TO THE JOURNAL FAMILY OF READERS, 150,000 Strong, and the Rest of the Human Family, too, Wherever and Whoever They May Be, A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS



ATTEMPT TO KILL PRESIDENT OF FRANCE TRY TO PICTURE FISHER SANTA CLAUS AGGRIEVED POLITICIAN AS WOULD-BE ASSASSIN REMEMBERS **GRAPPLES AND FIRES** PORTLAND Attorneys for Defense In Finch Case President Attacked As He Dines-As-PANAMA DEPOSITS Again Shift Position-Now Planning sailant Seizes By Beard, and Shootsto Prove Plot to Kill Their Client Bullet Passes Through Ear-Wound Good Things for Rich and Poor Crammed Stocking Existed. Not Serious. of Rose City-Church Mil-

Frame Self-Rule Act-Zone on Military Basis.

(United Press Leased Wire.) (United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 25.—That the real object of the visit of the house inter-state commerce committee to the Pan-ama canal zone during the holiday recess is to get data for the formation of a gov-ernment for the zone is the statement of one of the government officials. It is de-clared that the zone, which is now a sort of duchy under President Roosevelt, will be given a government of its own. Under the present system, which has

"Do you wish, then, to be under-ood as swearing that after Ralph Fisher had twice called you up invite you to his office, after you ad apparently enlisted his sympa-by by telling of your reduced cir-imstances, and you had been led stood as swearing that after Ralph House Committee to Visit B. Fisher had twice called you up to invite you to his office, after you Uncle Sam's Isthmian had apparently enlisted his sympa-Possessions and Thence to thy by telling of your reduced circumstances, and you had been led to believe that he would sign your petition, that you went to his office and opened the door, spoke to him in the most kindly manner, and that a few moments later without any apparent reason he hurled his notarial seal at you and brought you

> "Yes." "How long were you in Fisher's of-fice before he threw the seal?" "It was only a short interval. I would not attempt to say how long it was, but it was just after I started to

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Reason Can Be Guessed.

The reason the defense wants this letter, which was shown to Finch and which he said he had never seen before, may be guessed without wide stretch of the imagination. It will be argued that Fisher became alarmed by receiv-ing letters of this character, that he

itant Does Noble Work for Needy.

Did you hear the jingle of the eigh bells last night and the pat-er of reindeer hoofs? Perhaps you idn't, for a Portland Christmas n't exactly suitable for sleighs. sleigh bells last night and the patter of reindeer hoofs? Perhaps you

didn't, for a Portland Christmas isn't exactly suitable for sleighs. But that made no difference. There dent. Fallieres showed great presence are other methods of travel in this country, and Santa Claus got here ment. somehow. And if the chimney was too small for him to come down

that way, he managed to get into the house some other fashion.

There is no doubt but that the jolly old gentleman was here some time during the night, for Portland's Christmas

ment prevailed. fainted.

in an embrace. ical spite and wanted to kill the presi-

of sign of mind and betrayed ment. He said the injury was hardly worthy of mention.

The president was dining with a small Christmas party in a restaurant



State Grange Will Lead Fight for Orton Bill in Legislature This Winter -To Be Independent of Other Legislation.

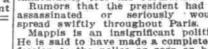
State guaranty of bank deposits will be one of the big questions to come before the next session of the

(United Press Leased Wire.) Paris, Dec. 25.—President Fallieres escaped death at the hands of a youth-ful assassin today, by a hair's breadth. The young beard.

The restaurant was crowded with the holiday crowd and the greatest excite-Women screamed and Falijeres and his assailant grappled and fell to the floor together, locked

The cries of women attracted gendarmes, who rushed into the place and seized Mappis.

Both the president and the prisoner wore bruised in the scuffle. Fallieres immediately left the restaurant. Rumors that the president had been assassinated or seriously wounded spread swiftly throughout Paris. Mappis is an insignificant politician. He is said to have made a complete con-



MISSION BELL TOLLS

He is said to have made a complete the ar-fession to the police as soon as he ar-rived at the chambers of the prefect. Premier Clemenceau confirmed the story of the attack upon the president. The story of the attack upon the president. The story of the attack upon the president. Mappis' friends admit that he was the aggressor in the struggle with the president. They explain that he suf-fers from acute neurasthenia and as-sert that he was in the midst of an at-tack when he assailed the president. Mappis was employed as a waiter in the restaurant, where the president was dining at the time of the attack. THE STATUS QUO Expresses Russian Friendli-

will be given a government of its own. Under the present system, which has grown up under the Spooner act and the various appropriation bills that have passed, former Senator Blackburn is really governor of the canal zone by rea-son of his designation for that service while he is a member of the canal com-mission

mission. The members of the house committee will make an especial study of the some-what complicated problem of the rela-tions existing between the American ad-ministration of the zone and the republic of Panama.

of Panama. Two schemes have been proposed for the government of the zone. One is the federal district plan, like that in force in the District of Columbia with its own code of laws and governed entirely by a commission appointed by congress and with no franchise and no legislative body of its own.

Agin B. Fisher's mutuer have devel-opend a theory of the case that is startling. Finch is to be pictured as the meek, unsuspecting "victim of a trap." as he once referred to himself yesterday, it as the malevolent, cunning, treacher-ous schemer, who enticed Finch to his office by words of kindness and the in-spiration of false hopes. The defendant's lawyers have not yet openly charged that Fisher called Finch 1 to his office to kill him, but their de-fense, which has shifted several times, it is now plainly tending in that direction. Yesterday afternoon the defense became suddenly anxious for admission in evi-ting letters received by Fisher just be-fore his death. When the state first offered this letter in the earlier part of the case

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a commission appointed by congress and with no franchise and no legislative body of its own. The other is similar to that in force in the Philippine islands, which includes an executive commission and an elective assembly. The first scheme is regarded as more feasible because most of the in-habitants of the zone are either citizens of the republic of Panama or citizens of the United States, retaining their legal residence at hume. It is regarded as certain that the governmental plan that will finally be adopted, therefore, will be a patriarchal one, to be administered by authorities appointed by the president but under the strict supervision of congress. This will be a compromise between the two plans suggested. There is considerable opposition to any plan that will make it necessary for congress to legislate for any more fed-eral districts. The District of Columbia is regarded as occupying more of the time of the national law makers than a city with 350,000 inhabitants justifies, and it is desired that Panama, with its complication of jurisdiction and respon-sibilities shall not become another bur-den on congress. Oue thing is certain, the government

sibilities shall not become another bur-den on congress. One thing is certain, the government will be primarily one that can be in-stantly adapted to military conditions and will be approximately military in character, because of the necessity for the United States to be in a position to defend the canal at a minute's notice if the occasion should arise. It is rec-ognized that the government must have at its command the machinery for mili-tary operations not only in case of de-fense against possible outside attack but also to quell Internal disorders. The house committee recognizes that its work is entirely without precedent and the subject will call forth consider-able debate after the committee makes a report.

MILLION IN HIS LITTLE SOCK INITIAL TRIP That's What the Wee Grand-

son of Colorado Millionaire Gets.

plead with him to sign my petition. It was just a short interval."

to your knees?"

"And he threw it backward at you?" "Yes, that is, it was over and back. I think his chair turned a little, and then he threw it, half over his shoul-der." der.'

Develops New Theory.

These questions, asked by Arthur C. Spencer during the cross-examination of James A. Finch yesterday, with the answers of the defendant, show that the attorney for the man accused of Ralph B. Fisher's murder have devel-opend a theory of the case that is eventual Union Printer Who

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Dec. 25.—"Merry Christmas," said Dell Doherty, a nonunion printer, to W. F. Getts, a union printer, whom he saw sitting in the lobby of the States hotel today. "Christmas would be merrier if you scabs would join the union," Getts is said to have replied. Stung by the petort, Doherty is al-leged to have drawn a revolver im-mediately and fired one shot at the union man.

Rebukes Him.

Getts, with a fatal wound in his abdomen, fell to the floor without ut-tering another word. His assallant was instantly placed under arrest and is now being held pending the outcome of his victim's injuries.

MOLARS PULLED TO CURE LOCKJAW

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Spokane, Wash., Dec. 25.—J. R. Brad-shaw, a Baptist minister, has returned to his home at Colfax, Wash., after a month's mysterious absence. The fam-ily thought him dead. The sheriff had offered \$300 reward for the minister's body. Bradshaw says he has been on a trip to Portland and Medford, Or., and Cali-fornis; that he did not tell his family because they were opposed to the trip. He disappeared in Spokane a month ago, after selling a carload of hay.

While Preparing Overnight

Ships in the Caribbean.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 25.—The navy de-artment announced today the receipt of lews that the Dolphin had left Curacao

for La Guayra. The Des Moires has ar-rived at Curacao. Both ships have been hurried to Venezuela to represent the United States in case American interests may demand protection in the event of hostilities.

Steamer Inland Empire Carries 120 Tons of Freight for

Pasco and Kennewick-Captain Edwin Baughman Sounds the First Starting Bell.

Colorado Springs. Dec. 25.-Just a bagatelle of \$1,000,000, is the Christ mas present dropped today into the stocking of the month old son of Leopold a vers of London by his grand-father, the Colorado radicade builder. The Infant multilonaire was born in London while his grandfather was on the color and Kanewick Yesterday, carbon company made her maided for the boy with the news cabled to him that he prompt y settled \$1,000,000 on the child the understanding being that the heaving the the heaving that the heaving the heaving the heaving that the heaving the heaving the second the heaving theaving the heaving the heaving the heaving the heav



ing the night, for Portland's Christmas stocking was well filled. In fact, indi-cations are that the saint came direct from his mysterious abode up in the frozen northland to Portland without making any stops on the way, and that. consequently, Portland got the pick of all the good things he had in his pack. And the ofd gentleman must have put in a busy year since Christmas, 1907. making a supply of gifts calculated to gladden the hearts of his friends, big and little, who live in Oregon's metrop-olis. Snow Not Missed. Non-Union Fatally Wounds

Snow Not Missed.

Nor could a little thing like rain dampen the Christmas cheer. Of course, a snow storm would have made more of a picture book Christmas, but we aren't used to snow storms out here and we get along just as well without them. A foot of snow could not have made Portland's Christmas any merrier. There waren't many neople on the

There weren't many people on the streets today, but even those whom the necessities of duty called out had Merry Christmas written on their faces, and the expression was ready on the ends





CHRISTMAS

for the Day's Festivities

Gas Jet-Man, Wife and

Little Girls Asphyxiated.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago. Dec. 25 .- While filling the

on a gas jet in their home late last night, Morris Lukeman or his wife ac-cidestally turned on the gas and when Christmas dawned all four members of the family were dead. Lukeman, who was a wealthy grocer, had planned an elaborate celebration for his family. His wife had ordered and superintended the arrangements for a rich Christmas dinner. The two little girls, Anne. 16 years eld, and Lillian, 16, had purchased presents for their parents. The tragedy was discovered early this morning by Isidore Hansen, a milkman. When he entered the hallway of the home he detected the odor of gas. Hastily investigating he entered the room filled with gas and saw the forms of the two little girls in the bed with the overloaded stockings hanging above them. The next room was found full of gas also and in it were the father and mother, dead in their beds. Hansen immediately threw open the windows and doors and summoned as-sistance. All four victims, however, had been dead some time. Under the pillow of each little girl were found two packages neatly wrap-(Continued on Page Eleven.)

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Wealthy Chicagoan Opens

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Voice of the Press—A State on Trial From the Philadelphia North American (Rep.).

In the distant state of Qregon a contest is in progress of far more than local significance. A systematic and persistent effort is being made to bring about a breach of faith with the people, which would shame and discredit the Republican party not only in Oregon, but throughout the country.

By legislation, approved by popular vote, that state adopted a plan which virtually provides for the direct election of United States senators. By that arrangement, candidates for the legislature give their pledges to vote for the senatorial candidate who receives the greatest number of popular votes at the polls.

The people of Oregon have been heart and soul in favor of progressive Republicanism and the policies of Roosevelt and Taft.

But the Republican party in the state has been dominated by a corrupt, unscrupulous, reactionary machine. There have been few more offensive recent examples of misrepresentation than was offered in the course of Senator Fulton, training continually with the Aldrich-Cannon clique in congress.

He paid the price when he was beaten by the leader of another faction in the party primary. But the people of Oregon still were not satisfied. They looked beyond faction and beyond party to find a man they could wholly trust.

It is a Republican state: It voted overwhelmingly for Taft. It elected a Republican legislature. But it elected those legislators bound in solemn obligation to choose as senator a Democrat-George Chamberlain, the choice of the people for that office as he had been made their choice for governor by Republican votes in opposition to the ruling ring.

The duty of every Republican legislator so pledged is plain. As honest men like Bourne point out, the Republican is a traitor to his party who fails, in this instance, to vote for a Democrat.

Yet the strongest possible pressure is being brought to bear upon those legislators to perpetrate the treachery of supporting a leader of the machine-the criminally absurd reasoning being that because the people suported Taft and defeated the men who had fought all that Taft advocates and represents, one of those enemies should be returned to the senate instead of the man expressly chosen by the popular vote.

For a word of protest against the prostitution of Republicanism by a gang to go to any other state from Pennsylvania may seem too much like satan rebuking sin. But it is fair warning to the men of Oregon that they would do even greater dishonor to the party by defeating Chamberlain than would be wrought by the reelection of a Penrose.

to the different local granges throughout the state for their sug-AFTER 50 YEARS gestion and approval.

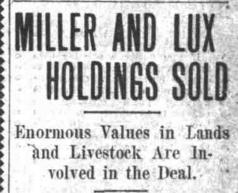
The bill will be prepared in time for

silent for 50 years, was the unique ceremony that opened Christmas at St. John's Catholic mission at San Leandro today. The bell was hung last week and dedicated on Sunday by Bishop Da Silva, a relative of the late king of Portugal.
It was over 100 years ago that the bell was brought to this country from reacting all of Alameda county. It was hung in San Leandro church and is sion fathers for half a century, being replaced after the civil war by a modern bell.
with make the enactment of the law one of the coher solution of bank contents of the set of the chief objects during the coming setsion. It has been decided to confine the setsion of bank guaranty alone, leaving other amendation of the bills. This will be done in order that the guaranty plan may not be empresed to Dofn Luis Peralta, one of the relate the old Spanish families which once owned nearly all of Alameda county. It was hung in San Leandro church and prescribe the manner of the operation of the law. These sections are as follows:

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Text of the Bill. "Section 1. Ninety days after the passage and approval of this act the board of bank commissioners shall levy against the capital stock of each and every bank organized and existing un-der the laws of this state, an assess-ment of 1 per cent of the bank's aver-age deposits, which shall consist of in-dividual deposits subject to check, time certificates, cashier's checks outstand-ing, and in fact all moneys deposited in each bank, less the deposits of the

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