

Crisis in French Chamber Has Been Finally Averted

Railroad Strikes Dismissed in 1920 Are Center of Argument; Leaders Will Accept Senate's Viewpoint.

Paris, Dec. 26.—It appeared tonight that the government had been able to avert the ministerial crisis which was unexpectedly precipitated Wednesday when it was defeated by a vote in the senate on an amendment to the amnesty bill. It was said that the cabinet and socialist leaders likely would vote for the bill as outlined by the senate when it comes up before the chamber next Tuesday.

Senate Disagrees.
The disagreement between the chamber and the senate on the measure came about over a clause concerning the reinstatement of the railroad strikers who were dismissed by the companies after the 1920 strike. The chamber insisted that the companies should be forced to reinstate these former employees. The senate originally amended the clause so that the reinstatement of the men would be optional with the companies. The bill went back to the chamber and the amended clause was substituted with the original one. When the measure was returned to the senate Wednesday the upper house voted down the chamber—and incidentally, the government—and the bill was returned to the chamber with the compulsory reinstatement clause missing.

Leaders Reach Agreement.
It was understood today that the leaders of the chamber had been persuaded by the government to accept the senate's viewpoint and make the re-engagement of the former strikers optional with the railroad companies. At the same time it was said that many members of the socialist party in the chamber might abstain from voting on the bill Tuesday or might separate from their leaders, thus causing an embarrassment to the government and reducing the working majority.

The socialist leaders have decided that the government make a decision in the course of the discussion on the amnesty bill Tuesday, that it will bring pressure to bear upon the company's to take back the former strikers in the largest numbers possible.

Premier Herriot Active.
Premier Herriot, who has been ill for some time, received the leaders of both majority parties in his rooms today. It was declared to be due to his personal efforts that a crisis probably will be avoided although the socialist position is not yet definitely clear. The party will meet tomorrow and it is understood the leaders will attempt to bring the insurgents into line to form the left groups solidly behind the premier.

WEST POINT DRINK RESORT RAIDED

West Point, Dec. 26.—A raid was made on the Bob High soft drink resort Tuesday night by Sheriff Sexton and William Keenan. Glen McGuire and William Keenan, the latter of Fremont, who have been in charge of the place for the past few months, were arrested on charges of illegal possession and furnishing of liquor. A small quantity of liquor was found and the place is now closed.

Both men pleaded not guilty and bail was set at \$500 each. They were unable to furnish bonds and are awaiting trial on December 31.

N. B. UPDIKE, JR., GOES UNDER KNIFE

Word reached Omaha Friday that Nelson B. Updike, Jr., had successfully undergone an operation at the Mayo hospital, Rochester, Minn., made necessary by an injury to his right collar bone.

The injury was suffered during the hunting season by the recoil of a shotgun. No attention was given to the matter at the time.

Young Updike is expected to return home in a few days.

Siamese Twin Swine Presented to Museum

Vermillion, S. D., Dec. 26.—The little pig didn't go to market. He couldn't very well, even though he has two bodies, eight legs and four ears, for he was stillborn. So now he is resting in a bottle in the museum of the University of South Dakota.

The "Siamese twin" is about 10 inches long, and his two bodies are joined at the base of the skull. Two of his feet cross each other at the place of joining of the two backs.

The freak specimen was presented to the museum by Editor Bolstad of the Vermillion Plain Talk, who received it from Albert Westling, a farmer residing about 20 miles northwest of Vermillion.

Christmas Party Given at "Rest Haven," New Castle

Newcastle, Dec. 26.—One of the biggest social events of the season here was a house party given at "Rest Haven," the home of Mrs. J. B. Richards, mother of Dr. R. C. Richards, relatives and friends being entertained with various amusements in keeping with the season. One feature of the party was the opening of a big artificial Christmas pie containing presents for all the guests.

The party included Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Carr of Redfield, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Lynk of Marshalltown, Ia.; Dr. Gene Kimmons of Chicago and several from Cleveland, O.

Combined Ages of 20 at Birth Anniversary Celebration 1,678 Years

Minatare, Dec. 26.—Members of the Goodfellowship club assisted Mrs. A. Mullis, known as Grandma Mullis, celebrated her 94th birthday anniversary. The combined ages of the 20 members of the club present was 1,678 years.

Romance Bows to Tragedy as School Blaze Brings Death to Bride-to-Be

By Associated Press.
Hobart, Okl., Dec. 26.—Bells which were to have pealed for the wedding of Claude Bolding and Gladys Clements yesterday, today will toll lugubriously as the body of the girl laid in its final resting place in the Hobart cemetery.

Miss Clements was one of three sisters who perished with 30 other persons in a fire which destroyed Babb's Switch school house while a Christmas eve entertainment was in progress. Bolding, badly burned in an attempt to save his sweetheart, is expected to recover. One of Miss Clements' sisters, Mrs. Juanita Clements-Stevenson, came here with her 3-year-old daughter from Michigan to attend the wedding. Today the bodies of mother and child lie side by side, together with that of Miss Clements' other sister, who was to have acted as bridesmaid.

Romance again bowed to tragedy in the case of Aubrey Coffey and Vesta Jackson, who were to have been married next spring. Both perished in the fire. Edward Jackson, brother of the girl, sought to rescue the pair when, standing on the outside, he tried to tear loose the wire netting which barred their way to safety.

The wire resisted his efforts. J. F. Eden, carried through the doorway of the building on the tide of hysterical humans, fighting their way to safety, sought to force his way back into the inferno for his 3-year-old daughter, but was unable to gain an entrance and the child burned to death.

Mrs. W. G. Bolding lost three children in the fire. One of them, Edward, 8, she had managed to get out of the building with her, but once outside the boy remembered his toys he had left behind and dashed back after them. He never came out.

Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.
True courage never gives way to fear. When unexpected foes appear.
—Old Mother Nature.

The Young Otter's Curiosity Is Satisfied.

Never was Peter Rabbit more filled with curiosity than was the wifflit little Otter, plunging through the snow toward a certain little hemlock tree. She was sure that she had seen something more under that little hemlock tree. She hadn't the least bit of fear.



For an instant Yowler hesitated.

Never in her short life had she been in danger. Never has she had a real fright. You see, always her father, Little Joe Otter, or her mother had been close at hand. And, of course, with father or mother near there was never anything to be afraid of.

Now the lowest boughs of that little hemlock tree were bent to the ground by the snow on them. Under them it was dark. It was in this darkness that the little Otter had thought she saw something more. She kept her bright eyes fixed on it as she drew nearer. A few feet from it she stopped abruptly. In that darkness under the boughs of the hemlock tree were two little spots of light. The young Otter stared and blinked and stared again. Gradually she made out a face. The two little spots of light

were two eyes, glowing with hunger and savage eagerness. The face was a fierce-looking face. Never had the young Otter seen such a fierce-looking face. For the first time in her life a chill of fear ran all over her.

She no longer had a curiosity. Whose face it was she was staring at she hadn't the least idea. She didn't even want to find out. She suddenly wished she was back where she should have been with her father and mother and brother. She turned and bounded back toward the trail. The instant she turned a yellowish-brown, spotted form bounded out from beneath the young hemlock tree. It was Yowler the Bob Cat.

Despite the shortness of her legs the young Otter moved fast. But with his longer legs Yowler moved faster. By the time she was back on the trail Yowler was only a jump behind her. Never was there a more frightened youngster in all the Great World than that young Otter. But she was no coward. Like a flash she turned to face Yowler, spitting and snarling.

For an instant Yowler hesitated. He had hoped to spring on her back. But he hadn't been quite quick enough. She was not fully grown, but still she was big enough to fight hard, and so Yowler hesitated. But it was only for a moment. He knew that she was in a fight. He was quite willing to be bitten and scratched a little for the sake of such a dinner as that young Otter would make him. So with a snarl Yowler sprang at her.

He tried to seize her by the throat, but she was too quick for him. The next instant they were rolling over and over in the snow, snarling, spitting, growling, biting and clawing at each other. Now Yowler likes to fight on his back so he can use those great, stout hind feet of his to rip and tear. But an Otter, like other members of the Weasel family, can twist and turn in a marvelous way. So the young Otter managed to keep out of reach of those clawing hind feet.

Such a fight as that was! There was no longer any fear in that young Otter. She was simply fighting mad. But Yowler was bigger and stronger, and he was an old fighter. It certainly looked bad for that wifflit, headless young Otter.

The next story: "A Very Meek Young Otter."

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Relief Promised From Cold Wave

Eleven Deaths Laid at Door of Sub-Zero Weather in West.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Partial relief from sub-zero temperatures that brought the coldest Christmas in years was promised today to the mid-west, while lowered temperatures were forecast for the east, and the far west was gripped by cold that necessitated the use of smudges to protect the citrus crop, already seriously damaged.

Eleven deaths, four of them in Chicago, three in Ohio, two in Oregon and one each in Texas and California, were the result of the cold. Three of the Chicagoans were frozen and the fourth, a policeman, was fatally injured in a fall on the ice. At Eugene, Ore., two boys were drowned in a creek partly covered by ice. Smudge smoke, obscuring the view of an electric train operator, caused the California death.

Christmas frost resulted in the estimated destruction of 10 per cent of the citrus crop in the Los Angeles district. Ice in the Columbia river interrupted navigation.

Nevada and Utah had a close race for Christmas' lowest mercury. Elko (Nev.) thermometers registered 45 and Huntsville, near Ogden, Utah, 49 below zero. Elsewhere in the Rockies temperatures ranged upwards to 30 above at Phoenix, Ariz.

Moderating weather was predicted today for the plains states and the northwest which saw a below zero Yuletide.

Nebraska News Nubbins

Creighton—This town had its first municipal Christmas tree this year at which all children received gifts of candy and apples.

Cozad—Contents of Hart pantlithium, a building constructed of old tin cans, were destroyed by fire on Tuesday.

Fairbury—Christmas carol service was a feature of the observance of Christmas in the schools here. This service was in charge of Miss Wanda V. Cook, supervisor of music in the Fairbury schools.

Corland—Funeral services for Mrs. Joseph O'Brien were held at the Catholic church here. She died suddenly at her home at the age of 52. Her husband, and four children survive.

Beatrice—J. A. Price, who came here 15 months ago from Harbine, Neb., and engaged in the grocery business at Eighth and Court streets, has disposed of the stock by auction and will retire. It is reported a new brick block will be erected on the site of the old store building.

Clatonia—Willis B. Sykes, old resident of Clatonia, died in a hospital at Lincoln, aged 74 years. He is survived by five children, Mrs. John Carsten, Mrs. Will Carsten, Mrs. Arvin and Ward Sykes and Mrs. Ben Sherman, all of Clatonia.

Legion Acts as Santa.
Missouri Valley, Ia., Dec. 26.—The American legion post here acted as Santa Claus to over a hundred poor families, making a systematic canvass for several weeks and furnishing clothing, shoes and other necessities as well as Christmas goodies.

Land Owner Raps Child Labor Bill

Chamber Told Friends of Measure Ask "Blank Check" From Voters.

The proposed child labor amendment to the constitution of the United States was bitterly assailed Friday noon by J. F. Hanson, wealthy land owner of Fremont.

Speaking before the members of the agriculture, legislative and executive committees, and the woman's division of the Chamber of Commerce, Hanson said the proposed 20th amendment is the "supreme insult to the parents and children of this country, in that it allows no discretion either to the children or parents."

He said the 1920 census showed that there were 12,500,000 children in the country between the ages of 12 and 15. Of these 1,069,000, or 8 1/2 per cent, are employed. Of the 8 1/2 per cent 647,000 are employed on the farms of the country. Working in the city at various lines of work, he said, were but 413,000, or 3 1/2 per cent.

"Which is better for the country—the 8 1/2 per cent who work or the 91 1/2 per cent not working?" he asked. "The 91 1/2 per cent are the children who break into stores, steal automobiles and practice immoral acts in school and elsewhere."

Hanson showed that an unofficial census of railroad men indicated that nearly one-half of the railroad executives of the country entered business before their 18th year. Practically all the officers started at the bottom, he said.

"What the endorsers of the amendment are looking for is 'blank check' signed by the voters of the country," said the Fremont land owner.

"They will fill in the check afterwards and use it in any manner they choose."

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Pre-Inventory Sale of DRESSES
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More than 300 dresses in this lot and every one a clever style. A variety of wanted colors, sizes 14 to 44.

Crepe de Chines \$4
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Dresses Worth to \$24.75

Neat, well made dresses, in styles you'll greatly admire. A very wide selection.

Canton Crepes \$9
Bengal Serges
Poiret Twills
Novelty Mixtures

Dresses Worth to \$35.00

Wonder values in dresses, hundreds from which to choose! every new color, every delightful style.

Canton Crepes, Satins \$14
Georgettes
Flat Crepes Jacquards
Poiret Twills
French Flannels

Dresses Worth to \$44.50

Scores of our finest dresses, exclusive models for party, afternoon, dinner and street wear.

The very richest of fabrics, many fur trimmed, every pleasing color and color combination.

Our enormous stocks must be turned into cash. We'll suffer our losses now in order to achieve this condition. Buy at the earliest possible hour.

Pre-Inventory Sale of C-O-A-T-S
Coats Worth to \$19.50

Fur collared and self-trimmed warm winter coats, well made, lined and some are interlined. \$8

Blocked Chinchillas
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Coats Worth to \$45.00

Fur-trimmed coats in styles of the hour—a wonderful offering. Values that overshadow all competition. \$18

Truonette Buckskin
Brytonia Armandale
Sport Coatings
Fur Fabrics

Coats Worth to \$65.00

Coat prices cut to the quick. These beautiful fur-trimmed garments will cause a stampede of buying. \$28

New Collar and Sleeve Effect, Flounce Bottoms, Straightline Coats, Embroidered Coats, Button Trimmed Coats, Panel and Border Trimmed Coats

Coats Worth to \$89.50

Magnificent coats, with gorgeous fur collars, cuffs and handings. Every new color. All richly lined. \$38

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