

"How Dry We Are" Is Yule Greeting of Anti-Wet Body

"Uncle Sam Put Christmas Gifts in Stockings of Hundred Million People," W. B. Wheeler Says.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The Anti-Saloon league Sunday issued Christmas greetings to the American people. "How dry we are!" exclaims the league in effect, or at least, how much drier we are than ever before. In the following statement, Wayne D. Wheeler, general counsel of the league, sets forth the organization's idea of a merry Christmas.

"Uncle Sam put these Christmas gifts in the stockings of over a hundred million people this Christmas: "Production of spirits, excluding alcohol but including brandy, reduced from 98,517,252 gallons in 1914 to 1,631,056 gallons in 1922. "Importation of spirits, all kinds, reduced from 4,230,670 gallons in 1914 to 280,000 gallons in 1922 (estimated). "Tax paid spirits withdrawn, excluding alcohol but including brandy, reduced from 80,531,942 gallons in 1914 to 2,790,875 gallons in 1922 but not for beverage use. "Spirits in bond, including brandy but not alcohol, reduced from 284,406,699 gallons in 1914 to 38,924,246 gallons in 1922. "Alcohol withdrawn, tax paid, reduced from 58,775,233 gallons in 1914 to 16,391,489 gallons in 1922. "Beverage spirits including part of alcohol used for beverage purposes reduced from 105,500,000 gallons in 1914 to nil in 1922. "Beer produced and imported was reduced from 2,057,000,000 gallons in 1914 to nil in 1922. "Over two-thirds of both houses in congress, both the present congress and the one newly elected, stand for prohibition enforcement and against any beer and wine amendment."

Christmas Candle Ignites Costume

Boy, 9, Has Narrow Escape at Holiday Program in First Presbyterian Church.

The Christmas entertainment at the First Presbyterian church almost ended in a tragedy Sunday when the Eskimo costume worn by John Child, 9, son of C. E. Child, 8424 Poppleton avenue, accidentally ignited from a candle carried by another actor.

Discord in Melody Home; Ask Divorce

Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 25.—(Special.) What's in a name? A. B. Melody musician and insurance agent, finds himself sued for divorce and all in the household affairs must not have melodious.

Four Persons Are Killed When Train Strikes Auto

Lima, O., Dec. 25.—Two men and two women were killed here last night when the Broadway Limited, fast eastbound Pennsylvania passenger train, struck their automobile at the Charles street crossing. The dead are Mrs. Julius Roessner, 25, and Miss Zola Binkley, both of Lima, and Otto Steele, 34, and Frank Wilson, 32, of Piqua.

Mascot Mule of West Point Cadets Perishes in Fire

Philadelphia, Dec. 25.—Black Diamond, the mascot mule used by the West Point cadets in the recent army football game at Franklin field, was suffocated by smoke from a fire that destroyed a building adjoining the stable in which he was quartered. Several trained horses and dogs belonging to a New York show troupe, also were killed.

Dying Veteran Gives Christmas Presents to Help Buddy "Carry On"

Oklahoma City, Dec. 25.—All day he lay on his cot, exchanging greetings with his shattered buddies from France. In a low, cheery voice, he spoke the spirit of Christmas. Comrades who gathered about him, he grasped by the hand.

Europe's "Big 4" Who Agreed to Disagree



This first and exclusive photo shows "Big Four" of Europe at conference table at 10 Downing street, London, at recent meeting to discuss German reparations and allied debts. Left to right are Premiers Poincare, France; Bonar Law, Great Britain; Mussolini, Italy; Theunis, Belgium.

Christmas Baby Left on Step Finds Refuge at Rescue Home

Cries of Wailing Infant in Handbag Attract Woman Filling Son's Stocking—No Clue to Parents.

A light-haired, blue-eyed baby birl, sending forth lusty cries through the arched doorway of an old handbag—attracted the attention of Mrs. J. W. McFarland, 2622 M street, who was busy filling the Christmas stocking for her 6-year-old son. She hurried to the porch of her home and on the doorstep she found the handbag with its human parcel. The baby, thought to have been but a few hours old, was still warm. Mrs. McFarland said she could not see anyone running away from the scene.

Co-Operation Aids Livestock Shippers

Faulk County Report Business of \$172,929.40 During 1922 Fiscal Year.

Huron, S. D., Dec. 25.—Farmers' co-operative livestock shipping associations in Faulk county have made an excellent record during the past year, according to a recent survey issued by C. J. Gilbert, county agent. It is shown that the shipping associations did a total business of \$172,929.40 during the 12 months ending December 1, 1922. It is pointed out that influences of the co-operative associations have been such that many of the local buyers now handle stock at the same rate as that offered through dealing with the associations. In some cases, it is announced, a privately owned full car of livestock now may be shipped in the name of the local buyer the same as is done by the associations.

Child Meets Santa and Real Princess

New York, Dec. 25.—Josephine Brisk, 11, whose home is on the East Side, met Santa Claus and a real princess in Madison Square Garden Sunday. From Santa she received one of the 3,500 Christmas baskets distributed by the Volunteers of America.

Two Auto Collisions Reported to Police

Two automobile collisions, in which two men were injured, were reported to Council Bluffs police Saturday night. A car belonging to A. Anderson, 1223 East Washington avenue, was struck by a machine driven by G. J. Becker, Omaha, near Thirty-eighth and Broadway at 11:50 Saturday night. Foreman Tusk of Omaha, who was in Becker's car and Becker were taken to the Mercy hospital, where they were given medical attention. Anderson's car was parked, without lights, according to the police report.

Ohio Man Takes Own Life After Wounding His Wife

Cleveland, Dec. 25.—Harry Lynch, 42, is dead and his wife, Lena Lynch, 42, is probably fatally wounded as a result of a shooting affray Sunday night. Police here said her husband shot her because he was jealous and then ended his own life. Police found two jugs of liquor in the house.

Found Dead in Hotel

Los Angeles, Dec. 25.—The body of a man registered as E. K. Bixby, was found in a room in a hotel here today. The police said indications were death came two days ago as the result of an overdose of a sleeping potion. A message asked that T. Keith, Louisville, Ky., be notified.

Vladivostok Government Orders All Banks Closed

Vladivostok, Dec. 24.—(By A. P.)—All foreign and Russian banks were ordered closed here today by the soviet government of Vladivostok, which recently took over the administration of the city and surrounding territory, known as the Primoria. Russian white officers were ordered deported from Primoria and sent toward Moscow.

Men Arrested as Suspects in Denver Robbery

Sante Fe, N. M., Dec. 25.—The seven men arrested here Saturday, in the belief that some of them might have been involved in the theft of \$200,000 from a federal reserve bank truck at Denver, last Monday, were released from custody today by Sheriff John Shoemaker. They proved to be tourists, the sheriff said.

Prohibition Agent Shot in Gun Battle, Expires

Reno, Nev., Dec. 25.—Atha Carter, a prohibition officer who was wounded last Thursday in a fight with alleged moonshiners near Palisades, Nev., died here today. His death was due to exposure as much as to his wound, his physician said. After Carter was shot he laid in the snow eight hours, while fellow officers went for assistance. Two ranchmen are being held in connection with the shooting.

Engineer Is Killed When Brakes on Train Freeze

Denver, Dec. 25.—Roy Watkins, engineer of a Denver & Salt Lake railroad freight train, was killed when the airbrakes on his locomotive became frozen and the train was wrecked after running wild for more than a mile near the top of the continental divide, according to officials of the road here.

Fire Destroys American Consulate in Juarez

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 25.—Fire starting in a restaurant in the business section of Juarez, just across the border, Sunday destroyed the American consulate offices and wiped out more than a half block of business houses before it was brought under control. The loss is estimated at more than \$150,000.

Former Wisconsin Couple Found Dead in Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Dec. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Murphy, formerly of Asell, Wis., were found dead in their home here Sunday. The police advance the theory death came when Mrs. Murphy in her sleep, opened the jet of a stove near the foot of their bed.

Doctors to Speak on Animal Disease at Meat Exhibit

Shortage of Hay Brings 2-Year-Old Steers to Market—Hogs Are \$8 a Hundred.

An event of unusual importance to members of the livestock industry will be the exhibit of meat products inspected and condemned, also products passed for food, to be held on the fourth floor, of the local Swift & Co. packing plant, Friday afternoon, at 2 under the supervision of Dr. H. Bushman of United States bureau of Animal Industry, South Omaha branch, assisted by Dr. W. T. Spencer, livestock commissioner of the Omaha Livestock exchange. In connection with the exhibit Dr. Bushman and Spencer will deliver addresses explaining the work being done to eradicate animal diseases, their relation to the public welfare and the necessity for their work. Dr. Van Es, pathologist, agricultural college of Lincoln and Professor H. H. Smith, livestock commissioner of Chicago, will also make addresses.

State Makes Good Livestock Showing

Nebraska Entries Take Eleven Prize Ribbons at Chicago Exhibit.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 25.—Nebraska Hereford exhibitors at the international livestock exposition in Chicago recently captured 11 prize ribbons in what is said to be the greatest showing of white faces ever made at that exposition. H. J. Gramlich of Lincoln won fifth place in a strong class of 26 senior 2-year-old steers and was sold to an Omaha feeder at \$6.65 a hundred. Mr. Esau said his shipment was probably the last cattle that would be brought from the Laramie country to Omaha this season.

Wins Two Ribbons

Two covered international ribbons were won by John G. Kuhlman of Chester, who exhibited his prize winning sires, Mischief Junior the Seventh and Prince Paladin. The former is the sire which obtained second place at the American Royal Livestock show in Kansas City recently.

Man Is Killed, Girl Hurt When Leaving Dance Hall

Deer Trail, Col., Dec. 25.—Howard Hamilton, 24, was shot to death and Miss Pearl Coeur, 19, was seriously wounded when they were fired upon as they were leaving a dance hall here early today. Two suspects are being held.

Prisoners Use Broomsticks to Beat Way Out of Jail

Detroit, Dec. 25.—Using broomsticks and mop handles as weapons, seven prisoners, four of whom are said by police to be desperate characters escaped from Wayne county jail here Sunday. None were captured. Jail officials tonight were unable to say definitely how the escape was accomplished, pending investigation.

Fire Damages Everett Block, Council Bluffs

Blaze Reported at Same Hour as That Which Destroyed Brown and Rogers Buildings.

A fire of unknown origin, which for a short time seemed to threaten the Everett block at Pearl and Broadway, Council Bluffs, was discovered at 3:35 Sunday morning, the same hour the disastrous fire which destroyed the large Brown and Rogers blocks was reported Saturday morning. The fire started in the basement of the C. N. Petersen shoe store, 8 Pearl street. After fighting it for an hour and 20 minutes Council Bluffs companies succeeded in extinguishing the blaze. Estimated Loss \$6,000. Loss to the shoe store is estimated at \$6,000 by Mr. Petersen, who declared there was enough insurance to cover the loss. He said he would continue operation of the store in its present quarters. Nothing definite had been announced yesterday regarding the future plans for the sites on which the charred remains of the Brown and Rogers blocks stood.

Business Men Banquet

Departing School Head Tecumseh, Neb., Dec. 25.—During the last week Prof. L. R. Gregory was in Tecumseh he was given a banquet each evening. He left Tecumseh yesterday for the western part of the state and will engage in school work at Bronxville, N. Y., after the holidays.

Oregon Would Release All Rebel Prisoners

Mexico City, Dec. 25.—(By A. P.)—A request that amnesty be granted all rebel prisoners, including those already sentenced and those awaiting trial, was contained in a bill sent to the chamber of deputies by President Obregon. The president urged immediate passage of the measure so that it might become effective January 1. The president assured the chamber of deputies that its introduction is prompted by the knowledge that all Mexico is at peace and that the release of the rebel prisoners will not disrupt national order.

Grapefruit and the Medical Authorities

The doctors say that a very valuable specific in rheumatic conditions is found in the abundant, wholesome juice of ATWOOD GRAPEFRUIT. To enjoy the luxury of it, buy it by the box—it will keep for weeks, but be sure to look for the Atwood wrapper. Wholesale Distributors Trimble Brothers