

COUNTER PEACE PROPOSALS ARE SENT TO LONDON

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U. S. MARINES ARE ENGAGED IN ROW

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mained spent the day quietly at their hotels or with friends.

The Vienna correspondent of the Times says that although Christmas leave was given to some reservist officers, there has been no slackening of the military precautions.

A Saloniki dispatch to the Times says that in view of the determined stand the Turks are making at Janina, a fourth Greek division is embarking from Preveza.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR TURKS

A Constantinople dispatch to the Times says that further contingents of Turkish troops from the Black sea provinces have arrived at the Dardanelles, where more than 40,000 are now concentrated.

According to the latest information David Pasha and his whole staff were killed by shrapnel during an attack by the Turks on the Hellenic position east of Gorizia about December 15. Fighting continues in the Janina district.

A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Daily Mail says: "According to reliable information Austria has decided to discontinue her military preparations and disband her reservists."

M. Mishu, the new Rumanian minister, arrived in London last night. He had an interview with Doctor Daneff, head of the Bulgarian peace delegation, at which Rumania's demands for compensation and the relations between Rumania and Bulgaria are said to have been discussed in a friendly spirit.

COUNTER PROPOSALS ARE TELEGRAPHED

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 25.—The ports today telegraphed to Rechad Pasha at London counter peace proposals as decided upon by the council of ministers. The exact nature of the proposals has not been revealed, but the official view of the situation is hopeful.

The Turkish press is unanimous in declaring that the allies' conditions are not acceptable and that the Turkish delegates were not sent to London to commit suicide.

The ports have repeated to the powers the demand made a month ago for a consular inquiry respecting the atrocities alleged to have been committed by the allies in the occupied territories.

Several marines from the United States converted yacht Scorpion had an altercation with some prisoners in a public building, ending in blows. One of the men involved was Senator Zola, the military attaché of the Spanish legation.

The Bulgarian general, Ivanoff, arrived in Constantinople last night. He has had several interviews with Kiamil Pasha, the grand vizier.

UTAH WOULD BREAK LINE OF DISEASE AND CRIME

State Board of Insanity Recommends That Action Be Compulsory

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 25.—Wholesale sterilization of persons unfit to have offspring is advocated in the biennial report of the state board of insanity and the superintendent of the state mental hospital, which was filed with the governor late yesterday. The following recommendations are made in the report:

Sterilization of all persons insane from hereditary causes. Creation of a state board of eugenics to control marriages and issue certificates for licenses to only the fit.

An amendment to the penal code giving the upper courts the power to impose a sentence of sterilization in lieu of imprisonment in certain statutory crimes.

A law giving the board of pardons the power to make sterilization a requirement precedent to parole or pardon from penal institutions when in the judgment of the bureau of eugenics such is necessary.

OLDEST TWINS REJOICE

Long Island Men Have Led Similar Lives, But One Is First

(Special Dispatch to the Call)

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The oldest twins in the United States, Samuel and William Muncy, are celebrating the ninety-fourth anniversary of their births today on the farm on the outskirts of Babylon, L. I., where they were born and spent their lives. Four generations of the family are aiding them in the celebration. There has been a remarkable similarity in their lives. They married about the same time and each had eight children. Each was left a widower many years ago. William is regarded as the "cut up" of the town. He often gets the wanderlust and travels to Brooklyn, rides in the subway and returns to tell Sam how the city is growing. Occasionally he takes a five-cent cigar. A couple of years ago he tackled a cigar. After a couple of puffs he was breathing hard and mighty dizzy. That one dition with Lady Nicotine ended his tobacco career.

ALTON BANDITS CAUGHT

Two Prisoners Are Identified as Men Who Held Up "Hummer"

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 25.—Detectives claim tonight that they have identified Jack Hartnett of Chicago and Elmer Vigus of Springfield as the men who held up the Alton "hummer" at the junction; that the movements of the men before and after the robbery have been followed in detail, and that it will be impossible for them to prove an alibi. The detectives have been "sweating" the suspects at the police station, where a dramatic situation was presented today when the prisoners were confronted by Engineer McLaughlin, Fireman Sullivan and Express Messenger Ayers, who were certain the men held are the bandits.

Thief His Own Santa Claus

Montanan Fills Stocking

RICHMOND, Dec. 25.—On returning to his room at the Germania hotel this evening, Carl Youngstrom, from Montana, found his belongings rifled and \$700 worth of negotiable certificates of deposit on a bank in Butte, Mont., and \$45 in cash stolen. The door had been entered by means of a skeleton key.

KINDNESS TO A HERMIT REWARDED FROM GRAVE

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Nathan died about four years afterward, nor did he know that the kindly ghost of the old hermit was waiting above the ground 16 years to do him a good turn. Such property as Comstock left was distributed and forgotten long ago.

Tuesday afternoon, the day before Christmas, a yellow, aged worn letter bearing a new stamp and a San Francisco postmark of December 24, 1912, reached Perkins' home. He opened it to find the following message, dated December 25, 1892, just 20 years ago:

Dear Friend.—From the western end of Frank King spring on the Grubtown road you will measure 25 feet towards the sun when it sets over Bald Mount. There dig into the ground and three feet from the surface you will find reward for your kind service to me. Let it help you in your old age as you helped me.

NATHAN COMSTOCK. Witnessed by Dr. J. O. Tripp, Woodside, San Mateo county, December 25, 1892.

The letter was in Comstock's handwriting, but the odd script was still legible. Perkins immediately recalled the slight service he had done for the dead man years ago and decided to follow instructions. He took a buggy and drove to the exact spot on the lonely mountain road described in the note, and dug up for himself a rusty tin can filled with good gold coin—\$500 in all.

Who mailed the letter Tuesday in San Francisco Perkins does not know. He thinks it must have been the ghost of Nathan Comstock.

Kriss Kringle Visits Park Kiddies There in Legion

When Patron Saint of Children Appears at Stadium Great Rush Ensues

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In furs and red flannel jacket and assisted by James Ralph III, as Santa Claus Jr., welcomed the children as he encircled the field. The children cheered their patron saint and called for their presents. Their demands were partially satisfied for the time being. Santa Claus and his many assistants throwing them nuts, candy, cake and fruit. Then came more auto trucks loaded until the springs gave under the weight, with more toys and sweetmeats.

Mayor Ralph and his family followed in an automobile, and the executive was accompanied by League of the Cross cadets, the New Cathay band, the Nationals in their zouave uniforms and a sprinkling of Chinese children in blue and pink silk blouses, which gave a quaint, oriental color to the Christmas celebration.

THEN WILD SCRAMBLE At last the gates leading into the paddock were opened and there was a wild scramble of children. The broad lawn was one mass of twinkling plump limbs and clean clothes of little girls and the lanky legs of their brothers—all anxious to be first to the distributing tables and to learn if Santa Claus had really received their messages and they were to get their heart's desire.

Each table where the presents were distributed was presided over by a number of women and the children were given presents to suit their ages and needs. The real little "kiddies," with that unshaken faith in "Santy," were supplied with dolls and fuzzy rabbits and other animals, toys of all sorts and games, while the older children were given clothing and other useful articles.

CHILDREN'S CHORUS SINGS It was not long before the presents were all given out, and then the children sang, under the direction of John W. Mackenzie and accompanied by the Columbia Park Boys' band and the New Cathay band, "America" and other patriotic songs. Then the Nationals drilled, and the heavens resounded with the loud crash of sky bombs, which liberated grotesque animal shapes made of tissue paper, which floated gently to the ground. The children ran to capture the tissue paper animals as they came within reach.

In the middle of the paddock was a large Christmas tree, surrounded by six smaller ones. These trees were beautifully decorated, and their decorations afforded the children many more souvenirs. It was not long until the children, sandwiches and saw that all their comforts were looked after as if they were mothering the entire gathering of youngsters. The women packed 10,000 bags of candy, cake and fruit and also another 10,000 bags of toys, books, handkerchiefs, stockings and other articles which made up the more substantial presents.

The automobile section of the parade started from Page and Stanyan streets, under the leadership of Mrs. Frederick Link. It drove through the park by way of the main boulevard and reached the stadium in time to join in the procession which had formed there. Tickets had been distributed through all the charitable institutions and each child was entitled to two presents—one of candy and nuts and the other a more substantial gift. Children who had not received tickets got them at the entrance to the stadium. No children were left out, and open handed hospitality characterized the entire day.

There was not one hitch in the delightful program, and as the afternoon came to a close the children, headed by youthful drummers and trumpeters whose instruments were the gifts of Santa Claus, marched through Golden Gate park home. Santa Claus bade them good by and made them still happier by promising to return next Christmas.

The executive committee consisted of Mrs. C. A. Hawkins, chairman; Mrs. J. J. Gottlob, Miss Hattie Mooser, Miss Lillian Grogan and Miss Bessie Beatty.

Potash "Raid" On Again

Sleuths Follow Gunmen

Surrender by the potash "raiders" without a fight is the predicted outcome of the expedition from Los Angeles directed against the Seares lake claims.

Heralded expedition starts, consisting of one automobile and five men led by Lou Rasor, civil engineer of Los Angeles. Two automobiles with Burns men, deputy sheriffs and Attorney J. K. Hutchinson of the California Trons company, trail raiders to the desert.

A second party headed by Ed Rasor is believed to have left last night from a station near Los Angeles, and plans to meet the automobile load of gunmen in Mojave.

The men for the feast consisted of soup, celery, crab salad, olives, roast turkey, chestnut dressing, cold ham, sherry wine, jelly, sweet potatoes (southern style), mince splich, hard boiled eggs, English plum pudding with hard sauce, mince pie, coffee, fruit, mixed nuts and cigars.

Captain Charles A. Gove, commandant of the naval station, acted as the representative of Uncle Sam and participated at the affair as toastmaster. Yuletide greetings were exchanged in the speeches and a good time was enjoyed by the naval defenders of the nation.

In the evening the sailors gathered around four large Christmas trees in the main assembly room. Here presents were distributed to each by Chaplain Sydney K. Evans, who acted as Santa Claus. Every sailor was costumed in fancy dress. A feature of the affair was the display of a large cake hall, which will be erected at the civic center. The cake is valued at \$1,000.

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UNCLE SAM HOST TO APPRENTICES

Uncle Sam played his usual part as host yesterday at the Christmas dinner given to the naval apprentices at Yerba Buena island. More than 1,000 "bluejackets" gathered in the large

Gunmen Dash Into Desert

Detectives Join Raiders

Burns Agency Is Reported to Have Enlisted Operatives With Toland-Lee Forces

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tant feature, was traveling toward the desert yesterday representatives of the men holding minority stock in the California Trons company and seeking a pro rata share of the profits from the English syndicate laid further plans.

The Foreign Mines Development company merely is mortgagor of the Trons company and not owner of the plant. Foreclosure proceedings could be stopped at any time by putting up \$400,000, the amount of the mortgage, and interest. That an attempt would be made soon to do this was intimated by one of the representatives of the minority stock holders. Such action would eliminate the English syndicate from the fight and nominally would narrow down the fight for control to

the English forces in the Trons company directorate and the minority stock holders, who would have the upper hand through having paid off the mortgage.

No definite decision in this matter has been reached, but it has been stated authoritatively that the project of paying off the mortgage has been under consideration. The plant of the Trons company is worth \$1,000,000, but hitherto the cost of extracting the saline products has made commercial operation costly. With the invention of improved machinery and the discovery of potash deposits there is a strong possibility that some coterie of capitalists may be tempted to lift the mortgage and work the plant.

would have been overlooked in the speeding passage of St. Nicholas.

These newspaper women, it may be explained, avoided publicity, and the mention of their generous part in the day's celebration is without their consent, but the incident of their Christmas spirit is part of the history of San Francisco's celebration of the holiday.

They learned that there are many children who do not share in their Christmas spirit. Their parents strive to feed and clothe them, often with ill success, but without with pride and the avoidance of charity. They are not the children of those people, who however worthy, are conspicuous at the distribution of largesse. Through the school department and with the kindly cooperation of teachers and school principals, the newspaper women learned the names of 400 children who are not on Santa Claus' regular lists. They quietly went among their friends and the people with whom they came often in contact and solicited small contributions, acquiring in the aggregate enough to fill many stockings.

Mayor Ralph was quick to place the city automobiles at the disposal of the

newspaper writers and the newspaper machines were also called into service and yesterday morning the Santa Claus girls sped early to their task and before noon there were 400 children in the city more happy than otherwise they possibly could have been.

MARRIAGE IS POSTPONED

Price Waits Telephone Operator Wants to Visit Her Family

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—The marriage of Mrs. Mary Veronica Murphy, a telephone operator, to Prince di Margherita of Messina, Italy, has been postponed until after the holidays.

The bride to be gave out this statement in answer to reports that her romance with the titled foreigner had been shattered.

"Absurd," Miss Murphy said in denying the reports. "We love each other and are going to be married as we planned."

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