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SLAVES OBSERVE CHRISTMAS

Belgrade, Yugoslavia. — Twelve days after America and western Europe lit their Christmas trees, little King Peter and his brothers celebrated the orthodox Serbian Christmas eve, which in Yugoslavia is known as "mother's day." For the first time in his life, Peter performed the ancient ceremony of receiving the yule-log from the royal guard. Dating from ancient days, this quaint Christmas ritual resembles the yule log ceremony of rural England.

Following another old tradition King Peter and his brothers tied their mother with string to a chair. In return for her release, the queen was forced to give her children presents. Next Sunday fathers throughout Yugoslavia will be bound to chairs in similar fashion and will have to give gifts, but as Peter has no father now, he will tie his uncle, Prince Paul.

DRAFT OF WEALTHY FAVORED

Washington.—Millionaires would be drafted first for military service in the next war under a bill which Representative O'Malley (d., Wis.) said he would introduce Wednesday. Contending that wars are fought to "preserve the wealth of the capitalist," O'Malley said he was convinced the only effective method of curbing them was to compel those who "profit most by their consequences to serve in the ranks and answer the military roll call before anyone else may be called."

DROP TREASON CHARGE

Hillsboro, Ill.—Fourteen men, indicted under the Illinois "treason code" for alleged conspiracy to overthrow the government, pleaded guilty to lesser charges and the state dropped the "treason code" charges against them.

Racing Bill is Introduced in State Senate

Fees Obtained Would Be Split to Aid County Fairs and Live Stock Breeding.

Lincoln, Neb.—A bill to provide for pari-mutuel betting was introduced in the senate Monday afternoon.

Senator Regan (dem.) of Columbus introduced the pari-mutuel bill. It provides for a state racing commission of three members appointed by the governor with full power to prescribe rules and regulations governing horse races and race meetings.

The bill provides for the following license fees:

For running races, two hundred dollars per day in counties of 200 thousand or more; one hundred dollars per day in counties of more than 75 thousand but less than 200 thousand, and \$25 per day in counties of less than 75 thousand.

For harness races, the rates for each day shall be one-fourth of the running race fee.

Out of funds coming into the hands of the commission, five-sixths of the amount after deduction of expenses will be divided into as many equal parts as there are counties in Nebraska and each county treasurer will receive his share to be used for premiums for agricultural live stock and other exhibits only. One-sixth of the fees collected will go to the state department of agriculture for the purchase and delivery throughout the state of well bred stallions and jacks in order to improve breeding.

The bill further provides that 90 per cent of the money wagered must go to holders of tickets on winning horses.

The remaining 10 per cent goes to the licensee.

The measure would forbid betting by minors and any horse racing on Sunday.

RACE TRACK MAN IS SLAIN

Miami, Fla.—Charles G. Wiedeman, 45, formerly of St. Louis, Mo., veteran race track telegrapher, was shot and killed in the lobby of a Miami hotel where he worked part-time as a clerk.

L. Randolph Cooper, 48, horse race looking agent and the father of three children who resided in the hotel, surrendered several hours after the shooting and confessed, said N. Vernon Hawthorne, state attorney. Five bullets, two of them in the heart, killed Wiedeman instantly and also terminated a triangle in which, police said, he had been a figure for several months. Cooper charged that Wiedeman had shown attentions to his wife, Hawthorne said.

DOG REVEALS A MURDER

Louisville, Ky.—A slaying, revealed when a dog walked thru Kosmosdale, Ky., carrying the victim's right arm, was charged to a man who officers said has confessed. Patrolman Thomas Meuer and Everett DeWitt seized George Pryor, 41 year old bachelor small farmer. The dead man was identified by fingerprints of the right hand as Ponzio Bratcher, 24, who served nine months in Eddyville penitentiary for stealing from a common carrier.

Appearance of the dog started a hunt and police found Bratcher's nude torso in a ravine under a pile of leaves. Nearby in a thicket was a bloody burial bag. A human leg was picked up not far away.

YOUTH ABSOLVED OF BLAME

Nebraska City.—Merrill Rosenberger, 18, of Nebraska City, was absolved of blame at an inquest Monday over the body of Piere Keran, 27, also of Nebraska City, who was fatally injured here Sunday night when the motor truck he was driving collided with an automobile driven by Rosenberger.

The coroner's report stated death was due to a brain hemorrhage caused by an unavoidable accident. Keran was thrown to the pavement by the collision and died half an hour later at a hospital.

SLAYER FACES EXECUTION

Chicago.—Deliberating only one hour, a criminal court jury convicted Chester Novak, 30, of murder during a robbery and fixed his punishment at death in the electric chair.

George Gross, 35, convicted with him of shooting to death Harry Mandelbaum on July 1, had his punishment set at ninety-nine years in prison.

AVOCA NEWS

George Wessell, of Nehawka, was looking after some business matters in Avoca on Monday of this week.

Elmer J. Hallstrom was called to Lincoln last Monday to look after some business matters for the bank.

Dr. J. W. Brendel was called to coin on last Monday to look after some business matters for a short time.

Edward Freeman, of east of Weeping Water, was visiting and looking after some business in Avoca on last Monday.

H. M. Lum was called to Verdun on last Sunday, where he was visiting with relatives, being a guest at the home of a brother while there.

Oscar Zimmer, who was confined to his home last week with an attack of flu, is again at work in the bank, returning to his duties Monday morning.

Mrs. William Maseman has been in poor health for the past week, being confined to her home and bed. Her friends trust she may soon be restored again.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Barrett, of Unadilla, were visiting in Avoca on last Sunday, being guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCann, parents of Mrs. Barrett.

Elmer Wessell shipped his cattle, which he has been feeding for several months past, they going to Omaha via truck. The animals were in tip-top condition and brought a very good price.

Muerell Shackley and Miss Mattie Voyle were at Eagle last Saturday, where they went to visit with some friends, but found them away, and so had to return home without seeing them.

Fred Buckmann, who is at the home of his daughter, southwest of Avoca, where he has been very ill, is not yet able to return to his home here and his many friends here are hoping for his speedy recovery.

William Gollner, owner of the Avoca Market, has been kept to his home for a number of days with an attack of flu, being confined to his bed most of the time. During his illness, the business is being looked after by his son.

John Ruhnke, better known as Jack, son of J. H. P. Ruhnke, who makes his home at Talmage, is reported as being very ill with a severe attack of pneumonia. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ruhnke, were over on last Sunday to see the son and found him resting only fairly well.

Mrs. Charles Graham, who resides in the country near Avoca, is very ill at this writing with a severe attack of pneumonia. Everything possible is being done for the patient in the way of expert nursing and proper medical treatment and hopes are entertained that she may recover.

Fred Marquardt and wife were attending a family reunion of the Anderson family which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ross, residing near Nehawka. Mrs. Marquardt's mother, Mrs. Bedella Stander, of Louisville (who was also present) was formerly an Anderson.

Business Changes Hands
Charles Pindry, who has operated the corner grocery, last week sold the same to Floyd Behrnes, who took charge of the business Monday.

Visited at Nebraska City
Oscar Zimmer visited with friends in Nebraska City last Sunday night, and as he was passing the intersection of Second avenue and 14th street, a collision occurred between a sedan and a truck, the driver of the truck, Pierre Keran, suffering a bad fracture of the skull from which he died 40 minutes later. Oscar being there at the time of the crash, rushed the injured man to the hospital. It was a rather depressing experience for the Avoca man and he says he doesn't ever want to witness another accident like it. The car was driven by a 17-year-old high school boy, who was held blameless for the accident by the coroner's jury.

Played Basket Ball
Out at Elk Creek, where Prof. Jones a former Avoca schoolman, is employed as teacher and coach of the basketball team, they lay claim, and rightfully so, to having one of the best small town basketball teams in the entire state. Last Friday the Elk Creekers came to Avoca for a game with our own sterling lads, and after the smoke of the battle had rolled away, the score board revealed 25 points for the home team to 22 for the visitors. Not so bad; not so bad! At any rate, it demonstrates that Avoca has a team to be reckoned with again this year, despite the loss of some of their best players last year through graduation from the local school.

Witness From Germany
New York.—Dispatches from Europe stated Detective Arthur Johnson of New York, who went to Germany recently to investigate aspects of the case against Bruno Hauptmann, will sail from Cherbourg, France, Wednesday with four additional German witnesses to testify in the trial at Flemington. The names of these witnesses have not been revealed. While in Germany Johnson visited Hauptmann's birthplace, Kamenz, and interviewed relatives of both Hauptmann and Isador Fisch, the man Hauptmann has claimed gave him the Lindbergh ransom money.

Outlining Liquor Plans
Omaha.—City Attorney Smith, spokesman for Mayor Towl's liquor regulations committee, Tuesday indicated that the committee will recommend to the state legislature passage of a law embracing several major points, including: One license for sale of beer and hard liquor; limitation of Omaha dispensaries to one for each 1,500 inhabitants; against the Iowa state store plan; or any plan prohibiting sale by the drink. The committee will meet Wednesday morning to formally draft suggestions for submission to the legislature.

Auto Industry Gaining in All Its Branches

Passenger and Truck Sales and Foreign Business Show Increases; 1935 Outlook Good.

New York.—The automobile industry, thru statements of its leaders, reviewed in optimistic vein the strides it made in 1934—including a 45 percent gain in production over 1933, and predicted even better business in 1935.

Alvan Macouley, president of the Automobile Manufacturers association said: "If there is any single fact more gratifying and more encouraging than all others to the leaders of the motor industry, it is that automotive production and sales for 1934 reveal unmistakable recovery, progress.

"Despite the fact that labor difficulties and other factors prevented some companies from getting their new models into production as early as had been expected at the beginning of the year, the increased demand for new cars and trucks enabled the industry to finish the twelve months with a total now estimated at 2,885,000 units. This represented a wholesale value of \$1,453,800,000. It not only was a 45 percent increase over the preceding year but was roughly double the number of vehicles produced by the industry in 1932."

A. J. Broeseau, vice president of the commercial car division of the association, reported: "American motor truck manufacturers have closed the book on a year in which approximately 590,000 motor truck units were produced. This output exceeded the 1933 total of 353,614 by 65 percent."

Robert C. Graham, chairman of the association's export committee cited figures showing sales of American designed motor vehicles in countries outside the United States totaled approximately 435,000 units in 1934 as compared with 242,435 in 1933.

A UNIFORM MILK ORDINANCE

Chicago.—The Chicago city council adopted a uniform milk ordinance modeled after one recommended by the U. S. public health service. The new bill replaces one passed in 1905 and amended many times since that date. It paves the way, officials said, for farmers and dealers to produce and deliver milk that will meet the government's high standard required for grade A milk. It decreases the allowable bacterial count to 30,000 per cubic centimeter, and requires that the milk contain at least 3 1/2 percent butterfat instead of 3 percent as allowed at present.

VISIT GRAVE OF ROOSEVELT

Oyster Bay, N. Y.—Memories a group of intimate friends of Theodore Roosevelt cherish about him were rekindled at his grave and in the home where he lived for thirty-five years. It was an annual pilgrimage. After a brief ceremony at the grave in Young's cemetery, the admirers, approximately thirty in all, went to the trophy room of the former president's Oyster Bay home. In the absence of Mrs. Roosevelt, Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt, Jr., presided at the home.

Family of New House Speaker

Going Into Action With a Smile



Speaker Joseph W. Byrns
With gavel in hand and a smile on his lips, Representative Joseph W. Byrns of Tennessee, presides over the house of representatives at the seventy-fourth congress as speaker, succeeding the late Henry T. Rainey.

EAGLE NEWS ITEMS

Jack Jones visited relatives in Palmyra over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Judkins came over from Lincoln and visited with relatives on Sunday.

Mrs. Oscar Anderson of Lincoln visited on Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Emma Judkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Handrock of Chicago are visiting relatives and friends in this community.

George Oberle, Harley Kletsch and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Jones were in Omaha Monday of this week.

Mrs. Emma Judkins was the guest of Mrs. Sarah Keil and Dorothea last Thursday afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Morgan spent New Year's day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Althouse and family.

The guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hersh on last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John Reitter and son of Lincoln.

Mrs. Pauline Ollerman went to Lincoln Monday evening of this week and plans to visit relatives for ten days.

Mrs. Valley Trumble will entertain the Methodist Ladies' Aid at her home on Wednesday afternoon of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Jones were in Palmyra on Sunday as the dinner guests of Mr. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Muenchau and sons spent New Year's night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Muenchau and family near Avoca.

Mrs. Lydia Muenchau and daughter Lillie of Elmwood and Mrs. Bert Muenchau called at the W. E. Muenchau home Thursday morning.

Roy Beach, who has been quite ill for several days, is reported to be gaining nicely. We hope he will be able to be back in school soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thomson from near Palmyra spent Sunday with Mrs. Thomson's parents, Mr.

and Mrs. J. L. Wall and daughters.

Mrs. Ed Gerhard is recovering slowly from her serious illness of a week ago. We hope she will continue to gain and enjoy her usual good health again.

Mary Ann Trumble of Lincoln spent several days last week with Mrs. A. M. Trumble. While here she visited several of her little friends at school during the latter part of the week.

Mr. D. J. Schuylerman, pastor of the Methodist church, returned from Scottsbluff last Sunday where he and Mrs. Schuylerman spent the holidays with relatives. Mrs. Schuylerman plans to return sometime during this week.

Mrs. Henry Westlake of Alliance, who has been visiting relatives in this community for several weeks, and Mrs. Sam Westlake called at the homes of Mrs. Sarah Keil and J. L. Wall on Tuesday afternoon of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Pierson and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Porter were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scattergood and daughters last Sunday. The dinner was served in honor of Mrs. Porter, whose birthday occurred that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Hatfield drove out from Lincoln last Wednesday and visited with friends.

While here Mr. Hatfield, who taught in the Eagle schools for several years, enjoyed visiting some classes during the Wednesday morning school session. Mr. Hatfield is now the music instructor of the Central City schools.

Birthday Party
Mrs. Edward Burns was pleasantly surprised when some of her friends arrived at her home on New Year's night and informed her they were going to celebrate her birthday.

The evening was spent socially and at a late hour a lovely lunch was served.

The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dud Wall and son, Ralph, and Mr. and Mrs. John Sam Doty and daughter, Bernice of Palmyra and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Barns.

Family of New House Speaker



Here is the family of Representative Joseph Byrns of Tennessee, new speaker of the house of representatives—his wife and their son, Joseph W. Byrns, Jr.

Bible School Lesson Study!

Sunday, January 13, 1935. By L. Neitzel, Murdock, Neb.

"Peter's Great Confession"

Matt. 16:13-28; Luke, 9:18-36; I Pet. 2:5-6.

No man has ever spoken so great a truth as when Peter said to the question of Jesus: "Who say ye that I am?" and Peter said: "The Christ of God." With this thought in our mind we go back and bring up the history from our last lesson. A year and a half has elapsed since the call of Peter; it is now September, 29 A. D. Jesus and his disciples are in northern Galilee. From Matthew and Mark we learn the place was Caesarea Philippi, at the foot hills of Mt. Hermon—in Gentile territory, among pagan people.

"This journey of our Lord and his disciples was, in the first instance, a retreat from Jewish hostility. But it became also the occasion of his resolution to return to meet the Jews, and the death which lay ready for him in their hate." (George Adam Smith).

We approach now one of the greatest, one of the most disputed passages in all of the new testament. It is worthy of the most careful study. First, we will be alone with Jesus as he prayed. Sometimes he took the disciples "apart," away from the distraction of the multitudes. (Luke 9:10; Matt. 17:1, 20:17).

"This confession, this ripening of the faith of the apostles, came as the result of his persistent teaching, and his labor in prevailing prayer." (Albert C. Wienand).

Jesus wanted to know what conclusions the people had formed regarding his person; the emphasis is not laid on what the people might think of the miracles or of the teaching, but about his person. Two great questions confront the world and are awaiting an answer and man must give a definite answer before the bar of his conscience: "Who is Christ?" and "What shall I do with Jesus?"

The answer will seal a man's weal or woe. Opinions differ vastly. He is either what he claims to be, or an imposter and deceiver. The very diversity of opinion respecting him showed that a greater than Elias, or Jeremiah or Daniel had appeared. But to what conclusions the apostles had come by this time, having been with Jesus about two years, Peter expressed in that great declaration: "The Christ of God." On this rock, the church is built, on this confession rests our hope. It must have been gratifying to Jesus that his teaching had brought forth this glorious acknowledgment. The truth about him had broken; and the stream of adoring confession had been the spring of the life of his church, and will be to the end of time. The confession is virtually an inspiration, a revelation, a flash of light from heaven—the utterance, not of a rude fisherman, but of the divine spirit speaking through his mouth a truth hitherto hidden.

Peter is a rock—but Christ is the Rock, and upon it the church is built, the truth of Christ's sonship and Messiahship, which Peter had just confessed. "Believers, even Peter, may fail, and prove anything but stable; but truth is eternal and faith never." (A. B. Bruce).

(The meaning of Christ's words regarding the keys of the kingdom of heaven may well be omitted. Matt. 16:19.)

Why the disciples should tell this to no man is easily understood. "They were not ready. They had an incomplete understanding. To proclaim him as the Messiah, Prophet, Redeemer, Ruler, apart from the cross, was to break down. They had to wait." (G. Campbell Morgan).

"The Son of Man" (which was the title Jesus almost always used in referring to himself) "must suffer many things." This is the first time Christ definitely speaks of his "suffering."

It is one of the most terrible words in our language. His suffering was foretold. (Isa. 53). He was "rejected" because he did not come up to their expectation—their leaders, the Elders, Chief Priests and Scribes.

It is so today—the worldly wise, the self-righteous, have no need of a savior and so they pass him by. But that is not the end. They may think they have "killed" him, done away with him—but he is alive for evermore and will call these people to an account; they are his enemies and he will deal with them. See Luke 19:27, where he says: "But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring them hither, and slay them before me." And God means what he says.

The fellowship of Jesus is a voluntary act—no compulsion. Christ draws but does not compel. It must be a voluntary self-surrender of life itself—a life in harmony with the will of God.

The possession of the weath of the world is not to be compared with the joy and satisfaction the soul finds in the service of God. (We leave out the transfiguration).

Peter portrays to us a spiritual house, its purpose and the material used. This is the church, Christ the corner-stone, all his followers composed the material of which the church is built. See the intimate relationship between Christ and each individual member. They are cemented and bound together in love. The New Testament describes the church under three different figures. The church is the Bride of Christ (Eph. 5:29-32; Rev. 19:6-9); it is the Body of Christ (Eph. 1:22; 4:4; I Cor. 12); and here a Building for Christ (Eph. 2:20-22; II Cor. 6:16). A spiritual priesthood. A priest is one who stands between God and man, for sinful man before God, and for a holy God before man. The Christian pleads with man to be reconciled to God, and asking God's mercy and pardon for the penitent. The New Testament does not use the word "priest" for minister. In this "House" are offered up spiritual sacrifices—brought to the altar, to-wit: 1—Sacrifice of the body (Rom. 12:1); 2—Praise and thanksgiving (Heb. 13:15); 3—Benevolence (Heb. 13:16); 4—Service for Christ (Rom. 15:16). This "House"—the Church, will endure when all has passed away.