

PRESIDENT ELECT SPENDS MOST OF THE DAY IN BED

Slight Attack of Grip Forces Woodrow Wilson to Rest Greater Part of Christmas

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 25.—President elect Wilson spent most of Christmas day in bed, suffering from a slight attack of grip. He caught cold on Monday, it was learned today, and his automobile ride to and from Trenton yesterday added to his indisposition. He turned his holiday, therefore, into a day of rest, and while other folks were busy celebrating he remained quiet in his room, sleeping a good part of the time. "Mr. Wilson is a much better tonight," said Mrs. Wilson as she came out of the house to visit a neighbor. "He had a little fever last night, but is much improved now. Tonight the governor and his family received friends. In the morning the Wilsons all found their stockings filled, as the custom of Santa Claus is still prevalent with them. Presents from outside the family circle came in wagonloads. The secret service men and correspondents, who had a little frame house built for them across the lane from the Wilsons, found it a comfortable shelter today. The secret service men are on duty day and night, but not until today did they have a place in which to keep warm and yet keep an eye on the house. The newspaper men have working space in it, too. The governor will be in Trenton tomorrow and on Friday starts for Staunton, Va., his birthplace, where on December 28, his birthday, there will be a celebration for him. N. Y. Poor Made Happy NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—At a cost estimated at \$50,000 New York today gave expression to its Christmas spirit by the distribution of presents ranging from \$50,000 for the bank president down to 10 cent dolls for the wee child of the east side tenement. In the city's hundreds of churches Christmas carols were sung and masses and communion services held. In Madison Square was great "tree of light" reared as a result of the efforts of a woman who wanted to have at least one Christmas tree from which nobody would be excluded, stands a tower of green, where last night the carols were sung, symbolical of the animating spirit of the day. Most notable among the public distributions of gifts was the giving of basket dinners by the Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America. Congressman "Big Tim" Sullivan gave his customary Christmas dinner to 5,000 homeless men. Tickets were distributed which will bring each man shoes and socks on February 6. "Big Tim" himself spent Christmas in bed. At Ellis Island 2,000 immigrants enjoyed their first American Christmas. Sunshiny Day in Chicago CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Sunshine and a balmy southwest wind made Chicago's Christmas day the "greenest" in a score of years. There was not a trace of snow in the city or in the neighboring country and similar conditions were reported from most points in the north central states. Paroles as Presents SALEM, Ore., Dec. 25.—Paroles from Governor West were the Christmas presents received by James L. Riley and Frank Nash. Riley was serving from one to fifteen years for killing Louis Long, the former prize fighter of California, near Redmond, Crook county. Long was sleeping with Riley's wife in an automobile, and after a whirlwind race, was overtaken and killed by Riley. It is understood that Riley and his wife have become reconciled and will live together. Nash was serving a term in the penitentiary for larceny. Several other prisoners were given their liberty on probation. Snow in Denver DENVER, Col., Dec. 25.—An 18 year record for Christmas was shattered here today when a white fall fell shortly before 10 o'clock. At that hour a light, flaky fall began, the first on Christmas day for 18 years. The snow added to Denver's holiday merry-making. Joyous Day for Insane SAN BERNARDINO, Dec. 25.—Eighteen hundred patients at the state hospital for the mentally afflicted at Patton, near this city, frolicked with Santa Claus today. For the benefit of those who could not be taken to the large Christmas tree, around which the milder patients gathered, men dressed like Santa Claus passed through the wards distributing presents. Taft Feted at Panama PANAMA, Dec. 25.—President Taft spent the forenoon of his Christmas inspecting the central and Pacific divisions of the Panama canal, the Culebra cut and the fortifications at the Pacific end of the canal. Percival H. Dodge, the American minister to Panama, entertained the president at dinner and tonight Taft attended a ball given by President Ferras. Tree at White House WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the president, was hostess at the White House Christmas celebration today. In the absence of the president and Mrs. Taft, she presided over the family dinner tonight and later distributed gifts from the Christmas tree in the blue room. She was aided by Robert Taft, elder son of the president. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Herron of Cincinnati and their five children and Mrs. Thomas Laughlin, with her two children. Herron is a brother of Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Laughlin a sister. Charles Taft, younger son of the president, is with his father in Panama. The Christmas tree occupied the center of interest at the White House. After the dinner tonight the party gathered in the historic blue room, where the Christmas tree celebration took place. Four Hour Parole at Folsom SACRAMENTO, Dec. 25.—Fifteen more than four hours today 1,125 convicts confined in Folsom prison were permitted to forget that liberty was not theirs and joined in a celebration of Christmas. The exercises were featured by a minstrel show and moving pictures. Warden Johnson placed each convict on his honor, from "lifers" to one year men, and not a felon broke his four hour parole. Order was perfect.

Lady Paget's Gifts Stray Customs Men Get Them

Lady Arthur Paget, who was a famous New York belle, before she was married to her titled English husband.



Young Britisher Smuggles Dainty Presents for Titled Woman's Friends into Country

(Special Dispatch to The Call) NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Heartless customs inspectors have prevented the delivery of Lady Arthur Paget's Christmas gifts to her friends in New York. The United States appraisers' stores hold about \$1,000 worth of presents which were taken out of the trunks and handbags of young Harry C. Roberts, an Englishman, who arrived on board the Lusitania. The thing that struck the inspectors as peculiar and peculiarity means suspicion in the apprehensive minds of customs inspectors—was that Roberts should be carrying embrodered waists in his trunk, petticoats of high price and six pairs of women's gloves submerged in his discarded No. 8 shoes. Of course there were a lot of other things—a boy's sailor suit, a little girl's dress, two sweaters for children, embrodered dress patterns and a few other beautiful but not very costly presents, the kind a woman of good taste gives to her intimate friends. They say Roberts admitted that he was carrying the gifts to this country as a courtesy to Mrs. Paget, who yearly remembers the friends of her youth. She is the daughter of the late Mrs. Farin Stevens, and was a belle of her social day in the metropolis of America. Among those who will be deprived—temporarily at least—of their Christmas gifts from abroad are Mrs. Archer Huntington of 1033 Fifth avenue; Mrs. Gary, wife of Judge Elbert H. Gary; Miss Campbell of No. 2 East Fifteenth street; Arthur and Reggie Paget, the twin sons of General Sir Arthur and Lady Paget, and numerous other prominent New York society women. At the present time the gifts are under lock and key in the government "seizure room" in the public stores. There they will remain as seized goods until the collector of the port officially has decided whether they shall be sold by public auction or whether they will be returned to the sender in exchange for their foreign value, plus the duty they are assessable at in this country.

FOUR ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH MURDER IN UTAH

Night Watchman Is Killed After He Had Ordered Foreigners to Cease Firing Revolvers

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 25.—Aided by a heavy snow that fell in the early hours this morning, four foreigners were arrested by the sheriff's posse today on suspicion of being the murderers of William Nelson, the young night watchman who was killed at midnight about three o'clock this morning after he had ordered four men to cease firing their revolvers. A sheriff's posse left here soon after the murder was committed and picked up the track of the murderers in the newly fallen snow. Following the tracks, which took a detour to the edge of the village and then back again, the posse arrived at the home of a man who was found in bed with a revolver under his pillow. A house to house search then was made about the town and by a comparison of tracks leading to another house with those leading away from the scene of the murder, three other foreigners were arrested. Nelson, who was serving his first night as night marshal, was shot down from behind without the slightest warning. He had just cautioned four men who came from a bakery to cease firing their guns and was talking with them when one of them slipped behind him and fired, the bullet entering the young officer's skull, killing him instantly. Nelson was killed within a few feet of the spot where Night Marshal Colclough met his death at the hands of highwaymen a few months ago. He was the fiancee of Miss Agnes Colclough, a daughter of his predecessor.

Xmas Tree for the Poor Stanford Girls Hosts

Children of Mayfield to Be Entertained at Sorority House

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Dec. 25.—Stanford women who are remaining on the campus over the vacation period are to inaugurate a novel custom tomorrow when they will entertain poor children of Mayfield with a Christmas tree at the Delta Delta Delta sorority house. The affair is entirely in charge of college women. Forty-three children of Mayfield are to be brought to the campus in automobiles loaned by the students. Each is to be given a suitable present. The women have Christmas letters from each child and will try to satisfy each individual wish. Miss Bertha Howell is in charge of the committee on arrangements and she is planning numerous surprises for the little guests. Several of the wives of faculty members are to assist in entertaining the visitors. Prof. William A. Cooper of the German department is to assume a new role and appear as Santa Claus. Those who are to have charge of the entertainment are: Miss Christobel Elliott, Miss Martha Tolock, Miss Francis McLaughlin, Miss Elsie Hempel, Miss Hilda Hempel, Miss Bertha Howell, Miss Frances Livenwood, Miss Helen Beharrel, Miss Clara Hoffman, Miss Edna Jackson, Miss Zo Long, Miss Electra Clithero, Miss Ruth Oppenheimer, Miss May Burtch, Miss Grace Helmick, Miss Myra McFaria, Miss Ada Simonds, Miss Emily McCord, Miss May Brown, Miss Amanda Westhoff, Miss Carol Green, Miss Nora Kropp, Miss Helen Green, Miss Hazel Green, Miss Helen Krepe, Miss Elizabeth Darrie, Miss Alice Sanford, Miss Bida Birch, Miss Beale Ferguson, Miss Agnes Gray, Miss Anna Rhenke, Miss Elveta Rhenke, Miss Emma Laumelster, Miss Mabel Greenwood.

SENTENCE FOR BANKER

VALDEZ, Alaska, Dec. 25.—United States Judge Thomas R. Lyons has overruled the motion for a new trial in the misdemeanor case against Captain Elbridge T. Barnette, in which Barnette was convicted of making a false statement in 1910 concerning the condition of the Washington-Alaska bank at Fairbanks, of which he was president and which failed two years ago. Judge Lyons announced that he would sentence Barnette Saturday.

PRIME MINISTER RESIGNS LIMA, Peru, Dec. 25.—Dr. Elias Malpartida resigned today as prime minister and minister of home affairs, following a vote of censure passed last night by the senate. General Enrique Varela, minister of war and marine, has been appointed prime minister, and Senator Abel Monte succeeds Doctor Malpartida as minister of home affairs. The government has retired all its pending contracts, including the loan of \$2,500,000, and the extraordinary session of congress has been adjourned.

PORTUGAL AGAIN SEETHING WITH INTERNAL ROWS

Conservative Chief Summoned by Old Leaders and Guarded by an Armed Escort

LISBON, Dec. 25.—The political situation arising from the deadlock of the conservatives and democrats is rapidly developing. The conservative element predominates in the cabinet, while nearly half the members of the Portuguese parliament are democrats. Both parties are endeavoring to organize a coup d'etat. The conservative chief, Doctor Almeida, was hastily summoned back from Switzerland and his arrival here was made the occasion of a monster demonstration on the part of the conservatives. The democrats replied with an equally imposing demonstration. The government, alarmed at the possibility of trouble, turned out all available police and troops. As soon as the steamer, aboard which Almeida was a passenger, was docked there was a tremendous uproar of cheers and groans and the democrats made a determined rush with the object of capturing the leader of the rival party. A riot ensued. Doctor Almeida was extricated from his perilous position by cavalry which charged through the mob and he was sent to his home in an automobile under military escort. The troops are constantly under arms, as important happenings are likely at any moment. The president of the republic has asked the premier to pardon the archbishop of Braga and the bishops of Portagalra and Lamego, who were condemned last February to three years' banishment from their dioceses, and to grant amnesty to political prisoners, or at least to relax the severity of the imprisonment, but the premier has replied that the moment is not favorable for the granting of pardons.



Miss Electra Clithero, one of Stanford women who are arranging Christmas tree celebration for poor children.

Imported Models at Half A magnificent showing of imported and domestic model suits, regularly sold from \$78.50 up to \$195. These tomorrow at exactly half. Prussia's 139-143 GEARY ST.

Half Yearly Clearance Sale Today begins our annual half-yearly clearance sale, in which we dispose between now and New Year's of all surplus stock of women's and misses' garments. The fixed policy of this house and the demand of its discriminating clientele require absolutely fresh, new merchandise every season and necessitates the absolute clearance of all stocks. This clearance begins today with sensationally low prices on the finest merchandise shown in San Francisco. Practically all garments are priced at half; in some cases the reductions are even more. It must be borne in mind, also, that nothing but new style, seasonable merchandise is featured in this sale and that the prices quoted are real reductions from prices that were admittedly the lowest, quality considered, in San Francisco.

750 Women's Suits on Sale at Half This assortment embraces velvet, charmeuse, velour de laine, plain and fancy mixtures, zibelines, wide wales, broadcloths, worsteds, cheviots, diagonals and serges. The styles are right, for none but correct models find representation on the Prussia floor. All sizes for women and misses. Prices, beginning today, are as follows: All \$25.00 Suits reduced to \$12.50 All \$29.50 Suits reduced to \$14.75 All \$35.00 Suits reduced to \$17.50 All \$45.00 Suits reduced to \$22.50 All \$75.00 Suits reduced to \$37.50

Women's Suits Worth Up to \$32.50 Priced at \$7.50 78 Women's and Misses' Suits in this collection. These are odds and ends, fine materials, in diagonals, serges, mixtures, stripes and checks; plain and fancy models. Women's Suits Previously Priced Up to \$55 Priced at \$11.50 43 Suits in this lot—mixtures, diagonals, velvets, and whipcords, with a good many blacks in the collection. These priced for quick clearance tomorrow at \$11.50. Junior Coats \$3.95 Not over 25 in this lot. They are left over from last season and are in sizes 13, 15 and 17 years. Fine materials, previously priced many times this figure. Misses' and Junior Coats \$9.75 A special group, in which the odds and ends of the stock have been gathered. We have put a price on them of \$9.75, regardless of their cost or former selling price. Big bargains in this lot. Misses' and Junior Johnny Coats \$13.75 Former Values Up to \$25. Full length Coats and Johnny Coat styles in diagonals, two-tone mixtures, chinchillas and rough, shaggy woolsens. Splendid styles, great values at their regular prices. On sale Thursday at \$13.75. Misses' Coats Worth Up to \$39 on Sale at \$18.75 Magnificent styles in chinchilla, diagonal, rough boucles, black velours; some with caracul collars. Priced today at \$18.75. Children's Coats \$3.95, \$5.95 and \$7.95 These in sizes from 6 to 14 years. Big assortment of various styles and colors, all of them remarkable values. Children's Wool Dresses \$3.95, \$5.95, \$7.75 Wonderful values at all of these prices. Sizes from 6 to 14; extra well-made garments; nice styles and excellent colorings.

Clearance Prices on Afternoon, Street and Evening Dresses Gowns and Dresses previously priced up to \$29.50, priced today at \$15.75. Gowns and Dresses regularly selling up to \$42.50 on sale today at \$24.75. Gowns and Evening Dresses previously priced up to \$78.50 on sale today at \$34.75. These three groups comprise our entire stock of evening dresses, street and afternoon costumes, which are without a peer in San Francisco.

Big Bargains in Women's Coats \$35 Values on Sale Today at \$15.00 250 Coats in this lot—Caracul, Persians, Sealette, Velour, Double-faced, Mixtures, Cheviots, Serges and Chinchillas; this season's styles, previously priced up to \$35. On sale today at \$15.

Heavy Reductions on Misses' Dresses Entire stock reduced to close out quickly at four prices. In these four groups are included our choicest models for street and evening use. Prices are about half their former figures and great values are on sale at \$11.75, \$15.75, \$23.75 and \$29.75.

\$35 and \$40 Coats Priced Today \$21 The season's newest models and finest materials, some fur trimmed, mostly all of them with rich colored silk linings. Regular values up to \$40. On sale today at \$21.

Waist Reductions Briefly, all our chiffon and fancy dress waists are on sale at radical reductions, the cuts in price reducing their cost to you in most cases fully one-half. Two special lots are featured in our windows and are on sale today at \$3.45 and \$5.95. Values are extraordinary and must be seen to be properly appreciated.

Women's and Misses' Silk Dresses \$20 and \$25 Values On Sale Today at \$9.75 The best models of the season. Fine heavy weight charmeuse, plain and brocaded; fancy lace trimmed styles, long sleeves; regular \$20 and \$25 values. On sale today at \$9.75.

FARNSWORTHS PUT TURKEY TO ROUT

Twenty-two Happy Members of Stockton Family Charge on Festive Bird

(Special Dispatch to The Call) STOCKTON, Dec. 25.—An unusual Christmas reunion was held today at the home of J. Farnsworth at 1121 East Channel street. Every member of the immediate family was present, the total reaching 22. Three 29 pound turkeys were demolished. Those present were: J. Farnsworth and wife; J. F. Farnsworth, wife and two children; Laro Farnsworth, wife and three children; William H. Hefren, wife and daughter; Mrs. Arthur Reynolds, accompanied by her husband; J. E. Farnsworth, wife and son; all of Stockton; Ralph Farnsworth, wife and daughter of San Jose, and Clovis A. Farnsworth of San Francisco. The elder Farnsworths celebrated their golden wedding anniversary three years ago.

RARE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IN GIFTS

Prisoner Serving Five Years' Sentence Sends Present to Man Who Arrested Him

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 25.—If Charles D. Brown and Lulu M. Pierce had tried to name the persons least likely to send them Christmas gifts it is doubtful that their imaginations would have proved vivid enough to have hit the truth. Charles D. Brown, who arrested and furnished evidence against George Riley, now serving a five year sentence, received a handsome present made came from the convict. The Pierce woman, in jail here on a charge of bigamy, was the recipient of gifts from both of her "husbands."

JURIES MAY PENALIZE

Changes in Present Criminal Procedure Are to Be Advocated (Special Dispatch to The Call) SACRAMENTO, Dec. 25.—Jurors in criminal cases soon may have the power of fixing the punishment that should be meted out to persons they convict of a crime, if the intentions of the district attorneys of the state are carried out at a meeting of the committee on resolutions and legislation. This change in the law is to be considered with others, as follows: To make bonds a lien on property in criminal cases; to abolish capital punishment; to permit the court to receive evidence about a defendant prior to imposing sentence; to make illegal cohabitation a crime; to strengthen testimony of accomplices; to permit a general verdict on larceny, embezzlement and obtaining money under false pretenses.

WATER CURE ENDS SPREE

"Friends" Rob Soledad Man, Then Dump Him Into Bay A tale of Christmas cheer that was cut short was uncovered yesterday morning by the discovery of Charles Bruton of Soledad struggling to keep his head above the cold waters of the bay off Washington street wharf. With a party of friends Bruton started out for an investigation into the question of Christmas cheer. Egnoggs succeeded Tom and Jerry's, and Bruton acquired a sufficiency, after which he started out of the last saloon and ascertained that he was going to his hotel. His friends followed him because he was the only one with money. One of them picked up a brick and hit him on the head. Then the party searched his pockets and took possession of \$50 in gold and a handbook for \$100, afterward dumping him in the bay. The two went up Market street to spend the money. Bruton was revived by the shock of cold water and cried for help. A couple of policemen rescued him and took him to the harbor emergency hospital. A detail of detectives sent to locate the thirsty captives is hunting yet.

MUCH WANTED MAN ESCAPES

According to advices received by the local police yesterday, George Wilson, wanted for a series of automobile thefts committed in Los Angeles, escaped from the custody of Detective Jones of the southern police from a moving train near Pajaro late Tuesday night. Wilson was arrested in San Francisco and was turned over to Jones last Monday. Wilson has not been recaptured.