

DAUGHTER OF TWIN FOUND DEAD IN TUB

Miss Jean Clemens, Who Had Suffered From Epilepsy, Expires Suddenly at Stormfield.

LADY'S MAID MAKES STARTLING DISCOVERY

Greeted Her Father Early in the Morning Then Went to Her Death.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Reading, Conn., Dec. 24.—Miss Jean Clemens, daughter of Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), was found dead in a bathtub at her home here today.

Miss Jean Clemens was the younger daughter of Samuel Clemens. She was found dead in a bathtub at "Stormfield," the family home, shortly before 8 o'clock by the maid, who became anxious at the failure of her mistress to appear in the dressing room.

Epilepsy, from which she had suffered for several years, is given as the cause of her death. During the last few months her condition had seemed to be improved.

When she awoke this morning at 7 o'clock she greeted her father cordially and retired to the bathroom, after instructing her maid to be ready for her in the dressing room half an hour later. When her mistress failed to appear at 8 o'clock the maid investigated and found her body.

Mark Twain is reported to be nearly prostrated with grief, and it is feared the shock will prove serious.

Miss Jean Clemens was 25 years old. She recently had been acting as her father's secretary.

Mark Twain's other daughter, Clara, is at present on her honeymoon in Switzerland and has been notified of her sister's death.

"My daughter, Jean Clemens, passed from this life suddenly this morning at half past 7 o'clock," said Mark Twain today.

"During the last half of her life she was an epileptic, but she recently grew better. For two years we considered her well, but she was not allowed to be entirely free. Her maid, who has served in 28 years, was always with her when she went to New York on shopping excursions and such things. She had a few convulsions in the last two years and those she had were not violent."

CHRISTMAS GIFTS MORE NUMEROUS THAN EVER BEFORE

This Is Night When Santa Claus Slips Down Chimneys and Fills Children's Stockings With Candies, Nuts, etc.

ESTIMATED \$6,000,000 SPENT IN THIS CITY

Everywhere in Portland Spirit of Occasion in Evidence—Churches to Observe Day.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Christmas, with its gifts and its spirit, its religious feeling, its good cheer and its rejoicing, is here again. Tonight, in accordance with the traditional belief of nearly everyone, Santa Claus will journey over the city, direct from his icy home in the far north, climb down chimneys, and leave gifts for all good little boys and nice little girls, and occasionally, if there are any left, for the kind and indulgent papas and thoughtful, forbearing mammas.

Portland has no "kick" at Santa Claus on this, the 1909th occasion of his annual pilgrimage of gift-bearing. All are looking forward to his coming with open and receptive minds. Tonight looks like a good night for him. Merchant prince and lowly cottagers all believe that he will not fail them and theirs, for the times are prosperous, and it has been noted that Santa's sleigh bells jingle merriest, while the sun of prosperity is melting the snows of adversity.

Santa Good for Stores. Portland's stores are glad that Santa is no myth, as some cold-hearted people declare. Ask any of the big storekeepers, or the little ones, and they will affirm the old tradition in something like the ratio of their season's business. Some of them place the estimate of money spent in Portland for Christmas gifts at approximately \$6,000,000 for the season.

Some of this has gone out of the city to the rural communities, but a greater part of it is distributed from trees and stockings in Portland homes tonight. Trainloads of toys, tons of sweetmeats, avalanches of presents of every kind and character have been taken from the stores by Christmas shoppers for little ones and the youthful feeling big ones. And the buying is not over, by any means. Many have heeded the cry of the Consumers' league to "do your Christmas shopping early" and have come, bought and gone. But not all, for today every store in town has been thronged since opening time with a festive spirit.

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MRS. MARTIN ON WAY TO COURT



Mrs. Martin, mother of Okey Sneed, victim of the New Jersey bath-tub mystery, on her way to court. The heavy veiling she wears seems to be in line with her general habit of dress. Each of the three sisters involved in this mysterious case have for years gone heavily veiled, frequently indoors in their own apartments.

HUNDREDS CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN AIR CRAFT OF MYSTERY

Correspondent Believes He Has Located Home of Tillinghast Aeroplane—Morgan Telephone Men Are Employed.

MANUFACTORY FOUND ON J. D. GOUGH ESTATE

If Statements Are Verified Craft Will Prove Greatest of Aviation Inventions.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 24.—It is believed the home of the mysterious airship which sailed over the city Wednesday night, which is believed by many to be the most wonderful aircraft ever set afloat, was found today by a staff correspondent of the United Press, on the estate of John E. Gough, six miles from here.

The correspondent discovered a shed over 100 feet long concealed in a dense woods. Fourteen men in the employ of the Morgan Telephone company of this city were at work there on some secret occupation.

Arrest Spying Correspondent.

The aeroplane was not seen as the correspondent was captured and haled before a justice of the peace, by whom he was fined for trespassing.

Paul E. Morgan, head of the telephone company, is a close friend of Wallace E. Tillinghast, who is supposed to be the inventor of the mysterious flying machine.

Morgan has been interested in aviation for several years, and two years ago he spent \$15,000 trying to perfect a machine invented by a Swedish aviator. The Swedish invention, however, proved unsatisfactory, and was abandoned.

John D. Gough, on whose estate the shed was found, is an old time temperance lecturer, and is friendly with Tillinghast and Morgan. His place is near West Boylston.

Byer May Have Seen Employe

Though Tillinghast himself is believed to have been in this city last night and that it was his machine that one of his mechanics made a flight last night and that it was his machine that was reported sailing over a dozen Massachusetts villages.

In his interviews given out at the time he announced the flight to New York and return, Tillinghast said that the mechanics in his employ were experts, and that they could operate the

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TERMINAL DEAL IN NORTH END WAS QUIETLY EFFECTED

Seattle Man Secured Options on Large Section From the Owners Without Great Outlay of Money.

SOME PEOPLE THINK THE MILWAUKEE IS BACKER

Gossage Was Frequent Visitor at Headquarters of Hill Party When Magnate Was Here.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Extraordinary mystery surrounds the latest acquisition of options for terminal grounds in the northwestern part of the city. Ever since the news was first published in yesterday's Journal there has been heated debate in real estate and business circles as to whether the mysterious purchaser is the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul or James J. Hill.

Still another theory advanced in some quarters is that the deal is being engineered by private speculators who are anticipating railroad purchases in that part of the city and who have jumped in with the idea of making large profits by advancing prices on the property. This last theory finds some confirmation in the fact that so far as known only the nominal consideration of one dollar has been paid on the options obtained.

Gossage Gets Options.

These options were secured by Jerome B. Gossage and cover 12 full blocks bounded by Vaughn street on the south, Reed on the north, Eighteenth on the east and Twenty-first on the west. The land is partly skirted on the north by the Northern Pacific tracks.

The total price at which these 12 blocks were optioned is a trifle less than \$2,000,000 and, under the terms of the options this entire sum is to be paid in cash when title passes from present owners. The options run for 90 days. Mr. Gossage came to Portland a week ago and without any ostentation or blare of trumpets, tied up 98 per cent of the area wanted and left last night for Seattle.

Many Options Taken.

In Sherlock's addition options were procured on seven full blocks and an additional quarter block, as follows: Block 11, owned by Frank X. Pfluger, and optioned at \$100,000; block 3, owned by Davis and Macleay estates; block 2, Rummel and Macleay; block 10, Pacific Coast Trust & Investment company; block 4, owned by Davis estate, M. E. Pederson and R. A. Neugebauer; block 15, by Sherlock estate. Block 13

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BAILEY SAYS HE WILL NOT ISSUE MILK CERTIFICATES

Dairy Commissioner Makes Apparent Attempt to Block Enforcement of New Milk Ordinance.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

"That doesn't sound right to me," said Mayor Simon this morning when told of Dairy Commissioner Bailey's announcement that he will issue no certificates of inspection.

"Nor does it sound reasonable," continued the mayor, "that the commissioner should not issue certificates as he makes inspections." Then with emphasis:

"I wish we could have more of the spirit of cooperation between officials. We can enforce an ordinance without cooperation and we assuredly cannot enforce this ordinance unless all officials cooperate. Bailey should get in and help. I don't wish to criticize him, but it will be necessary for him to do his part and keep his promise. That we should ourselves of the operation of state law and expect to profit by these inspections is only reasonable."

"I know that for this cause I am willing to subordinate my personal views for the success of the effort to provide Portland people with pure milk. This should not be made the subject of any differences between officials and we must work together. I am going to do all I can all the time."

Dairy Commissioner J. W. Bailey gave yesterday a new and before unthought of explanation for his assertion made some time ago that enforcement of the pure milk ordinance will bring a milk famine to Portland. He said:

"I don't think it is going to issue any certificates of inspection."

"The ordinance provides that the dairyman must have secured a certificate of inspection from the commissioner before he can secure a license to sell milk in Portland. If the commissioner declines to

BOY SAVES TRAIN FROM GOING INTO DITCH ON THE N. P.

Harry Hunter, 12 Years Old, Hailed as Hero by Passengers When He Flags Train Few Feet From Broken Rail.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 24.—Harry Hunter, 12 years old, yesterday afternoon saved a heavily loaded Northern Pacific passenger train from a disastrous wreck. Hunter and a companion were gathering Christmas decorations along the Northern Pacific track two miles from Olympia, when they noticed that one of the rails was broken. Knowing that a train was soon due to pass, the boys started with all speed down the track, young Hunter running toward Tacoma and his companion going in the opposite direction. Hunter had proceeded but a short distance when he met the passenger train coming at full speed. He waved his arms as a signal to stop, and the train came to a standstill within a few feet of the broken rail.

The track was temporarily repaired and the train proceeded, the boy rescuer being taken on board the train and hailed as a hero.

MISSIONARIES MUSH THROUGH SNOW IN BARE FEET; NO FOOD

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Dawson, T. T., Dec. 24.—Bishop I. O. Stringer of the Yukon diocese, has arrived here, 41 days from Fort MacPherson, at the mouth of the MacKenzie river, bringing the first advice since summer from that region. The bishop and Missionary Charles F. Johnson started from Fort MacPherson September 1, hoping to cross to the head of the Perovskia river in time to reach the Yukon river last fall with a canoe.

The head of the Bell river, flowing into the Perovskia river, was partly frozen, so they had to walk back to Fort MacPherson. For 25 days they munched the remaining bag of Arctic stores, including a supply of cranberries, grapes

CHRISTMAS TREE FIRE KILLS EIGHT AND BURNS HOME

Children Would See Santa Claus Prematurely and the Candles Set Fire to Tree—Family and 3 Boarders Die.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Newcastle, Pa., Dec. 24.—Eight persons lost their lives early today in a fire that destroyed the home of Guifano De Gerbo at Hillside, nine miles from this city. The dead are De Gerbo, his wife and their three children, and three men who boarded at their home.

The desire of the De Gerbo children to see the Christmas tree that had been prepared for them in the "front room" of their little home is believed to have been responsible for the fire.

Last evening the children were sent to bed so that their parents might prepare the tree that was to make their Christmas happier. After the tree was trimmed De Gerbo called in several of his neighbors to view it. The little ones were told that the room was being prepared for a visit from Santa Claus, and that they could not enter it until Christmas morning.

Late last night the neighbors, who had visited the De Gerbo home, saw lights burning in the Christmas tree room. It is now thought that the children, unable to restrain their impatience, slipped in to see the tree after their parents had retired, and lighted one of the candles which decorated it. The candle, the neighbors believe, burned down during the night, and started the fire that snuffed out eight lives.

Lewiston, Maine, Dec. 24.—Two firemen were killed and two others seriously injured in a fire that destroyed the Callahan block in Lewiston early today. The building was one of the largest in the city, and the fire burned stubbornly for hours despite the efforts of the firemen.

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out and the men experienced hardships worse than those of Peary. For many days there was only a handful of food for each man daily. Finally they were compelled to take their moccasins and mukluks from their feet and eat them. They were able then to walk only five or ten miles a day, when they stumbled into an Indian camp, where there were plenty of supplies. Their moccasins and mukluks had kept them alive for several days.

Each man lost 50 pounds in weight. Johnson remained at Fort MacPherson with two Indians, started for Dawson via the Barrow and Fort MacPherson, and came through with no further difficulty.

MAKE \$13,000,000 CHRISTMAS MONEY BY BULL CAMPAIGN

'Big Four' Operators, Including Patten, Manipulate Cotton Market and Make Large Profits—Cotton 16 Cents.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Dec. 24.—Thirteen millions of dollars is estimated today to be the aggregate profits from their present bull campaign in the cotton market of the "big four" operators, as they are called: Colonel W. P. Brown, Frank B. Hayne of New Orleans, E. J. Scates and James A. Patten of Chicago.

Yesterday for the first time in five years' cotton reached 16 cents on the New York exchange. May option brought 18.01, and while it was the only cotton on the list to reach that figure, there was an appreciable advance all along the line, the commodity selling at a higher figure than at any time since the Sully boom of 1904. The bulls predict cotton will reach 17 cents before the end of next January.

FRUIT CULTURE IN OREGON COUNTRY OF WORLD RENOWN

In the wonderful progress made in recent years in scientific methods of soil tillage, no place has experienced greater development than fruit growing. Increased attention to fruit culture has won marvelous results, in the Oregon country. Products from tree and vine in the many fertile regions of the state have found a ready market at highest prices the world over. The fruit growing districts of the Oregon country abound in a wealth of orchards yielding immense annual profits to the owners and constituting an important factor in the economic life of the state.

The whole nation is aware of the productiveness of the orchards of the Oregon country. The lesson of science in the reclamation of arid lands is resulting in the transformation of thousands of acres of raw land into fertile soil.

The treatment accorded fruit culture in the Oregon country in the Year's End edition of The Journal will be read with interest. Copies will be sold by newsboys on the date of publication, Friday evening, December 31, for 3 cents. Copies may be secured later, wrapped and ready for mailing for 5 cents, domestic postage, 4 cents; foreign, 8 cents.

EIGHT LOSE LIVES IN ILLINOIS COAL MINE EXPLOSION

Four Hundred Men Were in Mine When Explosion Occurred—Caused by an Unguarded Lamp.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Marion, Ill., Dec. 24.—W. T. Pierce, the mine engineer, Eugene Barrett, his assistant, Thomas Williams, assistant manager, miners known as Snyder, Greece, Romeo and Harbor, and an unidentified Italian, lost their lives in an explosion late yesterday in mine A of the Chicago & Carterville Coal company. A rescue party searched the mine last night and brought out four men who were overcome but will recover. They failed to recover the bodies of the dead. Four hundred men were in the mine when the explosion occurred, but all escaped save those killed by the actual explosion itself.

An investigation into the cause of the disaster is being made. It is thought the explosion was caused by an unguarded lamp carried by a miner. Members of the rescue party are assured that every man who was in the mine last evening is accounted for.

FIRE CONSUMES 1500 POUNDS GIANT POWDER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Albany, Or., Dec. 24.—W. J. Turnidge's warehouse at Crabtree was burned to the ground yesterday morning. Fourteen hundred bushels of potatoes and 1500 pounds of giant powder were destroyed. Turnidge had been keeping a fire to warm the room where the potatoes were kept. The giant powder is said to have burned without exploding. The loss is placed at \$1000. There was no insurance.

OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA CERTAIN

(United Press Leased Wire.) Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 24.—(By wireless to Colon.)—General Diaz of the insurgent forces today began his advance upon Managua and it is believed that before tomorrow night Estrada's entire army will be moving toward the capital.

Since the sweeping defeat of the Zelayans at Rama and Escobo last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, detachments of the rebel army have been pushing the troops of the former president that avoided capture. These remnants of the dictator's troops have either been driven to the mountainous country in the interior, or have been dispersed, and practically nothing stands in the path of the Estradans.

PROPOSITION MADE STRIKERS, BUT NO RESULTS FOLLOW

Railroads Would Wait for Outcome of Chicago Conference, but Switchmen Demand Separate Negotiations

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Minneapolis, Dec. 24.—President Hawley and a committee of the railway switchmen are again in conference with the railroad managers today in an effort to settle the strike in the north-west.

Yesterday's conference at St. Paul failed to bring the dispute any nearer settlement.

The railroads' proposal, submitted to President Hawley, is as follows: "We will employ as many strikers as we have room for, under the present agreement, until the end of the conference in the Chicago district, at which time we will offer to meet any increases in pay, or any working conditions, granted the Chicago switchmen by their employers."

The strikers demand arbitration under the act of 1908 and separate negotiations here, regardless of the outcome of the Chicago conference.

DICKINSON WILL GO TO CONGRESS FROM MISSOURI

Deadlock Is Broken in Election of Representative to Succeed Congressman De Armond.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Butler, Mo., Dec. 24.—A deadlock in which the Missouri legislature has broken here today when C. C. Dickinson of Clinton, Mo., was nominated to succeed the late Congressman De Armond, by the Democratic congressional convention. The deadlock began Tuesday and probably would have continued next week had it not been for the great desire of the delegates to spend Christmas at home. Representative De Armond recently was burned to death, with his grandson, at his home.

CATASTROPHE IN CARSHOPS AT SHAWNEE, OKLA.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Shawnee, Okla., Dec. 24.—Seven bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the Rock Island railroad shop here, which were crushed by an explosion shortly before noon. The bodies of 30 employees are believed to be beneath the ruins. The disaster was caused by the explosion of a stationary engine at the shops.

Castak Accused of Embroidering.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 24.—J. C. Castak, wanted at Fresno, California, on a charge of being an embroiderer, has been arrested here. At the same time a communication was received from the Fresno office that over \$1200 was being held in a bank account in Fresno. The money was the result of the sale of the goods of the late J. C. Castak.