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TRIES TO MURDER FRANCE'S PRESIDENT THOUSANDS OF ACRES IN OREGON WILL CHANGE HANDS

NEW MANAGEMENT FOR PANAMA CANAL ZONE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Dec. 25.—That the subject of the visit of the house of commerce commission to the Panama canal zone during the recess is to get data for the preparation of a government for the zone, is the statement of one of the prominent officials here today. It is expected that the zone, which is now under the control of President Roosevelt, will be given a government of its own.

Under the present system, which was set up under the Spooner act, the various appropriation bills have passed, former Senator Caburn is really governor of the zone, by reason of his designation for that service, while he is a member of the canal commission.

The members of the house committee will make an especial study of the somewhat complicated problem of the relations existing between the American administration of the zone and the republic of Panama.

mental plan that will finally be adopted therefore, will be a patriarchal one, to be administered by authorities appointed by the President, but under the strict supervision of congress. There will be a compromise between the two plans suggested.

There is considerable opposition to any plan that will make it necessary to legislate for any more federal districts. The District of Columbia is regarded as occupying more of the time of the national lawmakers than a city of 350,000 inhabitants justifies, and it is desired that Panama, with its complexity of jurisdiction and responsibilities, shall not become another burden upon congress.

One thing is certain. The government will be primarily one that can be instantly adapted to military conditions, and will be approximately military in character, because of the necessity for the United States to be in a position to defend the canal at a minute's notice, if the occasion should arise. It is recommended that the government must have at its command the machinery for military operations, not only in case of defense against possible outside attack, but also to quell internal disorders.

The house committee recommends that its work is entirely without precedent, and the subject will call forth considerable debate, after the committee makes a report.

By all means, make one of the Oregonian's office speaker.

Bitter cold weather, with wells frozen up and water pipes bursting in Southern California.

A Portland paper is airing a cheerful holiday topic—sterilization of the criminally insane.

BULLET GRAZING HEAD PASSES THROUGH EAR

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Paris, Dec. 25.—President Fallieres escaped death today at the hands of a boy assassin today by a hair's breadth.

The lad fired at the president and the bullet passed through the president's ear, inflicting a painful but not serious wound.

The young would-be assassin gave the name of Mappis. The police say that he admitted that he was actuated by political spite, and wanted to kill the president.

Fallieres showed great presence of mind, and betrayed no excitement. He said the injury was hardly worthy of mention.

Fallieres immediately left the restaurant.

Rumors that the president had been assassinated or seriously wounded spread swiftly throughout Paris.

Premier Clemenceau confirmed the story of the attack upon the president. Mappis' friends admit that he was the aggressor in the struggle

with the president. They explain that he suffers from acute neurasthenia, and assert that he was in the midst of an attack when he assaulted the president.

Mappis is an insignificant politician, and is said to have made a complete confession to the police, as soon as he arrived at the chambers of the prefect.

The president was dining with a small Christmas party in a restaurant in the Palace d'Etrole, when Mappis suddenly approached and before anyone could interfere, seized Fallieres by his flowing beard.

The restaurant was crowded with the holiday crowd and the greatest excitement prevailed. Women screamed and fainted.

Fallieres and his assailant grappled and fell to the floor together, locked in an embrace.

The cries of women attracted the gendarmes who rushed into the place and seized Mappis.

Both the president and the prisoner were bruised in the scuffle.

VAST PROPERTIES OF MILLER AND LUX SOLD

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Negotiations are under way today for the sale of the vast holdings of the famous firm of Miller & Lux, the California, Nevada, Oregon and Idaho.

It is rumored that a deal of the magnitude of \$20,000,000 will be made between Henry Miller and the heirs of the late Charles W. Lux, whereby the firm of Liggit & Myers, a firm of St. Louis capitalists, will take over 30,000 acres of oil-bearing lands, and thousands of acres of agricultural land in the San Joaquin valley, together with valuable water and power rights, all to be developed for colonization purposes, and the Cudahys, at Omaha, and five wealthy German-Americans, of St. Louis, and other Eastern cities, will take the 180,000 head of cattle, together with the slaughtering, cold storage and other plants, and the grazing lands in Oregon, Nevada and Idaho.

Miller & Lux will retain considerable property in this state, although the bulk of the firm's immense holdings will be disposed of in this gigantic deal. It is said that negotiations will be brought to a termination in January.

In the meanwhile the whole estate is tied up in the courts through litigation, in which is involved the claim of Jesse Sheldon Lux Potter, the principal beneficiary under the Lux trust.

WOULD TAKE CARE OF DEPENDANT CHILDREN

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Dec. 25.—President Roosevelt today issued an invitation for a national conference in this city on January 25 to discuss the problem of caring for dependent children, of which it is estimated, there are over 150,000 in the United States. The suggestion for this conference, which has been heartily approved by the President, came to him from Secretary Homer Folke, of the New York State Charities Aid Association, Superintendent H. A. Hart and Director John M. Glenn of the Russel Sage Foundation and other men prominent in relief work.

The President's invitation for the conference has been addressed to about 100 prominent men who will be asked to take steps toward the establishment of a bureau to gather information on the subject of child-placing. In the letter, which he has written, Roosevelt states his belief that the best way to care for dependent children is in the family home.

"In Massachusetts," he says, "many orphan asylums have been discontinued, and thousands of the children who formerly have gone to orphan asylums are now kept in private homes, either on board with payment from public or private treasuries or in adopted homes provided by the generosity of foster parents.

"Many religious bodies have within the past ten years organized effective child-placing agencies."

TURNED ON THE GAS AND FAMILY IS DEAD

Chicago, Dec. 25.—While filling the stockings which his daughters had hung on a gas jet in their home late last night Morris Lukeman or his wife accidentally turned on the gas and when Christmas dawned all four members of the family were dead.

Lukeman, who was a wealthy grocer, had planned an elaborate celebration for his family. His wife had ordered and superintended the arrangements for a rich Christmas dinner. The two little girls, Anne, 16 years old, and Lillian, 15, had purchased presents for their parents.

The tragedy was discovered early this morning by Isadore Hansen, a milkman. When he entered the hallway of the home, he detected the odor of gas. Hastily investigating, he entered a room filled with gas and saw the forms of the two girls in bed with the overloaded stockings hanging above them. In the next room was found the father and mother, dead in their beds.

WAS DEAD ON THE FLOOR WHEN PRESENTS CAME

Colfax, Wash., Dec. 25.—Death overtook James H. Kincaid, 82 years old, before Christmas presents sent by his daughter, Mrs. Mary Hirst, whose home is said to be at Alameda, Cal., reached him in possession of Mrs. Hains, a neighbor.

With her arms laden with the gifts, Mrs. Hains called yesterday at the home where Kincaid had been living alone, and found the aged man lying dead on the floor. It is supposed that he was stricken with heart trouble, as he was about to start a fire in a stove.

CHRISTMAS TREE CAUSED HER DEATH

Hoquiam, Wash., Dec. 25.—Laura Lyons, 8 years old, and the daughter of wealthy parents of this city, lies dead in the morgue today as the result of burns received while admiring a Christmas tree, and grief instead of Christmas cheer reigns today in the Lyons household. Mrs. Lyons, the mother, was trimming a Christmas tree last night, with Laura standing at her side. While she was absent from the room to get more ornaments a spark from a heating stove ignited the girl's dress, Laura uttered a piercing scream, which brought her brother, Howard, and mother into the room. The girl was wrapped in flames in a moment. Howard extinguished the flames with water, but too late to save his sister's life. She died within a short time.

DIAMOND RING CAME HOME CHRISTMAS

Eugene, Or., Dec. 25.—W. E. Duddy, a local merchant who lost a valuable diamond ring a few days ago and was unable to find it through advertising, had it come back to him today on the sole of a logger's boot. When Duddy dropped his ring, Sam Johnson, the logger in question, must have inadvertently stepped on it, and the diamond became firmly embedded in the mud between the spikes on the sole.

Johnson never noticed the costly ornament on his boot and when he bought a new pair yesterday, he left the diamond studded pair with the logger, who was just on the point of throwing the boots into the furnace when he noticed the flash of the lost jewel.

A Christmas Letter To The Journal.

Marshalltown, Iowa, Dec. 20, 1908.

Editor Capital Journal, Salem, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Christmas greeting! I am stopping now at Marshalltown. There is a thing or two I wish to say to you, Mr. Editor. I am grateful that I was thrown under the influence of your newspaper. I wish also to compliment you on the fairness of your editorials, always ready to build up the good and destroy the evil, always ready to open up for progression and just as ready to tear up those who digress. I can truly say the five years I spent in Oregon have been the happiest of the 77 years of my life. Yours for Truth and Prosperity,

SAMUEL JAY.

TRAIN JUMPS TRACK, INJURING SIXTEEN

Hillsdale, Mich., Dec. 25.—A southbound Lake Shore and Michigan Southern passenger train, laden with Christmas homeseekers, jumped the tracks near Pleasant Lake, Ind., last night and 16 people were injured, five seriously, in the smash-up which followed.

A broken flange is supposed to have caused the engine to clear the rails. The whole train, consisting of six coaches was carried off the tracks; the smoker was overturned and the coach directly behind it was completely telescoped. It was in this car where the greatest number was injured.

The engine, after dashing off the embankment, was buried in sand. The engineer and fireman jumped and escaped with only slight bruises. The work of rescue was commenced as soon as the uninjured survivors could collect their wits. Pitiful scenes were enacted in the work of saving the people in the shattered coaches.

The most pathetic case was that of Mr. and Mrs. Summerlot, of Angola, Ind., who happened to be on their honeymoon journey, and who sustained such serious injuries that they are not expected to live. Each asked for the other's welfare as soon as they came to their senses, and both demanded to be kept near together throughout their hours of suffering.

With the other fourteen people injured they were taken to farm houses near by, where, as fast as surgical aid could be summoned, the sufferers were treated.

The battleship Maine has gone to Venezuela, and it is a dead certainty she will not be blown up.

Watch the sinking fund commission job in the city council.

CHRISTMAS IN JAIL IS PART OF HONEYMOON

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 25.—Christmas in jail, instead of spending it happily with his bride, is the prospect that faced J. A. Griffith this morning when he awoke in his cell in the county jail, where he was placed yesterday, a few hours after he had married Irene Drennon. He is accused of embezzling \$900 from his employer, the proprietor of a cigar store.

The couple went to the altar Wednesday, and all the plans for a joyous Christmas has been made, but this dream was shattered when he was arrested on the following morning. Griffith and Miss Drennon were principals in a mock wedding a year ago aboard a steamer. Almost immediately after Griffith went to Portland to seek employment, and the "bride" went to work as a nurse in a Seattle hospital. Recently Griffith suggested to Miss Drennon that a real ceremony be performed, and the marriage followed.

KID GETS A MILLION IN CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Colorado Springs, Dec. 25.—Just a bagatelle of \$1,000,000, that's the Christmas present dropped today in the stocking of the one-month-old son of Leopold Myers, of London, by the baby's grandfather, General W. J. Palmer, the Colorado railroad builder.

The infant millionaire was born in London, while his grandfather was on the ocean, coming home after an European tour. He enjoyed was the rich man with the new cable to him that he promptly settled a million on the child, the understanding being that the income on the gift shall be used for the boy until he becomes of age, when he shall receive the principal.



Secretary of State Benson.

OLD MISSION BELL RINGS AGAIN TODAY

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 25.—The pealing of an old mission bell, whose tongue has been silent for 50 years, was the unique ceremony which opened Christmas morn at St. John's Catholic Mission in San Leandro today. The bell was hung last week and dedicated on Sunday by Bishop Da Silva, a relative of the late King of Portugal.

It was over 100 years ago when the bell was brought to this country from Cadiz by Don Francisco De Valdez and presented to Don Luis Peralta, one of the old Spanish families which once owned nearly all of Alameda county. It was hung in St. Leonard's church, and tolled for all the services of the mission fathers for half a century, being replaced after the Civil War by another modern bell.

WISHING EVERYONE
A Merry Christmas
AND
A Happy New Year

All Christmas Goods Will Be Sold On Saturday at HALF PRICE : : : : :

CHICAGO STORE
PEOPLES BARGAIN HOUSE