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PRELATES GIVE BLESSING TO THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

TRUE MEANING OF DIVINE MESSAGE

Peace on earth—peace in San Francisco—peace in all our church, family, political, social, industrial and individual life—the powerful peace our fair city needs so much, the profound peace of righteousness and loving kindness and truth. This is the true meaning and worth of the Christmas message of the Christ to us all.

WILLIAM F. NICHOLS.

HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL

His grace, Bishop Denis J. O'Connell, auxiliary bishop of San Francisco, last night gave The Call the following Christmas greeting for all San Franciscans:

"I hope that the people of San Francisco will enjoy a happy Christmas and a very prosperous New Year."



RIGHT REV. WILLIAM FORD NICHOLS



RIGHT REV. DENIS J. O'CONNELL

SIERRA CLUB TO HAVE VOTE ON HETCH HETCHY

Warren Olney Sr. Addresses Circular Letter to Members to Learn Stand

Attorney Speaks in Favor of City Using Water From Valley in the Sierras

Assails Spring Valley Company for Interfering With Municipal Project

"ARE you willing to say to them (the people of San Francisco) 'You must place a burden of \$10,000,000 on your shoulders, for we will not consent that our camping site and the trees thereon be destroyed by your turning the (Hetch Hetchy) valley into a lake? Do you think it right to place this additional burden on the bay cities that you may, if you see fit, visit Hetch Hetchy and enjoy its beauties in their present state? How about the golden rule? How about that principle of all free countries, that humane principle that should obtain everywhere, of the greatest good to the greatest number?'"

Extract from Warren Olney's appeal to the members of the Sierra club.

The Sierra club directors, moved by the expression of opinions of members, published in The Call, adverse to the stand in which some of the officers of the mountaineering organization have tacitly committed the club on the question of San Francisco's acquisition of the Sierra water supply, have submitted to the membership two questions. These questions are put with the idea of securing a vote by mail to show the stand of the club in the Hetch Hetchy project.

Warren Olney Sr., the attorney with offices in the Merchants' exchange building, former mayor of Oakland and one of the organizers of the Sierra club, has addressed a circular communication to the members of the club, urging earnestly that they consider fairly the claims of San Francisco and the bay cities to the best and the most easily handled supply of water for their needs.

The Two Questions

The two questions put by the directors are as follows:

1. I desire that Hetch Hetchy valley shall remain intact and unaltered as a part of the Yosemite national park, and oppose its use as a reservoir for a water supply for San Francisco unless an impartial federal commission shall determine that it is absolutely necessary for such use.

2. I favor the use of Hetch Hetchy valley as a reservoir for a future water supply for San Francisco, and I favor a present dedication by congress of the right to such use without further investigation.

The members may endorse either view.

In the circular which Olney is sending out and which he hopes the members will consider before they vote on the propositions submitted by the directors the writer begins by explaining that his views, which favor San Francisco's plan for acquiring the Tuolumne supply valley and ultimately Hetch Hetchy valley as a reservoir site, are shared by "three as good friends as the Sierra club ever had—President Roosevelt, Secretary Garfield and, last but not least, Gifford Pinchot. Where can you find greater enthusiasts for nature and mountain scenery than these three men?"

Refers to Golden Rule

In his argument Olney urges the club members to keep in mind the golden rule. He says:

"You love the mountains, trees and the flowers. You would like to retain the privilege, if you ever desire to exercise it, of camping on the floor of the Hetch Hetchy valley, and that its trees and flowers should not be damaged. You do not look kindly on any scheme that will lessen the uses by all the people of the national park that includes Hetch Hetchy. In all these matters what you love we of the bay cities love, what you desire we desire. There is no disagreement between us. But

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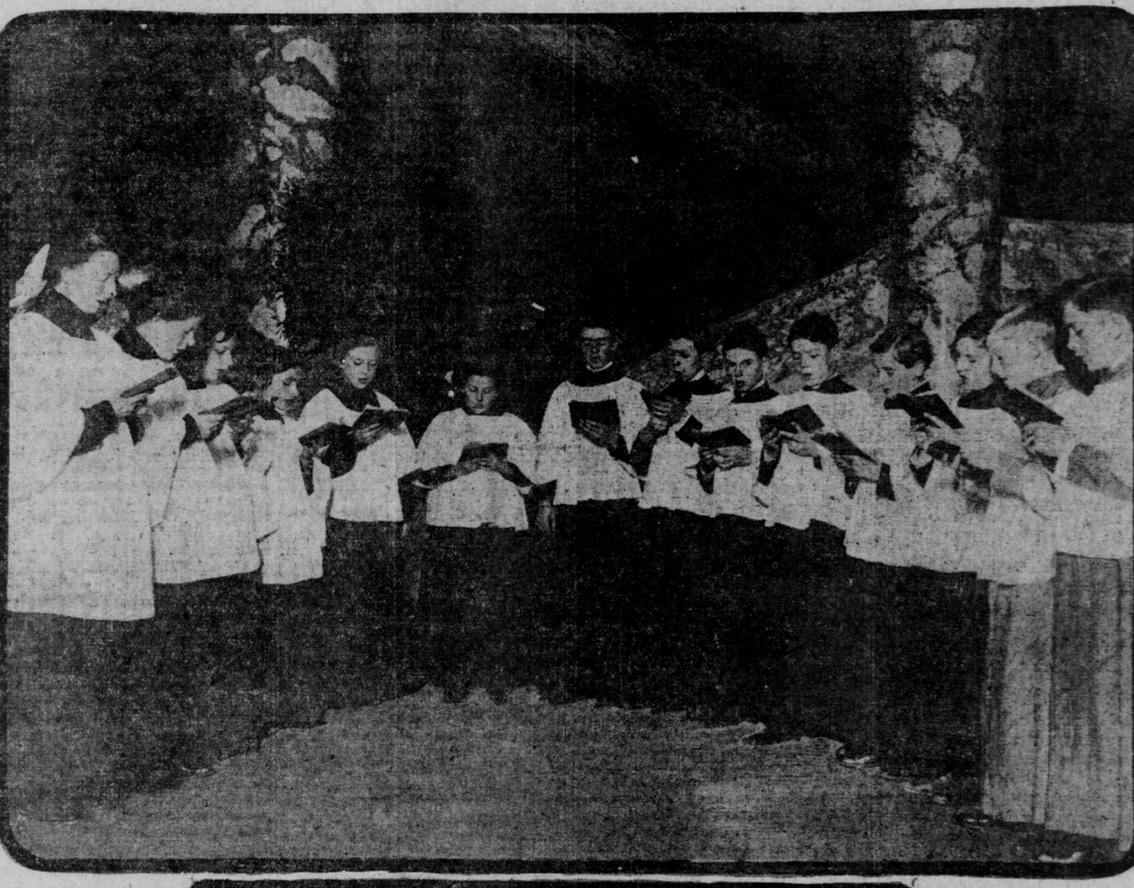
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Choir boys and girls singing Christmas carols at the Fairmont hotel last night.

TRAGEDY COMES TO MARK TWAIN

Youngest Daughter Found Dead in Bathtub After Attack of Epilepsy

REDDING, Conn., Dec. 24.—Mark Twain's invalid daughter, Jean, met death tragically this morning while bathing, bringing poignant grief at Christmas time to Stormfield, the country home of the great American author.

She was his youngest daughter, endeared to him not only by long companionship but by her frail health, caused by recurrent attacks of epilepsy. Her death leaves Clemens without kin in this county to share his sorrow, for his surviving daughter, Clara, was recently married to Ossip Gabrilovitch, a Russian pianist, and is on her way to Europe.

Jean Clemens died not directly from drowning, as was first supposed, but more probably of strangulation due to an attack of epilepsy or from heart failure. The body was found in the bathtub with the head only partly submerged, and medical examination tonight showed that the lungs contained little water.

Miss Clemens has shown physical weariness of late, probably induced by the excitement incident to her sister's departure and the recent return of her father from Bermuda. But yesterday afternoon she rode her favorite horse to the postoffice to get the early Christmas mail and last night she cheerfully prepared a Christmas tree, from which she had planned to distribute gifts tomorrow morning.

On retiring she asked her maid to call her early and when she arose this morning she went to the bathroom, where her lifeless body was found later. Her failure to respond to the maid's knocking on the door revealed her death. With characteristic philosophy Mark Twain is bearing up bravely.

Jean Clemens was 30 years old and was her father's close companion.

COINCIDENCE LEADS TO BIGAMY CHARGE

Two Men in St. Louis Have Same Name, but Recent Marriage Starts Trouble

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—There are two Charles Selters in St. Louis, and each has a wife. Neither has two wives, as alleged in a warrant issued in Belleville, Ill., yesterday, and the Charles Selter arrested on a charge of bigamy will spend Christmas with his wife.

Charles Selter, 4220 Evans avenue, spent last night in the police holdover and at noon today an officer from Illinois arrived to take him to the Belleville jail. He was charged with having married Miss Clara Kirsten when he had a wife and two children at O'Fallon, Ill.

Charles Selter, 1315 Lynch street, arrived ahead of the Illinois officer. He was excited and wanted to know who had married Miss Kirsten, who had been his wife since November 24.

Selter was brought from the holdover and introduced to Selter, whom he thanked for coming to his rescue.

The warrant is to be withdrawn. The arrest was brought about by women who knew the Evans avenue Selter, telling the Belleville authorities of a marriage license being issued in the name of Charles Selter.

ATTORNEY AROUSES ANGER OF BELASCO

Colonel Kowalsky's Process Servers Invaded Nance O'Neill's Dressing Room

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—David Belasco was in a great rage today against Colonel Henry I. Kowalsky, attorney for McKee Rankin in his suit against Nance O'Neill for alleged violation of contract. It became known today that while the excited first night audience in the Stuyvesant theater was cheering and shouting the name of Nance O'Neill after her great emotional scene in "The Lily" last night two process servers, under pretense of being Miss O'Neill's friends, got past the stage door keeper and, according to David Belasco, forced their way into the actress' dressing room and served her with an injunction.

Miss O'Neill was only partly dressed when the intrusion occurred. She was greatly excited and on the verge of collapse when Belasco came to her rescue.

Belasco said today:

"The conduct of the process servers in Miss O'Neill's dressing room was brutal and unlawful. It all happened so suddenly that they made their escape before my employes had a chance to throw them out of the theater. I would have given a night's receipts to do that 'bouncer' job myself.

"This man Rankin has no claim on Miss O'Neill's services. But now that he shows he will willfully have ruined Miss O'Neill's opening I will give this whole matter an airing. I am willing to pay his lawyers' fees to have it brought to an issue."

CHRISTMAS CAROLS ARE HEARD AGAIN

Former Custom Revived for First Time Since San Francisco Was Laid Waste

The old custom of having the Christmas carols sung in the downtown hotels was revived last night at the Fairmont and Palace hotels by a choir of boys and girls from the Holy Innocents' church under the direction of Rev. H. B. Collier.

The announcement that the songs that have their inspiration in glorifying the child Christ were to be sung in the lobbies of the hotels attracted a large crowd. The children were gowned in cassock and surplice and their religious demeanor and sweetly blended voices contrasted sharply with the ordinary aspect of hotel life.

The Fairmont was the first hotel visited. A procession was formed, and with their hymnbooks in hand the children sang "Ye Faithful, Approach Ye." The children formed a cross and, kneeling, chanted "White Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night."

Later the choristers visited the Palace, where even a greater crowd listened to their songs. In the great court the boys and girls marched singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and the strong second of Rev. Mr. Collier mingled well with the treble of his youthful choir.

Not since the fire have the Christmas carols been heard in the downtown hotels and the return of the old custom was received with reverential enthusiasm.

In both hotels a collection was taken up and a handsome sum netted for Christmas gifts for the choristers.

The chorus was made up of Albert Hoffman and Albert Foster, crucifiers; William McQuitty, Charles Annis, William Dunsmuir, Irwin Warren, Ernest Hill, Herbert Pfeiffer, Miss Gladys Strohmeier, Christie Glenn, Alice Glennan, Mildred Chapman, Myrtle Macdonald and Violet Wilkes.

FLEES IN TERROR OF HIS LIFE

Zelaya Under Cover of Darkness Makes His Escape From Managua to Corinto

Former Dictator of Nicaragua Guarded by a Few Friends Reaches Destination

Overthrow of the Unscrupulous Ruler Means Loss to Him of Vast Revenue

By Despotism Measures He Held Control of Every Individual and National Purse

CORINTO, Nicaragua, Dec. 24.—Jose Santos Zelaya, who three days ago relinquished the presidency of Nicaragua to Dr. Jose Madriz, the same day his army was defeated by the revolutionists at Rama, has fled the capital and tonight is in Corinto, surrounded by his bodyguard and a few faithful friends.

Flees in the Night
Zelaya left Managua under cover of darkness and, escorted by 50 of his guard of honor and a squad of artillerymen with a Maxim gun. At 3 o'clock this morning the party quietly left the former president's home, and half an hour later went on board a small steamer, which sailed immediately to Momotombo, on Lake Managua. Simultaneously with the departure of the boat a special train with a small number of friends and a press representative aboard drew out of Managua, also bound for Momotombo.

With Guard and Maxim Gun
At 7 o'clock this morning the steamer met the train at Momotombo, and Zelaya, with his guard and the Maxim gun, promptly boarded a special car attached to the train at Managua. The train departed immediately for Zelaya's plantation at Diamante, where the party took breakfast. The entire party comprised 100 of Zelaya's most intimate friends, among them Joaquin Pasos, Louis Coasin, his two sons, Horatio and Alfonso, his private secretary, and James Hall, American partner of Zelaya in Nicaraguan gold mines.

All Heavily Armed
The trip was made without special incident. There were no demonstrations along the line, the population generally being unaware of the identity of the passengers on the special train. All members of the party, including Zelaya, were heavily armed. Zelaya appeared calm and cheerful.

At Chinandega news was brought to Zelaya that the United States gunboat Princeton had left Corinto to take up its position in the gulf of Fonseca.

What Zelaya Sacrifices
MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 15.—The magnitude of the personal sacrifice involved in the overthrow of Zelaya from actual power and a possible flight from Nicaragua is shown in the statement that he derived from various monopolies and financial ventures a revenue of \$400,000 silver per month.

In the building in the camp de Mar that houses the ministry of war, Zelaya conducted the monopolies of alcohol, tobacco, cattle, petroleum, hides, gambling, soap, candles, ice and drugs and lumber for railroads, fuel and ties. From those quarters he also controlled local monopolies existing along the Atlantic coast and covering traffic in aguardiente, leaf and manufactured tobacco, coconuts, groves, abattoirs and turtle fisheries.

In addition to these he controlled the dock privileges at the piers of Corinto, Granada, San Jorge, Monkey Point, San