by the oldest inhabitants that today's celebration was the noisiest Christmas in their memory.

Numerous French speaking negroes, a woman blacksmith, ox and near-horse wagons, men and boys who tip their hats to members of the President's party, and other things afford diversion to the newcomers to this place.

Once Guarded Mrs. Wilson.

Phil Sheftall, an aged negro, who had driven Mrs. Wilson to school in her girlhood days, boarded the train at Atlanta as porter. "Uncle Phil" was the proudest person on the train. He sent his "most respectful compliments" back to the first lady of the land by a secret service man, and they were pleasantly received. Mrs. Wilson recalled the years ago when the faithful old negro guarded her.

For a complete change from the city of Washington, where he has been overwhelmed with official tasks, the President could not have chosen a more out-of-the-way setting. The natives are heeding the President's desire for rest and isolation by keeping loiterers and idlers from the vicinity of his house.

The cottage is only one of a number that dot the shore of the Mississippi sound, the entrance to which, named Pass Christian, lies a few miles due south from the President's house. The original settlers were Spanish and French, and some of the quaint old dwellings remain, but for the most part the shore is dotted by big bungalows and cottages.

The tall, slender pines, magnolias, live oaks, palms and some semi-tropical plants give the foliage a green verdure which the winter has failed to discolor.

President's Cottage.

The President's home is a raised cottage, square shaped, with colonial columns and two balustrades that reach to the upper story from a well kept lawn. The lower floor, the residence of the proprietress who ordinarily converts the house into a boarding establishment, is painted bright yellow, a contrast to the lead-white color above.

The house is a humble contrast to the many handsome homes which border the gulf coast, but is picturesquely set, overlooking the still waters of the Mississippi sound and somewhat hidden by a cluster of trees.

The President's program for his vacation is much the same as on his trips to Cornish, N. H., the summer capital—golf in the morning, a motor ride in the afternoon and quiet evenings at home with absolutely no social diversions or political callers.

The golf course is exactly thirteen miles away, a distance in keeping with the President's fondness for the number thirteen. A Presbyterian church is not quite a half mile away.

Hears of Calumet Disaster.

President Wilson today read for the first time the meager press reports received here regarding the recent disaster at Calumet, Mich. He offered no comment. The President had received no advices from Secretary Wilson as to a request by the Western Federation of Miners for an investigation. It is presumed here that the head of the Department of Labor will not consult President Wilson until the question of federal jurisdiction in what ordinarily would be a matter for state authorities to handle has been fully determined upon.

The weather early today brightened and the President enjoyed a round of golf. His two daughters and Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, his cousin, took a long horseback ride.

"HUMMING BIRD" TYLER DEAD.

Bookmaker Well Known to Turfmen Victim of Pneumonia.

NEW YORK, December 26.—Turfmen heard with regret today of the death of Frank L. Tyler, a bookmaker known from coast to coast as "Humming Bird" Tyler. He died yesterday at his home in the Bronx of pneumonia.

Tyler got his nickname on the New York courses because of the peculiar method of calling off bets to his sheetmaker. He made a so-called big store book when racing was in its heyday hereabouts, and handled thousands of dollars on each race.

Texan Is Sovereign Commander.

OMAHA, Neb., December 26.—W. A. Frazer of Dallas, Tex., sovereign adviser of the order, will automatically succeed J. Cullen Root, sovereign commander of the Woodmen of the World, who died Wednesday at Hendersonville, N. C. This statement was given out last night at the headquarters of the order in this city. Mr. Frazer is now on his way to Omaha.

Gov. Foss Talks to Convicts.

BOSTON, December 26.—Gov. Foss paid his usual Christmas visit to the state prison yesterday and delivered a short address to the 750 convicts. Both the governor and Mrs. Foss, who accompanied him, talked with Jesse Pomeroy, a notorious life prisoner. With the exception of his mother, Mrs. Foss is said to be the only woman who has seen Pomeroy since he entered a solitary confinement cell thirty-seven years ago.

GRIEF OVER PANIC MAY END STRIKE

Calumet Citizens Hope to Terminate Labor Row in Copper Mine Region.

UNION WILL SPURN OFFER TO BURY THE 72 VICTIMS

"Fire" Alarm Said to Have Been Given Right in Hall—Wisconsin Governor Sends Condolences.

CALUMET, Mich., December 26.—While four separate investigations of Calumet's Christmas tree disaster, in which seventy-two persons, most of them children, were killed, were being made today and a dispute was being waged as to who should bury the dead, peacemakers were at work in a separate effort to bring about an end to the copper mine strike in this region.

Over the bodies of the little ones the leaders of the peace movement hoped to see an end to the labor strife which has torn the Calumet copper district for several months.

United in their grief over the snuffing out of so many young lives the warring factions—mine operators, guards and strike-breakers and the stricken union miners and their friends gave no thought to the big labor battle that indirectly is blamed for the most gruesome horror in the history of Calumet. There was still a dispute over whether the offer of the Citizens' Alliance, an organization that has been considered hostile to the strikers, to defray all the burial expenses would be permitted. Officials of the Western Federation of Miners declared that the offer would be spurned.

"We will care for our own dead," was the response to the alliance.

Hostility Is Waning.

The feeling of hostility was not so marked today when it was seen that the citizens of Calumet and other cities in the mine district were in earnest in their efforts to raise funds for the stricken families. Almost unlimited amounts of money were pledged by mine owners and merchants who have been opposing the strikers. The committees representing the operators went from house to house today comforting the surviving members of families whose dear ones were taken from them in the unnecessary panic.

Following these committees went others, and suggestions that peace be declared between the forces representing capital and labor were diplomatically expressed.

$20,000 Raised by Citizens.

After the funerals of all the victims, which were to be arranged for later today, it was expected by many that the spirit of fight will have been interred with the bodies of the innocent children and wives of strikers.

The citizens' committee, which met all night, now has $20,000 in its hands, all donated by people of Calumet. In Houghton, a large sum has been raised and donations are coming in from all parts of the district. The citizens' committee is inviting donations from outside the copper country. Among the donors are Quincy A. Shaw, R. L. Agassiz, G. R. Agassiz and Maximillian Agassiz, all heavy holders of Calumet and Hecla Mining Company stock and the first two directors of that company, who donated $5,000.

Says Alarm Was Given in Hall.

CHICAGO, December 26.—Miss Grace McArron of Calumet arrived in Chicago from her home today and said she knew positively that the story of the man coming to the head of the stairs and shouting "Fire" in Italian Hall, where more than seventy persons were trampled to death, was not true.

"The alarm was given right in the hall," said Miss McArron. "A little blaze started on the Christmas tree and some one cried 'Fire.' Then there was a mad rush for the doors."

Miss McArron was a former proofreader in the Michigan senate and is now stenographer for the Houghton county grand jury investigating the copper miners' strike. She is on her way to Lansing to see the Michigan attorney general in connection with the grand jury work.

Wisconsin Sends Condolences.

LANSING, Mich., December 26.—Gov. Francis E. McGovern of Wisconsin sent the following telegram to Gov. Ferris today:

"For the people of Wisconsin and myself I send you and the citizens of your state a message of sympathy in the hour of your grief because of the Calumet death horror. Wisconsin, Michigan's neighbor, stands ready to offer you aid to care for the afflicted by this disaster, which has spread a pall of sorrow over the holiday season."

Labor Department Sends Solicitor J. B. Densmore to Clear Up Strike Situation

Secretary Wilson this afternoon decided to rush John B. Densmore, solicitor of the Department of Labor, to Calumet, Mich., in an effort to clear up the strike situation among the miners there. The Secretary shortly after noon dispatched a telegram to Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, informing Mr. Moyer of his action, and expressing his sympathy to the families and friends of the men, women and children who were killed in the catastrophe. Mr. Densmore left this afternoon.

Secretary Wilson takes the stand that the affair was a crime wholly within the jurisdiction of police powers of the state. While Solicitor Densmore will go primarily to make an effort to settle the strike, he will undoubtedly take some part in the investigation in connection with the disaster. The Secretary's telegram follows:

Voices His Sympathy.

"I was shocked by your telegram and the accounts in the press of the terrible disaster which occurred at Calumet. My sympathies go out to the families and friends of the men, women and children who were sacrificed in the crush. It is almost inconceivable that any one could be so inhuman as to plan such a catastrophe, but whether it was planned or the result of malicious mischief, I hope the facts will be promptly brought to light. From the meager information as yet in my possession, it would appear to be purely a statutory crime solely within the police powers of the state and not in any way connected with the strike situation. I cannot conceive of such a connection existing.

"I am, however, sending the solicitor of this department, Mr. J. B. Densmore, to Calumet for the purpose of rendering any assistance possible in clearing up the situation."

The request of Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, for a federal investigation of the circumstances surrounding the fire horror at Calumet, Mich., which was addressed to President Wilson, was today forwarded by Secretary Tumulty to Pass Christian, Miss., where Mr. Wilson is spending the holidays. It was said the telegram sent by President Moyer to President Wilson was similar to the one received by Secretary Wilson of the Department of Labor.

INJURED FIREMEN ENJOY CHRISTMAS WITH FOLKS

Physicians Yield to Entreaties and Permit Four of Five Victims to Leave Hospital.

William A. Schwertdfeger, Cornelius Lanahan, Frank M. Dyer and Clayton G. Birch, four of the five firemen injured in the collapse of the burning building the American Five and Ten Cent Store, 314-318 7th street northwest, Wednesday morning, were yesterday discharged from Emergency Hospital in time to enjoy Christmas dinner at their homes. Frank Hellmuth, who sustained a broken arm, was not permitted to leave the hospital.

Dr. Harry Lewis, superintendent of the hospital, yesterday morning deemed it advisable for the firemen to remain in the hospital. They had suffered from exposure and he feared they might contract pneumonia, but in the afternoon he responded to the entreaties of the patients and relatives and permitted four of them to leave.

C. E. Harter, manager of the store that was destroyed, has complained to the police of the disappearance of a cash box containing about $10 in cash and three life insurance policies, and a check book on Lincoln National Bank. The box disappeared from the office the day the fire occurred.

The police were told that there were sums of money in cash boxes in different parts of the store, and Maj. Sylvester directed that members of his command guard the debris until representatives of the firm take charge.

CHECKS FOR PENSION FUND.

Two of $100 Each Donated as a Result of Fire Wednesday.

The Joseph Strasburger Company, proprietor of the Family shoe store, which adjoins the building of the American 5 and 10 cent store, on 7th street, in which a serious fire occurred last Wednesday morning, today sent a check for $100 to the pension fund of the police and fire departments. In a letter accompanying the check the company said:

"We wish to express sincere thanks to the police and fire departments of the District of Columbia for the efficient manner in which they handled the fire in the building occupied by the American 5 and 10 cent store, adjoining this establishment. Had it not been for the splendid work of the firemen a serious disaster would have resulted."

The directors of the Lincoln National Bank have also voted $100 to the pension fund, "as a slight token of appreciation of the efficient manner in which the fire which destroyed the building and contents next to the bank was handled by the two departments."

COURT FILES FINDINGS.

Maj. Hagerdon, Military Attache, Tried for Disobedience of Order.

NEW YORK, December 26.—The verdict of the court-martial which was called by Maj. Gen. Wood, chief of the general staff, to try Maj. Charles B. Hagerdon, military attache of the American embassy in St. Petersburg, for disobedience of orders, has filed its findings with Maj. Gen. Thomas H. Barry, and it is believed that the verdict will be made public today.

Should the verdict be against him, as reported, it was said that at most it will provide for only a mild reprimand.

Maj. Hagerdon was charged with disobedience of orders, in that he left his post after being instructed to remain there by his superior in Washington. It was brought out that there were extenuating circumstances, as Maj. Hagerdon had at first been granted leave of absence because of illness, and that this permission was countermanded after he had bought his tickets and dispatched his baggage.

Maj. Hagerdon has a splendid army record and was one of the first officers to receive an appointment by President Wilson.

NO VITAL ORGANS IN COMMON.

Twins "Siamese" in Character to Be Separated by Surgeons.

PARIS, December 26.—"Siamese" twin girls, a month old, who are joined face to face, by a strip of flesh more than an inch thick between their stomachs, have been brought to Paris to be separated by a surgical operation.

A radiograph examination suggests that the twins have no vital organs in common. They are so vigorous that they have been clothed in woolen vests, inside which their arms are imprisoned to prevent possible injury to one or the other by their movements.

FIGHT NEAR BORDER EXPECTED ANY DAY

Mexican Rebels Advancing for Attack on Federals at Ojinaga.

VILLA TO PRESS WAR RIGHT INTO CAPITAL

Admiral Fletcher Leaves Tampico for Vera Cruz to Assign Battleships to Stations.

That a large force of Mexican constitutionalists in now advancing for an attack on the federals at Ojinaga, near the Texas border, and that a battle may be expected there at any time was the word received at the constitutionalist headquarters here today from the front. Gen. Villa, in command of the rebels at Chihuahua, is intent on wiping out the Ojinaga federals before beginning his march toward Mexico City.

Word was also received here that a large force of rebels from Sonora is on its way to join Gen. Villa and that Gen. Carranza, the rebel commander-in-chief, is expected to arrive in Chihuahua in the near future.

Apparent quiet in the Mexican situation was interpreted here by officials as merely a "holiday armistice" and temporary. Strategists believe that Gen. Villa, whose victories already have placed him in the forefront of the constitutionalist movement, will press his campaign southward with a view to carrying the warfare into the federal district to compete with Gen. Huerta for the mastery of the Mexican capital.

Fletcher Goes to Vera Cruz.

Official reports received were meager. Rear Admiral Fletcher, commanding the American squadron in Mexican gulf waters, reported his departure on the flagship Rhode Island from Tampico for Vera Cruz.

As his recent dispatches from Tampico have told repeatedly of the restoration of order in that lately disturbed section, it is believed that he has gone to Vera Cruz to assign to their proper stations the battleships just arrived there to relieve the vessels about to return to home waters.

As Admiral Fletcher is directing the battleship maneuvers in his own discretion, officials think that he might return without notice to Tampico, where further hostilities may ensue as a result of rebel determination to gain control of a port of entry on the gulf coast.

Courtesies Only Customary.

While reports of Francisco de la Barra's cordial reception at the Japanese court were received with interest here, officials were inclined to believe that Emperor Yoshihito mrely was according to Gen. Huerta's special ambassador such courtesies as are customary in the return of international visits.

Word reached the State Department today that a large force of revolutionists on the National railway sixty miles north of San Luis Potosi destroyed a federal convoy train Thursday, killing thirty-four federals. Traffic north of San Luis Potosi is suspended. It is reported that the situation at Tampico is unchanged. Philip McLaughlin and mother, for whom inquiry was made by the State Department, are reported to be safe at Chihuahua.

Rebel Army Not Sighted.

PRESIDIO, Tex., December 26.—Although the Mexican federal army at Ojinaga, across the border from here, had prepared for defense against the advance of the rebels under Gen. Ortega, the outposts today reported that no rebels were in sight. It was thought that three or four days might elapse before the arrival of the rebels, who are marching from Chihuahua.

The federals believe they will be able to fight off an actual invasion of Ojinaga and that the worst they may suffer is a prolonged siege. The federals will have the advantage of procuring foodstuffs from Presidio.

Run on Bank Continues.

MEXICO CITY, December 26.—The run on the Bank of London and Mexico was in no way diminished today, double lines of depositors extending out into the streets for half a block. Payment on checks was restricted, as on previous days, to 200 pesos except for pay rolls and other urgent requirements.

W. B. Mitchell, the manager of the bank, expressed confidence in the ability of the institution to weather the drain upon it. He declared the bank's financial condition was such that if all deposits were paid out there still would remain 41,000,000 pesos in assets.

The run on the Bank of London and Mexico was reflected, but in a very minor degree, on the other banks in the capital.

Efforts to Settle Strike.

STEUBENVILLE, Ohio, December 26.—As the result of a mass meeting of citizens held Christmas afternoon, efforts were being made today to settle the strike of 2,000 workmen at the plant of the Phillips Sheet and Tinplate Company here and in Wierton, W. Va. The strike has been on since last July and involves recognition by the company of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers.

Not Large, But Muscular.

CHICAGO, December 26.—Mrs. Mary Boyd, one of Chicago's ten policewomen, is not a large woman, but she is muscular. Yesterday she boarded a street car while a powerfully built man and the conductor were engaged in a fight about a transfer. Mrs. Boyd showed her star and separated the men, telling the passenger he was under arrest. When he resisted the officer, she pulled him from the car, stood him against a post and rang for the patrol wagon. Mrs. Boyd rode to the station with her prisoner and preferred a charge of disorderly conduct against him.

Girl Swims in Lake Michigan.

CHICAGO, December 26.—Miss Clara Pause, a sixteen-year-old girl, celebrated Christmas day by taking a long swim in the icy waters of Lake Michigan. The young girl is a good swimmer and nearly every day since summer has swam to a waterworks in Lake Crib, four miles out in the lake. The temperature of the atmosphere was close to the freezing point all day.

Meadville Centenarian Dies.

MEADVILLE, Pa., December 26.—Mrs. Elizabeth Coburn, who observed her one hundredth birthday anniversary last September, died at her home in Guys Mills, Pa., today.

Fatal Collision at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, December 26.—Two persons were fatally injured and thirty-two others, all Christmas merrymakers, were more or less seriously hurt in a rear-end street car collision in Garvanza, a suburb, late last night. Most of those injured were friends returning home together from a Christmas party.

LABORER FINDS DOLLAR WITH VALUE OF $3,500

Excavated at New Haven, It Is Said, But New York Numismatists Doubt It.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., December 26.—A silver dollar bearing the date 1804, highly prized by numismatists, and understood to be quoted at $3,500 for collection purposes, was found here today.

William Sullivan, a laborer, excavating on the site of the new ice rink for the Yale hockey team, turned over with his shovel an old jar which rested on a bowlder seven feet below the surface of the street nearby. Under the bowl was a silver snuff box made in Nuremberg, green with oxidization, and in it a United States silver dollar dated 1804, in good condition, a number of Connecticut copper coins, a continental note for $3, several state notes and some rings. The metal articles were slightly corroded, but they rubbed up well and dates were plain. The notes had to be carefully handled to prevent disintegration.

Canal Ran Near Site.

The Northampton canal was close by in the old days and excavation showed a ledge of locks, on which the bowlder rested, giving the impression that water formerly covered the spot. The snuff box was taken to jewelers for examination. They found the contents as follows:

Silver dollar, dated 1804, with letters around the edge in place of milling; silver dollar, 1798; three Connecticut copper coins, 1787; Connecticut state bank note for 40 shillings, 1778; continental note of 1775 for three dollars; a watch made in Strasburg in 1731; a deed of property written in old English, not yet deciphered, of date of 1697; a document dated 1728, with six imprints on it, which appear to be imposts by the British government. The hall mark on the snuff boxe is of 1740.

The 1804 dollar cleaned up showed on one side a woman's head, with "Liberty" and thirteen stars above it, and "1804" below it. On the other side is an eagle with "E Pluribus Unum" as the motto. A shield and arrows and United States of America complete the design. The words on the edge are: "One hundred cents."

New York Doubts Report.

NEW YORK, December 26.—Numismatists said today that it was extremely unlikely that an American dollar of the date of 1804 had been found in New Haven, as reported, as the only known dollars of that date were struck off from the 1804 die in 1858 and what few were minted went generally into the hands of collectors. So far as known there are no mint records of any American dollars struck off in 1804, though for years it was reported that American dollars minted in 1804 went to Algeria and were lost. Coin dealers thought that today's New Haven find would prove to be either a Spanish or a Bank of England dollar of 1804.

THIRTY THOUSAND FISH SAVED AT COST OF $140

Secretary Redfield Describes Rescue Work on Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commerce has just been advised by the commissioner of fisheries that, at a total cost of less than $140 about 30,000 desirable food and game fish have been rescued from the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, which has just been drained because of the approach of cold weather.

The canal was watched between Great Falls, Md., and Shepherdstown, W. Va., which section has been found in previous years to be the most productive. Three gangs of men, operating from dawn till dark, accomplished the work in three days, and all the fish left in the pools when the waters of the canal were drawn off were seined out and returned to the Potomac river.

Of the number rescued, the large-mouth and small-mouth black bass constituted over 4,300 crappie, rock bass, warmouth bass, and other members of the bass family, about 11,000; and the perches, catfish and suckers, the remainder.

TRUSTEES FILE ACCOUNT OF LEITER SETTLEMENT

Show Estate to Have Received an Income of $903,916.86 Since April, 1895.

A report of the account of the trustees having in charge the fund provided by the marriage settlement of Mary V. Leiter, daughter of Levi Z. Leiter of Chicago and Washington, with the Earl of Curzon was filed in the District Supreme Court today by Auditor Dent. The accounting was made necessary by the resignation of Robert T. Lincoln and Viscount Midleton, two of the trustees, and the substitution in their places of Seymour Morris of Chicago and the Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire.

The fund to be turned over to the new trustees amounts, according to the report, to $1,543,160. The original "dot" of Miss Leiter was valued at about $700,000, and after the death of her father an additional cash payment of $1,000,000 was made to the trustees.

The income passing through the hands of the trustees from the marriage in April, 1895, to December 22, 1913, is found by the auditor to have been $903,916.86. Payments have been made to the beneficiaries as follows: To Mary V. Curzon, before her death, $394,250; to George Nathaniel, Earl Curzon, $166,210, and to the earl, as guardian for his three children, $320,294.87.

News Briefs.

The Western Maryland Railway Company has compromised out of court for $1,000 the suit brought against it for $5,000 damages by the administrator for the death of George A. Davis, a brakeman, who was killed at Cherry Run, Md., last October.

Philip S. Athey, letter carrier of Cumberland, Md., rescued Elizabeth Brant, seven-year-old daughter of Harry B. Brant, Wednesday, as her clothes were burning, beating out the flames with his hands.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of his priesthood was observed Thursday by the Rev. Father Benedict, provincial of the Capuchin Fathers at Sts. Peter and Paul's Monastery at Cumberland, Md.

Prof. George A. Sites, principal of the Clearspring (Md.) School, has awarded gold prizes to Misses Catherine Hollinger, Alma Dennis and Martha Bartles, the winners in a spelling contest.

Attempting to cross a plank leading from one car to another, Charles White of New York fell beneath a Norfolk and Western railway train Tuesday night at Shenandoah, Va., and was instantly killed.

Charles P. Loving of Lynchburg, Va., who shot Pete Magres, a Greek, and N. O. Stewart, a bystander, has been declared insane by a commission of lunacy and will be taken to the criminal ward at the Southwestern State Hospital, at Marion, Va.

Judge Frank B. Hutton of Abingdon, Va., has set January 15 for hearing argument in the chancery cause of Imboden against the Clinchfield Coal Corporation, which involves title to coal lands in Russell and Dickerson counties, Va., valued at $10,000,000.

GRANDDAUGHTER OF KEY NOW POVERTY STRICKEN

Both She and Husband Are Denied Employment Under the Government.

Advanced in Years, There Is Little Left in Life for Couple.

But little Christmas cheer entered the apartment of the granddaughter of Francis Scott Key, author of "The Star Spangled Banner," who, with her husband, is destitute and in want in this city.

She is Mrs. A. McDonald McBlair, and with her husband lives at the Claremont apartments, 21st and F streets northwest. The couple have just been informed by Attorney General McReynolds that their efforts to obtain employment of any kind under the United States government have failed.

Both Mrs. McBlair and her husband are advanced in years. There is little left in life for either of them, but all they ask is the right to live and to work for this right. Probably from the standpoint of efficiency they would not be able to serve as well as younger persons, but Mr. McBlair declares that his mind still is clear, and that he can perform the duties required of him.

Former Department Employe.

Mr. McBlair was formerly employed as an attorney for the Department of Justice. Although he is a southern man and a democrat, he was appointed to that place by President Roosevelt.

During the time Attorney General Bonaparte was in office he assigned Mr. McBlair to investigate land claims in Oregon and a number of other important cases. His service in the Department of Justice was before he married the granddaughter of the author of America's immortal song, but the appointment was made that the marriage might take place, and was a kind of wedding present from the Roosevelt administration to the couple.

President Roosevelt learned that this granddaughter of the poet was employed in a minor place in the War Department, and he sent for her. He learned from her that there existed a homely but touching romance in life of this lonely woman, and the romance centered about one A. McDonald McBlair.

Sends for McBlair.

President Roosevelt therefore sent for McBlair. He proved to be a lawyer by profession, but with little business. A southern man, whose family had been financially ruined by the civil war, McBlair had not made a successful fight against adversity. His best friend was this granddaughter of Francis Scott Key, and she, too, was helpless.

Mr. Roosevelt sent McBlair to Attorney General Bonaparte, and the latter reported that inasmuch as McBlair was a finely educated man, well versed in the law, his services could be utilized advantageously in the Department of Justice.

Thereupon Mr. Roosevelt had McBlair appointed, and upon the strength of this appointment McBlair and the granddaughter of Francis Scott Key were married.

While Mr. Roosevelt remained in office the couple were comfortable and happy. During the next administration, however, Mr. McBlair ceased to be an employe of the department. Then the couple waited until Mr. Taft had gone out of office and Mr. Wilson had succeeded him, when they once more renewed their efforts to obtain employment.

They were assisted in this by former Attorney General Bonaparte and by William H. Marbury, the leader of the progressive democrats in Maryland and for a time President Wilson's candidate for the United States Senate in that state.

Mr. Marbury wrote twice to the President, and the letters were referred to the Attorney General.

Further Appeals Useless.

After several months of waiting and hoping, the McBlairs have just been informed by the Attorney General that their case is hopeless, so far as this administration is concerned. In his letter the Attorney General informs them that it will be useless for them to make any appeals from this decision or to seek any personal explanations.

But it differs from other cases in this, that the woman whose existence has been deprived of all basis for hope is one of the living descendants of the man whose history is taught in the public schools of a nation and whose poem on the nation's flag is a real inspiration of patriotism in old and young alike.

"Money has been spent in large sums to immortalize the memory of Francis Scott Key," said a friend today. "More money will be spent in erecting statues in his honor. But his living descendant can starve for all any one cares, and the means of earning a livelihood by working for the government of the United States is denied by those who have the employing power."

Mrs. McBlair is not only a granddaughter of Francis Scott Key, but a grandniece of the late Chief Justice Taney and also of the late Admiral Franklin Buchanan, who commanded the Merrimac in its engagement with the Monitor.

Loops Loop Five Times in Air.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 26.—Lincoln Beachey celebrated Christmas by breaking a world's record, looping the loop five consecutive times from a height of 750 feet and landing in a narrow street on the Panama exposition grounds.

Beachy turned a double loop at a height of 300 feet, which he says is a record in itself, as Pegoud, the originator of this particular freak of aviation, always has performed from a greater height.

High-Tide Damage at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., December 26.—The highest tide of the year, topped by huge breakers that rolled far inside the high-water mark, carried away and wrecked dozens of launches and yachts anchored off the beach at Venice, a seaside resort today, swept three oceanfront residences from their foundations and destroyed an automobile road. Much damage was wrought all along the shore from Venice north to Santa Monica canon.

Refugees in Bulgaria Destitute.

LONDON, December 26.—The Sofia correspondent of the Times makes an appeal in behalf of 200,000 refugees scattered throughout Bulgaria, the majority of whom are totally destitute and suffering terrible privations. The government has done its utmost to relieve the refugees, but its means are limited. In one district alone, where there are 5,000 fugitives, it is officially reported that from thirty to forty are dying every week.

Tax on Musical Instruments.

BERNE, Switzerland, December 26.—All musical instruments are to be subjected to an annual tax in the Swiss canton of Ticino, according to a decision reached today by the cantonal authorities, who have been seeking for new sources of revenue. The mayors of the towns, villages and rural districts have been ordered to register all pianos, violins, etc., in the households under their jurisdiction. The canton of Ticino is on the Italian side of the Alps.

DIED.

COON. On December 26, 1913, at 10 a.m., at his home in St. Petersburg, Fla., D. L. COON. Interment at Rocky Mount, Va.

MORE FUNDS FOR CHARITY

But $191 Needed to Close All of the "Fourteen Opportunities."

With the receipt of $150 since noon yesterday toward the "fourteen opportunities" the total amount desired by the Associated Charities was reduced to less than $200. Four opportunities, Nos. 5, 9, 10 and 11, remain unclosed.

A total of $3,200 was asked by the Associated Charities for this purpose, and at noon today more than $3,009 had been received. It is hoped that the remainder of the needed amount will be received by tomorrow.

Additional contributions to the "Christmas opportunities" of the Associated Charities have been received at The Star office as follows: B. C. J., for any opportunity, $1; H. J. H., for widow, 77 cents; J. K., for any opportunity, $1; G. R. C., for No. 5, $1; G. R. S., for No. 10, $1; Samuel M. Meeks, $2 each to five opportunities, $10.

EVIDENCE MAY LEAD TO TRAIN BANDIT' SIDENTITY

Los Angeles Police Think John Bostick, Who Killed H. E. Montague, Hails From Iowa.

LOS ANGELES, December 26.—Evidence which it is believed will result in revealing the identity and career of John Bostick, the bandit who held up a Southern Pacific train and killed Horace E. Montague, a traveling agent, December 1, was found today in the rooming house where Bostick lived.

The proprietor says the day after Bostick registered he received a letter from some town in Iowa with a picture of a hotel and the printed name "Bostick" on the envelope.

Whether this was the name of the hotel or of its proprietor was not known. The police are trying to ascertain whether the young bandit had accomplices here.

The black derby which Bostick wore when he robbed the train at El Monte was found in his room. It was purchased in Chicago and under the sweat band were discovered folded strips of a Chicago newspaper bearing the date September 5. In the light of these discoveries, the police advance the story that Bostick probably is from Iowa, and that he came to California via Chicago only a few months ago.

Miss Storer Dies in Switzerland.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, December 26.—Miss Elizabeth D. Storer, sister of Bellamy Storer, former ambassador to Austria-Hungary, has died in Switzerland, according to advices received here.

WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS PLANNING CAMPAIGN

Work of Year 1914 to Be Inaugurated Day Before Congress Meets.

Plans announced today for a "birthday anniversary" celebration of the founding of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage January 11, the day before the reconvening of Congress, at the home of Representative William Kent of California, at 1925 F street, include the active launching of a determined campaign to obtain the speedy passage by Congress of the pending "votes for women" amendment to the Constitution.

The celebration, which was postponed from January 2, is to be attended by leaders of the Congressional Union from different sections of the country. Addresses are to be made by Miss Alice Paul, Miss Lucy Burns, Mrs. Lawrence Lewis, jr., of Philadelphia, Miss Mabel Vernon and Mrs. Jessie Hardy Stubbs.

The celebration is also to mark the formal beginning of the existence of the Congressional Union as an organization separate from the congressional committee of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, with which it was formerly affiliated. The union remains a member of the national organization, but the congressional committee, headed by Mrs. Medill McCormick of Chicago, is to carry on its individual work in the future.

TWINS OLDEST IN U. S.

Brothers Celebrate 95th Birthday and Christmas Together.

BABYLON, N. Y., December 26.—The Muncy twins, William and Samuel, ninety-five years old, and said to be the oldest twins in the United States, celebrated their birthday yesterday. About fifty of their immediate families, which consist of children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, were present.

For years it has been the custom of the twins to eat their Christmas dinner at the home of one and have their New Year celebration at the other's home. Yesterday the family assembled at the home of William Muncy. New Year day the party will be at the home of Samuel, the other twin. The twins were born here and have lived here all their lives. They are farmers and both are widowers.

Cotton Man Killed by Car.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., December 26.—C. B. Skipper of Brevard, N. C., well known in cotton mill circles in the Carolines, was run down and almost instantly killed here last night by a street car. He is said to have been standing too near the tracks and was not seen in time for the motorman to stop the car.

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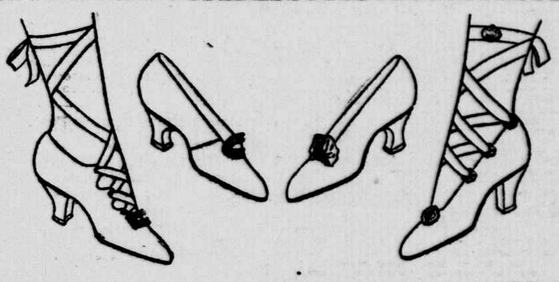

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