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THE WEATHER.
Cloudy; Warmer

PRESIDENT'S PARTY SETTLES QUIETLY IN THE WINTER CAPITAL

Special Train Bearing Chief Executive and Family Reaches Pass Christian at Daybreak.

WELCOMED BY THE MAYOR

Arrangements Made by Official for Complete Isolation.

LARGE COTTAGE FRONTS GULE

Party Rides to New Home in White House Automobiles.

LONG TRIP TO GOLF COURSE

Thirteen-Mile Auto Run to Links, but Greatly to Liking of Executive, Who is Taking Fresh Air Treatment.

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss., Dec. 25.—President Wilson, by a mid-afternoon visit to the town postoffice, made Christmas day a memorable one in the history of this quaint seaside city. Only a few natives had caught a glimpse of the president and his family when they motored to a cottage a mile away from the railroad station. The peaceful quiet of the holiday afternoon was broken suddenly when the word spread everywhere that the president was out walking.

Observing holiday hours, the postoffice was closed, but someone set off immediately to the home of Mrs. Annette Simpson, the postmistress, to inform her that the president was waiting. She came quickly, followed by two little daughters, one of them attired for the occasion in a mortarboard hat of the collegiate type.

"Merry Christmas, I did not expect you," said Mrs. Simpson.

"Oh, I didn't think there would be anyone over here, but I thought I'd try," said the president. "It's very kind of you to come over."

The president bought two 25-cent books of stamps, and in her confusion the postmistress forgot to give him 20 cents change. This, however, will be dispatched to him tomorrow.

"I wish he had said something about letting me have three years more," Mrs. Simpson, who is a candidate for reappointment, later said her friends.

"They're fighting me hard for the place," she said.

Meets the Children.
As the president stood at the door of the postoffice, several little children walked shyly up to him and grasped his hand. The president stopped, playfully asked their names and wished them a Merry Christmas.

His attention soon was arrested by the arrival of the town mail carrier, who drew up proudly behind his pack of mail, climbing out of a small canvas-covered cart, attached to what was a peculiar-looking animal of shaggy limbs, in color a reddish brown.

"It's part dog," volunteered somebody in the crowd, and the president smiled at the diminutive horse. Originally the village said it was a unicorn carrying Uncle Sam's mail, but it was soon ascertained that the animal was a horse and a dog's head and hoofs a hesitating gait in keeping with the frequent stops of his daily route.

The president continued his walking. It was about the coldest day in the memory of the oldest inhabitants. The mercury touched 90 degrees early in the forenoon and hovered thereabouts all day. To those of the presidential party, who expected warm and balmy weather, the "winter capital" didn't come up to expectations, though Mayor Saucier and other prominent weather forecasters in the vicinity maintained that the cold spell was but temporarily.

Doffs His Overcoat.
The president set the seal of approval on the climate, however, by scorning an overcoat, as did Dr. Cary T. Grayson, his physician, though a half dozen correspondents found overcoats a comfortable necessity. The president was warmly clothed underneath his salt and pepper suit with a heavy woolen sweater vest. He walked "home" in apparent enjoyment of his stroll.

Earlier in the day Mr. Wilson had taken a short walk with Mrs. Wilson on the beach road that runs for several miles along the gulf coast. They also took a motor ride to Gulfport, later, the nearest city, but spent most of the day in the square shaped cottage, which is the "winter White House" for the next three weeks. They exchanged presents, read scores of holiday greetings.

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The Weather

Forecast of the weather for Friday and Saturday:

For Nebraska, North and South Dakota—Increasing cloudiness and warmer. Friday, Saturday, probably local snows.

For Iowa—Fair Friday night, warmer in west; Saturday, increasing cloudiness probably followed by local snows.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:		
Hours	High	Low
8 A. M.	38	28
9 A. M.	37	28
10 A. M.	36	28
11 A. M.	35	28
12 M.	34	28
1 P. M.	33	28
2 P. M.	32	28
3 P. M.	31	28
4 P. M.	30	28
5 P. M.	29	28
6 P. M.	28	28
7 P. M.	27	28
8 P. M.	26	28
9 P. M.	25	28
10 P. M.	24	28
11 P. M.	23	28
12 M.	22	28

Comparative Local Record:

Year	High	Low
1913	38	28
1912	35	25
1911	32	22
1910	30	20
1909	28	18
1908	26	16
1907	24	14
1906	22	12
1905	20	10
1904	18	8
1903	16	6
1902	14	4
1901	12	2
1900	10	0

Normal temperature for the day, 32 degrees. Total excess since March 1, 1913, 24 degrees. Normal precipitation, 0.00 inches. Deficiency for the day, 0.00 inches. Total rainfall since March 1, 1913, 0.00 inches. Deficiency since March 1, 1913, 0.00 inches. Deficiency for year, period 1912-1913, 0.00 inches. Deficiency for year, period 1911-1912, 0.00 inches.

ROOT IS TO BE BURIED HERE

Body of Late Woodman Commander Now on Its Way to Omaha.

STOPS AT CLINTON ENROUTE

His Aged Mother Resides There—Remains to Be Placed in Tomb in Omaha Beside Those of His Wife.

The body of Joseph Cullen Root, late sovereign commander of the Woodmen of the World, is now enroute from Hendersonville, N. C., where Mr. Root died, to this city, where it will be placed in a mausoleum in Forest Lawn cemetery beside the body of Mrs. Root, who died two years ago. The body has been prepared for burial, but it is not yet certain when the funeral will be held, although it is certain that it will not be before Monday. The body will reach Clinton, Ia., tomorrow morning and remain there until evening.

Clinton and Lyons, two Iowa towns practically one, was the residence of Mr. Root many years, and is where his mother, now 91 years of age, still lives. Although it is not positively known here what the program in detail is to be, it is thought the body will be in state a few hours at Clinton, that it may be viewed by Mrs. Root and the hundreds of old neighbors who knew Joseph Cullen Root so well.

From Hendersonville, it is understood that the body of Mr. Root is being accompanied by his son, A. I. Root, who was at the bedside when death came, and by S. B. Latham, state manager of the Woodmen of the World for Virginia, who was with the deceased during his last illness.

Funeral to Be Public.

All plans for the funeral here will await the arrival of the members of the family and only provisional arrangements made in the interval. Still, it is stated that the funeral will be public and that it will be conducted

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Time Has Come for R. B. Howell to Put Back Junket Money

"Does H. Beecher Howell, water commissioner, expect quietly to put back the \$62.25 he took from the Metropolitan water district for expenses on his junket trip to Minneapolis, or does he expect to fight the case in court?" This is what Attorney E. A. Smith is wondering, for Smith is the man who filed the petition asking that Howell be forced to put the money back. Already the time allowed for Howell's reply has passed. Smith could now go before the judge and take judgment by default. Howell, however, is out of town at present and Smith is inclined to be lenient with him and give him a chance.

Attorney John Lee Webster, the Water board's paid attorney, has been so busy with many things that he has allowed the little matter of \$62.25 to hang in the balance and has not taken the trouble to bestir himself in regard to the case.

Cold Wave Makes Good Skating on All City Lakes

Omaha almost had a white Christmas and it helped materially to add to the enjoyment of the day. Although the beautiful did not spread a complete coat over the entire surface there was considerable snow which fell during the night and in the forenoon yesterday. The cold wave which swept down from the northwest Wednesday night also put a splendid layer of ice over the municipal ponds and these were all covered yesterday with kiddies who were trying out the new skates which Santa Claus had left in their stockings the night before.

Hanscom park had a good crowd all day while at Carter lake there were a large number of skaters during the day.

Varied Assortment of Yuletide Weather

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Christmas, 1913, was entered in the annals of the weather bureau as one of the most unusual and unsettled Yuletide holidays on record.

Dispatches received here tonight showed that the central southern states from southern Arkansas northward through the Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio valleys reported snow. Rains were recorded in the Pacific coast states, with light snows in Washington. Throughout New England and New York, conditions were unsettled. Rains were reported generally through the gulf states and nowhere was there ideal weather.

Miami, Fla., reported the highest temperature for the day, and Devils Lake, N. D., was the coldest, the thermometer registering fourteen degrees below zero.

PROMINENT IOWA FARMER DIES AT LOCAL HOSPITAL

A. E. Sellsch, Woodbine, Ia., died Christmas morning at a local hospital after a brief illness. He was brought to Omaha for treatment about two weeks ago. Mr. Woodbine was 67 years of age and one of the first settlers of Harrison county, Iowa. He owned a number of farms in that locality. Surviving him besides the wife are two daughters and one son.

The body will be taken to Woodbine, where the funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the Methodist church there.

GOUGHAN'S TREE FETE SPOILED BY DRIZZLE

Unseasonable Weather Prevents People's Christmas at Madison Square Garden.

CELEBRATION DELAYED A DAY

Big Tim's Heirs Keep Up Practice of Feeding Poor.

QUIET DAY IN WASHINGTON

Currency Plans Are Uppermost Instead of Christmas.

DEEP SNOW IN NEW ENGLAND

Winter Chooses These States for His Actual Residence and Gives Them Real Christmas Weather.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Well attended church services and the distribution of Christmas dinners to nearly 100,000 of the city's dependents were the features of New York's observance of the day of nativity. The day broke with a gentleness associated with "Indian summer," clouded up threateningly about noon and ended in showers and drizzles. One result of this was that the celebration planned in connection with the people's out-of-door Christmas tree in Madison square had to be postponed until tomorrow night.

The Salvation Army led in the distribution of Christmas cheer. In addition to issuing 5,000 Christmas dinner baskets, each containing food enough for six, the organization entertained 3,500 children with a Christmas tree party. Commander Eva Booth presided and personally distributed the presents.

One thousand baskets were given by the Volunteers of America and 5,000 dinners were served by the heirs of "Big Tim" Sullivan. A complete Christmas dinner was given in each instance.

At the various houses and charitable institutions the inmates were also remembered. Turkey dinners were served in all of them and appropriate entertainments were given.

Inmates of New York's prisons were not overlooked, though in some cases the usual entertainments were omitted. At the Tombs turkey dinners were served to more than 500. The penitentiary on Blackwell's island provided an exceptionally good spread for 1,200 and those detained at various police stations fared well also.

One of the notable events of the day was the celebration organized by the "Spugs," or society for the prevention of useless giving. More than 11,000 adults and children, rich and poor, attended its Christmas tree party, at which presents,

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Miss Brance Gets Picture of Couch From His Widow

MONTICELLO, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Miss Adelaide M. Brance spent a lonely Christmas in the Monticello jail. Her only joy was the return of a photograph of the late Melvin H. Couch, which had been taken from her effects in the attorney's office, where she had lived for three years in a secret room. Mrs. Couch got hold of it and refused to give it up to the woman whose secret companionship with Couch was discovered after his sudden death last Saturday. Mrs. Brance pleaded and threatened, and late this afternoon Mrs. Couch sent the picture to her.

"It is the only thing I care for on earth," Miss Brance said tonight. "It is the best Christmas present I could have received."

Miss Brance waited expectantly the coming of her brother, H. O. Brance, of Hartwick, N. Y., but he did not arrive today. She received more than fifty letters today from sympathizers.

A thorough search of Couch's effects revealed no will. In searching through her father's safe today Miss Louise Couch found Miss Brance's will, which was made two years ago. She willed to Couch everything she possessed, which included two mortgages amounting to \$500.

New Sovereign Commander of the W. O. W.



W. A. FRASER, Dallas, Tex.

On the Homeward Journey



Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

NEWSIES FULL OF TURKEY

George Brandeis Gives Them Big Feed at the Millard.

MILLER MAKES SHORT TALK

And After the Little Lads Have All They Can Eat They Are Given an Ample Take Away with Them.

If there are 175 sick newsboys in Omaha today, their discomfort is being charged up against George Brandeis of the J. L. Brandeis company, B. C. Phelps, manager of the candy department in the stores and Rome Miller, proprietor of the Millard hotel. Brandeis and Phelps stuffed these boys as full as sausages yesterday afternoon at the Millard hotel and Rome Miller saw to it that the filling was properly prepared. After the feast was over the 175 newsboys rose to their feet and cheered Brandeis, Phelps, Miller and about every other good fellow whose name they could recall. They felt so full of joy and turkey and fixins.

The occasion was a Christmas dinner at the Millard hotel, where at 4 o'clock 175 newsboys of the city filed into the big dining room, removed their overcoats and caps and then showed their feet under the mahogany to await the coming of the good things.

Prior to going to the Millard, the boys were congregated on Farnam and Fifteenth streets. When they were all at attention, they received the order to march and with a cheer, going by twos, they advanced on the hotel. They filled the rotunda and held full and unquestioned sway until dinner was announced. Then they filed in and filled up the tables, eight boys being seated at each.

Start with Advice.
At this juncture, Rome Miller appeared for a speech and recording him as the dean of the Newsboys' association, the youngsters quieted down long enough to

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The Wonderful Tree of Light...

Omaha's Christmas Tree Post Cards 6 for 10c

At Bee Office or from Newsboys and Carriers.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR YULETIDE

Twenty-Sixth Annual is Held in the Masonic Temple.

Women and Children Join in the Services, as Does Also a Double Mixed Quartette Choir.

The annual Christmas services of Mount Calvary commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, were held in the Masonic temple, Sixteenth and Capitol avenue, Christmas morning at 11 o'clock. One hundred knights in full uniform filed into the great hall and quietly took their places in four rows of seats, two on either side of the hall. The balcony was crowded with women and children, so that in all no less than 300 attended the services. It was the twenty-sixth annual celebration of the commandery.

A reading, "The Story of the Other Wise Men," was given by Sir Herbert A. Senter, commander. The choir, assisted by knights and guests, sang the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Sir Knight William S. Rowe, excellent prelate, gave a scripture lesson from the second chapter of Matthew. Christmas sentiments and responses were pronounced by various knights and officials. Numerous anthems were sung and Sir Knight Edwin Hart Jenks pronounced the benediction.

The choir consisted of the following: Soprano, Miss Blanche Holln and Miss Maria Schindler. Contraltos, Mrs. Verne Miller and Miss Elsie John. Tenors, John A. McCreary and Earl E. Connolly. Basses—A. Leslie Dick and Arthur V. Orzanski. Miss Henrietta M. Rees.

Kills His Mother; Thinks Her Burglar

LINCOLN, Neb., 25.—A tragedy marked the close of Christmas in Lincoln, when Carl E. Carlson, just at midnight, shot and killed his mother, who, he says, he mistook for a burglar. Mother and son, who lived alone, were in fear of burglars, and when the mother stepped out on the porch just before retiring, unknown to the man, he saw a shadow through the window he fired at a supposed marauder, inflicting a wound from which his mother died an hour after.

Many Persons Killed By Factory Explosion

ROME, Dec. 25.—The explosion today of a fireworks factory at Torre Annunziata, in the province of Naples, resulted in the death of many persons. The buildings collapsed, burying the victims in the wreckage. Fourteen dead and five injured were taken from the ruins and it is believed that many other bodies are covered by the debris.

SEASON'S JOY TURNED TO SORROW IN HOMES RENDERED DESOLATE

Public Mourning Replaces All Signs of Christmastide in City Marred by Tragedy.

SEVENTY-TWO VICTIMS OF PANIC

Bitterness Wiped Out by Effort to Console the Living.

THREE-SCORE HOMES STRICKEN

No Trace of Man Who Started Alarm in Calumet Hall.

ALL JOIN IN LENDING AID

Declaration of Mayor that No Outside Assistance Will Be Accepted Is Disregarded—Wilson Not Ready for Investigation.

CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 25.—On the day set aside for rejoicing over the birth of Christ this city mourned its dead—seventy-two victims of a false alarm of fire. Most of the dead are children, who had gone to a Christmas eve celebration in Italian hall, arranged for the families of striking copper miners of this section.

As a result of the tragedy, caused, it is believed, by a drunken man, who thrust his head into the hall entrance and shouted "Fire!" all bitterness between the different factions in Calumet is wiped out. There is no ill-feeling. There is nothing but dumb grief which is beyond the possibility of tears.

A mass meeting was held this afternoon, at which a committee of twelve was appointed to visit each individual home of the bereaved families and ascertain what financial assistance is necessary. Unlimited funds are assured. "With the kindest feeling for those who offered it, we ask no outside help," states the resolutions of sympathy.

These are our own people and it is our sacred privilege to care for our dead and to comfort the living.

The statement of President Meyer of the Western Federation of Miners that no benefits from the citizens would be accepted was disregarded.

The strikers also met this afternoon and named a committee to call on the strikers relatives and learn their wishes regarding the funerals. This committee will meet tomorrow to make arrangements for the services.

No Trace of Man.
The authorities so far have been unable to trace the man who is said to have gone up the stairs of the hall and raised the cry of fire, which is supposed to have started the panic which led to the fearful crush in the stairway. There seems to be little hope that he will be apprehended.

Matt Hart, a striker, who lost his son in the disaster, declared the cry came from a group of men and women toward the front of the hall. A 15-year-old girl, who died this morning, brought the official revised list of dead up to seventy-two, all of whom have been identified. Five injured are in the hospitals. It is said they will live.

Three little girls in the Calumet and Hecla hospital were able today to get up and about. They romped around a Christmas tree set up for the patients of the hospital, unaware of the fate which had overtaken some of their brothers and sisters, and the father of one of them. A boy of 7 or 8 years of age, who was taken to one of the morgues, showed signs of life soon after, but no restoratives and no physician were immediately available and death ensued.

Joy Turns to Grief.
One couple entered the town hall where all the bodies had been gathered, to look for their missing child. Their hopes ran high when they had looked at seventy of the bodies and failed to find their loved one, but the last body they viewed, the seventy-first, was that of the missing one.

Members of the Calumet fire department relate many instances of heroic attempts to rescue the panic-stricken people in the ill-fated hall.

Patrick Ryan arrived on the scene a few minutes after the crash occurred at the foot of the stairway. He estimated that there were about 100 piled on top of each other when he reached the entrance. The pile reached to about half the height of the stairway. They were wedged in so tightly it was impossible to extricate any from the foot of the stairs. A boy about six caught hold of Mr. Ryan's hand and begged to be rescued. The human mass kept pressing.

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Home Rule

Home rule has been a much discussed political question. Home rule for woman is the generally accepted domestic situation.

Every wife has her own little kingdom to govern and has to face the problems and responsibilities it entails.

Not the least of these problems is the monthly "budget."

The woman who keeps count of her expenditures, makes up her monthly statement, and compares it with those of former months, is the one who is guarding her treasury properly.

But she should go a step farther—She should be sure that she has had full value for the money spent, and in order to ascertain this, she should read the daily advertisements of The Bee and see what the best shops are offering and at what prices.

The "day after" is a good time to think these things over, particularly as the new year is close at hand and new resolutions are due.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Speaker Clark left today for New York and New England for a week's lecture tour, during which he will discuss the tariff and other matters. It is the first time the speaker has left Washington to lecture during the last two sessions.

Arrangements have been made so that taxis will handle the crowd at the ball in rapid succession. It will be unnecessary to wait for any particular machine.

Seats for the Charity Ball Given Saturday

Holders of tickets for the charity ball may secure reserved seat coupons at the Auditorium Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. There are to be no seats on the floor save in the boxes, hence the committee advises an early application for coupons.

This noon a committee meeting has been called for the University club, where Harry Tukey, chairman of the ticket committee, desires to receive reports of all ticket sales. The meeting will be attended by the general committee and heads of the subcommittees.

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Speaker Clark Gets the Lecture Habit

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