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WHITE XMAS MAY BE SEEN ROGUE VALLEY

Snow Steadily Falls Today, But Weather Bureau Says Barometer Is on the Rise and Clear Weather Should Succeed Soon.

STORM IN NORTH IS DOING MUCH DAMAGE

Gale on the Pacific Registers 70 Miles an Hour—Heavy Rain at Portland.

It looks very much as if Medford would enjoy a "white Christmas" this year, although the weather bureau this afternoon states that the barometer is rising and that Sunday should be clear.

One year ago Christmas day was bright and clear, resembling June more than December.

The weather has been excellent this year for Christmas shopping and now "let 'er snow."

Storm in North.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23.—Wire communication between many cities in the Northwest, particularly along the coast, suffered, and some property damage was done by the storm which is sweeping over the north Pacific states today.

In Portland one of the heaviest rains ever experienced fell during the night. Snow fell in the mountains.

At Seaside high tides and huge combers badly damaged the boardwalk and roads.

At Astoria the gale registered 70 miles an hour.

Several steamers are held at Astoria owing to the roughness of the Columbia river bar.

FRISCO TO OPEN THROTTLE WIDE

"Bring on the Glow Worm, Lizzie" is the Way the Police Commission Stands on Celebration—And New Year's They Will Do It Again.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 23.—On with the dance! Let the revel proceed. We live today, but tomorrow—bring on the glow worm, Lizzie! Barking corks, ragtime, turkey trot—oh, you gladsome kid! Howdy, Christmas!

That's the way the police commission stands on the Christmas eve celebration.

"Open her wide and let 'em go to it. They cry today, and they have the say."

The lid will be plucked right off hilarious old San Francisco Sunday night. And a couple of hundred thousand joy-mad beings will crowd themselves into the district of a million lights, music and clinking glasses—and let 'er rip.

The same goes for New Year's.

It's an awful kick in the slats for the tombstone-faced gentlemen of the board of supervisors, who ordered a "dead" night, but it's the one great big enthusiastically appreciated Christmas gift of the police commission to the great, big majority of San Francisco people.

"Frisco's open all night—now go to it! We're with you," is the last word.

NO ISSUE MONDAY.

Monday, being Christmas day, there will be no issue of The Mail Tribune.

THE MESSAGE OF THE STAR.

By Herbert Kaufman. Go to the window tonight and look out upon the city, yonder where the barracks of Want huddle in the shadows, and tenements stand bleak against the sky; where pitiable, cowed children of privation, wistful and vein-hungry, an heart-hungry, lie in the cold and dream Christmas dreams that can never come true—dreams such as you dreamed back in the long ago, golden dreams spangled with Hope, dreams that will lose their way and fall, broken-winged to earth.

Once, upon the pinions of Fancy, you sped into the mystic dawns; once, you and Faith in magic argosies set brave sails for cloudland's purple zones.

And now, Youth is dead and memory is stained with tears. And your ships have come home and they ride at anchor.

Wise Man, what cargo did you bring in their holds?

How did you barter with Life? Did you trade well? Are you content?

Where is your myrrh and where your frankincense? Where is happiness and where peace and where is the glory of mercy and the joy of giving and the strength that comes with the lifting of burdens?

Look up, behold the Star of Bethlehem. Heed the message.

A thousand gray-souled women sit tonight with the ghosts of Yesterday.

Women, haggard by toil, gaunt and bruised; women with empty pockets and empty pantries and empty stoves; women face to face with dreariest tragedy in all motherhood, the explanation of the empty Christmas stocking.

And the Star of Bethlehem keeps calling to you: "Wise Man! Wise Man! Gather your gifts and go forth in the name of the Lord to the manger wheresoever the Child awaits your coming."

BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Last night when we were at tea the little fellow said:

"Paw, what are all those packages hid beneath your bed?"

I almost choked upon my food, and mother simply smiled.

As though to say we're bringing up a very knowing child.

He's waiting for me at the door when I get home at night.

I try to sneak into the house and not turn on the light.

And get upstairs before I doff my overcoat and hat.

But he is Johnny on the spot, with "Paw, oh, what is that?"

He's eyeing me suspiciously, I really think he tries

With all his youthful artfulness to take me by surprise;

He hasn't intimated yet that he has found us out,

But eyes and ears are open wide whenever we're about.

I spelled a phrase to mother once, and then he promptly said:

"I guess it's time now, Maw, for me to go upstairs to bed,

An' I suppose that you an' Paw will talk out when I'm gone!"

I'd make an affidavit that the little rascal's on.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT UNIVERSITY CLUB

A Christmas tree has been arranged for this evening at the rooms of the University club and a jolly time is expected. E. G. Burgess, Jr., is herald extraordinary and A. S. V. Carpenter will be Santa Claus.

POPE GRANTS AUDIENCE TO AMERICAN CARDINAL

ROME, Dec. 23.—Cardinal Farley was granted an audience by the pope today and chatted an hour with His Holiness, who authorized the American cardinal to cable a greeting to all American Catholics.

"LITTLE GIANT" TELLS HOW HE WAS OFFERED BRIBE

Dramatic Details of Tense Situation When Sawyer Tried to Bribe La Follette to Corrupt Judge Siebecker Are Told in Magazine.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Dramatic details of the tense situation when the late United States Senator Philo-tus Sawyer of Wisconsin tried to bribe Senator La Follette to corrupt Judge Siebecker are given today in La Follette's autobiography in the January issue of the American magazine.

It was during the case of the state of Wisconsin against several former state treasurers and their bondsmen to collect interest on state funds appropriated by the defendants. Sawyer, republican boss, stood to lose hundreds of thousands of dollars as bondsman for several of the former treasurers. He asked La Follette to meet him at the Plantington hotel in Milwaukee and then shot his proposition straight from the shoulder. La Follette says Sawyer said to him:

"No one nows I am to meet you. I don't want to hire you as an attorney. And I don't want you to go into court. But here is \$50 and I will give you \$500 more or \$1000 (or \$500 more and \$1000—I was never able to recall exactly the sums named) when Siebecker decides the cases right."

"I said to him," La Follette declares, "Senator Sawyer, you cannot now what you are saying. If you strue me in the face you could not insult me as you insult me now."

"He said: 'Wait, hold on.' I was then standing up. I said, 'No, you don't want to employ me as an attorney. You want to hire me to talk to the judge about our case off the bench.' He said: 'I did not think you would take a retainer in the case. I did not thin you would want to go into the case as an attorney. How much will you take as a retainer?'"

"I answered, 'You haven't got enough money to employ me as an attorney in your case after what you have said to me.'"

"Well, perhaps I don't understand court rules. Anyway, let me pay you for coming down here."

"I said, 'Not a dollar, sir,' and immediately left the room.

"This shocked me into complete realization of the extremes to which this power that Sawyer represented would go to secure the results it was after."

RICHESON IS FAST RECOVERING

Will Be Ready to Face Trial for Murder of Avis Linnell on January 18—No Explanation of Act is Given by Richeson.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 23.—Recovering from his self mutilation in his cell here, the former Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson was stronger today and, it is announced, will be ready to face trial January 18 for the murder of pretty Avis Linnell, whom he is charged with having poisoned in the fear of discovery of their illicit relations.

No explanation has yet come from Richeson as to his motive for mutilating himself, but it is believed he was laying the ground work for a plea of insanity.

MORDECAI BROWN HAS QUIT ORGANIZED BALL

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23.—That Mordecai Brown has pitched his last game for Chicago is the statement made here today by Orville Overall, former Cub, who has just arrived from California. Overall said Brown would go into the saloon business in Chicago, a statement which is corroborated by Alderman Tearney of this city, who has offered Brown the opportunity.

Overall declares that he has also quit the Cubs for good and will never don a uniform as a league player again.



LEAVES SUNDAY TO RETURN MRS. ADAMS TO CITY

Officer Awaits Extradition Papers for Woman Accused of Kidnaping—Mrs. Snell is Placed Under Bonds as Witness.

Mrs. R. J. H. Adams, who is accused of kidnaping her little daughter, Eulalie Hansen, from the child's home in Medford a few days ago, is held at Santa Rosa, Cal., awaiting the arrival of an officer with requisition papers to bring her and the child back to Medford. The requisition papers are now being prepared here and it is expected an officer will leave here tomorrow with them and, when signed by the governor of California, he will go to Santa Rosa after Mrs. Adams and her daughter.

Mrs. Sarah Snell, who runs a rooming house in East Medford, was placed under \$250 bonds to insure her appearance as a witness when the case comes up for trial. Mrs. Snell is said to have assisted Mrs. Adams in that she showed her where Mr. Hansen lived and was instrumental in putting Mrs. Adams into possession of the child. Mrs. Snell states that she knew nothing of the intention of the Adams woman and only assisted her to the extent of pointing out to her the Hansen home.

PRISONERS AT STATE PEN MINUS GIFTS

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 23.—One of the kindly features of the Yuletide celebration at the state insane asylum must go by the board this Christmas on account of the high cost of living.

It has been customary to give each patient a Christmas present, but the sudden advance in the price of meats and provisions has robbed the patients of the money which is usually devoted to this purpose.

Superintendent Steiner will give an entertainment Monday afternoon, hoping that it will cause the patients to forget Santa Claus' slight.

Will Brave Mount McKinley.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 23.—On his third attempt to scale Mount McKinley, Professor Herschel Parker of Columbia university is going to attempt the northern side of the mountain. He is now making preparations for the trip and expects to arrive in Alaska late in January. Professor Parker made an attempt to climb the mountain in 1908 with Dr. Frederick A. Cook.

LITTLE CHRISTMAS STORIES TAKEN FROM THE WIRES TODAY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Congressman Slayden of Texas called at the white house today and exchanged Christmas greetings with President Taft.

He said to the chief executive: "Mr. President, I wish for you the first place in the convention and the second place in the election."

Taft Gives Presents. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—President Taft distributed Christmas presents today to the attaches of the white house. Each of the policemen guarding the executive mansion got a turkey, and the president personally presented each secret service operative connected with the white house with a jeweled stickpin. Employees of the executive office and the executive mansion each received \$5 in gold.

Cardinal Sends Greetings. ROME, Dec. 23.—Through the United Press, Cardinal Farley sent Christmas greetings to the people of America as follows:

"With profound affections I send Christmas greetings to the great American people. I cannot forget the many happy Christmas days which I spent in America. The people there have always been exceedingly kind. I shall pray to God to shower them with his choicest blessings, especially in the continuance of the real liberty found there, which shines like a beacon to the rest of the world. A merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Americans, whether they be Catholics or non-Catholics."

"Vags" Get Dinner. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Owing to the approach of Christmas 24 out of 26 petty offenders who appeared in the police court were allowed to go. Judge Malarky presented each one of the "vags" with instructions to buy a Christmas dinner.

Teddy Is Busy. OYSTER BAY, Dec. 23.—Former President Theodore Roosevelt is evidently not a believer in "Do your Christmas shopping early." He is in New York today stocking up with gifts.

Quadruplets as a Present. AKRON, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Henry Wilson of this city is wondering today whether his Christmas present is one calculated to instill joy in his breast or not. Mrs. Wilson today presented him with quadruplets. Mother and children are said to be doing nicely.

Wrote to Santa Claus in Jail. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 23.—Not knowing that Santa Claus has been released from jail here, tiny Adda Beattie, 8 years of age, of Boundary Falls, B. C., wrote him a letter in care of the city prison, expressing her sympathy and hoping he would soon be out.

TWO MYSTERIES CONFRONT POLICE OF STAD BOSTON

Women Are Found Murdered—One Thought to Have Died As Result of Operation—Other Stabbed in Park—No Clue is Found.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 23.—Two mysterious murders of women today confront the Boston police. One is that of Miss Mary Boldue of Manchester, N. H., believed to have died through a criminal operation, and the other is the finding of the body of Miss Bridget Pritchard, 18, stabbed through the breast.

In the Hyde Park morgue today is the Boldue girl's body, partly dismembered. It was found in an apartment house in Forest Hills, a suburb. In the same suit, the police say, were two other women, one a mere girl, who bore babies a week ago. Mrs. Jennie Shattuck, the owner of the apartment, Mrs. Hattie Hexlett, her maid; Dr. John Ferguson of Manchester, and Miss Mary O'Neill have been arrested in connection with the Boldue girl's death, and the arrest of the man responsible for her condition is hourly expected.

Even more sensational than the Boldue case is that of the Pritchard girl. No clue has been obtained as to how she met her fate. Stabbed in Hyde Park while she was on her way to her aunt's home, blood marks showed that the girl had dragged herself 100 feet to her aunt's doorstep, where she was found breathing her last.

It is also untrue that the pleas were timed so as to have disastrous effect on the socialist ticket in the municipal election. We were not forced to enter the pleas of guilty at the time we did, nor at any time. We had expected that they would come sooner—at least ten days earlier. We gave no thought to the election. I was not conducting a municipal campaign, but endeavoring to save the lives of my clients, who were guilty of the murders with which they were charged. And when I had the opportunity to save the men from hanging I jumped at the chance. Any lawyer who had the welfare of his client at heart would have done the same.

WORD "ANY" COST SEATTLE MAN \$8000

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 23.—One jury placed the value of Eli Melovich's arm, which he lost while oiling unguarded cog wheels, at \$12,000. But Judge C. H. Hanford discovered that he had used the word "any" with prejudicial effect in his instructions to the jury, so he ordered a new trial. Today the second jury valued Melovich's arm at only \$4262. The defendant was the Stone & Webster Engineering corporation.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—The federal jury which is investigating the dynamiting conspiracies in which the McNamara brothers are alleged to have been involved, adjourned today over the Christmas and New Year holidays. Sessions will be resumed January 3.

DARROW TELLS WHY CASE CAME TO SUDDEN END

It Was Not, He Declares, Because He Was Afraid of His Own Position, As Charged in Magazine Article by C. P. Connolly.

NO HOPE OF WINNING WAS THE REAL REASON

Pleas, He Says, Were Not Timed So As to Disastrously Affect Election Result.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 23.—

Declaring that C. P. Connolly, author of an article entitled "The Saving of Clarence Darrow," appearing in the current issue of a weekly publication, "had been after him for some time," Clarence S. Darrow today emphatically denied the charge that he had sold out the McNamara brothers to save himself from prosecution on a bribery charge. In a statement prepared exclusively for the United Press he said:

(By Clarence S. Darrow.) The charge that I used Lincoln Steffens, the magazine writer, as a tool in bringing the McNamara case to an end to "save my own neck" is a malicious lie. Whatever part Steffens may have had in the case was entirely upon his own initiative and solely upon his own authority. Any statement that I directed his actions is absolutely false and wholly without foundation.

The reason for the termination of the case at the time and under the conditions that prevailed was, as I have stated before, simply because we had given up hope of winning. We realized there was absolutely no chance of securing an acquittal or even a hung jury.

Equally false and malicious is the statement that settlement was brought about because of the arrest of Bert Franklin on the charge of bribing Prospective Jury Lockwood. Negotiations which resulted in the pleas of guilty being entered were begun long before the arrest of Franklin and the matter was practically agreed upon before any intimation of the bribery was made. Ten days before that time we had determined that if we could effect a compromise of any kind so that our clients' lives might be saved, we would do it. And this would have been done if Franklin had not been arrested.

The Franklin matter never entered into any discussion that led to the determination of a plea of guilty. We did not discuss it with the prosecution, nor was the subject ever mentioned in the discussion with the prisoners when they agreed to enter their pleas.

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Job Harriman, the socialist nominee for mayor, was not consulted simply because he had given up all active connection with the defense because of his political activities. He had not been near our office for several weeks prior to the entering of the pleas.

As far as the disposition of the McNamara defense fund is concerned, I will account for every dollar of that when the proper time comes. Not a penny went to finance the socialist campaign, and any story to the contrary is absolutely false and without foundation.

This man Connolly has been after me for several years and his article is false from beginning to end.

The love that survives six months of married life may be the genuine article.