

CHURCH DIVIDED OVER WINNIE DAVIS TABLET

Idea Suggested by Southern Women.

ADVERSE COMMENT MADE

Pastor Would Have Bronze Placed in Philadelphia Church—Meeting to Settle Question.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Adverse comment on the proposition to place a memorial tablet to Winnie Davis, Jefferson Davis' daughter...

It was said that the tablet would have paid tribute to the nobility and lofty character of Miss Davis...

G. A. R. Men Divided.

Grand Army men were divided in their opinion. Northern prejudice against the South was quickened in the church and outside.

Dr. Conwell said last night: "The controversy over this question magnifies it beyond its deserts. Personally I have no objection whatever to the insertion of a modest, chaste tablet to Miss Davis..."

"Miss Davis, when I met her, seemed to be a most refined and womanly woman, and she is said to have been continuously engaged in generous deeds. All my prejudice as a Northern soldier faded away in her presence..."

No Cause for Shame.

"The frequent visitor to the Southern States must recognize the fact that an honest, hospitable, skilled and thinking race is now covering the ruined South with unexampled progress and enterprise..."

HAD KING'S HEAD IN 1793; WANTS CAPITALISTS' HEADS

Striking Mill Workers Terrorize Limoges, France—Leader Moel's Incendiary Harangue.

LIMOGES, Haute, Vienne, France, Dec. 26.—This town was thrown into a state of panic last evening by striking mill workers...

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BIGBOY, OF BAD RIVER, SUES INDIAN AGENT

Would Force Payment of \$1,200 Due Him for Sale of Timber Lands.

Hearing on the petition of John B. Bigboy, a Bad River Indian, for a writ of mandamus, to compel the Secretary of the Interior and Commissioner of Indian Affairs to pay him certain money...

The amount involved in this suit is about \$1,200, and the result will effect the distribution of over \$500,000, held by the Indian agent.

The question raised is with reference to the supervisory authority of the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner in the distribution of money arising out of the sale of the timber on lands owned by the Chippewa and other tribes of Indians on the Bad River reservation.

Bigboy some time ago made a demand for the money held by the Indian agent to his credit. The payment of the full amount was denied. Payment was, however, offered him, it is said, at the rate of \$10 a month. This proposition was refused, and he instituted proceedings to collect the whole amount.

COELOSTAT AT YERKES DESTROYED BY FIRE

Big Loss to Observatory on Which There Is No Insurance.

WILLIAMS BAY, Dec. 26.—The large reflecting telescope or coelostat in the Yerkes Observatory was destroyed by fire on Monday, together with many valuable instruments. The loss is estimated at \$25,000, on which there is no insurance.

The coelostat was a separate structure lying about a hundred yards south of the observatory building. It consisted of one room, in which were the large mirrors, driving clock and other appliances, and a structure 120 feet long extending to the southwest, forming a reflecting telescope with a focal length of 120 feet.

The telescope was not quite completed, the machinists not having finished setting up the instruments. It was designed by Prof. Hale and intended for use in connection with the spectro-heliograph designed by him and constructed in the observatory workshop. Many valuable results were expected from its use.

SPRAY TO KILL PLANT PEST PROVES FATAL TO CATTLE

Poisoned Hyacinths Treated by the Government Causes Many Deaths.

PALATKA, Fla., Dec. 26.—Cattlemen are excited over numerous deaths among cattle, caused by poisoned hyacinths, which were sprayed by the Government in efforts to exterminate the pest in Florida. Arsenic in small proportions is one of the ingredients in the spray used by the Government. Ducks, fish, and cattle die from its effects, it is alleged. The Government will order an investigation, and the work has stopped temporarily.

GAVE LIFE IN VAIN TO DANCE WITH GIRL

Fatal Fight at Christmas Holiday Festival in West Virginia Mountain Town.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Dec. 26.—Word reached here last night of a fatal shooting at a holiday dance near Smithfield, in the West Virginia mountains.

The whole neighborhood had been invited. George Sturgeon asked a young girl to dance with him who had already promised the dance to Dick Starkey. Enraged at her refusal, Sturgeon tried to take the girl bodily from Starkey and a general riot was precipitated. The firing of pistols and the shrieks of women caused pandemonium.

Sturgeon fell mortally wounded and Starkey, who attempted to escape, was shot through the hand by officers. He is in jail.

SAYS COAL WILL LAST 150 YEARS LONGER

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VETERAN'S FATE TO BE DETERMINED BY BULLET

If One of Steel Is Under Shoulder Blade Will Get Home for Life.

SPENCERPORT, N. Y., Dec. 26.—"If the bullet the surgeons extract from my shoulder is steel I will live in peace and contentment on a pleasant Virginia plantation for the remainder of my days," said William McGregor, a veteran of the civil war, who was employed all the fall in this village as an apple picker. This sentence which he is quoted as having uttered is only part of a strange story of the fortune of war and the generosity of a former foe, coupled with the playfulness of fate.

"During the operations before Richmond in 1864 I was employed as a scout on secret service work for the Union," said Mr. McGregor. "One night I penetrated into the suburbs of Richmond, and while crossing a street was fired upon from a window by a rebel. The bullet struck my shoulder and embedded itself under the shoulder blade. I escaped in the darkness and for many weeks was in the hospital with my wound. It finally healed, but the surgeons never found the bullet.

"I was present at the recent encampment in Washington and while there heard some of my brother veterans recounting an incident they had read in a newspaper about a Colonel Surry, of Virginia, who had shot a man from a second-story window in the course of the Richmond operations. This attracted my attention and I made inquiries. The colonel I found, had shot at the man as described. His rifle was loaded with a steel bullet, which in those days was a rarity, and he was quoted as saying that he had often wondered whether the man had lived through his wound and noticed the peculiarity of the missile which caused it.

"I secured the colonel's address, wrote him a letter, and soon received a reply cordially inviting me to come to his estate and pass the remainder of my days under the roof-tree of my former foe. I have been saving up my money, and, having always intended to undergo an operation for the removal of the troublesome bullet, my resolution is no doubtably firm, curiosity and a sense of fairness adding a spur to the physical need for the surgeon's knife. I am positive that the bullet will be found to be of steel."

CHARGE AGAINST TREASURER SURPRISES STOCKHOLDERS

Requisition Papers Honored for Arrest of Frank C. Lorey for Embezzlement of \$100,000.

DANVILLE, Ill., Dec. 26.—When it became known in this city that Governor Durbin, of Indiana, had honored requisition papers for the arrest of Frank C. Lorey, of Petersburg, Ind., on the charge of embezzlement of \$100,000 of the funds of the Dominion Gold Mining Company, of which he is treasurer, something of a sensation among the hundreds of stockholders resulted.

Henry Lloyd, a wealthy farmer of Cattin, near this city, who is said to know something about the issuance of the papers for Lorey, positively refused to discuss the matter, but admitted that such an action was taken about a month ago. J. C. Morehouse, of this city, a stockholder, declared that Lorey had embezzled none of the funds of the company. The State's attorney and sheriff, while intimating that they knew something of the action against Lorey, refused point blank to discuss it.

There is a large number of prominent people here interested in the company and the strictest measures have been adopted to keep the facts from the press.

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR DETAINED IMMIGRANTS

Cheer in a Strange Land for Ellis Island's Prisoners.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Ellis Island's detained immigrants yesterday afternoon beheld the first Yuletide tree which has ever been reared on that wind-swept isle. The missionaries prepared the festival.

Many immigrants groped their way to their seats, for their eyes were filled with tears. It was not until the carols were sung that the older ones of the company recovered their spirits and joined in the sport of the day.

Many who were there are to be returned to the lands whence they came because the laws have forbidden that the infirm, the poor, and the diseased shall find shelter here. Others will be permitted to pass after they have satisfied the guards that they will make useful citizens.

BUGGEE COURTED GIRL UNDER ANOTHER NAME

WINSTED, Conn., Dec. 26.—When Miss Charlotte Viola Moore and Edward Buggie were being married in St. James Episcopal Church here Tuesday evening by the Rev. S. Wolcott Linsley the bride looked in astonishment at the rector when he called the bridegroom Edward Buggie.

She thought he had made a mistake, as did the congregation, because the bridegroom was known only to the bride and his friends as John McCarthy. After the ceremony the bridegroom explained, saying to a he and his brother changed their names to McCarthy when they came to Winsted a few years ago, because they did not like to be called Buggie. Moreover the bridegroom thought it might spoil his chances of winning a bride, so he did not acquaint his prospective bride of the fact until after the knot was tied.

MARRIED IN CAPITOL DOME AT DENVER

Couple Wanted Ceremony Performed There Just to Be Different.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 26.—The dome of the capitol building was the scene of a marriage yesterday. With the sun shining upon them through the colored windows of the cupola, Albert Robinson, of this city, and Gertrude Prather, of Cheyenne, joined hands as man and wife. Rev. H. Atkinson, of the South Side Baptist Church, performed the ceremony.

"Just to be different," is the way the young couple explained the selection of such an unusual place in which to be wedded.

Robinson is employed by one of the leading commission houses in Denver, and is well known. Miss Prather is an artist. Several prizes were won by her on pictures exhibited in New York and Chicago.

OPERATION PERFORMED ON YOUNG MRS. CLARK

Made Necessary by Discovery of an Abscess—Patient Stands Shock Well.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 26.—As a last resort a surgical operation was yesterday performed on Mrs. W. A. Clark, jr. It was made necessary by the discovery of an abscess on the right side.

The operation was performed by Dr. Perkins, of Denver. Soon after he issued a bulletin to the effect that the patient had stood the operation well, and was resting easy despite its serious nature.

In the morning Mrs. Clark directed the distribution of Christmas gifts among her friends and servants, and tried to cheer those about her by saying she was not so ill as they feared.

STABBED TO DEATH ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Man Who Sang in Hallway Pays Life for the Privilege.

YONKERS, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Joseph Flynn and John McCudden, of Yonkers, celebrated Christmas Eve together, and it ended in Flynn's death from a stab wound. About midnight the two men were in a barber shop and had an argument. They started together along Neperhan Avenue, and went into a hallway and shouted and sang. Paul Kellert, a tenant restaurateur, there was a scuffle in the hall. Suddenly Flynn called out that he had been stabbed, and when a doctor arrived Flynn was dead. The coroner directed that Kellert be held for the grand jury.

DISPUTE LIKELY TO GO TO THE HAGUE TRIBUNAL

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pended, and the second protocol, which will provide for a reference of the questions at issue to The Hague tribunal, signed.

In the meantime many communications are passing between Secretary Hay and the diplomatic representatives of the United States at London, Berlin, Rome and Caracas.

The formal assent of the three European powers to the reference of the questions at issue to the permanent court of arbitration has not been received but it is expected within a very short time. President Castro, in response to an inquiry from Secretary Hay, transmitted through Minister Bowen, has agreed in advance to the proposed arbitration by The Hague tribunal.

FREDERIC HUBBERT REPORTED DEAD

No Confirmation of Rumor That Body Was Found in His Cell.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—A rumor is current here that Frederic Humbert, the husband of the notorious Mme. Humbert, of "Crawford millions" fame, has been found dead in his cell in the jail at Madrid. Thus far no confirmation of the rumor has been obtained.

DR. RADCLIFFE'S SERMON

Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, will, according to his usual custom on the last Sunday of each year, give a review of the world's history for the year in the various departments of politics, art, science, literature, and religion, including tributes to the distinguished dead and definite contributions to human knowledge and advancement.

CHRISTMAS TREE FIRE

The imitation snow on a Christmas tree at 1812 G Street northwest caught fire last night and damage of about \$150 to the building and furniture resulted. The tree was in the apartments of Boyd Watson, and it is supposed the children playing about it set fire to the light material. The smoke penetrated every part of the house, and the numerous dwellers there were thrown into panic. Engine Company No. 1 responded to the alarm.

DEUTSCHER VEREIN ELECTION.

At the annual meeting of the Deutscher Central Verein the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Kurt Voelckner; first vice president, W. Ruckdaeschel; second vice president, Henry Wassmann; secretary, Gustav Bender; treasurer, Charles E. Gerner.

The Verein will be incorporated under the name of the United German Societies of the District of Columbia. At present there are fifteen independent societies and thirty-one individuals represented in the organization.

MISS BIGGAR AND FIRST HUSBAND MAY REUNITE

Talk of Reconciliation—Actress Entertains Dr. Hendrick's Boy With a Christmas Tree.

FREEHOLD, N. J., Dec. 26.—Laura Biggar, the former actress, acquitted Wednesday of a charge of conspiracy, entertained the little boy of Dr. Hendricks, convicted on the same charge, with a Christmas tree at the Hotel Belmont yesterday morning.

The rest of the day she spent quietly in her room, where her Christmas dinner was served. Her son William has left here to join his father, the first husband of the actress, in Wisconsin. A reconciliation of the couple is current rumor here. Miss Biggar is in receipt of numerous congratulatory telegrams from friends in the theatrical profession, throughout the country. With Mrs. Hendricks she spent the evening at the county jail.

An appeal has been filed in behalf of the doctor and Justice of the Peace Stanton, which will be heard in the supreme court at the next February term. The general impression is that in view of the acquittal of Miss Biggar the court will order a new trial for Hendricks and Stanton.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Laura Biggar, who prefers to be called Mrs. Bennett, came to New York this morning from Freehold, N. J., where she was freed from the charge of conspiring to get the Bennett estate. The only cloud in her sky, she said, was caused by the conviction of Dr. Hendricks and Samuel Stanton.

"My ambition now is to free those men," she said. "I will think of nothing else until they are out of prison. Of course, I am happy to think that I was declared innocent of such a charge, but their conviction almost spoils it.

"We have had a consultation with the lawyers, and an appeal will be taken. It is absurd to say that it will not be. It cannot come up until February, and in the meantime an effort is being made to get bail for Dr. Hendricks."

GOVERNOR YATES' TRIP TO CUBA ABANDONED

Wires From Miami, Where Ship In Which He Took Passage Arrives Disabled.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 26.—Governor Yates has abandoned his trip to Cuba. This information was contained in a telegram received by Acting Governor Northcott.

The ship on which Governor and Mrs. Yates expected to make the trip arrived at Miami, Fla., disabled, having suffered an accident. For that reason the trip was abandoned.

Governor Yates is expected home in time to spend New Year at the mansion.

PRESIDENT CASTRO WATCHING REVOLUTIONISTS

PARIS, Dec. 26.—A Caracas dispatch to the "Matin" says the reason given for President Castro's journey from the capital to La Victoria was that he wished to spend Christmas with his family. The President's real object, however, is to closely watch the movements of the revolutionists.

ITALY WILLING TO ACCEPT ARBITRATION

ROME, Dec. 26.—The Italian note in reply to the suggestion of arbitration of the Venezuelan troubles accepts the proposition to submit the matters in dispute to arbitration on condition that the arbitrator will settle all disputed questions and that the claims of Italy shall rank with those of Great Britain and Germany.

BARKEEPER SHOT AS HE PLEAD FOR XMAS PEACE

Witnesses Declare He Was Deliberately Murdered by Youth Just Out of His "teens."

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—"Boys, it's Christmas night. So don't make any trouble, and let us all be friends."

Charles Laspe faced a pistol last night, and a moment afterward fell dead with a bullet through his heart. The man who shot him, Charles Mason, scarcely out of his "teens," was shot in the shoulder with a bullet from the pistol of the man he killed.

That Laspe was deliberately murdered as he stood behind his bar is the story told by two witnesses of the shooting. Mason, who is under arrest, tells a different story and his version of the affair is borne out by the statements of his brother and a friend.

Besides the youth who fired the fatal shot, four men are locked up at the East Chicago Avenue station in connection with the affair.

EFFORT TO STAMP OUT CHOLERA IN PHILIPPINES

The Philippine Commission has spent \$346,000 in the effort to stamp out the cholera scourge, according to a report received today by the Bureau of Insular Affairs.

SUES DIRECTORS.

Gertrude F. Smith has filed suit in the Supreme Court of the District, against John R. Lynch and the other members of the board of directors of the Capital Savings Bank, to recover \$78,140, deposited in the institution.

CHAMBERLAIN AT NATAL.

DURBAN, Natal, Dec. 26.—The warship Good Hope, with Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and Mrs. Chamberlain aboard, arrived here today. Mr. Chamberlain landed at 10:30 this morning, and was greeted by enormous and enthusiastic crowds.

ALEXANDRIA MASONS HONORED BY ENGLISHMEN

Certificate of Membership in Beverly Lodge Sent.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 26.—Right Worshipful K. Kemper, grand senior warden of Masons in Virginia, and Right Worshipful A. H. Oehlert, past master of the Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons, of this city, have received, through Thompson Foley, secretary of Constitutional Lodge No. 294, of Beverly, England, information of their election as honorary members of that lodge. The certificates are written upon parchment, and bear the official seal of the lodge.

R. W. Glenn, about twenty-five years of age, who claims to hail from Charlotte, N. C., was arraigned in the police court this morning before Mayor Simpson on the charge of stealing an overcoat from the dining room of the Hotel Rammel. Mayor Simpson imposed a fine of \$20. The coat was recovered and delivered to its owner.

The marriage of Roberta Jane Turner, daughter of Mrs. B. F. Turner, and James Robert Lyles, both of this city, took place at 8:30 o'clock last night at the home of the bride's mother, 424 South Washington Street, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. The Rev. George L. Hunt, of the First Baptist Church, officiated. The couple will reside in this city.

The Christmas celebration of the Immanuel Lutheran Church was held in that church last night. A large throng was present, and an interesting literary and musical program was given. At the conclusion of the ceremonies candy was distributed to the little ones.

A slight fire occurred about 1 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of Robert Wenzel, 313 North Pitt Street, caused by an oil lamp, which set fire to the parlor curtains. Mr. Wenzel had his hands and face severely burned in attempting to extinguish the flames.

The members of the Alexandria police force yesterday presented Mayor George L. Simpson with a "Century clock" as a Christmas gift.

MILLIONAIRE WEDS PROFESSIONAL NURSE

Mr. Smith First Met Bride While She Was Employed by Vanderbilt.

POTTSVILLE Pa., Dec. 26.—Three years ago while Caroline C. Pritchard, of Pottsville, was nursing the Vanderbilt family at Newport, R. I., she met Harry P. Smith, a retired millionaire of Boston. The romance then begun reached a happy conclusion in their wedding here yesterday.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. James T. Satchell at the home of the bride's father, ex-Chief of Police D. C. Pritchard. Edna Stichter acted as bridesmaid; L. L. Pritchard, brother of the bride, was best man. The wedding was very quiet and Mr. and Mrs. Smith left on an extended Mediterranean trip.

Mr. Smith is a member of the New York Yacht Club, and of the Eastern Yacht Club. Mr. Smith and his bride will later take a cruise in his handsome yacht Adrienne.

COAL BARONS UNABLE TO HELP BROOKLYN'S POOR

Reply to Borough President That Distribution Is Only Feasible Through Dealers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Borough President Swanstrom, of Brooklyn, received letters this morning in response to his request for coal for the poor, from E. B. Thomas, president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company; F. D. Underwood, president of the Erie Railroad Company, and W. H. Truesdale, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, telling him that it would be impossible to make any arrangement with the borough authorities for the distribution of coal.

All three writers united in saying that the only feasible way of making an effective distribution was through the dealers. President Thomas said that his company was supplying Brooklyn with 2,600 tons a day, which is a larger percentage of coal, considering the population, than the company is giving any other place.

LYDIA C. FLETCHER ENTERS SUIT OVER REALTY

Proceedings in equity were instituted today in the Supreme Court of the District by Lydia Coyne Fletcher against Mattie C. Johnson, Albert A. Wilson, and John B. Larnet, trustees, and the Washington Loan and Trust Company, for the purpose of having the court declare a conveyance of certain real estate to the first named defendant void.

The litigation involves the title to thirty-two acres of land, part of the tract known as "Girl's Portion," on Sixteenth Street extended.

It is also asked that the property be sold and the proceeds distributed under order of the court.

Darlington & Behrend are named as counsel for the complainant.

THREE-YEAR-OLD STOWAWAY IN AN ITALIAN STEAMSHIP

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—On board the Italian steamship Citta Di Milano, which arrived today from Genoa and Naples, was a boy stowaway three years old. He was classed on board as "Clandestine." The boy refused to give any account of himself.

MR. MERRICK MARRIES MISS CRAWFORD OF OHIO

Paragoraph of Local Morning Paper Becomes a Benedict.

At Portsmouth, Ohio, last evening, Miss George Alice Mills Crawford, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Crawford, was married to Mr. Harry L. Merrick, of this city, the paragoraph of the "Washington Post." The ceremony was performed at 6:30 p. m., at the residence of the bride's parents, before intimate friends and relatives. After a wedding supper the couple departed for a wedding jaunt in the East. They will be at home to their friends at the Raleigh Hotel, after January 10. Many fine gifts and numerous congratulatory messages were received from their friends.

Mrs. Merrick is an accomplished young woman, and very popular in Portsmouth. She has given much attention to music and art, and her pen and ink drawings are regarded as of unusual excellence.

DR. A. LO