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CARS CRUSH JIT; 2 KILLED, 3 HURT

St. Vincent's Chaplain and Woman Are Dead.

HOCKEY MANAGER MAY DIE

Auto Attempts to Pass Streetcars, Is Caught Between Two and Mangled.

RAILROAD AGENT HURT

Driver Lays Blame to Wet Paving, Saying Wheel Entered Groove and Skidded.

OUTSTANDING FEATURES OF FATAL JITNEY-STREETCAR WRECK.

The Dead.

Father Alexander Cestelli, chaplain St. Vincent's Hospital.

Mrs. J. J. Chambreau, 186 East Thirteenth street.

The Injured.

Edward Savage, manager Portland hockey team, probably fractured skull and cuts.

R. V. Holder, of San Francisco, cuts and bruises.

Norman Myers, 5012 Sixty-eighth street Southeast, driver, cuts and bruises.

The Cause.

Jitney attempting to pass one streetcar is crushed between it and another from an opposite direction on Washington street between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets.

Time.

2:35 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Rev. Father Cestelli, 76 years old, chaplain at St. Vincent's Hospital, and Mrs. J. J. Chambreau, 49 years old, 186 East Thirteenth street, were fatally injured and Edward Savage, 35 years old, manager of the Ice Hippodrome and the Portland Hockey team, who lives at the Lucille apartments, was possibly fatally injured when a west-bound jitney driven by Norman Myers, 5012 Sixty-eighth street, Southeast, was crushed between two Twenty-third street streetcars on Washington street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, at 2:35 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The driver and one other passenger, R. V. Holder, escaped with slight injuries.

Victims Die an Hour Apart.

Father Cestelli died at the Good Samaritan Hospital at 4 o'clock and Mrs. Chambreau, wife of J. J. Chambreau, a public accountant, died at the same hospital at 5 o'clock.

The driver of the jitney escaped uninjured with the exception of a scratch on the head, a cut lip and skinned hand. Mr. Holder, who lives at San Francisco, the other occupant of the jitney, sustained a cut on the hand and a slight cut on the leg.

Following the accident the driver was taken to the police station by Patrolman R. H. Field, where he gave a statement to Chairman H. P. Coffin, of the Safety First Commission. Myers was not held after the preliminary investigation.

Cars Crush Jitney.

The accident happened when the jitney driver attempted to pass around the west-bound streetcar and was caught between it and the east-bound car. The rear end of his machine, which was occupied by Rev. Father Cestelli, Mrs. Chambreau and Mr. Savage, was crushed together like so much cardboard.

The front end of the machine did not receive the impact of the streetcars and was not badly damaged. This, it is believed, is all that prevented Mr. Myers, the driver, and Mr. Holder, who also occupied the front seat, from serious injury also.

Chaplain's Skull Fractured.

Immediately following the accident, Rev. Father Cestelli, Mrs. Chambreau and Mr. Holder were taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital by the Ambulance Service Company. Edward Shafer, driver for the Portland Fish Market, took Mr. Savage to the St. Vincent's Hospital.

The west-bound streetcar, No. 615, which struck the jitney, was operated by Conductor L. W. Jones, 400 North Twenty-fifth street, and Motorman H.

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FORMER PRINCESS LEAVES MILLION

WILL OF CLARA RICCIARDI, NEE WARD, IS FILED.

Husband and Two Children in Italy Receive Practically All—Cousin in Chicago Gets $15,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The will of Mrs. Clara L. Ricciardi, formerly Clara de Riquet, Princess de Chimay, formerly Clara L. Ward, and a petition for letters testamentary were filed in the Probate Court here today by John W. Cary. The petition recites that the estate is worth approximately $1,124,955.96 in personal property, and $50,000 in real estate, practically all of which is left to Giuseppe Ricciardi, who is in Italy, Marie, a daughter, and Joseph de Chimay, a son, who resides in Paris.

Mrs. Clara L. Blakeslee, of Chicago, a cousin, receives a bequest of $15,000. Under the terms of the will, the estate is to be divided into three trust funds for the benefit of the husband and two children. The will was signed in 1904.

Mrs. Ricciardi died in Italy several days ago. She was the daughter of E. B. Ward, a millionaire shipbuilder, of Detroit, Mich.

COINS CARRY NEW DESIGNS

Denver Mint Begins Turning Out 150,000 Half Dollars Daily.

DENVER, Dec. 22.—The Denver mint today began turning out the newly designed half-dollar pieces, and for an indefinite period will coin an average of more than 150,000 pieces daily.

The new coin bears the full length of the Statue of Liberty, with the Stars and Stripes flying to the wind as a background. Branches of oak also are imprinted. On the reverse side an eagle is perched high on a crag, wings unfolded. The coin bears the customary lettering.

TREATY IS RATIFIED AGAIN

Danish King and Cabinet Take Final Action on Island Sale.

COPENHAGEN, via London, Dec. 22.—King Christian in the Cabinet Council today ratified the treaty providing for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States.

This follows the passage by both Houses of the Danish Parliament of the bill for the ratification of the treaty. The exchange of the ratification instruments will take place in New York, probably towards the end of January.

PEACE MEETING PLANNED

Monster Demonstration to Hail Coming of New Year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Monster peace demonstrations, at which will be read a manifesto "from the American people to the world in the cause of peace," will be held at midnight on New Year's eve in Chicago, Denver, San Francisco and this city, it was announced here today by the American Neutral Conference Committee.

At each meeting a community chorus will ring out the present year with song.

PEANUTS CAUSE OF FIGHT

Lents Man Says Conductor Beat Him for Mussing Up Car.

H. F. Kickenapp, conductor on the Mount Scott line, has been arrested on a charge of assault and battery, sworn to in the District Court by Roy Crawford, of Lents.

Mr. Crawford scattered peanut shells on the floor of the car several nights ago. He said the conductor flung him a broom and told him to clean up the mess he had made, and that when he refused he was attacked. He exhibited two black eyes.

CRACK SHOT PLAYS SANTA

Pendleton Officer Gives Turkeys and Geese to Poor.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—A number of Pendleton families in meager circumstances are joyful today that Lou Rayburn, a night officer, is a crack rifle shot.

At a trukey shoot held yesterday Rayburn secured nine turkeys and three geese. He immediately turned these over to Chief Guardane to give to needy families in the city for the Christmas dinner.

WILSON PARTY COMPLETED

President to Give 125 Turkeys to White House Employes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The family party which will celebrate Christmas with President Wilson at the White House was completed tonight with the arrival of Francis B. Sayre and his wife, daughter of the President, with their two small children.

Arrangements were made for the disposition tomorrow of 125 turkeys to married employes of the White House.

POLICE TO HAVE COLLEGE

Berkeley Chief to Open Only Institution of Kind on Coast.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 22.—A policemen's college will be opened in Berkeley, in 1917.

Chief of Police Vollmer will direct the new institution, the only one of its kind on the Pacific Coast, which will have a faculty of 14 men, prominent as lawyers, physicians and educators.

BRITISH SUSPICIOUS OF WILSON'S MOTIVE

"Something Behind" Move is Sought.

LANSING'S SLIP IS STUDIED

Secretary Believed by Some to Have Let Cat Out of Bag.

PRESS SHARPLY CRITICAL

London Globe Solicitous for President's Health—League to Insure Peace Declared Already to Be in Existence.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The morning newspapers again are giving ample space to President Wilson's note, assiduously seeking to penetrate any possibly concealed motive that may have led the President to what is considered here a most inopportune movement.

According to the Washington correspondents of London newspapers the opinion in the United States as well as here is that there must be "something behind it," and it is the opinion of many of the newspaper writers that this fact was inadvertently revealed by Secretary of State Lansing when he referred to the United States as on the verge of being drawn into the war

Submarine Activity Indicated.

The suggestion is put forward by some of the writers that what would possibly so involve the United States would be a resumption on a still greater scale of Germany's submarine policy.

The passage in the President's note to which he professes to find the aims of both belligerent groups identical and his qualifying phrase in the context, "as stated in general terms to their own people and to the world," for the most part is ignored, except in the columns of newspapers of pacifist tendencies. It cannot be said that today's press opinions show less opposition to the President's action than those of yesterday.

King's Speech Is Answer.

The Morning Post says the King's speech in Parliament yesterday was perhaps the best answer that could be made to "the President's amiable proposal." Alluding to the President's belief that the nations are ready to welcome a league of peace, the newspaper says:

"With our experience with these leagues of peace behind us, we should think twice and thrice before throwing over trusted allies in order to put our fortunes to the vote of Guatemala, Haiti, Siam and other nations, large and small, which would compose such a federation."

The Daily News, one of the most favorable of the newspapers to President Wilson, says editorally that the reception of his note was respectful but uncompromising. "What had to be said has been said, for the most part in language which America will neither misunderstand nor resent," it adds.

The Daily News thinks the result of

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$4000 IS TAKEN BY LONE BANK ROBBER

CASHIER LOCKED UP TILL HIGHWAYMAN ESCAPES.

Hold-Up Rides to Town Horseback, Gets Money and Takes Leave. Abandoned $2000 Recovered.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 22.—The Bank of Bickleton, 20 miles southwest of Mabton, Wash., was robbed of $4000 late today by a lone robber, who rode into town on horseback, held up the bank and escaped

The robber compelled S. A. Rossier, the cashier, to hand over the money, and after locking Rossier in a room, mounted his horse and rode away.

A posse was formed as soon as Mr. Rossier could free himself and give the alarm.

The robber's abandoned horse was found by the posse tonight 30 miles from the scene of the robbery. The bandit had ridden the animal until it was exhausted and then had continued his flight on foot. The posse was said to be in close pursuit.

Two thousand dollars which the robber left behind when he abandoned his horse was recovered.

LOGGERS PAID AT HOQUIAM

About 2000 Men, Off for Christmas, Draw $300,000.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—By tomorrow evening it is estimated at least 2000 loggers will have arrived in Hoquiam from the camps in this vicinity or operated by Hoquiam companies. The influx began today, as most of the camps closed down last night for the Christmas holidays.

Practically all of the companies are paying off in the city and the payroll paid out today, tomorrow and Saturday will be the largest in the history of the city for loggers. Estimates place it at well over $300,000.

It is indicated that the greater number of the loggers will remain on the Harbor for their vacation.

$36,000 PAID FOR FARM

Prospect Tract Near Stanfield Is Bought by D. R. Wood, of Weston.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The old Prospect farm, near Stanfield, one of the oldest in Umatilla County, today again changed hands, David R. Wood, of Weston, buying it for $36,000 from William Robbins and wife, who purchased the place about a year ago.

The farm consists of 1600 acres of wheat land. Robbins took in trade as part payment a house and lot in Weston, a chop mill and warehouse in Weston and a house and lot in Milton. At one time the place sold at nearly $73,000.

PUPILS MADE FOR EYES

Artificial Means Restore Sight to Woman Long Blind.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Through a marvelous operation Mrs. Susan B. Johnson, of 112 Charlevioux street, Pasadena, has regained her sight. Artificial pupils have been made to allow the light to penetrate and focus on the retina, removing a small section of the iris, the surgeons made artificial pupils above the natural ones and opposite the clear part of the cornea.

The bandages were removed today and Mrs. Johnson saw clearly for the first time in her recollection.

TITLE TO 600 HYDE ACRES INVALIDATED

Judge Galloway Finds Fraud in Entries.

37,000 ACRES ARE AT STAKE

Decision in Linn Case Is First in Seven Actions Pending.

STATE MUST RETURN $1.25

Court Does Not Decide Whether Interest Devoted to School Fund Since 1898 Also Be Repaid. State Is Not Negligent.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Judge William Galloway, in the Circuit Court here late today, decided that title to 600 acres of land in Linn County was obtained by F. A. Hyde and his associates through fraud and collusion and that the title in equity to such lands, because of the fraud and collusion, still is vested in the State of Oregon.

But, he determined, that the $1.25 an acre paid to the state for the land should be repaid The money has been a portion of the state school fund, bearing six per cent interest. As to whether the interest which the state has received on this money should be repaid as well is still to be decided when the findings of fact and conclusions of law are signed by the court next Wednesday.

37,000 Acres Involved.

While the cause in question involves only 600 acres of land, the decision is of widespread interest, as this is the first to be decided of the seven Hyde-Benson cases, which have been submitted by Attorney-General Brown and Assistant Attorney-General Bailey. All told, the cases involve 37,000 acres of land situated in Linn, Lane, Clackamas, Hood River, Crook, Klamath and Josephine counties.

If the lower court's contention that the $1.25 an acre should be repaid from the state school fund, proves to be correct on appeal, it will take from the fund approximately $46,250, with the possibility of repayment of six per cent interest on that amount running from 1898.

10,000 Acres Patented.

The court found that Hyde and his associates, through "dummy" entrymen, obtained 47,000 acres of school lands in the state. Before the fraud and collusion were discovered the United States had patented 10,000 acres of the land, and this was disposed of by Hyde and his associates, and the land forfeited as far as the state was concerned.

Using the lands as base for lieu selections, Hyde and his associates exchanged the lands in this state for those in other states, the land in question being exchanged for lieu selections in Montana, the court said.

The defendant contended that title to the lands having passed to the Federal Government the United States should have been made a party to the

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WHITE CHRISTMAS SEEMS IMPROBABLE

COLD, HOWEVER, IS FOLLOWING IN WAKE OF GALE.

Storm Now Appearing in North Pacific May Swing Across Country. Temperature Will Be Mild.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. — Colder weather will overspread the East tomorrow in the wake of a severe storm which swept up the Atlantic Coast today, accompanied by rains and strong westerly winds reaching a velocity of 84 miles at New York and 56 miles at Norfolk.

Warmer weather now over the moderate West will move eastward Sunday, says the Weather Bureau, but a storm appearing now in the North Pacific and likely to swing across the country makes Christmas weather uncertain.

There probably will be no snow in the East, however, and temperatures will be moderate, weather men say.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A 72-mile gale which followed a thunder storm and Spring-like weather early today, played havoc with telephone and telegraph lines in the Metropolitan district tonight. The high winds were reported general in the territory between New York, Buffalo, Pittsburg and Washington.

Pedestrians in the streets here were kept busy dodging heavy signs blown from their fastenings or plateglass windows shattered by the wind. Numerous men were run down by automobiles while pursuing their hats. Special squads of patrolmen were stationed around the municipal building, the Flatiron building and other "skyscrapers" to rescue persons whirled into danger by the force of the gale.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 22.—Hopes that Santa Claus would get back on schedule time on the transcontinental mail from the East went glimmering tonight when O.-W. R. & N. No. 15 was reported eight hours late. It is due in Portland at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning, but will not arrive until afternoon.

Eastern snow and railroad congestion will probably delay all trains from the East Portland-bound until after Christmas.

LUMBER WAGES INCREASED

Association Announces Immediate and Widespread Advance.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Employes in the lumber trade throughout the country will receive an immediate wage increase from 8 to 10 per cent, E. E. Hooper, president of the Lumbermen's Association, announced here today.

Both union and nonunion workers will receive the increase.

NUN LOSES LIFE IN FIRE

Cathedral, Convent and Bishop's Palace at Quebec Burned.

QUEBEC, Dec. 22.—Fire today destroyed the Roman Catholic Cathedral, the convent of the French nuns and the bishop's palace at Clarke City, Seven Islands. One of the nuns lost her life.

A gasoline lamp explosion was held responsible for the blaze.

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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT CAPTURES PORTLAND

Armful of Bundles Is Hailing Sign

CROWDS DISREGARD WEATHER

Mistletoe Purchases Chiefly Made by Women.

TOUCHING STORIES CROP UP

Store Santa Claus Is Center of Universe for Children—Many Poor to Be Made Happy—Salvation Lasses Faithful.

BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN.

The Christmas Spirit has concluded its skirmish, advanced with a rush, and completely captured Portland. There isn't a street in the downtown country that does not flaunt its holly and happiness through the gray December days, and far into the province of night.

A very nimble sprite is the Christmas Spirit. It is well that this is so, for how else could it contrive to be everywhere at one and the same time? Bear in mind the meanderings of Scrooge, whose shriveled heart bloomed at the eleventh hour, and believe that there isn't a soul in all the city upon which some portion of the spirit has not descended.

Crowds Tramp Blithely.

You need not walk a block to know it. The cheery crowds tramp blithely through the weather, with a singular something in their eyes, and their arms embracing bundles. Lips are pursed to whistle or ready to smile, and one might search a thousand faces to find a single frown.

There are so many tales to be told of the Christmas Spirit, of the pranks it plays and the errands it runs, and the unhappiness it searches out to remedy, that the difficulty of stalking down the sprite becomes at once apparent. However—

Women Buy Mistletoe.

"Holly wreaths! Mistletoe and holly!" The pavement vendor filled his lusty lungs with drizzle and cried his glistening holly and the gray-green relic of the Druids. A young woman approached him, regarded the assortment with meditative brown eyes, selected a mistletoe bough, counted her change and was gone.

"Ho, the men are the marks," commented the merchant. "'Gimme this and that' is what they say. They never ask the price. They'd as soon spend $1 for mistletoe as not. But say, it's the girls who buy the most mistletoe. That's straight! Mebbe only a dime's worth, but they buy it." He raised one eyebrow perilously and dropped the other in token of amused appreciation. "Holly wreaths! Mistle—" Someone in purple and furs saluted him with the cold query, "How much?"

Toyland Busiest Place.

All elevators in the big department stores discharged their heaviest traffic at the floors of Toyland yesterday and for several days before. And the saleswomen smiled tiredly as the grown-ups gravely tried the toys, hiding their obvious delight at the mechanical miracles.

The toy business is greatly increased over that of last year, the head of the toy department in one of the largest downtown stores declared yesterday. He accounted for it by the fact that fathers have more money since the state went dry.

"When they quit buying booze they began buying toys," he declared.

All yesterday the stores were thronged with holiday shoppers, and the aggregate business is said to far exceed that of last year. Despite the Christmas rush, the saleswomen, on whom fell the burden of delay, met the trying situation with smiling faces. And the smiles, be it said, were genuine.

Santa Claus Holds All.

But the absolute center of the universe for the children, for the little ones with lisps and curls, was the home of Santa Claus and the amazing white whiskers of him. As each store had engaged the old fellow's services, and as each Claus was somehow different from the others, there was, it is to be feared, an element of doubt born in many an infant mind at the second introduction.

"Now what do you want old Santa to bring you?" boomed the voice that had thrilled a thousand children. The wee maid with the blue bonnet regarded him in some surprise. Then understanding came to her. "You needn't bother," she said politely. "I told your son down at th' other store."

Cashiers in big stores are very busy now, and this one was no exception. Yet he leaned toward the boys, a pair of them. "May we see my mother's bill?" asked one, and gave the name.

Item Can't Be Found.

The cashier found and handed it over. Excitedly, they bent their heads above it, tracing down the list of items. There was disappointment, touched with hope that dies hard, on the face of the boy who had asked. "It isn't there," he naively explained to the cashier. "She must have paid cash for it."

The man brought the clock back. It was a good clock, a highly desirable

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THE LAST-DAY RUSH IS ON TODAY.