

PLAN DEATH OF UNIONS

Western Federation Leaders Believe Mineowners Are Plotting to Put End to Existence of Present Miners' Organization.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 21.—Among the leaders of the Western Federation of Miners who are in Boise attending the Peitibone trial the idea prevails that mineowners at Goldfield in doubling to give employment to no members of the federation is but the first step in a movement on the part of the miners to crush the federation throughout the west. So definite is the information which has reached the ears of the federation men that they claim to know the plans of campaign which has been outlined at Goldfield is to a finish and that in their fight the Goldfield operators are being backed by those of Utah, Idaho and Montana.

When the Goldfield fight is won, the operators will so the federation has it, shift the scene of action to Utah and Idaho and finally the forces of the mineowners will move on Butte the citadel of the federation strength.

From another source it is learned that the mineowners will close down all the mines of that district, owing to the low price of silver and lead, and when a time to reopen comes the battle will be waged in earnest against the western federation. For years after the riots of 1899, the federation was, in Cripple Creek after the strike there, without representation, but of late it has been regaining a foothold and while no trouble has occurred, there are strong indications that all was not running smoothly in the Cripple Creek. It was reported here a week ago that Governor Gooding had informed operators of the national guard to be in readiness to move to the Cripple Creek, but the report was emphatically denied at the governor's office.

In connection with the report of a systematic war on the part of the operators to crush the Western Federation of Miners, the story of a new miners' organization conducted along different lines is predicted. It is known that the Butte union, the strongest in the federation, are entirely out of harmony with the central organization. Butte miners believe in the joint agreement which is now prohibited by the federation. The movement for a new union is as yet very indefinite but it is known that many miners of influence are quietly at work in the hope of either forming an entirely new organization or of changing the foundation of the federation and aligning with the American Federation of Labor.

KING OSCAR WAS GREAT DEMOCRAT

Not Impressed With Own Importance and Ordered Country Not to Mourn.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Stockholm, Dec. 21.—Foreigners in Sweden did a great deal of wondering why the Stockholm theatres and other amusement places were not closed the day of the late King Oscar's death, while he lay in state, and during his funeral.

As a matter of fact they were kept open by the late king's wish, expressed shortly before he breathed his last. He could not see any reason, he said, why his country should be turned into a place of gloom and begged everything to go on as usual.

Oscar's simplicity was the subject of many stories. Once, the famous botanist, Gaston Bonnier, pursuing his favorite occupation near Stockholm, met a stranger similarly engaged. The two botanists fraternized and Bonnier suggested lunch together at an inn.

"No, come home and lunch with me, instead," said the stranger and he led the way to the palace and opened the gate. Bonnier was naturally surprised and the stranger quite apologetic.

"I'm sorry," he explained, "but I happen to be the king of this country and this is the only place I've got to entertain any one in."

They lunched together and talked botany all the afternoon.

CHRISTMAS ON BOARD FIGHTING BOB'S SHIPS

How the Jackies, Marines and Officers Enjoy the Day—General Liberty Is Allowed—Sports and Minstrel Shows.

New York, Dec. 21.—Twenty-five thousand men of the American navy will spend their Christmas aboard in great battleship fleet in the harbor of Trinidad, where the ships are scheduled to arrive December 24. The holiday will be a striking contrast to the old-fashioned Christmas in the land of the free, but it will be a merry Christmas nevertheless.

If there is any class of American citizens who have particularly deep love for the American Christmas and all that it symbolizes, it is the officers and sailors of Uncle Sam's men-of-war. Probably this enthusiasm for the holiday is due in a great measure to the fact that the seafaring man, no matter what his station, has an infinite amount of sentiment in his make-up. It all comes out at the happy Yuletide season, when the wearers of the gold braid, as well as blue-jackets, become little boys grown tall in the ardor of their preparations for a roving celebration.

Start in Early.
In really Christmas in the navy begins on December 24 for as a rule, all work stops at that time, and the hum of preparation is heard from the forecastle to the quarter deck. The "galley," as the ship's kitchen is called, is a center of activity, and as a special concession, granted but once a year, cooks are allowed to keep their fires going all night long. This is a virtual necessity, for cakes and pies must be baked by the wholesale. These pastries, together with apples and oranges, constitute prominent features of the blue-jackets' Christmas treat, and only a cook who has been through the mill can appreciate the enormity of the appetites of a crew of 500 or 600 hungry sailor lads.

Christmas morning on a warship is very much like Sunday in that all the usual routine of the ship is omitted. During the forenoon a religious service is held on each ship on which there is a chaplain. At noon occurs what is, in the eyes of the blue-jackets, the most interesting event of the day. This is the Christmas dinner. Before the men take their places the captain, accompanied by his chief officers, accepts an invitation from the crew to visit their mess. He views the decorations, partakes of the good cheer, and in the moment to envy his subordinates, and

exchanges the greetings of the season with the lads who stand behind him for "fight or frolic."

The banquet to which the rank and file sit down is seldom inferior to the repast which is later served to their officers. Dozens of nimble wits and willing hands labor for days before to make the dinner a success, and on more than one such occasion the enlisted men have fared better than the braves of commissions.

General Liberty.
General liberty is given to the crew of a naval vessel on Christmas afternoon. If the ship is in foreign waters this half of the day is generally given over to a carnival of sports. Boat racing is common, and boxing and fencing and wrestling contests are unusually features, together with sack races, three-legged races and athletics that involve quick work in going aloft and returning to the deck.

The officers of a naval vessel have their Christmas dinner in the evening. If the ship is on a foreign station, the day has probably been a rather more jolly one for the average officer than for the naturally light-hearted Jackie, and, like as not, the wearers of the insignia of rank have spent most of his leisure in a tiny state-room fingering over and over articles that give evidence of the work of a loving woman's hands, and may be gazing over and anon at a new photograph that is the most highly prized of the day's offerings. If the ship is in home waters, however, the gathering of the officers for the evening meal. Everything from turkey to plum pudding is on the menu, if at all procurable, and the men around the banquet board give with a fervor equalled on no other occasion the toast, "To our loved ones at home, and that same navy heath."

"To our sweethearts and wives," the former soon be the latter, and the latter always the former. Christmas on a naval vessel usually closes with an entertainment by the crew—perhaps an old-fashioned, all-spitting minstrel performance, at which the Jackies appear in burnt cork and with costumes that are truly fearful and wonderful to behold. The program usually includes many jokes and songs at the expense of the officers, a number of rousing choruses, and tableaux designed to burlesque international affairs in which the navy has participated or is likely to be called upon to take a hand.

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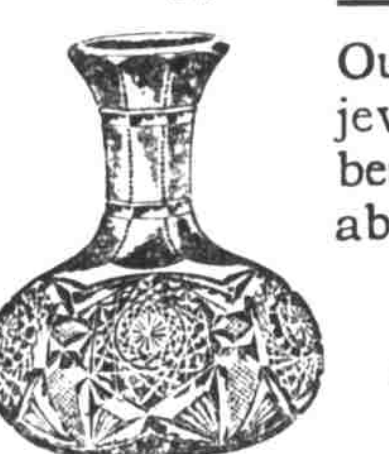
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trade. He went to work on the stock exchange of Fish, Dorr and Carroll, the big dealers, and later Mr. Dorr made him sales agent. It has been said that he was at one time a riding master in the Dorr academy, but this is denied. It is said among his friends, Brechley made no secret of the fact that he intended to elope with the wife of a millionaire. In spite of this, no warning was given the husband who had been persuaded by his wife that his health demanded that he take a trip to the south. On the very day he left his home his wife also left, and went to the Hotel Chelsea, with Brechley. One of Brechley's friends said that he was told by Brechley just before he left: "I'm going to run away with the wife of a millionaire. She has a lot of money herself, and when a divorce is secured we are going to be married and live in England. We are going straight to Paris when we leave New York because I don't want to go to England until the affair blows over."

Wallows's Pooh-Bah.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Wallows, Or., Dec. 21.—The city council has accepted the resignation of J. C. Baird as marshal and appointed Ira E. McNutt to the position of marshal, section of the cemetery, water superintendent and street commissioner, at a salary of \$50 per month.

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BEGS MOTHER-IN-LAW TO RETURN HER BABE

Wife of Singer Frank Pollock Wants Child Taken From Her by Court.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Mary Pollock, a beautiful young matron of Westgate, and wife of Frank J. Pollock, a well-known opera singer, is invoking the law to restore to her the 5-year-old daughter whom the courts have taken from her.

The proceedings to obtain the possession of her child were begun before Superior Judge Monroe today. The present actual custodian of the little girl, who will be rich when she becomes a young woman, is Mr. Pollock's mother.

Legally, the father holds this position through a deed awarding him temporary custody of his daughter. In the Pollocks have a beautiful home in the wealthy residence suburb of Westgate and their social position has been unimpeachable. Added to these blessings were riches, a happy home, the beauty and accomplishments of the wife and the ascending career of the husband.

All of this prevailed until the San Francisco fire, the great dividing line in so many events. From that time it is alleged, Mrs. Pollock's mind was affected.

In addition to the present action, Mrs. Pollock has brought suit for divorce, which will be heard January 4. In the present case she wishes only to assert her claim as mother. In the divorce action she will seek to gain sole and permanent custody.

Candy to Children.

Santa Claus will be at the Macer market Tuesday with a Christmas tree and to commemorate the event M. C. Macer is going to have 2,000 sticks of candy which Santa will give away between the hours of 2 and 3 p. m. This has created quite a stir among the children and they are all anxiously waiting the event. No doubt a crowd of them will be on hand.

WHIP ELOPES WITH BELLE

Horseman for Vanderbilt Alleged to Have Flown With Social Leader.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

New York, Dec. 21.—Society is waiting with ill-concealed impatience for the outcome of the alleged elopement of Harris S. Brechley, formerly purchasing agent and whip for Alfred C. Vanderbilt, with the beautiful young wife of the son of a Standard oil millionaire.

The couple are said to have sailed on the steamship Bluecher from Hoboken on December 7, being booked under the names of Mr. and Mrs. H. Barker.

The young wife is a very well-known society, particularly among the horse show set, she was interested in a stock farm in the White Plains district and exhibited in shows, but not under her own name. It was through her love for horses that she met Brechley, who is a fine-looking Englishman. It has been developed that on December 2 a party of three, Brechley and two young women, registered in the Hotel Chelsea in West Twenty-third street. They gave the names of Mr. and Mrs. H. Barker and Miss Warren. The two women were always together when seen about the hotel. Brechley was away a good deal of the time up to December 5, when the party left. An expressman called for their trunks and they left no address.

Two days later the Barkers occupied a suite on the Bluecher, Miss Warren not being with them. They went aboard the steamship very quietly and there were no friends on the dock to see them depart. Since that time nothing has been heard of them. The young woman, who is said to have accompanied Brechley, is a southerner and was considered one of the most beautiful women in the city in which she lived.

Brechley is a member of a good family in the north of England. He came to New York seven years ago with only his good looks and his thorough knowledge of horses as his stock in

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