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CHILD RULES WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS

Uncle Woodrow Plays Being Santa Claus.

GIFTS OF GROWNUPS WAIT

President Puts Grandniece Before All Others.

BIG DOLL GIVES DELIGHT

Sally McAdoo, 10 Years Old, Helps Make Day Memorable—Family and Official Household Remembered During Day.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The happy laugh of a golden-haired girl of 7, Anne Cottrah, the President's grandniece, awakened the White House at dawn today to the enjoyment of a Christmas unequalled since the time of the Roosevelt children. Anne, as well as everyone of the President's family, will remember it for a long time to come.

With her small hand tucked confidently in the big one of her "Uncle Woodrow," the little girl was ushered into the big library. There in one corner was a tree such as few little girls ever see, bonding beneath the weight of things dearest to the hearts of little girls.

Doll Is Not Forgotten.

Right in the middle of the room, propped up in a chair, was a doll almost as big as the little girl herself—the doll that she had prayed that Santa Claus would not forget.

Throughout the day, until it was time for Anne to be put to bed, tired but still dreadfully excited, the President banished from his mind all thoughts of business. Secretary Tamm made a short visit to the executive offices, but the President adhered strictly to his resolve to dedicate Christmas to the little girl.

Child Too Excited to Sleep.

It required the personal efforts of the President to induce his grandniece to go to sleep at last tonight. It was not until he sat beside her bed and held her hand, telling her that Santa would never think of visiting her if she didn't go right off to sleep, that the child consented to close her eyes.

Little Anne refused to leave her big uncle all day, and the President was kept busy for hours untying packages for her and hearing her frank pleasure in every one of the multitude of gifts she received.

Shortly before 11 o'clock Miss Margaret Wilson and several others of the family party went to church. The President had intended going, but preferred to remain and help Anne Cottrah wind up jumping and whirling toys.

Own Presents Come Second.

The President did not examine any of the thousands of gifts sent him until after the child had finished exclaiming over each new wonder that was disclosed to her astonished eyes. The President received presents from every quarter of the globe, and of every kind and description. He was a lot more interested in those received by the child.

Anne's mother is wondering how in the world she is ever going to get all of the things home, for beside the great big doll, she was deluged with other dolls, dolls' beds, hair brushes for dolls, dolls' clothes, doll houses and furniture, miniature tea sets, and everything she could possibly desire.

Rest of Household Remembered.

Although absorbed in Anne, the President did not forget the others of his family or those of his official household. Soon after breakfast the policeman detailed to the White House and the employees of the establishment were called in and gifts were given them.

Another child helped make the day a memorable one for the President. About 10 o'clock Sally McAdoo, 10-year-old daughter of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, the President's son-in-law, arrived.

The Christmas dinner at the White House was tonight, Anne Cottrah being permitted to stay and have her dinner with the grown-ups, through the special intervention of the President.

CHAUFFEUR SCOLDS PRINCE

English Heir to Throne Drives Into French Truck and Is Berated.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—According to the Cri de Paris, the Prince of Wales, while driving his automobile recently, met with an accident. His automobile made an awkward skid and ran into a French lorry. While the automobile was damaged to a much greater extent than the lorry, the conductor and mechanic of the French military truck, who were unaware of the identity of the Prince, treated him to a choice selection of Parisian slang and oburgations for his clumsiness. The Prince laughed, but his orderly, who was shocked, revealed the identity of the English heir to the throne.

The Prince gave the chauffeur \$5, but that did not quite soothe the feelings of the Frenchman, because, in telling the story, he says:

"As a Prince, he is a corker, but as a chauffeur, he does not exist."

DOZEN PRISONERS AGAIN WALK FREE

WASHINGTON CONVICTS HAVE JOYOUS CHRISTMAS.

Some of Those Who Get Gifts of Freedom Are in Hospital or Await Word From Benefactors.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—A real Christmas tree with remembrances for every convict made Christmas a notable occasion at the penitentiary here today. The gaily decorated tree was in the chapel, where the exercises were held, and each prisoner was given a bag of peanuts and popcorn and an orange. In addition he had his fill at a chicken dinner and listened to a programme of songs, recitations and talks with band music interspersed.

Convicts also received presents of reading matter, food, etc., from friends and relatives all over the state, it being probably the most elaborate Christmas ever passed at the prison.

Papers arrived last night for 14 prisoners and 12 of them have been released. The others are in the hospital or waiting to hear from relatives who agreed to send them money. While there were a total of 25 paroles, pardons and releases, most of the men were at road camps. The list included some final releases for men on parole.

HARWICH FEARS ATTACK

Mayor Issues Order Directing Civilians How to Behave.

HARWICH, via London, Dec. 25.—A possible German attack on Harwich is indicated by the following notice issued today by the Mayor of that English seaport:

"Although an attack by the enemy on Harwich fortress is not expected at the present time and there is no special reason for anxiety among non-combatants, it is considered desirable to notify the civilian population that in the unexpected event of belligerent operations the members of the local emergency committee and special constables will direct every one as to the course to be pursued. All members of the civilian population are hereby required to act strictly in accordance with such directions."

All visitors arriving at Harwich will be required to register.

FOE FLIES OVER ENGLAND

British Airmen Fire Into and Cause Hostile Aviator to Flee.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The War Office issued the following tonight:

"A hostile aeroplane was sighted today at 12:55. It was flying high from east to west over Sheerness (near the mouth of the Thames). British aircraft went up in pursuit and engaged the enemy, who, after being hit three or four times, was driven off seaward."

DOVER, Dec. 25, via London, Dec. 25.—It is reported here that a German aeroplane, flying at a great height, passed over the Medway River and Herne Bay today. British aeroplanes and seaplanes were out on scouting duty for many hours.

RAIN COMES; CITY HAPPY

Regulation Winter Weather Begins and Cold Spell Reaches End.

Portland is enjoying the kind of winter weather it likes—rain.

Until yesterday Portland was, for 15 days, in the grip of a regular "down East" winter. The thermometer registered lower than the freezing point one or more times each day since the 10th of the month.

But it's all over now and the regulation December rain has set in. It began to set some time Tuesday night and continued throughout the day.

FRENCHMAN SHELLS TURKS

Ottomans Are Dispersed by Cruiser Near Dardanelles.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—A dispatch from Athens to the Havas Agency under date of December 23, which was delayed in transmission, says:

"At 11 o'clock this morning a French cruiser drew into the coast of Asia near the Dardanelles and fired 14 shells into a position occupied by Turkish troops near Guekhi. The Turkish troops after vainly trying to reply to the cruiser's attack dispersed."

PEACE IS CHRISTMAS TASK

Pope Spends Day Developing Plan to Lessen War Suffering.

ROME, Dec. 25.—Pope Benedict devoted the greater part of Christmas to developing his plan for the exchange of wounded prisoners.

After religious service he spent some time with relatives. He expressed great satisfaction over the many messages he has received, especially from America, giving strong adherence to his efforts to lessen the cruelties of the war and hasten peace.

CZAR HOLDS 357,406 FOES

Captive Slavs Ask Naturalization and Enlistment Against Turks.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—According to a Petrograd dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company, the number of German prisoners registered is 1149 officers and 131,700 men; the number of Austrians registered is 3165 officers and 221,400 men.

The Slav prisoners have asked for Russian naturalization so that they may be sent against the Turks.

AVLONA OCCUPIED BY ITALIAN FORCE

Move Is Made to Forestall Anarchy.

TURKISH RULER LOSES HOLD

Albanian Issue May Draw Italy Into War.

REVOLUTION IS SPREADING

Scarcity of Food Accentuates Gravity of Crisis—Moslem Rebels Loot and Massacre Just Outside Walls of City.

ROME, Dec. 25.—Italy today occupied Avlona, the Albanian seaport. It is semi-officially announced that this action implies no purpose on the part of Italy to occupy interior points, but is merely intended to prevent anarchy on the opposite coast of the Adriatic, which is but a few hours from Italian territory.

Several districts of Albania are in a state of rebellion against any authority. Essad Pasha, the Turkish ruler, apparently having lost his hold on the people.

Italian Interests Upheld.

The semi-official announcement says that the only object of today's occupation is to cut short constant annoyances from open or concealed enemies, besides upholding Italian interests, namely, not to allow Avlona to fall into the hands of any naval power.

It is understood that the Italian government intends to safeguard these political, commercial and ethnographical interests without arrogance, but without weakness and also without being distracted from the graver issues arising from the European conflict.

State of Anarchy Prevails.

For some time the situation in Albania has again been grave. Several districts have rebelled altogether against any authority and have become prey to the worst form of anarchy. Conditions have been rendered more grave by famine. The scarcity of food has been brought about through the absolute isolation of Albania owing to the state of war existing on the Adriatic, while Albania is bounded by two belligerent countries, Serbia and Montenegro, which, together with Austria, have absorbed all available provisions which Albania had stored.

The price of food has increased 210 per cent and in addition the quality of cereals is bad, causing serious epidemics.

Essad Pasha's Power Lost.

Especially in the interior discontent reached such proportions that Essad Pasha's power is crumbling.

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ISLAND CEDED FOR GUNS

Russia Said to Have Given Sakhalin to Japan for Heavy Weapons.

BERLIN, Dec. 25, via wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—The German official press bureau says that Copenhagen reports that Russia has ceded Sakhalin Island to Japan in exchange for heavy guns. Sakhalin lies off the east coast of Asia and is separated from the mainland by the Gulf of Tartary. The island has been officially Russian since September, 1905. By the terms of the treaty of Portsmouth, N. H., the southern half was ceded to Japan. Its area is estimated at 23,400 square miles.

TURKS REPORT SUCCESS

Victory on Caucasian Front Is Declared Decisive.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Amsterdam gives the text of an official communication published in Constantinople on the operations of the Turkish army on the Caucasian front as follows:

"Between Olti and Id our troops gained a decisive victory. The battle is being continued with fresh successes. We have captured 6000 prisoners, including a Colonel, and a large quantity of ammunition and war material."

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AUSTRIA-HUNGARY EXPECTS LONG WAR

Capacity of Ammunition Plants Doubled.

ELABORATE DEFENSES MADE

More Than 800,000 Men Now in Various Drill Camps.

METAL STORES GATHERED

Shortage of Saltpeter Met by Process Known in Germany, by Which Nitro Acid Is Produced From Other Elements.

VIENNA, Dec. 2.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—An early peace is not looked for by the Austro-Hungarian government. While no official statement to this effect has been made, or, for that matter, would be made, the war measures now in hand and those contemplated indicate that a cessation of hostilities in the near future is most unlikely.

Military preparations continue to be made throughout the dual empire. Along many of the principal lines in Eastern and Northern Hungary military field works are being laid out on a large scale, and the two principal cities of the empire, Vienna and Budapest, are being prepared for defense in a like manner.

Plans for Defense Elaborate.

To the north and east of Vienna no fewer than nine lines of defense may be observed, and the field works of Budapest are even more extensive. Some of the entrenchments, redoubts and artillery emplacements which constitute these works were established some time ago, to judge by their settled appearance, but more are being laid out. Thousands of men and a large number of excavating machines are employed in the further extension of these precautionary measures.

In addition to establishing field works along the railroads, the trackage of many yards is being enlarged and supplies now are being stored in such a manner that they may be used either for local purposes or easily sent to a front farther out, the various bases supplying one another.

Cholera Camp Established.

The establishment of a large cholera camp at Zeonin, or Sillein, as the place is called by the Germans, is further proof that the Austro-Hungarian government does not count on an early termination of the war. The coming of winter has virtually eradicated cholera, and it is altogether unlikely that this dread disease will reappear until the ground is thawed. Nevertheless, the

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POLICE IN CHASE SHOOT WRONG MAN

NEGRO THOUGHT ROBBER IS PURSUED AND TAKEN.

Walter Askey on Way Home From Theater Struck by Bullet and Is Likely to Die.

While Detectives Swennes and Moloney were shooting at an alleged robber who had escaped from them at 10 o'clock last night, Walter Askey, an employe of the Meier & Frank store, was struck in the neck by a glancing shot as he sat in a streetcar at Fifth and Pine streets. Askey is in a critical condition at the Good Samaritan Hospital.

The detectives were pursuing John Jones, a negro, whom they had arrested on a charge of throttling and robbing Willis Hynes, 88½ Texas street, a few minutes before. The man had wrenched away from them on the way to the station. Both fired at his legs as he approached Fifth and Pine streets.

Askey was with Miss Ethel Rose, 1592 Gravenstein avenue, going home from a theater. He was sitting in the front end of a St. Johns streetcar. The bullet struck him in the back of the neck, ranging upwards, and lodged in the back of his head.

Askey was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital by Patrolmen Lely and Humphries, who were near the spot in the police touring car at the time of the shooting. Humphries jumped from the car and grabbed Jones, who was still running. The police say that Askey was in the hospital less than five minutes after the shooting.

Detective Captain Baty, in speaking of the accident, said that Moloney and Swennes were justified in shooting. "Moloney and Swennes are two of the best detectives on this Coast," Captain Baty said. "I think the shooting was an unavoidable accident. We have had so many holdups lately that they were justified in taking extreme means to hold this man after arrest."

Jones was booked for robbery.

ONE OSTRICH FEEDS 1500

Fledgling Is Feature of Y. M. C. A. Dinner in California.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—One baby ostrich, five months old and weighing more than 100 pounds dressed, was the pieced resistance at the Y. M. C. A. cafeteria Christmas dinner today, and 1500 persons were served.

Each of the baby's drumsticks weighed 16 pounds. In cooking the bird 125 pounds of dressing was made. This was made of 50 pounds of chestnuts, 50 pounds of butter, 25 pounds of onions, 50 pounds of bread, 25 heads of celery and one pound of mixed spices.

A special oven six feet square was arranged to roast the gigantic bird.

SEA FIGHT IN PROGRESS

Briton and Two Germans Believed Engaged Off Valparaiso.

VALPARAISO, Dec. 25.—A wireless message from the Chilean torpedo gunboat Tomo reports the British cruiser Newcastle cannonading 15 miles from Valparaiso. It is supposed she has engaged the German cruiser Dresden and converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

A British squadron and Japanese warships are known to be cruising not far from this port.

Friday's War Moves

CHRISTMAS brought no rest to the embattled European armies. It found the Russians still fighting desperately in the snows of Poland against the fierce attacks of the German and Austrian allies; Premysl still in the grip of the invading army; the French making spasmodic thrusts against the long German lines of trenches in Northern and Northeastern France, and the British and Belgians engaged in almost hand-to-hand warfare against the German trenches in West Belgium.

"In Flanders yesterday things were generally quiet," says the German bulletin. The French report speaks of intermittent artillery firing there. The French assert they have won several successes along the center and eastern lines, while the Germans declare that they have taken the second British trenches in Belgium. Both sides assert that they have repulsed attacks at various points, which indicates that the feeling process is under way all along the lines.

So close are the trenches of the Germans and the allies at many points that almost the only weapons used are hand grenades, since it is impossible for the men to expose themselves even to so small a degree as would be necessary for the use of their rifles.

There have been informal truces between the British and Germans for burial of the dead between the lines. According to a British eyewitness for many weeks along the battle line the dead have lain as they fell. There are gruesome accounts of bodies held erect by the barbed wires and scouts crawling over them at night.

A violent revolution has broken out in Albania against Essad Pasha, whom Turkey established as ruler there when the Ottoman government broke into the European war. Essad Pasha's palace at Tirana has been pillaged and burned. Massacres are reported. The Italian government has landed sailors from the warships at the principal Albanian ports of Avlona to restore order and protect Europeans and the peaceful inhabitants.

Italian intervention may embroil Italy with her recent foe, Turkey, and holds possibilities of far-reaching results.

EMDEN MET DOOM GAMELY, SAYS FOE

German's Last Battle Fought Bow to Bow.

LATER DECK SCENE REVOLTING

Mangled and Dismembered Sailors Strewn About Ship.

VICTOR BADLY DAMAGED

Fourteen Hundred Shots Fired at Conqueror and Flag Is Not Lowered Until Repeated Demands and Shots Are Sent Aboard.

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COLOMBO, Ceylon (via London), Nov. 24.—The Australian cruiser Sydney arrived here last night with her own and the Emden's wounded and with prisoners from the German cruiser which proved such a terror to commerce before she was sunk by the Sydney. From the Sydney I got the first personal narrative of the historic engagement off Cocos Islands for The World.

The authorities kept the German prisoners absolutely secluded from all approach, and they were not seen by any one except their guards; but it is stated that they are in good health, except young Prince Francis Joseph of Hohenzollern, second son of Prince William, head of the non-reigning branch of the family, who, though not wounded, has been in a bad nervous condition since the engagement.

Cocos S. O. S. Is Heard.

One of the Sydney's complement, an officer of considerable experience, furnished the following vivid eye-witness account of the fight with the Emden: "Our warship had picked up, frequently repeated, the wireless distress message, 'Cocos Islands.' When the City of Sydney gave us a rousing sendoff and laughingly warned us not to dare to come back without sinking a German cruiser, little did they or we dream we should be the means of bringing a German cruiser to book so soon.

"It took some time to steam the 40 miles which separated us from the Cocos Islands. We were, of course, cleared for action and our men were ready at a moment's notice to take up their stations. We were taking things easy and were having a bit of breakfast. Most of us had finished and some were lying about on deck when the call to stations came. There was a general scamper, and in less than 10 seconds we were all at our posts, ready for a scrap.

Emden Accepts Battle.

"We held straight on her. She came steaming out to meet us, and in less than no time we were in action. Some say that when we first sighted the Emden she had her false canvas funnel up, and certainly it was hoisted when she first appeared off the Cocos Islands, for the people there declare she had four funnels, one of which was palpably a dummy. However, she only had three funnels when I saw her, and presumably she must have lowered her

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LARGE AREA OF UNCULTIVATED LAND TO BE MADE PRODUCTIVE.

The officers of the Gresham Fruitgrowers' Association plan to change hundreds of acres of uncultivated land in Multnomah and Clackamas counties into productive homes, and to make a Gresham the center of a great berry-growing and canning industry.

The association purchased a block of land near the Mount Hood Railway at Gresham, on which a plant 100x200 feet has been built. The promoters expect to double the space in another year. The association is engaged now in a campaign of education through Eastern Multnomah and Clackamas counties, with good results.

It is believed that next year three times the present area in berries and vegetables suitable for canning will be cultivated in the district tributary to this plant.

The people of the Gresham district have taken hold of the project and, with the inspiration and assistance of an expert from the Oregon Agricultural College, hundreds of acres now practically waste in Multnomah and Clackamas counties will be producing berries and vegetables for the co-operative canner, and their owners will be receiving cash for their produce right at home, while employment will be afforded to several hundred operatives. The railway company has promised to afford transportation facilities from the more remote districts at reasonable rates.

