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BLUE-EYED BABY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR KLAN FIGHT

LOUISIANA GOVERNOR STIRRED BY DAUGHTER OF MURDERED MAN

DADDY WAS WANTED HOME BY CHRISTMAS

Parker Complex with Request, But Father Was in a Coffin; Warfare Against "Invisible Empire" Is Shaking the Entire Nation.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—A little blue-eyed baby girl, three years old, is behind the war which Governor Parker, of Louisiana, is waging against the Ku Klux Klan. To her alone are due the exposures which are shaking the state and country and arousing the nation against the hooded cohorts of the "invisible empire."

The girl is little Leota Richards, daughter of Thomas Richards, who was kidnapped and murdered. She was with her father when he was first taken by a hooded gang and questioned. He returned but later was taken again, never to return. She climbed on the governor's knee later and said:

"Won't you please bring my daddy home for Christmas." He vowed relentless warfare and spent thousands of dollars to make the fight against terrific odds, but brought home her daddy only in a coffin.

PARTY WILL BE GIVEN TO "BOYS" OVER NINETY

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The old quip about the good dying young will be exploded here on December 29, when Ezra Meeker will entertain the youth of New York who have reached 90 years or more, at his birthday dinner. Meeker is 92.

The object of the dinner will be to prove to the world that men and women should live to 50 over 100, or rather, that they should live to be at least 200.

Ezra, who went over the Oregon trail in an ox cart in '52, founded Puyallup, Wash., and wrote books in long hand, will give the world a Christmas present at the coming dinner by telling his secret of life.

Chauncey M. Depew will be the baby at the table, he being only 88 years of age. It is because he is such a good story teller that Meeker has let down the bars a little in his favor.

MANY CARS ARE HANDLED IN LOCAL S. P. YARDS

Some idea may be had of the activities along the local Southern Pacific yards by these figures of cars handled through the Ashland yards during the week ending December 23. West bound cars are those going toward California and east-bound cars into Oregon. The figures are: West-bound, received 1014 loads, 13 empties; delivered 1048 loads, 59 empties, oil car and loads from California unloaded here make the difference between those received and delivered, extras and bad order cars in the loads.

East-bound, received 431 loads, 1478 empties; delivered 415 loads, 1300 empties which shows nearly 200 empties to Oregon each day for the week. A careful check of the contents and physical condition of the cars are kept by the yard forces.

EMERGENCY BOARD TO TAKE UP ASTORIA AID

EUGENE, Dec. 27.—A meeting of the state emergency board has been called for Friday at Salem to consider an appropriation for relief work in Astoria. Acting Governor L. E. Bean will attend the meeting, probably not in the capacity of governor, but as speaker of the house of representatives, as Roy Ritner, president of the senate, is expected to be back in the state by Friday.

Adjutant General George White has made a report that \$2000 will carry on the relief work expense until the legislature convenes. It is on this recommendation that the emergency board will pass.

Acting Governor Bean was not called upon during yesterday to transact any official business. He does not anticipate going to Salem before the emergency board meeting.

GOLD IN SOLUTION MAY BE EXTRACTED BY CHEMICAL MEANS

RENO, Dec. 27.—Both scientists and prospectors long have known that the waters of beautiful Mono Lake, California, in the high Sierras, contain gold in solution. Many attempts have been made to abstract the precious metal.

H. C. Parker, professor of metallurgy at Columbia university for a number of years, in Reno on a brief visit, has just come from the lake, where he has been several months conducting experiments of extracting the fine gold by a patent process which he is satisfied can be carried out on an extensive scale.

Professor Parker has been in consultation with mining men in Reno and finds they are much interested in his process.

TWO ARE ARRESTED FOR HAVING PART IN MER ROUGE AFFAIR

MER ROUGE, La., Dec. 27.—Citizens of this section are waiting for the ax to fall again, following the arrest of two former citizens of the Moorehouse parish in connection with the kidnapping and murdering of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards last August.

The men locked up are T. Burnett, former deputy sheriff, and Dr. B. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, who was arrested in Baltimore. Other arrests are expected momentarily.

LIGHTNER TO LEAVE FOR ISLAND PRISON

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—Dave Lightner, narcotic smuggler, will leave tomorrow for McNeill Island to start serving a three years and six months sentence. Then he will be deported to Roumania.

TENTH CHILD ARRIVES; IS BROUGHT BY SANTA

SPRINGFIELD, Or., Dec. 27.—The stork on Christmas day, 1922, brought greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Moon, with a small son, their tenth child. In 1921 the wise old bird missed by one day, the small brother of the new arrival making his presence known on December 24. Moon operates a bakery here.

INSANITY TEST ORDERED GIVEN TO GIRL WITNESS

FREQUENT CHANGES IN STORY OF HOUSEBOAT KILLING ARE MADE

MRS. LEARY DECLARES SHE HELPED IN CRIME

Story Is Told of Another Murder of A Black-Haired Young Woman; Writer of Anonymous Letter Not Yet Located.

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—District Attorney Myers announced today that he will have Mrs. Helen Leary, who accuses Cash Weir and his son Earl of murdering an unidentified girl in their houseboat last September, examined as to her insanity. She changes her story frequently.

The latest charge is that she helped Weir murder a 22-year-old, black-haired girl named "Betty" in the house boat. The writer of the anonymous letter saying she was the girl alleged to have been murdered has not yet been found. It is likely the case will be dismissed.

SOCIAL REFORMER CALLED BY DEATH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Dr. Wilbur Crafts, head of the International Reform bureau, died at his home here today. The immediate cause was pneumonia. Dr. Crafts was 73 years old and one of the most picturesque workers in the field of social reform. He took on everything from prohibition to opposing pugilistic bouts and sensational movies.

He said in a story written some time ago that "reforming people gives me real pleasure. There is more thrill to me in stopping a prize fight or suppressing sensational books than any game or amusement."

STEVEN A. HAWKS SUCCUMES FROM INJURY TO HIS HIP

Steven A. Hawks, 128 Factory street, died about 5 o'clock this morning. He suffered a broken hip a few weeks ago when he slipped and fell at his residence. Owing to his advanced age he was unable to rally from the accident.

The remains are at the H. C. Stock undertaking parlors, and funeral arrangements, not yet completed, will be announced later.

The Portland Railway, Light and Power company will expend \$5,000,000 on extensions and betterments during 1923.

COMING EVENTS

Monday, January 1, 1923. January 1-5—Week of prayer in Ashland churches. January 8—School reopens. January 9—Theresa Sheehan company, Lyceum course. January 26—"Captain of Plymouth." High school opera.

AUTO CONSUMED BY WIND-FANNED FIRE. TWO MORE COLLIDE

Fanned by a heavy wind, a Dodge automobile, driven by Walter Robison, of the Buick agency, was consumed by flames on the McCracken-Lennox road a short distance beyond the covered bridge northwest of the city yesterday afternoon.

Robison, who was alone in the machine, first noticed a wisp of smoke coming from the right-hand corner of the dash. He stopped the machine, went around the front and raised the hood. Immediately the machine burst into flames, which reached out from the burning car for many feet. Though the auto was completely demolished, and very little of it can be salvaged, the gasoline in the supply tank failed to ignite, though Robison momentarily expected an explosion.

The machine, according to Harry Yeo, insurance man, was protected by his agency.

While driving on the Pacific highway to the east of the city Tuesday, John Crosslin was struck by a south-bound automobile, which crashed into him amidst flames. Damage to the Crosslin auto to the extent of nearly \$60 was resultant. Crosslin called to the tourist to stop, but the reply was shouted that he was in too much of a hurry to reach his destination to do so.

BOMB OUTRAGE IS REVEALED BY NOTE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—A note signed "I. W. W." warns police to look out for a bombing of the Exchange building here, similar to the bomb explosion in Wall Street two years ago. The writer said he is giving the information to get revenge on the gang that kicked him out.

THREE DEAD FROM FATAL GUN FIGHTS

TRINIDAD, Colo., Dec. 27.—Three men were dead today after a series of gun fights Christmas day. William Jamison was shot and killed by August Malezia at the latter's roadhouse after Jamison ran amuck, according to Malezia.

Candelino Aragon was killed and Jerry Saiz was jailed, charged with the crime, following a quarrel here. Dometrio Aragon was slain by Tim Martinez after a quarrel involving Martinez' wife.

AMBULANCE FUND CONTINUES TO GAIN

Contributions to date, money deposited to the Ambulance Fund, are: Ashland Daily Tidings \$100, Jesse Winburn 100, Dr. George Jarvis 100, Dr. Wood 100, J. P. Dodge & Sons 100, G. S. Butler 100, Dr. Swedenburg 100, H. G. Enders & Son 100, Bert Moses 50, O. A. Paulserud 25, Phoebe Wells 20, C. L. Loomis 15, J. H. McGee 10, W. S. DePeau 1, Eric Weren 1. Other contributors declared, but not yet paid, are: Mrs. Eugenia Atkinson, \$25; the Murphy Electric Co., \$25; and Ashland Elks lodge, 944, \$50; H. A. Stearns, \$5.

GERMAN PEACE PLANS QUELCHED OFFICIALS STATE

REJECTION BY FRANCE TERMINATES SUBJECT FOR ALL TIME

AMERICA IS DECLARED TO BE CLEARING HOUSE

United States Seeks Only to be Helpful in Straightening Out Present European Conditions and for Relief, It Is Declared.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—France's peremptory refusal to consider entering a four-power treaty with Great Britain, Italy and Germany, designed to keep peace in Europe, and to preserve present boundaries for 30 years, definitely ends the project, in the opinion of administration officials.

Germany originated the proposals. The United States has no interest other than being helpful in attempting to find a solution for critical European affairs.

It is apparent America is acting as an unofficial clearing house for suggestions for European relief.

ENGLISH COAST IS HIT BY HURRICANE

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Twenty-eight lives were lost and five ships destroyed in gales which swept the British coast during the past 48 hours. Tremendous property damage was done, with a heavy loss of livestock in the rural districts. The streams are flooded and many bridges washed away. The wind rose to 100 miles an hour. Railroad schedules are also upset.

NO REACTION AFTER XMAS, HOLD EXPERTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The record breaking volume of Christmas business indicates that there is no "economic misery" in the United States, and that pessimistic predictions for a business reaction after the holidays have no foundation, the department of commerce stated today.

Preliminary estimates of business this Christmas indicate that all previous records have been broken, the department stated.

Economic conditions as reflected by the holiday business are fundamentally sound. The department sees the continuance of good conditions for the new year.

Deschutes county lumber output is 207,000,000 feet in 1922 compared with 107,000,000 feet in 1921.

VIENNA POLICE USE MOVING PICTURES TO HELP NAB CRIMINALS

VIENNA, Dec. 27.—The Vienna police are experimenting with picture films to detect crime.

When a murderous assault was committed recently on an elderly woman about 10 o'clock in the morning, the police had a film report of the crime and its circumstances displayed that same night in all Vienna "movies." The public were invited to help clear up the crime.

Detailed graphic descriptions of the suspected perpetrators who had escaped, were given. Within 24 hours the assailants were caught, upon information furnished by persons who had seen the "movies."

GRANITE CONCERN OPENS NEW OFFICE TO WORK HOLDINGS

John M. Newell, a granite dealer, well known throughout the state, who recently arrived in Ashland from eastern Oregon, where for several years he has operated a quarry, has obtained the exclusive rights on a tract of land joining the Blair quarry, the granite dike on this new property being a continuation of the mammoth dike of granite. From this property granite will be obtained for the manufacture of monuments, vaults and other cemetery work. Marble will be handled for interior building work by the new company, which will be known as the Ashland Granite company.

A work room has been prepared on the ground floor of the Overland garage building, where pneumatic tools have been installed for carving and lettering, and some good orders have been placed for spring delivery. The new company will do business strictly as a retail manufacturer dealing direct with the consumer. Designs and estimates on work will be submitted without charge or obligation.

WIND ROCKS RUINS IN BURNED ASTORIA

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—A heavy storm is raining in various parts of the state. A gale at Tillamook tore off roofs from barns, caved in the doors of the Methodist church and blew the ticket office at the fair grounds across the street. The ruins of fire-swept Astoria tumbled under the heavy gale. Many brick walls have fallen.

PROGRESSIVES WILL BE BACKED BY LABOR UNIONS

UNSADDLING OF WALL STREET FROM POWER IS THE OBJECT

A. F. L. CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN PORTLAND

Meet Begins October 1, 1923; Greatest Problem Is Unemployment, Hence Opposition to Immigration, Frank Morrison, Secretary, Says.

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—Organized labor will make a concerted effort to seat progressive candidates in congress during coming elections.

It is confident the majority of delegates in the senate and house at the next session will be sufficiently progressive to guarantee public interest and unsaddle Wall Street from power.

These statements were made by Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, while conferring with local labor officials on plans for the American Federation convention, which will be held here beginning October 1, 1923.

"Defeat of anti-labor leaders, particularly Beveridge and Poindexter, was decidedly satisfactory," Morrison said. "Labor will be prepared at the next campaign to solidly back progressive candidates."

"Labor's biggest problem is unemployment. The 3 per cent immigration law aided in cutting down unemployment in America, but labor favors complete stopping of immigration. There are 1,500,000 unemployed in the country today."

Morrison asserted that Judge Elbert Gary and Charles Schwab have been leaders in stressing a shortage of labor, while, he avers, department of labor statistics do not reveal even a shortage of common labor.

KEEP COLUMBIA HIGHWAY OPEN, COMMISSIONERS SAY

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—Vehicular traffic over the Columbia highway between Portland and eastern Oregon must be continued 12 months out of the year and keeping this highway open in winter as well as in summer is as essential to Multnomah county as it is to any of the railroad companies to keep their right of ways open, it was stated at the luncheon of the Portland Ad club, when the matter was discussed by commissioners-elect and retiring commissioners of Multnomah county.

Difficulties of providing financial aid for year-round traffic were pointed out by William Eatchel, roadmaster, who declared that the county had already expended \$56,000 this year in clearing the highway and repairing damages caused by storms, while the 1922 budget for this work had been \$10,000.

MAY OBJECT TO WIVES BEING STENOGRAPHERS

SALEM, Dec. 27.—Legislators who have been accustomed to bring their wives to Salem to act as their stenographers during the legislative session, will find themselves besieged by a number of unemployed Portland and Salem girls if they attempt to repeat the procedure this year. It is alleged by a number of such girls who are dependent upon work for a livelihood that in the past preference has been given married women for positions as clerks and stenographers. It is pointed out that wives of legislators who know nothing of stenographic work have in the past drawn the statutory fee of \$4 a day and overtime.

DRUNKEN MAN SHOTS OFFICER MAKING ARREST

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 27.—Night policeman W. E. Higley was shot and wounded last night by a man who has not yet been identified and who made his escape. The man was drunk, it is said. Higley had taken him out of a restaurant and was leading him to the police station. At a dark corner the man put up resistance, and pulling a big revolver, shot Higley through the left arm. The officer fired several times as the man broke and ran in the dark.

Chaplin and Negri to Marry Soon



According to close friends of Charlie Chaplin and Pola Negri, motion picture stars, they are to be married in the first fortnight in January. Rumors that they already were man and wife were emphatically denied.

Say the Farm Needs Educated Women



How college women can be induced to take up farm life was discussed by the Women's National Farm and Garden association in session in Chicago. "The hope of the country lies in getting the women with education on the farm," said Mrs. Newton B. Ashley, sister of Secretary Wallace of the Department of Agriculture, who is a member of the association. "The women with college degrees will not stand for the drudgery of the farm women of yesterday and will, consequently, turn their efforts to running the farm on scientific lines." In the illustration, left to right, are: Mrs. Frances King, Mrs. Russell Tyson, president, and Mrs. Bertram W. Rosenstone.