

BRIEF BRIGHT BREEZY BITS OF NEWS

BUFFALO STEAKS REPLACE TURKEY ON WAHOO TABLES.

Wahoo, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special)—Turkey is relegated to the background on the tables of Wahoo citizens for Christmas. Buffalo meat will be the favored dish and a 1,000-pound animal from the famous "Scotty" Phillips herd has arrived and is on sale in a local market.

MURDER NEWLY BORN QUADRUPLETS.

Clyde, N.Y., Dec. 23.—Inquiry started into the murder of four babies, a girl and three boys, whose bodies were found in a box on the Erie canal, established the fact that the victims were quadruplets. Physicians who examined the bodies, discovered by skaters on the canal, declared the babies were undoubtedly born of one mother, and that all had been murdered. It was impossible to determine the nationality of the babies, who were 2 or 3 days old when slain.

SUGAR PILFERING IS LATEST FAD.

New York, Dec. 23.—Sugar now being almost as costly as coal, some resourceful New York women have introduced a new fashion which bids fair to become popular. A conversation overheard between two richly attired women revealed the inner workings of the idea. "What is that pretty little velvet covered box you're carrying?" inquired one of the women of her companion. "Sh-h! Not so loud, my dear. That's my sugar box. I always carry it now when I go to a restaurant or cabaret." "You carry your own sugar in that to supplement the small portions?" "Oh, my no," was the answer. "When I dine out and see any sugar lying around on the table or in sugar bowls, I just fill my little camouflaged container. Novel, eh?" The idea for the new American fashion was said to have originated from the use of "le sucre" or "the sugar carrier" by French women for several years past.

PYGMY HIPPO BORN AT THE BRONX ZOO.

New York, Dec. 23.—A five-pound pygmy hippopotamus—a non-ruminating artiodactyl ungulate mammal, much less aquatic than its giant relative and having, in fact, the habits of a pig—was born at the Bronx zoo, the sixth specimen of its species ever held in captivity and the first to come into the world behind bars.

"MERCHANT OF VENICE" DROPPED IN SCHOOLS.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 23.—Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" is to be dropped from the literature studied in Newark public schools, because of its effect on the minds of non-Jewish children. In approving a request from the Anti-Defamation league of Chicago that the play be banned, the board of education's instruction committee asserted that its action was based neither upon "the embarrassment which may be caused Jewish students in the classroom" nor upon "thin-skinned sensitiveness" but because non-Jewish children "unconsciously will associate in their minds the Jew as Shakespeare portrayed him with the Jew of today." "Children are not analysts," said a statement issued by the committee. "The Jew of Shakespeare lives in the mind of the child as the Jew of New York, as the Jew of Chicago or the Jew of Newark."

PHONOGRAPH AWAKES CHAMPION SLEEPER.

Norwich, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Neighbors, relatives and doctors for 80 days have tried to rouse Mrs. Fred Tracey of Oxford from her "sleeping sickness." Tuesday a talking machine succeeded where human voices had failed. When a record was played, she became conscious. Then she fell asleep again, but was roused several times later. Her physician states that she will recover. The woman is 55 years old and although believed here to hold the 1919 championship for "long distance sleeping" is in good physical condition.

CANADIAN SOLDIERS GREETED BY LADY ASTOR.

London, Dec. 22.—Lady Astor, M. P. has sent the following Christmas message to the Canadian soldiers who were patients in the Taplow hospital: "This is the first Christmas in five years I have been without the Canadians, and Cliveden is lonely and unlike home without them. I would just like all my Canadian Clivedens to know I am thinking of them and missing them."

WIDOW OF SHONTS OUSTED FROM FLAT.

New York, Dec. 23.—Proceedings to oust Mrs. Theodore P. Shonts, widow of the former head of New York City's largest traction system, from her exclusive Park avenue apartment were instituted. A dispossession notice was served on her in behalf of the owners of the property. Mrs. Rutherford Bingham, daughter of Mrs. Shonts, explained to inquirers that her mother was a month behind in the rent—\$341.67, and had received none of the \$5,000 insurance left her by her husband.

GAMIN LOCKS UP 32 NEW YORK "COPS."

New York, Dec. 23.—Thirty-two New York policemen, including a captain and a lieutenant, were locked in the East Fifty-first street station last night by a small boy who was refused a ticket to a Christmas celebration after the precinct allotment had been exhausted. The youngsters who brought his "gang" to get tickets refused to leave until curfew ordered to "get out." "All right, we'll get out but you won't," yelled the boy who was left to leave. He swung the door shut and bolted it from the outside. A locksmith was summoned by telephone and after laboring an hour finally cut the whole lock out. Meanwhile a crowd of a hundred children sang and danced in glee over the discomfiture of their prisoners.

THE WEATHER: Generally fair Wednesday and probably Thursday; not much change in temperature. Hourly Temperatures: 8 a. m. 30, 9 a. m. 31, 10 a. m. 32, 11 a. m. 33, 12 noon 34, 1 p. m. 35, 2 p. m. 36, 3 p. m. 37, 4 p. m. 38, 5 p. m. 39, 6 p. m. 40, 7 p. m. 41, 8 p. m. 42, 9 p. m. 43, 10 p. m. 44, 11 p. m. 45, 12 noon 46.

CHILDREN RIOT AT FESTIVAL

SIMS WON'T ACCEPT GIFT OF DANIELS

Rumblings of Dissatisfaction Within Navy at Manner of Arranging Reward for Service Come to Focus. ADMIRAL SAYS SOME OFFICERS ARE SLIGHTED. Letter to Secretary of Navy Climax to Published Charges That Daniels Had Re-arranged List of Awards.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Rumblings of dissatisfaction within the navy at the way Secretary Daniels has arranged the awards of decoration for war service came to the surface today when it became known that Admiral Sims, former commander of American naval forces in European waters, had declined to accept his distinguished service medal, while the awards remain as at present. At the same time the row which up to this has been a smouldering one, gave indications of showing up in congress. Chairman Page of the senate naval committee asked for a report on the awarding of decorations and Secretary Daniels transmitted it to him tonight. Meanwhile Representative Lufkin of Massachusetts, a member of the house naval committee, announced that he would ask the house to call for a similar report.

Climax to Published Charges. Coming as the climax to published charges that Secretary Daniels had rearranged the whole list of awards, raising some officers to higher distinction than recommended and "blue penciling" others, publication of Admiral Sims' action created a new sensation in the Navy department and added a new chapter to the long contest which some naval officers have complained of the secretary's administration of affairs and others have defended him with equal vigor. The whole thing has been brought to a head by the action of Admiral Sims, who, writing an official communication to Secretary Daniels, has set out that officers for whom he recommended the distinguished service medal—highest of all naval decorations except the congressional medal of honor—received by the secretary's revision a decoration of lesser value, and that other officers whose duties and services Admiral Sims considered as of lesser value received by the revision the more valued decorations. At the same time it develops, Admiral Sims sent frank copies of his letter to many naval officers in Washington. His action became known first through them, and later today Mr. Daniels gave out the letter, without comment. Earlier in the day, however, Mr. Daniels had announced that he had prepared the report asked for by Senator Page and tonight after transmitting it to the senator, made public copies of it.

Asks Revision Upward.

Admiral Sims in his letter, does not appear to raise his decoration unconditionally. He refused it under the conditions he outlined and he asked for an opportunity to explain the reasons for his original recommendations. Besides that, the admiral does not ask that the high-

"Human Fly" Thieves Caught, Following Daring Robbery

New York, Dec. 23.—The police are seeking to determine if two men arrested on a charge of attacking and robbing Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius Broderick of Dallas, Tex., of \$4,000 in their suite at the Hotel Knickerbocker were the burglars responsible for a series of similar robberies which have netted the thieves more than \$100,000. The pair were arrested after they are alleged to have entered the apartment occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Broderick Tuesday morning, knocked down Mr. Broderick with a hammer, tied his wife to a bed and ransacked the room. They attempted to reach the street by climbing down the side of the hotel. Spied by a crowd while performing their "human fly" feat and fired at by a policeman, they entered a window after descending one floor and were arrested. The prisoners gave their names as Raymond Rodriguez and Adriano Heva. One robbery of which the men are suspected was committed at the Hotel Wallach, a block from the Knickerbocker, where \$40,000 was taken.

Bombs Exploded.

Madrid, Dec. 23.—Dispatches received from Vigo announce that the general strike continues. Bombs were exploded in two factories causing extensive damage.

PERSHING WILL VISIT OMAHA ON WAY TO LINCOLN

Train to Arrive at 6:40. General to Receive Official Welcome. General Pershing will set foot on Nebraska soil in Omaha this morning for the first time since he took command of the American expeditionary forces in France. He will be met by a committee representing the Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Smith and Lieut. Col. J. W. S. Wuest, commandant at Fort Omaha, when he arrives at the Burlington station at 6:40. General Pershing will spend more than a week visiting members of his family and friends in Lincoln, following his arrival today from Laclede, Mo. He will be met here by Gov. Samuel R. McKelvie and Mayor J. E. Miller and a state reception committee headed by State's Atty. Gen. H. J. Paul, all of whom will accompany him to Lincoln. A public reception next Friday evening at the state capitol is among events planned for the general's holiday visit to Lincoln. When the general arrives he will find the town folks at the station to meet him. The line of march from the depot, all the way to the home of his sisters, Mrs. D. M. Butler and Miss Mae Pershing, has been decorated. General Pershing made Lincoln his home more than 25 years ago when he was commandant of the University of Nebraska cadets. The Burlington railroad passenger office announced yesterday that General Pershing and his party would pass through Omaha again from Lincoln to Chicago on January 3, but stop here only 20 minutes. He will arrive at 6:10 and leave at 6:30 p. m. on his return trip, giving his Omaha admirers an opportunity of at least seeing him, and possibly of shaking his hand.

Will Visit Forts.

As far as it is known plans for General Pershing and his staff to spend January 3 in Omaha are unchanged. Plans for his reception are progressing rapidly. The party will go directly to Fort Omaha on arriving here at 9 a. m., according to reports. They will spend a greater part of the morning inspecting Fort Omaha and Fort Crook. He has requested that no body guard be furnished during his stay here. Colonel Wuest says, but has asked that men skilled in the various departments centered at the two forts be detailed to furnish him as much information as possible. Officers of High Rank. Accompanying the general on his trip here will be three brigadier-

OFFERS TO LEAVE THREE CHILDREN AS WIFE'S BAIL

Women Pickets Arrested After They Stone Steel Workers Returning to Work. Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 23.—Police reserves were called to quell a riot at the Minnequa steel works here when Austrian women pickets stoned steel workers who had returned to work in defiance of the union strike order. A dozen arrests were made. Mayor Mike Studzinski was knocked to the ground and pummeled by the strikers and sympathizers. The Minnequa plant was closed last July by the national strike of steel workers. The plant was opened last Monday with a large number of employees reporting for work. \$10,000 Cash Bonds. The police were compelled to wield their clubs before the mob dispersed. Among those arrested are five women. They were held under \$200 bond each. Shortly after the strike, the police committee which has been directing the strike since it was called September 22, called upon the chief of police and asked the privilege of furnishing bond. They offered a check for \$10,000 to insure the appearance of the five women in police court tomorrow morning. The police chief refused to accept this. The committee then withdrew and later appeared with \$10,000 in cash and the five women were released late tonight.

Women of Foreign Birth.

The five women were of foreign birth and the husband of one appeared at the station shortly after his wife's imprisonment and offered to leave his three small children with the police as bail for his wife. The injuries received by Mr. Studzinski, who, as president of the Pueblo city council, is mayor and also commissioner of safety, are not serious. No further trouble has been experienced but the police are preparing for any outbreak that may occur in connection with the early night shift coming on duty at midnight, and with the change of shifts at 7 o'clock tomorrow. There are approximately 2,500 men employed at the steel mills which before the strike was called was employing 6,000 men.

SAYS ITALY BROKE FAITH WITH ALLIES

Fiume Situation Still Obstacle to Establishment of Peace in Europe, Clemenceau Tells French Chamber. VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IS GIVEN TO PREMIER. Expresses Opinion Military Guarantees Offered France by Great Britain and Wilson Will Not Be Questioned.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The chamber of deputies voted confidence in the government, 458 to 71. The vote, which carried approval of Premier Clemenceau's program, was taken after the chamber had listened to his declaration on the determination of the allies to crush bolshevism, his confidence in the Anglo-Franco-American pact, his prediction of a solution of the Fiume problem, and his understanding with Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain. M. Clemenceau told the chamber that President Wilson and Great Britain had offered military pacts. Certain points in the peace treaty had been questioned but there were no serious objections to the military arrangement. To Solve Fiume Situation. The premier added that the latest indications were that the Fiume situation would be solved, "and then only can we breathe freely." M. Clemenceau appealed to the chamber to work hard and talk little. He said the cabinet at the end of the remaining weeks of its tenure of office would give its resignation to the president and added: "It will not be an exit by one door to enter by another." Asked by Marcel Cachin, socialist, if he ought not to give an unequivocal explanation of the treaty and the Anglo-American military pacts, M. Clemenceau said: "I did not ask for these military guarantees. They were offered by England and President Wilson. I do not believe they will be questioned. Although certain points of the treaty have been discussed there is no serious objection to the guarantees."

Questioned on Russia.

During the discussion on the London conference Ex-Premier Barthou questioned M. Clemenceau on Russia, and the premier said Russia had been discussed previously, but added: "I will tell you the two principal decisions we have taken. Not only will we not make peace, but we won't compromise with the government of the soviets. We have decided that we will be the allies of all peoples attacked by the bolsheviks." Regarding the situation in the Adriatic, the premier said: "The Fiume question has been agonizing. Italy promised Fiume to the Jugo-Slavs, but went back on her promise. France, England and the United States have sought a solution and the latest indications are that it will finally be reached. Only when this is solved can we commence to breathe freely."

War Between Italy and Jugo-Slavia Predicted

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Walter Predovich, chairman of the Jugo-Slav Relief commission just returned from six months spent in Jugo-Slavia, declared that he had a "huge amount of documentary evidence of atrocities committed by the Italians against the Jugo-Slavs." War between Jugo-Slavia and Italy was certain, he said, "if Italy continues her oppressive tactics." According to Predovich, Jugo-Slav women frequently were victims of Italian soldiers, but the latter were not punished. Citizens refusing to send their children to schools established by the Italians where the Italian language was taught were thrown into prisons. Predovich declared the conduct of Italians toward the Jugo-Slavs was known at Washington. He asserted D'Annunzio's seeming irresponsibility in activities in Fiume and elsewhere "is just a cloak behind which Italy is working to obtain that which the peace conference refused to give it."

Masked Negroes Rob Till in Two Stores

Two masked negroes entered the grocery and meat market of B. Garrop, 2722 Binney street, at 8 last night and covering Garrop with revolvers, rifled the till of \$18. They threatened to kill Garrop if he attempted to call help. One masked negro held up Mrs. A. Israel in her store at 1922 South Twenty-second street, about the same time and took \$20 from the cash register. The police believe the bandits are the same trio that committed several daring robberies last week despite the fact that the detective department arrested 39 negro suspects Sunday and 11 Monday.



Shadows His Wife, Peeps in Window And Lands in Jail

William Sayles turned detective last night in order to "shadow" his wife. When she turned into a house near Seventeenth and Davenport streets he became confused as to which house she had entered. Stepping into a window at 218 North Seventeenth street he peered in. The owner of the house, Special Detective Heizer of the Union Pacific, caught Sayles and turned him over to the police. The police held him for investigation. "That wife of mine was bad luck when she was with me but she's worse luck when she's away from me," sighed Sayles in jail. Sayles is colored.

NO ISSUE OF THE BEE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

In order to give all employees of The Bee a complete holiday, there will be no issue of the paper Christmas day. We feel sure the readers and advertisers will cheerfully, for this special occasion, accommodate themselves to this arrangement. THE OMAHA BEE.

No Concrete Results Over Peace Parleys Held in Washington

Washington, Dec. 23.—Although republican and democratic senators continued their conference on peace treaty reservations, there were no concrete results and leaders said they expected none for some days. There was a feeling, however, that by the time holiday recess ends January 5, the basis for an agreement will have been reached. Drafts of proposed changes in the reservations framed by the senate majority at the last session were talked over by Senator Lodge, Massachusetts, the republican leader, and Senator Lenroot, Wisconsin, a leader of the mild reservation group of republicans. They said that the conference was of a general nature and that no final agreement on phraseology was reached. It was emphasized in all quarters that the negotiations still were in a nebulous state and that many suggestions from many sources would be considered before they cared to make a binding agreement.

Kirk Case May Keep Devoe From Fair Price Committee

T. S. Allen, United States district attorney, has recommended to Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer that Robert W. Devoe of Lincoln not be appointed as chairman of the "fair price" committee for Nebraska. Mr. Allen admitted that this recommendation was prompted by Devoe's connection with the release of Beryl C. Kirk from the state penitentiary. "I don't believe that Mr. Devoe will be appointed," Mr. Allen said.

Christmas Shoppers Held at Bay by Bandit in Seattle

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 23.—Two men were seriously wounded and over 100 persons, mostly Christmas shoppers, were held at bay here when a lone bandit believed to be the man who, at Olympia, Wash. shot and killed E. H. Schultz, attempted to hold up a stationery store in the First avenue business district. The robber, who left without anything, made good his escape by mingling with the crowd in the street.

Another Massachusetts City Favors Sale of Liquor

Somerville, Mass., Dec. 23.—Somerville, the last city in the state to hold its municipal election, followed the example of all but one of the cities which voted earlier by declaring in favor of the licensed sale of liquor. The vote was yes 2,777, no 2,301. It was the first time since the local option system was instituted that the city had gone "wet." The vote, however, will have no effect as national prohibition will become operative before the next local option year begins.

POLICE FAIL IN CHECKING MADONRUSH

Uninvited Kiddies Crowd Way Into New York Army and Endeavor to Secure Gifts for Those Invited. YOUNGSTERS SWEEP OFFICERS FROM FEET. Women Faint as Children Fight and Scratch Each Other for the Possession of Dolls and Other Toys.

New York, Dec. 23.—Thousands of uninvited children for whom no gifts were provided crowded their way into the Seventy-first regiment armory tonight and threw New York's largest children's Christmas festival into a riot. During the height of the uproar, 14,000 youngsters were in a mad scramble for their share of presents which were stacked upon tables for distribution to 7,000 needy kiddies who had been invited. Police reserves, aided by the armory detail of soldiers, were unable to check the wild uproar. Several women fainted and scores of children were howled over as the youngsters rushed about the floor. Few Get Gift Packages. No semblance of order was obtained until thousands of the youngsters had been rushed into the street. Less than 50 per cent of them managed to get a gift package in the melee. The trouble started when clowns appeared on the floor. Children who had been assigned to places in the building rushed out in mass formation and crowded about the fun-makers. A few took advantage of the disorder to help themselves from the gift tables and in a minute the rush was on. Police Swept From Feet. The policemen present were swept from their feet and reserves were summoned. Children fought and scratched each other for the possession of dolls and other toys. One frenzied, red-faced youth wearing an abbreviated army coat was seen to carry away eight packages under his arms. The festival was staged by the Peoples Liberty chorus and the police department to provide Christmas entertainment and gifts for needy children.

MURDERED BODY OF GIRL PLACED IN "HOPE CHEST"

Husband of Maud Tabor to Be Arraigned for Murder on Confession of Mother. Lawton, Mich., Dec. 23.—Joseph C. Virgo, husband of Maud Tabor, will be arraigned on a charge of murder. Prosecuting Attorney Warner indicated when he stated charges made by Mrs. Sarah Tabor, Maud's mother, that Virgo performed an illegal operation on her daughter before the latter's death, completed the state's case against the accused man. Mrs. Tabor is involved on the charge of being an accessory after the fact, according to the prosecutor. The body of Maud Tabor was found in a trunk in the Tabor home November 30, about three years ago when her disappearance. It developed that Virgo had made her his fifth wife and Mrs. Tabor declared in a signed contract made known to Virgo told her he did not want any children. In her statement Mrs. Tabor said she sat beside the dead body seven days when Virgo placed it in the young woman's "hope chest" and hid it in the cellar. The authorities declare. At the coroner's inquest the aged mother denied that an illegal operation had been performed.

No Arrests for Lord French on Life of Alfred French

Dublin, Dec. 23.—There are still no arrests for the attempt against the life of Viscount French. No demonstrations occurred when the body of Savage, killed in the attack on the vicerey, left Dublin for Sligo. Irish volunteers acted as pallbearers at the funeral of Savage at Ballysodare. The Sinn Fein colors were over the coffin. The graveyard was surrounded by police.

Eight Patients of Insane Hospital Burned to Death

Middletown, Conn., Dec. 23.—Eight patients of the Connecticut hospital for the insane are believed to have burned to death in a fire which destroyed a frame building in which they were 33 patients. At midnight only 45 had been counted.