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SAW NIGHT RIDERS WHEN TOOK A DRINK

Farmer Recognized Members of Masked Band When They Lifted Masks to Drink From Water Bucket He Was Told to Get Them—Witnesses Heavily Guarded.

BAITMORE, Dec. 26.—The Baltimore police department received a telegram from Governor Parker of Louisiana...

BAITMORE, Dec. 26.—Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, La., who is wanted by the Louisiana authorities...

BASTROP, La., Dec. 26.—(By Associated Press.) The state will be able to establish the identity of several members of the masked mob...

The investigation will be made, the secret service men said through testimony at the opening hearings...

The farmer, according to the investigators, was held up by the band on the Mer Rouge-Bastrop highway...

The investigators declined to disclose the present whereabouts of the farmer, but it was intimated...

Plans for the open hearing will be formulated at a conference in New Orleans next Thursday...

A report that the farmer who gave his name as Berry Whetstone, was being secreted in Baton Rouge...

Another witness is reported as having been removed to Texas to await the hearing...

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Every Drunkard in Des Moines, Ia., to Have Picture Taken

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 26.—John B. Hammond, chief of police announced today that every drunken man who is brought into police headquarters will have his picture taken.

MURDERS THREE LITTLE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS DAY

Ghastly Tragedy Enacted in Seattle Home By Rejected Suitor—Baby With Dolls in Arms, Shot Thru Head—Parents Escape

SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—The coroner's office here was seeking this morning to learn something of the history of Emil Neuriter, a ferryboat operator...

Funeral arrangements were being made for the three Engel children, Anna, 17, who was shot in the heart when she sprang to the defense...

The surviving members of the family are the parents, Helen, and a brother, Ernest, 15, who escaped with Helen through a window...

It has been learned that Neuriter worked in Seattle shipyards during the war and that last summer he operated a ferryboat on Puget Sound...

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COAST SUGAR DROPS ANOTHER TEN CENTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—The California and Hawaiian refinery and the Western refinery announced a 10-cent drop in refined beet sugar...

Santa Didn't Bring 'Em Back; It Was Drear Christmas for Mamma Bergdoll



Erwin Bergdoll Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll

PHILADELPHIA—It was a sad, sad Christmas for Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, mother of America's two most prominent draft dodgers...

A pardon has been asked for Erwin C. Bergdoll, now serving a four-year term in Fort Leavenworth for evading the draft...

When the news got round that "Mamma" Bergdoll had ordered turkey with cranberry sauce and set a plate for Erwin at the coming Christmas dinner...

Erwin Bergdoll, the other son, is "somewhere in Germany." He escaped from officers while en route to serve a prison term for the same offense.

TEN COWS AND 1 BULL BURNED IN BARN FIRE

Ten cows and one bull were burned to death last Saturday night in the barn on the George B. Young ranch in the Orchard Home district.

The fire which destroyed the barn, cattle, farm implements and eight tons of hay in the barn started from an unknown cause...

The Medford fire department's chemical car went to the scene and the department saved the silo which was only two or three feet from the barn.

Mr. Young estimates his loss at \$2,000 exclusive of \$600 insurance which was carried on the barn and contents.

The prune dryer on the Young place burned last spring and although the fire department was called nothing could be done as no water was available.

Mr. Young states that he wishes to thank the fire department for saving the silo from Saturday night's blaze and praises their work with the chemical.

RECEIVE LETTER FROM SUPPOSED MURDERED GIRL

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—Police and the district attorney's officers were faced with another puzzle today in their investigation of the story of Mrs. Helen Leary...

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Chief Jenkins announced that if the writer of the letter would communicate with him and arrange for a meeting, he would see that her name did not become public.

Mrs. Leary was taken by officers today on a trip over the Columbia river highway to point out the spot where she said Earl Weir, son of Cash, had told her the body of the alleged victim of the houseboat tragedy had been buried "under a ton of rocks."

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

RICHMOND, Cal., Dec. 26.—A man who said he is William T. Price surrendered to the police here today and said he was wanted for the robbery of the Bank of Hulbert, Cherokee county, Oklahoma.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—Burglars carried away early today a restaurant safe weighing a thousand pounds, containing currency and negotiable papers valued at \$1200.

Seattle, Dec. 26.—Leon Natoll told police that with the aid of a trained dog he had robbed more than 100 Seattle homes.

DRY CHRISTMAS NEW YORK CITY ONLY 8 DEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Eight deaths were attributed today to the drinking of poisonous liquor over Christmas. A score or more of victims were confined to hospitals.

Prohibition Director E. W. Yellowley, whose aides succeeded in keeping the white lights dimmer than usual, declared that while the dry navy was busy in holding rum runners outside the three mile limit...

This liquor, however, apparently was reserved for home consumption as little of it was to be found in the white light cabarets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—While police records show that yesterday was the "driest" Christmas in New York's history, six deaths were attributed by police to bootleg liquor.

Threats of prohibition authorities to make the city as dry over the holiday as the 18th amendment contemplated for the whole year had its effect as far as public drinking was concerned, police reported.

For the first time within the memory of oldest attaches of the west side court, not a defendant was brought to the bar on a charge of intoxication.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—One man is dead and more than 30 persons are in hospitals today as a result of drinking liquor sold during the Christmas holiday.

DETROIT, Dec. 26.—Poisonous liquor obtained over the Christmas holidays was declared by the police today to have been responsible for one death and the illness of more than a score of persons here.

Force Bootleggers to View Dead Body Of Xmas Customer

SHELBY, Ohio, Dec. 26.—For five minutes Phillip Weiganott and Lester Elston stood at the bier of Robert Longley today, sobbing shaking their bodies. Wordless they gazed upon the still form of Longley, who died yesterday after drinking "moonshine" they admitted they made.

Police conducted Weiganott and Elston to the coffin and compelled them to gaze upon the body as a "moral example."

The two men are held on charges of murder. Two other men who drank some of the same liquor are totally blind today and little hope of recovery of their sight is held.

SENATOR BORAH'S CONFERENCE IS TOUGH PROBLEM

Republican Leaders Trying to Agree On Changes They Favor in Proposal for New Economics and Disarmament Conference.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Senate republican leaders conferred today in an effort to agree on what changes they will seek in the proposal of Senator Borah for an economic and disarmament conference.

A large part of the republican membership and a large number of democrats are reported to be against the Borah amendment in its present form.

Senator Lodge, was said to oppose the amendment as it stands, although he and other administration supporters, it was said, might be willing to give their support if it were limited in scope.

Those who want to see the language of the proposal changed, include Senators Curtis of Kansas, assistant republican leader, Smoot of Utah and Watson of Indiana.

Most of the republican irreconcilable group were said to be against the amendment as written or any similar provision, likely, in their opinion to result in European entanglements.

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Baseball Veteran Dead PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Weston D. Fisher, a noted baseball player of half a century ago, died in a local hospital yesterday.

UNITED STATES CELEBRATES WARMEST CHRISTMAS DAY IN ITS HISTORY

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Throughout the United States all previous authentic records for warm temperature for Christmas day were broken, according to reports available today.

Santa Claus returned to his mythical home in the cold north without experiencing zero weather in any part of the country.

The highest reading yesterday was recorded at Fort Worth, Texas, where the thermometer registered 78 degrees.

100 MILLION MEAT TRUST IS LAUNCHED

Armour Lawyers Preparing Giant Combine in New Jersey—Information Leaks Out Prematurely—Morris & Co. to Be Absorbed Is Belief—Information Refused.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 26.—The Corporation Trust company of America, it was learned here today, is preparing an application for a charter for the New Armour Meat Packing corporation.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Attorneys here are preparing the legal details for application in Delaware for a charter for a new \$100,000,000 Armour and company corporation.

The new corporation will be a subsidiary of the present Armour and company, said Attorney Russell Platt of the firm which is handling the legal details of the plans.

Mr. Platt said the purpose of the new corporation was to handle certain businesses of Armour and company, but said he could not go into details and refused to discuss whether the purchase of Morris and company was involved.

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CHRISTIAN CHINESE GUARDING PEKIN QUOTE BIBLE TO JUSTIFY KILLING

PEKING, Dec. 2.—(Correspondence of Associated Press.) China's capital is now guarded by many soldiers who are credited with reading the bible or with hearing lessons from it.

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