

BRIEF BRIGHT BREEZY BITS OF NEWS

BULLS AND BEARS PLAY SANTA CLAUS

New York, Dec. 20.—Bulls and bears of Wall street played Santa Claus on the floor of the New York stock exchange Saturday afternoon to 1,500 children. There were gifts for every child. Employees of the exchange received a Christmas bonus of 10 per cent of their annual salaries. The quartet, which escaped in an automobile just as 300 Whittlesby, commander of the "lost battalion," presented the 70 former soldier employes with a special medal from the exchange.

"BILL" CARLISLE MUST GO BACK AND SIT DOWN

New York, Dec. 20.—A holdup rivaling in technique the masterpieces of "Bill" Carlisle, western bandit, occurred here when two robbers covered with revolvers a pay line of 75 longshoremen at an East river pier, while two companions marching into the paymaster's office seized \$5,000. The quartet, which escaped in an automobile just as 300 Whittlesby, commander of the "lost battalion," presented the 70 former soldier employes with a special medal from the exchange.

DAVID BORD, THE PAYMASTER, EMPLOYED BY M. B. SMITH & SONS, BOSS STEVEDORES, ARRIVED AT THE PIER AT NOON IN AN AUTOMOBILE. A FEW MINUTES LATER ANOTHER CAR ARRIVED AND FOUR WELL-DRESSED MEN STEPPED OUT.

Approaching the pay window, two whipped out revolvers, shouting that it meant death for any one to move in the direction of the other bandits, who by this time had entered the office. The entire line of longshoremen was thrown into confusion and several men fled, seeking refuge behind hales and boxes.

Two bandits who entered the office found Bord flanked by two watchmen. One robber covered them while the other calmly picked up the envelope, placed it in the paymaster's own bag, and then turning to his companion said: "Let's go."

BAN INDECENT CLOTHES; BUT NO CLOTHES; O BOY!

Paris, Dec. 19.—While Paris is ringing daily with denunciations of the indecency of certain women's fashions, the social and intellectual elite of the "gay city" is applauding an unprecedented disregard of sartorial convention at the Cirque d'Hiver, where M. Gemier is producing a classical drama, "Oedipus."

The second act of the play, which was an instant success, was devoted to Olympic games being performed by men and women athletes, headed by Paoli, the French champion discus thrower.

The men's attire is limited to loin cloths, while the women appear in flimsy classical draperies. At the conclusion of this act in response to enthusiastic applause, Gemier came to the footlight hand-in-hand with Paoli, who was still devoid of all habiliment excepting the loin cloth. The newspaper critics emphasize the fact that the women were then greeted with redoubled applause, and that not a single voice of protest was raised.

JAZZ MUSIC TO WAKE UP CHURCH

Denver, Colo., Dec. 20.—G. S. Lacland, pastor of the Grace Methodist Episcopal church of this city, announced that he would have a real jazz orchestra before the pulpit next Sunday afternoon in an effort to awaken the enthusiasm of his congregation.

"Jazz music woke up France," explained Rev. Lacland, "and why shouldn't it wake up the church? Let's wake 'em up with some music that has pep and a kick in it—music that will put the congregation in a frame of mind to appreciate real religion. Christ mingled with the common people and used their customs to improve conditions."

"Jazz works perfectly as a lubricant for sin-stiffened joints on the glaringly lighted ways that lead to perdition, so why not use it to limber up those who are traveling the straight and narrow way?"

STATE CONSTABULARY SEIZE HUGE STILL

Denver, Colo., Dec. 20.—A huge still with a capacity of 250 gallons of liquor a day, said to be the largest illicit distilling plant ever encountered by the officers in this state, was seized by a force of state constabulary at a point ten miles south of Denver. The plant, which was operated by steam, was running in full blast when the officers descended upon it.

Several hundred gallons of liquors, quantities of mash and a large amount of equipment were also seized and transported to Denver on motor trucks. At the same time this raid was being made, another party of officers belonging to the constabulary raided the building at 220 Broadway, Denver, and took possession of the finest still ever seen here. It was operated entirely by electricity and was the last word in scientific whisky-making machinery.

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THE WEATHER:
Fair Sunday and probably Monday; not much change in temperature.

Hourly temperature:

6 a. m.	24	1 p. m.	32
7 a. m.	23	2 p. m.	33
8 a. m.	22	3 p. m.	34
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15 m.	15	10 p. m.	41
16 m.	14	11 p. m.	42
17 m.	13	12 m.	43

TWO NEW PEACE MOVES MADE

EBERSTEIN IS NOW REAL POLICE HEAD

Ringer Loses Long Fight to Retain Sole Control—Smith Ure and Ringer to Be "Composite" Police Commissioner.

PATTULLO APPOINTED INSPECTOR OF POLICE

Will Also Act as Assistant Chief—Eberstein at Last Given Authority and Power to Show "What He Can Do."

J. Dean Ringer, police commissioner since the advent of the present city commission, has lost his long fight to continue in active and sole control of the police department.

The final blow came late yesterday afternoon and immediately following came the announcement from Chief of Police Eberstein of the appointment of Police Captain Andrew Pattullo as permanent inspector and assistant chief of police.

While there was no official announcement of the dethronement of Commissioner Ringer, it has been known for several days that a decided change in the management of the police department was under way, and that if Commissioner Ringer was not removed entirely from the head of the department his authority would be curtailed to such an extent he would be police commissioner in name only.

Eberstein in Charge. It is evident the latter course has been decided upon and that while he remains as police commissioner, Chief Eberstein will have active charge of the department. When matters are to be decided above his head they will be decided not by Commissioner Ringer alone, but by Mayor Smith, Commissioner Ure and Commissioner Ringer, unless the matter happens to be one that should go to the council as a whole for action.

In other words, Smith, Ure and Ringer will constitute the police commission and Chief Eberstein and Inspector Pattullo will have active charge of the men. The change is a decided victory for Chief Eberstein, who for a time shortly following the burning of the court house was slated for slaughter when the criticism of the police for their failure to handle the mob, was at its height.

But Chief Eberstein refused to be made the goat. He put up a fight and insisted on being given a chance "to show what he could do if given the authority a police chief should have."

And while Commissioner Ringer was away in the east looking for a police inspector from out of town his friends and supporters in the council decided to give Chief Eberstein the chance he has pleaded for.

Commissioner Ringer returned home without an inspector. This was Friday morning. Friday afternoon he had a long conference with Mayor Smith and yesterday the announcement of the appointment of Captain Pattullo was given out. A significant statement by Commissioner Ringer yesterday was that he would resign before the appointment of Pattullo.

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Officer Promoted To Be Inspector of Police Department



Capt. Andrew Pattullo.

HOLLAND EXPECTS TO BE ASKED TO GIVE UP KAISER

Intimated That Several Allied Powers Will Make Demand Before Long.

Geneva, Dec. 20.—A dispatch from Basle states the former German emperor has finally agreed to accept trial by the allies, but adds that he wants to choose the place and time of the trial and desires to be defended by German experts and lawyers. The Basle advice says the former crown prince declares he will never appear if he is called before a court of justice.

The Hague, Dec. 20.—Long inclined to believe the allies would not make a serious demand for the extradition of former Emperor William, the Dutch government now expects such a demand will be made. The Associated Press is officially informed.

"We suppose the demand will come before long and that several powers probably will address a joint letter to Holland, setting forth the case," the official said. "Our feeling is that the very men who sign the demand probably will be hoping all the time that we will refuse. This demand will put a small nation in a difficult position, which seems to us not at all just."

So far as the Associated Press is able to learn, Holland will probably stick to its original intention to refuse a demand for extradition of the former emperor.

There is a growing feeling in some Dutch circles that the former monarch himself could end the difficulty in which he placed Holland if he chose to show himself grateful for a year's sanctuary.

He could end the whole difficulty, so far as Holland is concerned, the official said, "by voluntarily returning to Germany. German press dispatches indicate the German inquiry commission would like to interrogate him. However, from what we can learn, the former kaiser is not willing to do anything like that. He is not afraid to return, but his mind does not run that way. It is against his ideas to appear before any inquiry commission, as he still considers himself responsible for nothing wrong."

BUTCHER PUTS UP HARD FIGHT WITH BANDITS

Three Negro Robbers, Masked, Hold Up Two Shops in Half Hour

Three masked negroes last night held up two butcher shops within three blocks of one another between 8 and 8:30 and made off with more than \$100 in cash.

The bandit trio first entered the shop of Adam Nitz, 1552 North Twentieth street, at 8. Each was armed. One had a black mask over his face and the other two wore dirty white handkerchiefs. They drew down the curtains of the shop windows and forced Mr. and Mrs. Nitz to hold up their hands. Then they took \$15 from the till.

Nearly half an hour later the same trio burst into the shop of Henry Haman, 1704 Clark street, drew the curtains and ordered Haman and his butcher, John Huba, to hold up their hands. The negroes were masked as they had been when they held up Nitz.

Haman grappled with one of the men, and during the tussle tossed more than \$100 in bills into the sawdust and on the floor and retreated it. A second member of the trio tried to separate Haman and the robber. One of them threatened to "blow Haman's head off." "Shoot," denied Haman. The negroes took \$80 from Haman's pocket and \$6 from the cash register. Haman, in the struggle, tore the masks from the faces of the two bandits who grappled with him.

'FURLOUGH' INQUIRY UP AGAIN JAN. 6

State Representative Druessedow, Star Witness of the Day, Corroborates Story of \$20,000 Fund to Free Kirk.

PETERSON ON STAND TO TELL OWN STORY

Says He Took Matter Up With Bushee Because Governor Was Busy—Davis Says Mrs. Kirk Cannot Be Found.

By a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Robert C. Druessedow, state representative from Douglas county, was the star witness in the attorney general's investigation into the Beryl C. Kirk release from the penitentiary, when he told on the witness stand this morning that he heard last August of a \$20,000 offer for the murderer's furlough.

Mr. Druessedow's testimony followed that of Attorney C. J. Campbell who yesterday declared that he had been asked to get Kirk out of the penitentiary for a consideration of \$15,000.

"I was approached by E. G. Maggi, who told me to watch for Kirk's parole," declared Mr. Druessedow. "It was predicted then that Kirk would be out of the penitentiary before the first of the year," continued the witness.

"Would Get \$20,000." "I was told that Peterson and Devoe had been employed to get Kirk out of prison and that they would be paid \$20,000 for their services."

Mr. Maggi told me he had been approached to represent the persons with the Kirk money," declared Mr. Druessedow. "However, he said he turned down the proposition."

The witness told the commissioners that Dr. Harry Foster was one of several other men who heard Mr. Maggi's statement. He said it was made in the capitol building the day the special session of the legislature adjourned.

At the conclusion of the session A. B. McCandless, presiding officer of the commission, announced the hearings would be resumed January 6.

Can't Find Mrs. Kirk. The meeting today was opened with a statement by Attorney General Davis in the effect that a subpoena had been out for Mrs. Kirk since December 15, the day the supreme court ordered the investigation. He said the woman could not be found.

She, with other witnesses, must be secured for the reopening of the hearing in January, he said.

A. B. McCandless, presiding officer of the State Bar commission, suggested that it might be well to have Bandit Kirk himself present at that time.

Peterson on Stand. The attorney general replied that (Continued on Page 5-A, Column One.)

HEADON SMASH IS FATAL TO 23; 50 ARE INJURED

Immigrant Train and Freight Come Together on C. P. P. Near Onawa, Maine.

Onawa, Me., Dec. 30.—Twenty-three deaths resulted from a head-on collision between an immigrant train and a freight train on the Canadian Pacific railway two miles west of Onawa station Saturday. Seventeen persons were killed outright and six died later.

Fifty passengers were injured, many of them seriously. Engineers Fred Wilson and William Bagley, and Fireman Henniger and Hutchins of the two trains are among the dead. Six of the victims were children.

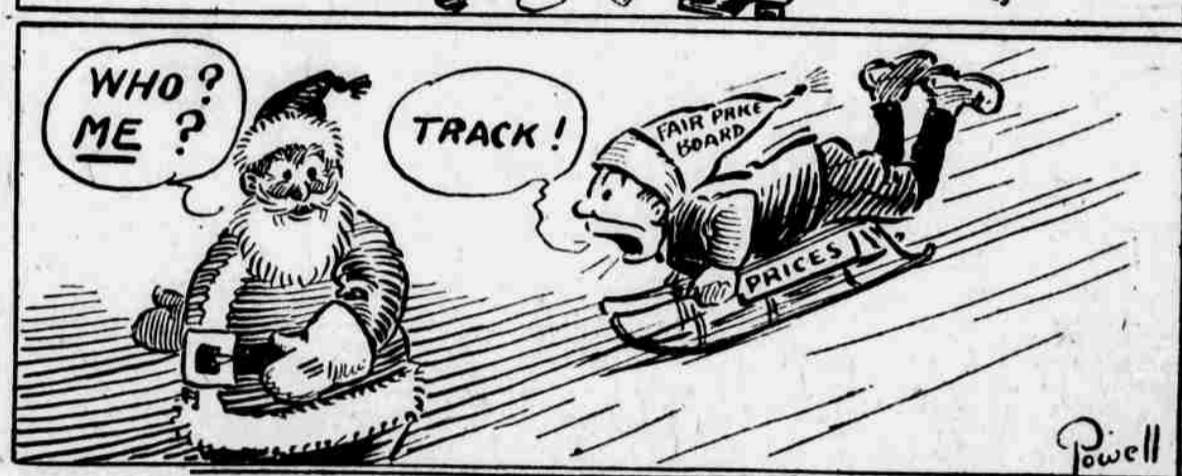
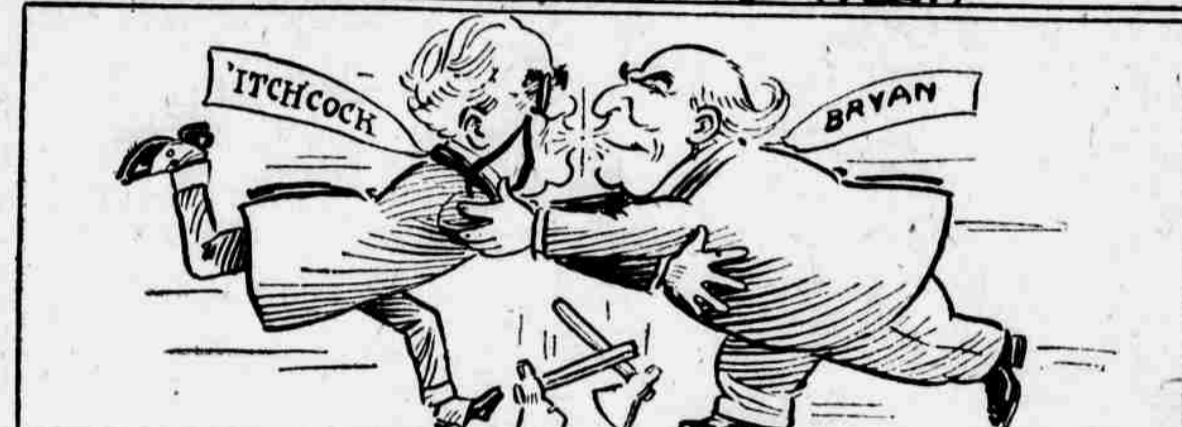
The passenger train was running as the third section of the immigrant special, two sections of which had passed the freight while it was on a siding. On board were a few returned Canadian soldiers and nearly 300 immigrants who were landed from the steamer Empress of France, at St. John, N. B., Friday.

So far as could be learned, the collision resulted from a misunderstanding of orders, the freight engineer apparently having been ignorant of the fact that the immigrant special was running in three sections.

The engine and the first two cars of the passenger train were telescoped by the freight. The wreckage caught fire and two coaches and the baggage car were burned.

Most of those seriously injured were taken to Brownsville Junction. After receiving first aid, 20 of them were sent to Bangor on a special train Saturday night. Six of the most seriously injured remained in Onawa.

The Passing Show



Who? Me? TRACK!

DELAY ACTION ON H. C. L. TO AID HOLIDAY TRADE

Omaha Officials Ignore Pleight of Consumers Rather Than Disturb Business—Other Cities Active.

While many other cities already have started to combat the high cost of living, according to the program outlined a week ago by Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, Omaha is still waiting for federal, state and municipal officials to take a decided step in this direction.

Omaha officials to whom the people might rightfully look to take the initiative in this matter, have stated that they believe it would be best to wait until the holiday shopping season is over and thus not disturb business.

Omaha Officials Dorman. The attorney general recommended conservative and economy meetings in every community, the use of influence by mayors and prosecuting officials to stabilize industrial conditions, the reorganization of four-minute speakers to deliver "work and save" addresses in theaters and other efforts by public officials to bring down high prices.

Mr. Palmer urged mayors of all cities and state attorneys to go after the profiteers "with all the power in your command and hang them as high as Haman before you get through with them."

Mayor Smith yesterday stated that insofar as he knew, nothing has been done in Omaha. He has taken no official action and has expressed himself as believing that a fair-price committee would not get any farther east, and will be extended to Omaha within two weeks," said Mr. Neal.

"This plan for flour distribution is not so much to bring down prevailing prices as to insure the public of a stable price if flour prices continue to rise."

Mr. Neal held a long conversation with Herbert Hoover while in New York and is enthusiastic over Mr. Hoover's plan to relieve suffering through a system of food certificates to be sold by American bankers which may be sent to Europe and cashed for food by the recipient.

Old H. C. L. Goes Up Despite All Efforts Of Federal Forces

Washington, Dec. 20.—Despite efforts of the government to reduce the cost of living retail cost of 22 staple food articles showed an average increase of 2 per cent in November as compared with October, the bureau of labor statistics announced. The average family expenditures for these articles increased 5 per cent from a year ago, the report said.

Eggs went up 13 per cent, onions 9 per cent, butter, 6; storage eggs 6; sugar, 4 per cent; canned salmon, fresh milk and potatoes, 3; rice and bananas, 2; evaporated milk, oleomargarine, cheese, lard, crisco, bread flour and macaroni, 1 per cent and coffee and tea, less than 1/2 per cent.

Decreases reported included: Pork chops, 5 per cent; ham, 4 per cent; bacon, 3 per cent; round steak, plate beef, hens, navy beans and oranges, 2 per cent; sirloin steak, rib roast, chuck roast, lamb, baked beans and canned corn, 1 per cent.

Scalded to Death. Topeka, Kan., Dec. 20.—James Hagan of St. Joseph, Mo., engineer on Rock Island passenger train No. 412, was scalded to death when his train collided with a Rock Island freight at El Tonto, near here. Eight passengers were slightly injured.

Grocer Shot Dead. Denver, Colo., Dec. 20.—Otha T. Aspey, a grocer, was shot and killed in his store at Forty-third and Lipan streets by a robber, who escaped. No money was obtained.

SOME MEMBERS OF LOST VESSEL DROWN AFLOAT

Captain of Tank Steamer Tells of Experiences Following Rescue From Death—36 of Crew Perish.

Marshfield, Ore., Dec. 20.—A cross current, whose effects were unobserved in the heavy fog, caused the wreck of the tank steamer J. A. Chanslor Thursday night, with a probable loss of 36 lives, according to a statement by her captain, S. A. Sawyer.

Captain Sawyer made his statement in a hospital at Bandon, not far from the scene of the wreck off Cape Blanco, on the Oregon coast. Beside himself, only two others of the ship's company are known to have escaped death.

"When the Chanslor struck she seemed to part amidships," he said, "almost at once. The bow rested on the rock, but the stern and after half of the hull dropped away and disappeared. None of the men in the engine room had a chance to escape. The men forward were able to reach the lifeboat, which we launched with 10 men aboard."

All Three Lost. Among those in the boat were the deck officers and steward, Captain Sawyer said. All but the three were lost when the boat overturned, it is thought.

After describing a night and a day of hardship and peril from the high seas that were running, because of which they feared to attempt a landing, Captain Sawyer continued:

"Toward night, Friday, I observed the men were dropping away, one by one, from exposure. It was bitterly cold and they had been working continuously for 24 hours to keep the boat afloat in the mountainous seas. As darkness approached I saw that to stay out another night meant certain death for all of us, so I ordered an attempt made to find a landing place.

Straight for Beach. "When we ran into the first line of breakers, we headed straight for the beach. An enormous breaker struck the boat and sent it flying end over end, clear of the water. Every man was thrown out. All wore life preservers, but some drowned afloat, because heavy breakers were constantly breaking over our heads. It was only by sheerest luck that anybody emerged alive. After I was washed ashore I fell asleep from exhaustion and lay in the sand for a number of hours. When I awoke it was raining heavily. I saw a light some distance away and made for it. After walking several hours I arrived at Bandon.

"It seems to me quite impossible that any of our men who failed to get ashore yesterday can still be alive.

Captain Sawyer is suffering from a broken rib, sustained when the lifeboat was wrecked, and from exposure.

FIRST WOULD RATIFY PACT; SECOND, NOT

Senator Underwood Proposes Resolution for Appointment Of Committee of 10 Senators To Work Out Compromise.

REPUBLICAN LEADER WILL NOT ACT NOW

Knox's Idea Was to Repeal Declaration of War and Demand of Germany All Benefits of Economic Boycott.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Peace treaty controversy was revived in its full vigor today, just before the senate recessed for Christmas.

Two new moves for the formal establishment of peace, one by ratification of the treaty and the other without, were the agencies which reopened the fight. Neither proposal got anywhere, but it generally was conceded that the day's work would help bring to a focus early in January the treaty of senate opinion towards some sort of settlement.

The suggestion which caused the greatest stir came from Senator Underwood, democrat, Alabama, who proposed a resolution for appointment of a committee of 10 senators to work out a compromise ratification of the treaty. He asked for immediate action, but Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the republican leader, forestalled the resolution until the holidays.

Knox Makes Other Move. The other move came from Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, who secured approval of the foreign relations committee for a resolution to repeal the declaration of war and to demand of Germany, on pain of an economic boycott, that she materialize the benefits provided for under the unratified treaty. The mild reservation group of republicans asserted they would not support such a measure, however, and the democrats predicted it would never be adopted.

The mild group made plans to go ahead determinedly with their efforts for a bipartisan agreement on reservations.

They protested to their party leaders against the Knox resolution and indicated that they had been prepared to support the Underwood proposal.

Senator Underwood, in presenting his resolution, made a plea for active work toward a compromise during the Christmas recess. He suggested that the vice president, in naming the 10 conferees, should act on the advice of Senator Lodge and Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, the acting democratic leader.

Lodge Wishes Consultation. "I do not think," said Senator Lodge, when unanimous consent was asked for action on the measure, "that just on the eve of adjournment it would be possible for me to consent to that. Before I undertake myself to deal with any such proposition I desire to consult with the republican membership of the senate. Perhaps we can deal with this without the appointment of a committee."

Many senators among the democrats and mild reservationist republicans declared the Underwood proposal in line with their conciliation negotiations and ought to be adopted. Unanimous consent will not be required when the next attempt is made to get consideration.

Committee Divides. In approving the Knox resolution the foreign relations committee divided, seven to three along strict party lines, the only representative of the mild reservationists on the committee, Senator McCumber, republican, North Dakota, being absent.

Before taking final action, the republican majority substituted the Knox proposal, which would require passage by both senate and house, and signature by the president for one by Senator Lodge, which was designed to secure action by congress only.

The move was taken to mean abandonment of any effort to declare a state of peace without the concurrence of President Wilson.

It was said by the republican leaders that the Knox resolution would be brought forward after the holidays as a compromise plan, but when Senator Knox reported it from the committee he had it out from the calendar so that a majority vote will be required to get it before the senate.

In a formal statement Senator Knox declared the purpose of his resolution was to break the treaty deadlock and return the nation to a peace time basis.

Airman Continues Flight. Cloncurry, Australia, Dec. 20.—Captain Ross Smith, the aviator who recently landed at Port Darwin, winning a prize of \$10,000 offered for the first aviator to fly from England to Australia, is continuing the voyage to Melbourne and arrived here Saturday. Captain Smith was forced to descend at Anthony's Lagoons by a broken propeller.