

CHRISTMAS DAY AT WASHINGTON

President and Nearly All Citizens of Capital Spend Yuletide at Home.

SNOWFALL BEGINS AT DAWN

Executive Devotes Part of Day and Evening to Work.

VICE PRESIDENT AT UTICA

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Have Family Gathering at Home.

GREEN CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK

Thousands of the City's Poor Provided with Dinners by Numerous Charitable Agencies—Sailors on Shore Leave.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—From the president of the nation to the humblest resident the citizens of Washington enjoyed one feature of the holiday in common—a glorious white Christmas.

With dawn today came the falling of snow and by the time most of the people in the city were astir, the ground was covered to a depth of half an inch with snow.

Mrs. Taft, accompanied by her daughter Helen, attended services this morning at St. John's Episcopal church. The church is just a block from the White House and Mrs. Taft trudges through the snowstorm without an umbrella going to and returning from the edifice.

President Makes Most of Day.

President Taft remained indoors all day, working on the problem "What is whisky?" This morning's question raised by distillers under the pure food act has been pending for some time and the president has determined to settle it as soon as possible.

He dictated to a stenographer for some time during the afternoon and had another one engaged for the evening.

The decision, which probably will make 5,000 words in length, will be announced tomorrow.

President Taft and his family spent Christmas in no different manner from that of the thousands of others. Charles, Robert and Miss Helen were at home, and the president spent the greater part of the day surrounded by his family. There were no formalities.

Later in the day, the president went to the executive offices and put in some time with official duties.

Vice President and Mrs. Sherman spent the day at their home in Utica, N. Y. A family gathering was a feature of the day at the home of Secretary Knox on K street. With Mr. and Mrs. Knox were their sons, Harold and Theodore, Charles Knox, Jr., and their daughter, Mrs. J. B. Tyndale and her husband.

Secretary Dickinson took his Christmas dinner on board the Mayflower, en route to Porto Rico. Secretary Meyer, who has been absent on a hunting trip hurried home to spend the day with his family. Secretary and Mrs. MacVeagh, Secretary and Mrs. Wallinger and Attorney General and Mrs. Wickersham, celebrated Christmas at their residence in Washington.

The noisy and demonstrative celebration on Christmas eve and Christmas day, which has heretofore been a feature of the event at the national capital was missing this year.

Green Christmas in Gotham.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Santa Claus brought a green Christmas to New York this year with a threat of rain or snow. The gigantic task of providing big dinners for the numerous thousands of the city's poor was accomplished through numerous agencies. The Salvation army, the Volunteers of America, the Charity organizations, newspapers and private individuals dispensing lavish hospitality.

Although "Little Tim" Sullivan was laid in his grave only yesterday, the "T. D. Sullivan association" obeyed one of his dying wishes and fed and clothed many thousands of the Bowery district's poor.

The particular guests of the city during the holidays are more than 10,000 sailors of the Atlantic battleship fleet and each man, with several months' pay in his pocket, is enjoying the city's welcome to the full.

SYRIANS WANT MONEY BACK

Men Who Contributed to Naturalization Fight Say Fund is No Longer Needed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Claiming there is no further need of effort to prove the right of Syrians to naturalization as American citizens, Dr. Justin S. Kirreh has now taken with the proper government and states authorities the question of relation to Syrians throughout the United States of money which they have contributed during the last few months to prove their rights to become American citizens.

Dr. Kirreh claims the United Syrian society, an organization in New York, has received more than \$100,000 of money having been solicited through several New York publications printed in Arabic for the purpose of aiding Syrians in this country in their rights to citizenship. Dr. Kirreh has taken steps to have this money returned.

HASKELL HEAD ADVANCED

Superintendent Peairs Placed in Charge of Work of Educating Indians.

LAWRENCE, Kan., Dec. 25.—H. B. Peairs, superintendent of the Haskell institute here, has been appointed national supervisor in charge of work of educating the Indians, with headquarters at Washington, D. C.

DEATH RECORD.

Robert C. Turner. FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Robert C. Turner, 65 years of age, died yesterday at the residence of his son-in-law, J. H. Knowles, at the age of 78, after a long illness. Brief funeral services were held this afternoon and the body taken to Wisconsin for burial. His daughter and son, R. P. Turner, accompanied it.

Garden of Gods Presented City as Public Park

Colorado Springs Gets Big Christmas Gift from Late Charles E. Perkins.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 25.—When Colorado Springs awoke this morning it found in its stocking the biggest Christmas gift in the history of the city—the famed Garden of the Gods, presented by the late Charles E. Perkins.

Death to Unions Cry of Employers

Shirt Waist Manufacturers' Organization Will Fight for Open Shop.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 25.—Statements to the public were published here today by both the manufacturers and the striking shirt waist makers. About sixty shops in this city are affected by the strike and at a meeting last night owners of forty-three establishments met and formed an organization.

One of Oldest Omahans Dead

Mrs. Maria Smith, Who Came to City in 1856, Dies Christmas Day at Home.

Mrs. Maria Smith, a pioneer Omaha resident, died Christmas morning at her home, 2022 Lindsay avenue, following an attack of paralysis. She was 75 years of age and well known, having come to Omaha in 1856 and dwelling here continuously thereafter.

TWO CHRISTMAS TRAGEDIES

Railroad Foreman Kills Wife and Himself at Alameda, La., Before Bed at Hot Springs, Ark.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25.—Because his wife had expressed a desire to go to her parents' home to spend Christmas, James B. Blackley, a railroad foreman shot and killed her and himself at their home at Alameda, La. The 4-year-old son of the couple called neighbors to the house and told them of the quarrel and showed them his parents lying dead on the floor.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 25.—After thinking a pint of high proof alcohol in a futile attempt to commit suicide, Joseph Bowden, a wealthy merchant of Salmon, Idaho, succeeded in accomplishing his purpose today by stabbing himself in the neck with a pair of scissors. Dependence over ill health is given as the cause of his act.

SATOLI GROWS WORSE. ROME, Dec. 25.—Cardinal Francis Satoli's condition grows constantly worse and at intervals today he became delirious. The pope frequently sends his private secretary to inquire into the condition of the cardinal.

Chance Telephone Call Reunites Two Brothers

DENVER, Dec. 25.—Charles H. and John W. Harrison, brothers, who had not seen or heard of each other for twenty years, were strangely reunited here today through a chance telephone call. More than twenty years ago, when 12 years old, Charles Harrison ran away from his home at Lawrence, Kan. He drifted to Colorado and became a successful mining prospector. In the meantime John W. Harrison settled in Wyoming and became one of the construction engineers in the Union Pacific service.

ZELAYA ABOARD MEXICAN SHIP

Former President of Nicaragua Enroute to Salina Cruz on Gunboat General Guerrero.

DEPARTURE EFFECTED QUIETLY

His Absence from Corinto Not Discovered for Several Hours.

BOARDED BOAT IN AFTERNOON

No Secrecy Observed in His Trip to Salina Cruz.

NO AT WASHINGTON

Secretary Wilson Says the Department is Without Advice from Central America.

SAN JUAN DEL SUR, Nicaragua, Dec. 25.—Jose Santos Zelaya, who resigned the presidency of Nicaragua, is now in jail flight from Nicaragua and today is bound for Salina Cruz, Mexico. Zelaya fled from Managua to Corinto, whence he departed at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Salina Cruz on board the Mexican gunboat General Guerrero. Former President Zelaya's departure from Corinto was effected quietly and he was thought to be resting in that city last night.

Railroads and Switchmen Are Both Sanguine

Statement from St. Paul that Early Settlement of Strike is to Be Expected.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 25.—Both the railroads and the men today were sanguine of an early settlement of the strike. Governor Eberhardt, through whose efforts the strikers and the railroads were enabled to reopen negotiations, and who was the first to suggest a conference of the questions involved in the Chicago conference, said the outlook for immediate settlement is bright.

LINCOLN CARS ARE BLOCKED

Christmas Day Finds Capital City Without Transportation Services.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 25.—A snowfall Friday blocked local street car service and only a few cars crept along the streets Christmas morning. Suburban lines were completely blocked and there was no service during the day.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 25.—Des Moines is snowbound today, a fall of seven inches of snow during the night being sufficient to tie up traffic. Street cars are stalled and incoming trains are late.

INDIANOLA, Ia., Dec. 25.—Seventy-five passengers from Indiana and Winterset, many of whom intended to catch trains in order to spend Christmas at home, were compelled to pass Christmas eve on board their coaches, which stuck in a snow bank seven miles north of this city last night.

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BIG FIRE AT DES MOINES

Fifty Thousand Dollars Loss by Burning of Old Tabernacle.

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Governor Carroll Has No More Applications for Pardon on Hand, but Pardon Board Will Be Busy.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 25.—Special Telegram.—Des Moines celebrated Christmas with a big fire, which was doubly difficult to handle because of the high wind and the deep snow. The fire broke out in a building on East Grand avenue occupied as a hosiery mill, but which was known as the Tabernacle.

Other buildings near by were injured, bringing the loss up to \$50,000. The Tabernacle was built twenty years ago as a convention hall by a mission Sunday school organization and had been used for local meetings and state conventions. It had been planned to have a vaudeville show in the building this afternoon and it was also expected that the annual dinner for the newboys would be given there.

The heavy snow storm made traffic practically impossible in Des Moines today, and not until late in the afternoon did street cars run in a satisfactory manner.

Pardon Board Cleared. Governor Carroll said today he did not have pending a single application for pardon or remission of fines and that everything which has come to him has been disposed of in some manner. In fact the pardon matter was never clearer in the governor's office. The gate board, however, will early next month consider applications for 120 paroles.

Warning Against Anthrax. The state veterinary department has issued warning to farmers in northwest Iowa on account of the anthrax among hogs. It has prevailed for some time in Creeks and adjoining counties, also in the eastern part of Woodbury county. Rigid quarantine has been established, but thus far there has been little check on the epidemic.

List of Corporations. Secretary of State Hayward has just sent to the federal revenue collectors complete lists of the various corporations entitled to do business under Iowa laws, about 1,400 in all. These lists will be used for the basis for the inquiry as to corporations that should be taxed in this state.

Does Not Have Pellagra. The doctors announced some time ago that a case of pellagra had been discovered in Iowa, in the unfortunate condition of a lawyer named Vines living at Marengo. He was adjudged insane and taken to the hospital at Mount Pleasant, but it is announced there that he does not have the disease in question. He is a victim of stress and in a deplorable condition. This was the only case ever under suspicion in Iowa.

Pain in Iowa on Old Capitol Site. Local capitalists are engaged in developing a plan, business, the material being mined on a farm in Jasper county, which was at one time selected officially to be the site of Iowa's state capital. The site was abandoned and has been a farm ever since. It is underlaid with oyster shells, which only needs grinding to be a good mineral plant.

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Took Headache Dope and Then Killed Wife

Husband Found with Gun in Hand Says He Does Not Remember Shooting.

PERU, Ind., Dec. 25.—Police men who answered a call today from Ora Galloway found his wife dead on the kitchen floor of their house and Galloway with an empty revolver in his hand, overturned furniture showing there had been a struggle. Galloway declared he had no consciousness of what had taken place. He is in jail.

In his examination by the police Galloway said he had been ill and that last night his wife gave him some headache medicine before he went to bed.

He knew no more, he said, until he found himself standing over her body. He did not know whether or not he had fired the shots that killed her. He dressed and telephoned the police. Galloway added that his wife wished to go on the stage and he had not encouraged her. She was 29 years old and he is 28. They have two children, boys, 2 and 5 years old.

Dr. Leonard J. Schneider died from poliomyelitis at Omaha General hospital yesterday afternoon. He had been ill but a week.

When Dr. Schneider first became ill, a week ago Thursday last, he seemed affected only with a nervous breakdown, but the fatal malady progressed rapidly and death resulted most unexpectedly. Mrs. Schneider, wife, and Dr. Schneider's brother, Charles, and sister, Miss Mary, were with him when death came.

Dr. Schneider came to Omaha from Nebraska City six years ago. His home is at 202 North Thirtieth street. He was married to Miss Margaret Flynn, daughter of Thomas Flynn of Omaha, early in 1908. He leaves a daughter, Helen, 18 months of age.

Dr. Schneider was 28 years old. He was particularly well known in Omaha as a player and tennis expert, and was a member of the Omaha Field club. He also belonged to the Knights of Columbus and the Omaha Dental society.

Dr. Schneider's parents are dead. He is survived by three brothers, Dr. A. E. Schneider of Chicago, Otto and Charles Schneider of Nebraska City, and two sisters, Mrs. Paul Jensen and Miss Mary Schneider of Nebraska City. Funeral arrangements will be delayed pending the arrival of the relatives.

Dr. Schneider's death is the latest of a series which have resulted from poliomyelitis, the strange spinal disease, which has been the puzzle and despair of physicians in this territory.

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YULETIDE JOYS RULE THE CITY

Merry Christmas Day Passes in Omaha, with Weather and Cheer in Harmony.

PEACE AND GOOD WILL REIGN

Crisp, Cold Air and Bright Sunshine Give Real Winter Holiday.

CHURCHES HOLD SPECIAL SERVICE

Poor and Needy Are Remembered by Charity Workers of City.

KRIS KRINGLE REMEMBERS ALL

Santa Claus Takes Care of Rich and Poor—Public Institutions and Jails Also Have Joyous Christmas.

It was just like this in the olden days, Days that we dimly recall; It was snow and it was always, But I don't like this at all. —Christmas Carol, 1909.

The masses working high up on the smoky stacks of the power houses, late Friday night, under the cold glare of electric lights, could have sung some such carol with vinegary vim.

And the early travelers Saturday morning would have echoed the chorus with right good will, even though they were on their way to 5 o'clock mass. These dark-of-the-morning church-goers were particularly indeed—through drifted snows rivaling those reported at the Antarctic circle by Shackleton and his mates. Many a later riser found himself and his family snowed in by drifts, and as he cleared a path down the steps he sang merrily—Maybe; but if he did, he was real optimistic.

As the Christmas morning zephyrs slid off the corners of The Bee and the New York Life buildings with chilly saw-blade edges, they cooled many a warm heart. When friend met friend and signaled "Merry Christmas," the words could be heard falling in the pavement—almost.

"God save ye, merry gentlemen," time-honored—needed an accompanying "merry" to make it sound just right this wintry Christmas mornin'; or burning brandy on a hot, fat plum pudding might serve to give zest to the saying. The few merry gentlemen who were laboriously shoveling their way down high terraces of snow-covered steps couldn't have enough brandy to mildly ejaculate anything that remotely resembled "bene-dicite." Father let the boy do it, if he had a boy; but in most cases everybody let it alone, so that pedestrians would get the benefit of the exercise and work up an appetite.

Special Messengers Are Busy. Despite all the forbidding aspects presented by the Arctic-like outdoors, the Christmas spirit could not be suppressed. Unpaid, muffled messengers, big and little, passed around and through the various neighborhood neighborhoods where common folks live, exchanging personal greetings and leaving mementoes to gladden the recipients.

Thus the warmth within in large degree melted the congealed atmosphere without. Children shouted until the chandeliers rattled; family groups rivalled the glad anthems of church choirs, toy pianos played merrily, horns tooted, wonderful antiphonal executed, grotesque figures of movement and then reposed in unadorned features. The snow could go covering its chippiness as it pleased. Torpid and its devotees hurled high defiance to Old boreas and all his imp. And the ovens all worked overtime.

A feather renovator snowed in at Twentieth and Farman was the warmest thing in the landscape from Bemis park to the Union depot. The milk wagon horses gave it a longing glance as they passed along, and the hall-room kid, away from home, drew a thrilling shiver from the memory of feather beds that mother used to arrange.

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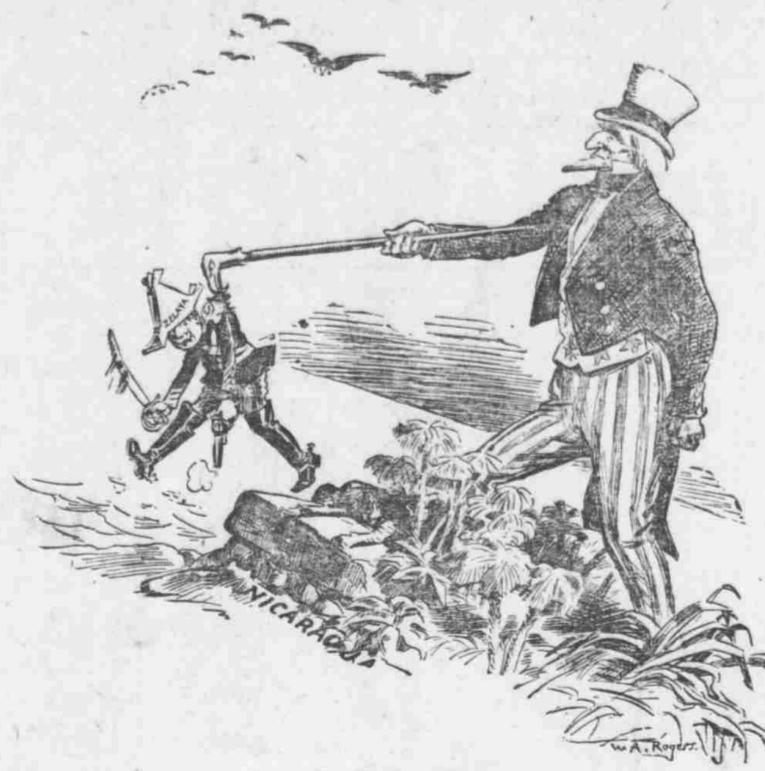
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