

ROYALIST ATTACKS FRENCH PRESIDENT

Crack-Brained Waiter Jumps on Fallieres on Paris Street.

ATTEMPTS TO PULL BEARD

Brain Turned by Vicious Attacks of Royalist Press on Government, Jean Mattis Acts on Their Suggestion.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—While Armand Fallieres, the President of France, accompanied by M. Ramondou, his secretary, and Colonel Lassin, Military Attache at the Elysee Palace, was taking a morning stroll near the Place de l'Étoile today, a poorly clad individual, who evidently had been lying in wait, suddenly jumped on the President from behind and threw his arms about M. Fallieres' neck in an effort to seize his beard. Colonel Lassin and Secretary Ramondou sprang to the assistance of the President, dragged off his assailant and turned him over to two special detectives, who had been following the party on bicycles. President Fallieres' came was broken in the struggle, but beyond a scratch on the ear he was not injured, and insisted on continuing his walk.

As the detectives slipped the handcuffs on the man, he cried: "I am unarmed. I simply wanted to pull the President's beard."

Assailant Is Royalist.

When searched at the station house, the President's assailant proved to be Jean Mattis, a 24-year-old, and a native of the Department of Savoie, Medals of General Merle, the ex-Minister of War, stamps bearing the head of the Duke of Orleans, a card of membership in the Ligue Francaise and other Royalist documents were found on his person.

During the examination Mattis boasted of being a royalist and talked confidently of having done his duty and obeyed the dictates of his conscience.

Brain Turned by Vicious Stories.

The investigation revealed the fact that Mattis was in close relation with the royalist organization, and this gives color to rumors that he was an instrument of a royalist plot. Serious evidence in this direction, however, is lacking. It is more likely that Mattis' head had been turned by the campaign of scandal and vilification which reactionary newspapers like the Libre Parole and L'Action have recently been conducting. They used the Steinhil scandal to make every conceivable charge against the government, even to its being guilty of political murders, and insisted on the insinuation that the late President Faure was killed because he sided against the royalists.

GAGGED, TIED AND ROBBED

Man Lies Helpless Till Children Find Him in Morning.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 25.—Masked robbers early today compelled H. A. Schabow, of Curlew, O., to open a safe in his farmhouse and turn over the contents. After tying the victim to his bed and placing a gag in his mouth, the robbers stole a horse and buggy and escaped. A posse of farmers is in pursuit.

While one of the robbers tortured Schabow by burning his feet with matches, the other kept him covered with a revolver. Schabow is agent for an insurance company.

The Toledo police are searching the city and the surrounding country for the two robbers.

The first the Schabow family knew of the robbery was when the children rushed to their father's room to wish him a merry Christmas. He was not there, and on entering a little front room used as an office, they found him on the floor, unconscious, with his hands and feet tied and a woolen mitten stuffed in his mouth.

BANK ROBBED OF \$29,000

Mysterious Disappearance of Currency Last Saturday Night.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 25.—The fact has just been made public that the First National Bank of Monrovia, Cal., was robbed of a sum said to amount to \$29,000 Monday night. No clues to the robbers have been found.

The loss was discovered when the bank opened for business on Tuesday morning. President John Bartle admitted that the robbery had occurred, but said the bank was insured for \$2,000 with a casualty company, the loss to the stockholders would be less than \$2,000. The bank is capitalized at \$300,000, with a surplus of \$20,000 and has undivided profits of \$20,000.

The time-folk on the vault did not work Monday night, and the combination lock alone protected the funds. The money must have been abstracted either during the few minutes after the cash was counted Monday and before it was carried into the vault or was taken out of the vault Monday night by someone in possession of the combination.

The missing money is in currency. Sixteen hundred dollars in silver was untouched.

All Southern California banks have been advised of the numbers of the stolen bills, and are on the lookout for them.

EFFECT OF SILVER'S FALL

Consuls Report Embarrassment of Trade With Silver Countries.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—That business conditions in the Orient have been seriously embarrassed by fluctuations

in the price of silver, and that the fluctuations rather than the mere depreciation in the value of the white metal has caused this commercial difficulty is shown by a large number of special consular reports received by the National Monetary Commission. These reports indicate that in Japan, where the gold standard is the basis of exchange, there has been no unacted condition from that cause, but in China, with the silver standard, dealings with gold standard countries have been injuriously affected by changes in the price of silver, which make the profit of a transaction largely dependent on the trend of exchange. The prevailing statement of the reports is that prices are largely regulated by rates of exchange.

These several consular reports were called for at the request of Senator Lodge's Consular officers, and requested to report what had been the tendency of prices since 1896, measured by silver currency, whether firms imported from the United States, Great Britain and Germany had found the depreciation of silver a matter of serious

NEW GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES.



Count Bernstorff. NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Count Bernstorff is the new ambassador to the United States. He brings with him his wife, who was an American girl.

embarrassment to their business during the last year, and whether the depreciation of silver had stimulated considerably the export trade.

GOLF VICTORY FOR TAFT

"Royal Game" Starts the Day, and Other Joys Follow.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 25.—The Christmas events for President-elect Taft were his participation in the annual handicraft golf tournament of the Country Club, in which he won from Major J. B. Cummings, president of the club, without a distinguishing score, riding a dozen miles on horseback in the afternoon, and with his entire family dining at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Langdon Thomas in the evening.

Augusta's "Gable" was not left unmindful of Christmas cheer. Mistletoe, holly and baskets of cut flowers were offered with hearty good wishes and received in the same spirit.

"The people down here are just as genuinely cordial as they could be," was the appreciative remark of Mr. Taft in recalling the holiday greetings he had received.

A trolley ride to Alken, S. C., in which the Taft and the John Hay Hammond families are to be the guests of James W. Jackson, of the railroad management, is planned for tomorrow.

KANSAS HARD ON CONVICTS

Complaint of Cruelty to Oklahoma Prisoners Filed.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Dec. 25.—Governor Haskell today appointed a committee to act with a committee to be named by Governor Hoch, of Kansas, to investigate charges of alleged cruelties to Oklahoma prisoners confined in the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kan. The Oklahoma prisoners had been placed in the Lansing Penitentiary to await the building of an Oklahoma State Prison.

Miss Kate Bernard, Oklahoma State Commissioner of Charities and Corrections, recently filed with the Governor a sensational report, asserting that Oklahoma prisoners were being mistreated at the Kansas prison.

On regarding consciousness Mr. Schabow said that hearing a noise in the office, he went to investigate and was attacked by two masked men, who demanded money. He refused to open the safe, whereupon they bound and gagged him, then applied lighted matches to his feet. He endured this torture for awhile, but finally gave in and opened the safe and then became unconscious.

STARR OFFERS SURRENDER

Noted Robber's Plan Turned Down by Governor Haskell.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Dec. 25.—Governor Haskell announced today that he had received word from Henry Starr, the noted robber, that Starr was ready to surrender to the state and stand trial upon charges against him in this state if the Governor would grant immunity against extradition to other states. Starr is wanted in a number of states for various causes. The Governor said that he would not consent to such an arrangement.

STUDENTS ARE SUSPENDED

Sorbonne School of Medicine Disciplines Students.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—As a consequence of the manifestations by students of the medical school of Sorbonne yesterday over the inauguration of a new system of examinations, to which they objected, the university council today closed the School of Medicine for first and second-year students for three months.

Diamond Necklace in Laundry.

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—In a sheet which was about to be placed in a mangle that was about to be operated in a hotel laundry yesterday, has been found a \$500 diamond necklace of Mrs. John De Coste, wife of the well-known English artist, who is at present in New York.

Election officers T. P. A. 1:30 Com. Club.

Portland agents for the Ladies' Home Journal Patterns—the newest and best on the market. Easily understood, no waste in cutting, and only 10c and 15c. We are Portland agents for Libbey Cut Glass. Merode Underwear for women and children—Exclusive Portland agents.

Handkerchiefs for 3c

Women's and Children's Handkerchiefs that have been used for display and some have been slightly soiled. Plain or cross-bar lawn, or with fancy borders; all have hemstitched edges. Regular values up to 7c, choice for only 3c

Women's 40c Aprons at 27c

Gingham Aprons—Made in Mother Hubbard style, or with belt and bib. Best quality gingham; regular price 40c each; special, for only, each. 27c

SHOES FOR THE Day After

A sensational special on account of lines being broken from the terrific selling of the holiday season. Qualities are as high as ever, but prices are much less than regular for these high-grade shoes. A large lot, embracing patents, kid and calf leathers, button or lace styles, with light or heavy soles. About 1000 pairs of these are Laird-Schober shoes; 800 pairs from Wright-Peters, mostly French heels; and about 1000 more from Hallahan & Son, Schmitz Goodwin, and Val Duttenhofer & Sons; also 1800 pairs of Pin-gree shoes. Values in this lot to \$6; choice at \$3.19

Men's Low-Cut Self-Acting Rubbers—The usual 85c grade, in all sizes, today at the low price of only, pair. 49c

Men's High-Grade Shoes—In full dress or street styles; regular \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00 grades; all in one big \$3.49 lot, at the pair, only \$3.49

Boys' Shoes—In kid or calf leathers. Included in this assortment is a full line of sizes in our boys' "Rough on Rocks" shoes. They have brass-quilted soles, and are thoroughly guaranteed.

Sizes 8 1/2 to 13 1/2 \$1.60
Sizes 1 to 2, per pair . . . \$1.80
Sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, pair . . . \$2.00

CRUSHED BY AUTO

Chauffeur Instantly Killed, Three Injured.

CAN SAVE SIGHT OF MANY Old Pennsylvania Law Might Prevent Blindness of One-Third.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 25.—Health Commissioner Dixon hopes to see prevented fully one-third the number of cases of blindness occurring in Pennsylvania. He declares this can be done if an old law that has lain practically dormant on the books of the state for a number of years and the suggestions that the State Department of Health proposed are carefully carried out.

A recent report from the Pennsylvania School for the Blind says that in the last four years more than one-third of the persons admitted to that institution have owed their affliction to ophthalmia neonatorum, that is, the affection of the eyes which occurs at the birth of the infant.

BEEF PACKERS EXPOSED (Continued from First Page.)

cessitate the degree of secrecy we have maintained in its ineptness. There have been no particular developments in the case today. We are resting for a few days, and but little can be done until the grand jury convenes on Monday."

In addition to the rate inquiry, the investigation is said to include an attempt to show that the spirit of the law which prohibits agreements on prices of products has been violated in various markets by packers. While it is asserted the packers would not dare to enter into an open agreement concerning prices, nevertheless it is maintained that where one of the firms of the so-called "beef trust" has fixed a price for a particular product it was easy for the others to fix the same price.

LIQUOR KILLS ONE MORE INDIAN. KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 25.—John Morgan, a young Indian from the Klamath reservation, was found dead on the road just this side of the state line on the road to Dorris. Officers from this city went to the scene of death and pronounced the case one of accidental death. The supposition is that Morgan

Olds, Wortman & King

For Those That Santa Claus Forgot

My!! What a busy old fellow jolly old Santa Claus has been and it's no wonder if he forgot a few, even if they were his very best friends. But now that the rush is over he's trying to make amends and has commissioned us as his special Portland representatives to help all those that were overlooked. Come to share in the unheard-of savings that appear for the day after Christmas, and if there are some friends that you wanted to remember but neglected to do so, here's an opportunity for you to purchase something nice for them and have it cost you but very little.

Furs Half Price



If you overlooked someone that you wished to give a very nice present, and what you wanted cost too much, here's a chance to select something graceful, beautiful and rich at half its value. Not one piece in all our superb stock of handsome Furs is reserved while this offer is in force. Sets or single pieces ALL reduced. Come this morning, if possible, for there's very good choosing now and the best styles and values are sure to be gone by night. None sent on approval or on phone orders, none sent C. O. D. A wonderful bargain indeed, every Fur in our immense stock at JUST HALF SILK PETTICOATS, \$5.98—But they are much better values than the price indicates. Regular values run as high as \$15.00. Come in all colors and in fancy effects. Made of shimmering taffeta silk, and of such unusual merit that their superiority is evident at a glance; special today. \$5.98

Women's \$1.85 Umbrellas \$1.29

Fast black, rainproof Umbrellas, with plain boxwood or fancy trimmed handles, and made over strong frame, steel rod. These umbrellas will give you protection from the rain, and will help to save that handsome one you got for Christmas. Regular \$1.85 \$1.29 values, at the special low price of only, each \$1.29

All Fans Half Misses' Merode Union Suits 39c

A sale of unusual magnitude because it includes every fan in our stock, and the regular prices run from 5c to \$50. Fans of every kind and description—hand-painted, feather or lace; One-Half

Come in all sizes, from 1 to 7—the best underwear bargain to be found in Portland. Regular values up to \$1.10; choice \$1.10 at low price of only 39c

Children's Hose—Winter weight, fast black, ribbed cotton. All sizes; regular price 20c the pair, at the special price of two pairs for. 25c

Holiday Goods in Notion Aisle 1/2

See the remarkable assortment of gift things offered in the Smallwares Aisle today at One-Half the regular price. Collar and cuff boxes, work boxes, stationery sets, calendars, shaving sets, smokers' sets—an endless selection of fancy wares at One-Half Regular Price

We sell the Royal Worcester Corsets, the sort that particular women have preferred for over 50 years. The best corset made or sold in America. A model for every figure that is normal. Expert fitters in attendance, commodious fitting-rooms. See the new Sheathbocker.

\$1.50 Gloves for 79c

Women's Kid Gloves—In broken lines; two-clasp style. There are not all sizes in each color, but there is no size missing from the assortment. Regular values up to \$1.50 pr., special, today only . . . 79c

Smoking Jackets and Bathrobes 1/2

Remember some of your friends with one of these Coats or Gowns, for now that Christmas is past, they sell for half regular prices.

Leather Goods at One-Third Less

Every piece of Leather Goods in our entire stock on sale today at a reduction of one-third. Handbags, Purses, Billbooks, Traveling Bags, Cardcases. Everything reduced . . . One-Third

Framed Pictures All at Half Price

A decidedly good suggestion if you are buying presents for some one with a den or a home they take pride in. These are suitable for bedrooms, dining-rooms, bathrooms, dens, etc. All sorts of subjects; gilt, black or oak frames; all shapes and sizes. Every one cut to . . . 1/2

Toilet Sets 1/3 Less

All of our French stag novelty ware, in Toilet Sets, Smokers' Sets, Manicure Sets, Ink Stands and various articles on sale today at one-third less than regular price. Very staple and desirable goods at a uniform reduction in price. Choose one of these for the friend you had overlooked. Save . . . 1/3

Fancy Boxes 98c

Special Lot Fine Hardwood Boxes—Including handkerchief boxes, glove boxes, cigar boxes, steins, etc.; values up to \$3.00 each, at only 98c

got drunk and was thrown from the horse he was riding. The remains were brought to this city for further investigation and were then taken to the reservation for burial.

WOUNDED IN SALOON ROW Sumpter Miner Receives Shot in Shoulder for Slapping Bartender.

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When the Furnace Fails PERFECTION Oil Heater (Equipped with Smokeless Device) On many a cold winter morning you will wake to find the fires "out." What are you going to do about it—shiver? Prepare now for the emergency with a The Rayo Lamp makes chery the long evening—brilliant steady light for reading or sewing—equipped with the latest improved central draft burner. Every lamp warranted. If your dealer doesn't carry the Perfection Oil Heater and Rayo Lamp, write our nearest agency for descriptive circular. STANDARD OIL COMPANY (Incorporated)