

# KNIGHTS EXTEND KIND GREETING

Golden Gate Commandery Holds Impressive Annual Observance in Sutter-Street Hall

Oratory and Music Enjoyed by Many Visiting Brethren of This and Neighboring Cities

Good cheer, loving sentiment and charming music prevailed yesterday morning in Golden Gate Hall on Sutter street, where the Knights Templar of San Francisco and invited brethren from Oakland and Vallejo held their regular Christmas observance.

It is a time-honored custom of the great fraternity the world over to assemble in their respective asylums each Christmas day and at the same moment, or as near it as can be calculated by dependence upon the universal calendar, toast their most eminent grand master.

The two San Francisco commanderies alternate as host in this annual celebration and yesterday it was the turn of Golden Gate Commandery to act in that capacity. California Commandery was there in force and brethren from across the bay were numerous.

From the ceiling's center hung a great creation of gauze festoons, garnished with beautiful bunches of creamy chrysanthemums, giant lanterns and mammoth emblems of the Masonic order.

As the guests arrived they were greeted by the officers of Golden Gate Commandery—Eminent Commander R. W. Campbell, Generalissimo P. D. Coffe, Captain General A. W. Mackenzie, Senior Warden John Bennett, Junior Warden W. L. Crowell, Prelate W. H. Jordan, Recorder Theodore Froelich, Treasurer Keyston, Standard-bearer George Fillmer, swordbearer G. K. Porter and Warden A. J. De Lamare.

The ceremonies opened with a brief invocation from Sir Knight Phineas F. Ferguson, prelate of California Commandery, and promptly at 9 o'clock every head was uncovered and Eminent Commander R. W. Campbell proposed the annual toast, as follows:

To our most eminent grand master, Henry Bates Stoddard: As a hundred thousand Knights at one moment look southward, so a hundred thousand hearts go forth to him with glad Christmas greeting.

To which the most eminent grand master sent this response, delivered by

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# SALVATIONISTS FEED HUNDREDS

For Four Hours Three Hundred and Sixty Seats Are Occupied by Relays of Guests

Music Accompanies the Feast and Kindly Smiles Make the Diners Feel at Home

Fifteen hundred free dinners were served by the Salvation Army yesterday afternoon in the basement of Odd Fellows' Hall, at Seventh and Market streets.

The menu consisted of roast turkey, beef, mutton and pork, several kinds of cooked vegetables, celery, pie, fruit, nuts, candies, raisins and tea and coffee.

Colonel Franch, the local commander, was present, but the management of the dinner was in direct control of Major Finn. All the Salvation corps in the city were there, and every red-shirted man and poke-bonneted woman helped in some way to facilitate the feeding of the mass.

FRANCE AND ITALY SIGN A COVENANT

Foreign Ministers of Both Governments Attach Signatures to Treaty of Arbitration

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The treaty of arbitration between France and Italy was signed to-day by Foreign Minister Delcasse, and Signor Tornielli, Italian Ambassador here. The treaty is identical with that between France and Great Britain.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—More specifications for patents and trademarks were printed in the Patent Office Gazette this year than in any previous year.

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# WHITE HOUSE HAS NO TREE

Celebration of the Yuletide Festival at the Executive Mansion a Quiet Affair

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Christmas at the White House was a quiet day. President Roosevelt's morning ride was abandoned that he might attend the funeral services of Mrs. Hoar.

The British Ambassador and Lady Durand and their daughter celebrated their first Washington Christmas by entertaining the embassy staff at dinner to-night.

THOUSANDS OF POOR ARE TREATED TO TURKEY DINNERS AT COLISEUM

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—Christmas cheer was dispensed to thousands of poor at the Coliseum, where tables covering the entire floor of the vast area were set with turkey and its accompaniments.

PREMIER ZANARDELLI IN GRAVE CONDITION

ROME, Dec. 25.—The condition of former Premier Zanardelli is extremely grave. His doctors announce the existence of a tumor in the stomach and add that they have given up all hope of their patient's recovery.

DESTROYER LAWRENCE DISABLED IN STORM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The Navy Department has been advised that the torpedo-boat destroyer Lawrence was disabled in a storm off Hatteras while on her recent run with the second torpedo flotilla from Hampton Roads to Key West.

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# STORM STRIKES TERROR TO SHIP

Atlantic Steamer Menominee Has a Terrible Experience on a Trip From London

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—A number of passengers who were on the Atlantic transport steamer Menominee, bound for this port when she was struck by a hurricane December 7 and disabled so that she drifted at the mercy of the storm for five days, arrived here on the Cedric.

Among the passengers was Joshua Levering of Baltimore, who was the prohibition candidate for President with McKinley and Bryan, and who is returning here from a tour of the world accompanied by his wife and daughter.

NEGRO KILLS HIMSELF AFTER SHOOTING GIRL

TRINIDAD, Colo., Dec. 25.—George Badger, a negro porter, shot and seriously wounded Miss Woerke, a white waitress, to-day and killed himself by firing a bullet into his own brain.

SEVERAL ARE INJURED IN RAILWAY COLLISION

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—During a heavy snowstorm to-day a suburban train on the Pennsylvania road crashed into the rear of a freight train of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul at Fifty-fourth street.

HUGHES RESIGNS AS CONSUL AT COBURG

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The State Department announces the resignation of Consul General Oliver J. D. Hughes at Coburg, Germany, and the selection of Henry D. Saylor, now Consul at Dawson City, Yukon Territory, as his successor.

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# BRITISH BARK IN HEAVY GALE

Captain of the Andorinha Encounters a Terrific Storm Off Mouth of the Columbia

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 25.—Captain Nichols of the British bark Andorinha, which arrived here to-day from San Francisco to load wheat for the United Kingdom, reports that during a terrific storm off the Columbia River he was obliged to drop his anchors and rode the gale out in this manner for three days.

BOAT HELPLESS FOR DAYS

Authorities Believe That He Fell Into the Stream While Under the Influence of Liquor

SAFE CRACKERS ESCAPE, BUT LOSE THEIR OUTFIT

DEPUTY POSTMASTER AT DALLAS FRIGHTENS AWAY THREE BURGLARS WHO WERE TRYING TO BORE STROUBOX

TEAMSTER KILLED BY ELECTRIC CAR

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—A Pasadena electric car struck A. F. Reed, a teamster, as he was driving across the tracks of the Pacific Electric Railway near Gates street last night, fatally injuring him and instantly killing three of the four horses which he was driving.

SEAMEN ON NATIVE RIVER CRAFT IN CHINA GET \$3 A MONTH; ON SEA GOING IN VESSELS \$3. THEY FURNISH THEIR OWN FOOD.

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# SHARP TREMBLOR CAUSES ALARM

Los Angeles Is Visited by Heavy Earthquake and Several Buildings Are Wrenched

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—Los Angeles was thrown into a momentary panic by a severe shaking up of mother earth at 9:45 o'clock this morning.

ACTORS FLEE IN TERROR

Presence of Mind of Orator Prevents Panic at Christmas Conclave of Knights Templar

FAMILY TROUBLES LEAD TO SUICIDE

WILL SOLVE CHURCH QUESTION IN CUBA

BISHOP CHAPELLE WILL GO TO ROME TO SEEK AUDIENCE WITH POPE

ROME, Dec. 25.—The congregation of the propaganda has received information that Archbishop Chapelle will come to Rome in the near future for the purpose of obtaining a definite settlement of church questions in Cuba and Porto Rico.

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# KNIFE WOUNDS KILL JAPANESE

Police Find Body of Murdered Man in the Canadian Pacific Railway Yard at Vancouver

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 25.—With four deep wounds in the breast and shoulders, the body of M. Katzalan, a Japanese, was found lying at noon today in the Canadian Pacific Railway yard, within a block of Chinatown.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TEACHERS IN CONVENTION

COMMEND THE WORK OF THE STATE TEXT-BOOK COMMISSION AND APPROVE THE COMPULSORY EDUCATION LAWS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—The Southern California Teachers' Association concluded their eleventh annual session here with the adoption of resolutions and the election of officers for the ensuing year.

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According to the rules of modern merchandising all goods left over at the close of each season must be disposed of to make room for the new. The channel through which we make this necessary clearance is our Semi-Annual Half-Price Sale, which begins at 10 o'clock this morning at both our Oakland and San Francisco stores.

You no doubt remember the sales of former seasons and know their value to you. Our effort this year must be more determined than ever, for a general depression has been felt and we find that we have on hand more than the usual amount.

Holiday goods will receive first attention, although hundreds of bargains in winter goods will be ready for you when the doors open at 10 o'clock this morning. Following is a brief statement of the case:

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