

BRYAN PROTESTS SENIORITY RULE

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 26.—"The democratic party is going to have another struggle in the senate and house over committee assignments and is again threatened with the blight of seniority," says William J. Bryan, editorially in the Commoner here today.

"That is," the article continues, "it will be asked to put the ambitions and interests of individuals above the welfare of the party."

"Progressive democrats will be in the majority in the caucus of the senate. Will they allow the reactionary minority to man the ship and allow length of service to outweigh sympathy with the progressive cause? If it were a personal matter the two senators might prefer to yield to the old, but a man acting in a representative capacity is not at liberty to be courteous at the expense of his constituents."

FAMILY OF FOUR KILLED IN COLLISION

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Dec. 27.—Hit by an Illinois Central limited train, four miles south of here as they were returning from Christmas celebration, Edward H. Miller, 24; Mrs. Maud Miller, 23; Ruth Miller, 8, and Wayne Miller, four, are dead today. Opal Scott, 11, the child of a neighbor of the Millers, was seriously injured.

The train struck a double-seated rig in which the Millers were riding, smashing it to bits and hurling the occupants a great distance.

MAN AND WIFE TAKE EIGHT SHOTS AT EACH OTHER

SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—In a quarrel between Morton Freeman and his wife, negroes, the couple this morning fired eight shots at each other from behind telegraph poles in the street. All the shots went wild. The street was crowded when the shooting began, but as the echo of the final shot was heard, the quarreling pair, a policeman hurrying to the scene, were the only people in sight within several blocks.

OREGON ROSARIANS READY FOR TRIP

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—Everything is in readiness, even to the decoration of the special train, for the journey of 100 or more Oregon boosters, going under the name of the Royal Rosarians, to California, where they will visit several cities in the endeavor to make the name Oregon mean as much to the residents of the Golden State as San Francisco or Los Angeles.

The itinerary includes Sacramento, San Francisco, Pasadena, Los Angeles and San Diego.

While engaged in the "capture of California," the Rosarians will distribute literature calling attention to Portland's Rose Carnival in 1913.

At Sacramento, the first stop, the Oregonians will be welcomed by Governor Hiram Johnson. The Flying Legion, Chamber of Commerce and World's Fair management will entertain the Rosarians in San Francisco, the program there including the planting of roses on Oregon fair site.

The star will be made at night Saturday from here.

HOOD RIVER TO HAVE LARGE POWER PLANT

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Dec. 26.—The Pacific Power and Light company today announces that this city is to have a large electric power plant. It is estimated that the cost will be \$750,000, and 1200 men will work day and night shifts in order to have it completed at the earliest possible date. The new plant will develop between 7,000 and 8,000 horsepower and will be built on the site of the present plant. Operation will commence July 1.

The building of the plant calls also for the erection of a large concrete dam.

NO CLUE TO MURDER

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Police and detectives, who since the gagged and tortured body of John Logue, diamond dealer, was found in his office in McVickers' Theater building have been working on the case, admitted today that they are completely baffled. All theories which seemed to lead toward the slayer have been disproved, and not a single clue remains to the fiendish slayer.

BEN OLCOTT WEDS



Ben W. Olcott, Secretary of State

OLCOTT BENEDICT BECOMES WEST'S BROTHER-IN-LAW

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 26.—Ben W. Olcott, secretary of state, today claims the relationship of brother-in-law to Governor West through his secret Christmas wedding to Miss Lena Hutton, a beautiful Salem girl, and sister of Mrs. West.

Rev. P. S. Knight, who had married the parents of the bride and also Mr. and Mrs. West, officiated.

The affair took place at noon. West attending the groom.

The Olcotts do not plan a wedding trip at present on account of the great volume of business in the secretary's office.

M'CORMICK DENIES TALK OF LEAVING SOUTHERN PACIFIC

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 26.—E. O. McCormick, vice-president of the Southern Pacific railway company is back from the east with flat denial of the reports that he might become chief traffic chief for the Guggenheims. "I am in San Francisco for good. I will live and die here. Talk of my leaving is nonsense."

ROGERS AWAITS GALLOWS FRIDAY

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Dec. 26.—Condemned to die for the murder of Benjamin Goodman, a jewelry salesman, whom he lured to a basement in the commission district of San Francisco a year ago for the purpose of robbery, John S. Rogers today awaits the hangman. He will be executed here at 10:30 a. m. tomorrow. Rogers was allowed to eat his Christmas dinner with another murderer and was then taken to a cell in the condemned row. He viewed his new quarters with interest but displayed no emotion.

Despite his denial of guilt Rogers is not hoping for a reprieve or a pardon.

"The state isn't going to punish me for the murder of which it thinks I am guilty," he said. "For me, it will be all over in five minutes. But the state is killing my mother, and incidentally putting to death an innocent man."

EHRSMAN BOUND OVER FOR NICHOLSON MURDER

POMONA, Cal., Dec. 26.—Levi Ehresman was bound over today to the superior court on a charge of murder in the first degree for the killing of J. H. Nicholson as a result of the preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Barnes here.

W. L. Hamlin, the defendant's counsel, argued strongly that there was nothing to show malice or forethought in the killing of Nicholson.

A crowd jammed the court room and all the officers and deputies in this locality were present to prevent a demonstration or attempts to secure the prisoner, which were feared.

After the hearing, Constable Slanker took Ehresman to Los Angeles.

JASON BROWN, SON OF LIBERATOR, DEAD IN OHIO

AKRON, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Jason Brown, second son of John Brown, "the liberator," is dead here today, aged 39. Salmon Brown, a younger brother, lives in Portland, Oregon.

CROSSES ATLANTIC TO PAINT DOGS' PORTRAITS



PERCIVAL I. ROUSSEAU

Mr. Percival I. Rousseau, an American painter, who spends most of his time in France and is world famous as a painter of dogs, has come to America to paint a number of the setters, pointers and other bird dogs owned by Mr. Clarence H. Mackay and now on his estate in North Carolina.

SEVERE SAND STORM SWEEPS LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 26.—Hundreds of Christmas autoists are creeping into Los Angeles today, along with delayed trains and other traffic, following the severest sand and wind storm that has visited this section in a year.

Southern Pacific trains were marooned at Guasti, forty miles east of Los Angeles, and many were sent in to the city over the Salt Lake tracks. The Salt Lake was kept open only by a determined fight against drifting sand.

According to automobile agencies, more than 100 motor parties were unable to return to Los Angeles last night. All, however, are believed to be safe.

Germany to Increase Pensions

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—It was announced here today that a bill is soon to be submitted to the re-estab increasing the pension of 250,000 veterans of the wars of 1866 with Austria and of 1870 with France from \$3 to \$4 a month.

The ministry of war has ordered 10,000 pairs of skis for winter practice and maneuvers of troops on the Russian frontier.

DROZCO'S FATHER AGAIN IN PRISON

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 26.—Although released from the military prison at Fort Sam Houston today under bonds of \$2,500, Colonel Pascual Orozco, father of General Pascual Orozco, now leading the Mexican rebels in the north of Mexico, was immediately rearrested on the charge of larceny and robbery, alleged by the Mexican government to have been committed in Chihuahua state.

Orozco is now held in the county jail. The Mexican government must make a showing of its evidence against him within forty days.

Colonel Orozco was put in the military prison last month under indictment by the federal grand jury for violation of the neutrality laws.

TEN THOUSAND CHILDREN GIVEN CHRISTMAS GIFTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—More than 10,000 children from all walks of life are rejoicing over the wonderful spectacle of a generous Santa Claus who gave each and every one of them a present in the Golden Gate Park stadium here, as they filed past the music of uniformed bands.

Under a bright sky, Santa Claus, surrounded by seven huge Christmas trees and heaps of presents, brought exclamations of joy from the little ones, while row after row of gaily decorated automobiles lined the sides of the stadium filled with grown-up-looking on.

The event was the culmination of many weeks of work by members of the Christmas tree association.

ELOPERS RECEIVE PARDON FROM RESPECTIVE PARENTS

SEA VIEW, Wn., Dec. 26.—With the declaration to their parents that they were going to Portland to purchase Christmas presents, Charles Straubal and Elaine Gooley, both 17, departed from here at different times, met in Portland, and are today wed. The first intimation that the parents received of the wedding was when they read the marriage license announcement in a Portland paper.

WIFE GETS BULLET FOR TAXICAB RIDE

SEATTLE, Wn., Dec. 26.—As a result of a shooting in a taxicab yesterday, Mrs. Fred Curtis is in the city hospital today with a bullet through her hip, and her husband, a court stenographer, is in the county jail charged with doing the shooting.

The cause of the quarrel between husband and wife is not very clear today. Curtis left Tuesday for Kent, expecting to be gone several days. While he was away his wife entertained women friends and men at their apartment, and it is claimed that the party took frequent taxicab rides.

Christmas morning Curtis returned. After a long telephone conversation with a friend he was about to leave, when he met his wife and sister-in-law, Miss Margie Patterson, leaving a taxicab. He seized his wife, but Miss Patterson stepped between them, and with several well directed blows, drove Curtis across the street. The two women then leaped into the cab and it started to move. Curtis jumped on behind, and fired five shots through the rear window. One hit his wife in the hip. He then leaped down. His wife was driven to the hospital and Curtis later surrendered at the home of his father-in-law, where Curtis had exclaimed to Miss Patterson: "You always hated me, and I always hated you, and now I've given you something to hate me for."

RIOTING IN PORTUGAL OVER POLITICAL DEADLOCK

LISBON, Dec. 26.—With the arrival here of the conservative chief Dr. Almeida, hastily summoned from Switzerland a monster demonstration by conservatives was held here today which resulted in all the military and police reserves being called out. The disturbance was caused by the deadlock between the conservatives and democrats. Dr. Almeida was greeted with hisses and groans as he stepped from the steamer. A riot followed and Almeida was extracted from the mob with difficulty.

Troops are being held under arms and developments are looked for at any moment.



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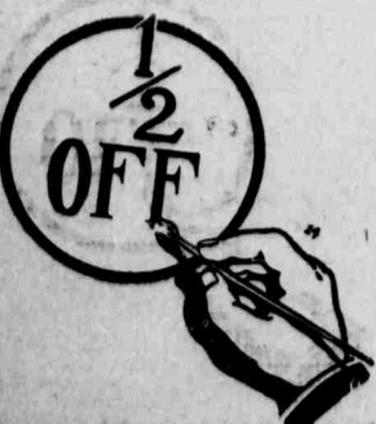
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