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CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES

High Wind Fans Flames Which Firemen Are Unable to Check for Several Hours.

(Journal Special Service.)
Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 24.—One man killed, two entire blocks in the business district destroyed, with a loss approximating \$2,000,000, is the result of a fire that started in the basement of the Pelletier department store in this city about 7 o'clock yesterday evening. The Pelletier store was located in the T-9 block, a big six-story stone structure. A high wind fanned the raging flames, which spread with great rapidity. The Christmas shopping was at its full height. The Pelletier and several other big stores that were situated in the block were crowded with a throng of men, women and children, and it is considered little less than miraculous that many were not killed or injured. The only person killed was a man, who jumped from the Massachusetts block, a distance of five stories.
Before the fire department had arrived the flames had gained great headway and were pouring from all parts of the building in which they originated. Everything in the path of the fire was destroyed, the department being unable to stay its progress for more than three and a half hours, and not until the flames had eaten their way out of range of the big buildings were the firemen able to check their onslaught.
The Massachusetts block, a six-story building, was the second one attacked by the flames. With incredible rapidity they quickly spread to the Commercial block, in which was situated the City National bank, wholesale grocery and clothing stores and the Western Union Telegraph company. Urged by the high wind that seemed to increase with the intense heat, the flames swept across the narrow alley from the Massachusetts building quickly devouring the Northwestern National bank and other small buildings on Fourth street. Many small establishments fell before the fury of the wind and flames, including the new West hotel, at Third and Nebraska streets, and the Leader hotel, at Third and Pierce streets.
Concentrated efforts on the part of the fire department checked the flames when they had reached a point near the Tribune building. This structure, although considerably damaged, was saved from destruction.
Among the heaviest losers are: Pelletier Dry Goods company, \$240,000; Brugh & Co., \$60,000; R. R. Purslow, West hotel and other buildings, \$45,000; Commercial block, \$40,000; Schuelin estate, \$30,000; George M. Conway, wholesale tobacconist, \$25,000; State Bank building, Toy building, \$175,000; Martin Bros., department store, \$25,000.

The Tillamook Herald published last week a large special edition, with fine illustrated front page, and will in the near future issue a special industrial edition, thus exhibiting much enterprise.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

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HOW CHRISTMAS WILL BE OBSERVED

King Edward Will Carve a Royal Roast and Kaiser Will Eat Boiled Carp With Beer.

BOSTON'S NEW TRANSIT TUNNEL LIKE A GIFT

Its Opening Will Attract the Attention of Holiday Crowds—White House Doings.

(Journal Special Service.)
London, Dec. 24.—London presents the deserted appearance usual on the eve of Christmas, the king and other members of the royal family having gone to the country. Emulating the royal example, the aristocratic families, together with all sorts and conditions of people, have gone to country homes, where Christmas will be celebrated in the old-fashioned English style.

In no home of the whole British empire, perhaps, are the traditions of Christmas observed with stricter regard than at Sandringham, where King Edward and Queen Alexandra have spent the Christmas season for years past, surrounded by their children, and latterly by their grandchildren. Here the 25th is a day of peace and bounty and charity. The house party usually includes the Prince and Princess of Wales and their children, the Duke and Duchess of Argyll and their children, and Princes and Princesses Charles of Denmark, Princess Victoria is, of course, of the party.

This afternoon and evening the cottages, workmen and other laborers at Sandringham assemble and receive presents of beef, the joints averaging six pounds apiece. This plan, once completed, Christmas trees are exhibited and presents are exchanged among the members of the royal family and the guests in the house party.

Bright and early Christmas morning the grandchildren of the majesties scramble out of bed pretty much in the same manner of children all over Christendom, and run to their stockings to see what Santa Claus has brought them.

The king, queen and all the house party attend Christmas services in St. Mary Magdalene's church. After service lunch is served, and the royal kennels and stables are visited. King Edward, as is well known, is very fond of horses, and the queen makes a pet of dogs, of which she keeps quite a number.

At Sandringham, Christmas dinner is eaten in the handsome dining hall at Sandringham. Many of the customs inaugurated and established by Queen Victoria in regard to the Christmas dinner are religiously observed by the present sovereign. King Edward will carve the roast, which when served at the table will weigh in the neighborhood of 150 pounds. The different courses will be marked by the quaint ceremonies inaugurated in the reign of Henry the Eighth and since followed by every sovereign on Christmas day.

The plum pudding, which will weigh an even 100 pounds, will be placed upon an immense golden platter decorated with mistletoe and holly and borne into the dining room on the shoulders of four attendants at arms. At the close of the dinner the toasts will be drunk by the company standing in the memory of the late Queen Victoria and the prince consort, and his majesty will then toast in order, the Prince of Wales, Great Britain and her colonies and her loyal subjects.

The presents of the king and queen to the servants of the royal household are on the usual liberal scale, while the outlay for toys, articles of jewelry, books, pictures and boxes of cigars, for the gentlemen and ladies in waiting, the grandchildren, children, intimate friends and other favored ones, is said to have exceeded \$10,000. In addition to those of the immediate family circle there were handsome gifts for the relatives and friends at St. Petersburg, Berlin, Darmstadt, Bucharest and other foreign courts.

King Born on Christmas.
It is always supposed to be peculiarly lucky to be born on Christmas day or Christmas eve, yet only one sovereign has had the privilege—this is King George of Greece. Queen Alexandra's favorite brother, and one of the few royal personages in Europe who may be counted a sincere well-wisher to the British empire and its many peoples.

So far as luck is concerned the career of King George seems to bear out the popular superstition, for he has succeeded in "holding down" a shaky throne for more than 40 years and at the same time accumulating a fortune through shrewd investments and speculation that has made him one of the richest of the world's rulers.

The Christmas holidays as usual are being made the occasion for numerous house parties and festivities among the nobility and aristocracy of England, one of the most notable being a great children's party given by the Duchess of Roxburgh, formerly Miss May Goelet, at Floors Castle. One of the features is a monster Christmas tree, for the adornment of which the duchess ransacked the toy shops of London, Paris and Vienna.

Many of her purchases were of the most extravagant kind, among them being a collection of mechanical toys, including a perfect miniature motor car on rails, which, when wound up, races round and round at unlikable speed, in its progress upsetting a small automatic policeman and eventually pitching out its two occupants.

CHRISTMAS AT POTSDAM.

Emperor and Imperial Family Will Celebrate Holiday in Hall of Shells.

(Journal Special Service.)
Berlin, Dec. 24.—Emperor William and the imperial family are gathered at Potsdam for their usual Christmas celebration. Christmas eve is the big time of celebration with the Germans and consequently the imperial family and the members of the court will assemble this evening to enjoy the delight of gazing upon the plantation of evergreens that graces the famous hall of shells in the new palace. The Bescherung, or distribution of presents, of the German court takes place after dinner, a meal that is served in the Apollo room, and, by special desire of the emperor, always includes the national Christmas dish of boiled carp served with sauce composed of beer and ground gingerbread.

In most families one Christmas tree suffices for the needs of all, but at Potsdam nine are called into use—one for the emperor, another for the empress and one for each of the children, the smallest being a tree six feet in height that is the property of Princess Victoria Louise.

The distribution, which is preceded by the singing of the carol, "Peaceful Night, Holy Night," by all present, including the emperor, is a lengthy proceeding in

so numerous and generous a family. But in about two hours the ceremony is over and the emperor leaves the apartment to take his solitary walk about Potsdam, in the course of which he distributes largesse to those of his poor subjects he chances to meet.

GIFT FOR BOSTON.

New Transit Tunnel Under Boston Harbor Is Completed After Many Years.

(Journal Special Service.)
Boston, Dec. 24.—The city of Boston, and especially that suburban section known as East Boston, is going to receive a Christmas gift that will bring joy forever to every man, woman and child in town.

The new transit tunnel under Boston harbor, connecting East Boston with the city proper, is completed after years of work, and will be opened to traffic tomorrow. The new tunnel is the most important segment of the intricate and elaborate underground system of transportation which, when completed, will give to Boston a rapid transit system that will rival New York's recently opened "Battery to Harlem in 20 minutes" subway. The through line as planned will make it possible to run cars from Roxbury and the western suburbs underneath the great, throbbing arteries of travel of the city, and finally underneath the harbor itself to the East Boston terminal.

The tunnel now completed was begun on August 15, 1900, and has cost \$2,122,567. It is 7,500 feet long and the present terminus in Boston proper is Scollay square, where it connects with the subway. Two thousand six hundred feet are under the water and the rest under the streets, buildings and wharves of the city.

TEXAS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, Dec. 24.—The younger Roosevelt, like other children through Christendom, are on the tiptoe of expectation and impatiently awaiting the dawn of Christmas day. Express wagons, mail carriers and messenger boys bore numerous packages to the White House today and it required much strategy on the part of Mrs. Roosevelt to keep the contents unseen from the prying and inquisitive eyes of Archie, Kermit, Miss Ethel and little Quintin.

The children will find part of the fruits of Santa Claus' visit in their stockings as soon as they arise. Later they will assemble in the library, there to receive gifts from their father and mother.

FINE POULTRY AND CATS RECEIVE PRIZES

The poultry show at Third and Taylor streets will remain open all day tomorrow and is well known.

The judges devoted their attention today to the household pets department, and made a number of important awards. They started with Tom cats. Mrs. Marion McEwen won first in the white, amber eyes, Persian species, and Mrs. O. P. Armstrong won second with her "King Laurels." For a short-haired cat, S. Joseph won first. All other awards, for Toms and Tabbies, went to the Portland Bird company.

The special premiums were disposed of as follows: For 10 highest scoring birds, Hazelwood Poultry company. Largest and best display of poultry from associations outside of Portland, Yamhill County Poultry association, first; Corvallis association, second.

Best display of pigeons, C. C. Steinhilber collection, barred Plymouth Rocks, J. D. Murray.

Best pen of Buff Cochins, W. Snooks (contributor of the trophy).

The Northwest Poultry Journal's cup went to the Yamhill County association for the best display outside of Portland.

Frank Lee's silver cup for the best solid colored female in the show was taken by the Hazelwood people.

For the best Buff Leghorn collection, Gene Simpson of Corvallis won the prize offered by the Buff Leghorn club of Battle Creek, Mich.

SAYS DELEGATIONS HAVE UNITED TO PASS BILL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 24.—In an interview given out here Robert Moran is quoted as saying that the Washington, Oregon and California delegations in congress have united in an effort to pass a bill restoring the 4 per cent differential in shipbuilding on the Pacific coast over the shipyards of the Atlantic seaboard. If this is done, he states, it will insure a largely increased output of battleships on the Pacific.

However, it is the intention of his firm, he says, to keep on bidding for the war vessels ordered by congress and not yet awarded, whether the differential is allowed or not, in the hope that some way may be found to get another contract, now that the Nebraska is nearing completion.

WANTS WATER FOR HIS DITCH.

G. W. Waterbury today filed the papers to appropriate from the Sandy river 100,000 miners' inches of water, being a flow of 150,000 cubic feet per minute. He proposes to construct a ditch to be named the Portland canal. The canal is to be 40 feet wide on the bottom. Point of diversion is in section 25, township 1 south, range 4 E. W. M. the water to be turned again into the Sandy river six miles below the point of diversion. The ditch is to be on the west bank of the river.

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