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# Swindler Is The Day in THE GIFTS TO THE KINCE Arrested in Washington

Clever Forger Tells Police of **Obtaining \$100,000** in Number of Cities.

## Identified by Bankers

here today by Fred Mayher, alias Hatfield, alias William F. Walker, arrested following identification by a former Kansas City bank em- President Lights Mayher, according to the police,

the need for money developed he would travel eastward, open accounts with several banks and reap his har vest by aid of forged certificates of deposit, then return to California. According to Mayher's story to the olice, his richest haul was during ne present year, when he obtained \$9,000 from Buffalo banks and \$27,00 from Kansas City strongholds. Chron ologically, his operations were as fo

lived here with his wife and baby. As

In 1918 an d1919, St. Paul, \$2,000; in Washington finds governmental Kansas City, \$27,000

Other amounts, of which he had observance of the holiday. kept no account, were mentioned, po-

### Obtained \$25,000 in Kansas City.

Mayher, who is alleged to have obtained approximately \$25,000 from mine Kansas City banks, is one of the eleverest check swindlers on record here. A warrant far Mayher's arrest Christmas carols. The Coolidges to-christmas carols. The Coolidges to-christmas carols. today on the request of C. W. Allenmas service of the city's churches. loerfer, vice president of the First

Mayher, under the name of E. B. Hatfield, deposited \$3,100 in the First National bank last July. He said he fices until Wednesday morning. ness here and furnished Chicago ref-through the afternoon in the execu-through the afternoon in the execu-tive offices, leaving only when the Allendoerfer, were found to be fictiti-

Using the name of William F. Walker, it is explained, Mayher then lighted by the president, was sent walker, it is explained, mayner then opened accounts in eight other banks. These were the Commerce Trust company, Fidelity National Bank and Trust company, Continental National Bank and Trust company, Twelfth Bank and Trust company, Twelfth White House. This small tree was the borne Trust company, the borne Trust company to the president. Was sometimed by the president, was sometimed by the president. Was sometimed by the president, was sometimed by the president. Was sometimed by the president. Was sometimed by the president, was sometimed by the president. Street bank, home Trust company, put up this afternoon in the blue room and trimmed by Mrs. Coolidge ational bank and People's Trust

One day in August Hatfield obained a certified check from the First National. Within three hours. it is charged, he had passed forged north entrance, where several thou copies of the check on the other institutions where he was known as Walker. Then he disappeared and a nation-wide search was instituted. Hatfield's arrest in Los Angeles, according to reports here, was due to the good memory for faces of Oscar Sitterle, formerly assistant secretary Christmas exercises and distribution of the Home Trust company, one of the victims of the alleged swindle. of toys and dinners to the poor by Recently he went to Los Angeles to the Salvation Army. establish an agency for a Kansas City manufacturing concern and recognized aHtfield when he saw him on

### Married in Council Bluffs.

Ralph Beaver, Tekamah, Neb. Ruth Pearce, Tekamah, Neb. Joel Calkins, Osceola, Ia. . . Fern McCalip, Seward, Neb. Dode Mair, Utica, Neb. .... Anne Goodbrod, York, Neb. J. S. Allivini, Omaha . Genevive Rhine, Omaha Frank Straight, Omaha ... Rose Coleman, Orraha ... Evan Williams, McClelland, Ia. Vivian Houser, Treynor, Ia. Claude Beamis, Crete, Neb. Harry Atkinson, Lorette, Neb. Agnie Streets, Lorette, Neb. Harold Wiley, Fremont, Neb. La Vae Arps, Fremont, Neb. Ray Ochsenbein, Omaha ... Annabelle Hageman, Omaha Jose Pimiento, Lincoln, Neb. Rosario Garcia, Lincoln, Neb. lruce Miller, Alblon, Neb. ... lola Church, Clarkson, Neb. Emery Blackburn, Kansas City, M Pansy Salisbury, Omaha Eward Melvin, Cmaha Lillian Holick, Omaha ... William Herzoff, Sloux City, Ia. Bess Fox, Omaha Raymond McGill, Herman, Neb. Beaste Hovendick, Herman, Neb. Henry Ondick, Ravenna, Neb. ... Nellie Roberts, Sweetwater, Neb. Edward Bates, Omaha... Paul Kazahes, Omaha. Mildred Stover, Omaha Daniel Thompson, Council Bluffs, Margaret Barker, Council Bluffs. Richmond McDaniel, Zooks Spur, Ia Frances Harvey, Zooks Spur, Ia.... George Jackson, Omaha. Grace Smith, Omaha.... Clarence Sanderson, Junction City. Rose Thompson, Omaha. M. W. Waitz, Elmwood, Neb.... Catherine Harnsberger, Elmwood. Hoy Westrip, Council Bluffs. harles Miller, Omaha.... Villiam Speck, Grand Island, Neb....2 dna Christensen, Grand Island, Neb. 1 Charlie Callaway, Cedar Rapids, Neb. F. E. Benton, Council Bluffs.... Flazel Epperson, Council Bluffs... Dunne Pabst, Cedar Rapids, Neb..... Martha Aidrich, Wolbach, Neb...... Claude Weaver, Decatur, Neb...... Sisworth Hall, Omaha..... 

The Department of Agriculture announced agricultural imports exceeded exports for the first time in history during the last fiscal

The State department made publie the text of the article in the soviet organ Izvestia, which ac-

## Christmas Tree at White House

Coolidges Take Active Part in Observance of Holiday at National

5 this evening by turning a switch which lighted thousands of lights or the big "national Christmas tree" Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 24.-Fred erected on the ellipse directly south on a charge of forgery was issued late morrow will attend a union Christ

> time came to turn on the Christmas The "national Christmas tree"

and the boys, John and Calvin, jr On it were placed the family gifts.

Thousands Sing Carols.

Fifty shop girls from the store of roses today from the White House conservatories, the gift of Mrs. Cool will be accompanied to church tomor ow by Mr. and Mrs. Frank W Stearns of Boston, the only guests at Christmas dinner will be served in the evening after a day quietly spent.

Washington, Dec. 24.-Nebraska armers have cut their planted wheat icreage 12 per cent, according to a survey by the United States Department of Agriculture.

the decrease for the country as a whole, American farmers in the mass having reduced their acreage 12.6 per

### Transient Peddlers in

dise canvassers will be required to pay an occupation tax of \$10 a day in stead of \$2.50 as at present to do business in Columbus. The council's action was taken with a petition sub mitted by the secretary of the chamber of commerce and bearing the signatures of a dozen Columbus grocer and meat market proprietors.

be made to bear their proportionate share with the merchants who paid ing off into space," this is the first found that the Standard company mas dinner. Two thousand Christ- charge. The penalty is an indeter

White Christmas in Sight. state this evening, indications are

President Coolidge granted Christ-

Chicago, \$8,000; 1920 and 1921, New Orleans, \$5,000; Brooklyn, \$6,000; Boston, \$14,000; 1923, Buffalo, \$9,000, and ton, \$14,000; 1923, Buffalo, \$9,000, and

Activities Cease.

Activities in the government de partments ceased at noon. Cabinet members will not return to their of-Mr. Coolidge, However, worked

tree lights.

## Less Wheat

This fall 3.104,000 acres of wheat

### Columbus to Pay \$10 Tax

The petitioners took the position that the transients who came here of kiddies will miss gathering around to sell their wares without paying the huge tree decked in sparkling was given after eight examiners for and welfare of the community should base banked with bags of goodies. taxes.

Los Angeles

Washington's bootleg scandal developed to the point where a sweeping inquiry into charges of liquor drinking in high places is threatened.

Resubmission of nominations of Frederick I. Thompson and Bert E. Haney as members of the shipping board was indicated after White House conferences.

knowledged the close bonds between the soviet regime and the commun-ist international.

Capital.

The singing of Christmas carols at the White House took place at the

Mrs. Coolidge today attended

where Mrs. Coolidge buys many of her clothes received large bouquets idge. The president and his family Record Believed Held by Malthe White House for Christmas. The

## in Nebraska

were planted in Nebraska, as against 3,527,000 acres at the same period in This decrease is slightly lower than

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 24.—Trans-ent hawkers, peddlers and merchan-

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 24.—Cold rain for contributions for the entertain merged companies is \$286,000 with a lings business man, who has just re was the prosecution's contention that began falling in this section of the ment. that tomorrow will be a white Christ- glancing dubiously at a box of Christ- All stockholders in the Common mas. The moisture is hadly needed mas clears, we're going to have one wealth will receive shares in the speech at the chamber of commerce day before the fire auditors were con

## Bryan Urged to Send

There are three kings come riding,

Out of the orient night.

Long path of flaky light.

On tall black camels striding,

With jeweled turbans gleaming,

Led by a star's downstreaming

Proud Caspar, robed in azure

(In cloth of gold and azure):

Red gold in ivory coffer,

Ten Children

ing the last seven years.

Following is the record

January 2, 1918, twins, both girls.

November 18, 1921, a girl was born.

December 18, 1923, a boy and girl.

riplets, the first children, who lived

only four days. Dr. E. O. Weber

Tree for Omaha Kiddies;

Christmas tree this year. For the

Mayor Is Lonesome

Freda Bredenberg of Malmo

No Merry Christmas

All children are living except th

mo Couple - Triplets

Among Arrivals.

Pale Melchior, black Bathasar,

With fretted diadem.

The King of Bethlehem.

Incense and myrrh, they proffer;

Such are the gifts they offer

With small bells soft as dreaming,

Riding-riding-

in Five Births A letter from C. L. Westcott, sup Neb., in which he urges that Nebrasta First Christian Church Pastor finance the trip of the Nebraska live stock judging team to a judging con test at London, has been received by Governor Bryan.

"Great honor has been brought uprival of a pair of twins, a boy and given it not only nationwide promgirl, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. inence but worldwide as well," wrote Thomas Holtorf of Malmo, December Mr. Westcott. "The Nebraska stock 18, it looks like a world record has judging team brought back world honors from the international liveeen established for this family. A stock judging contest at Chicago. Neset of triplets, three sets of twins and braska must be represented at the atways be popular to this counter to the contests at London. Not to be represented at the party nomination in the primaries there weeks are the delication to the party nomination in the primaries there weeks are the delication to the party nomination in the primaries there weeks are the delication to the party nomination in the primaries there weeks are the delication to the party nomination in the primaries there weeks are the delication to the party nomination in the primaries there weeks are the delication to the party nomination in the primaries there weeks are the delication to the party nomination in the party nomination in the primaries there weeks are the delication to the party nomination in the party nom contests at London. Not to be represented at the sented at this time would be a deadly blow to the civic pride and the agriculture of three weeks ago. He declared it might and always love others at all times. Sometimes three weeks ago. He declared it might for the same positions they now hold be loaded with liquor and a member of the civic pride and the agriculture of the same positions they now hold in the Second and Third congression of the fleet of 17 schooners on Rum a single child born to this couple durblow to the civic pride and the agrithe cultural interests of not only our own November 10, 1916, triplets, a boy

According to Mr. Westcott, the cost would range between \$3,000 and \$4,000. November 21, 1919, twins, a boy and The First National bank of Blue Hill

### Omaha Risk Company Merges With Standard

was the attending physician at all cases, Mrs. Holtorf was formerly Miss Lincoln, Dec. 24.-The state trade and commerce secretary, K. C. Chamber of Commerce and their fami-Knudson Monday approved the lies were at the luncheon. Four merger of the Commonwealth Life Santa Clauses moved from table to claring he had "made his fight" and ling and Arthur J. Reynolds and the Volstead act

Omaha will have no municipal first year since James C. Dahlman holders in the company will be rein-following Duffy about the room. One cated today his fight for freedom was rested, and five gallons of supposed plane. has been mayor of Omaha, hundreds sured in the Standard.

ornaments and glistening tinsel, its the states of Nebraska, Iowa and HASTINGS-Fourteen hundred in ment of a total of \$46.117.77, is sched Missouri had made an inquiry into mates of Ingleside State Hospital for uled to appear before Judge Tewell "Yes," mused Mayor Dahlman, gaz- the affairs of the two companies and the insane will enjoy a special Christ- January 7 for sentence on the arson time we haven't had one. But with was financially able to assume the mas packages have been received for the community chest drive just com- added obligations contemplated in the inmate pleted, I didn't have the heart to ask merger. The combined capital of the HASTINGS-George Dutton, Hast minimum and lower the maximum. It "But, just the same," he added sets are \$7,981,879.

## Christmas Is Time Essay Contest for Judging Team Abroad for All to Rejoice

There are three kings go riding,

On tall black camels striding,

With lifted faces, singing,

Into the growing light. With small bells gladly ringing,

O gracious kings, we pray you,

Stay in your steps and say you,

How did that King repay you,

Great wonders homeward bringing,

They drift across the sight.

The Babe of Bethlehem?

What strange and priceless gem?

What is your new-found treasure?

King Casper, what your pleasure;

King Melchior, King Balthasar,

Riding-riding-

Speaker at Chamber of Commerce Party.

Christmas spirit and what it means Christian church, at the Chamber of university; Dr. Earl Farnsworth, dican, and Congressman Edward boat off Fire Island. Commerce Christmas party yesterday, Grand Island; J. W. Stenhardt, presi- Howard, Columbus, democrat, today demonstrated at the birth of Christ," he said. "That is our instruction to nington; C. W. Taylor, state

"We have Christmas trees because and C. J. Warner, state senator, state, but the great middle west as at that time a tree was decorated to. All high school students are eligible denote the joy and the light of world. to compete in the contest. Six prizes We exchange presents because the of \$10 each will be given in each state wise men of the east gave presents and six scholarships wil the given to to the Christ child.

> a season of extravagance. They for winners desire. get the cheer that should go with the Rev. Mr. Miller ended his talk with Souder Accepts season and grumble."

plea for all to be joyful. More than 300 members of the

stop was enough for Gardner, who over Knudson's approval to the merger turned the festivity over to Duffy.

surplus of \$482,000. The combined as turned from Washington and other Souder burned or caused to be burned. 1924 for Hastings and Nebraska in a shortage, and that Souder knew the

## Sears and Howard High School Students

"I who have fought for power

For truth, I, wrenched and riven

Such was His gift to me."

The faith by which men see.

Learned pity in that hour,

"I who have nightly striven

By strong despair, was given

"And I, the hurt and hated,

Dethroned, despised and baited,

Found that for me there waited

So these three kings go riding,

In hope and joy abiding,

Riding-riding-

The perfect gift of love.'

And the dawn flatnes high above.

Seek Re-Election

Race in Second and Third

Districts.

11 Held on Liquor Law

Took peace to be my dower.

ciety. Prizes are to be cash and scholarship to universities in the United States.

Twelve men have been selected for the judging committee for Nebraska. F. W. Upson, University of Nebraska, al districts, respectively.

the students who write the best es "Many people have forgotten this says in the entire country. The and seem to want to make Christmas scholarships will be to any college the

## Verdict of Jury

North Platte, Neb., Dec. 24 - De insurance company, Omaha, and the table distributing presents, J. L. that he did not see how he could go State Officers Milton Gates. O. E. Standard Life Insurance company of Duffy, one of the Santas, added to any further, Samuel M. Souder. Decatur, Ill., contemplating removal his gift a kiss for each of the women former Lincoln county treasurer, con officers.

Souder, who was indicted by

grand jury charged with embezzleminate term of from 1 to 20 years, but the court may, if it sees fit, raise the eastern cities, predicted a prosperous the courthouse, to cover up an alieged ing to investigate county affairs

## By Eleanor H. Hinman 4Dry Agents Shot in Raid at Marion, Ill.

Roundup of Moonshiners Is Made in County Where Coal Miners Were Massacred.

### 13 Arrests Are Made

Marion, Ill., Dec. 24 .- Four men were shot, one seriously, in a roundin of alleged moonshiners and bootat liberty under bonds ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000. All were charged with violating the federal prohibition

The volunteer raiders were led by G. J. Simons of Washington, D. C. who was sent here by Prohibition Di rector Haynes. Klansmen, it is said ssisted in the raids, which were con ucted without the knowledge of the ounty authorities.

Otis Clark, the first man indicted n connection with the Herrin mine illings, was among those arrested. The raiders swooped down on all earby towns almost simultaneously and early yesterday there was great excitement in Benton, it being estimated that more than 3,000 people were gathered in the town square.

### By Associated Press Chicago, Dec. 24 .- The story of the raid of the federal prohibition forces in Williamson county Saturday night and Sunday was told in official reports today in local enforcement headquarters by Gus J. Simons, a field

prohibition unit. Simons' reports, corroborated by J F. Loeffler and V. L. Armitage, local agents, made no mention of the coperation of members of the Ku Klux

Klan in the roundup. While the reports make no men on of the active co-operation of Williamson county officials in the roundup, Simons stated that Sheriff Mont Owens of Franklin county, adjoining, gave every possible help to the federal officers. Many of the volunteer force of 450 citizens were union miners of Williamson county who were deputized after the federa officers had called for men "prepared

to die in this undertaking. Asked later if there was klan cooperation, Simons said that Knights of Columbus and members of other organizations, as well as klansmen participated, and that the not participate as an organization and was not officially recognized.

There were two to five revolvers and two or three automatic shotguns in each of the 56 places raided," Simons said. "A battle at Freeman lasted an hour and a half and there 100 shots were fired out of Joe Tollerto's place alone. Four men were

"The affair at Herrin was quiet," 'said Simons. "We took Herrin without bloodshed, as Grant took Richmond, despite the fact that one man fired 11 shots at us. He used up the charges in his notched automatic and then he was no good.

Fifty-six separate raids were made and seven towns occupied, according

### Big Conspiracy Uncovered.

Congressmen Again to Enter New York, Dec. 24 .- Prohibition of ficials declared today they had un overed one of the greatest rum-running conspiracies since prohibition went into effect, when they arrested Washington, Dec. 24.—Congress Robert Graham Fothergill, an Engon the state of Nebraska which has to the world today was emphasized by th

> Fothergill had \$42,00 in his posses "Joy, love and hopefulness were dent of the Nebraska Manufacturers' forwarded proper , papers to their had obtained in collections from his association; Wayland McGee, Ben- county clerks to have their names schooner, "Wrack," which he said

He denied, however, he had been engaged in smuggling operations or liquor dealings of any sort .He and party of friends, he said, were on a Charges at Hastings pleasure jaint in the motorboat when he engine stalled. Distress signals Hastings, Neb., Dec. 24.—The visit cutter Seminole, crulsing in the vicinwere hoisted and the coast guard of a squad of federal and state officers Ry of the rum fleet made the arrest, Hastings last Saturday night has Fothergill, the prohibition officials osulted in 10 men and one woman be said had lists of names of suspected ing bound over to federal court charg- bootleggers all over the country and

d with violations of the prohibition other documents, He was paroled without bail when Deputy Marshal J. C. McClune, Fed- he and his companions were arraignral Officers Carl Schmidt, O. E. Fors- ed on charges of conspiring to violate

Dudschas and Neil Olson were the the coast guard cutter Gresham, Operating near the 12-mile limit, found a deserted scaplane loaded with o St. Louis.

Thirteen gallons and 12 dozen halfseven cases of whisky and a case of
Charles Cardner aided the fun by
nection with the burning last April 29
pint bottles of alleged whisky were
champagne. The crew confiscated company loses its identity. All policy donning a wig and little red cap, then 30 of the old county courthouse, indi-

## Iowa Divorce Law Blocks

Marriage of Nebraskans Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 24 .- Nebrasans coming to lown for marriage icenses are finding one stone in the good to matrimons

A couple who appeared at Sidney from Nebraska were asked the necessary questions and it was discovered one of them had been divorced in less than a year. Nebraska laws permit the marriage of divorced people after six months, while in Iowa a year is

## Sunny Side Up

sharing their Christmas Joys

freely bestowed on me.

a Christmas share.

Upon this Christmas morning. Up before Christmas dawning to Hunting the tree for presents old Off from my weary shoulders I Londly the voices afring the days of waiting while Home with the wife and children; aroused by the crashing noise of a light the Christmas tree; dancing Santa has scattered there; Laughter cast the weight of the years; there in to Christ the King; beaming the child dwelling long miles apart, lonescome gathered the broken ties, glad for the gleeful happy household of carefree 'round with the kiddles, happy as and songs loud ringing on the Christ doubts and fears. Seen through the girls and boys. Din of the drums and man can be. Watching the candles mas air. Catching anew the spirit of Christmas dawning a sweetheart's O the joys that their laughter to Dad sorrow when Christmas skiestrumpets, rattle and bang of toys, gleaming, joining in childish glee; youth and its playtime fair, I join face appears—the face of a smiling and the Mother bring, as clustered part in laughter and song and music, and home with my loved ones round and springing from bed I join them, thanking the lord for blessings so with my happy kiddles in claiming mether whose smile is the smile that there in the dawning they joyfully when dawn marks the Christmas dance and sing

The Weather