HOLIDAY CROWD AT JUAREZ RACES

Vested Rights Equals Track and World's Records for a Mile.

Juarez, December 25.—In the presence of a big holiday crowd and under weather conditions that were summer-like, Vested Rights scored a narrow victory in the Navidad handicap at Juarez this afternoon.

The winner, quoted at 10 to 1 in the betting, equalled the track and world's records for a mile, held jointly by Centre Shot and Manassch, when he negotiated the distance in 1:37 1-5.

Laplin put up a splendid ride on the winner. He took him out in front and the gelding, setting a dazzling pace, maintained his position to the end and won by a neck.

Cousin Puss put up a determined finish and would have won in a few more jumps. John Reardon was third.

Rose of Jeddah and Theodorlta were the only ones to win for the form players.

First race—selling, two-year-olds, 5 1-2 furlongs—Theodorita, 103, Steffens, 3 to 2, 3 to 5, 4 to 2, won; Ed Luco, 105, Guy 7 to 1, 3 to 1 and 3 to 2, second; Dusky Dave, 108 (Kirschbaum, 3 to 1, even; 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:06 3-5. Dr. Bailey, Transact, Round Up, Stevesta, Freda Johnson and Mesach also ran.

Second race—selling, three-year-olds and up, five and one-half furlongs—Ilex, 108 (Riddle), 5 to 1, 2 to 1 and even, won; Garden of Allah, 100 (Hoffman), 7 to 1, 3 to 1, and even, second; Tildy Wolffarth, 100 (Gentry), 3 to 2, even and 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:06 2-5. Bashful Betty, George Karme, Miss Nile, Nila, Anohalice, Christmas Daisy, Charles Brown also ran.

Third race—five and one-half furlongs—Edmond Adams, 103 (Carter), 20 to 1, 8 to 1, 4 to 1, first; Little Birdie, 96 (Haynes), 6 to 1, 2 to 1 and even, second; Zululu, 105 (McMartin), 10 to 1, 4 to 1 and 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:06. Nifty, Visible, Ormonge Cunningham, Cool Stare and Great Jubilee also ran.

Fourth race—Navidad handicap, one mile—Vested Rights, 102 (Taplin), 10 to 1, 4 to 1 and 2 to 1, first; Cousin Puss, 115 (Van Duren), 4 to 1, 8 to 5, and 4 to 5, second; John Reardon, 108 (Hoffman), 10 to 1, 4 to 1 and 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:37 1-5. Seacliff, Truly, Just Red, Irish Gentleman, Manassch, Zim, Dorothy Dean and Prince Eugene also ran.

Fifth race—five and one-half furlongs—Rose of Jeddah, 100 (Neylon), 3 to 5, 3 to 5 and 1 to 3, first; Brightstone, 105 (Ford), 15 to 1, 6 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; Miss Sly, 110 (Estep), 7 to 2, 6 to 5 and 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:06. Herpes, Annual Interest, Thistle Belle, Curlicue and Orimar Lad also ran.

Sixth race—mile and one-sixteenth—Clinton, 98 (Metcalfe), 7 to 2, 7 to 5, and 7 to 10, first; Polis, 111 (Howard), 3 to 1, even and 1 to 3, second; Defy, 102 (Neylon), 3 to 1, even and 2 to 5, third. Time, 1:46 2-5. Labold, Oscure Pendant and Lord Blare also ran.

FRANK TYLER DEAD.

One of the Best Known Bookmakers in New York in Racing Days.

New York, December 25.—Frank Tyler, one of the best known bookmakers of the city when racing was in progress on all the tracks, died at his home here early to-day. He had been ill with pneumonia for six days.

Mr. Tyler was one of the most popular men in the betting ring.

He was born in Newport, R. I., forty-five years ago. He was graduated at Georgetown University. When the Metropolitan Turf Association flourished here he was one of its leading members. Mr. Tyler is survived by his wife and two children.

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BEST OF MEETING AT CHARLESTON

Ringling Wins Christmas Handicap, a $2,000 Stake, From Stablemate.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Charleston, S. C., December 25.—The best card of the meeting was offered to the patrons of Palmetto Park track this afternoon. It included the Christmas handicap, the Santa Claus handicap and four other good events.

Straight and true as an arrow from the fabled shaft of Robin Hood, Ringling, the keen running little filly from the Beverwyck stable, won the Christmas handicap, a $2,000 stake, from her stablemate, old Sir John Johnson. Dartworth, from the J. L. Holland stable, was third. Out of the originally carded field eight accepted the issue, the changed track conditions causing a withdrawal bee in the morning. However, the class of the race was represented in the eight that started, and it was spectacular and a contest of the highest order from the start until they had finished the gruelling route of a mile.

Samuel R. Meyer was the second odds on choice of the afternoon to score from the stable of L. H. Adair. He led all the way and defeated Duquesne and L. H. Adair in the Santa Claus handicap. Gordon, making his first start of the meeting, was the only other starter. The winner was closed at 4 to 5.

Entries for To-Morrow.

First race—two-year-olds, maidens, purse $300, five and one-half furlongs—Peacock, 111; Al Jones, 114; Vetichen, 111; Jezall, 111; High Class, 111; Banjo Jim, 111; Boly Hill, 114; Massenet, 111.

Second race—all ages, purse $300, selling, six furlongs—*Malik, 107; *Protogeras, 118; Tom Hancock, 104; Incision, 127; Otranto, 109; Batwa, 127; Beverstein, 127; Old Jordan, 112; *Camel, 125; Silas Grunge, 127.

Third race—three-year-olds and up, purse $500, selling, one and one-half miles—*Napier, 103; *Over the Sands, 104; Dr. Waldo, Brings, 113; Billy Baker, 98; *Tay Bay, 98.

Fourth race—all ages, selling handicap, purse $500, one mile and twenty yards—Cracker Box, 94; Star Actress, 102; Eloro, 105; Rob R., 110; Young Emblem, 94; Joe Diebold, 115.

Fifth race, all ages, selling, purse $300, six furlongs—*Frog, 122; *Helen M., 104; Behest, 104; Buzz Around, 109; *Rye Straw, 125; Cliff Maid, 105; Chuckles, 111½; *Ancon, 118.

Sixth race—purse $360, for three-year-olds and up, selling, one mile and seventy yards—*Union Jack, 106; *Port Arlington, 106; Monkey, 111; *Reno, 106; *Yorkshire Boy, 115; Bernadotte, 108; Fiel, 105; *La Sainrella, 100, Schaller, 108; Ragman, 111.

*Apprentice allowance of five pounds.

First race—purse $300, three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs—Camellia, 107 (Sumter), 8 to 1, 3 to 1 and 3 to 5, first; Cynosure, 107 (Ward), 10 to 1, 4 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; Question Mark, 112 (Goose), 6 to 2, 2 to 1 and 3 to 2, third. Time, 1:18. Berkeley, Rodkin, Agnar, Plain Anna, Eaton and Deer Foot also ran.

Second race—three-year-olds and upwards, selling, six furlongs—Frank Judson, 109 (Buxton), 6 to 5, 1 to 2 and 1 to 4, first; Volthorpe, 110 (McTaggart), 4 to 1, 8 to 5 and 4 to 5, second; Ethelburg II., 103 (Campbell), 4 to 1, 3 to 2, and 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:17 1-5. Troy Weight, Mattie Letourne, Terra Blanco, Inferno Queen, Batouch also ran.

Third race—selling, all ages, five furlongs—Coin, 112 (Goose), 7 to 10 and out, first; Deposit, 105 (Turner), 10 to 1 and 5 to 2 and 4 to 5, second; Lady Lightning, 115 (Buxton), 3 to 2, 1 to 3 and out, third. Time, 1:03 2-5. Jack Kellogg, W. W. Clark also ran.

Fourth race—mile, handicap, all ages—Ringlong, 107 (McTaggart), 7 to 2, 3 to 2 and 2 to 5 (coupled with Sir John Johnson), first; Sir John Johnston, 121 (Byrne), second; Dartworth, 111 (Buxton), 5 to 1, 5 to 2 and 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:44 2-5. John Furlong, Grosvenor, Carlton G., Wilhite and Prince Hermis also ran.

Fifth race—six furlongs—Samuel R. Meyer, 108 (Goose), 4 to 5, 1 to 3 and out, first; Duquesne, 105 (McTaggert), 4 to 5, 1 to 3 and out, second; L. H. Adair, 104 (Turner), 11 to 5, 1 to 2 and out third. Time, 1:16. Gordon also ran.

Sixth race—selling, three-year-olds and up, mile and twenty yards—King Mundy, 103 (McTaggart), 4 to 5, 2 to 5 and 1 to 5, first; Servicence, 112 (Scharff), 8 to 1, 5 to 2, even, second; Outlaw, 112 (Watkings), 15 to 1, 6 to 1, 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:46 3-5. Sir Dentah, Master Jim, Big Dipper, Willis and Tom Holland also ran.

WILSON ASKED TO PANAMA.

Colonel Goethals Cables Invitation for Christmas Vacation.

New York, December 25.—Panama advices published here say Colonel George W. Goethals, chairman and chief engineer of the Isthmian Canal Commission, has cabled to President Wilson an invitation to spend part of his Christmas vacation in Panama, and be the first to sail through the canal.

Until a reply to this invitation is received no further thought will be given to the question as to which vessel shall make the passage first. The United States special service steamer Dunalo could make the trip.

ATHLETICS GIVEN GREAT IMPETUS

Building of Great Stadium in Berlin Has Tremendous Effect.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

London, December 25.—Among the prominent visitors from the United States in London this week is A. G. Spalding, of New York and Chicago. He has just concluded a six weeks' pleasure tour of Europe, during which he visited the new stadium in Berlin, where the 1916 Olympic games will be held.

"There is no stadium in the world to compare with it," said Mr. Spalding. "It will make an ideal place to hold the games. Building it has already given a tremendous impetus to athletics in Germany, and with the aid of American trainers and methods, the Fatherland should be a strong factor in the next Olympic.

"In fact, during my trip, I have been greatly impressed by the strides which continental Europe is making in athletics. Baseball already has taken a strong hold both in France and Germany, and the visit of the New York Giants and Charley Comiskey's Chicago White Sox, will be eagerly and impatiently awaited. I believe baseball is one of the fundamental causes for the athletic supremacy of Americans, and should Europe once get the baseball craze, her athletics are sure to give a better account of themselves in all other branches of sport. I may add, however, that I have unbounded faith in my own countrymen to hold their own for many years to come."

AMUSEMENTS.

Academy—"Mendel Beilis."
Bijou—Grayce Scott Company, in "Such a Little Queen," matinee and night.
Lyric—Keith vaudeville, matinee and night.
Empire—Vaudeville.

Academy Was Open Yesterday.

In order to keep the house open on Christmas Day, and by way of adding to the general dreariness of a rainy day, the Academy of Music offered yesterday two performances of "The Spendthrift," as presented by Messrs. Klimt & Gazzolo. This enterprising firm of popular time magnates has heretofore been known to Richmond through its inimitable productions of turgid melodrama at the Bijou, including sorrow's crown of sorrow "The Penalty," and the company, which held the stage—and held it away down—at the Academy yesterday was altogether out of place in a "regular-priced" house.

The leading man, Frank H. La Rue, was serious and very much in earnest; Laurette Allen was fairly good in the old woman's part, and the settings were excellent. Furthermore, the exuberant youth of the town created an occasional moment of interest during the performance by exploding various and sundry sizes of baby-wakers in close proximity to the theatre.

But a still existent spirit of good will toward all men prevents an extended review of the performance, so further consideration will be refrained from, with only the gloomy reflection that Messrs. Klimt & Gazzolo presented "The Spendthrift" at the Academy of Music twice yesterday.

Douglas Gordon.

"Paid in Full," at Bijou.

Eugene Walters's great American play of New York life, "Paid in Full," will be the offering at the Grayce Scott Bijou Theatre next week. Miss Scott will be seen as Emma Brooks, the brave, cheerful wife, and Leslie Bassett, who for two seasons played the part of Joe Brooks with Wagenhals & Kemper's company of "Paid in Full," has been specially engaged for the week. Mr. Bassett has an enviable record as an actor, having been with Louis Mann and other well-konwn stars.

Mendel Beilis.

The story of what has lately happened in the city of Kiev, Russia, and which has intensely interested the entire world, has been dramatized and will be presented at the Academy to-night and to-morrow. The true story of Mendel Beilis, who was accused of "ritual murder," and finally released after a sensational trial, has been made into a four-act sensational drama replete with comedy and thrilling situations. Some of the most noted actors of the Yiddish stage have been engaged and a complete production is promised.

"The Master Mind."

"The Master Mind," which will be the attraction at the Academy Monday and Tuesday and Tuesday matinee, with Willis Granger in the title role, is said to be an intensely interesting drama of the underworld.

The character of Andrew, "The Master Mind," is said to be the best ever portrayed by Mr. Granger. It affords him ample opportunities to display the ability of character acting which has made him one of America's foremost actors.

WOMAN WILLED ALL TO MAN SHE LOVED

Adalide Brance Arranged to Bequeath Everything to Melvin H. Couch.

SPENDS HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Declares She Is Not Tempted by Offers to Go on Stage.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Monticello, N. Y., December 25.—The will of Adalide Brance was found today. In it she has bequeathed everything to Melvin Henry Couch, the dead man who was her master-absolute for fifteen years. What he would have received had not death claimed him was meagre, as material wealth goes, $640 in small mortgages.

"But he was everything to me," said Miss Brance to-day to Under Sheriff Hall. "I had no one else. I gave him all my love, why not all material things?"

Miss Brance's will was found by the dead lawyer's widow and daughter while they rummaged through Couch's offices in search of the dead man's will. The document they sought has not been found.

"It has been a happier Christmas than I thought," said Miss Brance in her room in the county jail to-night. "Things have become brighter, and life is becoming real once more. My brother Herbert will be here to-morrow or Saturday, and I shall leave with him. Where I shall go I do not know. I shall not go back to Hartwick. I do not want the people I used to know to stare at me. I shall go West, I think, somewhere where I am a stranger.

"I shall seek employment as companion or secretary," she continued. "I have received many offers of money for my story. Vaudeville managers have made absurd offers. But I am not a woman seeking such notoriety.

"I will make use of my self-acquired accomplishments. I shall sew, read, and in my little way continue my translations of the lighter French romances. It is quite possible I shall attempt dramatic translations."

Feeling Against Mrs. Couch.

The first evidence of feeling against Mrs. Couch was manifested by Miss Brance to-day. She demanded to know what has become of a photograph of Melvin Couch which she had in her wooden cell. She was told that it had been given to Mrs. Couch.

"I demand this return to me," she cried. "It's mine, as he was. He gave it to me. If she refuses to give it up I shall ask my lawyer to sue for it."

The picture was returned.

To-day, Christmas, was not a dull one for this strange woman. Scores of letters bearing Christmas greetings, offers of financial assistance and words of advice came to her.

Came a telegram from Rev. E. G. Updegraff, of Richmond Hill, N. Y., to Herbert C. Brance, the woman's brother, who has not yet arrived. It bade the brother take his sister to Florence Crittenden, in Washington, D. C.

A letter, anonymous, came from a woman in Buffalo. "Hold up your head, sister," it read. "You have nothing to be ashamed of. The world may look at you askance, but the world is narrow. Many of the women who will draw their skirts aside will, in their hearts admire your courage, your disregard for their bigoted ideals. I am a married woman. I applaud you. You lovely and loyal girl. You are a noble woman, glorified by your great life sacrifice."

Others Knew Secret.

No fewer than six prominent men said to-day that the great secret was not possessed solely by Couch and Miss Brance.

Mrs. Jacob M. Mayhew declared to-day that she was accompanied by Miss Adelaide Brown, of Thompsonville, on the day she found Miss Brance in the lawyer's office.

Miss Brance's room was decorated with holly and mistletoe to-day. She ate a bountiful dinner, brought to her from Sheriff Kenney's home. She declined to see a number of women who had come from distant places to talk to her. One woman, claiming to represent a New York magazine, brought an offer of $500 for a series of signed articles dealing with her great sacrifice. She declined to see the woman.

Coroner James A. Cauthers declared to-day that there was no connection between the suicide of Stanley B. Smith last night and the death of Melvin Couch.

Smith knew Couch but casually, and the revolver with which Smith shot himself never belonged to Couch.

Daly Defeats Keyes.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

New York, December 25.—Johnny Daly, the Eastside bantamweight, who recently returned from abroad, celebrated Christmas Day by defeating Johnny Keyes in a ten-round matinee engagement at the Atlantic Garden A. C. to-day. The Yuletide spirit possessed Daly, for he presented Keyes with every blow in the boxing category.

Daly scaled in at 115 pounds, a pound and a half lighter than his rival, but this did not deter the Eastsider from beating Keyes even at in-fighting. In the other ten-round bout, Kid Murphy and Pinkey Burnes faced each other, with honors even.

Two Suffocated in Fire.

Providence, R. I., December 25.—Mrs. Margaret Dailey, sixty-eight years old, and her granddaughter, Miss Margaret Murphy, fifteen years old, were suffocated in a fire in the home of Martin M. Murphy early to-day.

HOLIDAY IN SOUTH IS SAFE AND SANE TO MARKED DEGREE

(Continued from First Page.)

William Rockefeller made the employes at the station happy to-day. Mrs. Shepard also gave gold pieces to the station men at rington. To the telegraph operator she gave $10 and also to the manager of the telephone office in Irvington and Tarrytown. To the eleven telephone girls she gave $5 pieces. The men on her estate received turkeys and potatoes. John D. Rockefeller also distributed $10 gold pieces among the telegraph operators and telephone girls.

Exchange Greetings.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

New York, December 25.—The wireless station of the Telefunken Company, situated at Sayville, L. I., exchanged Christmas greetings with the wireless station at Naun, Germany, today. The station was also in communication with the ships of the United States in the harbor of Naples, Italy.

Burns Fatal to Girl.

Knoxville, Tenn., December 25.—Sophia Preston, aged fifteen, died today of burns received while essaying the role of Santa Claus. Her clothing caught fire from a sparker in the hands of a boy.

Christmas for Convicts.

Atlanta, Ga., December 25—Convict minstrels, vaudeville performers and tragedians made the Christmas Day celebration at the Federal penitentiary here a memorable one. Eight hundred prisoners gathered in the auditorium, where the grim bars were hidden behind gaily colored festoons, forgot their cares for a time to laugh at the jokes of the black-faced minstrels, and applaud as the ebony chorus sang popular songs and enacted plantation scenes. Vaudeville acts and a Wild West farce followed the minstrel show.

In the afternoon the inmates were given a turkey dinner. Each prisoner also had the privilege of writing an extra letter home. There was a touching demonstration of the Christmas spirit when the gray-clad throng in the auditorium cheered three prisoners who were notified of their paroles during the performance.

Sick and Poor Remembered.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Newport, R. I., December 25.—A society woman, whose identity is hidden, entertained 300 children in the Newport Hospital to-day with gifts of toys, candy and clothing.

Mrs. Elsie French Vanderbilt, Mrs. Charles M. Oelrichs, Mrs. Peter D. Martin, Mrs. William Sims and others distributed toys, provisions and clothing to a number of poor families.

The Sunshine Society sent out 100 baskets to inmates of the Old Ladies' Home and patients at the tuberculosis camp at Wallum Lake.

Much Charity in Chicago.

Chicago, December 25.—Chicago enjoyed its most successful Christmas today due to the thorough manner in which the charitable organizations did their work. More than 100,000 basket dinners were distributed. The downtown missions and several churches fed hundreds.

Santa Claus, in the person of "Good Fellows," visited about 20,000 homes of the poor. The "Good Fellows" responded to every letter addressed to Santa Claus received by the post-office and to every appeal sent to their organization. They distributed food, clothing, toys and in many cases money. Prisons and hospitals were not overlooked. The municipal Christmas tree in Grant Park, where thousands gathered on Christmas Eve to hear the carols sung by noted singers, was again visited to-night by a crowd of several thousand.

Post-office employes enjoyed a well-earned day of rest. The Chicago post-office handles 20 per cent of the parcel post business of the nation, and in the last ten days the daily average of outgoing parcel post mail was 300 tons. In addition, the office handled daily 3,500,000 pieces of first-class mail.

Observance in New York.

New York, December 25.—Well-attended church services and the distribution of Christmas dinners to nearly 100,000 of the city's dependents were the features of New York's observance of the day of the nativity. The day broke with the gentleness associated with "Indian summer," clouded up threateningly about noon and ended in showers and drizzles. One result of this was that the celebration planned in connection with the people's out-door Christmas tree in Madison Square had to be postponed until to-morrow night.

The Salvation Army led in the distribution of Christmas cheer. In addition to issuing 5,000 Christmas dinner baskets, each containing food enough for six, the organization entertained 3,500 children with a Christmas tree party. One thousand baskets were given by the Volunteers of America, and 5,000 dinners were served by the heirs of "Big Tim" Sullivan.

Turkey dinners were served in all of the public and charitable institutions and afternoon entertainments were given. One of the notable events of the day was the celebration organized by the "Spugs," or Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving. More than 11,000 adults and children, rich and poor, attended its Christmas tree party, at which presents and food were distributed.

Dinner for Destitute Men.

Portland, Ore., December 25.—Two thousand destitute men were guests today of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company at dinner on board the river steamer Hassalo. The men were seated in relays of 200. As they left the table a pipe and pouch of tobacco was given to each.

First Municipal Christmas.

Asheville, N. C., December 25.—Between 2,000 and 4,000 people gathered on Pack Square to-night in a drizzling rain, which began shortly after the city fire bells had presaged the opening of Asheville's first municipal Christmas celebration. It was announced, however, that the exercises, which included the singing of Christmas hymns by choirs from the various churches, had been postponed to next Tuesday night on account of the weather. Hundreds lingered in the rain to witness the illumination of the big Christmas tree, sixty feet high.

Food for Everybody.

San Francisco, Cal., December 25.—Nobody need have gone hungry in San Francisco this Christmas Day. At the Co-Operative Bureau of Employment tables were set for all who would come, and thousands did.

Many churches are throwing open their doors to give the homeless sleeping places. "All who apply will be given food and shelter," said Mayor Rolph. "Every man can have a roof over his head and plenty to eat until Monday, when the supervisors will announce a plan to provide employment."

LAWSUIT PLAGUE GERMANY'S CURSE

Berlin, December 25.—Nearly 6,000,000 lawsuits are fought out in the German courts yearly. This number does not include criminal cases, the myriad of proceedings to recover a penalty nor the quasi-criminal actions brought for insult, etc.

The figures mean roughly one lawsuit for every eleventh person in the empire, counting women and children, and since each suit involves at least two persons, the proportion is much greater.

These facts are made the basis for an article in a current German publication by a Dortmund jurist. He refers to the situation as a "lawsuit plague," and says it demands more victims yearly than does tuberculosis.

The cost both in time and money is enormous. A case which goes to the Imperial Supreme Court requires at least three and one-half years for final disposal. Costs in two courts in a suit for an object valued at not more than $12 amount to $20; for an object worth up to $120, the cost is $115.

Germans pay to lawyers each year $7,500,000 in actions on account involving $12,500,000, in cases where the debt is not denied.

In the so-called collegial courts—that is, courts presided over by two or more judges and corresponding roughly to American courts of record—parties to the suit may not represent themselves, but are compelled to engage attorneys. This is true even in the case of litigant attorneys themselves.

The author of the article in question cites a case which is, he declares, by no means unusual. One farmer sued another to compel the return of a saw. The trial court decided in favor of the plaintiff, and the case was appealed. In the meantime, the saw was lost. The putative owner thereupon brought action to recover its value.

The parties being unable to agree, an expert witness was called, who testified that the saw was worth 12 cents. The process lasted three years, and the costs amounted to more than $25.

The writer says it should be impossible to set such ponderous machinery in motion for trivial cases, and, commenting on this tendency in the German people, says: "The German Michael will sue the shirt off his back in order to obtain a decree in black and white in the King's name setting forth his theoretical rights."

Unknown Schooner in Distress.

Wilmington, N. C., December 25.—A revenue cutter Seminole put to sea this afternoon at 4:30, headed for Diamond Shoals, in response to a wireless report that an unknown schooner is in distress there.

FITZSIMMONS TO ENTER RING AGAIN

Former Champion Hopes to Start on "White Hope" Career on January 5.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

New York, December 25.—Robert Fitzsimmons is real serious. The former peer of two divisions at one and the same time, the middleweights and heavyweights, will start on his "white hope" house cleaning on January 5.

"Ruby Rob" will re-enter the ring on the aforementioned date at the Atlantic Garden A. C. Fitz's opponent has not been chosen, but the management states that it will be a worthy "trial horse" that will battle the one-time champion.

It is believed that the State Athletic Commission, which supervises boxing in this State, will investigate the matter and determine whether Fitz is physically fit to endure the strain of a real ring contest.

"NICK" CULLOP SIGNS UP AGAIN

Marries Daughter of Smyth County Farmer After Auto Ride of Thirty Miles.

Bristol, Va., December 25.—Norman A. (Nick) Cullop, the young Virginia southpaw, now a member of the attaching staff of the Cleveland Americans, married Miss Pauline N. Dungan, a pretty Virginia blonde and daughter of J. J. Dungan, a Smythe County farmer, last night after an automobile ride of thirty miles.

The nuptials were solemnized at Groseclose, Va., Rev. E. M. Harris, of Marion, officiating. The couple spent to-day in Bristol. The marriage was a complete surprise to the bride's father. The bride will accompany her husband to Cleveland in the spring.

KILLED BY STREET CAR.

Charlotte, N. C., December 25.—C. B. Skipper, a well-known cotton mill man formerly of Lancaster, S. C., and of Charlotte, but more recently part owner of the Brevard Cotton Mills, of Brevard, N. C., was run down by a street car near the Seaboard station to-night and instantly killed. Mr. Skipper is said to have been leaning up against the embankment and was not seen in time to stop the car.

Amusements

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Matinee Saturday.
The Sensational Russian Play,
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Direct From Its New York Triumph
"The Master Mind"
A Play of Love, Politics and Intrigue
PRICES: Matinee, 25c to $1.00; Night, 25c to $1.50.

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Jefferson Auditorium, Friday Afternoon, December 26, from 4:30 to 7.
Under the auspices of
THE GIRLS' CLUB.
Tickets Jefferson Auditorium.
Admission, $1.00. Refreshments.
During the afternoon there will be a Contest Dance. Prizes awarded to the best dancing couples.

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Admission 25c.
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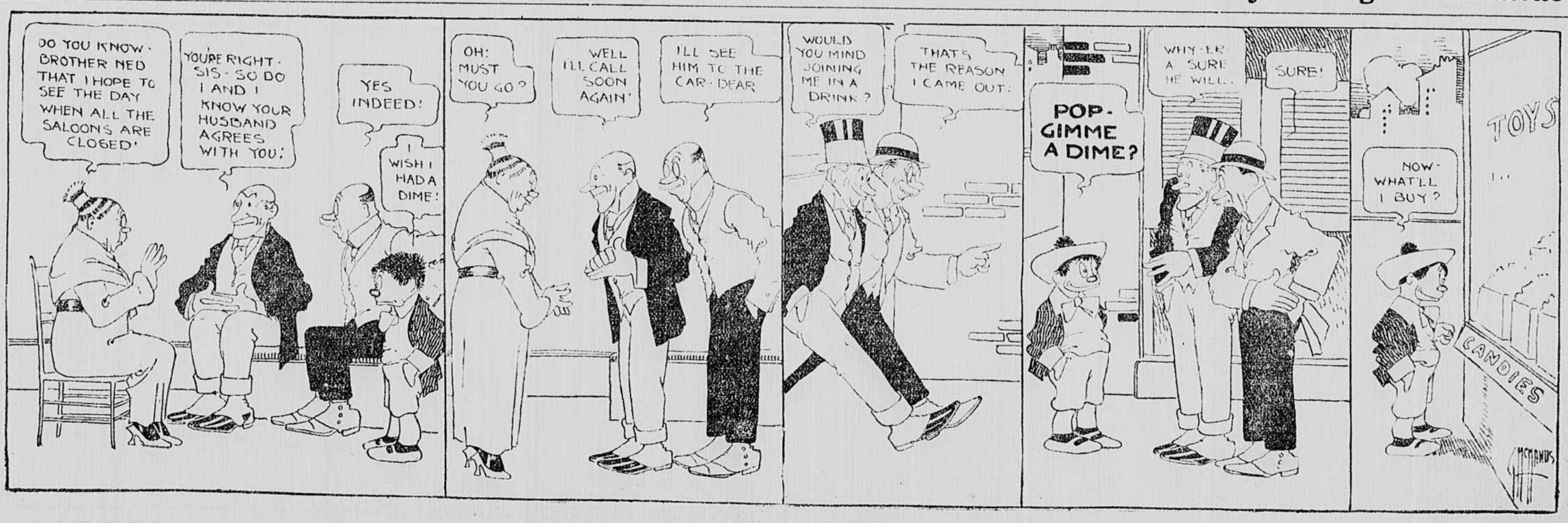
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