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Gifts

By E. S. Martin

THE imperial child to whom the wise men brought
Their gifts, and worshipped in His lowly nest,
Gave no gift back. It was Himself they sought,
And finding Him, were sated in their quest.
Their gifts, not expectation, but their joy expressed.
Now was the world's long yearning satisfied!
Now was the prize long waited for possessed!
Their gifts meant love, unmarred by lust or pride.
Be it so with ours: our aim, not debts to pay,
Nor any recompense save love to win.
Nor any grosser feeling to convey
Than brought the wise men's gifts to Bethlehem's inn.
Those rate we best that no return afford
Save the pure sense of having found our Lord.

—From Harper's Weekly.

The Colonel's Christmas Gift

BY Margaret Seymour Hall

WHEN the original John Pemberton came to Massachusetts to fight Indians and to enable his descendants to become Dames and Daughters and Sons of all manner of things, it was in a way that little betokened such future glory. It is sad to record such things of an ancestor, but as a matter of fact he was fairly smuggled in from Virginia, where a political difference with Governor Berkeley had led to his enforced retirement; and so little was his presence desired in the Puritan colony that only because of his splendid military ability was he allowed to remain. For he, being by all accounts a spirited party, gave the blue laws no more attention than if they did not exist, and in face of indignant public opinion insisted on keeping Christmas after the fashion of their common mother-country.

But with King Philip and the Narragansetts waging war it was impossible to spare one who was both a fearless and a skillful warrior; and besides (so say the ancient annals) his sins brought their own punishment; so terrible a one that the most orthodox stood aghast, for his eldest son—his heir and his pride—married a red-headed witch, the daughter of a Dutch emigrant, who had died just as his vessel touched port. There was no doubt about the witchcraft. She wore gay garments of a strange cut, she sang, in an unknown tongue, songs of an unearthly sweetness that held passers-by spellbound near her tiny cabin; she had wondrous skill in herbs and simples; and, lastly, to clinch the matter, there was the red head. But the younger John, who had traveled, only laughed at the tales when he took her for his wife in defiance of the world, and of his father to boot, who, in spite of his own contumacy, desired no dealings with sorcery, and who cut off his son with a shilling.

But one thing more went with it—namely, the old man's sword; for the son, though uninvited, came to the funeral and took it down from its hook on the wall, declaring that of all the sons he alone, as eldest, had the right to wear it. And later, when he, too, was dead, his daughter, being frivolous, as became her parentage, melted up the gold hilt and ran it into beads, and this deed added flame to the family feud, which did not die out, as do most feuds, but burned on for two long centuries. For in each generation the head of the one branch of the Pembertons made a formal demand for the beads as a lawful and just right, and the representative of the witch Pembertons, as they are called, as the eldest line, scornfully refused; so that the quarrel was constantly renewed, and would have probably have flourished indefinitely but that, through inadvertance, the eldest son of either side was entered the same year at the same college, and both of them being strong and athletic, they were thrown much together and wrestled themselves into a mutual respect which gradually ripened into friendship.

And thus it came about that the one introduced the other to his sister, Damaris Pemberton, who had come up for commencement week. Now, Damaris was a sight to see. By a strange run of fate every girl in that line is born with a red head, but in Damaris, when the sun shone upon it, it was a halo of glory. And her complexion was dazzling, and her blue eyes were great stars, and her dimples came and

"AS HE PUT HIS FINGER ON THE SPRING THE LID FLEW BACK."

went; and, in short, if her ancestress had been like her it is no wonder that a man threw up lands and money for her sake—at least so the living John thought, and so before long he told her, and they agreed that the feud was nonsense, and became engaged, her brother consenting.

And then came the deluge.

John's father, old Pemberton, nearly went off his head with rage when John informed him of the engagement.

"What," fumed the Colonel, "my only son wed the daughter of that wrong-headed lawyer! Let them begin, in common honesty, by restoring their unjust gain and I'll consent to hear more of them; but until this is done, never!"

"Unless she gives up those beads, if you marry her I'll——" The father left the sentence unfinished, but John read his meaning, from his hardening face.

"I shall marry her," John returned, briefly and firmly.

"Very well." And the old warrior's face grew cold.

But though for love of her he had defied his father and announced his firm intention of cleaving to her, he found that he had leaped over one obstruction to their marriage only to hurl himself against a greater. Damaris, who had a fine spirit of her own, would have none of him on such terms.

"If the Colonel comes to me himself and begs me to honor him by accepting his son's hand perhaps I'll think of it. But not before," she said.

Try as he would John could not shake her from this position.

So that is how matters stood with John Pemberton when Christmas-time—the season of peace and good-will—came around. No wonder that he was pale and haggard.

The Christmas dinner could hardly be called a cheerful meal, nor did things brighten later when the young man stood gazing silently out of the window.

In the gathering dusk John thought he saw a slender form run past the casement window. Then just as he had decided it was imagination there came a tap at the front door—a sudden rising and falling of the old brass knocker—so slight a noise that it failed to call the butler.

After waiting a moment John Pemberton himself strolled down the hall and opened the door. No one was there, though the mark of a small foot was clearly visible in the snow on the door-step. As he stooped to look at it he saw beside it a little square package, directed in fine printed letter "To Colonel Pemberton, with a Merry Christmas."

"Eh, what's that?" said the old man, when John returned to the library. "Left on the door-step? Perhaps it's some sort of a practical joke, though who would think of playing it I don't know. Open it, my boy, and let us see what it is."

John Pemberton cut the string and removed the brown-paper wrapping; inside was the daintiest of parcels done up in pale green tissue paper and tied with ribbon. Wondering, he unrolled the paper and found an old case of carved ivory. As he put his finger on the spring the led flew back, and with a loud exclamation the Colonel leaned forward to stare at what was surely one of the strangest presents ever made to a grim and scarred old veteran of war—no less than a string of gold beads!

The father, with the beads held in one limp hand, gazed with down-hung jaw at his son, who in turn gazed with like astonishment at his father.

Then there was silence, for what time John's heart gave some two hundred thumps against his ribs, and the Colonel stared into the open fire, unconsciously toying with the strand of gold that had caused so much trouble. The old warrior knew when he was conquered. He was not one given to half-way measures. He looked up at his son.

"John," said he, "will you order the carriage out?"

John did, asking no questions.

A few minutes later, without another word being spoken, the two were in the carriage whirling through the swiftly falling snow.

Damaris heard them coming, so within the house there were cardiac beatings as excited as there were without. She flushed to the soft color of a sunset cloud when they appeared before her, the father coming forward, and John hovering about the door to await developments. The Colonel spoke before she had time to say a word. "My dear lady," he said, with stately dignity, "I have come to thank you for your generous and gracious

"'MY DEAR LADY,' HE SAID, WITH STATELY DIGNITY."

Christmas gift, which, however, as is appropriate, I hope that you will continue to wear."

He held out to her the old case of carved ivory.

"But they are yours," she said, confusedly; and from beneath her lowered eyelashes a glance fluttered toward John.

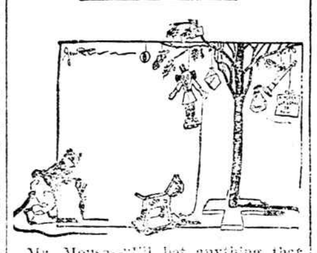
"They are yours," the Colonel insisted; and she took them. "And also I beg that you will honor me by consenting to accept my only son, and that you will come to my old house as its beloved mistress."

—Harper's Bazar.

John moved up to her and possessed himself of her hands. "Father gave you the beads, and you took them," he said, softly. "And he also gave you me. Am I taken, too, dear?"

Damaris raised her eyes, and crept closer; and John drew her into his arms.

And so the old Pemberton feud came to an end on Christmas night.—Woman's Home Companion.



Mr. Mouse—"I'll bet anything that fellow stole a horse, or he wouldn't be hanging on that tree."—Judge.

MACLAY GIVEN THE BOUNCE.

Alleged Historian and Prime Instigator of Naval Scandal Gets It Squarely "In the Neck."

The following order was made public at Washington Saturday afternoon by Secretary of War Root:

"Navy Department, Washington, D. C. December 20.—Rear Admiral A. S. Barker Commandant Navy Yard, New York—Sir: I am directed by the president to ask Edgar S. Maclay, special laborer, general storekeeper's office, navy yard, New York, to send in his resignation. Very respectfully,

"JOHN D. LONG, Secretary."

The only fly in the ointment of the navy department cabal is the action of the president in summarily dismising from the service Maclay, the alleged historian, who held a laborer's place in the Brooklyn navy yard. Maclay is a hero in the eyes of the people who have tried to traduce Schley, and they grieve greatly that he should have got it in the neck.

One rather peculiar phase of developments is that the announcement of Maclay's dismissal did not come from Secretary Long, as it should, since the man was in his department, but was given out by Secretary Root. This is being construed as a rather gratuitous slap at Long, and some see in it a studied effort to make Long uncomfortable, a sort of hint, now that the resignation fever has caught the cabinet, that he might as well get out. The selection of Governor Crane, of Massachusetts, as Secretary Gage's successor would seem to point in the same direction. There is already talk of too much Massachusetts in the cabinet and about the white house. It is believed that Long's resignation will come next. He and Senator Lodge have never been very close friends, and Lodge is the power with the administration.

MASO OUT OF RACE.

His Supporters Claim That a Fair Election Is Impossible.

A dispatch from Havana says: The supporters of General Mason in his candidacy for president of Cuba have recided to take no part in the coming election fixed for December 31 all the candidates of the party having withdrawn and the Maso members of the provincial boards have been requested to resign. These steps were decided upon after the receipt of a letter from Governor General Wood refusing to grant the party representation on the board of scrutiny or an extension of time in which to modify the voting list.

At a meeting of the party leaders a resolution was adopted, declaring that "the central board is a coalition of partisans and that General Maso, after exhausting every means to insure impartiality, rectitude and justice at the coming elections, has become convinced that neither in official circles in the United States, nor in Cuba, does the intention exist to see that the elections are carried out with sufficient legality to reflect the real wish of the Cubans, who are desirous of independence and anious to freely elect their first constitutional government."

It was voted to inform Secretary Root of the decision arrived at and also to publish a manifesto to the country.

FATAL FAMILY FEUD.

Near Sanderson, Florida, Hogans and Dormans Use Their Guns.

A terrific battle occurred Saturday night at Lee's tie camp, five miles from Sanderson, Fla., between the Hogan and Dorman families.

A feud has existed between the two families for a long time. The dead are Joshua Hogan and Willie Dorman.

The wounded are Andrew Nain and Thad Dorman who is said to be fatally wounded. Lewis Hogan is mysteriously missing.

Bad Fire In Huntsville, Alabama.

A disastrous fire visited the business portion of Huntsville, Ala., Sunday. Two firemen were buried under a falling wall, one being killed. The damage to property is estimated at $40,000.

CARNEGIE NOT "PHAZED."

Philanthropist Declares Bond Gift Will Be a Go.

Andrew Carnegie was in Washington Wednesday and, with Secretary Root, lunched with the president at the white house. It is understood that the proposed gift of $10,000,000 by Mr. Carnegie to the government was discussed.

Mr. Carnegie left the city late in the afternoon. He was quoted as saying that there would be no doubt about the gift—that the matter would come out all right.

TERRIFIC BOILER EXPLOSION.

Kills Four Workmen and Injures a Dozen More.

Three dead, one missing and twelve injured is the result of a terrific boiler explosion at the Black Diamond Steel Works of Park Brothers at Pittsburg, Pa., Friday.

The superintendent of the plant states that the boilers were examined a few days ago and pronounced in excellent condition, consequently no known cause can be given for the explosion.

TRAIN'S FRIGHTFUL PLUNGE.

Tumbles 130 Feet From Trestle and Three Men Are Killed.

A Nashville, Tenn., special says: A fast freight on the Henderson division of the Louisville and Nashville railway, while descending the heavy grade between Ridge Top and Bakers, jumped the track on a trestle and was precipitated 130 feet into the valley, killing three men and injuring one.

LONG WITH MAJORITY

Naval Secretary Acts Arbitrarily In Disposing of Schley Case.

REQUESTS TO REOPEN REFUSED

Dewey's Report Is Entirely Ignored And Only Majorty Findings. Are Considered by Navy Department.

A Washington special says: Secretary Long has disposed finally of the Schley case, so far as the navy department is concerned, by acting upon the findings and conclusions of the court of inquiry.

He approves the findings of fact and the opinion of the full court; he approves the majority opinion where there is a difference in the court; he holds that the court could not have entered into a consideration of the question of command at the battle of Santiago, and finally he accepts the recommendation that no further proceedings shall be had.

The secretary also has declined the application of Admiral Sampson's counsel to enter upon an inquiry into the question of command and has notified Admiral Schley's counsel of that fact as a reason for declining to hear them on that point.

Secretary Long's approval of the majority report was as follows:

"The department has read the testimony in this case, the arguments of counsel at trial; the court's findings of fact, opinion and recommendation; the individual memorandum of the presiding member; the statement of exceptions to the said findings and opinion by the applicant; the reply to said statement by the judge advocate of the court and his assistant, and the brief this day submittel by counsel for Rear Admiral Sampson traversing the presiding member's view as to who was in command at the battle of Santiago.

And, after careful consideration, the findings of fact and the opinion of the full court are approved.

"As to the points on which the presiding member differs from the opinion of the majority of the court, the opinion of the majority is approved.

"As to the further expression of his views by the same member with regard to the questions of command on the morning of July 3, 1898, and of the title to credit for the ensuing victory, the conduct of the court in making no finding and rendering no opinion on those questions is approved—indeed it could with propriety take no other course, evidenceon these questions, during the inquiry, having been excluded by the court.

"The department approves the recommendation of the court that no further proceedings be had in the premises.

"The department records its appreciation of the arduous labors of the whole court. JOHN D. LONG,

"Secretary of the Navy."

Order Dissolving Court.

Secretary Long Saturday afternoon issued the formal order dissolving the Schley court of inquiry. The order was communicated at once to Admiral Dewey, president of the court, who acknowledged its receipt and said that in conformity with the order of the secretary he had announced the dissolution of the court.

Following is the text of the letter sent by Secretary Long to Admiral Dewey:

"The court of inquiry of which you are the president convened by department's order July 26, 1901. for the purpose of inquiring into the conduct of Rear Admiral (the commodore) W. S. Schley, U. S. N., retired, during the recent war with Spain, and the events connected therewith, is this day dissolved. You will inform the other members of the court and the judge advocate accordingly. Very respectfully,

"JOHN D. LONG,

"Secretary."

"To the Admiral of the Navy."

OPTIMISTIC IS TAFT.

Governor of Philippines Makes Farewell Speech on Leaving Manila.

A Manila special says: Over 4,000 members of the federal party called on Governor Taft Friday to bid him farewell and to wish him a safe return. The governor, reclining on a lounge, addressed 150 of the most prominent of his visitors, saying that he was touched and honored by their presence. The organization, he added, had done much toward bringing about peace and it argued more for the success of American labors than anything else during the recent critical times.

PRESIDENT FAVORS PROJECT.

Sends Letter to Congress Regarding "Appalachian Reserve."

President Roosevelt Thursday sent to congress a letter strongly commending the plan for a national forest reserve in the south Appalachian region. The letter accompanied the report of the secretary of agriculture on this subject. The president states that the facts ascertained set forth an economic need of prime importance to the south, and hence to the nation as a whole.

POLK RELICS ARE SOLD.

Chicago Historical Society Secures Letters and Papers For $3,500.

The diaries, letters and manuscripts of James K. Polk, comprising all his known writings, have been purchased by the Chicago Historical Society. The price paid Mrs. J. H. Fall, of Nashville, Tenn., step-daughter of President Polk, was $3 500. When put into book form the manuscripts will fill twenty-six large volumes.

MUST PAY TO CONSOLIDATE.

Atlanta Street Railways and Committee of Council Reach Agreement After a Long Wrangle.

An Atlanta dispatch says: After a wrangle lasting many days the conference committee of council and H. M. Atkinson have agreed upon terms for consolidation of the properties of the Atlanta Railway and Power Company, the Atlanta Rapid Transit Company and the Georgia Electric Light Company. This agreement will presented to council for consideration.

The terms of the agreement are as follows:

In consideration of this agreement to consolidate the properties of the Atlanta Rapid Transit Company and the Atlanta Railway and Power Company, Mr. Atkinson agrees to pay into the city treasury $50,000 for the privilege of making physical connections and for the right to operate power company cars over the Whitehall street viaduct.

Also that the folowing payments on gross receipts of combined properties shall be made:

One per cent of gross receipts for the first three years.

Two per cent for next three years.

Three per cent the next two years.

Four per cent for the next two years.

Five per cent every year thereafter until the expiration of the franchises.

It is expressly stipulated that in the event the assessment of all the property consolidated exceeds $2,200,000 during the first ten years of the agreement, the company is to receive a rebate of 1 1-4 per cent of this increase on the percentage of the gross receipts to be paid to the city. During the second ten years this assessment is restricted to $3,000,000, and during the third ten years it is restricted to $3,500,000.

The assessment of the combined property is now $2,200,000. The city rate of taxation is 1 1-4 per cent.

The lives of none of the franchises of the street railway companies, electric light companies and steam heating company are to be affected by this agreement. The consolidation includes the Atlanta Railway and Power company, its electric lighting plant and its steam heating plant, and the Georgia Electric Light Company.

The first payment of gross receipts is to be made February 1, 1903, and will cover the year 1902. The agreement provides that the city council shall appoint a board of examiners to ascertain from the books of the consolidated properties the correct amounts of the annual receipts prior to the 1st of February of each year.

It is agreed that a system of interchangeable transfers shall be established between the two street railway companies.

FEAR TROUBLE IN MANILA.

Authorities Are Placing Artillery In Unprotected Sections of the City.

The steamer Keosa Maru, which arrived at Victoria, B. C., Wednesday, from the Orient, brings these advices:

The authorities in Manila evidently fear a rising, for Manila papers report that artillery is being placed in places about the city heretofore practically unprotected

MAJOR STRANGE DEAD.

Well Known Jounalist and Old Soldier Succumbs to Heart Disease.

While talking to a little girl in the store of W. S. Beckman, corner of Whitehall and Murphy avenue, in Atlanta, Wednesday afternoon, Major French Strange, a journalist, and for many years a citizen of Atlanta, dropped dead from heart disease. He was a brave confederate soldier, having ranked as major under General Lee.

MRS. HOOKS IN COURT.

Enters Plea of Not Guilty to Charge of Poisoning Her Husband.

Another step was taken in the sensational Hooks case at Memphis, Tenn., Wednesday afternoon when the widow of the late Cerro Gordo Hooks appeared in the criminal court room and entered a plea of not guilty to the indictment charging her with the killing of her husband by the use of poison.

FANIE BRYANT PARDONED.

Two FearfulTragedies In Birmingham, Alabama, Are Recalled.

On recommendation of the pardoning board the governor of Alabama has pardoned Fannie Bryant, the mulatto woman serving a life sentence as the accomplice of Dick Hawes, the engineer who was hung at Birmingham in 1889 for the murder of his wife and two little daughters.

In resisting the mob which undertook to storm the jail and lynch Hawes nine men were killed by the sheriff and his deputies.

Fannie Bryant was washer woman to the Hawes family.

ALMOST READY FOR GUESTS.

Federal Prison at Atlanta Will Open Doors January 15th.

The federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., will be ready to receive prisoners by January 15th. The machinery is now in operation. The lights have been turned on and the iron cells will be completed in about ten days.

The full staff will be ready for work by January 15th. All the officers have been recommended and the list of appointments will be completed in a few days.

RAYNOR HIGHLY INDIGNANT.

Characterizes Ruling of Secretary Long as "Arbitrary and Tyrannical."

A Baltimore dispatch says: Isidor Raynor, attorney general of Maryland, and counsel for Admiral Schley, when shown the decision of Secretary Long Saturday, declared that "the whole proceeding is arbitrary and tyrannical" and manifested great surprise and indignation.

BILL OF INDICTMENT

Presented Against Majority Opinion of Schley Inquiry Court.

RAMSAY AND BENHAM ROASTED

Verdict Is Denounced By Schley's Attorneys as an Outrage on Justice—Secretary Long is Served With the Paper.

Admiral Schley, through his counsel, Wednesday filed with the secretary of the navy the bill of exceptions to the majority findings of the court of inquiry and also a letter asking to be allowed to be heard in connection with the objections to be filed by attorneys for Admiral Sampson to the individual opinion of Admiral Dewey. This action was taken after Mr. Raynor, Mr. Teague and Captain Parker, of counsel, had held a consultation throughout the day with their client. Secretary Long, almost immediately after the receipt of the communications, called Judge Advocate Lemly and the solicitor for the department, Mr. Hanna, into conference. At its conclusion the secretary said that he had no statement to make regarding any action that he might take in the premises. He, however, indicated to Mr. Teague, through the judge advocate, that he would not hear an oral argument by Raynor regarding Admiral Sampson's protest, but that would he would receive a written statement.

It was expected that counsel for Admiral Sampson would file their objections to the findings of Admiral Dewey in the case, but they failed to do so.

Contrary to Evidence.

The bill of exceptions "objects to the approval of the findings of the court upon the ground that the opinion rendered and the report of facts made by the majority of the court are in conflict with the overwhelming weight of evidence and that the majority of the court in their said opinion have ignored the testimony of the applicant and of the whole of the applicant's witnesses, and all that portion of the evidence given by witnesses for the government which was favorable to the applicant, and have thus deprived him of rights guaranteed him by the laws of the land and the constitution of the United States."

COLD REACHES FLORIDA.

Northern Part of State Has Lowest Temperature In Twenty eYars.

According to a Tallahasee dispatch, throughout northern Florida Wednesday was the coldest December day in over twenty years.

The thermometer ranged from 20 to 25 degrees above zero through the long 400-mile strip between Jacksonville and Pensacola. The state agricultural department is advised that no serious damage will result to orange and other fruit groves in the Florida peninsular, as the sap had been driven from the trees by the continued cool weather of the past month.

Vegetables in north Florida are considerably damaged, however.

CASTRO IS DEFIANT.

His Official Organ Throws Dare Into Kaiser Bill's Face.

La Republica, the Venezuelan official organ at Caracas, published an editorial Wednesday in part as follows:

"If the German government is informed that the presence of a few warships will suffice to effect an arrangement of her outstanding claims, it has been deceived. Venezuela is conscious that she is an independent nation, the equal of the other powers, and she is determined to defend that independence and equality. She is desirous of peace; but if necessary she can cause hurt to her enemies and exercise terrible reprisals."

Third Victim of Marx Dying.

A Richmond dispatch says: James Q. Stiff, the third man who was shot by Herbert Marx in the Westmoreland tragedy, is at his home and sinking rapidly.

ARGENTINA RECALLS MINISTER.

Strained Relations With Chile Reaches a Greater Tension.

Advices of Sunday from Valparaiso state that the Argentina government has recalled its representative at Santiago de Chile, leaving the legation in charge of the secretary. Diplomatic relations between the two countries have not yet been broken off.

Long Will Not Resign.

Secretary Long's attention having been called again to reports that he contemplated resigning from the cabinet, he again said there was not a word of truth in the report.

A POST MORTEM PROMOTION.

Though Dead, Li Hung Chang Is Given a New Title.

An imperial edict has arrived in Pekin appointing Yuan Shi Kai, governor of the province of Chi Li, and appointing Wang Wen Shao, who is vice president of the foreign office and a member of the cabinet, to succeed Li Hung Chang as plenitopentiary. Another edict creates Li Hung Chang a marquis and bestows on him the new name of Li Wen Chung, by which he will be known in history.

BOERS ARE TIRING?

Report Is Current that DeLarey Contemplates Surrendering.

The Associated Press at London learns that the war office has come into possession of a cipher telegram purporting to have been sent by the Boer commandant, DeLarey, stating that he could not hold out longer than January. The war office is taking a more hopeful view of the war than it has taken at any previous time.

CREAM OF NEWS

Summary of the Most Important Daily Happenings Tersely Told.

—Governor Crane of Massachusetts, has been offered treasury portfolio to succeed Treasurer Gage.

—"Historian" Maclay has been fired by orders of President Roosevelt.

—The twelfth census bulletin just issued, indicates that Georgia has a total of $89,789,656 investeo in industries, with a gross value of products of $106,654,527.

—General Maso, candidate for Cuban president, and his supporters, have withdrawn and will take no part in elections on the 31st inst. They claim a fair election cannot be held.

—It is stated upon good authority in Berlin that the German government is preparing for military action against Venezuela in order to compel a settlement of German claims against that country.

A disatrous fire visited the business portion of Huntsville, Ala., Sunday. Two firemen were buried under a falling wall, one being killed. The damage to property is estimated at $40,000.

—Indorsement of the majority verdict in the Schley court of inquiry, the dismissal of Historian Maclay, the refusal to reopen the case at the behest of either Schley or Sampson, indicates that the administration is weary of the entire controversy and desires that it be ended at once.

—The negotiations looking to the consolidation of the Atlanta, Ga., Rapid Transit Company, the Georgia Electric Light Company and the street railway, electric light and steam heating systems of the Atlanta Railway and Power company were declared off.

—The Atlanta, Ga., depot commission will meet early in January to organize and communicate with the several railroads entering the city.

—Arthur Price, sentenced to death for the murder of Mrs. Rowland, in South Macon, says the confession he made to his captors was true, and that he denied making it while on the stand in order to lighten his sentence.

—A deal has been arranged with a large party of Germans to colonize in south Georgia.

—Friday two negroes, Will Redding and Will Winston, were executed at Birmingham, Ala. They both killed women. Cicero Harris, another negro, was hanged at Bristol, Va., for the murder of Samuel Ware.

—George W. Morgan, charged with the embezzlement of $25,000 in cash and checks to same amount, has been bound over, at Birmingham, Ala., for trial.

—Charles Keller, of Chattanooga, claims he has an invention by which vessels can communicate with each other by wireless telephone. His invention will also tell the distance between vessels.

—Secretary Lyman Gage has announced to President Roosevelt that he intends to relinquish the treasury portfolio as soon as the president selects his successor.

—The attorneys for Rear Admiral Sampson have filed a protest with Secretary Long against the opinion of Admiral Dewey that Schley was in command at Santiago. Judge Advocate Lemly and attorney Hanna have also made a report urging that the verdict against Schley be allowed to stand.

—By the simultaneous explosion of four boilers in steel works at Pittsburg, Pa., three men were killed outright and twelve were injured.

—In the presense of a distinguished gathering ground was broken at St. Louis Friday on the site of the world's fair. Congressman Tawney, of Minnesota, made the chief address.

—Negroes attempted to drive the whites out of the stores at Davy, W. Va., but were routed by 18-year-old Wayne Demon, who killed three of them.

—In the Italian senate Baron Fava raised the question of the lynching of Italians at Erwin, Miss. Foreign Minister Pinetti stated that the United States had been unable to punish the lynchers, but offered indemnity.

—Governor Taft has left the Philippines for the United States. Before leaving Manila he made an optimistic address regarding the situation in the island.

—Ann O'Delia Diss de Bar and her husband have been convicted in London of infamous conduct. The woman was sentenced to seven and her husband to fifteen years in prison.

—An unexpected hitch in the agreement between the Atlanta, Ga., council committee and H. M. Atkinson delays the consolidation of the public utility properties of the city.

—Governor Candler disapproved a number of measures passed by the Georgia general assembly.

—It is reliably reported that Deputy Collector W. E. Crockett, of Gainesville, Ga., will be appointed to succeed H. A. Rucker as collector of internal revenue for Georgia.

—Arthur Price, the negro murderer of Mrs. R. J. Rowland in Macon, was convicted in the Bibb superior court Thursday and sentenced by Judge Hart to hang on January 10th.

—President Roosevelt has el[illegible] R. A. Crossland, a negro repu[illegible] Missouri, for minister to Li[illegible]

—Marconi, speaking at a [illegible] St. Johns, N. F., stated tha[illegible] wireless system is perfecte[illegible] can be sent across the oce[illegible] cent a word.

—Reporting on conditions in [illegible] Philippines, General Chaffee makes [illegible] statement that the natives profess [illegible] alty to the United States in order [illegible] they may the more easily mu[illegible] American troops.

—The British war office claims to have secured a letter written by General DeLarey, the Boer leader, in which the latter states that he cannot hold out longer than January 1.