. He will continue at that post as a partner.

William Giles' start in the street was made at 16. Like Grattan, he jumped from job to job until he landed with Block, Maloney and company and thee he, too, decided to stick. He is assistant office manage now and will have general supervision of the firm's offices after Jan. 1.

Benajmin Block, millionaire head of the firm, who was widely exploited a couple of years ago as the owner of the race horse sensation Morvich, attributed the two office boy promotion to Wall street's constant quest for brains.

"It's easy enough to get financial backing, if one needs it," says Mr. Block—who doesn't need it—"but it isn't so easy to get brains. And once you find them, you can't be sure of keeping them in your employ unless you tie them. There are so many tempting offers going the rounds of Wall street that the only way to hold a good man is to make him a partner."

Cynics of Wall street, however, say that a partnership isn't always what it seems. Many a successful employe, they say, is given a partnership because the firm doesn't like to pay him the usual commission on all the business he brings in.

But there is no such suggestion in the case of Grattan and Giles. The broad smiles with which they are receiving congratulations are proof enough that they are tickled to death with the new arrangement.

PREMATURE AGITATION

Japanese Fear Time Not Ripe To Abolish Use of Submarines.

TOKYO, Dec. 24.—Japanese naval circles are inclined to regard as premature the agitation for the abolition of submarines. Admiral Takarabe has authorized the publication of the statement that the question constitutes a grave matter of defense, on which opinions may not be ventured offhand. Generally speaking, Japan's position on the question has not changed since the Washington conference. Japan looks upon submarines as an effective weapon in naval warfare. Humanity, of course, forbids their use against merchantmen, but they are not considered by Japanese as in the same category with poison gas.

FEDERAL AUTHOHRIZATION TEXAS CANAL, SEEMS SURE

HOUSTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Chances for a federal authorization for the entire intra-coastal canal of Texas and Louisiana are bright, according to Roy Miller of Houston, vice president of the Intra-Coastal Canal association, who has just returned from Washington.

CRUDE RUBBER PRICE IS DOWN

Manufacturers Are Not Buying Stocks Now If Tires Are High

BY J. C. BOYLE.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 24—Importers and dealers here expressed gratification today that the control of production and export to the United States by foreign countries of rubber, coffee, wood pulp, sisal and other materials would be investigated by the committee on interstate and foreign commerce of the house of representatives. But they were insistent in pointing out that for America to have no adequate supply of such raw materials was infinitely worse than to have a supply even at extremely high prices.

In other words, they gave warning that producers of commodities not available within the boundaries of this country must not be driven out of business. This was made specially plain in connection with rubber. Throughout the fall, crude rubber consumption reached the highest point ever known at this season of the year despite the high prices. Crude rubber stocks have been declining, but for the time, manufacturers are not buying crude. If the automobile trade is in the position hoped for it next spring, tire makers will have crude rubber in large quantities.

Rubber production, under the spur of high prices, is growing, but it cannot grow any faster than nature allows. It requires between six and seven years for a rubber plantation to come into bearing.

CHANDLER AND CLEVELAND AUTO FIRMS WILL MERGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Stockholders of Chandler Motors and the Cleveland Automobile companies have been officially notified of plans for the merger of the two companies and the formation of the Chandler-Cleveland Motors corporation which will ultimately take over and operate the plants of both companies as well as those of its subsidiaries, the automobile machine company and the Atlas Manufacturing company both of Cleveland and now 100 per cent owned.

Land bigger in area than England and Ireland combined has now been given free to settlers by the Canadian government.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

CHRISTMAS! What a glorious season. How vividly it brings to our minds the old, old story, of how the wise men followed the star that led them to the manger that cradled the Savior of the world.

CHRISTMAS! What tender memories hover about this word. It brings us thoughts of our child hood, when good Saint Nicholas reigned as king of a mythical world.

CHRISTMAS! What a glorious picture—the birth of our Savior. Not born amid the splendor of a palatial home—but cradled in a manger, because there was no room in the inn.

CHRISTMAS! A season of joy, when friendships are pledged anew, and peace and good will are again heralded throughout the world.

At this Christmas-tide we bring the season's greetings and wish for everyone—

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

More Truth Than Poetry

THE REAL MR. SANTA CLAUS

There's a drab little chap in a worn little chair
Who always is battling with trouble and care,
His garments are shiny, his shoes wearing through
He always seems needy, and worried and blue;
But he is the man, who when Christmas is near
Fills a little cheap cottage with gladness and cheer
Hanging holly around it, and bringing home toys—
For a glad little girl and two glad little boys.

He it is writes the bright little letters that say
That old Mr. Santa Claus' reindeer and sleigh
Will soon be along, driving down through the night
And scattering presents till morning shines bright.
And three little children look forward today
To the sound of the bells on the wonderful sleigh
And never suspect that their drab little dad
Has saved a long season to make their heart's glad.

All over the land there are such little chaps
Not overly happy or jolly perhaps,
But saving and scrimping along through the year
To make the next Christmas a season of cheer.
And who would not for worlds have their children find out
The clandestine business on which they're about,
While they hide away presents and toys here and there
To make the next Christmas a wondrous affair.

And though through the year they can never be sure
How long their worn underfed lives can endure,
These drab little men in their drab little chair
Forget for the present their worries and cares,
And turn their attention, as Christmas draws near
To filling their youngsters with gladness and cheer
And making them wake Christmas morning to smile
And forget they are poor for a brief little while.

JUST HUMANS

By GENE CARR



GIRLIGAGS



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"At the Christmas eve party last night," says Roistering Rosie, "everybody seemed undecided whether or not I quaffed my share of punch. This morning, however, the eyes have it."

Dot Puzzle's



ONCE UPON A TIME

RIP VAN WINKLE—X

(WASHINGTON IRVING)

by W. J. ENRIGHT.

THE STORY UP TO NOW

ONCE THERE LIVED A MAN NAMED RIP VAN WINKLE, A FAVORITE WITH EVERYONE BUT HIS WIFE, WHO SCOLDED HIM BECAUSE HE WOULD DO NO WORK. ONE EVENING AFTER HUNTING IN THE MOUNTAINS, HE MET A STRANGE LITTLE MAN CARRYING A KEG. HE HELPED THE MAN AND FOLLOWED HIM TO A HOLLOW WHERE THERE WAS A COMPANY OF LITTLE MEN PLAYING NINE PINS. THEY SILENTLY MOTIONED TO RIP TO SERVE THEM WITH LIQUOR FROM THE KEG. HE DRANK SOME AND WENT TO SLEEP. WHEN HE WOKE IT WAS MORNING.



WOLF, HIS DOG, HAD DISAPPEARED. RIP WHISTLED FOR HIM AND SHOUTED HIS NAME, BUT ALL IN VAIN.



HE DECIDED TO REVISIT THE HOLLOW WHERE HE HAD SEEN THE LITTLE MEN THE NIGHT BEFORE AND IF HE MET WITH ANY OF THEM TO DEMAND HIS DOG AND GUN. AS HE ROSE HE FOUND HIMSELF STIFF IN THE JOINTS AND LACKING HIS USUAL ACTIVITY. © McClure Newspaper Syndicate



WITH SOME DIFFICULTY HE GOT DOWN INTO THE GLEN. TO HIS ASTONISHMENT A MOUNTAIN STREAM WAS FOAMING DOWN THE GULLY WHICH HE AND THE LITTLE MAN HAD PASSED THROUGH THE PRECEDING EVENING. HE SCRAMBLED UP TO WHERE THE RAVINE HAD OPENED THROUGH THE CLIFFS TO THE HOLLOW, BUT THE OPENING WAS GONE.



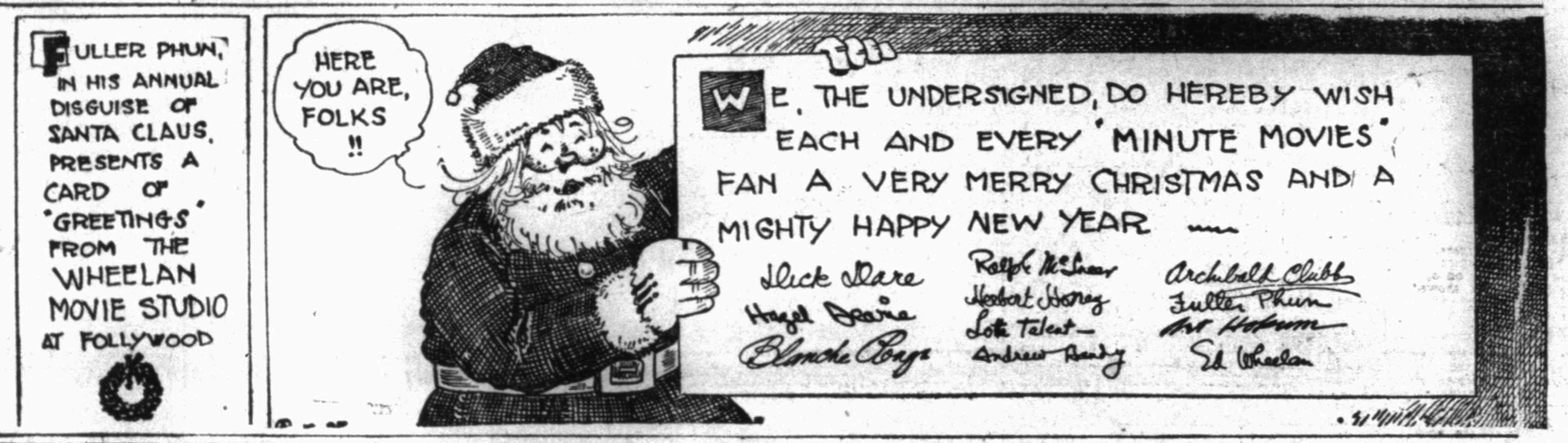
THE MORNING WAS PASSING AWAY AND RIP GREW HUNGRY. HE GRIEVED ABOUT HIS DOG AND HIS GUN. HE DREADED TO MEET HIS WIFE, BUT IT WOULD NOT DO TO STARVE IN THE MOUNTAINS. SO, SHOULDERING THE RUSTY OLD FIRELOCK AND WITH A HEART FULL OF TROUBLE, HE TURNED HIS STEPS HOMEWARD.

TOMORROW—HE ENTERS THE VILLAGE.

THE NEBBS



MINUTE MOVIES



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BOUND TO WIN



SUPER-POWER AIDS RADIO

Engineers Interested in Development Of Huge Plants

BY ROBERT MACK.
Special Correspondent of The Record News.
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Superpower still is considered by officials of the radio section of the department of commerce and by Secretary Hoover as one of the great forward steps in radio broadcasting and nothing has developed so far to cause any change in policy that might interfere with its development.

Despite the interference caused by the new high powered transmitter at Boundbrook, N. J., for a limited number of listeners living within a few miles of this plant, the government, it was learned today, views this and other high power stations with high favor.

Expected Interference.

Some interference was expected to develop over a small area, it was pointed out even before the station was put into operation, just as similar interference has been found near the transmitters of WGY, KDKA, WLW, and other stations which have operated with more than normal power.

Such a blanketing effect as that noted in parts of New Jersey can often be greatly reduced and often eliminated by minor changes in the design of the receivers, it was stated and the offer of the Radio Corporation of America to send its engineers to give advice to the owners of sets bothered by interference is expected to halt the filing of complaint against the new transmitter.

It is estimated that not more than one per cent of its audience livese within interference range of WJZ. Similar areas of interference have been noted by government radio supervisors about other high powered stations.

Would Limit Power.

If the interference becomes more widespread, the goverenment undoubtedly would limit any further increase in powr. This is true also in the cases of present low powered Class A stations, which in view of the government policy of refusing new licenses, are beseiging the government for power increases. These requests, generally will be refused, for the government doesn't want widespread interference.

Gilbert's Grasp Amazes Germans

BY EDGAR ANSEL MOWRER,
By Radio to the Record News and Chicago Daily News.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—S. Parker Gilbert, agent general of reparations in his yearly report to the reparations commission on operation of the Dawes plan, has showed himself superior in insight and understanding to the mass of German economic and financial experts.

This is the view of an economic expert in the weekly Tagebuch. The writer declares that Mr. Gilbert has analyzed the German situation with the entire armament of modern economic science without confusing mist and phrases and those who hoped to throw dust in the agent's eyes had to think again.

"A great number of those practical economists who are considered here as experts can pack their trunks and enter the agent general's office, in order to learn how one may obtain a general economic view of the country," the writer says.

Mr. Gilbert, although really the agent of foreign creditors, has shown conclusively, according to the writer, that he intends to treat Germany fairly.

Mexican Press Resents Play

BY HARRY NICHOLS,
Special Cable to The Record News and Chicago Daily News.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—Newspapers here are bitterly resenting presentation of the play "La Paloma" in a Chicago theatre on the ground that it is injurious to Mexican dignity.

Francisco Carreeno, noted Mexican theatre man, who has just returned from Chicago, has entered protest against the production.

Senor Carreno admits that the work has one thing Mexican about it, namely, the music, but the argument is regarded as profoundly disparaging to Mexicans. Mexico citizens are portrayed as pure Indians with large straw hats. Pancho Villa, famous bandit, also appears, while revolutionaries rob travelers and shoot peaceful citizens, carrying off women of quality, who in the play are portrayed as filthy Indians. Rich Mexican nobles wear enormous brilliants and big ties. Also, the statement is made that the "people never bathe."

PRESBYTERIAN MEN WILL HOLD DALLAS CONVENTION

DALLAS, Texas.—A convention of Presbyterian men is to be held here February 23, 24 for members of the church in Northern and Central Texas, and a similar meeting for South Texas Presbyterians is to be held in San Antonio, February 25 and 26.

Numbers of speakers prominent in church work will be obtained for the Dallas meeting, Dr. T. O. Perrin, pastor of Westminister church, said. Among them are: Prof. S. J. McCallie, Chattanooga, Tenn., who will speak on the "Family Altar;" Rev. Wade C. Smith, Greensboro, N. C., lecturer on personal work among men, and Rev. J. E. Purcell, executive secretary of the organization. Several Dallas men will take an active part.

Dr. T. O. Perrin, publicity chairman, said, "The present program is outgrowth of work extending over 15 years. The seed has been sown. We now want to relate this inspiration to a vision of possible accomplishments in every day church life."

Italy had 700,000 visitors in 1923.

Rickets are due in part to lack of sunshine.

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Princess Barred From Visit in U. S.



State department continues to veil cause of its action in barring Princess Zisunanoff of Russia, who was extensively feted on a recent visit in New York, from reentrance to U. S. When she sailed away, it was with the announcement that she intended to return and become a citizen. Then, in Paris, the U. S. consulate refused to issue a visa for her return.

Norwegian Plans New Arctic Visit

BY BJORN BUNKHOLDT.
pecial Cable to The Record News and Chicago Daily News.

OSLO, Norway, Dec. 24.—Having obtained American aid Stroker T. Storkensen who was a member of one of Vilhjalmur Stefansson's Arctic expeditions, sets out on a different Polar expedition next summer.

He is going by ship as far as possible toward north Siberian islands and then will start a triple expedition of dog teams, across the Polar basin, parallel with the Amundsen air route. Passing the Pole he will proceed to the North American archipelago, where he made many discoveries as second in command of the Stefensson expeditions in 1913 and 1918.

Mr. torkensen will try to prove that life exists in the Arctic areas as Stefansson maintained. Storkensen says that Amundsen's observations that seals were present at 88 degrees north confirms this theory.

RUSSIA SEEKS TO BAN WARS

Future "Man of the Hour" Outlines Soviet's Policies

BY JULIUS B. WOOD.
Special Cable to The Record News and Chicago Daily News.

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—In view of his position as the dominant figure in bolshevik politics at present and the general belief that he is soviet Russia's coming man, the speech of Joseph Stalin, secretary of the Russian communist party and member of the "politbureau" which directs Russia's affairs, takes on unusual importance.

The speech, made recently, obviously was carefully considered by all party leaders before its publication, several days later.

Stalin outlined the party's foreign policy for Russia as follows:

Will Oppose Wars.

First, Russia will oppose new wars and cultivate peace and normal relations with capitalistic countries, at the same time seeking to "unmask war preparations camouflaged under the flag of pacificism, such as the Locarno pact and League of Nations.

Second, Russia will seek to increase its commerce abroad through strengthening the government monopoly of foreign trade.

Third, Russia will cultivate relations with countries defeated in the world war which now are irritated and oppressed by victorious capitalistic countries and Russia will oppose the union of powerful states.

Closer Relations.

Fourth, Russia will seek to establish closer union with dependent manlated colonial countries.

Stalin said that while Russia has now established relations with capitalistic countries this doesn't mean she has settled all differences with them.

"Those countries demand we pay certain debts. Russia's prewar debts to Europe figured on present currency basis, amounts to seven billion gold roubles. Our counter claims against England, France and America for damages due to the occupation during the revolution are between twenty and fifty billion rubles.

The Irish Free state has imposed a tax on bachelors.

CITRUS TRUST INDUSTRY EXPANDING NEAR LAREDO

LAREDO, Texas.—At the rate orders for citrus fruit trees are being placed by Laredo residents at this time, it is possible that within the next few years, this section will be one of the leading citrus producing sections of the state. Thousands of grape fruit, organge, lemon, tangarine and other citrus trees are loaded at this time with golden fruit.

One orchardist in this section has gorwing 3,500 young orange trees, which he plans to transplant to a large tract south of Laredo.

LAW FOR FRENCH WOMEN

Those Who Wed Foreigners May Request to Hold Nationality.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Inspired by the Cable law, a bill will be submitted soon to the chamber of deputies and the senate, providing that French women may retain their French nationality if they marry foreigners. Members of both houses realize the hardships endured during and after the world war in consequence of the rule that a woman must take her husband's nationality. Under the new bill a Frenchwoman desiring to retain her nationality must make a declaration to that effect at the time of her marriage.

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Merry Xmas To All

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STERN RULES FOR PRISONERS

Barbarous Treatment Is Accorded Men in Soviet Camps

BY CHRISTIAN HUSUM.
Special Cable to The Record News and Chicago Daily News.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 24.—A sensational document showing barbarous treatment of political prisoners and socialists in Russian exile prisons today is published by the Social Demokraten. The document emanates through a private source from the social Demokrat immigrant committee in Berlin to which it was sent by socialists interned in the soviet prison in Tobolsk.

It says:

"Dear Comrades:

"It has been said that the bolshevihs have abolished concentration camps for political prisoners, socialists and anarchists at Solovetski island in the White sea and that the majority of those prisoners were sent to Verkne Uralsk, while thousands of others were sent to the former prison of Tobolsk in Siberia. But this is unture.

"At Solovetski island, there are still many political prisoners, mostly laborers who participated in strikes prohibited by the soviet government. These prisoners are treated inhumanly by the guards who themselves were formerly sentenced for murder. A whole graveyard was found on the island in which the socialists sandomir and Aranowitsch and the women Marzynkewitsch and Boru were buried.

KIDNAPER GETS BABY IN SAN ANTONIO WOMAN'S HOME

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 24.—(AP) Police today sought the kidnaper of a 19 months old girl, the child of Mrs. J. R. Barber. The baby was snatched from its mother's arms in her home last night after a tenacious struggle, she said. The abductor then departed in an automobile.

YAP DEVASTATED BY A HUGE TIDAL WAVE

TOKYO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—A report from the navy department today stated that the tidal wave and storm which struck the Island of Yap on December 15 broke two wireless antennae poles and damaged virtually every building along the coast. No casualties were reported. Both cable and wireless communication was suspended for a short time while repairs were being made.

WORLD WAR VETERAN ENDS LIFE AFTER FIXING TREE

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—After placing the last trinket on a Christmas tree which he had prepared for his young daughter, Bryan Coleman, 27-year-old world war veteran, shot himself today at his home in Roosevelt, L. I. He died two hours later.

"I wonder if this blame thing works?" Coleman remarked as he pulled the trigger of the revolver.

DALLAS TRAVELING MAN DENIES ATTACK ON GIRL

DALLAS, Dec. 24.—Charged with criminal assault on an 18-year-old Dallas girl at her home yesterday, Arthur Lock, traveling salesman, was arrested at his home last night. He denied that he forced entrance into the girl's home while relatives were away and attacked her as alleged by the girl. He told District Attorney Shelby Cox that he had visited the girl yesterday and an argument had ensued.

Sole leather stuffed with greases wears 20 per cent longer than the same type of leather before treatment, tests by the U. S. Bureau of standards show.

Frauleins Sad as Tommies Leave Rhine



One of intimately human sidelights to departure of British "Watch on the Rhine" from Cologne and adjacent territory under terms of Locarno treaty. "Tommy Atkins" is seen bidding farewell to a good hausfrau, who seems sorry at the parting, as many frauleins were.

Truce Declared In War Between Church and Pope

BY HIRAM K. MODERWELL.
Special Cable to The Record News and Chicago Daily News.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—One year ago Monsignor Ceretti, the pope's nuncio in Paris was waging what appeared to some persons to be a hopeless struggle against growing assaults of French anti-clericalism.

This noon at Elysee palace, in the presence of President Doumergue and Premier Briand, Monsignor Ceretti received an insignia symbolizing his new rank as a prince of the church.

The ceremony was accurately adjusted to symbolize the complicated circumstances under which it occurred.

Ceretti's elevation to Cardinal is the pope's tribute to his skillful and uncompromising diplomatic fight but the imposition of the Biretta by the French government symbolized the desire of the anti-clerical government to maintain this secular privilege, especially to counteract the charges that it wishes to persecute religion.

The pope agreed, but a new difficulty arose when it was recalled that President Doumergue was a protestant. A compromise ceremony was then arranged under which President Doumergue was to preside but the Biretta was to be picked up from the table and placed on Ceretti's head by Cardinal Dubois, archbishop of Paris.

This event marks a formal truce in the long struggle between the vatican and French anti-clericalism. Relations today are exactly as they were before Premier Herriot threatened a complete break with the vatican and what Catholics interpreted as bitter persecution of religious orders.

AMENDMENTS ACCEPTED

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The chamber of deputies today accepted the senate amendments to the bill giving force to Article 27 of the constitution, defining foreigners' property irghts in Mexico. The measure will become a law when promulgated by President Calles. The president, however, is privileged to modify the details if he so chooses, returning the modified bill to congress for aproval.

PACKERS ANNOUNCE FAIR VOLUME OF TRADE IN MEATS

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The volume of trade in meats is fair with the price trend easier, packers advise. Beef prices have eased somewhat, in spite of fair demand. Similarly fresh pork business is good with larger sales at firm prices.

3 W. S. Prisoners Get Freedom As A Christmas Gift

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Santa Claus will bring freedom from prison walls Christmas morning to the three best military prisoners at the United States disciplinary barracks at Fort Leavenworth. They are Eddie L. Hornsby, William G. Privett and James Johnson.

Each year one-third of one per cent of the prison population, chosen as the best by Colonel G. O. Cress, commandant, are granted executive clemency by the secretary of war as a Christmas present. This year there were a few more than 900 within the walls.

CHANCE FOR TREATY FAILS

OLSO, Dec. 24.—Preparations for an arbitration treaty with Denmark, corresponding to the treaty with Sweden, received a setback when the Danish government refused to pay $16,600, for damage and loss to the Norwegian hunting ship, Quest, which under dangerous circumstances rescued the Danish crew of the wrecked steamship Greenland.

IRRIGATION APPROVED

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Mexican senate today unanimously passed the irrigation bill, sponsored by President Calles. The measure which was adopted by the chamber of deputies December 10, now is given to the president for approval.

Load Too Heavy For Denver Bank Says W. S. Officer

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—W. J. Wailey, governor of the Federal Reserve bank of the tenth district, which includes Colorado, declared today that the failure of two national banks in Denver, followed by the closing of three state institutions had not endangered the situation in Colorado in general.

"The situation in Denver is not at all bad," he said. "It was due largely to what is supposed to have been the action of one man extending his credit in buying bank stocks and then trying to carry it all.

LEFT GREAT FORTUNE.

Western Union Magnate Owned Interest in Steel Trust.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 24.—(AP)—The late Colonel Robert C. Clowry, who rose from messenger boy to president of the Western Union Telegraph company, left an estate valued at $1,071,720, according to an appraisal filed today. Colonel Clowry died last February.

The appraisal revealed that at the time of his death he owned more stock in the United States Steel corporation, than in the company which he had headed.

Bombay has opened a public library and reading room exclusively for women.

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