

Yule Spirit Is Driving Gloom From County Jail

Lilting Melodies Often Heard by Midnight Rollickers Will Again Cheer Downhearted.

Christmas cheer is driving out the gloom in the bare cells of the county jail, and the spirit of Yuletide is bringing a breath of new happiness to the prisoners in confinement.

Soon to place his fate in the hands of 12 of his fellowmen, who shall decide whether he is guilty of the murder of his sweetheart, "Singing Mike" Adamo is rehearsing the lilting melodies he sang and played in the night-life resorts and cabarets. His guitar has been restrung, and his nimble fingers are regaining their old skill.

Tom Flinn, another prisoner with charges of murder on file against him, and Juan Gonzalo, highway robber, are exercising vocal cords which are beginning to function satisfactorily.

"Slate" Will Dance.

Then there is "Slate." His last name of no consequence. For years he entertained habitués of the old Midway and other haunts of the midnight rollickers in the bygone days of the 8 o'clock closing law. Now he has three more days of a 30-day sentence for vagrancy to serve.

A new pair of dancing shoes has "Slate" given to him by friends who have been enthralled by the perfectly-timed taps and pats of his buck

and wing dances. And he's all tuned up and "ready to go."

And Christmas will be a day of days in the county jail. It will be Mike Clark's last Christmas as sheriff. And he wants to make it one that will be remembered.

Big Dinner Planned.

First there'll be the dinner. The menu Clark is keeping secret. He wants to surprise his prisoners. But it will be the best dinner ever served in Mike's hotel, the sheriff avers.

And then there will be the entertainment. There will be "Singing Mike" with his guitar. Flinn and Gonzalo and their songs, and "Slate" and his dancing shoes.

But they won't be alone. There's other talent listed among the burg-lars, the bootleggers, the pickpockets, the confidence men, the what-not that a Christmas day finds behind the bars. Every prisoner will do his bit.

Fred Myers Gloomly.

In only one cell does gloom hold out against the invasion of the joys. It is the one occupied by Fred Myers, proprietor of Dublin Inn. High blood pressure is bothering Myers and he has been forbidden to partake of the Christmas spread or join in the excitement of the carnival.

Manford Biggs and A. L. Lillis, held in the county jail because of the crowded condition of the state penitentiary, are making the arrangements and are decorating the big Christmas tree with Harry Dworski and Roy Musgrave, deputy sheriffs.

Bloodhounds Used to Hunt for Man Wanted for Murder

Weirton, W. Va., Dec. 24.—Possessed, led by bloodhounds from the state prison at Moundsville, are patrolling the outskirts of a thickly wooded section in the hills near Steubenville, O., where they believe James Pearson, alleged murderer, is hiding. Pearson is alleged to have shot and killed Roy Ledson, farmer, near here Friday.

Former Playmate of Prince Wilhelm Tells of Her Love

Gabriella Von Rochow Denies She Tried to Marry Ex-Kaiser in Doorn After War.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—Like a grandmother in a story book Gabriella Von Rochow, who played the same role in the life of the former kaiser as Betty did in "Tom Sawyer," recited her story of her love in pictorial, the heart-aches and laughter of childhood as a playfellow of young Prince Wilhelm, and later the more shy coquette behind large fans at brilliant balls, flirting coyly during the minut with the charming prince, whose heart was not his, but the foreign office's. Her next role was as affinity to the married king, and last as sisterly comforter to the wrecked man who had once set the world on fire.

During the narration her face was sentimental with reminiscences, but was flashing like fire when she defended the character and war record of her hero.

Gabriella is a typical white-haired grandmother. She was sitting in a rocking chair and knitting in her little red brick castle near Brandenburg, 100 kilometers west of Berlin, when the Tribune correspondent entered. After greeting him and ringing for tea, she began:

"I absolutely deny that I was employed in Doorn by the former kaiser, and also that I tried to marry him. I am unable to understand how

Princess Reuss made a statement like that, for she must have known how well I have known the former kaiser since childhood. We were playfellows as children. I will never forget my first dance partner at the first ball I ever attended was Prince Wilhelm, who was later an emperor and is now an exiled man at Doorn. We were good friends, I and the former kaiser. He was a man of exceptional personality.

"He was prudent, ingenious and clever. He was able to talk vivaciously and intelligently on any subject. He has only one failure—he is good-natured. He was too good and am certain he would have won the war, had the former kaiser exploited our intentions with U-boats and poison gases. But he was too tender-hearted. He was too good and therefore he is alone in exile."

Only between the line could the correspondent gather that she had loved the former kaiser in her youth and had been a famous beauty. But on this and her exact relations with the former kaiser throughout his rise and fall she vouchsafed nothing except that their "relations were only amicable." She explained in detail circumstances of her visit to Doorn, which, despite her age of 62, and her long friendship with the former kaiser, caused some gossip.

"The former kaiser was desperate during the first two years of his exile," she said. "The summer there was beautiful, but the winter was unbearable, especially for the former kaiser, who always was fond of society. His children seldom visited him. I, therefore, was not surprised in 1921 when the former kaiser wrote me a letter inviting me to Doorn. When I saw the former kaiser a short time after the revolution I nearly wept. It was terrible for me to behold in exile a man whom I had seen at the height of his magnificence. I only stayed a few days but in December, 1921, I returned, as he had begged me, remaining this time over Christmas, passing altogether six weeks with him.

"Then a rumor started that I was trying to marry him. It is a lie. I never tried. As many court intrigues at Doorn supported this rumor, I did not go there any more.

"I understood always that the former kaiser would marry and I even felt certain there would be a kaiserin. The former kaiser is clearly a man who cannot live alone. But I think his choice was wrong. He is 64 and she is 35. If it is true that she married him

Carriers Block Rate Reduction, Unions Allege

Petition Asking Investigation of Expenditures in Fighting Strike Filed With Commerce Body.

Washington, Dec. 24.—A petition asking investigation into the expenditures of railroads in coping with the national strike of shopcrafts employees has been filed with the Interstate Commerce commission by the International Association of Machinists. It was announced by W. H. Johnston, president of that organization. Other railroad unions participating in the strike, which is asserted to be still in progress on a number of roads, will join in the proceedings later, Mr. Johnston added.

"By wanton expenditure of funds made available to them through excessive freight and passenger rates," the petition charged, "railroads on which the strike still persists are adding to the burden of transportation costs borne by the public." In addition it was asserted that railroad accounts are being improperly made up with "grossly distorted labor and other operating cost items."

The Commerce department was declared to have an official responsibility in the matter of determining whether railroad accounting methods were correct.

"Progress towards reduced freight rates, persistently demanded by agricultural and shipping interests of the nation, has been effectively and consistently blocked by the carriers in recent months," the petition said, "as a result of their costly and utterly unwarranted labor policy. The present freight and passenger rates were originally determined by you on the assumption that adequate standards of economical and efficient operation would be fulfilled by the carriers. Consequently, if at any time they are not fulfilled it becomes the duty of your honorable body to act in a way that will record the facts of the situation and effect the necessary remedies."

Beatrice Slayer Suspect Taken to Penitentiary

Lincoln, Dec. 24.—Frank Stewart, alias Roy Topping, one of the three men arrested at Beatrice, Neb., on the charge of killing Charles Wolf, was brought to the penitentiary here for safekeeping until his trial is held. The authorities at Beatrice took the action following what they believed to

Man Killed as Couple Battle With Pistols

Chicago, Dec. 24.—While their children, Anthony, 5, and Helen, 15, months, played on the floor with rag dolls, Peter Fillinow, 29, and Mary, 27, his wife, shot it out and the husband was slain. The wife was armed with a heavy caliber and the husband used a .38-caliber revolver, but the wife was a trifle quicker on the draw.

The couple had been fighting all night. The Christmas tree the wife had fixed for the children was wrecked under foot, furniture was wrecked and the floor was strewn with broken dishes.

The fatal battle arose over the fact, Mrs. Fillinow said, that she had spent a few pennies for the Christmas tree and some cheap toys for the babies—money, her husband complained, he could have used to better advantage in buying bootleg booze.

Bandits Rob Grocer; Woman Threatened

One robbery, and one attempted robbery were reported to police last night.

Two bandits entered the grocery store of A. J. Posta, 419 South Twenty-fifth avenue, just before closing time, held up Posta and his wife, who were alone in the store, and escaped with \$400 in cash, a diamond ring valued at \$300, and a watch.

Mrs. Bert Muth, 1133 North Eighteenth street, reported to police that two men attempted to enter her home and threatened to shoot her when she refused to obey their command to open the door. Mrs. Muth ran for a telephone and the prowlers fled, she told police.

Movie Actor Pleads Guilty to Robbing Coast Bank

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—Jenks D. Harris, motion picture actor, and three companions pleaded guilty in the superior court at Ventura, Cal., to robbery of the Fillmore State bank at Peru, according to word received here by the sheriff's office. The three other defendants were Harold Gillette, motion picture actor; George F. Pruitt and Henry C. Loggins of Los Angeles. The cases were set for sentence next Friday.

The robbery took place two weeks ago. President C. F. Spencer of the bank and his little daughter were taken by the bank robbers to Los Angeles in order to delay news reaching authorities. About \$6,000 was taken.

Police Find Abandoned Car of Pittsburgh Robbers

Pittsburgh, Dec. 24.—The southwest ern section of Pennsylvania was being combed by county detectives and police tonight for the six bandits who, armed with shotguns, killed Ross Dennis, a Pittsburgh Coal company paymaster and escaped with a miners' Christmas payroll of \$20,000.

The motor car in which the bandits escaped, was found at Clarifer, a few miles from the scene of the robbery. The license plates had been removed.

Governor of Porto Rico Arrives in Washington

Washington, Dec. 24.—Governor E. Mont Reily of Porto Rico arrived here on leave of absence.

The governor declared his trip was due to personal matters only. Administration officials have said repeatedly that the visit of Governor Reily, whose conduct of affairs in Porto Rico has been under fire from various quarters, did not foreshadow a change in personnel in the island government.

South Omaha Brevities

A gentle Shetland pony, 3 years old, weight 225 pounds. Cost and saddle, Old MA. 2874.

Burn a hot Hanna, Rock Springs or Christopher. Pivonia Coal Co., MA. 0517.

Fireman Is Injured When Truck Hits Pole

Joe Elias, fireman of Fire Station No. 8, residing at 3411 Maple street, was thrown from a fire truck when the machine crashed into a telephone pole at Fifty-second and Jones street. The brakes failed to hold, department officials said.

Elias suffered a severe bruised right knee. He was taken to the Methodist hospital.

Mercersburg Team Smashes World's Swimming Record

The world interscholastic 200-yard relay swimming record was broken by the Mercersburg academy swimmers in a dual meet with Baltimore City college. The home natators swam the distance in 1:42:25. This lowers the former mark established last year by Lawrenceville academy by two and one-fifth seconds. The academy's record-breaking relay quartet included Bunnell, Meany, Capt. Lerch and Roddy. Roddy, who is from Palm Beach, Fla., swam anchor. In addition he made the fastest time in the 50 and 100-yard dash events, falling only four seconds short of the present record in the latter event. Mercersburg won the meet by 46 to 7.

Man Playing Santa Claus to Children Drops Dead

Minneapolis, Dec. 24.—Just as Sever Dahl, 44, playing Santa Claus, his arms laden with Christmas presents, reached his doorstep and was greeted by his children he dropped dead. The coroner said heart disease was the cause.

Wisconsin Bank Robbed.

Mondovi, Wis., Dec. 24.—The State bank of Mondovi was robbed by two men who escaped with approximately \$7,000. The robbery was committed at 4:30, but no knowledge of it was had until the cashier who was locked in the vault, was located and released at 8.

Christmas Tree Blaze Causes \$2,000 Damage

A short circuit on the wiring of a Christmas tree at the home of W. A. Fraser, 302 North Fifty-third street, caused a fire which resulted in damage estimated at \$2,000.

The government of Costa Rica has issued a decree prohibiting the holding of boxing matches in the republic.

Starvation Takes Members of I.W.W. Colony in Siberia

Hunger and Disease Cause Death of Six Haywood Followers—Still See Hopes of Success.

Moscow, by Courier to London, Dec. 24.—Death by starvation has claimed American lives in Russia. The victims had been members of Bill Haywood's Industrial Workers colony at Madedjinsky, Siberia. Of 60 persons in the colony, starvation, typhus and other diseases have claimed six.

These facts were given by several "wobblers" now in Moscow, who despite their heart-breaking story of death and misery, are going to Siberia to take another chance.

The Siberian colony is now going through a terrible winter. The main colony at Kamerova in the Ural mountains is not so seriously affected, because it is nearer food and medical supplies. When the crisis came at the Madedjinsky colony, Bill Haywood approached the American Re-

bel administration asking for a medical unit to save the Americans. Col. Haskell expressed his willingness provided the Russian government moved the colony into Orenburg in the Ural in the near east relief district and furnished housing facilities to the relief workers, furnishing beds, food and heat. This was not done.

However, Haywood succeeded in obtaining a medical unit from Russian sources which is now coping with the situation.

Haywood admits that the situation is serious but he declares spring crops the colony sowed are good and with more cash for industries it is still possible to make a success.

Haywood gives numerous reasons for his failure. He says he discovered two drug fiends, three speculators and numerous adventurers among the original outfit, and 30 have gone to America, including some of his best skilled workers, who could not adapt themselves to the situation and climate.

Many Irish Prisoners Are Granted Freedom

Dublin, Dec. 24.—(By A. P.)—Nearly 300 prisoners have been released in the past fortnight, it was stated at free state military headquarters today. Although the majority of them were given their freedom in the last few days, it was in no wise a Christmas arrangement.

See Want Ads produce results.

NEW YORK OMAHA MINNEAPOLIS

Haas Brothers announce, starting Tuesday, December 26th,

THEIR ANNUAL YEAR-END SALE

an occasion of extreme value-giving—A time when style-loving women eagerly supply their every apparel need

A Sale That Brings to You Decisive Underpricings on Coats, Wraps, Dresses, Suits, Skirts, Sweaters

The Year-End Sale Prevails in Both SECOND FLOOR SHOP and in Our GRAY SHOP

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The new and wanted wearables as low as quality merchandise can be sold.

A view of our windows emphasizes the importance of this sale.

The policy of this store prohibits merchandising of a sensational nature. We would far rather have you make selections with knowledge of merchandise and pricings as they truly exist—rather than in the haze of high sounding claims and sometimes questionable methods.

When we make the claim that every Fall and Winter garment has been reduced, we mean it. Old tickets have been removed—the prevailing price only is shown. We never quote a comparative price. Haas Brothers' customers are the judge of value here.

Haas Bros. Quality-- the foundation of every garment

Haas Bros. Style-- an incentive to buy now—

It is a mark of good judgment to be able to display a Haas Brothers label in a garment—for it is your assurance of super quality.

To secure a garment at this store is to know that authoritative style individualizes that garment. Sale prices should prompt immediate selections.

Haas Brothers Usual Policy

The usual Haas Brothers policy will prevail. If you are not enthusiastically pleased with your selection it may be returned for exchange or refund within twenty-four hours after purchase.

Every Fall and Winter Garment Reduced in Price

Some to a greater extent than others it is true, but comparison will prove them to be the most pronounced values you can encounter in Omaha, during these sale periods.

We Refrain From Quoting Prices in This Ad

Owing to the great number of prices we would be compelled to quote if we attempted to represent any fair portion of the stock involved in this sale.

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COATS-SUITS-DRESSES

So great are the reductions, that figures alone can not tell the magic story. We have gone through our entire stock and made reductions that will fairly startle the most economical shoppers.

Complete New Stock to Select From

Without a question of doubt, you'll find here the newest stock in the city, as this new store for Women and Misses opened recently with a complete new stock. That alone should prove conclusively that our styles must be correct and that our merchandise is not shop-worn.

Prices Greatly Reduced

Think of the tremendous savings this mighty sale holds in store for you. It will pay you to buy your season's supply now; prices cannot be shattered lower, as reports from Eastern Manufacturers predict an increase in prices.

Come in Tomorrow—

Select the garment most suited to your liking, as you are undoubtedly aware of the fact that our best merchandise will go first. Most women have been waiting for this big event, and will be here when we open the doors at 9 A. M.

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