

Bohemia Nugget

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EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting.

W. J. Bryan is in Mexico City talking silver. Railroad collision in Ontario kills five persons.

Lake sailors starving on an ice-bound vessel. Graham Bell says he has invented a flying machine.

Snowdrift buries bunkhouse, with 18 men at Nelson. Calmness of a Spokane priest saves panic in a church fire.

Billiard sweep on the Mississippi Valley to the Gulf States. Dead Astoria Recorder is found to be short in his accounts.

Holiday trade exceeded in most respects all previous records. Ship narrowly missed wrecking Morrison-street bridge, Portland.

Special Commissioner Armit, of Japan, pledges aid for 1905 Fair. Representative Jones introduces bill to open Colville Indian reservation.

Oregon Water Power & Railway Company sued for \$10,000 damages. Pierce gale sweeps over Denmark and causes wrecks and loss of life.

Secretary Chamberlain arrives in South Africa and advises conciliation. Crown Princess of Saxony and her brother may seek refuge in the United States.

Opponents of reduced Philippine tariff and of reciprocity treaties may form a combination. President Roosevelt declines to arbitrate the Venezuelan dispute, and it will go to The Hague tribunal.

Many disastrous and fatal railroad wrecks. Negro Murderer hanged by a mob in Kansas.

Delegate from the Philippines explains their needs. British sea captain murdered by natives of New Hebrides.

George Carter shoots his wife and then kills himself at Eugene. Fire destroys city hall and city records of Marlborough, Mass.

Jealous lover lies in wait and shoots young woman near Baker City. President Roosevelt advises Castro to appeal to The Hague tribunal.

Predecessor to throne of Morocco wishes to make war on Christians. Great increase in trade with the island possessions of the United States.

Christmas is generously observed among the inmates of the state institutions at Salem. The pope takes steps to arrange legal separation of Crown Prince and Princess of Saxony.

Young halfbreed, supposed to be implicated in the Almira tragedy, is killed at Ketter, Wash. The President spent Christmas with his family at the White House instead of at his old home at Oyster Bay.

Cab drivers of St. Louis are all on a strike for an increase of wages. Out of 370 drivers in the city, 390 are out. They will drive independent carriages until the wain their demands.

Subonic plague has broken out on the Pacific coast of Mexico. Ex-United States Senator Dwight M. Sabin, of Minnesota, is dead.

The food supply has begun to grow short in Caracas, in consequence of the blockade. The federal supreme court has decided that death on the gallows invalidates insurance policies.

Senator Bacon declares that the United States will have to fight to uphold the Monroe doctrine. Trains throughout the Middle West are delayed from 10 to 12 hours on account of severe snow storms.

Fire in the piano factory of Ernest Gabler Bros., New York, destroyed half a million dollars worth of property. A train wreck on the Menon road in Indiana resulted in the death of two men and the serious injury of two others.

For the last five months the internal revenue receipts have shown a decrease of \$20,903,470, as compared with the corresponding period in 1901. Eight-hour bill reported favorably to the Senate.

Ten persons killed in wreck on the Southern Pacific. German Socialists preparing for bitter election fight. Jeffries fails to knock out Butte miner in four rounds.

Portland labor leaders plan to form a Coast organization. Humphreys, the great French swimmer, captured in Madrid. Funeral services of Mrs. Grant at Washington and New York.

Senator Morgan warns Congress that both isthmian canal routes may be lost. Bill to open the south half of the Colville reservation introduced in Congress.

Billiard in Rocky Mountain and prairie states blockades railroads and kills livestock. Washington Lewis and Clark Commission recommends a state appropriation of \$100,000.

Holiday trade the most active on record. Kaiser Wilhelm welcomes Ambassador Tower. Anarchist kills slater anarchist who rejected his love.

Terrible blizzard blocks railroads in Wyoming and Colorado. General increase in railroad rates to be made at New York.

TRAINS MET HEAD-ON.

Twenty-Eight Dead—Mangled Passengers Suffer from Cold Also.

London, Ont., Dec. 31.—A frightful collision occurred a short distance from the little station of Wanstead, Ont., on the Ontario branch of the Grand Trunk Railroad, last night. The express was running nearly two hours late, and was making fast time. The freight was endeavoring to make a siding to get clear of the express, but failed by mistaking the air. There was a dreadful crash, the locomotive reared up and fell over in a ditch, the baggage-car of the express telescoped the smoker, and in an instant the shrieks and cries of the wounded and dying filled the air. The loss of life is 28. The injured numbered many more, and many of these may die. Several of the dead were horribly mutilated. Heads were cut off, legs were wrenched from their bodies, and the best stretch of snow became crimson with the blood of the victims.

Operator is Blamed.

The responsibility for the accident has not been definitely fixed, but it is believed to have been due to a telegraph operator's error. The operator at one of the stations where the two trains stopped gave an order to the conductor of the No. 5, the Pacific express, at Wanstead. In the system of the Grand Trunk this order should have been duplicated, a copy being given to the conductor and engineer of the express. Instead of this the conductor of the express received a clearance order, telling him that he might run through. The freight train in the meantime had stopped at Wanstead to sidetrack, and was being pushed by the express. The blinding storm which was raging rendered objects invisible at a distance of a few feet.

The operator at Wanstead is not usually on duty at night, but at an evening he happened to be in the office for a short time. He was going out of the door when he heard the telegraph instrument click and immediately called the message: "Stop No. 5." "Stop No. 5," he said, and then he closed it behind him he heard the crash of the collision up the track.

WAR ON CHRISTIANS.

Said to Be the Plan of New Aspirant to Throne of Morocco.

London, Dec. 29.—The correspondence of the Times at Fez, Morocco, describes the situation as having become very serious, owing to a large increase in the number of the protectorate's followers, whom the government troops are too weak to attack. Reinforcements amounting to 12,000 men, he says, will leave tomorrow and an additional force of regular cavalry has been called out.

Many tribes not already in rebellion are wavering and are ready to join the rebels in the event of a serious government defeat. The pretender is fully supplied with everything necessary and has distributed his forces over a district where they can be collected or dispersed very quickly.

The Times correspondent adds that the pretender's position is a very strong one. He professes not to claim the throne for himself, but to claim it for the Sultan on account of his European tendencies. If successful, the pretender proposes that the rebels shall nominate a new Sultan from the Sheikhan family who would permit him to continue the war against the Christians.

SLAUGHTER OF INFANTS.

Disclosure of Horrible Customs in Japan—A "Prison Editor."

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 31.—Correspondence of the Associated Press received from Yokohama by the steamer Tartar tonight included details of a horrible baby-farming conspiracy in Osaka. An elderly woman, her married daughter, husband and two others have been arrested for infanticide, and it is learned since their arrest operations by killing 200 children, so this year.

The Japan Times has an account of how a Japanese of Kuchi was married to a corpse. His bride-elect, committed suicide on the eve of her marriage. The body was recovered, and at the request of the dead woman's parents, the ceremony took place between the living and the dead.

The Kobe Chronicle publishes a lengthy account, telling of the "prison editor" employed by Japanese papers whose duties are to be imprisoned in case a verdict is given against the paper he is supposed to edit, for libel or other offenses.

Dolly Earle's Suicide.

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—Dolly Earle, a member of the "Merry Widows" company, playing at a burlesque house here, committed suicide tonight in her dressing-room by swallowing carbolic acid. She left the following note, addressed to J. A. Fallinger, Rochester, N. Y.: "Forgive me, all. Can't stand trouble."

Mrs. Earle was about 30 years old. Her home is said to be in Oklahoma. She was formerly a member of the "Merry Widows" company, which stranded here about two weeks ago.

California Likes Rain.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—The rain storm which visited California on Christmas night proved to be of enormous benefit to growing crops, and the prospects for a fine harvest of grain and fruit were never better. The winter has been a mild one, free from severe frosts, and with just enough rain to promise good spring crops. The weather is now delightful. The temperature is in the neighborhood of 49 degrees. The tourist trade to California has been unusually heavy this winter.

Benjamin H. Cafet Dead.

New York, Dec. 31.—Benjamin H. Cafet, an accountant, died in his home at East Orange after a long illness. He was associated with Jay Gould and General Grenville M. Dodge in western railroad enterprises; had been special and private accountant for the late George M. Pullman and Robert T. Lincoln, and was an executor of the Pullman estate. He lived in Chicago until his removal to East Orange, 16 years ago. His widow and three children survive him.

Empress Dowager Greets Miles.

Peking, Dec. 31.—The Dowager Empress and Lieutenant General Miles exchanged flattering speeches at today's audience. The Dowager assured the general that the "success of the American Army was assured under a commander so celebrated."

NEWS OF OREGON

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE.

New Church at Brownsville—A Christmas Pardon from Governor Geer—Prosperous Hop Raisers of Yamhill County—Great Frame Industry at Dallas—The Roseburg Poultry Show.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Elliott, of Dallas, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary December 23. Governor Geer has granted a full pardon to George Morey, who was serving a life sentence for killing Gus Berry in Portland in 1898.

A night pumpman at the White Swan mine, at Baker City, is dead from falling into an old shaft containing boiling hot water from the exhaust of the engine.

The Southern Pacific has been petitioned by the interested residents in the neighborhood to make some important changes in its train service on the Yamhill division.

The agent of the Oregon raft company reports good progress in obtaining the right of way for the proposed logging railway up Milton creek, and surveys will be placed in the field at once to take leave.

The new Methodist church at Brownsville was dedicated last Sunday morning. After the ceremony was completed the sum of \$1,200 was pledged by the people to pay off the remaining indebtedness.

J. H. Olds and son, pioneer hop raisers of Yamhill county, have leased 20 acres near Lafayette and are setting it out to hops. They contracted their hops this year at 13 cents, but they won't contract next year's crop.

The poultry show at Roseburg has closed, and was a great success in every way. As a novel testimony as to the climate of Oregon, the judge of the show was furnished with a dish of fresh-picked raspberries every morning.

Frank Wallace, a Grant county sheep man, was recently arrested on a charge of stealing 28 valuable bucks, but was subsequently acquitted. He now brings suit for \$10,000 damages against his accusers, one of whom is county stock inspector.

Marion County's delinquent tax roll for last year is only \$3,000, the smallest in the history of the county. The original tax roll was for \$221,000 of tax money.

Burning of a heavy growth of tules on the shores of the Lower Klamath Lake attracted considerable attention from the neighborhood of Ashland, 70 miles distant. The reflection on the clouds was very brilliant. The fires were started to clear off the wild hay lands, while ice and snow would prevent spreading.

Salem is making preparations to enlarge her city limits. The superintendent of the Tunnelton mines, in the Gold Creek district, has gone to Denver to purchase a milling plant for the development of the properties.

A joint "log-rolling" given by Ashland and Phoenix Camps, Woodmen of the World, was largely attended by delegations from Southern Oregon and Northern California, and was a grand success.

The prune industry around Dallas is being enlarged this season, as evidenced by the large sales of nursery stock being made. J. B. Nunn, agent for a Portland nursery, reports having sold to date over 10,000 prune trees this fall in the immediate vicinity of Dallas, with large orders on hand unfilled. This locality last season had very near a full crop of Italians, which it is claimed cannot be made of any other locality in the world. The fruit was par excellent, and 50 per cent of the crop was shipped direct to London, 10 carloads leaving Dallas in a single shipment.

Prof. G. L. McKay, head of the dairy department of the State Agricultural College of Iowa, says: "There is no question in my mind but that dairy products and bacon pork can be produced cheaper in Oregon than in any other country in the world." Prof. McKay has visited Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, and England, and his investigations on this subject make him an authority unsurpassed.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 70c; blue-stem 75c; valley, 75c. Barley—Feed, \$23.50 per ton; brewing, \$24.00. Flour—Best grade, 3.90@4.40; Graham, \$3.20@3.60. Middlings—Bran, \$19.00 per ton; middlings, \$23.50; shorts, \$19.50; chop, \$18. Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.15@1.17 1/2; gray, \$1.12@1.15 per cwt. Hay—Timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$8@9.00; cheat, \$8@9 per ton. Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 60@70c per sack; ordinary, 50@60c per cental; growers' prices; Merced sweets, \$1.75@2.25 per cental. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 9c; young, 8@10c; hens, 5c; turkeys, live, 17@18c; dressed, 20@21c; ducks, \$7@7.50 per dozen; geese, \$8@8.50. Eggs—Full cream, twins, 16 1/2@17 1/2c; Young America, 17 1/2@18 1/2c; factory prices, 16 1/2@17 1/2c. Butter—Fancy creamery, 27 1/2@30c per pound; extras, 30c; dairy, 20@22 1/2c; store, 15@18. Eggs—25@35c per dozen. Hops—New crop, 23@26c per pound. Wool—Valley, 12 1/2@15c; Eastern Oregon, 8@14 1/2c; mohair, 30@25c. Beef—Cows, 3@3 1/2c per pound; steers, 4c; dressed, 6@7c. Veal—7 1/2@8 1/2c. Mutton—Gross, 8c per pound; dressed, 6c. Lamb—Gross, 3 1/2c per pound; dressed, 6 1/2c. Hogs—Gross, 6 1/2@6 3/4c per pound; dressed, 7 1/2@7 3/4c.

ROOSEVELT DECLINES.

Venezuelan Trouble Will Go to The Hague Tribunal for Settlement.

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Roosevelt will not be the arbitrator of the Venezuelan controversy. The whole vexatious subject will be referred for adjudication to The Hague tribunal.

Epitomized, this was the situation as it had resolved itself at the conclusion of the cabinet meeting yesterday. The meeting was not so long as the sessions usually are. All the members, except Secretary Root, were present. The Venezuelan question was the principal and practically the only topic of general concern under consideration. Secretary Hay presented the results of his cable correspondence with the governments at London, Berlin, Rome and Caracas. In accordance with the suggestion of the President, Roosevelt, through Secretary Hay, President Castro was reported to have agreed to submit the difficulties to the arbitration of the tribunal at The Hague. The European powers were only convened to submit the controversy to arbitration, but while they had expressed a preference for an arbitration to be conducted by President Roosevelt, they had assented to his suggestion that the matter be referred to The Hague.

The presentation of the case met the hearty approval of the cabinet. No fear is expressed by the Administration that the Monroe Doctrine will be brought into the controversy in any way, or that the raising of an embarrassing situation for the United States. Secretary Hay is preparing a note to the powers in which the gratification of this Government is expressed for the course agreed upon. No intimation is given of the conditions which may have been imposed by the European powers or by President Castro as precedent to the arbitration. It is known that Great Britain was willing to consent to the arbitration of President Roosevelt practically without conditions, but the suggestion is made that one and perhaps two of the other powers involved proposed some conditions which might have proved a deterrent to the responsibility of determining the question.

It is understood that some money must pass, but it is also known that the amount of cash also required of the United States is not nearly so large as had been stated. It is not possible to learn either whether the allies insist upon apologies from Castro, and while it is assumed that the allies will not insist upon such arrangements that end has yet been made.

GUARD AGAINST RUBONIC.

Arizona Takes Precautions, but Does Not Fear Its Spread North.

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 30.—Doctors Purdy and Chenoweth, who were appointed by the Board of Health of Nogales to investigate the effectiveness of measures adopted by the authorities at Guzman against the introduction of the disease supposed to be rubonic plague, now epidemic at Mazatlan, have returned and say there is no danger of the disease extending to Guzman or to any other part of the State where vigilance is continued.

Official telegrams were received here today from the Governor of the State of Sinaloa, who reports the sickness decreasing. Another telegram from Dr. Fernandez, chief surgeon of the Elements Regiment of Infantry stationed at Mazatlan, says: "Thirty cases of 'rubonic plague' sent to the Lazareto, of which 15 have died in seven days. Amongst troops at the barrack only one single case. Sanitary precautions taken."

Investigating in Mexico.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The United States Marine Hospital Service authorities have decided to send a party to the coast of the Gulf of California in Mexico to investigate the reports of the appearance of plague among the immigrant Chinese there, but no one has been designated for the service.

Epidemic is Abating.

Mexico City, Dec. 30.—The plague situation is decidedly improved at Mazatlan. Only three deaths occurred yesterday. Steamers are still prevented from touching at that port.

Kansas and Missouri Freeze.

Kansas City, Dec. 30.—Advises received today indicate severe weather throughout Kansas and Missouri. Concordia, Kan., reports zero weather there, and all along the Missouri Pacific road this same condition prevails.

Blackmailing Scheme Shows Up.

Defiance, O., Dec. 30.—At least 200 letters from a collecting agency in New York have come through the local postoffice to Defiance people. The letters state that the recipient received a year's previous amount of jewelry from a New York firm, and unless the sum due was remitted, suit would be instituted. Many of these letters were addressed to persons dead or long since moved away. The Postoffice inspectors notified the local Postmaster, instructing him to advise the recipients that the scheme was blackmailing.

Philippine Veteran Missing.

Denver, Dec. 30.—Second Lieutenant William M. Kister, Company M, Eighteenth United States Infantry, has been missing from Fort Logan for nearly two weeks. The Denver police department has been asked to help to locate him. Lieutenant Kister is 23 years of age. He enlisted as a private in the Sixth Cavalry six years ago at Philadelphia. Shortly thereafter he went with the battery to the Philippines and saw active service in and about Manila.

Starved to Death in Bolivia.

Seattle, Dec. 31.—News has just reached here that John S. Rouse starved to death in the wilds of Central Bolivia in June, 1900, while on an exploring trip. But one man of a party of 20 escaped. Rouse was one of the pioneer mining men of the State of Washington, coming first to the reports that General Tunstall had been sent to Bolivia to investigate his death.

Do Not Fear General Tung.

Peikin, Dec. 31.—General Tung, a Chinese general, who was killed at the battle of the Ssang River, is moving on Ssang Fu with troops. The missionaries, however, are said to be returning from that region.

ASA FRIEND OF ALL

THE PRESIDENT IS HELPING ALONG PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

Basils of Arbitration Must Be Faced Upon First—Allies May Consent to Raise the Blockade, Provided They Can Renew It if Venezuela Does Not Pay—High Compliment to Roosevelt.

Washington, Dec. 31.—There is now in progress an active exchange of notes between the allied powers, Venezuela and the United States, respecting the method of submitting to arbitration the issues which have arisen between Venezuela and the allies. The weight of official opinion here this afternoon was that several days at least must elapse before anything of the nature of a preliminary protocol can be made ready for signature. German insistence upon a prepayment of 10 per cent of her full claims before submitting her case to arbitration, and perhaps President Castro's resistance to meeting what the allies claim as the obligations of honor are believed to be now the sticking points. But it is hoped that these can be passed within the next few days, and it is further hoped that some arrangement will be made in the preliminary protocol, either by the raising of the blockade, though it is intimated that the allies' ships will be kept ready to renew it in case of any default on the part of Venezuela in her obligations.

Washington having been the pivot about which all the negotiations have turned up to this point, it is surmised that it may also be the scene of the final act in the shape of the signature of a great peace treaty. The department representatives here of the powers interested or by special agents sent to this neutral ground for the purpose. An erroneous idea obtained in some quarters as to the functions of the President and Secretary of State in this matter, and they have been represented as endeavoring personally to conduct the negotiations, as drawing up protocols and generally taking a leading part in all that is going on. It is pointed out at the State Department that while ordinarily a misunderstanding on this point would be trifling, it happens in the present case that reports of such activity on the part of the United States officials after the President has expressly declined to assume the duties of arbitration would surely be ill received in Europe and might perhaps lead to some backward steps that would be a matter of regret to the Government, which earnestly desires to have the parties reach an honorable settlement of their differences.

It is explained at the State Department that the part of the United States United States Government just now is that of good friend to all parties, that it is not undertaking to draw up protocols or impose limitations upon the parties, but it is confining its offices to getting them together and stating them so. In this view it will not be necessary for our Government to prescribe how the Monroe Doctrine shall or shall not figure in the protocols, but it will judge for itself by results as to what inducements or uncalculated-for protests.

As for the terms of the arbitration, it is stated that they are in a fair way speedily to be adjusted, but nothing can be said of the details. It is presumed that the allies will agree to terminate the blockade, though no stipulation has yet been entered into on that point. Nothing has been heard recently of the part to be taken by United States Minister Bowen in the final settlement and it begins to appear that, after all, Venezuela will probably be represented by one of her own people.

DISOBEYED THE RULES.

Naval Commander Takes His Wife to Sea and is Ordered Ashore.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Commander John E. Rolter, ex-commander of the old gunboat Monocacy, has reached this country from the Asiatic station, having been ordered home by Rear Admiral Evans for persistent infraction of the rules which prohibit the commander of a vessel from permitting his wife to accompany him on board the ship. It is charged that after offending in that particular several times Rolter's attention was called to the violation of the regulations, but with no apparent effect. When his attention came to the ears of Rear Admiral Evans the latter detached him and ordered him home.

Pope Admires American Officers.

Rome, Dec. 31.—The pope today received in private audience Commander William H. Reeder, Chaplain Edward J. Brennan and Lieutenant Henry Seligmer of the United States training-ship Hartford. Commander Reeder is a member of the American navy uniform, and said he regretted the Hartford was not coming nearer to Rome. He would have enjoyed seeing more of the officers and men, as he had the most pleasant remembrances of meeting with Americans.

Damages for a Boycott.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—A verdict having a significant bearing upon the right of labor organizations to maintain or assist in maintaining a boycott was rendered today in Judge Valle's court, whereby George Hinchcliff was awarded \$22,900 damages against the members of the Chicago Masons' & Builders' Association and the Brick Manufacturers' Association. Hinchcliff asked for \$100,000 damages, which he had based upon the fact that he had a boycott of the product of his brickyard at Hobart, Ind., on the part of the associations mentioned in 1898.

Search for Mutineers.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 27.—According to advices received from Honolulu, the British cruiser Sherwater has left here for Pitcairn and other southeast islands, and will make a search for the mutineers who left the ship Captain Castle after shooting their captain and killing Second Mate Dixon. The mutiny occurred 300 miles from Pitcairn and it was believed that the mutineers might reach that island, if they did not perish at sea.

Frost Stopped a Warm Heart.

Duluth, Minn., 26.—George Plydell, aged 55, with his arms full of Christmas presents for friends and relatives, fell from exhaustion when within five feet of his home, and froze to death last night. Plydell lived all alone in a little house near the harbor front, where he conducted a confectionery and cigar store.

CHRISTMAS AT WASHINGTON.

President and Foreign Ministers Observe the Day With Festivities.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Snow, which began falling late last night, gave Washington a genuine Christmas appearance. Public and private business was practically entirely suspended. Interest centered in the happenings at the White House. Early in the morning the President, and all the members of his family repaired to the library, where presents were exchanged and many boxes and packages which had come from out of town opened. There were a large number of callers, and many gifts in the shape of handsome floral pieces were received.

Soon after breakfast, the President, Theodore, Jr., and Lieutenant Ferguson of the Rough Riders who is in a White House guest, took a long horse-back ride, returning in time to join the rest of the family at luncheon with Commander and Mrs. Cowles.

At the homes of the Cabinet officers the day was quietly observed, while among the Embassies and Legations elaborate preparations had been made for celebrating. Official dinner parties were given by the British and Russian Ambassadors. The Austrian Minister and wife gave a children's party at the Legation, while the Minister of Peru and his wife entertained a number of Peruvian students in the various schools and colleges of the United States.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt entertained a number of friends at dinner. The table was set in the newly furnished state dining-room. The guests included Senator and Mrs. Lodge, John Lodge, Captain and Mrs. Cowles, John Elliott, of New York; Mrs. Charles H. Davis, Miss Davis, the Messrs. Davis and Robert Ferguson.

At the Mexican Embassy the feast day was celebrated by a supper tonight.

THE DAY IN ENGLAND.

King Edward Plays Lord Bountiful and The London Poor Have a Feast.

London, Dec. 25.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra spent the day at Sandringham, this being the first Christmas their majesties have spent at their favorite residence since their accession. The royal family, including the Prince of Wales, Princess Victoria, the Duchess of Fife and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, attended an early service at Sandringham church, which was beautifully decorated. The King afterwards personally directed the annual distribution of the beef and game to the employees and tenants on the Sandringham estate.

London and the south of England generally enjoyed an unusually cold day. In spite of the low temperature, there was the usual gathering in Battersea Park, where 20 men who take their exercise early morning did at the year round had their Christmas swim in the lake. Silver medals were presented to several among the bathers who had not missed a single day during the previous year. The prevailing distress among the unemployed brought forth an unusual number of charitable dinners in all sections of London, especially in the East End.

A severe gale swept the north coast of England, and caused considerable damage to shipping and water front property on the Clyde and the Tyne.

SENDS A CHECK INSTEAD.

President Too Busy to Play Santa Claus at Oyster Bay.

New York, Dec. 25.—For the second time in 15 years says a Press dispatch from Oyster Bay, President Roosevelt did not act as Kris Kringle in person at the Cove school, where his children were taught prior to his election to the head of the Nation. Last year the President could not spare the time to come here, and this year events have been pressing too fast about him to admit of his coming.

Some days ago Mr. Roosevelt sent a little sack of paper containing a check, which enabled the principal to deal more liberally with her charges than she had been able to do before. The sleds, games and dolls were more costly than usual and the candies the greater quantity. There were two trees instead of one, and Miss Provost, the principal, read a letter from President Roosevelt telling the boys and girls how sorry he was that he could not be with them.

A telegram was sent to the President telling him how much the children appreciated his gifts and wishing him many more years in his present position.

Death of Col. Lockwood.

New York, Dec. 27.—Colonel Henry Clay Lockwood is dead, in Bellevue Hospital, of a short illness. He was 63 years of age. Colonel Lockwood was educated for the bar, and enlisted in 1852 in the Union Army. He was brevetted Major for gallantry at the storming of Fort Fisher.

He was the author of "The Abolition of the Presidency," in which he advocated a plural executive, to be known as the Executive Council, which should be chosen in joint session by the two houses of Congress, and several other works.

Man Who Robbed Gen. Miles.

Honolulu, Dec. 17, via Victoria, B. C., Dec. 27.—Pedro Rodriguez, the Porto Rican who robbed General Miles and Colonel and Mrs. Maus, while they were in Honolulu en route to the Philippines, has been found guilty of larceny in the first degree and sentenced to three years' hard labor in Oahu Penitentiary. Rodriguez stole a quantity of clothing belonging to Mrs. Maus, also some jewelry and some valuable private papers belonging to General Miles. All have been recovered by the police.

Prank of an Earthquake.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—According to the latest advices from Andjian Russian Central Asia, earthquake shocks occur daily, and a particularly violent series of shocks during the night of December 23 and the following morning set all the rolling stock on the railroad in motion, resulting in a panic among the railroad men. The traffic is suspended on the railroad and the station is closed. The military authorities are taking over the control of the line for some distance from Andjian.

Engines Met and Killed Both Crews.

Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 29.—In a head-on collision on the Grand Trunk Railway near here, Engineer James Kerwin and Fireman Theodore Schuchals, of a light engine, were instantly killed. Engineer Kerwin and Fireman Burkhardt, of a freight train, were fatally injured. The engines collided while going at full speed. The light engine had been sent out from Battle Creek to meet and help pull the freight train to the city.

Pope Leo Takes a Hand.

London, Dec. 29.—The Home correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs as an outcome of the negotiations with the Saxon Court, the pope has sent a prelate to Geneva to inquire into the circumstances of the flight of the Crown Princess of Saxony, with a view to arranging a separation.

HORRORS OF OCEAN

CASTAWAYS SUCK ONE ANOTHER'S BLOOD FOR LIFE.