

REBELS READY TO MARCH ON PEKING

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IMPERIALS VIOLATE ARMISTICE

Capture of Capital of Shan Si Regarded as Break in Truce.

INCIDENT ROUSES INSURGENTS

Increases Their Determination to Hold Out for Republic.

JAPANESE CABINET MEETS

Opinion Prevails in the Mikado's Domain that Republic in China is Now Inevitable.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—A large revolutionary force is being concentrated at Nanking to be used in a demonstration against Peking should the peace negotiations at Shanghai fall through. This news was received here from Shanghai today by the Chung Sai Yat Po, a Chinese newspaper, with the further information that the recent armistice was broken four days ago by the capture of Tai Yen Fu, the capital of Shan Si province, by the imperialists. The dispatch states the refusal of the imperial commander to recognize the truce has increased the determination of the revolutionists to hold out for a republic.

Japanese Cabinet Meets

TOKIO, Dec. 25.—A conference of members of the Japanese cabinet at which many of the elder statesmen, including Prince Katsura the ex-premier, were invited to assist, was held here Sunday. The strictest secrecy has been maintained regarding the subjects of discussion but it is generally believed that latest developments of the situation in China were under consideration. It is understood that the conference reached the conclusion that the adoption of a republican form of government by China was apparently inevitable.

Information from a reliable source has reached here that the revolutionaries in China continue to insist firmly on a republic and that the peace negotiations now proceeding at Shanghai will result in a rupture unless the imperial authorities in Peking should yield to their demands in this respect.

Most of the powers apparently are reconciled to the inevitable tendency of the situation. Neither Japan nor Great Britain has any intention of intervening in any way in China, much less of imposing any form of government on that country.

The general feeling here is the only alternative for the present situation is for the representatives of the imperial government in Peking to yield.

HUNGRY SAILORS STRANDED ON ISLAND OFF SAVANNAH

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 25.—Menaced to death from violent seas, Captain F. J. Davis and his crew of eleven men abandoned a dredge in tow off the South Carolina coast Saturday noon.

In small boats the sailors made Daufuski island and today Captain Davis reached Savannah, after traveling through miles of lonely swamp country. An expedition left here this afternoon to rescue the hungry sailors stranded on Daufuski.

FIELD MUSEUM BUYS SCHUETTE HERBARIUM

GREEN BAY, Wis., Dec. 25.—Representatives of the Field Museum of Chicago have closed negotiations with Miss Clara Schuette to acquire the herbarium or plant collection of the late J. P. Schuette of Green Bay, and his collection will be exhibited in Chicago, where it will be known as the Schuette collection of the Field botanical collections. Several institutions, among others the Smithsonian Institution at Washington and the state of Wisconsin, have been in negotiation for the collection for the last year.

FOUR HORSES AFFLICTED WITH GLANDERS ARE KILLED

MITCHELL, S. D., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Glanders in horses has made its appearance in this section of the state in the last two weeks. State Veterinarian Smith of this city was summoned to Alexandria a few days ago to examine four head of horses, which gave evidence of having the disease. He made a thorough examination of the animals and pronounced them affected with glanders, and ordered them killed. The horses were owned by Max Graves, a driver on one of the rural routes out of Alexandria, and when the animals were shot it about put him out of business for the time being. There is some talk by his patrons along his route of reimbursing him to some extent for his loss, as the mail carrier is quite popular.

HOTEL CLERK IS KILLED BY WIFE WHOM HE STABBED

WACO, Tex., Dec. 25.—His face covered with blood and a bullet through his body, Joe B. Sims, 33 years old, a hotel clerk, staggered into a corridor from his room today and fell dead. His widow was taken to a sanitarium with knife wounds in her neck. She said Sims stabbed her and she shot him. Jealousy for his wife is given as the cause.

Hears of Father's Sudden Death at Brother's Funeral

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 25.—While Mrs. Thomas Locke was at St. Thomas church, Kansas City, Kan., this morning attending the funeral services of her brother John Connolly, a telephone message to the undertakers, who had charge of the funeral told that the body of a man found on the railway tracks at an outlying point Saturday night had been identified as that of Michael Connolly, the woman's father. Word was sent to Mrs. Locke by the undertakers. It reached her as she was leaving the church. Connolly, who was 60 years old, was an employe of a packing company. He had been run over by a train.

Official Ban Upon Fake Photos of Taft

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Week-end tourists who want to go back to the folks with photographs with a real Washington, D. C. label on them showing President Taft in the act of shaking them by the hand or in earnest conversation with them, get an unexpected present from Mr. Taft, for the president has put the official ban on these "fake" photographs.

Elevator Firm Suing for Ex-Manager's Acts

ABERDEEN, S. D., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—J. G. Brady, who is now acting as manager for the South Dakota Farmers' Elevator company at Verdon, has started suit against the Marshall Grain company of Minneapolis for the recovery of the sum of \$20,000, which the elevator company claims from the commission company through the operations of W. B. Roby, its former manager. The claim is based upon the proposition that Roby lost the amount in illegal speculation, in the buying of options on grain, part of the transactions being made on his own account with money transferred from the elevator company's account and part in the name of the elevator company direct. Manager Brady claims all such transactions were illegal, in contravention of law, and exceeding the authority of the elevator company's manager or agent.

Christmas Feast is Turned Into Tragedy

FLINT, Mich., Dec. 25.—A Christmas feast was converted into a tragedy here today when Z. Tuzska was shot and instantly killed in the presence of five companions who were watching the spreading of a banquet table after the six men came from early mass at All Saints' church.

Missing St. Paul Girl Returns Home

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 25.—Allison Fisher, the missing 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen B. Fisher, whose disappearance a week ago stirred the police departments of St. Paul and other cities to activity, turned gloom into cheer returning home today. The girl appeared unharmed and as mysteriously as she had disappeared. The girl is thought to have left home because she feared parental reprimand for having answered an advertisement for a vaudeville actress.

FORMER PARISHIONERS SEND GIFTS TO RICHESON

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—A bounteous Christmas dinner, the gift of several of his former parishioners, helped to cheer Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson today in his cell in Charles street jail, where he is recovering rapidly from self-inflicted wounds of last week.

LOGAN PEOPLE GIVE FINE APPLES TO OMAHA CHARITIES

LOGAN, Ia., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—In addition to the two barrels of apples collected as admission fees here Saturday evening at the Christmas entertainment, two barrels and \$2 in cash were collected at Bethel church, East Logan, last evening, all of which will be sent to the Associated Charities of Omaha.

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PEOPLE OF RESHT PUT TO SWORD

Russians Murder Five Hundred Defenseless Women and Children and Officials.

PRIVATE HOMES DEMOLISHED

Government Bombarded by Cossacks, No Mercy Shown.

PEOPLE OF PERSIA STUPIFIED

Tactics of Czar Follow Accepted of Demands.

BANK OF TABRIZ ABANDONED

Fighting Continues and Large Amount of Specie in This City is Left Unguarded by the Russians.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—A massacre has been going on in Resht since Saturday according to official Persian telegrams received in London today. These state that on Sunday 500 Persians were killed by the Russians, many of them being women and children. The people, it is said, have been exhorted not to fight and not to give the slightest provocation, but the massacre still continues.

Resht is the capital of the province of Ghilan and has 60,000 inhabitants. The government house and police have been killed. Private houses have been demolished.

According to other despatches, the Russians killed four unarmed Mohammedans in the Armenian quarter of Tabriz, during the fighting in that city.

"The people of Persia," says one despatch, "are stupefied at the attitude of Russia, and especially as these outrages have followed immediately on the acceptance by Persia of the second Russian ultimatum, and when Persia has shown every desire and disposition to conciliate Russia and establish friendly relations."

TROOPS ABANDON BANK

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 25.—Advices received here today from Tabriz, in Persia, say that the Russian troops have been forced to abandon the Russo-Persian bank which is situated in the principal bazaar and which they have hitherto been protecting. There is about \$200,000 in specie lying in the bank which is now entirely without a guard.

FIGHTING IN TABRIZ

JULFA, Persia, Dec. 25.—According to information received here fighting continues in the streets of Tabriz, between the Russian guard and the Persian constitutionalists. The Russian reinforcements consisting of a regiment of rifles and a company of Cossacks with a mountain battery which left here on December 23 for that city arrived there today, having encountered very little opposition from the Persians.

Electric Current and Kid Gloves with Nitro Used in Safe Blowing

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Graduates of the new schools in burglary operated on a safe in a 5 and 10-cent store in Effrem today and got away with nearly \$4,000 in cash. The men entered by way of the skylight, drew electricity from a live wire to operate their drill and with nitro-glycerine easily got through the safe door. Beside the safe were found kid gloves, which the burglars had evidently used to avoid leaving finger prints, which recently have led to the arrest and indictment of several alleged burglars.

Mathematical Wizard is Dead of Apoplexy

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 25.—Arthur F. Griffith of Milford, Ind., a lightning calculator, who has bewildered vaudeville attendants throughout the country for a number of years by his mathematical wizardry, was found dead of apoplexy in his bed at a local hotel today.

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James Whitcomb Riley Receives 1,200 Christmas Letters.

MISS BARTON NINETY YEARS OLD

Founder of American Red Cross Celebrates Anniversary at Home—Denver Nurse Reaches Century Mark.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 25.—Twelve hundred letters of Christmas greeting and sympathy came today to James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet, who has been ill for several months.

"I can't answer them," said Mr. Riley with a rueful glance at his right arm, from which he has lost the use. "I can't hold a pencil. I wish I could, but I am not so downcast as many of my friends seem to think. How could I be when I have so many well-wishers, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, whom I never even have seen. This is a Merry Christmas for me and I hope for all my unknown friends."

Some of the letters are in verse. One of the admirers advised that the poet learn to write with his left hand. "It is possible that I shall try," said Mr. Riley. "But I feel it will be a tedious task."

Miss Shearin Hundred Years Old

DENVER, Dec. 25.—"The best of all the one hundred and one Christmas days I have enjoyed," said Miss Mary Shearin today, in the midst of her quiet celebration of Christmas and the one hundredth anniversary of her birth. Miss Shearin makes her permanent home at St. Joseph's hospital, where she served as a nurse for many years. Many friends called today and to them Miss Shearin related many interesting incidents of her long life. Among them were events connected with the great Chicago fire, Miss Shearin having been employed in the home of Judge Hooley at the time. Incidents of pioneer mining camp life also were featured, she having gone to Leadville, Colo., long before the boom days of that mining camp.

Miss Barton Ninety Years Old

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Miss Clara Barton, founder and first president of the American National Red Cross society, was showered today with greetings and good wishes on the ninetieth anniversary of her birth. Although feeble from her illness this year, Miss Barton was able to celebrate her birthday with relatives and friends who are spending Christmas with her at her home, "Red Cross" in Glen Echo, a suburb of Washington.

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Wichita Man Charged With Murder of Wife Commits Suicide

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 25.—Rather than submit to arrest for killing his wife, Myrtle Wright, here last Saturday night, John W. Wright, a hotel keeper, today went to the home of a daughter near here and committed suicide by taking strychnine.

Wright was refused admittance to his daughter's house and she summoned the police. He then wandered a half mile away where officers found him a short time before he died. They had been attracted to the spot by the barking of a dog.

Wright and his wife separated some time ago and he went to Colorado. When he returned and learned that his wife had sued him for divorce, he became enraged and shot her.

Cashier Wounded and Safe is Robbed

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—An unidentified robber shot and seriously wounded C. L. McCoy, cashier of a safe company, in his office here today and then escaped with \$200 in cash which McCoy had been counting.

When McCoy went to lunch today he left the door to his office unlocked. During his absence the robber crept behind himself in the office. McCoy was not aware of the robber's presence until he was covered with a revolver. After shooting McCoy the robber obtained the money and fled.

FARLEY CELEBRATES MASS

Celebration by New Cardinal is Feature of Christmas in Rome.

DINNER AT AMERICAN COLLEGE

Cardinals O'Connell and Farley Are Guests of Honor at Feast at Which Nearly Two Hundred Attend.

ROME, Dec. 25.—Pontifical mass was celebrated today by Cardinal Farley in his titular church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva.

The church was packed with worshippers, the congregation comprising many noted personages among the clergy and laity of Rome. The monks of the Order of Dominicans who are in charge of the church, clad in their white robes, added picturesque to the scene. All of the professors and students of the American college, many American residents and visitors and the suite of Cardinal Farley were present.

Great success attended the Christmas dinner held today at the American college, at which 100 covers were laid. Cardinal Farley and O'Connell were received at the entrance to the college by the rector, Mr. T. F. Kennedy; the vice-rector, Mr. C. A. O'Hern; the spiritual director, Mr. B. Mahoney, and all the students. There was an enthusiastic welcome when the two cardinals entered the rectory, which was gay with American flags, flowers and pictures of the pope, of various American bishops and former rectors.

Among those present were Mr. T. J. Shehan, rector of the Catholic university of America at Washington.

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This is not the first time that gold has been found in the crops of ducks and chickens along Crow creek, near the city, and also within the city limits. Indeed, the finding of gold in the birds recently led to exhaustive investigations of the sands of the stream, and one company has been formed to placer mine the sands.

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OLD SAINT NICK IS KEPT JUMPING

Mythical Personage Who Brings Gladness to All Once More Makes His Rounds.

ANNUAL VISIT BRINGS GLADNESS

None Are Forgotten When the Gifts Are Ready for Distribution.

OLD AND YOUNG REMEMBERED

Tinge of Winter, with Ice and Snow, Add Joy to the Occasion.

WARM DINNERS FOR MANY POOR

Those Who Believe in Theory that it is Blessed to Give, as Well as Receive, Are in Evidence.

Old Saint Nick slipped quietly into Omaha homes, but the laughter and joy occasioned by his coming Christmas day, still rippled over the city and childish ecstasy will proclaim it living for weeks. It was the most blissful and the most serviceable Christmas the city ever had. And to add to the gladness of the Yuletide merry-making, a cold, clear day and snow-covered ground gave welcome invitation to sleighing parties and the jingling-bells and the beat of harness hoofs echoed in every precinct and town every street.

Rich and poor alike, commemorated the birth of the Nazarene, but the greatest bliss came to the poor. Charitable organizations co-operated in making it a perfect Christmas and have perpetuated in the minds of thousands of little tots the cherished vision of a white-whiskered old man who comes only on a mission of love and leaves in his wake nothing but the warm laughter of childish lips.

Santa Claus visited every mission and established headquarters in reach of every child and then to prove his faith in the trust of childhood appeared at every place in person.

It was not an abstract Christmas nor did the children crowd about a commissary for which plain-clothed people handed presents out with no ceremony. It was a decidedly personal Christmas and no child was forgotten. In this respect it differed from other Christmases and in proportion to this difference was more enjoyed than any other.

Children were not the only hosts of Santa Claus Christmas day. Those grown old in spirit and advanced in years, beaten down in the commercial struggle and unable to provide even necessities, were remembered abundantly. And to them it was a remembrance most dear for lack of clothing, food and fuel were left with many families sorely in need of such things.

Churches joined the army of joy-mokers and services in every edifice were not only appropriate in text and spirit, but the substance of physical life was given generously. Sunday school classes were organized to distribute gifts and carried baskets of good cheer to more homes than the churches ever before served on the Master's birthday.

Lynch Leads the Tree

Johnny Lynch bargained to play Santa Claus to every child in the Tenth ward and for this purpose loaded a great Christmas tree with beautiful presents. The tree was placed in the home of Mrs. H. W. Lloyd, 2307 W. 10th street, and the youngsters invited to come from 9 to 12 o'clock Christmas morning. They came—two and three and in flocks. They came from the Tenth ward and from each adjacent ward, but enough had been provided for all and but fifteen children were omitted. These were unable to come to the party and Mrs. Lloyd had presents ready and will deliver them today. A real Santa Claus distributed the presents, which ranged from candy canes and boxes of candy for every child to great, big beautiful dolls, enough horns to frighten a tribe of Indians, and then there were scores of little specialties which delighted the youngsters.

Mr. Lynch himself was unable to be present and enjoy the occasion with his little guests, but the report of the success of his party compensated him a dozen times over for his effort in their behalf.

Prisoner at a Banquet

Fifteen prisoners in the city jail were the guests of the city of Omaha at a banquet served in the Institution Christmas afternoon and were treated to a good meal as was served anywhere in the city.

Captain Dempsey acted as toastmaster and made the prisoners a neat little speech. He then presented each with a 10-cent cigar. The piece of resistance of the dinner was a huge turkey, with the usual trimmings. Following the most course, the banqueter served with deserts, nuts, etc. This morning nearly all will receive a rock pile sentence from Judge Crawford, as a Christmas gift.

Santa Claus Arrive Early

Thirty-five tots at Cheechee were made delightfully happy Sunday night by Santa Claus who deluged each one of them with toys and sweet treats, the like of which the children had never seen before.

Mail carriers on routes all over the city are suffering from tired backs as the result of an extra heavy day yesterday. Many of the men carried several sacks and several used large railway mail bags. One or two of the more fortunate used horses and wagons. Because of the un-

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Dalzell's Ice Cream Bricks

Boxes of O'Brien's Candy

The Weather

Nebraska—Fair and warmer. Iowa—Fair and continued cold. Wyoming—Generally fair, slightly warmer.

South Dakota—Fair and warmer. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

CHILLY	5 A. M.	13
	6 A. M.	12
	7 A. M.	12
	8 A. M.	11
	9 A. M.	11
	10 A. M.	11
	11 A. M.	10
	12 M.	10
	1 P. M.	10
	2 P. M.	10
	3 P. M.	10
	4 P. M.	10
	5 P. M.	10
	6 P. M.	10
	7 P. M.	10

Comparative Local Record.

Highest yesterday	11	18	40
Lowest yesterday	11	23	30
Mean temperature	25	22	25
Precipitation	0	0	0
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:			
Normal temperature	24		
Excess for the day	1		
Total excess since March 1	71		
Normal precipitation	0.94		
Deficiency for the day	0		
Total deficiency since March 1	15.47		
Normal total rainfall since March 1	15.47		
Deficiency for cor. period, 1909-14	18.81		
Excess for cor. period, 1909-14	4.36		

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.