

WATER CARNIVAL TONIGHT

Swimmers Meet in Boston to Indulge in Aquatic Revel.
 Boston, Dec. 24.—Web-footed Yankees from all parts of the country are gathering here to witness or take part in the plunge into the big tank at the Sportsmen's show that will mark the beginning of eleven nights of water sports. Many of America's best swimmers will take part in the races, games and contests of various sorts that will mark the tournament.
 The management has arranged the following events: Scratch races, 25, 50, 100, 440, 880 yards and one mile; handicap events, plunge for distance, 50, 100, 300 and 440 yards swim. In addition there will also be a hurry scurry race, costume race, 50 yard novice race, open relay race, fancy diving, high diving, water baseball, water polo, duck race, novelty races, submarine swim for distance, hurdle race, canoe tilting, relay race open to high schools of Boston and college and club races.

Night Rider Defense to Be Alibi.
 Union City, Tenn., Dec. 24.—The defense in the night rider trial will confine itself to an attempt to establish an alibi for each of the eight defendants on the night Captain Ranken was murdered. It is said members of their families will swear that the men were at home and in bed on the night in question.

Canal Dover Is Prosperous.
 Canal Dover, O., Dec. 24.—There are so few poor people in Canal Dover that the Salvation Army has given up the idea of providing a Christmas dinner for them.

DIPLOMATIC BREACH IS QUICKLY HEALED

United States Sends Commissioner to Venezuela.

Washington, Dec. 24.—After an interval of eight months, the United States government has resumed friendly relations with Venezuela, and William I. Buchanan has left this country on the cruiser North Carolina in the capacity of a special commissioner to visit that country, look into the situation and make a report. Much will depend on the nature of the communications which he will make to the state department, among them the question whether the United States will accord formal recognition to the government as it now exists, a decision dependent upon its ability to maintain a stable constitution and to fulfill its treaty obligations. It has not yet been fully established that the Gomez government will retain its power without trouble, for there are many adherents of President Castro throughout the country. Indeed, the possibility that disorder may arise is indicated in the expression of a desire for an American warship at La Guaira, to which wish this government has promptly responded.

OIL TRUST OUSTED

Missouri Supreme Court Also Fines Standard Subsidiaries.
 Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 24.—Declaring that the Standard Oil company of Indiana, the Republic Oil company of Ohio and the Waters-Pierce Oil company of Missouri had conspired and combined to monopolize the oil business in this state, the supreme court of Missouri issued a decree ousting all three from the commonwealth and fining them \$50,000 each.

"Bathroom" John Acquitted.
 Chicago, Dec. 24.—Alderman "Bathroom" John Coughlin, accused of assault and battery on Lyman Atwell, a newspaper photographer, was found not guilty. The verdict was reached by a jury in Judge Newcomer's court. Coughlin was alleged to have committed the assault on the night of the First Ward Democratic ball, more than a week ago.

Arrest Boy For Murder.
 Worcester, Mass., Dec. 24.—Francis E. Jones, 16, whose body was found on the ice on Lake Quinsigamond, was shot by Ralph William Krantz, a lad of 14, according to a statement made to the police by Krantz. Krantz was taken into custody on a charge of murder.

Castro's Plans Indefinite.
 Berlin, Dec. 24.—President Castro has made no plans for the future, according to the statement of a member of his suite. It was reported, however, that he intends to reside for a time at least in Egypt, as the climate is suitable for him.

THE MEAT OF IT.

One thousand families were rendered homeless by a fire which destroyed a whole block of Brooklyn (N. Y.) apartment houses.
 The Ohio supreme court has upheld the law permitting railroads to charge 10 cents excess on cash fares.
 The Elks' clubhouse at McAlester, Okla., was destroyed by fire. E. E. Wells being injured by jumping from a third-story window.
 It is rumored in Vienna that Charles S. Francis, American ambassador to Austria, will be recalled in February.
 Latest news from Panama places the death list in the explosion of Dec. 12 at 21.

CASTRO ISSUES A STATEMENT

Amounts Virtually to Abandonment of Office of President.

CHANGE NOTED IN HIS ATTITUDE

Will Place No Obstacles In Way of Present Venezuelan Administration in Settling Disputes, Even If This Should Involve His Own Withdrawal From Public Life.

Berlin, Dec. 25.—Cypriano Castro gave out a statement, which amounts virtually to abandonment of his present claims to the presidency of the Venezuelan republic. The statement is as follows:

"After taking cognizance of everything printed in the newspapers from Venezuela, I doubt the attitude therein attributed to the present government at Caracas. But I will have more to say on this subject when I am in better health, and when I have full knowledge of what has occurred. In any event, I shall place no difficulties in the way of the present administration of Venezuela in settling the pending controversies with foreign governments even if this should involve my own withdrawal from activity in affairs of the nation."

General Castro will remain for two weeks longer in the private sanitarium of Dr. Israel. He will give out no information concerning his future plans.

Trade Resumed.

Bogota, Colombia, Dec. 25.—The new Venezuelan government has announced that it will permit the resumption of trade over the frontier points. Relations between Venezuela and Colombia have been strained for several years past, and President Castro at one time issued a decree prohibiting the entrance of merchandise from Colombia into Venezuela except over certain transportation routes in which he was financially interested.

SEVERAL PERSONS CAUGHT

Fire Wrecks a New York Tenement. Tenants Saved by Heroic Work.

New York, Dec. 25.—One man was killed and three other men and a woman were seriously burned, while the lives of many others were saved only by prompt and heroic work by firemen and the tenants themselves, in a fire that wrecked the five story apartment house at 122 West 127th street. The man who lost his life was Daniel Frizzell, 18 years old, who lived on the top floor. The injured are: Mrs. Alice Looker, 50; Charles Looker, her son, 25; Harrison Looker, another son, 23; David Mullen, a fireman. Mullen received his burns in saving the life of Mrs. Looker. He rushed up the ladder to a window from which Mrs. Looker was about to jump to the ground, five stories below. Although the flames were pressing close behind her, she waited and was reaching out to meet Mullen's arms when she fainted, and fell back into the blazing room. Mullen plunged headlong after her through the window and effected her rescue.

To Go After Deserters.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Deserters from the army will have more difficulty in evading capture in the future, the war department having issued urgent orders, requiring commanding officers of all military posts and stations and of troops in the field, except in Alaska and the insular possessions, to at once notify the adjutant general of the army by telegraph in each case of a desertion. Heretofore, such notification has been given by mail at least 10 days after the desertion occurred.

Ventriloquist Murdered.

Xenia, O., Dec. 25.—The charred body of Albert Larkins, 72, of Newark, a ventriloquist, was found in the partly-destroyed Maple Corner schoolhouse, near Xenia. The coroner is making an investigation and believes Larkins was slain. The victim gave an entertainment the night before in the schoolhouse. The murderers waited until the crowd dispersed and then attacked and robbed their victim. In an effort to conceal the crime, it is believed, they fired the building.

Can Stand Long Siege.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 25.—A. L. Faulkner, president of the National Window Glass Workers, said that the new wage scale of his organization had been signed by a total of 10 manufacturing concerns, representing 330 pots and employing 850 men. Mr. Faulkner stated that his union was in a position to stand a long siege, if necessary, and that the members would remain out indefinitely in order to enforce the new scale.

Greek Gets Life.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 25.—Peter Claudianos, the Greek charged with dynamiting the home in this city of Former Supervisor James L. Gallagher, the star witness for the prosecution in the San Francisco bribery case, was found guilty by a jury and sentenced to life imprisonment. The jury was out only eight minutes and a verdict was reached upon the first ballot.



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Lost Her Tow.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 25.—The tug Margaret reports the loss of her tow, the barge Rockland line number 6, with a crew of five men. Caught in the storm, the towline parted and the tug was unable to pick up the craft. The barge is of 1,300 tons register, steel hull, and had aboard 600 tons of lime. The tug was six miles off Cape Charles when she went adrift. Nothing has been heard of the vessel. The Margaret put to sea after coaling, in the hope of finding the barge.

Theater Scorched.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 25.—Following the close of an act at the Keith theatre where a moving picture show was being presented, fire broke out on the stage. There was a mad rush for the exits by the panic stricken spectators and many received painful bruises. The flames spread rapidly, consuming the stage and much of the interior. The origin of the blaze is not known. The property loss is small.

State Wins Double Victory.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 25.—The state won a double victory in the supreme court that court, by Justice C. L. Brown, filed opinions in its favor in both the Chicago Great Western and Great Northern railways tax cases. The court upholds the validity of the law increasing the railroad gross earnings tax from three to four percent, which the roads attacked as unconstitutional.

Brokers Suspended.

New York, Dec. 25.—W. H. Martin and Thomas W. Moorehead, members of the firm of Marshall, Spader & company, stockbrokers, were suspended from the New York Exchange for three years. The suspension was understood to be the result of an investigation of the dealings of Marshall, Spader & company, with the failed firm of Coster, Knapp & company.

Carries Off Tray of Diamonds.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 25.—A tray of diamonds valued at \$10,000 was snatched from a counter by a thief in Jacquemin's jewelry store here and carried away. The robber and a companion escaped in a buggy toward the outskirts of the city.

Farmer Blown to Pieces.

Canton, O., Dec. 24.—William McCloud, 68, farmer, was blown to pieces while blasting stumps on his farm with dynamite. McCloud was afflicted with heart trouble, and it is believed that after having loaded a stump and lighted the fuse he was stricken and fell across the stump. His body has only partially been recovered.

HAZEL FOUND GUILTY

Jury Fixes Crime at Murder in the Second Degree.

Toledo, O., Dec. 24.—After deliberating 12 hours, the jury in the case of Harvey Hazel, the 17-year-old boy charged with murder in the first degree for the killing of his mother, returned a verdict of murder in the second degree. The finding of the jury means that the boy must go to the penitentiary for the remainder of his natural life. The boy's defense was that he was a victim of adolescent insanity.

Dutch Parliament Hears News.

The Hague, Dec. 24.—The revocation of the trans-shipment decree of May 14 by the Venezuelan government was announced in the lower house of parliament by Foreign Minister Van Swinderen. It was this decree that made most of the trouble between Venezuela and the Netherlands. Under its terms the trans-shipment of goods at Willemstad destined for Venezuela was prohibited, and its operations worked much injury to the commerce of the Dutch island. The foreign minister said also that the Dutch naval operations along the Venezuelan coast had been suspended at the request of Acting President Gomez.

Burglar Kills Student.

New York, Dec. 24.—Van Dwight Sheldon of Lockport, N. Y., 19, a student in the School of Engineering at New York university, lost his life in a battle with a burglar in the cellar of the home of Dean Snow of the School of Engineering. The burglar escaped after a long chase.

The Chinaman's Long Suit.

The Chinaman should never consent to blossom out as a fighting man. His long suit is peace, the truck garden and the non-combative hoe.—Los Angeles Times.

NEEDS OF THE ARMY

Major General Bell Submits His Annual Report.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The most urgent need of the army of the United States is an adequate remedy for the evils resulting from detached service of officers, says Major General J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff, in the annual report. He also says that the time has arrived when the United States can no longer afford to maintain an "inadequate army for peace needs, nor an army with an antiquated organization." According to General Bell, the number of officers on detached service is 691. The result is characterized as very disastrous and among other things is given as the first cause for the large number of desertions among enlisted men. General Bell says it is a discouraging fact that in case of a sudden outbreak of hostilities with a first class nation, there are not sufficient regular troops in the country, even when reinforced by the National guard of the various states to form an army.

Taft First to Pass Through Pass.

New Orleans, Dec. 25.—To have the vessel which will bear President-elect William H. Taft to this city from his Panama trip, the first to use Southwest pass, at the mouth of the Mississippi river, is the plan which has been launched by the New Orleans board of trade. The war department will be asked if the channel can not be officially opened on the date on which the president-elect is to pass from the gulf to the river. The work of bringing the Southwest pass to a uniform depth of 35 feet has been practically completed.

Dun On Trade.

New York, Dec. 25.—Dun's Review says today: "There is the usual quiet in most staple lines of trade, while holiday trade is decidedly better than a year ago. Wholesale trade at Baltimore is reasonable inactive, stock taking being in progress, and holiday sales are below those of previous years, while the weather has been unfavorable for general business. Sales of Christmas goods at Louisville were large, but jobbing trade is seasonably dull. Unprecedented sales of holiday goods are reported at Chicago, and general conditions are encouraging, the outlook improving steadily. Business conditions at Cleveland are steadily improving, although unseasonable weather has affected some lines. Retailers have had a good holiday trade at Cincinnati, and there is a large distribution of drygoods."

Round Up of Alleged Whitecappers.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 25.—On an indictment from the court of Humphreys county, six men were brought to this city and placed in jail, charged with whitecapping. The order for the men to be placed in jail is signed by the clerk of the Humphreys county circuit court. Besides these six, 14 more men were arrested in Humphreys county, charged with whitecapping and kukluxing. These are held in the jail at Waverly. Very little is known of the alleged crimes of the men and their arrest is surrounded in mystery.

Charges Brother With Murder.

Maysville, Ky., Dec. 25.—John Wall was found dead near here with his skull fractured. The coroner's jury returned a verdict charging his brother James Wall, with murder, and he was placed in Maysville jail. The brothers are not known to have had trouble.

NEWSBITS

Toledo, O.—The jury in the case of Harvey Hazel, the 17-year-old boy charged with killing of his mother, returned a verdict of murder in the second degree.
 Winnipeg, Man.—The steamer Stork was wrecked on Lisbon shoals, in Hudson bay. Crew was rescued. The cargo consisted of \$1,500,000 worth of furs.
 Milwaukee.—Former Alderman Charles Jungman pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with bribery in connection with a special ordinance. He was fined \$600.
 Chicago.—While helping his mother dress a Christmas tree, Pearle Locke, 3, picked up an old revolver and said to the mother, "Shoot me, ma." The mother, unaware that the revolver was loaded, pulled the trigger and shot the child through the heart, killing it instantly.
 Eternal Truth.
 Trifles make perfection, but perfect is no wife.—Michael Angelo.

NINETY DAY CAMPAIGN TO START IN FLORIDA

Spring of Year to See Fight Against Tuberculosis in Many Southern States.

Preparations are being made in Florida for a "Ninety-day Campaign," to commence immediately after Christmas, which is expected to reach every man, woman and child in the State with the message that consumption can be cured and that it should be prevented. Immediately after the campaign in Florida, a systemized attack will be commenced on the disease in Georgia.

In Tennessee, the warfare against tuberculosis has become in many counties, a political issue, and plans for drastic legislation affecting this disease, are being prepared. The three departments of Health, Agriculture and Education have united for the fight on the white plague. "Health Days and weeks are being observed throughout the South for the purpose of instructing the school children about tuberculosis. The National Association, under whose direction the entire campaign is being carried out, predicts that thousands of lives and millions of dollars will be saved by the efforts now being made.

LABOR CONTEMPT CASE

Federation Officials Will Threat It Out at Next Meeting.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The whole question of the sentencing for contempt of court of President Gompers, Vice President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor by Judge Wright in the supreme court of the District of Columbia will be threshed over at a meeting of the executive council of the Federation to be held in this city Jan 11 next. This meeting will be notable undoubtedly because of the vital issues affecting labor involved in the action of the court. Resolutions sustaining the attitude of the leaders of the big organization, with its 30,000 odd councils and 2,000,000 of members will be submitted for action.

Secretary Morrison, who was given the slightest sentence of the trio of leaders—six months—was at the federation headquarters, busy with his routine duties. Active steps in the framing of the fight against the carrying-out of the sentences are not likely until next week. Secretary Morrison said the plan, so far as the officials of the federation themselves foresee, is to do nothing about it, until after the holidays.

Many telegrams have reached the White House from labor leaders in all parts of the country, protesting against the sentence imposed upon Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison. The attorney has turned them all over to President General Bonaparte for such consideration as it may be determined to give them. It is expected the president's mail on this subject will be heavy in the next few days. The president and attorney general will read all of the testimony in the case, and will then decide what action, if any, will be taken.

TO RANK OF EMBASSY

Proposal Made to Raise Chinese Legation at Washington.

Peking, Dec. 25.—The foreign board has received a cablegram from Tang Shao Yi, at Washington, saying that the Washington government has responded favorably to the proposal made by China to raise the Chinese legation at Washington to the rank of an embassy. Tang Shao Yi is the official who is at present in the United States on a diplomatic mission from his government. Americans here are heartily in sympathy with the efforts of Tango Shao Yi in this direction. The American legation has received no official information on this subject, but the members thereof recognize the wisdom of paying due consideration to the sensibilities of China in the matter of diplomatic representation. China is very sensitive on the subject of an equal diplomatic footing with Japan, especially since the episode of the visit of the American battleships at Amoy.

Advertise in The News.

COLORED COLUMN.

Rev. Richard French (white of this city) will preach at Broadway Sunday night.

Mrs. Birl Turner spent Thursday and Friday in Lexington.

Presiding Elder Heavelough preached and administered at the C. M. E. church last Sunday.

A colored shoe store has been started in Louisville.

The negro tuberculosis congress has just adjourned at Tuskegee, Alabama.

James D. Bell, the Burns avenue blacksmith, spent several days at Carlisle last week and enjoyed a great hunt in Nicholas county.

The Mechanics Saving Bank at Richmond, Va., a negro institution, has \$481,243.65 on deposit.

Miss Hattie P. Renix of Louisville, will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Banks next week while attending the State Teachers' Association.

Dr. Travis H. Perkins, a Winchester boy, who has been practicing medicine in Louisville, will locate here after Christmas to practice his profession.

Rev. T. Timberlake has proven to be so universally popular has been called to the country twice of late to preach funerals.

Rev. S. G. Turner of the M. E. church has been on a hunting expedition this week.

Sacrament at Broadway Sunday night.

The next meeting of the M. E. conference will be held at Indianapolis.

Rev. J. Fisher preached in Lexington last Sunday.

Being Christmas, Rev. Timberlake announces a great consecration and covenant meeting Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock for all the Christians of the city of Winchester regardless of denomination.

Miss Benella Dell will spend the holidays at her home in Louisville.

W. M. Reeves and R. J. Love our popular musicians played for two fashionable dances at Richmond this week.

Prof. and Mrs. E. S. Taylor will go to housekeeping after Christmas in their beautiful new home on Third street.

Dr. J. H. Holmes will deliver the emancipation address to the colored people of Clark county at the proclamation celebration at the Broadway Baptist church on New Year's day.

The newest thing on record is the appearance of negro calendars issued by the new real estate and employment agency of this city, the pictures beautifully illustrate prominent negroes, their homes, churches, colleges, business houses and such things which is calculated to inspire the race to nobler attainments.

The Hippodrome will be open all next week which will afford a place of enjoyment for the people to go and take their visiting friends.

Mrs. Annie Gaines, of Millersburg, is visiting Mrs. Richard Mayberry.

Rev. Green Dodge has been called to the Baptist church at Sharpsburg.

William Daniel who has been living in Cincinnati for sometime will return home next week.

Prof. Henry Hummons, who has been teaching in Jackson has returned home.

Broadway Baptist church service. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Prof. E. S. Taylor superintendent.

Preaching at 11 a. m. Text—"Thou Crownest the Year With Thy God," by pastor Timberlake. 3 p. m. a testimonial meeting for the Christians of Winchester 8 p. m.

We close the year's work and Rev. R. French, white, will administer the "Lord's Supper."

The citizens of Winchester are asked to give nineteen cents to the church as a Christmas gift Sunday.

Capable of Intense Heat.

The electric furnace is capable of attaining a heat of 7,200 degrees. This is a fearful temperature and will melt almost everything solid known to man. In comparison with this heat, a red-hot iron bar would be called cold.