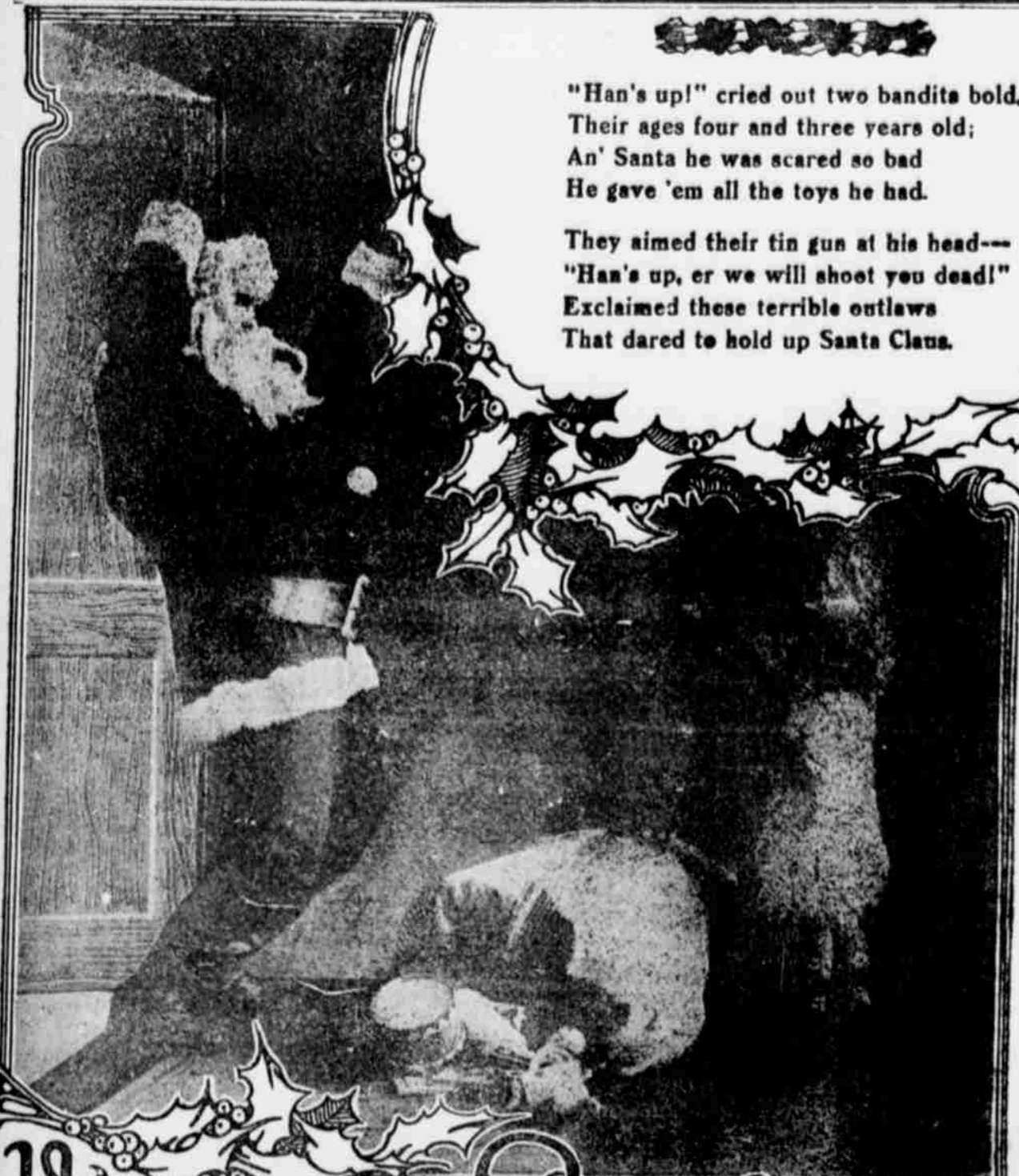




CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



"Han's up!" cried out two bandits bold,
Their ages four and three years old;
An' Santa he was scared so bad
He gave 'em all the toys he had.

They aimed their tin gun at his head—
"Han's up, er we will shoot you dead!"
Exclaimed these terrible outlaws
That dared to hold up Santa Claus.

HOLDING UP SANTA CLAUS

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A Historic Christmas

CHRISTMAS night, 1776, General George Washington crossed the Delaware, and the next day occurred the battle of Trenton. The Hessians were naturally surprised. They took it for granted that the Revolutionary army would rest upon its arms and permit them to enjoy their Christmas in peace, but Washington concluded that the deed would be bettered by the day, and he loaded his small army into coats and crossed the icy waters of the muddy river. He reckoned correctly, and as a result of his daring maneuver was that he attacked Colonel Rahl at sunrise. The commanding officer and twenty of his enemy were killed and 1,000 taken prisoners. Two Americans were killed, and two were frozen to death. Washington's valor, however, saved the American cause.

Storing Christmas Presents

Flat dwellers in the big cities have the same facilities for storing their Christmas packages that people enjoy to live in houses. It is very hard to conceal an intended present in a flat, or that reason drug stores, hotel cloak stands, saloons and other like places are used. If one does his Christmas shopping early and does not wish to appear with the gift at his home on Christmas eve he employs some of these hiding places where the prying eyes of wife or children may not discover in advance the nature of the intended surprise.

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ODD SUPERSTITIONS ABOUT CHRISTMAS.

There are superstitions ancient Christmas in all countries, but probably the following are a few of the most extraordinary:
In north Germany a person must not spin during the twelve nights of Christmas, lest he or she should walk after death, nor after sunset on Saturday, for then mice will eat the work. If it is desired to have money and luck all the year round one must not fail to eat herrings on New Year's day, nor if you wish to be lucky must you rock an empty cradle or spill salt wantonly or cross knives or point at the stars.
If a dirty cloth is left on the table over Christmas night it will make the angels weep, if you point upward to the rainbow it will make the angels' feet bleed, and if you talk of cabbages while looking at the moon you will hurt the feelings of the man in it.
At Kilgrimo, near Blackpool, in England a very common superstition prevails that the bells of a hidden church may be heard by any one who bends his ear to the ground. In Berkshire it was at one time a popular belief that bells could be heard ringing in the ground on Christmas eve, and in some parts of England miners have been heard to say that bells could be heard merrily pealing in the most distant parts of the mine.
The most popular superstition in many parts of England is that every remnant of Christmas decoration must be removed before Candlemas day. Should a sprig of holly or other evergreen be left in any house one of its occupants will die within the year.

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Christmas Trees and Fires

So many fires have been started by candles on Christmas trees that in many states laws have been passed against this form of illumination. In those states where the practice still prevails a hose or bucket of water should be kept handy to put out any blaze that may start. A very effective substitute for the candles is furnished by a system of tiny electric bulbs connected with a few small storage batteries. As these bulbs may be used year after year the expense is not high.

Christmas Deceptions

In one sense Christmas is a sort of game which the grown ups play with as much zest as the children. Santa Claus is not the only deception. Everybody pretends to enjoy buying presents and to be delighted with those received from others. Yet these little white lies are amiable and are forgiven, let us be sure, because of the spirit behind them. Besides, it is just such innocent pretending that makes social life possible and that keeps the heart young.

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